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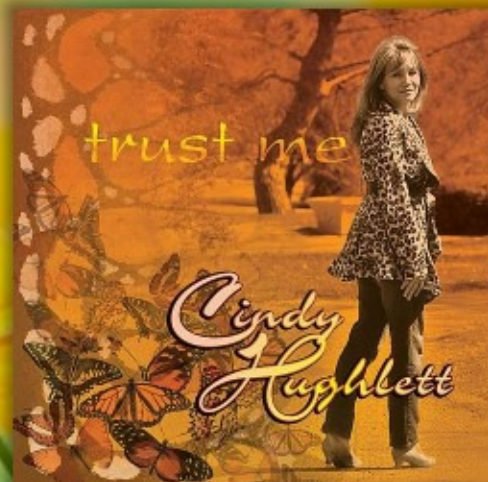


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“...Too many Christians are hiding in plain sight, hoping that no one will ever see “the real them”... .”

By Marty Smith

I was talking to a friend the other day and I asked him how he was doing. He was brutally honest with me. He told me that he had been struggling with some issues and it's got him in a lot of trouble.

I listened as he poured his heart out to me. It was the first time he had been completely honest with someone in a long time. He told me things that he had never told anyone else hoping and praying I wouldn't turn my back on him. It was a brave step. I reassured him that I would walk with him through this trial. Then I told him that I would love him unconditionally. The tears started flowing! It was a powerful moment for both of us.

In today's world, we are so obsessed with looking good. It's our human nature. We want to be number one, we want to be praised and adored by everyone. We create this persona on stage or behind the microphone of how we want people to view us. We want them to think that we're so cool. We want to be popular. But have you ever had an honest conversation with someone you know you can trust? I'm not talking about the small things, I'm talking about being completely honest with someone you know you can trust. It's a scary thought to be so vulnerable to someone else.

Believe it or not, your closest friend may be dealing with some issues right now and is afraid to tell you. They may be struggling with pornography, lust, drinking, or any number of things. They may be afraid to tell you because of what you might think of them. You may be dealing with some things in your life right now and are afraid to tell a soul. You're probably thinking, "But if people really knew the real me, they wouldn't like me anymore", or, "I'm a powerful man in my circle of friends, they can't see the real me, if they knew the real me they would all run away". We try to control these situations thinking that we've got a handle on things when in all honesty, it controls you. You are a slave to the issue and don't even know it.

It's time for us to be honest. We cannot live a lie hoping the world will never see the "real" us. Do you have someone you can be accountable to? Someone you know you can completely trust knowing that they will never judge you or turn their back on you? If not, I encourage you to pray and ask God to bring someone your way that you can talk to. Too many Christians are hiding in plain sight, hoping that no one will ever see "the real them". Until we are truly honest and transparent, we will never know what it means to live.

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"Just A Thought"

with Gayla Earlene

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Shine Your Light!

A little boy of long ago was ill with what we call tuberculosis today and had to be in his bed most of the time. At night he enjoyed looking to the boulevard below as the lamplighter would come and light one lamp and then another and another. One evening as he was watching, his mother came in and asked, "What are you doing son?" His reply was, "I'm watching the light knock holes in the darkness." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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The Post

by Mike Merritt

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If you grew up wanting to be a cowboy, we probably traveled some of the same roads at different times in our lives. I know being a cowboy was about all I dreamed of. You know the smell of a saddle and a horse, the sound of them hoof beats and cattle bawlin', boy what a life.

So as I became old enough to get out there I went for it, day jobs, ranch jobs, horse shoeing, hauling cattle, you know the deal. At one point I had opportunity to work with a old hand and he showed me the ropes of being a cowboy. It's not just a living, it has to be a passion.

On our first trip down east we went to buy some of them zebu cattle off them rice fields. We gathered up a good load and headed back to Texas. During that long drive home the old hand was laying it out to me what we as gonna do when we get these cattle home. He said we would clean 'em up, worm 'em, give 'em shots and put 'em out on the grass. Money making deal. Boy I couldn't wait to get it on.

Next day we gathered up medicine, wormer, needles, and fired up the iron, ready to do it. That old hand backed the rig up to the gate, and told me to stand in the pen next to that big old bois d'arc post. He would turn the cattle in, and I would sort 'em. Heifers one way and bulls the other way. My heart was thumpin' and I couldn't wait for that first beef to come off that trailer. While I was awaiting, I had a thought; wonder why this big post is in the middle of this working pen, kinda in the way if a feller had to move. No more thought that and here comes them cattle, snortin', bucking, coming right to me, funny they looked different when I was on the ground with 'em than they did in that sale ring. Before I knew, I was doing my best to stay ahead of one of them zebu's, and I discovered purty quick why that post was in the way. Felt like I was on a merry go round, no place to get off. We went from running in circles to having a standoff. I think I left some fingernails in that post before the battle was over. After awhile I figured out that post was my protection. If I stayed with it, I was safe. But when I got cocky, I might get hooked and rolled around in the dirt. Course that old hand got some good laughs out of it and nobody got hurt.

You know life is kinda like that, old devil is after us most of the time. He tempted JESUS forty days and said he would come back another day. But JESUS stayed true to HIS father and passed the test, every time. He left the earth but said, "I will be back and until then, my father will send a comforter for you". Jesus is the post in our lives. When the world is beating us down, he is lifting us up. When we think we are alone HE is there. He said, "I will never leave or forsake you". So when the 'ole devil comes at you, go to that post, hang on until the storms of life pass. If you don't have JESUS in you life, the outlook is gloomy. All you gotta do is ask HIM to forgive you and ask HIM to be your post in life, your savior.

Romans 10:9 reads; If you believe that JESUS is LORD and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Kinda the cowboy way, straight up and simple. Just do it.



...the way I see it

by John Penney
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Well, I guess I have to agree with my buddy Charlie Daniels, “What this world needs is a few more rednecks”.

Here in the South where I come from it is an honor to be called a redneck because down here where all the gnats are swarming is where you will find some really good ole boys who aint at all scared of a little hard work, plus helping the neighbors out when they need it, being honest most of the time and sharing all of about anything they own with anybody what don` t have anything.

And let me be perfectly clear about this one thing, I am very proud and honored to be called a Redneck.

You see, most of the rest of this United States of America cannot hold a light to the things that a true full-blooded Redneck just might be capable of accomplishing when he sets his mind to it. Just the other day I watched a passel [two or more] of Rednecks help a couple of elderly Snowbirds in distress.

Seems like the two older people in their medium sized 1973 four door Buick LaSabre had went and had a flat tire when they ran over what looked like the business end of a steel toothed yard rake that was stuck in the left back tire. They had pulled over to the side of the road up in the shade of the only two story building in our little town when I happened to pass them by.

Just about the time I could get started to turn around to go back and see about them and offer a little help I was amazed to see this huge big old Ford F-150 Crew Cab pick`em up truck with the big tires and the Rebel flags a flying as it blew past me headed back towards where the folks with the flat tire was standing out in the shade just looking at that tire with the steel toothed rake hanging out the side of it.

Well, that old boy driving that truck put on the brakes and blue smoke was pouring off them big tires when it slid right up on the grass just a couple of car lengths past the Buick. When the smoke cleared them two old folks was shocked I am sure. Six big old boys climbed out of that old Ford pick-up and it looked like a Nascar Pit Crew was changing the tire on that old Buick LaSabre.

By the time I pulled up and got out of my truck that old couple was scratching their heads and already waving goodbye to them good old Redneck Boys as they drove on out of sight. Goes to show you that looks can be deceiving now don` t it ? God Bless The USA!

That`s the way I see it



Gina Marie Shafer

Small town girl with a heart full of songs.

by Tommy Smith

Gina Marie has always loved music. Like most good artists she says music is part of her soul. Her entire family all sang and played instruments and used their gifts to honor and glorify Christ in song and testimony. Gina and her brother attended church faithfully with her family. She recalls how her dad and her grandmother would stand her up on the altar and coax her to sing. She said she had no fear back then and wishes she had stayed that way. Satan and time has a way of changing some of us. As we grow older he starts planting the seed that we are just not talented enough to serve God with our gifts, that there are so many others much better than we are. Not only are they more talented but they also have that perfect look and personality. Those people have it all, and how could we have believed that we could ever amount to anything for Christ. Satan throws that lie out at people everyday. He instills fear and low self-esteem in many of God's chosen.

I have been in the entertainment industry, both secular and the ministry end of it, for over four decades and one thing I have noticed is that the most talented artists in the secular field have that fear and insecurity in them, as well. Even though they are accepted by all as being the best at their craft, many of them soon self destruct, either on drugs, alcohol, sexual addictions or whatever Satan can use to destroy them. In most cases their faith in Christ is weak and shallow, this makes Satan's job easy. Those whose faith is strong in Christ may believe some of those lies for a short time but when you are one of God's chosen He will soon fill you with the power of the Holy Spirit and you will tell Satan to step aside, he has lost the battle, that through Christ all things are possible and I will succeed in all things He has called me to do in His perfect timing and His will. Gina Marie Shafer did just that. God has worked miracles in her life!

