



**"He that is least (with a John the Baptist ministry)
is greater than he." (Matt. 11:11)**

The Old Ship of Zion

Ministry of Cpt. Gordon Nelson

Water baptism is accepting God's salvation.

"He that believeth and is baptized" (Mk. 16:16)

"Save yourselves" (Acts 2:40)

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"SAVE YOURSELVES!"

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"Save yourselves from this untoward (Gk.-warped) generation." (Acts 2:40)

Captain, tell us



AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN! In a 1902 cartoon, a steadfast Roosevelt mans the helm of a safe "ship of state"

Tell us Captain, how do we escape from this untoward (warped) generation that will lead us all like herded cattle into the corral of New Age One World Religion? There is only one escape route that must be heeded: the Apostle Paul. The church is his ship. What I think, what you think, means very little if we can't find what we are saying confirmed by the master builder of the ship. *"According to the grace of God which is given unto me (Apostle Paul), as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ (after the Spirit)." (1 Cor. 3:10-11)*

"Be ye followers of me" (Apostle Paul)

I could not say the things I say except by revelation. I heard an audible voice screaming out of

heaven. He is fed up with you Gentiles trying to be Jews, worshipping a Christ after the flesh. "We no longer know him." (2 Cor. 5:16) Just as Jesus said, "Follow me," Paul is the new leader. He is the Pope. *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1)*

The women's libbers love Jesus because He gave mercy to the adulteress woman. They think Paul is a basket case because he told them to shut up in church! *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak (with the same authority as an elder); but they are commanded to be under obedience, AS ALSO SAITH THE LAW." (1 Cor. 14:34)* Jesus, however, warned the adulteress, *"Go, and sin no more." (Jn. 8:11)*

It is the Apostle Paul who was the Pope of the church in Philippi, with the bishops (elders) and deacons. (Phil. 1:1) In Pentecostalism, elders and deacons are obsolete. The only essential ingredient is a

pastor who claims all five of the ministerial gifts that God gave to the church. *“And he gave some, apostles; and some (others), prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”* (Eph. 4:11) In Antioch, the model church, a pastor could not claim any of the other ministries. I believe Paul was in training as a novice teacher, preparing for ministry in Antioch. (Acts 13:1) This was Saul’s office as a teacher: *“Let the prophets speak two or (no more than) three.”* (1 Cor. 14:29)

Calvary Chapel is not the model church, but The Church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-2) is. Barnabas picked this church for Saul, the new convert from Phariseeism. What does a baby in the Lord know about church? Young Saul was fortunate to have a giant in the Lord, Apostle Barnabas, to choose the right church where he could *“grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”* (2 Pet. 3:18)

“Love the brotherhood.” (1 Pet. 2:17) Antioch is the model church with the five-fold ministry operating in the local assembly (Acts 13:1), *“as they ministered together.”* Antioch was not a one-man show. Barnabas is listed first because of his office, an apostle. It is according to rank and your calling, just like in the Navy. God made Barnabas the head of the church at Antioch, meanwhile a pastor was on a lower rung. These are called “gifts” to the church. *“When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and GAVE GIFTS UNTO MEN.”* (Eph. 4:8) I represent a gift unto you from God. Gifts cost you nothing; they are freely given. *“Freely have ye received, freely give.”* (Matt. 10:8)

Paul, in speaking of himself and his band of preachers who followed him, said, *“We are fools for Christ’s sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted (punish, to rap with fist), and have no certain dwellingplace; and labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: FOR IN CHRIST JESUS I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME.”* (1 Cor. 4:10-16)

I heard God screaming out of heaven

I heard the audible voice of God the Father screaming out of heaven with an angry voice at high noon. I was at work on a secular job driving a company truck. I was alone in the cab of the truck. All of a sudden, through the roof of the cab came this voice screaming, *“From henceforth know we no man after the flesh!”* It both startled and frightened me. I was totally unfamiliar with the words. What did they mean? If it was God, why was He angry? What could I do about it anyway? Little did I know, but those words that came screaming out of heaven would literally change my life. I would never again view life from the same perspective.

The first thing I did was run to my Strong’s Concordance. I knew it had to be the devil if those identical words were not in the Bible. I had just graduated from Bible College, so I thought I knew a little about the Bible. However, it takes the Spirit to quicken the Word before it becomes life unto you.

My Strong's told me those words could be found in 2 Corinthians 5:16. Wow! I really did hear from God! The verse continues that we no longer know "Christ after the flesh," either. Jewish rabbis, in establishing some heresy among evangelicals, quote this Christ of the four gospels to make their point. Sorry, but we do not even know Him. He was the King of the Jews, *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."* (Jn. 1:11)

Christ after the flesh, a type of Moses

Apostle Paul never met this Christ after the flesh. Although this Christ after the flesh said, *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."* (Jn. 14:16) That Comforter is the Holy Spirit who descended on the day of Pentecost.

