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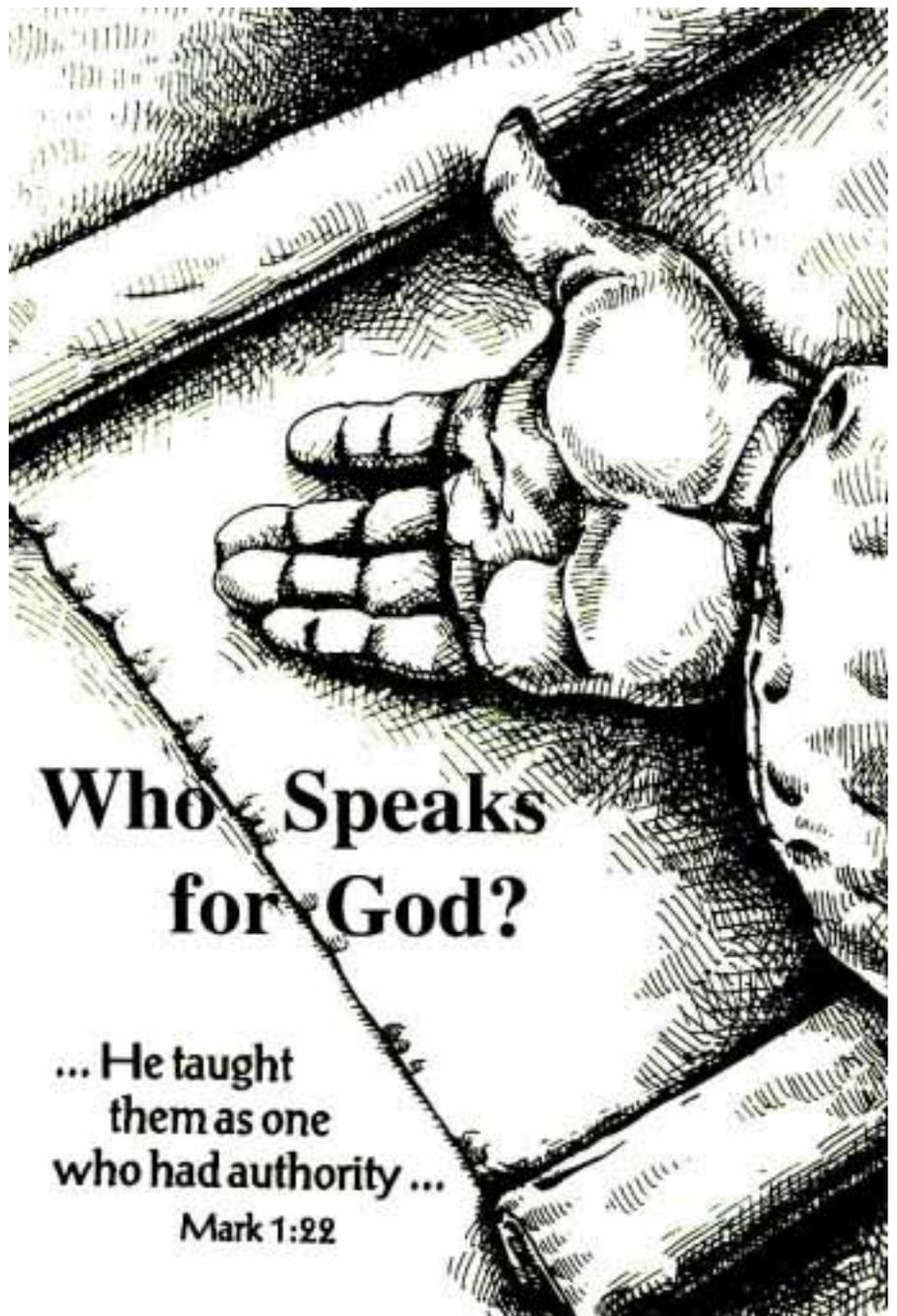
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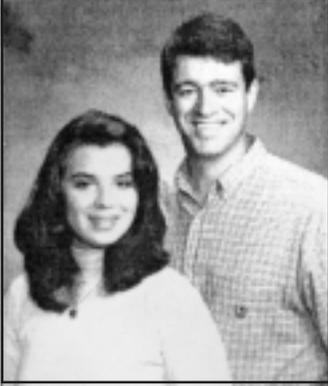


**Who Speaks
for God?**

**... He taught
them as one
who had authority ...**

Mark 1:22

Salutation



Paul and Charo Washer

Founders of HeartCry
Missionaries to Peru

New Beginnings

We hope this first edition of our new HeartCry newsletter finds you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, of which we all have been appointed heralds and teachers.

Eight years ago our first HeartCry newsletter was sent out to our supporters and those interested in our ministry. It was four pages long and printed at our Church on the old copy machine. Much has changed since then. I was living on the third floor of a Church building in Lima, Peru and support for the entire ministry was often less than \$750 a month. There was a terrible war raging which restricted missionary activities and we had started only one church of about 30 members, most of whom were under 25 years of age and unemployed. It seemed as though our grand experiment to raise up a ministry solely on the basis of prayer had not gone well.