God blessed Gina with her husband Bob, he was her High School sweetheart. He blessed them with three wonderful boys. Gina and her family have been strong in Christ. Like other families they have had their valleys but Christ has always been faithful and has brought them through those valleys victoriously. Gina and Bob were raised in Coffeyville, Kansas. God, knowing all things, had them move to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The economy had gotten so bad for them in Kansas that Bob took a new job in Broken Arrow. They will tell you it was a God thing. That move ended up being the best thing that ever happened to them. They sought a new church to make their home church. It took a while but Christ led them to the right one. The family started getting involved in the church and Gina joined the worship team. Soon they were asking her to sing solos for the church.

Then God gave Gina a new gift, one she never dreamed she would receive. That was the gift of writing songs. She said the songs just started coming to her and her heart was just overflowing with one song after another.

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One of the first is a song called "Wake Up". She went to a recording studio in Oklahoma and recorded it. The reaction she started receiving from her friends and family were so positive that she decided to take the other songs that had been flowing from her heart and cut her first album "My Heart".

Canyon Creek Records started releasing cuts to radio off that CD and Gina soon became one of the most played female gospel singers not only in the Country Gospel field but also Southern Gospel. Gina has just completed her second Album "Just The Way I Am". It truly ministers a powerful message, that God created you perfect in His eyes and that all that know and love Him are blessed with power and authority over the prince of darkness.

Gina explains it this way.

"I hear this small voice inside me saying don't doubt yourself. I gave you all these songs and your gift of music and the desire to tell the world about me in your own special way. There are so many people out there that only you can reach. Don't look around at all the other talent. I gave you your special talent, and you're exactly the way I want you to be. You're one of a kind and no one else is like you." Gina says that is what God spoke to her and it has given her the strength to share her love for Christ through music with others. I try to lift them up with the Lord's message through song and to inspire and motivate others for Christ. "That makes me smile," she said. "There is nothing that makes me happier than to share with others the things that God has laid on my heart. I have always had a close and personal relationship with Christ and I will stay on this road of discovery till Christ takes me home".

Blessings,
Gina Marie

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF THE COUNTRY GOSPEL INDUSTRY

by Tommy Smith



Byron Fester

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About this time last year I received a phone call from Byron Fester owner of Praise Radio. It didn't take long for the two of us to become great friends. His heart is on fire for Christ and his desire is to make sure that millions will be led to Christ as he plays Gospel music 24/7. Byron loves all styles of Christian music such as, the Traditional Country sound, Today's Country, Southern Gospel and good Praise and Worship.

He plays it all. His show has grown tremendously since we first talked. He always gives God the Glory. I've seen many radio shows come and go since I've been in this industry. Those that keep it about Christ just keep on going never looking back and never counting the cost. Byron is that kind of Christian soldier. We need more like him. Send him your music and your video's. He has recently added a video page to his website. When you read his bio below you will feel his love and commitment to Christ. I know I am proud to call him friend.

~Tommy Smith

My story starts on a farm near Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, Canada. I am the youngest of 10 children. I was brought up in a Christian home and loved music from a very young age. In my late teen years I slipped away from my Christian upbringing. My goal at that time was to party and have what I thought was a good life. I taught myself to play guitar and loved Hank Williams Sr. style of music. I played and sang every chance I got but never felt I was good enough to record. I met the love of my life, my wife Lenore in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and we got married in October 1965. I always worked hard but Jesus was always second place in my life. After moving to Alberta, Canada we started a business. But alcohol was to be the ruination of my life.

I had a void in my heart that nothing could fill. As things progressively got worse it came to the point where I felt life was not worth living. In 1985 during an Advent Retreat at our Church when a group of young people came from the Bible School I gave in (with the help of the Holy Spirit and prayer from my Family) and went to the Retreat and heard the message of love and forgiveness. When an altar call was given I gave my life once again to the Lord Jesus and He released me from my alcoholic ways. It has been almost 30 years of freedom. I have found that true freedom & true peace can only come from Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

In 1990 I started a Recording studio and promised the Lord that I would record only Gospel and Christian music. In 1995 the Lord called me to minister to our First Nations people in a place called Hobbema, Alberta. Here I was able to witness through song and message about the love of Jesus Christ. In 2002 the Lord called us to Bible School. In 2012 we moved and retired to Spruce Grove, Alberta where I continued on with a small recording studio. Then the Lord spoke to me and asked me to start a Gospel Internet Radio Station. I chuckled and thought "Lord You made a mistake. I do not have the knowledge or the finances to do this." But in faith I stepped out and with the help of Ken Rich, in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, Canada who designed my website and helped me to start the radio station called "Praise Radio". With God nothing is impossible. (John 15:5) He took this station from one artist in 2014 to where it is today with over 600 artists and we are reaching out worldwide.

Thanks to God our heavenly Father who cares for us more than we know, He continues to increase and spread the Word of God through music. This is God's radio station and my desire with the help of God is to help artists promote their music on air. I want to thank my wife and my children and grandchildren for their encouragement and support they have given me. But most of all I want to thank Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour for what He is doing with Praise Radio.



In the Early Church How Often Did Christians Who Were Not Apostles Perform Miracles?

By Max Aplin

There are some Christians who claim that believers today should not expect to be used by God to heal miraculously or perform other miracles. Others are not quite so categorical, but still say that we should not expect Christians to work miracles more than very occasionally. (The Bible at times speaks of Christians working miracles and at other times of God working miracles using Christians. In both these ways of phrasing things the idea is obviously of God working miracles through the agency of Christians. I will use both types of phrasing in this article without any difference of meaning.)

In an earlier article entitled 'God Wants To Do More Miracles Today', I presented a general case for believing that it is God's will for many Christians to perform miracles in our time. However, when I wrote that article, there was one commonly used argument against miracle-working today that I did not mention, but which I have since decided deserves some attention.

The argument runs as follows: In the early church, miracles were almost always performed by the apostles; because there are no apostles today, Christians should not expect to be used by God to work miracles, except perhaps very occasionally.

I am sure that this argument does not hold water, and in what follows I will attempt to refute it.

To begin with, it is worth noting that whether the apostolic ministry is one that is still ongoing today is actually debated in Christian circles. Some claim that there are no apostles today, while others say that apostles do exist at the present time.

It seems reasonable to believe that there are no apostles today who have anything like the same level of apostolic authority as the authority that the twelve or Paul had in the first century. Whether there are apostles today in a weaker sense is another matter, and one that personally I am not clear about. If it is true that there are no apostles today, this would mean that if miracles were basically an apostolic thing in the early church, we might well not expect more than a very few miracles to be performed by Christians today.

We therefore need to ask whether it really is true that almost all the miracles that occurred in the early church were performed by the apostles.

Before trying to answer this question, we need to spend a moment considering exactly what we mean by an apostle of the early church.

Different New Testament authors actually use the term 'apostle' (Greek: apostolos) in different ways. For example, Luke usually uses it to refer exclusively to members of the twelve, although in Acts 14:4, 14 he exceptionally refers to Paul and Barnabas as apostles. Paul, however, often uses the term more broadly to refer to more than just the twelve.

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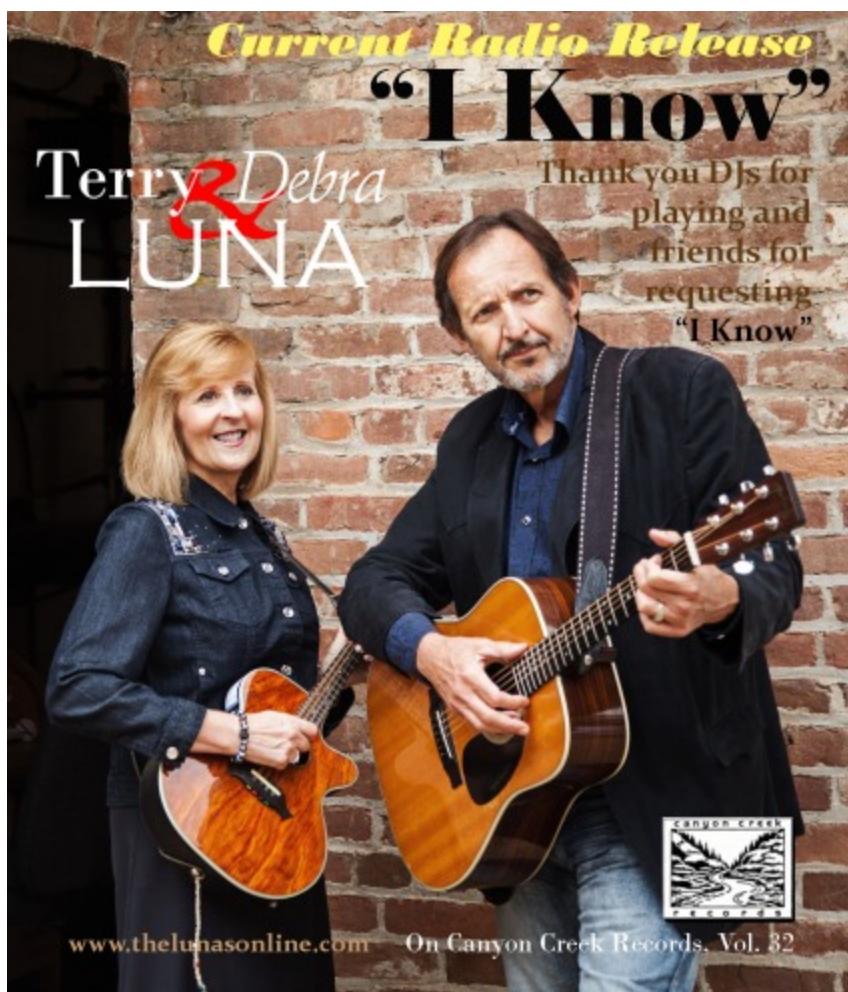
For instance, he frequently designates himself as an apostle; in 1 Corinthians 15:5-7, speaking of a time when he was not yet an apostle, he probably implies that 'all the apostles' was a broader group than 'the twelve'; and in Galatians 1:19 he probably refers to James the brother of the Lord as an apostle.

