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G. It is the will of Christ that all of his people be with him where he is to behold his glory and his will is sovereign and will surely be accomplished. John 17:24 "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

CONCLUSION: I think of the parable in which Jesus includes the account of one lost sheep. The shepherd goes out to find it and does not quit until he has found it, and places it on his own shoulders and brings it all the way home. We are saved by God through the Lord Jesus Christ. What he purposed in eternity he will execute, he will apply, he will demonstrate, and finally consummate in the glorification of our bodies, our minds, and all that we are. ♦



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THAILAND MISSION REPORT

PASTOR BILL LEE

In Psalm 92:1-4 we read; “It is good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O, most High: To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hand.”

The giving of thanks unto the Lord should be the daily occupation of the people of God! This truly is something we constantly do relating to the Lord’s work in Thailand. The Lord graciously continues to bless His work in so many ways. We simply find ourselves standing in amazement at what the Lord has done, is doing, and shall do in His work in Thailand. He truly does exceeding above all we could possibly ask or think.

Bro. Matthew Villandry and his family were with us at Central Baptist Church August 9-11. It was truly a blessing to have them with us during this time. Bro. Villandry preached in our Sunday morning service, as well as our Sunday evening service. In our Sunday morning ser-

vice there was an added blessing as Bro. Villandry baptized his oldest son, Cohen. We are thankful Bro. Villandry and Brittany’s families from Arkansas and Oklahoma were able to be with us for this special service.

As far as we know, this will be the Villandrys last time to be with us before they depart for Thailand on August 28. They have traveled many miles and they have visited many churches in making their preparations to move to Thailand. They are now in the final stage of their preparations for departure. This will include many goodbyes to both family and friends. These goodbyes will no doubt be with many mixed emotions. We encourage you to be in prayer for this family as they enter into this new phase of their service to the Lord. They are facing many uncertainties and I am sure many obstacles as they take up residency in Thailand. But one thing they are sure of is that the Lord has

called them to this work and that He will be with them and supply their needs. Some of the most



sus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

- C. God will bring home to glory all he has predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son. Romans 8:28-29 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”
- D. God will make us like Christ before he is finished with this great salvation. 1 John 3:1-3 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”
- E. Jesus will come and change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21 “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”
- F. We shall all be glorified at the coming of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2. We are held in the hand of Jesus Christ and in the hand of God and no one can pluck us out of these mighty hands. John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one.”
3. We are preserved in Jesus Christ. Jude 1:1 “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.”
4. Jesus prayed for the father to keep us and God always answers the prayers of Jesus. John 17:11 “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.”
5. God puts his fear in the hearts of those whom he saves and they will not depart from him. Jeremiah 32:40 “And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.”
6. We can have absolute confidence that what God has begun in us he will surely complete. Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
7. Though there are many other Scriptures that teach the absolute and certain preservation of the Saints I will end the discussion of this point with one other verse that should give us great comfort. Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS CONSUMMATION

- A. As I pointed out a moment ago God has begun a good work in us and will perform it until it’s complete. Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
- B. God will preserve us completely and blameless to the coming of Je-

comforting words from the Lord for any true missionary are; “Lo, I am with you”!

We are thankful for each individual and each church that has joined with us in both financial and prayer support for this family as they leave all behind and go half way around the world to serve the Lord. Bro. Villandry has repeatedly told me how he and his family have been lovingly and graciously received and welcomed by so many churches and individuals. We also know there are churches that could not have the Villandrys with them during this time because of scheduling conflicts or other reasons. We are just as thankful for these as we are for the churches they were able to visit. And to all I will simply quote Hebrews 6:10; “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister.”

I speak with Bro. Paul Brown several times each week and I am always encouraged. Bro. Brown and Susan continue to faithfully serve the Lord and they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Villandrys. Although Bro. Villandry and Brittany are dedicating their first several months in Thailand to a ridged course of language studies, they will still be able to be with Bro. Brown

and Susan on the weekends and other occasions as they travel to the various villages.

Bro. Brown reports of new doors of opportunities constantly being opened in and around the area where they are now living. Our prayer is that the Lord will use Bro. Brown, and Bro. Villandry upon his arrival, and their preaching of the gospel to bring many to faith in Jesus Christ. We know there are many villages in this area that remain unreached by the gospel. There remain so many who have never heard the gospel of the grace of God and of the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Please join with us in prayer that our God would lead, guide, and direct Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry in their ministries in Thailand. These are not vain and empty words for the Lord’s leadership, guidance and direction is needed daily in this work.