As we look back from the vantage point of the present, we recognize our indebtedness to the Lord who called us and supplied the much needed grace to not give in, give up or give out. Since those first days, several churches have been planted, thousands of Bibles have been distributed to Christians, hundreds of pastors have been instructed through Bible conferences, and national missionaries and seminary students have been supported. Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession, and thanks to you who have so faithfully prayed and generously given.

Our Goal

In almost every way HeartCry and our newsletter will be the same. The difference is simply that our vision has grown. It has always been our greatest desire to glorify God in service to him and his people. We now trust the Lord to take us beyond the boundaries of the past to new horizons of opportunity. With our newsletter we will work for much needed reform in the Church in the United States. We hope that every word will call Christians back to biblical doctrine and practice. You will hear nothing new in these pages, but we will contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Our goal is to teach the truths of historical Christianity, not to propagate the myths of "new revelation." Our mission work will be expanding in Peru and in other parts of the world - specifically Romania and Moldova. Our strategy will be the same. That of building churches and disciples through the equipping and training of national pastors and missionaries.

Our Motive

It is always more convenient to stay in the same place. Forward movement requires change, change means risk, risk in our case must mean more dependence on the One who has already proved Himself faithful in all things. We christen our ship HeartCry and sail out into deeper and definitely more troubled water only for the sake of the Name that is above every name. That He might be glorified in every tribe, language, people and nation. God is calling forth an elect people as an inheritance for His Son. Our greatest desire is to be used in this enterprise. This is our magnificent obsession!

*Your brother,
Paul David Washer*

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Who Speaks for God?

by Paul Washer

There is SO much being said today about God, but how much is true? Who speaks for God? Is it “Christian” television, with all its glitter, gold and noise? Is it the TV evangelist with his “words from God”, great claims of power and little need for such milk as found in the Bible? Is it the pastor of the mega-church who devises a plan to make Church so casual and unalarming that the multitudes may comfortably come without fear of much change being required? Is it the Christian-counselor who seems to be more acquainted with Freud than Christ and his apostles? Christianity in America has become not unlike a circus, where Christian celebrities are like ticket sellers calling for our attention to step right up and buy a ticket to their greatest show on earth. So many call for our attention, so many claim to have a word from God, but who has the Word from God. The answer is simply this -no one. The Word of God is not found in a man, a movement or a Church. A word from God is found only in the Word of God - the Bible.

But you might say to me, “We carry Bibles, we quote from Bibles, we use our Bibles, so what is the problem? My

friend the Bible is not to be used, it is to be studied, taught and submitted to. Many sermons and beliefs today use only enough Bible to justify experiences and opinions. When Christianity is truly healthy the opposite is true -the Bible determines whether or not our experiences and opinions can be justified. The man who truly speaks for God is not known for his shouting, visions, dreams, miracles or words from God, he is known for his faithful study of Scripture, his faithful submission to Scripture and his faithful exposition of Scripture so that the flock of God might feed. Have you notice that a great deal of what is taught today is based on experiences, feelings and supposed “words from God” that are received through such miraculous avenues as dreams, visions and inner voices? Have you notice that a great deal of what is taught today is based on the latest books from our “hottest” preachers, church

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Amos 8:11-12 (NIV)

growth experts and other Christian celebrities? The other day I visited a very large Christian bookstore near the offices of one of the largest Christian organizations in the world. There were countless stands containing thousands of volumes on self-help, Christian psychology and counseling, ten-steps to a better life, finances, novels, poetry and music. But to my dismay only two small stands were dedicated to the study and interpretation of God’s Word. All this reminds me of the words of the prophet

Amos: “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Sovereign Lord, ‘when I will send a famine through the land, not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.. Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it” (8:11-12).. Does not this seem to be a near perfect description of contemporary Christianity. The Church and Christians seem to be falling apart all around us. Christians run to and fro across the country and across the airwaves searching for a “word” from God, for some new revelation that will fix their problems, for some new teacher who will have all the answers, just the way they want to hear it. This reminds us of another text of Scripture: “For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths” (IITimothy 4:3-4). What was Paul’s prescription when such a terrible malady struck the Church? Simply this: “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage -with great patience and careful instruction.” (IITimothy 4:2)

For this very reason, this first volume of HeartCry is dedicated to the interpretation and study of God’s Word. We will study 13 principles of interpretation and then look at Sways we can allow the Word of God to go from the written text of the Bible into the personal context of our lives. We will not be looking for new words from God, quick fix solutions to age old problems or things that make our emotions dance with joy. We will be looking to correctly interpret God’s written Word and to submit our lives to it in obedience and devotion. I know it doesn’t sound to tantalizing compared to the great claims of other voices so often heard in Christianity today, but remember that what our itching ears want to hear isn’t always best and what makes our flesh tingle with excitement and dance for joy isn’t always the work of God.

How to Interpret the Bible

by Paul Washer

The Bible is a spiritual book that is to be interpreted through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, but at the same time the Bible is a book and the only correct interpretation is the one that agrees with its grammar -what is written. For this reason it is important for us to be familiar with the rules or principles of interpretation. The science of Hermeneutics is the study of these principles.