When Paul uses the term 'apostle', he usually seems to have in mind a group of people, including himself, who received an extraordinary commission for ministry by the risen Jesus. This definition seems to have been the most common one in the early church, and it is the one I will use in this article (except in quotations from Acts, where 'apostles' will usually refer more narrowly to the twelve).

There is no question that the first century apostles were used by God to work many miracles. In Acts 2:43 we are told that in the period immediately after the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost 'many wonders and signs took place through the apostles'. Similarly, in 5:12 we read that 'through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders took place among the people'. Acts also gives examples of miracles happening specifically through the ministries of Peter, John, Paul and Barnabas, and Paul's miracle work is referred to on several occasions in his letters. Finally, Hebrews 2:4, although not explicitly mentioning the apostles, implies that they performed miracles. Miracle working, then, was certainly something that the apostles were heavily involved in.

But there should be no doubt that in the early church many miracles were also performed by Christians who were not apostles. The combined weight of the following points makes this abundantly clear.

(1) 1 Corinthians 12 is an important chapter for our purposes. In verses 9-10 Paul refers to some people in the church being given gifts of healings, and others gifts of miracle-working, with no suggestion whatever that only apostles are the recipients. (1 Corinthians 12 is unusual in distinguishing healing from miracles; usually in the Bible the term 'miracles' includes healings.)



Verses 28-30 are even clearer. In these verses Paul distinguishes apostles from Christians with other gifts including healing and miracle-working. While this of course does not imply that apostles did not have some of these other gifts or that non-apostles never fell into more than one of the categories he mentions, it is clear that Paul is envisaging many healers and miracle workers who are not apostles. 1 Corinthians 12 by itself therefore disproves the idea that in the early church almost all miracle working was done by the apostles.

It is sometimes argued that 2 Corinthians 12:12 shows that miracle working was mainly the preserve of the apostles. In this verse, Paul, referring to his earlier ministry at Corinth, says, 'The signs of an apostle were performed among you in all endurance, in signs and wonders and miracles.' Interpreting the Greek is not entirely straightforward, but it is highly likely that he is saying that performing miracles is a major distinguishing feature of apostles.

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At first glance, Paul's words in this verse might seem to suggest that miracles were only rarely performed by Christians who were not apostles. However, firstly, we can easily understand him instead simply to be saying that every apostle performed a significant number of miracles, without any implication being given about how often non-apostles performed miracles. And, secondly, Paul surely cannot mean that performing miracles was basically the preserve of the apostles, for the simple reason that this would conflict with the passage in 1 Corinthians that we have just looked at, a passage which he wrote a matter of months before writing 2 Corinthians.

(2) In Galatians 3:5, Paul asks the Galatian Christians: 'Does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you do it by the deeds of the Law or by the hearing of faith?' where the implied correct answer is 'by the hearing of faith'. The first point to note about this verse is that the miracles Paul has in mind are very probably ones that involve God using a human agent. Only on a few occasions in the New Testament does God perform miracles without a human agent, and there is no suggestion that there is no agent in view here. The fact that the miracles in question are said to be by the hearing of faith makes it even more likely that the miracles Paul has in mind involve a human agent.

Second, we must note that Paul says that God 'works miracles', not 'worked miracles'. It is therefore not possible to take Paul's words simply as a reference to miracles performed by him when he was with the Galatians in the past.

Third, there is nothing in the text to suggest that the miracles in question are performed only through the agency of some other apostles who visit the Galatians. It is far more natural to understand the Galatians themselves to be God's agents.

Galatians 3:5, then, provides evidence that in the early church miracles were often performed by non-apostles as well as by apostles.

(3) Acts tells us that Stephen and Philip the evangelist (not to be confused with the Philip who was one of the twelve) performed miracles. We have no reason to believe that either of these men was an apostle.

Acts 6:8 says that Stephen 'performed great wonders and signs among the people'. The Greek verb translated 'performed', *epoiei*, is in the imperfect tense, showing that Stephen's performance of miracles was an ongoing one for a time.

Acts 8:6-13 informs us that Philip performed signs and miracles when he was in Samaria, including healing many sick and demonised people.

There are some who claim that the miracles Stephen and Philip performed were somehow apostolic miracles by proxy, because, when they were first commissioned, they had had hands laid on them by the apostles (Acts 6:5-6).

This is a very dubious conclusion to draw, however:

First, nothing in the text of Acts suggests that Stephen's and Philip's miracles were actually the miracles of the apostles by proxy.

Second, this idea fits poorly with Acts 13:1-3. In this passage we are told that 'prophets and teachers' laid hands on the apostles Paul and Barnabas to commission them for their impending mission. It is true that in verse 1 Barnabas is named as one of the prophets and teachers, and he was also an apostle. Nevertheless, there is no evidence that any of the other prophets and teachers were apostles, and it makes sense to think that those who laid hands on Paul and Barnabas at that time were either mainly or exclusively non-apostles.

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Obviously we would not say that the miracles Paul and Barnabas went on to perform in chapters 13-14 were somehow non-apostolic miracles by proxy because non-apostles laid hands on them. Similarly, it makes sense to see Stephen's and Philip's miracles as their own despite the fact that the apostles had laid hands on them.

(4) In Acts 9:10-19 we hear of Ananias, a Christian 'disciple', who laid hands on Paul, as a result of which Paul's blindness was healed. There is no reason to believe that Ananias was an apostle.

(5) During His time on earth, Jesus sent out the twelve to do ministry that included performing healing miracles (Matt 10:1, 7-11; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6).

But he also sent out the 70 (or 72; Greek manuscripts differ) to do likewise (Luke 10:1, 9), and there is no doubt that most of these never became apostles. Because both apostles and non-apostles were significantly involved in miracle work in an evangelistic context during Jesus' earthly ministry, all other things being equal we would expect both groups of Christians to have been involved in similar miracle work in the early church too.

It is true that the impression we gain from Acts is that in the first 30 years of the church the apostles performed a majority of the miracle work that took place in an evangelistic setting, and there is no reason to believe that this impression is misleading. Nevertheless, we have seen that the ministries of Stephen and Philip were exceptions to this. And we must bear in mind too that most of what happened in the early church has not been recorded. To argue from silence, therefore, that Stephen and Philip were the only non-apostles who performed miracles in evangelism, or that only very rarely did other non-apostles do this, is to stand on shaky ground.

(6) There is no doubt that in the early church many non-apostles had the ability to prophesy (Acts 2:17; 11:28 and 21:10-11 (probably not an apostle); 19:6; 21:9; 1 Cor 11:4-5; 12:10, 28-29; 14:1-40; Eph 2:20; 3:5, etc.). If prophecy is on balance a greater gift than miracle gifts (including healing), as 1 Corinthians 12:28 and 14:1 clearly imply, then we would expect the lesser gifts also to have been frequently used by non-apostles.

(7) Similar to the previous point, Joel's prophecy of God's Spirit being poured out on all Christians (Joel 2:28-32, cited by Peter in Acts 2:16-21) makes better sense if miracle work in the early church was performed widely by non-apostles as well as by apostles.

(8) In John 14:12 we find Jesus asserting, 'Truly, truly, I tell you, the person who believes in Me, the deeds that I do, he will do also, and greater deeds he will do, because I go to the Father.'

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Although interpreting this verse is not straightforward, and it would be taking it too literally to say that it means that every Christian should be able to perform miracles, it most naturally suggests that in the early church Christians other than apostles were often able to perform miracles.

(9) In James 5:14-16 elders generally are instructed to be involved in miracle healing work. Obviously most of the first century elders in view here would not have been apostles.