Jesus Christ (after the flesh) is a type of Moses who sinned by striking the rock twice. *"And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock (type of Christ) twice."* He became angry and said, *"Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?"* Moses was told to only *"speak ye unto the rock."* (Num. 20:8-11) Because of Moses' sin, he could not go into the Promised Land.

In like manner, Jesus became sin for us. *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin."* (2 Cor. 5:21) Jesus (after the flesh) cannot lead you into the Promised Land of REST. This is a hard saying. Who can receive it? Certainly, not one attending Calvary Chapel. Wouldn't the devil love to have Hebrews ripped from the pages of Holy Writ so the religionists could lie comfortably in their bed (doctrine)? *"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering (two or three scriptures) narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."* (Isa. 28:20)

Jesus, as a "minister of the circumcision" (Rom. 15:8), did not give you rest

Hebrews plainly tells us Jesus did not give you rest. *"For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."* (Heb. 4:8) The "another day" was Pentecost, when God the Father sent down *"the Holy Ghost, and with fire."* (Matt. 3:11)

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, THIS IS THE REST wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing." (Isa. 28:9-12)

It was Oral Roberts who declared, "All the Bible you need is in the four gospels. I've almost committed them to memory, having read them over one hundred times." This statement alone leaves Pentecostalism as a legalistic religion, justified by the law. In this Pentecostal error, they even attempt perfection after the flesh. *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."* (Matt. 5:48)

Jesus said, *"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* (Matt. 15:24) The Jews sought justification by the law. He was merely adding to their creed, not establishing any law for the church to adhere.

Gentiles approach to the Lord's Table

As Gentiles, we are to have the attitude of the Syrophoenician (Gentile) woman. Gentiles were

considered as dogs. *"The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children (the Jews) first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."* (Mk. 7:26-28)

Pentecostalism never became as a dog when they approached the Lord's Table. This is the reason they will come away from the gospels (the Lord's table) with the wrong answers, *"teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* (Mk. 7:7)

It is dangerous for a Christian to go to a church like Calvary Chapel, which continually feeds the brain unconditional salvation. One begins to believe the lie that God only looks at you through a blanket of blood; He cannot see through the veil. I believe Ananias and Sapphira also believed this. *"Only believe and thou shalt be saved!"* Is this what the Bible teaches? The Bible says, *"the devils also believe, and tremble."* (Jas. 2:19) The scripture teaches rather, *"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, NOT ONLY TO BELIEVE ON HIM, but also to suffer for his sake."* (Phil. 1:29)

As a new convert, I was confronted with these deep theological questions that the minds of Doctors of Divinity grapple with. My mentor was a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and took me to the Salvation Army church where I was saved. She told me, *"If you don't believe in once saved, always saved, you'll never amount to anything in the church."*

Is unconditional eternal security the strong delusion?

They always say if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. As a baby in the Lord, this doctrine sounded too good to be true. Besides, I wasn't trying to be anything; all I wanted to know was the truth. Is this what the Bible teaches? that I can't walk out of the Father's hand? Jude teaches us plainly that even the angels in heaven, who were not *"shapen in iniquity"* (Ps. 51:5), did not possess unconditional eternal security. *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains."* (Jude 6) The angels can clearly walk out of the Father's hand on their own volition, but humans can't? That is the doctrine of Calvary Chapel. God's Word says, *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* (2 Thes. 2:11-12) Is the Darby-Scofieldism doctrine of unconditional salvation the strong delusion? The Bible clearly teaches, *"Save yourselves from this untoward (Gk.-warped) generation."* (Acts 2:40)

Elvis Presley started us on the road to a warped generation. The world has never been the same since. He started singing in an Assemblies of God church. What Elvis initiated into the world of music, the Beatles cemented with a new beat into the heart of our youth. It is so much a part of our culture today, we must invite the same beat into our worship of God in church if we desire for the youth to attend.

Did you realize Ronald Reagan was the very first divorcee to be President of the United States of America? Today's idol of this "untoward generation" is still Bill Clinton, who explained the word "is" to us all in his Monica Lewinsky episode in the Oval Office.