Hermeneutics is a serious matter. Our interpretation of the Bible will determine our beliefs and these beliefs will determine how we think and act. In the following you will find 13 principles that we must follow when we interpret the Bible:

1. *The Bible is the Absolute Authority.* It is impossible to interpret the Bible correctly without the conviction that the entire Bible is the Word of God. We do not have the right to reject certain parts of the Bible because they oppose our traditions, opinions, or life-style.
2. *The Holy Spirit is the best teacher of the Bible.* The Lord Jesus said that he would send the Holy Spirit to guide the Church to all the truth (John 14:26; 16:13) and without his illumination it is impossible to understand the Bible (I Corinthians 2:14). This does not mean that in the “name of the Holy Spirit” we have the right to depart from what is written in the Word or to add to it. Only that which is written in the Bible can be affirmed as doctrine. Our feelings and emotions have little value in the formation of a biblical faith.
3. *The Bible is its own best commentary.* When we cannot understand the interpretation of one part of the Bible or we want to widen our understanding of it, we should seek the

explanation in other biblical references.

4. *The Bible does not contradict itself:* Therefore there should always be harmony in our interpretation of different texts. If our interpretation of one text contradicts the interpretation of another then we are mistaken.

5. *Unclear Texts must be interpreted through clear texts.* Those texts whose interpretation is not very clear should be interpreted in light of the texts, which can be understood clearly.

6. *The Grammar determines the Interpretation.* The text or verse that we are studying has only one correct interpretation and it is the one that is in agreement with the grammar (what is written). Even though the text can have various applications, it has only one correct interpretation and that is the one that is in agreement with what is written.

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7. *The Context is important.* The Bible is like a puzzle in that it is impossible to interpret one piece of Scripture without a general understanding of all the others. Each word should be interpreted in the context of the sentence, each sentence in the context of the paragraph, each paragraph in the context of the book and each book in the context of the entire Bible.

8. *The Words are important.* God chose words to communicate his will to us. Therefore it is important to determine the meaning of each word.

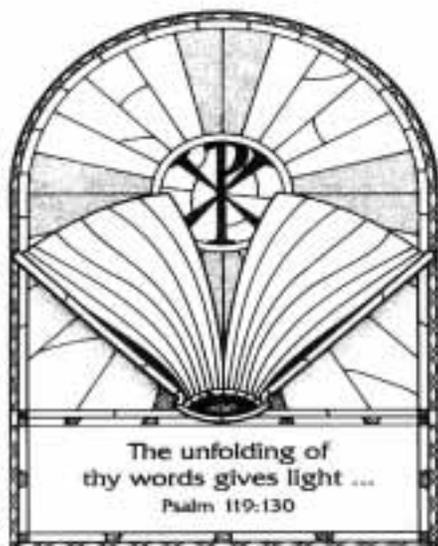
9. *The simplest interpretation is usually best.* The Bible was not written for theologians or mystics, but for the common man. Even though there are allegories, metaphors and symbols in the

Bible we should seek the most straightforward interpretation. 10. *The Old Testament should be interpreted in light of the New.* For the Christian, the New Testament determines the application of the Old Testament to his life. A good example is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.. In the Old Testament, he could be taken from the believer (Ps.51:11), but in the New, he remains forever with him (In. 14:16-17).

11. *The Interpretation should not go beyond the revelation of Scripture.* What the Bible does not explain we should accept as a mystery. If we go beyond “what is written” we are in danger of forming false doctrine.

12. *The Goal is Exegesis.* The word exegesis comes from the Greek verb *exegeisthai* [ex = out/ *hegeisthai* = lead] .When we interpret Scripture we must extract the true meaning from the text and at all cost we must avoid reading into the text what we think it might mean. We must avoid interpreting the Bible according to our own presumptions or preconceived ideas. Our presumptions are like colored glasses that distort our view of Scripture. We must endeavor to take off our glasses and see the text as it is. This is the great work of the Bible student.

13. *Our personal interpretation should be compared to that of the Church.* For the last 2,000 years, dedicated theologians, pastors and other Christians have been studying the Scripture. We should compare our findings to theirs. If our interpretation is not found among the dedicated Christians of history, we are probably wrong. There should be no “new discoveries” in Christian doctrine. Jude refers to the Christian faith as that which was “once and for all” entrusted to the saints (Jude 1:3).



Five Steps Toward Transformation by Paul Washer

One of the greatest goals of Scripture is the transformation of our character, but this is impossible while our Bible sits on the shelf, covered in dust. It is an imperative that we have a daily encounter with God in his Word. In the Scripture, we find 5 steps that can take us toward transformation:

Read the Word

We would never think of studying a book without reading through it at least once. Neither would we begin reading a novel in the middle of the story or in the last chapter. Our reading of Scripture should be no different. Reading the Scripture systematically from Genesis to Revelation is the first step of Bible Study. In fact, the reading of Scripture is not only the first step in our journey, but it is a discipline that we should maintain our entire life.