We are also thankful we can report that work is now in progress relating to building on the land recently purchased. As previously reported, dozer work has already been done in leveling ground and preparation for building. Bro. Brown has met with an architect/contractor who will finalize the building plans and oversee the construction work. This individual speaks fluent English which will be of great help in these

matters. Again, it is amazing how the Lord provides just the right person to fill our needs.

Our first order of business is to widen and to build up the road leading to the property in order for large trucks to have access. Presently there is a small road, not much more than a logging road, on the end of the property where we will begin to build. Bro. Brown and those helping him have already cleared trees on each side of the small road and will soon have loads of gravel spread to make the road more substantial. It is now the rainy season in Thailand, so work will have to be done as weather permits.

Once the road work is completed our next project will be to dig a well. This may sound like an easy chore, but it is not as we are in a mountainous area. Many in the U. S. who live in such areas will be able to relate to this. We have been told we will probably have to drill down around 650 to 700 feet before we reach water. Of course this is not guaranteed and is only an estimate of how deep we will have to drill. The cost of the well has been estimated at \$6,000. We have an agreement with the drilling company which states if they do not get us water, we will not owe them anything. They are a respected and well established com-

pany and we are praying for their success in finding water on the property.

When the Lord has answered our prayers concerning the well, we will then begin construction of our first building. This will be our education or ministry building. This is where preaching services will be held and will also serve as a learning center for Hilltribe teenagers. Susan has already begun teaching English classes, which are not only a help for those learning English, but also opens many opportunities to witness to those in the community.

This has already proven to be the case as some are now attending the preaching services who probably would not have known of the services without the English classes. This ministry building will also have needed office space for Bro. Brown and Bro. Villandry. There will also be a kitchen and dining area, as well as an upstairs dormitory for the boys and living space for those who assist in the work. This building will be the first and by far the largest building we are planning to build. As we are able, we will build houses for both the Browns and the Villandrys. Also there will be a structure and toilets built on the property for the preachers' training classes. As of now, these are the plans for the

offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification." Romans 5:18 "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

3. All things that are related to eternal life and godliness are given by God. Romans 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" 2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS DEMONSTRATION

- A. It is God who works in us to will and to do his good pleasure. Philipians 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."
- B. It is God who gives us the sufficiency we need to serve him. 2 Corinthians 3:5 "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."
- C. We willingly come to Christ because God makes us willing to do his will. Psalms 110:3 "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."
- D. It is God who causes us to persevere. Psalms 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."
- E. It is God who preserves us for glory.
 1. The Lord upholds us with his hand. Psalms 37:24 "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."

Philippians 1:29 “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.”

1. It was God who opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27 “And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.”
2. We’re all familiar with a passage in the second chapter of Ephesians. Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves...”
 - a. A grammatical analysis of Ephesians 2:8 clearly him and shows that it is faith that is the gift of God in this verse.
 - b. That which is “not of yourselves” is faith, faith is the gift of God.

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS APPLICATION

- A. Salvation is applied by the drawing power of God. John 6:44 “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”
- B. Salvation is applied through the teaching of God. John 6:45 “It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”
- C. Salvation is applied through the power of the gospel. Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
- D. Salvation is applied through the preaching of the gospel. 1Corinthians 1:21 “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”
- E. Salvation is freely bestowed by God.
 1. Salvation is the gift. Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
 2. Salvation is the free gift of God. Romans 5:15-16 “But not as the

The Villandrys

Matthew
Brittany
Cohen
Lyla
Caleb
Benjamin



buildings on the property. As you know, our plans are always subject to God’s will and providence. Therefore we do seek His leadership, guidance, and direction in all that we do.

We want to thank all individuals and churches who have generously and graciously contributed to this effort. It is a wonderful thing that we can all

work together for a common cause in the Lord’s work. My prayer is that our God will richly bless all who are involved in this work or are connected with it in any way. And may our God receive all honor and glory for what has been done, what is now being done, and what shall be done in the future. ♦

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SALVATION IS OF THE LORD

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Jonah 2:9 “But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.”

Psalms 37:39 “But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.”

Both of the verses that I have used for texts for this message state the fact that salvation is of the Lord. They do not say that salvation is partly of the Lord and partly of the sinner. Salvation is wholly of the Lord.

Jonah’s predicament is very much like the predicament of all mankind when it comes to sin. He was hopelessly and helplessly lost in the sea. The floods encompassed him and the waves passed over him. Sea-weeds were wrapped about his head as the great fish dived to the depths of the sea Jonah cried, Jonah 2:6 “I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.”