The church was born on the day of Pentecost. Once you believe “the lie,” why be bothered with the price connected with Pentecost? After all, one is unconditionally saved already; the preacher said so. The Scofield Study Bible permeated every Bible School of every denomination in America, along with Larkin’s charts to prove the pre-tribulation rapture. No one ever taught the pre-trib rapture doctrine before John Darby. It is for this reason Walter Martin rejected the idea of a pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

Perry Stone

Perry Stone, noted Bible teacher, attempts to prove the pre-trib rapture doctrine by reading from Genesis 11, or the Tower of Babel back to the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden being a type, he says, of the millennium. It is an interesting idea, but hardly proves his point, because Enoch, a type of the rapture, would follow the flood, a type of the seven years of tribulation. It rather teaches a post-trib rapture, and is what Walter Martin, the Bible Answer Man, believed. Walter Martin also confirmed that the entire early church believed this post-tribulation rapture doctrine prior to John Darby of England establishing doctrines for the fundamentalist church to believe.

Go vote November 7th!



“botched joke”

Speaking to an audience in California on Monday, Kerry said: “Education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. And if you don’t, you get stuck in Iraq.”

Kerry said Wednesday he meant it as a dig at Bush, and his office released a copy of the prepared remarks he was supposed to deliver.

Kerry, D-Mass., said he meant no offense to troops when he told a college audience Monday that young people might get “stuck in Iraq” if they don’t study hard and do their homework.

“Of course, now Senator Kerry says he was just making a joke, and he botched it up. I guess we didn’t get the nuance. He was for the joke before he was against it,” Cheney said in a line meant to recall Bush’s skewering of Kerry in their 2004 race for saying he had voted for war funds before he voted against them.

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The Captain believes that the main reason Christians do not vote is because of their “I’ll fly away” doctrine. John Hagee gets a crew together to be raptured every Sunday night. If I believed I’d be raptured this week, why would I vote? I’m out of here! Sorry about you guys left behind! “*Save yourselves from this untoward generation,*” (Acts 2:40) by going to the polls and voting. Save yourselves! God is not going to the polls come November 7th to determine the fate of this nation. Only the Catholic vote in one state saved us from John Kerry becoming our last President. We are talking about “saving yourselves,” or are you more interested in some football game? This is serious business if Nancy Pelosi becomes the Speaker of the House, and Harry Reid the Senate Majority Leader. I like Senator Joseph Lieberman because he is a man of faith. But, can Lieberman handle the likes of Nancy Pelosi? Nancy would be third in line for the presidency. Many of us may start praying for God to protect

the President and Vice President to save us from Nancy Pelosi! The Democrats won't even permit her to open her nasty mouth until after the election.

God gave me a dream

God gave me a dream on this message to write on politics. When I first began preaching, God would give me a dream every night on what to preach on. I was being obedient. The power of God fell every night as a result. I'll be 86 in January 2007, and became a Christian at age 21. At 22, I enrolled in Bebe Patten's Bible College. I gave five years of my life in revival meetings that continued every night of the year, and three times on Sunday. On the heels of a 19-week revival, which I attended every night, Dr. Bebe Patten invited me to come to her Bible College. I told her, "I don't believe in Bible Schools for the simple reason I can't find them in scripture, however if God reveals to me to attend, I'll become a student in your Bible College." That same night I saw myself sitting behind a desk in a classroom. My personal belief system was shelved once God had provided a clear direction for my life. I had to endure to the end, until I graduated, to be free from this particular commandment from God. I always believed, if I failed to obey that dream, why would God ever give me another? It is so automatic now, I know no other way but to obey.

God told Ezekiel to speak to the house of Israel and "fear them not!"

What are you going to do on November 7th? Just worry about the Lakers? Oh, we have a sick (warped) generation fully described in the Word of God. *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."* (2 Tim. 3:1) This scripture continues by name calling eighteen charges of church members. Talk about hypocrites in the church! Wow! This reminds me of the call of Ezekiel by God to Israel. *"And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard (difficult) language, but to the house of Israel (I've lived with these tongue talkers for 65 years. I know them like Rush Limbaugh would say, 'my own beautiful naked body'!); not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand."*

"Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for ALL the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house...Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." (Ezk. 3:3-17)

Persecuted for righteousness sake

Have you had your wife thrown 62 feet through the air, seeing her make complete summersaults before landing on the earth again? I had the Patten trial at the Grand Jury level when she was hit by a hit

and run driver (probably Tom Patten's brother, Rooster, who was covered with scars from his knife fights in the Tennessee hills). These Patten's were real hillbillies from Tennessee who hit it big time in Oakland, Calif. My father would relate warnings received from the Kingfish. "You better get your son to back off. I don't know what Rooster will do to him." I no longer worry about Rooster: he is dead, killed on his motorcycle. LaBelle Bebe's son was also killed on a bike. The Kingfish died soon after getting out of prison. All the Patten's sired by the Kingfish are dead.

Did you ever experience sugar in your gas tank? You wonder what kind of salvation did these Pentecostals receive? Living with them, going to their Bible College, over a 65-year period of time, and your forehead becomes as hard as theirs.