Study the Word

We must do more than read if we want to know the full blessing of God's Word -we must study. Many Christians believe incorrectly that an in-depth study of Scripture is only for theologians, but the Scripture itself teaches us that the study of Scripture is for all – "Now

the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and *examined* the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11).

Memorize the Word

When we are reading and studying the Word, we will find key verses that will have special meaning for our lives. We should memorize these portions of Scripture so that they may be continual reminders of what we have learned and how we should live. This internalization of God's Word is key if we want to see the full fruit of our Bible reading and study..

Memorizing Scripture is one of the most neglected Christian disciplines. Many Christians believe that Scripture memorization is simply too difficult. This is not true. All can learn to memorize Scripture. The following suggestions may help you:

- 1) Begin with small portions of Scripture. Do not hurry; it is a life long discipline.
- 2) Memorize the verses that interest you or can help you with your spiritual growth. If you have a problem with patience then memorize verses that speak of the virtues and blessing of patience. If you want to be a better witness, then memorize verses that speak about salvation.
- 3) Memorize systematically. Memorize verses that deal with one specific theme. When you have mastered those verses, choose another theme and begin again.
- 4) Carry your memory verses with you on small cards. Work on Bible memorization when you are driving to work, standing in line, cleaning house, etc.
- 5) Review periodically the Scripture verses that you have already memorized, so that they will always be firmly rooted in your heart and mind.

Meditate on the Word

As Christians we must realize that meditation is a biblical discipline that we should practice. Biblical meditation is simply the discipline of concentrating or focusing our entire mind on the truth

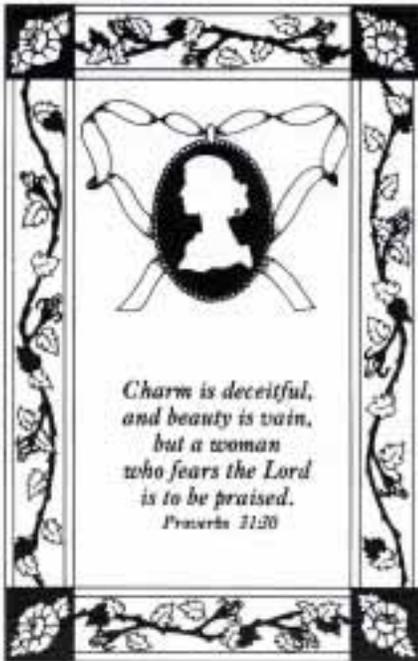
of Scripture in order to better understand it and apply it to our lives.

The best illustration of biblical meditation is the digestive system of a cow. After chewing the grass the cow swallows it. Then she lays in the field, returns the grass to her mouth, chews it and swallows it again. She then repeats the same process three more times. In the meditation of Scripture, one simply chews well the Word of God, reading, praying and thinking on the text until one has digested every thing. The following suggestions may help you learn to meditate:

- 1) Choose a small text of a few verses; no more than a paragraph.
- 2) Do not hurry
- 3) Prayer should pervade in the meditation. Ask God to teach you and to apply what you learn to your life.
- 4) Read the text several times. Concentrate on the meaning of each word and phrase.
- 5) Note your discoveries in a small notebook. Write down how they apply to your life. Meditate on your notes.
- 6) Continue meditating on the passage and on what you have learned. As in Scripture memorization, you can meditate in any place and at any time.

Obey the Word

Your reading, studying, memorization and meditation in the Scripture has one main purpose -OBEDIENCE. The goal of the Christian life is not knowledge or understanding, but the transformation of our character through our obedience to God's Word. It is impossible to emphasize sufficiently this truth. In our corruption we have the tendency to seek knowledge that puffs us up and to avoid its personal application that requires our submission and obedience. Nevertheless, we must fight against this tendency and obey the will of God that we have learned in our study of Scripture.



Obedience in Love

by Charo Washer

As Christian women we have been blessed in many ways. When we first come to Christ we have the assurance that nothing can separate us from his love. We know that we have once and for all been purchased by the blood of the Lamb and washed anew. As we walk with Christ, we begin to understand that God is more than eager to care for us and that he desires our obedience as proof of our love for Him and as a means to our own good.

It is not long in this journey of ours that we come to one of the most important road signs to maturity - Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you". From this guidepost, we learn to know him, to delight in him and to seek him in all that pertains to holiness of life and the increment of our stature in Christ. We also learn that "all these things" (job, future, plans, house, possessions

and even a mate) shall be provided by the hand of our benevolent and sovereign Father. He takes care of all, when we take care to give all priority to him.

Of all the blessings that God desires to pour out on our lives, one of the most important is that of a Christian husband. Yet many women who are able to trust God in so many things are unable to trust him with this most important thing. We follow our heart, which is terribly wicked and deceitful. We follow the way we think is right and yet it leads to death. We follow the world and find that we have been deceived.

In II Corinthians 6: 14 God sets a boundary of love and protection for every unmarried believer that can be summarized in few words: **II DO NOT be yoked together with unbelievers**" God does not only say "no" to what is so often practiced in the Church to-day, but He goes on to illustrate why there is nothing in common between light and darkness, between God and Belial, between his temple and idols. To say it plainly, the most important ingredient missing in a relationship between a Christian and an unbeliever is **GOD**.