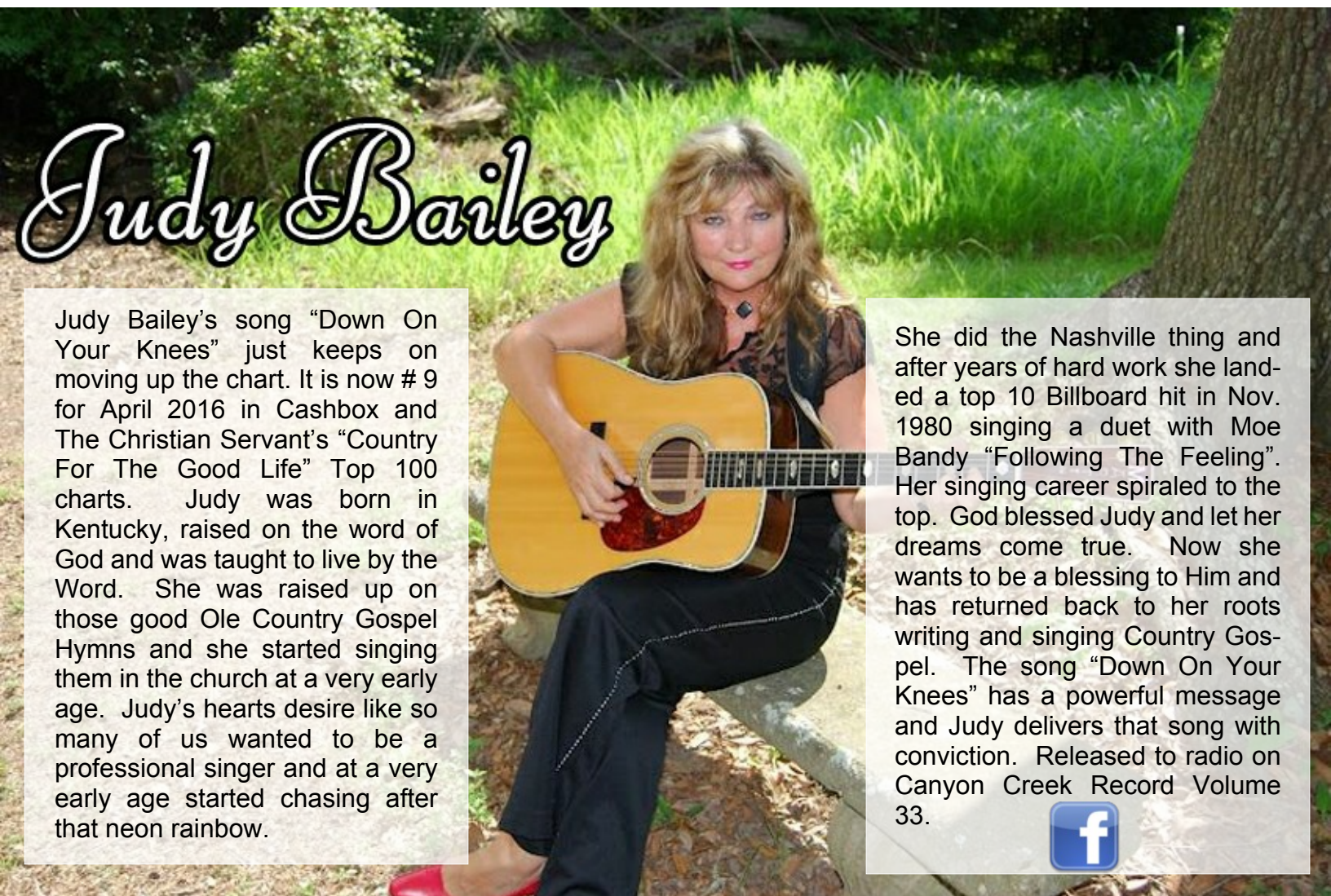
When all the biblical passages that we have looked at are taken into consideration, it becomes clear that in the early church many Christians who were not apostles were used by God to perform miracles, including healing and expelling demons. The claim that almost all the miracles were performed by the apostles is therefore simply not a reasonable one.

Even if, then, there are no apostles today of any kind, the absence of apostles would be no good reason for claiming that God does not want to use many Christians to work miracles in our day.

I refer readers to my previous article for positive reasons to believe that many Christians should be involved in miracle work at the present time. (Google: Max Aplin "God Wants to Do More Miracles Today")

I have been a Christian for over 25 years. I have a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Edinburgh. I am a UK national and I currently live in the south of Scotland.


Article Source: CHRISTIAN WRITER



Judy Bailey

Judy Bailey's song "Down On Your Knees" just keeps on moving up the chart. It is now # 9 for April 2016 in Cashbox and The Christian Servant's "Country For The Good Life" Top 100 charts. Judy was born in Kentucky, raised on the word of God and was taught to live by the Word. She was raised up on those good Ole Country Gospel Hymns and she started singing them in the church at a very early age. Judy's hearts desire like so many of us wanted to be a professional singer and at a very early age started chasing after that neon rainbow.

She did the Nashville thing and after years of hard work she landed a top 10 Billboard hit in Nov. 1980 singing a duet with Moe Bandy "Following The Feeling". Her singing career spiraled to the top. God blessed Judy and let her dreams come true. Now she wants to be a blessing to Him and has returned back to her roots writing and singing Country Gospel. The song "Down On Your Knees" has a powerful message and Judy delivers that song with conviction. Released to radio on Canyon Creek Record Volume 33.





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Pancakes

Author Unknown

Six-year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.



Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad. He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

Just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking, but his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process!

That's how God deals with us ... We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, ***even though some of our mess gets all over Him!***

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes" for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

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“God’s Plans”

by Brad Wilson

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Last year on one of my trips to Nashville, our dear friend Tommy Smith asked me if I could meet with one of his artists while I was there. “Of course” I said but there is one problem. I had myself booked solid the days I was there. I’m embarrassed but if his artist would not mind meeting at the Nashville airport when I’m headed home I can do it there.

The day and time was set. I made it to the Starbucks in the lobby of the Nashville airport about 5 minutes early. Just about the time I got settled in I looked up and across the room walks in Tommy’s artist...Kristi Miller. What a lovely, wonderful person! We proceeded to visit for about an hour and a half before I had to catch my flight back to LA.

Before we parted Kristi gave me a couple of her CD’s and a video of her work. I got back to LA and a few days later while driving the streets of Hollywood, I stuck one of Kristi’s CD’s in and began to listen. I was SO impressed with what I heard. What a great talent! As I continued to listen, a song she wrote called “BABY McGEE” came up. I hit repeat on my player and probably listened to it over and over about six times. WOW! “What a great idea for a movie” I thought. My head began to fill with ideas and pictures as I continued listening to the song.

Later that day I called Kristi to tell her how much I enjoyed our meeting and that I was very impressed with her music...ESPECIALLY “BABY McGEE!” I told her I thought it was a GREAT idea for a movie! She was so appreciative and excited. Interestingly enough she told me that other people had told her the same thing!

During the conversation we talked about the possibility of her writing the story out and possibly even writing the screenplay. She had never written a movie script but neither has anyone else who ever wrote their first screenplay! I knew in my heart that she could do it. What I didn’t realize is just what a great job she would do once she turned it in to me. I was honestly blown away! Because she is such a talented song writer she came up with some GREAT lines! I gave her some notes and thoughts and she went back and wrote a second “draft” which is the correct process. Many drafts of a script are done before they get to the screen.

Today we are very close to having a final script. We will now budget the film, do a business plan, raise the financing and do the film. It all started because God put it on Tommy Smith’s heart that Kristi and I should meet. At the time no one knew why except for introductions. God had a plan. Of course He always does!



I’m thankful to know Kristi Miller and I’m thankful that I had sense enough to see this amazing opportunity... starting with agreeing to take the meeting. Let me encourage all of you to always be aware of the opportunities that God puts in your path. Many times we don’t recognize them. The more we stay in His will and listen to our heart the more we will be aware of those great blessings God has in store for us. Please pray for us as we move forward on this and other films and that God will use these films for His glory.



From the Desk of Dr. Terry D. Davis

by Terry Davis
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Question: “What does the Bible say about hope?”

Answer: The Bible has quite a lot to say about hope. Biblical hope has as its foundation faith in God. The word *hope* in English often conveys doubt. For instance, “I hope it will not rain tomorrow.” In addition, the word *hope* is often followed by the word *so*. This is the answer that some may give when asked if they think that they will go to Heaven when they die. They say, “I hope so.” However, that is not the meaning of the words usually translated “hope” in the Bible.

In the Old Testament the Hebrew word *batah* and its cognates has the meaning of confidence, security, and being without care; therefore, the concept of doubt is not part of this word. We find that meaning in Job 6:20; Psalm 16:9; Psalm 22:9; and Ecclesiastes 9:4. In most instances in the New Testament, the word *hope* is the Greek *elpis/elpizo*. Again, there is no doubt attached to this word. Therefore, biblical hope is a confident expectation or assurance based upon a sure foundation for which we wait with joy and full confidence. In other words, “There is no doubt about it!”

One of the verses in which we find the word *hope* is Hebrews 11:1. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This verse at the beginning of the faith chapter (Hebrews 11) carries with it all of the confidence that comes with knowing for sure, with no question, what we have been promised by God in His Word. Our faith is confident assurance, for it is founded upon the Rock of our salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ. All of the actions of the heroes of the faith recorded in Hebrews 11 were made possible because they had this faith based in their confident assurance or hope in God. As believers, we are also called to give an answer for that hope that is within us to any who would ask (1 Peter 3:15).

Therefore, biblical hope is a reality and not a feeling. Biblical hope carries no doubt. Biblical hope is a sure foundation upon which we base our lives, believing that God always keeps His promises. Hope or confident assurance can be ours when we trust the words, “He who believes on Me has everlasting life” (John 6:47, NKJV). Accepting that gift of eternal life means our hope is no longer filled with doubt but, rather has at its sure foundation the whole of God’s Word, the entirety of God’s character, and the finished work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Country Music Legend Margie Singleton

by Tommy Smith

Once again God has honored me by giving me the opportunity to be able to work with and promote another Country Music Legend to Christian Radio. I've been able to promote Legends such as, Ray Price, Freddie Hart, Margo Smith, BJ Thomas, T Graham Brown and now the beautiful and super talented Margie Singleton. When you talk about female superstars in the Country Music Industry, the name "Margie Singleton" is always at the top of the list. This lady has not only recorded and written more hit songs for herself and others but has recorded duets with some of the greatest talent in the Country Music Industry.

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*Jamie
Lynn
Flanakin*



Congratulations to Jamie Lynn Flanakin. Her song "Who Loves Me More" is working its way to the top of the charts. The song is # 16 for April 2016 in Cashbox and Christian Servant Magazine "Country For The Good Life" Top 100.