God told Ezekiel to open a door

God next told Ezekiel to open a door into the holy sanctuary and take a look. *"And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah (the high priest) the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up."* (Ezk. 8:9-11) The elders were waving censers over their idols and creeping things.

"Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients (the 70 elders) of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery (visualization)? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth." (Ezk. 8:12)

The Captain turns on his television; Ezekiel opens a door. Son of man, what do you see?

Paula White "adds to the word" (Rev. 22:19)

This past Sunday, October 29, 2006, the captain tuned in on the prosperity priestess of the air, Paula White. She was preaching a sermon entitled, "Uncompromising Love." She kept on for the most part of an hour on how much she loved herself. You must love yourself first before you can love others. It all sounds very religious. *"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."* (Matt. 22:39)

In the context of scripture, a lawyer first presents the question to our Lord, *"Master, which is the great commandment in the law?"* (Matt. 22:36) Whenever lawyers present you with questions, they are most likely loaded!

Jesus, in answering this lawyer's question, said, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."*

"And the second (commandment) is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these TWO COMMANDMENTS hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40)

The Bible rather teaches us to deny ourselves. *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."* (Matt. 16:24-25)

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH.” (Rev. 12:11)

Is Donald Trump a type of the Tree of Knowledge?

Recently, Paula White has been promoting a book of C. Thomas Anderson’s, the Mesa, Arizona pastor of Living Word Bible Church, “Becoming a Millionaire God’s Way”. It was when Donald Trump came on her program that my eyes were suddenly opened. Is the Garden of Eden scene being recreated right before our eyes all over again? Donald Trump, of course, being the Tree of Knowledge and expert on high finance. Eve has bitten into the fruit from Donald Trump’s tree to make her wise.

Are we witnessing the Garden of Eden on Paula White’s telecast?

Oral Roberts sowed the seed for the prosperity gospel to grow. Kenneth Copeland and Kenneth Hagin watered the tree, Paula White now has eaten the fruit that the tree produced. Ever since she ate the apple that Donald Trump gave her, even her messages have changed. The latest message on “Unconditional Love” was pure Baalism.

It was a woman, mother Eve, who first listened to the serpent, and she and her husband Adam were driven from the garden of God. *“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be...and there is no new thing under the sun.”* (Ecc. 1:9)

It was because Eve hearkened unto the calf/serpent that Paul said, *“For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.”* (1 Cor. 11:10) We see this beautifully lived out in the book of Esther. Mordecai, the Jew, was a cousin of Esther, but he became her covering. The Jews fully understood why. Since 1920 and the passage of the 19th Amendment, Americans do not. It was Mordecai, her covering, who asked the question, *“Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”* (Est. 4:14) In reality, Mordecai, the Jew, is the real hero of the story of Esther. She did nothing but please her mentor.

Billy Graham bit into the apple

Billy Graham bit into the apple of the World Council of Churches, which our own government has listed as a red organization: a pinko! Now this Paula White biting into Donald Trump’s apple! Where will it all end but in the New Age. *“Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”* (Lk. 13:24)



ROCKING FOUNDER: Dena Patton of Casa Grande says she wanted to create an event for women that is fun and informative and celebrates women instead of preaching to them about how they are broken and need to be “fixed.”

Women are rocking! It costs \$144 to rock!

Event proudly proclaims that women ‘rock’

Dena Patton of Casa Grande knows she’s fabulous, and she wants other women to know that they are, too. More than a year ago she brought her friends together in her living room to celebrate all that is great about them, and from that party an idea was born to help women learn how to take better care of themselves.

“I saw a need,” she says. “Women, they crave this. They know they should be taking ‘me’ time, but it’s just a concept, and I want to show them how to make it a practice.”

Her idea was so successful that it became Patton’s fulltime business, which she calls Chat, Chew and Chocolate.

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Barry Bonds is being “rocked”

In the San Francisco Bay Area, on the sports page of their newspaper, it is reported that Barry Bonds’ wife is rocking. She is suing him for divorce.

Men and women of faith need to start rocking for a man of faith to take over the helm of state! John Ashcroft, *“Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom (of the USA) for such a time as this? (to be our next Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces).”* (Mordecai the Jew – Est. 4:14)

History not taught in public schools

We have an entire generation that knows very little about history. Without a knowledge of the past, history will repeat itself. We all learn by experience. Experience is a great teacher. We are forever in a classroom, seeking knowledge, seeking wisdom. Our biggest entrance of unprecedented understanding comes on the heels of our most tragic mistakes.

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, said of wisdom, *“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation (to desolate by rushing tempest), and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.”*

“Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. BUT WHOSO HEARKENETH UNTO ME SHALL DWELL SAFELY, AND SHALL BE QUIET FROM FEAR OF EVIL.” (Prov. 1:22-33)