God desires to be at the center of everything we do and he earnestly desires to give us his best in his time. He has carved in stone certain principles for us to follow that we may experience his abundance and joy.

We must realize that loneliness, lack of self control, lack of Christian prospects or any other circumstance is never an excuse for a relationship with an unbeliever. God can fill any void in us and he can give us the grace to stand and wait for that which He is preparing.

The story of Joseph and Potifar's wife gives us a wonderful illustration of an important biblical principle that young Christian women ought to take to heart -Flee from all forms of temptation and sin. When you

feel attracted to someone that is not a believer you must flee their company and every opportunity that will give your deceiving heart a chance to excuse your feelings. You must not reason, analyze the situation or think you can control yourselves in any way. You must simply run from sin. You must pray and ask God for grace to remain in obedience and you may even ask other trustworthy Christians to pray for you and help you bear the temptation. Remember, God knows the manner and weight of temptation we can bear. He will not allow temptation to go so far as to rule out any possibility of victory (Corinthians 10: 13).

God cares for our every need, he knows our hearts and delights in our petitions. If we desire to have a mate we must ask and present this before God. We must allow Him to answer our prayers in His time. It is only when we pray and then act according to our deceiving judgment that we become entangled in sin and we demonstrate that we really do not believe God is able to care for our needs. God desires for the Christian woman to have a husband that is a reflection of who he is and a man that will inspire her to be all she can be for HIS glory. A man that she can respect as the Lord himself. God has set the man to be the loving spiritual head of the home and for the woman to be the submissive helpmate and companion. If either one of them is not taking their rightful position God will not be glorified in the relationship and they will both suffer. If a man or woman knowingly oversteps this boundary they will suffer the rupture of their daily communion with God and miss the peace and joy they should be receiving from him.

The Beauty of Modesty

by Charo Wasber

Beauty has been and will be an issue of great importance for humanity - specially for those of the feminine gender. Every day we go out of our way and spend a great deal of time and money to make ourselves, our homes, our cars and every other accessory to our life as beautiful and attractive to others as possible. There is of course nothing wrong with wanting to be beautiful and yet we must be careful to learn just what beauty is. Believe it or not, Scripture has a great deal to say about beauty, its source and how it is to be reflected in the life and person of the Christian woman. In this brief study we will focus our attention on only two verses from the third chapter of I Peter

In verse 3, God makes perhaps the most profound statement about genuine, God-centered beauty - "*Your beauty should not come from outward adornment...*" "This does not mean that we should look our worst so that God's beauty may shine though, or that all concern for beauty is vanity. God is simply saying that beauty does not come from outside. In fact outward adornment is more often a hindrance than a help to true beauty. We are so concerned for our clothing, hair, makeup and accessories, but these things lead more often than not to a sensual carnal attraction rather than a spiritual one. How often do we dress to catch the eye? Don't we understand that the cravings of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and all forms of pride do not come from our Father, but from the world. And if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. We must stop drawing attention to ourselves and seek to radiate a beauty that directs all eyes to God.

Our beauty should not come from outward adornment, but from "*...our inner self the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit*".

The "inner self" is that part of us we cannot "touch up" magically with Cover Girl's latest concealer. It is that part of us about which God is truly concerned. As he told Samuel years ago, "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." If we are truly concerned with being beautiful (and we are!) we should concern ourselves with our spiritual condition. To be wrapped in a gentle flowing gown is not as important to beauty as being veiled in a gentle and quiet spirit. To be covered with the latest fashion is nothing compared to being filled with the Holy Spirit. To wear jewelry

"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

I Peter 3:3-4

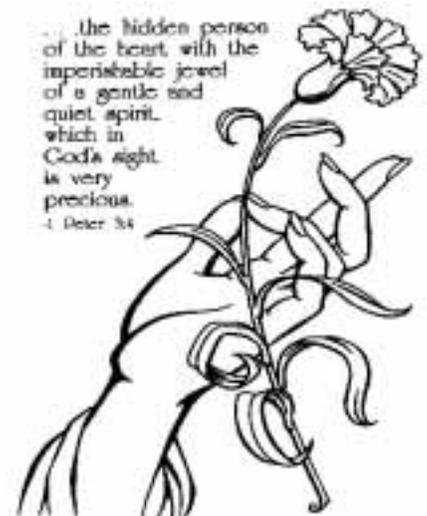
of gold is cheap compared to bearing jewels of virtue.