This is Jamie Lynn's second release on Canyon Creek records. She has become one of the most played female artists in the Country Gospel music industry. She is very grateful to the DJ's and fans for all their support and friendship. She is also very thankful for the family Christ has given her and the gifts of talent he has blessed her with. To God Be The Glory. Pastors you can invite Jamie to sing at your church by contacting her at:

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In 1963 she released a song called “Magic Star” on Phillips Records. This song became one of the most played songs, not only in the Country Music field but also in the Pop Music field. We are talking MEGA hit!!! For some of you young ones who do not remember those days and for those of you who do remember, you can listen to this song on YouTube. I went to YouTube to give it a listen and it sure brought back memories. I was sixteen years old back then, working with a band, and how well I remember that song. Before the birth of “Magic Star”, Margie had already partnered up in 1961 with George Jones to release these great duet’s, “Eyes Of Love”, “Did I Ever Tell You” and “Waltz Of The Angels”. Today these songs are still played over and over again on Classic Country Radio. In 1964 Margie teamed up with Faron Young and together they recorded “Keep Up With The Joneses”. That year the song reached # 5 in the nations top Country Charts and became Singletons biggest hit. The flip side of that record “No Thanks I Just Had One” was also a huge hit for Margie and Faron.

Margie has been on the largest record labels in the music industry, Starday, Mercury, Dart, Monument, United Artists, Phillips and Ashley Records. She was one of the original members of the “Louisiana Hayride” and performed on the National Television show “Jubilee USA”, also the “Grand Ole Opry”. She has written songs that were recorded by names such as Tom Jones, Kenny Rogers, Tammy Wynette, Teresa Brewer, Lynn Anderson, Charley Pride, Marty Robbins, Patti Page, George Jones, and Faron Young. Pop Music star Brook Benton had two huge hit’s, written by Margie, with “My True Confession” and “Lie To Me”. Now you know why Country Music historians refer to Margie as a Country Music Legend.

Margie married Country Music producer Shelby Singleton at a very young age. Sixteen years later Margie and Shelby divorced. Margie married Leon Ashley who at the time was a United Artists recording artist. Leon started his own Recording label and named it Ashley Records. In 1968 Margie and Leon released a duet on that label called “Hangin’ On”, which hit the national charts at # 60. That same year Margie starred in a movie with Marty Robbins called “Road To Nashville”.

Margie and Leon shared the same taste in music. They both loved Gospel Music and shared a common bond in their love for Jesus. Margie handpicked part of the Jordanaires, and along with herself, formed a Gospel group called “The Merry Melody Singers”.



Margie lost Leon to cancer after 48yrs. of marriage. He was her soul mate, her partner in life and partner in her music. She felt lost without him and was ready to hang it all up. Christ had plans for her. He started giving Margie new songs to write and new songs to sing, songs of praise that glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. She has just completed a new project titled “On The Other Side Of Life”. I am thankful that God has put Margie and me together to make sure that these songs get played on Christian Radio across the world so that they can bless millions. She now refers to herself not just as a recording artist but as an artist that has a message about Christ to share with anyone that will listen. Her new single to radio “Heaven Bound” is being released on Canyon Creek Records Compilation, Volume 36. It will bless you. It is pure Country Gospel and it is great!!

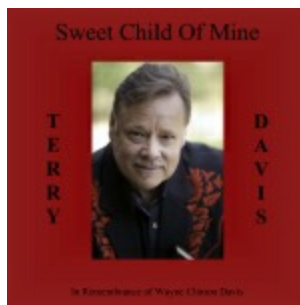
~Tommy Smith

GOSPEL MUSIC



Kevin and Angela Rowe have been working full time trying to build their ministry. They know first hand how hard it can be to serve Christ and that Satan is around every corner trying to destroy all who are trying so hard to bring the salvation message to a world of non-believers. Just a few weeks ago they were headed to Jennings, Louisiana to do a live radio show with HLE Radio. They left from Wichita Falls, Texas and got as far as Marshall, Texas when the Turbo went out on their bus. They were able to make it to a garage in Marshall that worked on buses but they did not have the Turbo in stock.

The Rowe's weren't sure what to do so they called on God for help. They had to be in Jennings by seven pm. that evening. The owner of the shop heard their plea and called her son to come pick them up and drive them to Shreveport, La. They made it to the Shreveport airport within an hour and were able to catch a plane to Jennings. While doing the show, Hunter Logan owner of HLE, made a plea over the radio for someone to help Kevin raise funds for a Turbo. The next day a listener called in from Nashville, TN. and said he had heard the broadcast the night before via Internet and heard the request for help. He had a Turbo for that bus and God told him to give it to Kevin. Kevin offered to pay and the man said "No". Kevin said, "Well, let me pay the freight". Once again the gentleman said "No". Then the Rowe's got a phone call from Nikki and Chip Headley, who are also in full time ministry. They were in Texas and picked up Kevin's truck and drove it to Jennings so that Kevin and Angela could make it back to Texas. You see, Satan lost that battle. God's servants joined together and without hesitation followed the instructions from God to help their brother in need. God still does answer prayers.



Terry Davis and Ronnie Weiss have a new single out to radio called "**I'm Still Here**", released on **Canyon Creek Records**, Vol. 35. Most of you know Terry has written and performed some of the best Country Gospel songs in our industry. Ronnie on the other hand was an RCA Recording Artist with a well known group from the 60's known as "Mouse and The Traps".

Ronnie was the lead singer and lead guitarist for the group. Their hit song's were "**Public Execution**" and "**Sometimes You Just Can't Win**". That was many years ago and now Ronnie sings and plays guitar for his church and also is lead guitarist for Terry's band "Old Guy's Rule". Terry and Ronnie have been friends for years. Terry has been instrumental in guiding Ronnie to Christ. The song "**I'm Still Here**" is a great song and is being sung from the heart. Ronnie has been very sick for a few years now but Christ just keeps pulling him through. Ronnie and Terry both express their thankfulness to God for taking care of them even when they did not take care of themselves. This is a great song. It is a style of music that fits everyone's taste. I look for this one to reach the top of the charts.

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Hope Street's new Compilation, Vol. 3916 has some really good cuts on it. My picks are "**When The Tribulation Enters I'll Be Gone**" by Walt Mills, and "**Wicked Man**" by Betty Jean Robinson". Both of these Gospel artists reach a large variety of the Radio listening audience. They please those who love traditional Country Gospel and the Southern Gospel audience as well. The other cuts I picked are "**Lord I Stand With You**" by Bill Beaty, "**Take Me Home**" by the Waymasters and "**Oh Lord, Give Back**" by Wanda Lee. All three of these artists are pure Traditional Country Gospel.

DJ's there are many other good cuts on this compilation that might fit your format. Gene and Micki Farington always release a variety of Christian music styles, something to please everyone's taste.



Nate Fortner, is receiving a lot of air play on his new release "**Why'd You Take Her Away**". This one is a Chart Topper. Nate is from Alabama and he is as Country as they come. This young man loves God and we need a whole lot more like him in our industry. His drive and his personality will make him a major player in the Country Gospel Music field. You can find this cut on **Canyon Creek Records Compilation**, Vol. 35.



Gerald Smith, has a new release on **Double EE Compilation** Vol. 189 titled "**Thank You Jesus**". This is a great song and one of my picks. Gerald is a Country artist and one of the best-known songwriters in the business. A featured artist each and every week and a veteran of one of America's favorite TV shows, "Hee Haw". Gerald would sing and talk in Duck language, he would always make us laugh.

He is very serious about his walk with Christ and has made good traditional Country Gospel music his number one priority, not only as an artist but also as a songwriter. Another song I have picked from this Comp is by the **McKay Project**, the song is called "**Get Saved**". The title says it all. I am a fan of this group and love their style of down home pure Country-Bluegrass sound. They could perform any style of music that they choose. They really are that good. The McKay's have their own recording studio and work very hard at having an original sound. I commend them for that.



Canyon Creek Records introduces another new artist to our Country Gospel Family. His name is **John Petrovich**. His song is "**Jesus Is Coming**" on **Canyon Creek Records Compilation** Volume 35. John is from Houston, Texas and has a very polished, smooth voice. Like so many artists in our music field he has been singing and writing songs for years. He sings and ministers at churches all over the Houston area and is dedicated to winning lost souls over to Christ. We look for John to do very well in our industry.

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HMG Compilation Volume 216, as always has some very good songs on it. My picks are **Arkin Terrell's "One Step Closer"**. This one is a little on the contemporary side compared to his last song "**Clean Slate**". To me that is a very smart move. To always reinvent yourself, always showing the many sides of your talent for Christ. I loved Arkin's last song, and I like this one as well. I have been a **Russ Murphy** fan for a long time and I like his and **Linda Murphy's** new song "**Footprints On The Stars**". This one should be a radio audience pleaser.

I also picked "**Let Me Live**" by **Joy Roberts**. This is a great song and we must never give up on the fight against abortion. Though we have never met, **Bruce Hedrick** is becoming one of my favorite Country Gospel Artists. I loved his song "**Better Man**" and his new one "**Roses From God**" is one that will make it to the top of the charts. My other pick off this compilation is "**The Last Resort**" by **Pierre & Jones**. This song has great vocal work as well as a tremendous message. I love the song.

