Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

In recent days Eleutheros Books has come into contact with a Christian filmmaker named David Wood. Mr. Wood is in the process of producing a full-length movie on the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ and has asked that a booklet (10-20 pages in length) be produced on this all-important subject.

I have agreed to work with this important project and intend to include a quiz at the end, making the booklet an important teaching tool.

Details will be made available as things develop. Please pray for this film and the literature; that they will be used to win souls to Jesus and disciple/encourage those who are already saved!

Please pray also about the upcoming trip to Ghana (west Africa). The plan is to use the first book, *The Ramifications of Our Salvation*, as a text for a three-week course on Soteriology for several hundred pastors and Christian leaders there. The date for this mission trip is yet to be determined.

Please feel free to check out the Soul winning Seminar on the website: www.eleutherosbooks.com. Eleutheros Books is dedicated to two great causes: 1. A revival of evangelism throughout the world, and 2. A revival of Biblical thinking among God's people. Perhaps you sometimes feel a great need to share the Gospel with a friend or neighbor but realize some training is needed. This seminar can provide it for you!

Here is a testimony from Ward in Georgia about the three lecture soulwinning seminar: "They were all edifying, and the third one was so detailed that it makes you confident to engage in Gospel conversations. All three lectures were a blessing. Thank you!"

Eleutheros Books make great Christmas gifts! Consider them for your loved ones.

The Mission of Jesus

Part 2

For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

In the last newsletter we saw that Jesus came to show His love in many ways: by praying urgently for His disciples (<u>John 17:6</u>, <u>9</u>); by showing His emotions when He saw the suffering of people (<u>John 11:35</u>); by recognizing the spiritual needs of many (<u>Mark 6:34</u>); and by healing many who suffered from nasty diseases (<u>Mark 3:10-11</u>).

In addition, we noted that He came to train His disciples. He did this by His example of patience and hard work (Matthew 26:45; John 6, the entire chapter).

Obviously, the most important reason Jesus came to this earth was to die for sinners and save their souls!

And He said unto them, I must preach the Gospel of the kingdom to other cities also: for therefore am I sent (<u>Luke 4:43</u>; see also <u>John 4:4</u>).

But I have a baptism to be baptized with (Luke 12:50a).

And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved 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 (Luke 24:46-47).

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:14-15).

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

In responding to Pilate's question about His Kingship, Jesus said, *To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth* (John 18:37; see also John 14:6).

Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31).

Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father (Galatians 1:4).

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (I Timothy 1:15).

And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins: and in Him is no sin (I John 3:5; see also I Peter 3:18).

How amazing it is to consider this one simple fact: long before creation, Jesus knew that one day He would give His life for sinners such as you and I!

Try to imagine, if you can, the reactions He must have had during all those ages!

Unquestionable, He loved mankind so greatly that he gave His life willingly; but He is also human, and the thought of bearing all that sin and having to be separated from His fellowship with the Father while He paid our sin debt was excruciating!

This, of course, brings us to an important question. What should be our mission?

The answer is simple.

Although we cannot do anything to save ourselves, including martyrdom or some act of benevolence for others, we can (and surely should!) make it our mission to tell others of His great love in paying for the salvation of all who trust in Him!

After all, the last words He spoke before ascending to His Father in heaven were these:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

May God grant us the wisdom, the strength, the grace, and whatever else it takes to fulfill these words from our Lord!

Rescue the Perishing

Fanny J. Crosby

Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one,
Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save!

Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore!
Touched by a loving heart,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more!

Rescue the perishing!
Care for the dying!
Jesus is merciful!
Jesus will save!