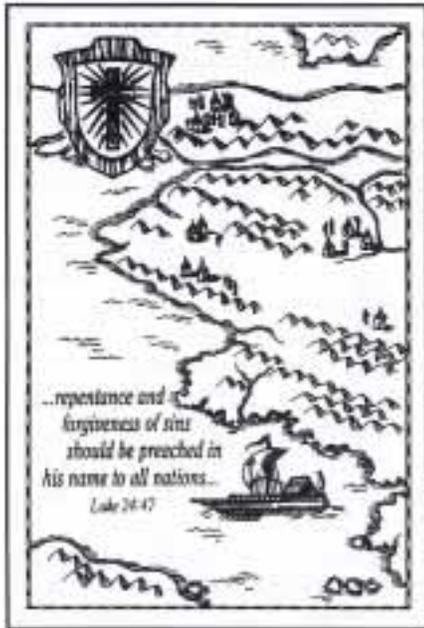
Are we actively working toward this goal of spiritual and virtuous beauty or have we settled for the carnal, sensual, demonic and worldly? Have we forgotten God's opinion? Have we considered what is "*of great worth in his sight*"? Before we dash to the nearest store to buy the newest rage, we ought to sit before the True beauty consultant (God) and let ourselves be examined in his mirror (the Word). No matter how "fashionable" our outward adornment, it will not cover up the flaws

of a life not controlled by the Holy Spirit, it will not hide our lack of virtue and feminine godliness. Remember the wisdom of Proverbs: "Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion" (Proverbs 11:22).

Are you modest in the light of God's Word or only in the shadows of this crooked and perverse generation. Is your clothing a frame for your face and the glory of God shining forth from it, or is your clothing a frame for your body? If your body catches the eye (because of the clothes you are wearing) you are being a stumbling block and a bad testimony for Christ. You must repent! Take a critical look at your wardrobe. Does it conform to the dictates of God or the dictates of a world obsessed with the sensual? Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it belongs to God and will someday belong to your husband (if you are not married already). As women, whatever adornment we wear should not divert people's attention from that which is most important in us - Christ and what he has done.

May the generations to come give testimony about the beauty of God in our lives, about our radiant faces, and about the strength, dignity and virtue with which we clothed ourselves.





A GREATER HARVEST

by Paul Washer

As citizens of this world we are the most privileged. We have more resources, luxuries and freedoms than the rest of the world's nations combined. As Christians we have been ~ given the greatest open door to missions and world evangelism in the history of the Church. As men and women who will stand before God we are more responsible than any other generation since Adam was called forth from the clay. Not even the apostles of Jesus' day were given the opportunity and privilege that is before the Church at this present time. The great missionaries of history - William Carey, Hudson Taylor, C. T. Studd and Lot tie Moon -could have never imagined such a time as we are living in today. Only a few years ago, all of this would have seemed utterly

impossible. What would we have thought just ten years ago if someone would have dared to say that in a few years we would be able to send missionaries to the communist Eastern Block countries? And yet here we are. The door is wide open. Will we run through before it closes or will we only stand timidly at the threshold and miss the greatest opportunity for world evangelism that has ever been given to the Church?

In Revelation 5:9, the apostle John declared that before him he saw, "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people

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and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." You and I could be standing on the threshold of seeing this wonderful future certainty become a reality in our time. The door is wide open, the opportunity is there, and God calls, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" For Isaiah, this question did not require pondering or study, but from his trembling lips came the immediate reply. "Here I am. Send me!" Oh that we would be given a heart to match that of Isaiah's. Why is it that the Church receives five

separate commissions for world evangelism in the Gospels and the book of Acts alone, and yet we are so reserved in responding to the call, so timid to volunteer and so fainthearted to act? Isaiah was sent to a blind, hardened people who would not listen, but we are sent to the elect of God in every nation, tribe, people and language. We are sent to those who at the preaching of the Gospel will be converted by the power of God. We are sent to those who will repent and believe unto salvation. Just what is it that holds the Church at the threshold? Is it fear, petty selfishness, or lack of faith? This is not a time for men of small hearts, narrow minds and tight spirits. It is a time to act as we have never acted before for the sake of the Name and the glory of the Lamb! This opportunity should constrain us. It should blind us to all other things of lesser glory. It should beckon as a passion, as a magnificent, all consuming obsession. Woe to us if we are not willing to run headlong through this door of opportunity that has been opened to us! Woe to us if we preach not the Gospel! Woe to us if we are not willing to suffer all things for the sake of the elect! Woe to us if the love of Christ does not compel us to no longer live for ourselves, but to live for him who died for us and was raised again! Dear brothers and sister in Christ, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance this race that is marked off for us. For how beautiful



Angel Colmenares baptizing in the Northern Andes of Peru

is the feet of those who bring good news, things into which angels long to look, things that prophets and kings wanted to see and hear but did not.

For the last several years HeartCry has been working in the country of Peru. Through our partnership with Peruvian pastors and missionaries we have been able to start several Churches in the city of Lima and work alongside a move of God in the northern Andes that has grown by



Paco Laos in the jungles of the Amazon River Basin

more than 150 Churches in the last six years. We have distributed over 3,000 Bibles to Christians in the remote areas of the country and have provided training seminars and teaching material to over 300 pastors. Our missionary strategy of working with and through nationals has proved itself to be a success, and so with this same strategy we hope to now touch other countries with the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. For the last year and a half, we have been supporting national missionaries in the countries of Romania and Moldova. With an average of \$600 a month we have supported 5 Romanian missionaries who have been involved in Church planting, prison ministries and university evangelism. Given the success of this experiment we have decided to expand our HeartCry newsletter with reports of what you are doing not only in Peru, but now also in Eastern Europe.