For those of you who haven't heard yet, **Gene Higgins** has retired and sold HMG. Gene has worked extremely hard trying to build a strong Christian Country Music Industry. He has sold the company to a corporation known as the Ascend Group. **Diane and Ralph Parten** head up the group for HMG and I have heard nothing but good about them. They have a strong desire to serve Christ with this ministry and to bring honor and glory to His name. I am looking forward to meeting them and building a good friendship with them. Ascend Group, welcome to our Christian Music Industry.



Randall Wilds and **John Lanier** are getting excited about their "**2016 Gospel Music FanFair**" to be held at The Center for Rural Development at 2292 South Hwy 27, Somerset KY., 42501. This award show and convention combines both Southern Gospel and Country Gospel music artists together. The FanFair starts May 16 and runs thru the 21st. If you have not signed up for it already, we encourage you to do so now. Table and booth spaces are limited. As always artists will have a wonderful time meeting and networking with each other as well as using their talents to win souls for God. Once again if you want to showcase and get a booth, you need to contact Christian Voice Magazine at (205)662-4826 or (205)596-4371.

DJ's please give these artists a listen on Canyon Creek Records Compilation Volume 35



1. American Pride Mike Leichner
2. I Love You Dad Joe Arview
3. I Enter In Pamela Wiebe
4. Road To Success Jimmy R Price
5. He Knows The Way Home Marla Ratliff
6. Hard Miles Pike
7. Mansion Over The Hilltop Melinda McFarlin
8. Dying Again Cassidy Taylor
9. I'm Still Here Terry Davis & Ronnie Weiss
10. You Are The Rock Tamatha Hurst
11. Why'd You Take Her Away From Me Nate Fortner
12. Jesus Is Coming John Petrovich
13. Walking On The Water Of Your Storm Gloria Henson

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Spending Time Outdoors with the Disabled

JENNINGS, La. Special guests Jason Bland and Gerrard Credeur from **Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures** joined the Morning Show with **Hunter Logan** on **HLERadio.com** on March 24, 2016. Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures is a non-profit organization that takes disabled folks on outdoor camping, fishing and hunting trips and provides physical, mental, and spiritual healing.

The vision of our group is to provide enough community involvement to see more people with disabilities **STEP OUT** away from the usual way of life, and **STEP INTO** a new way that can build confidence, provide spiritual uplifting, and have the opportunity to surround themselves with others who are experiencing the same challenges in life. Activities such as tennis, golfing, hunting, fishing, and canoeing, kayaking, camping, hiking, and summer camps have been organized to help bring our members together for memorable spiritual experiences of a lifetime. We have volunteers from many parts of our state of Louisiana that are ready at the drop of dime to lend a helping hand. On The Morning Show, President Jason Bland and Chef Gerrard Credeur of the cooking ministry discussed the ministry, Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures, and provided information to the listeners about how to become more involved in this great ministry.

About Trinity Outdoors Disabled Adventures:

A non-profit ministry dedicated to those who have dealt with or may be dealing with disabilities. Our team is made up of GOD loving and sincere individuals who have a passion to uplift the principals that our team stands for. <http://www.trinitydisabledadventures.com>

Gena Roberts Hamilton

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Why Am I Not Getting Booked?

by Chip Bricker

Yes, it's a legitimate question especially in the Christian market. Many great musical ministries, individuals and groups, sit at home when they should be out ministering because they don't know what the venue wants from them, and how to sell the venue that the ministry can provide just what is needed for the desired result.

Now you are saying "boy, that was long and vague". Here it is broken down.

1. What can you do for the venue (church, festival, fair, etc) that they can't do on their own, without you? Just because you are great musicians or a great singer, gifted songwriter, anointed speaker, etc, doesn't mean that every church/venue can gain a desired benefit from having you present your ministry to their audience. Find out what type of ministry they have and pray about how you could add to that experience, change that experience, make a huge difference in their event, etc, before you try to get booked there.

2. What should I / we charge for our services to the venue so that we are of an added value to the venue? That's a great question. Many have tried to answer this question and many have failed. The answer is not what is my ministry, musicianship, etc worth. The question is, what is it worth to the folks you are going to be in front of, both monetarily and spiritually. Some ministries go for a love offering. I've seen that be a great answer with smaller congregations. I have found that the smaller venues are very appreciative when the larger ones aren't where love offerings are the form of compensation. But some groups have major expenses and need a certain amount just to get to the venue. Decide what the cost is for you to do the gig, and then decide if you can make ends meet by taking the gig. Many groups have to maintain a level of pay to value their apparent worth. If you can do this consistently and achieve the desired result for the venue, then you should be booked all the time and not need to read this article.

3. How do I find out what the desired result is for the venue and what I need to do to get that result? Talk to the leadership involved in trying to book you for the event / service. Find out what they expect from you. I had an elder in a church tell me that my job at their service was to play, sing and entertain in a funny manner because the church was hurting and needed to laugh. I prayed about what to do. Then did as the Lord led. I was well compensated.

4. What if the desire of the venue is for me to draw numbers into seats? Use all of your contacts, social media, fan base data, etc, to let folks know you will be at a certain venue. I.e. What, when, where. Talk about it a lot and don't assume that the venue will publicize the event. It is your job to sell the seats, not theirs, especially if you wish to return to the same venue.

5. Do the best you can to satisfy the desires of the venue with length of program, appearance, personality presentation, volume levels, and how you close. Yes, some folks don't want a hard close or altar call at the end of a service, and a fair or festival may not want that either. You have to figure a way of incorporating that into the rest of your program along the way. Again, this participation facilitates the venue being pleased with your program and gets you referrals for other like venues and a possible return trip to this one.

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We remember the story in the Bible about a little boy who slayed a giant with one stone. We remember preachers using this story in one way or another. Whether the obvious of little is much when God is in it or no matter how big your problem is our God is bigger. Even when the earthly king gave his armor to little David, David knew that the so called protective clothing was more of a hindrance than help. He knew that if it was not made for him by the hands of the maker of protection that it would not be an advantage.

Many times we see things that seem to be a protection, safeguard, or comfort for someone else. We grasp on to that object, item, or even scripture without consulting the Maker first. If we would check with Him we may find that it was a different protection that we need for our personal situation to enable us to endure our trial. It would give us the strength we need to do the job we were called to do.

When David started out on the field of battle, he picked up five smooth stones. Not because he thought he might miss. David was a sure shot. He had lots of practice guarding the flocks. He knew that if he killed Goliath that there were four more brothers that may be coming after him as well. He did not need the armor, he did not need what was not made for him, he needed what God told him to use.

After the knockout blow, he followed up by cutting the head off of the snake of the hired gun. Took the head off of the one defiling God's name.

This young man, on his way to bring lunch to his brothers, full of faith, equipped with the right gear, with God on his side, finished the job he was called to do.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:5-6 King James Version (KJV)

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6. Are you publicly visible enough for the venue to know enough about you to want to have you at their event or service? You need a website, an audio and/or a video product available, you need social media active, and you need a track record of referrals. All of these are needed for your ministry to be a viable choice when venues {churches, fairs, festivals) are considering booking a ministry for their event or service.

7. Are you praying about God's guiding your ministry? This is most important. If you fight God over the direction he is taking your ministry, you will stay at home a lot.

Thanks and God Bless,
Chip Bricker

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THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

by Pastor Dr. Doug DeRamus

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Pro 15:24 - 'The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.' (KJV)

Prov 15:24 - The road of the godly leads upward, leaving hell behind. (TLB)

TWO MEN

The Whole Bible is the unveiling of two men. ADAM and CHRIST.

1 Cor 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (KJV)

1 Cor 15:45 - And so it is written, The (first) man Adam was made a living soul; the (last) Adam was made a quickening spirit. (KJV)

TWO WOMEN

It's also the story of two women. The BONDWOMAN and the FREE WOMAN.

Gal 4:23 - But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. (KJV)

"PROMISE" meaning here "is an announcement (for information, assent or pledge; especially a divine assurance of good):"

Gal 4:30-31 (30) Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. (31) So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free. (KJV)

This is another way of letting you know that you must put off the old man (with) his deeds and put on the new man.

Col 3:9-10 (9) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (10) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (KJV)

"PUT OFF" means to divest wholly oneself, "divest" - to strip, to alienate yourself or (for oneself) despoil.

TWO LAWS

It's also about two laws. THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH and the LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS.

Rom 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (KJV)

If the "law of the Spirit of life relates to Christ Jesus (the last Adam). Then the law of sin and death relates to the first Adam.

TWO PATHS

It is also about two paths (ways), The WAY OF DEATH and The WAY OF LIFE.

Matt 7:13 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth (like a power that over takes you and carries you away) to "destruction" (ruin or loss) {physical, spiritual or eternal}, and many there be which go in there at: (KJV)

Matt 7:14 - Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth (like a power that over takes you and carries you away) unto "life", (Zoe, the same kind of life God himself has) and few there be that find it. (KJV)

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QUESTION IS:

Do you want something to over power you and carry you off to destruction? Or do you want something to over power you and carry you off to life and abundance?

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, (the road, the journey, the means) the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (KJV)

The word WAY means a path, a course of life, a manner of living. It also means a LIFESTYLE. This MANNER of LIFE or LIFESTYLE which is ABOVE is His Life (The Christ Life-The Life of His Resurrection), which has also become Our Life. This means we have a SHARED LIFE! And we have this life NOW!