The reason that salvation must be wholly of the Lord is because of man’s total depravity. The sinner is so depraved that he cannot come to Christ of his own ability, motivation or alleged free will. Let us look at a few verses of Scripture that show man’s inability of himself to come to Christ.



Jesus declared that no one could come to Him unless he’s drawn of the Father. John 6:44 “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Jesus also declared that no man could come to Christ unless it were given to him of the Father. John 6:65 “And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”

that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?”

5. This call to salvation is not one that God extends and then withdraws. Romans 11:29 “For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”
 6. Since this is a call from God it is also classified as a heavenly calling. Hebrews 3:1 “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”
 7. This call of God is a call to eternal glory. 1 Peter 5:10 “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”
- E. Repentance is absolutely essential to salvation and repentance is given by God. Acts 5:30-31 “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”
1. In repentance we are turned from our sins and iniquities. Acts 3:26 “Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.”
 2. It is God who grants repentance. Acts 11:18 “When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.”
 3. Repentance is to be preached in the name, of or by the authority of Jesus Christ. Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
 4. Repentance is a gift of God. 2 Timothy 2:25 “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.”
- F. Faith is absolutely essential to salvation and faith is also given by God.

2:4-6 “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

- B. In order to enter the kingdom of heaven a depraved sinner must be born again or regenerated. Joh 3:3 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verify, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:5 “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:7 “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”
- C. The dead sinner must be regenerated and regeneration is not executed according to the will of man but it is executed according to the will of God. John 1:12-13 “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
- D. The lost sheep must be called and effectual calling is a work of God. Romans 8:30 “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”
 - 1. It is very clear from Scripture that this calling that is effectual is a call from God. Acts 2:39 “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”
 - 2. This effectual calling is according to God’s own purpose and grace. 2 Timothy 1:9 “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”
 - 3. The lost sheep must be brought into the fold by Jesus Christ. John 10:16 “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”
 - 4. In his epistle to the congregation at Rome Paul again makes it clear that this call to salvation is of God. Romans 9:23-24 “And

David was not at all complementary of how men come into this world in a state of sinfulness. Psalms 58:3 “The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.” Psalms 51:5 “Behold, I was shapened in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Many men have been judicially blinded by God so that they cannot believe on Jesus Christ. Joh 12:37-40 “But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.”

Man has no natural love for God. John 5:42 “But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.” Men actually love darkness rather than the light John 3:19 “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” As a matter of fact the mind of the flesh is enmity against God as we will see in a moment The thoughts of men’s hearts are evil continually before they are born again. Genesis 6:5 “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

All men by nature are accustomed to doing evil They can no more change their nature than an Ethiopian can change his skin. They can no more do good than a leopard can change his spots. There must be a divine operation upon a man before he can do good and come to Christ Jeremiah 13:23 “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.”

Man’s heart is deceitful and desperately wicked and there is no inclination or motivation in such a heart to come to Christ Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Couple such a heart with the carnal mind and there is no way that man will or can of his own will come to Christ Romans 8:7-8 “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the

law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” He cannot be subject to law of God and he cannot please God.

We were all by nature dead in trespasses and sins and the children of wrath. Ephesians 2:1-3 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Therefore Jesus said to some to whom he was preaching, “Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.” (John 5:40). Considering man’s inability as well as his unwillingness to come to Christ we must conclude that the only way anyone would be saved is a salvation that is wholly of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord in its origination, in its execution, in its application, in its demonstration, and in its consummation. From its origin in eternity past to its consummation in eternity future, our salvation is of the Lord.

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS ORIGATION

- A. Our salvation was purposed by God in eternity. 2 Timothy 1:9 “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”
- B. We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:4 “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”
- C. We were chosen to salvation from the beginning. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”

In Memorium

The following dear saints have gone to be with the Lord thus far in 2019.

Bro. Jimmie Davis—died January 9 in Fulton, Mississippi. He preached the gospel of God’s grace for 68 years.

Bro. Bill McDaniel—died March 17 in Houston, Texas at age 85. A preacher of God’s grace he pastored the Lillja Road Baptist Church for 55 years.

Sister Dorothy McDaniel—died August 6 in Houston, Texas at the age of 85. The faithful wife of Bro. Bill McDaniel for 66 years.

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”
Psalm 116:15*

- D. Before the foundation of the world we were ordained to eternal life. Acts 13:48 “And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”
- E. God promised eternal life for his elect before the foundation of the world. Titus 1:1-2 “Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD IN ITS EXECUTION

- A. The dead sinner must be quickened, or made alive and the following Scriptures show that it is God who quickens. Ephesians 2:1 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” Ephesians