In the months to come, the HeartCry newsletter will include reports from our national missionaries in Peru, Romania and Moldova. You will come to know the men and women whom God has used for his glory. You will also be able to read about and see photographs of our ministries and special projects in these countries.

Our goal is that you might be informed and blessed with all the Lord is doing through your prayers and support of HeartCry.

As for Charo and I, we will be working full time in Peru. I will take two or three trips a year to Romania and Moldova to do pastor's conferences and to meet with our missionaries in those countries. To ensure that there is accountability, our board members and advisors will be going regularly to Romania, Moldova



Bebe and Ani Tomeci and family working in the University of Bucharest in Romania

and Peru. They will cover their own travel expenses so that your donations may go only to the work. If you wish to speak with any of our board members, you can find their names, addresses and telephone numbers on page 11 of this volume.

Accountability and Needs

Accountability

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, once again we want to thank you for making the first six months of this year possible through your prayers and support.

Below right is the financial statement for the first 6 months of 1997. As you can see, we started the year with \$2372.08 in our checking and no cash on hand. For this period, we received a total of \$39,230.98 in donations. Our expenses for the same period came to \$38,161.08, leaving a remainder of \$3441.98 in checking and no cash on hand. An explanation of expenses is presented in the following:

Churches- these names represent 4 churches and 2 mission areas where HeartCry is providing funds for construction, national missionary support and other miscellaneous needs.

Pastors -these 6 pastors receive partial support from HeartCry. Some on a monthly basis, others less frequently.

Students -these are three semi-nary students from the rural areas of Peru. They would not be able to study without your support.

Efata -this is a deaf center in the Amazon River Basis. We are able to help them only periodically. The ministry is worthy of more than we are able to give.

Film Project -this refers to the making of the HeartCry video, the purchasing of music rights and the cost of duplicating.

Paul Washer- our salary has been much higher these last six months than ever before. Charo and I are trying to buy a piece of land outside of the city of Chiclayo. Once things are back to normal. We hope to once again lower our salary.

Purchases -in the months of February and March we had to purchase a new main board and monitor for our computer. In June we purchased new equipment for our work in the jungle.

Needs

How could we ever thank you enough for all your prayers, financial support and kind encouragement? We began this year with four main financial goals:

- \$6,000 for a van for Peruvian missionary Angel Colmenares of Piura.
- \$20000 for Bibles for believers in the remote areas where Bibles are not available.
- \$20,000 for 200 Pastors libraries. For the pastors in rural areas, many of whom do not even have complete Bibles.
- \$10,000 for generators, film projectors, films and other materials needed for evangelism.
- \$20,000 for construction of new Church buildings.

We are happy to announce that we have met our first two goals. We are now working on our Library fund. We have \$4,000 of the \$20,000 needed. Thank you ever so much for your kindness to the Church in Peru.

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
Check Acc.	2372.08	7100.42	4280.27	3047.63	8347.63	12113.58	2372.08
Cash/Inti	0	448.97	10	0	650	71.09	
DEPOSIT-US	11122.45	5658.55	2579.46	9086.03	7305.58	3478.91	39230.98
TOTAL	13494.35	13207.94	6869.73	12133.66	16299.04	15663.04	41603.06
EXPENSES							
Bibles		1096					1096
Copies	0.87						0.87
Churches:							
Aserradero		500				300	800
Barranco	19.23	300		300		37.08	656.31
Los Olivios		1000					1000
Santa Clara	900						900
Piura	529.23	250				6000	6779.23
Romania	580	580	580	730	855		3325
Pastors:							
Acea	195.38	46.15					241.53
Comenares						250	250
Laos	300	300	200	200	200	200	1200
Torino	42.31	200					241.31
Zaxarias	200	200	200	200	200	200	1200
Carrasco						200	200
Efata	500						500
Students	61.54	634.77				1347	2103.22
Charity		50.38					50.38
Film Project	121.45	634.77				1347	2103.22
Paul Washer	1655.05	2161.95	2010	1310.2	1709.83	1942.6	10789.63
Annuity	500	250		250	250	250	1500
Telephone		0.38			107.71	79.63	187.72
Mail	59.11	48	153.6		63.16	190.45	514.32
Exch. Exp.	94	128					222
Office Sup.	0.77				106.58	15.94	123.29
Passport		80					80
Misc.	85.4	84.62				50	220.02
Banking			30	30	30	50	140
Transport:							
Gas					82.37	61.01	143.38
Maint.					25.39		25.39
Taxi/Bus	100.8	27.11					127.91
Air Travel		37.5			364.33		401.83
Purchases		550.5	563.5			627.89	1741.89
TOTAL EXP.	5945.14	8917.67	3822.1	3140.2	4114.37	12221.6	38161.08
BALANCE	7549.39	4290.27	3047.63	8993.46	12184.67	3441.98	3441.98
CASH	448.97	10	0	650	71.09		
CHCEK ACC.	7100.42	4280.27	3047.63	8343.63	12113.58	3441.98	

HeartCry Missionary Society

Statement of Purpose:

HeartCry is a missionary society under the authority of a local New Testament Church. We are dedicated to the task of fulfilling the Great Commission through working in partnership with national pastors, workers and mission boards in foreign fields. There are nearly 3 billion individuals in the world who have still not heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The traditional mission methods of only training and financing North American missionaries is a slow and costly process that has not and will not enable us to reach the world. A national pastor or missionary can be prepared for ministry through hands on training in the same way that Jesus trained the disciples and can be ready for the work without years of language training or cultural adjustment and with only a fraction of the financial support required for a missionary sent from a developed country. Therefore HeartCry seeks to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant Churches among their own peoples.