TWO CATEGORIES

The seed of Abraham is mainly classified into two categories, DUST OF THE EARTH and STARS OF HEAVEN.

Gen 22:17-18 (17) That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; (18) And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (KJV)

DUST SEED

Gen 13:16 - And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. (KJV)

STAR SEED

Gen 15:5 - And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. (KJV)

Gen 26:4 - And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (KJV)

All of humanity falls within this taxonomy, (The classification of organisms in an ordered system).

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It has been said that love can be declared by speaking, but cannot be truly experienced until it is demonstrated. Love is not just a “feeling” or “emotion,” but instead a conscious choice that we make.

Each year millions of dollars are spent on Valentines Day, Christmas, Mother’s Day, birthdays, etc., in an effort to let family and friends know that we love them. Candy, flowers, cards, jewelry, and many other gifts are given to those that we want to demonstrate our love for.

One of my favorite scriptures that talks about this is Romans 5:8. the Apostle Paul declares, *“But God commended (demonstrated) His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* WOW!!! The Bible is filled with wonderful examples of God’s great love for mankind. Creation declares it! Saving Noah and his family on the ark ultimately preserved humanity. Choosing Israel to be His people, entering into a covenant with them, protecting and providing for them, and even chastising them is an awesome display of God’s love for His people.

For me however, the greatest demonstration of love ever was at the cross of Calvary. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). Jesus said in John 15:13, *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”* God demonstrated his love by giving His Son. Jesus demonstrated his love by giving His life. Jesus died for us! He took our place on that cross. He took my sins and nailed them there. 2 Cor. 5:21 says, *“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”* Now that’s “love in action.”

How can we then demonstrate our love for Him? The Lord does not require or even desire expensive gifts and flattering words from us. What He expects from us is our devotion and obedience. Jesus said that if we love Him we will keep His commandments. He also said that if we really love Him that we will also love one another.

It is easy to say, “I love you,” and we should say that often to those that we love. We should never be ashamed to profess our love for the Lord and others, too. But talk is cheap, and words alone are not enough to prove our love for Christ, our families, and our neighbors.

LOVE MUST BE DEMONSTRATED!!!
LOVE MUST BE LIVED!!!
LOVE MUST BE GIVEN AND RECEIVED!!!
LOVE IS A VERB!!!
LOVE REQUIRES ACTION!!!
LOVE IS A CHOICE!!!

Thank you God, for loving me! thank you for giving me a loving family!
Thank you most of all for your Son...Jesus Christ!
He died for us...Let us live for Him...

THAT’S LOVE...IN ACTION...



How Can You know that there WILL BE any RAPTURE? Look at Real Facts!

By Eugene Lopatynsky

There are conflicting opinions about the Rapture, the "snatching away" of every true Christian out of this world. To our enemies, apparently, this is no problem at all: the Luciferians will simply murder us all at the same time. No?

Others explain that rapture will come after the Apocalypse and the Church will be left to endure the greatest suffering ever in all past and future history. Still others truly believe that our loving Lord would never let His Bride, His Church, enter the Apocalypse. How do we know that there WILL BE any RAPTURE? What do you say?

The prophets of the Old Testament spoke about our Savior as King of Kings and as Sacrificial Lamb, practically in the same breath. Obviously there were enormous differences implicit in the same prophecy.

The Jewish priesthood could not distinguish, or would not distinguish, that there must be two different comings, two different events. The consequences were utterly disastrous to the Jewish nation.

Today, as the second coming is clearly approaching, again there are strong differences implicit within the same prophecy. Two different events, if you please. One is the calling of the church out of this world (rapture, snatching away); the other is the pending uttermost destruction of Satan's rule and Satan's people, globally.

Did God Himself describe, in 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18, the 'calling out' of the church?

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Mark 13:32 32: But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

THE REMAINING QUESTION IS WHEN. WE ARE TOLD THAT ONLY FATHER GOD KNOWS WHEN.

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For what it's worth, in Israel, by custom, a betrothed (Bride) abode with her family, while the father of the groom prepared everything. Only when the father said it is time, then the son went to bring the bride.

ARE THERE CONFLICTING PREDICTIONS PROPHESED FOR CHRIST'S APPROACHING RETURN? Take a look.

(1) THERE IS A SOLEMN PROMISE OF GOD IN REVELATIONS 3:10

"BECAUSE THOU HAST KEPT THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH".

What does it mean "to keep Gods Word"? It means to study, know and obey the BIBLE. It means to clean up our life with the Bible. Then teach it to your whole family. Then teach it to everybody you can reach (public: "on your gates")

"The hour of temptation shall come upon the entire world, upon all" is a FUTURE, GLOBAL EVENT. God promises to keep his own out of it. This could not possibly occur if "His Own" had to live right through the apocalypse.

How to keep Gods word is OUTLINED in Deuteronomy 6:6-9. How do YOU keep the Word? The WORD is the Bible, The Word of God. How do you keep it? How did God command us to keep it? If you do not keep the "Word of My Patience", what's going to happen to YOU?

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

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He who finds a wife, finds what is good and receives favor from God.

Psalms 18:22

Happy Anniversary Honey

by David House

David House is a songwriter that always writes a song that comes straight from the heart. He is not only one of the most talented singer songwriters in the industry, he is dedicated to serving Christ, and he strives to live his life Christ like. David has a brand new song out to radio titled "Happy Anniversary Honey" He wrote it for his wife Barbara. Little did he know when he wrote the song it would become an anniversary song for every happily married couple in the world.

DJ's all over are getting a great response from their listeners. It looks like this will be the anniversary song for this decade. The song has charted at # 23 for April 2016 in Cashbox Magazine's "Country Christian" Top 100 and Christian Servant Magazine's, "Country For The Good Life" Top 100. When I say that David writes straight from the heart you can take that to the bank. David wrote this song for his beautiful wife Barbara who he loves with all his heart and soul.

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Born In America by Rodney Morss

Rodney's song "Born In America" spiraled all the way up to # 2 in the Christian Servant & Cashbox Magazine "Country For The Good Life" Top 100.

This is not a patriotic song about today's America, but the America that all of us remember that had the "Ten Commandments" posted on the wall of every Schoolhouse, Federal, State, County and City Court house in this great country.

An America that our forefathers chose to put in "God We Trust" on our currency. The America that we all once knew that protected the right of life, not only for the born, but the unborn. The America that was proud to honor the word of God that marriage is for a man and woman not between two people of the same sex. That is the America that most of us could be proud of. Congratulations to Rodney for not being ashamed or afraid to use as of now his protected American right to tell us America is headed down an ungodly course.

**You can contact Rodney at: www.rodneysministry.com
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7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. .

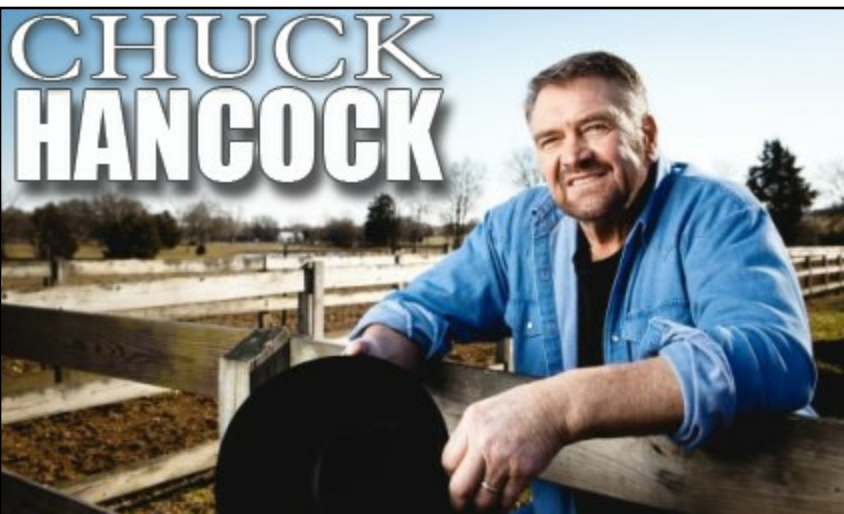
At that time "THESE WORDS" of God were up to Deuteronomy. Today (THIS DAY) it is the entire Bible. Make no mistake the word of MAN, taught as gospel, is ACCURSED. The man presenting it is ACCURSED. Every effort to take away or to add to the Bible is ACCURSED, Gal. 1:8-9. You think God is just beating His gums?

Compare Deut. 17:18-20; John 8:31-32, 15:3; Matt 4:4 (Use Textus Receptus or King James, not any "Modern Bibles" which corrupt this passage); Josh.1: 8-9; Psa. 1:1-4. Verify "Bible Mutilation", in www.christianarticles.net

God means HIS Word. Mark it well, not anything about the Bible, or the "Catechism" or any alleged addition or "new religion" will do. See "Signature of God" God marked every verse in the BIBLE with HIS SIGNATURE- with a mathematical base in every verse, with codes and chains of info, with prophecy. Nothing else has this. No other "religious" or any other writing, or Sect or Vatican's ex-cathedra pronouncements have this signature of God.

To study, obey and teach the Bible is a commandment of God. How do you keep it? DOES GOD'S PROMISE (Rev. 3:10) REALLY APPLY TO YOU?

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A God Blessed Man

Chuck Hancock

One thing Chuck Hancock will tell you is God has abundantly blessed him.