Our main areas of ministry are:

- Supporting national workers to plant and edify Churches in the foreign field.
- Assisting with the purchase of land and building materials for Churches in the foreign field.
- Providing Bibles to Christians in the foreign field.
- Providing pastor's libraries and training materials to Christians in the foreign field.
- Sponsoring pastor and discipleship training conferences in the foreign field.
- Working for reform in the United States through prayer, preaching and the HeartCry newsletter.

Financial Accountability

HeartCry is under the authority and supervision of Waldo Baptist Church. The ministry provides a biannual financial report to all its supporters. Further information may be obtained on request from Waldo Baptist Church, 6970 Waldo Church Rd., Metropolis, IL. 62960, Tel. (618) 564-2180. Of all the individuals who work to make HeartCry possible, only Paul and Charo Washer are

salaried. Nearly all administrative costs are covered by Waldo Baptist Church.

Principles of Ministry

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that his Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people, and language.

- 1 Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.
- 2 We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
- 3 We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
- 4 In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the will of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.
- 5 We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord's blessing on the work.

HeartCry Board:

HeartCry is assisted by the following pastors and laymen. If you wish to know more about HeartCry feel free to call or write:

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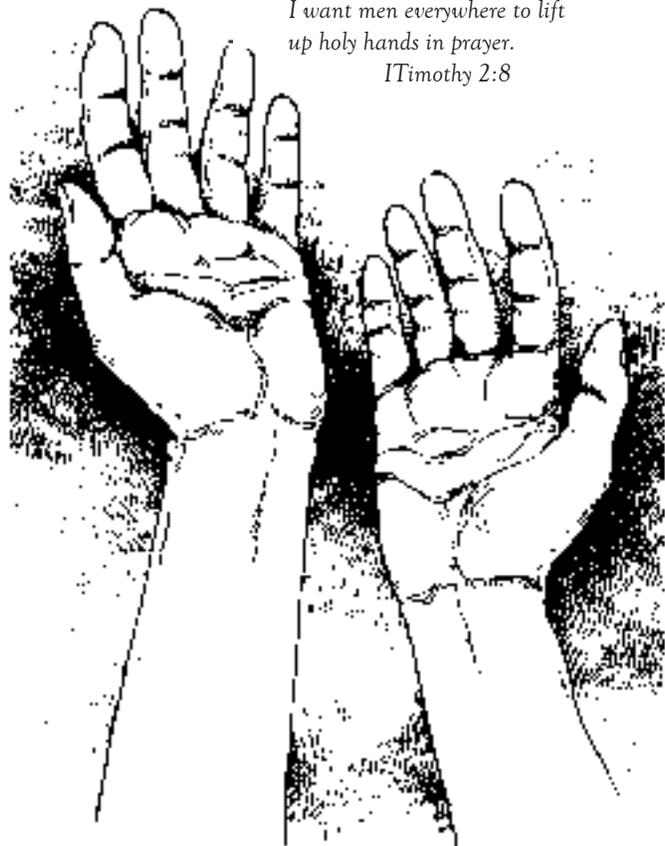
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HeartCry

For Reformation and Missions

*I want men everywhere to lift
up holy hands in prayer.
ITimothy 2:8*



I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

ITimothy 2:14

HeartCry Missionary Society

c/o Waldo Baptist Church
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Requests for HeartCry:

- 1 Holiness. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).
- 2 Humility. Because God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble, we must humble ourselves under His mighty hand that He may lift us up (IPeter 5:5-6).
- 3 A Servants Heart. For whoever wants to become great among us must be the servant and whoever wants to be first must be the slave (Matthew 20:26-27).
- 4 Poverty of spirit before God. Because the kingdom of heaven belongs only to the poor in spirit, and the man who trusts in the strength of man is cursed (Matthew 5:3; Jeremiah 17:5).
- 5 Faith to ask and expect great things from God. For without faith it is impossible to please God, and according to our faith it will be done to us (Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 9:29).
- 6 Wisdom to use that which God gives us. As the heavens are higher than the earth, God's ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9).

Requests for the World:

- 0 Submission to the will of God. That God's Name be hallowed, that his Kingdom come and that His will be done throughout the kingdoms and peoples of the world as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:9-10).
- 2 Laborers for the abundant harvest. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest (Matthew 9:37).
- 3 Biblical proclamation of the Gospel. That God may open a door for the message and that it be proclaimed clearly and sincerely as it should (Colossians 4:2-4; Philippians 1:17-18).
- 4 Missionary support. That the Church may renew its concern for missionaries, their families and the great needs of the nations (IIIJohn 5-7).

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