Let's start with his wonderful wife Cynthia. She is his helpmate in everything he does. He has been blessed with beautiful loving children. God has blessed him with financial security. Chuck is one of the corporate owners of a food store chain on the east coast known as Jet Food stores.

God gives him daily messages that Chuck turns into songs and then God gave Chuck the vocal talent to sing and bring those messages to life.

You see when you are a giver and Chuck is, you serve God with all that is in you, and Chuck does, then God will pour out his blessings on you.

Chuck has had four number one songs in the Country Gospel charts and now "Jesus I Believe" has made it to number one. Chuck has a brand new project out called "Crossover" and it is filled with number one songs. Starting with a soon to be released to radio a song called "I'll Be With You",

Don't be surprised if God Blesses this one all the way to number one.

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(2) ONE FUTURE COMING OF CHRIST JESUS IS TO BE SUDDEN (QUICKLY), like a thief in the night, totally unexpected. I believe the unexpected, sudden coming is only for His church, for Rapture.

Another, different, future coming is to be announced with a veritable countdown of 7 years. The 7 year countdown for the events of the apocalypse is in no way sudden. The latter is an exact countdown, very organized and detailed, of 7 years, once it starts, before the coming of Christ, as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The sudden coming is only for his church.

(3) THERE IS A PRECEDENT OF SAVING THE JUST. Out of every major/total destruction God saved his remnant. He saved Lot out of Sodom; He saved His only remnant, Noah and their families, out of the flood.

(4) AFTER THE THIRD CHAPTER OF REVELATIONS THERE IS NO MORE "CHURCH" IN THE BIBLE. After the third chapter NO Christian church is left in the entire remaining Book of Revelation. Only the Bride is mentioned in due time.

All of the New Testament centers around the church of Christ, right up until the end of the third chapter of Revelations.

The absence of the Church during the entire apocalypse can ONLY be interpreted as a real, physical absence. The pardoned don't go into judgment, where judgment is carried out. The apocalypse will be judgment of truly unimaginable proportions.

GOD SAYS THE SUFFERING WILL BE GREATER THAN IT EVER WAS OR EVER SHALL BE AGAIN.

(5) IN RAPTURE WE MEET OUR SAVIOR IN THE AIR. Jesus, coming at the end of the tribulation, is on the ground. This doesn't look like the same event.

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(6) JESUS SAID IT WOULD BE AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH AND LOT when He shall come again. Life would be "normal" for its time, marrying and giving in marriage, no warnings. There was no warning when the flood came and carried them away. This event without warning can only refer to the rapture, a time unexpected, like a thief at night.

When Jesus comes to destroy all the works of Satan, life WILL NOT be as usual, the world would have come through the entire apocalypse, a time of unimaginable disaster, and facing universal, global, death. Evil will destroy itself. "If these times were not shortened, no life would have remained" "But for the sake of the elite, these times will be shortened". (Elite means Israel and all survivors coming to Christ during apocalypse). The rich and powerful will hope the mountains to fall upon them, to hide them from the wrath of the lamb (Rev. 6: 15-16). THESE EVENTS WILL IN NO WAY BE UNEXPECTED. Read it in Revelations.

The above is not an unexpected coming, like "a thief in the night". "Unexpected" can only be for rapture.

WE are saved by faith in Jesus, not by faith in the rapture. Thus rapture would seem not very important? Not so, especially if it involves your presence, dear reader, inside the coming holocaust. We shall have tribulation; Jesus said, "In this world you shall have tribulation. But be not afraid, I have overcome the world." Nevertheless, we hope, not to experience the ultimate tribulation. This event is prophesied and will happen, the question is WHEN.

(7) THE BIBLE DECLARES THAT THE ANTICHRIST CANNOT COME, BECAUSE "HERE IS ONE WHO HINDERS, UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY".

May I say, it is the HOLY SPIRIT, residing in the corporate body of believers today, who hinders, until the church itself is taken out of the way.

May I say, if you please, the apocalypse itself cannot begin, the Antichrist cannot appear until the church is taken out of the way. At least, it is this man's opinion. But it is not only one man's opinion. The entire thrust of scriptural opinion favors a time BEFORE the beginning of horrors.

How ready are YOU?

SOMETHING ELSE - ABOUT THE WONDERFUL WAYS OF GOD? Examine Genesis 18:20-32:

And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 AND ABRAHAM DREW NEAR, AND SAID, WILT THOU ALSO DESTROY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

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26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom FIFTY RIGHTEOUS within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall LACK FIVE OF THE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 AND HE SAID, OH LET NOT THE LORD BE ANGRY, AND I WILL SPEAK YET BUT THIS ONCE: PERADVENTURE TEN SHALL BE FOUND THERE. AND HE SAID, I WILL NOT DESTROY IT FOR TEN'S SAKE.

Ponder that. Will those who love God go into the holocaust? You make up your own mind.

A messenger is of no account, only the message is important. In spite of two Doctorates in Science consider me a nobody, who is very grateful for your visit to www.remnantonly.info and www.mygodsremnant.info . Have a surprise.

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Real Gospel, Real Country
That's

Tina
WAKEFIELD

Tina Wakefield's new release to radio "Jesus Take A Hold" is definitely a Country Gospel DJ's favorite pick to play according to the reviews it is receiving from radio. Merle Haggard released the song years ago and Country fans loved that song. It seems they also love today's new version by female recording artist Tina Wakefield. The song has been out just a short period of time and it is already at #28 in the Christian Servant and Cashbox Magazines "Country For The Good Life" Top 100. Country music lovers all over America have been begging to hear real Country music once again. Now you can. Real Country, Real Gospel performed by a young lady raised in the state of Alabama. It doesn't get any more country than that.

To order Tina's CD's or to book her,
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MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF THE COUNTRY GOSPEL INDUSTRY

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Bruce Cutler has been playing Country Gospel and Blue Grass Gospel Music for 24 years as of this coming July 2016. He has an extremely popular syndicated radio show out of New York. There are those who say New Yorkers don't love or know anything about Country Music. Well my friends I'm here to tell you they do. One of my closest friends for years was a pro baseball player from New York and he could tell you everything there was to know about great Country artists like Conway, Loretta, Marty Robins, Hank Williams and I could go on and on. His name was John Glenn and he lived and breathed Country Music. We are talking about real Country not the Rock and Roll sounding Country that has come out of Nashville for the past fifteen years. Anyone that loves Country Music knows what I'm talking about.

Bruce Cutler plays today's Country Gospel and Bluegrass Gospel Music artists and supports them in every way he can, but they need to have that traditional sound. A good example would be a song like Jayc Harold's "Old Country Church" or Melanie Walker's "Unclouded Day". Bruce and I both do like Rock and Roll as well as all kinds of different styles of music but we choose Country Gospel Music to promote.

Some of you new artists in our industry may not have ever met or talked to Bruce. I would encourage you to do so. He was one of the first DJ's that I talked to on the phone when I first started in Gospel Music Ministry. Bruce was one of the first people I met at many of our Country Gospel Award shows like W.C. Taylor's "Country Gospel Music Guild Awards", Gene Higgins' "Inspirational Country Music Awards", and the "International Country Gospel Music Awards". He still broadcasts live every year at the "USA Gem Awards" out of Nashville, TN. Bruce has received, and rightfully so, every award and accolade you could receive as a DJ from each of these organizations.

Bruce and his wife Connie work together as a ministry team promoting faithfully the message of Christ's love for us through song. Bruce can't sing a lick but Connie is a great singer and together they are a shining example of what being Christ like is. I could write a book on Bruce and Connie, they have been loyal friends to Anna and I for years. I would encourage all of you that are trying to get your music played in this industry, or if you would just like to hear about the love of Jesus, to contact Bruce. He loves God's artists and their music. Get ready to smile and laugh a little when you call him. I promise you he is a real character. You can contact Bruce at: Do It Right Productions dirp650@verizon.net, (315) 359-9022 or visit his website at: www.doitrightproductions.net.



Way Out West

by Terry & Debra Luna

Greetings from the West Coast! Spring is definitely in the air in sunny California. The trees are blooming with clusters of white and pink flowers, the California Poppies are dotting the green grassy hillsides and the birds are melodiously singing.

Jason F. Wright states “With each Spring comes new life, energy and green growth....You (Spring) are all that nature offers, a blessing, a gift”. Therefore, what a perfect time to introduce this new column in Christian Servant Magazine, “Way Out West.”. This new section will be devoted to ‘what’s happening’ in the Western States and will feature special events, concerts, ministries and activities related to Country and Inspirational Country Gospel Music.

Korie Robertson visits Bayside Church-Granite Bay, CA

On February 27 and 29, Korie Robertson, wife of Willie Robertson and the star of A&E’s “Duck Dynasty” was the special guest speaker at Bayside Church in Granite Bay, California. She shared her testimony and promoted her new book “Strong and Kind”, an inspirational, motivational, thought-provoking insight into the Robertson family and their strong Christian principles on rearing children in this challenging time. With more than 12,000 in attendance in six church services over the weekend, “Duck Dynasty” fans were numerous and showed their *quacking* support of the strong faith-based family.

As a reminder, if you will be ministering in any capacity in the Western States please contact us at CsmOutWest@gmail.com. We will try to attend as many events as possible so that we may highlight the special event in this section of the magazine. We are excited to bring this news opportunity to you from the West; therefore, before we ride off into the beautiful west coast sunset, remember to send us your news and special events.

Happy Trails.....

Terry & Debra Luna

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