



## ***“The Worthless and the Eternal”***

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*Thousands of people waited in the hot sun of a churchyard in Fortaleza, Brazil to catch a glimpse of the blessed virgin, rumored to make a grand appearance that day. At day's end they were disappointed.*

*Many people walk by a crippled beggar in a Calcutta, India without casting a sympathetic glance. He suffers greatly in this life, with hope of working off the bad Karma, through endless reincarnations.*

*In a Chinese Buddhist temple a poverty stricken woman places a sacrifice of food on the altar of the gods represented there. The precious food remains uneaten all day long.*

*Such religious practices are what mankind does over and over to try to appease an angry and exacting God. There is never an assurance that it is enough, nor that it will actually satisfy Almighty God.*

*Historic Christianity however, offers one finished sacrifice ordained and willed by a holy God. Such a sacrifice makes men and women holy before a perfect God from eternity past, to present and future!*

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross totally nullified the entire sacrificial system in Judaism. The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us plainly that *“It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins” –Heb. 10:4.* If there was a possibility that these sacrifices were effective, there would have been an end to the offerings. But they continued daily and endlessly (Heb. 10:2).

But on the day Jesus died upon the cross, one of His last cries was, *“It is finished! (literally, ‘paid in full!’)”* There was lots of supernatural activity that day surrounding Jerusalem, Jesus’ cross and His last words:

There was strange darkness around the cross that afternoon –Matt. 27:45

There was forgiveness offered from an innocent God-man –Luke 23:34

A promise of paradise to a thief from Jesus’ dying lips –Luke 23:43

The veil in the Jewish temple ripped from the top to bottom –Matt. 27:51

There was an earthquake across the land when Jesus died –Matt. 27:51

Graves in Jerusalem were torn open upon Jesus’ death –Matt. 27:52

Dead believers resurrected after Jesus arose the third day –Matt. 27:52

Many people in Jerusalem were witnesses to these unusual activities. They would be hard to ignore. And there were the many appearances of Jesus resurrected, after both His enemies and friends had witnessed His death on the cross. Then there was a continuing growth of believers in Jesus, spanning from Jerusalem, Samaria, across Asia Minor and even into Europe. The growth and spread of the first-hand witnesses’ story was phenomenal to say the least! Even the authorities’ threats could not quiet down those who had seen and heard these events and bore witness to the risen Jesus. Look especially at Peter and John’s words in Acts 4:20.

Yet in spite of all this new belief in Jesus, the Jewish sacrificial system continued. Hebrews 10:11 bears witness to the fact that 30+ years after

Jesus’ resurrection, *“Every priest (still) stands daily ministering and offering often the same sacrifices which can never take away sins.”* Even in the day before Jesus’ incarnation the many sacrifices could NOT take away sins. Sins were only *“covered”* until the one sacrifice of the Savior. Since Jesus cried *“Paid in full!”* the final eternal sacrifice was made. The ineffectiveness of the old system is in view as Hebrews 10:12 compares it with the eternal sacrifice of Jesus: *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.”* This seems to be a major theme in this chapter as the effectiveness of that *“one sacrifice”* is further emphasized: *“...We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” –Heb. 10:10.* Of further consideration is the declaration: *“For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified” –Heb. 10:14.*

What does all this mean?

There are many priests in many years; There is but one Savior for all time.

Earthly priests offered many sacrifices; Jesus offered one.

Earthly sacrifices could never remove sins; Jesus sanctifies His people.

Earthly priests never sat down (never done); Jesus sat down in heaven on the right hand of God. See also Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 12:2 for a seated Savior!

God has a final plan to cleanse the sins of humankind that even the best religious systems could never do. Jesus was declared *“the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” –John 1:29.* This was God’s plan even before the foundations of creation -1 Peter 1:19-20.

Human religion is completely worthless: it can never save us from our sins. God’s plan to sacrifice His holy Son is eternal; Jesus’ sacrifice is God’s gift of salvation to us. Are you trusting in Him plus nothing else? –Romans 6:23  
Indeed, *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation...?” –Heb. 2:3*



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### **The Lighter Side...**

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy playing in front of his house near the stop sign saw him and called out, “What’ve you got in your truck?”

“Fertilizer,” the farmer replied.

“What are you going to do with it?” asked the boy.

“Put it on strawberries,” answered the farmer.

“You ought to live here,” the little boy advised him. “We put sugar and cream on ours.”

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, “Did you start at 1?”

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. “We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods.” The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, “I sure wish I’d gotten to know you sooner!”

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather’s word processor. She told him she was writing a story. “What’s it about?” he asked. “I don’t know,” she replied. “I can’t read.”



### ***No Crust Coconut Pie***

4 Eggs Beaten

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup Sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$  stick Margarine (soft)

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. Vanilla

pinch of Salt

3 oz flaked Coconut

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup Flour

2 cups Milk

Mix everything together and put in pie dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

-Kim Rockwell



## Helpful Hints

**Plant Trays:** Save the plastic liners from ready made pie crusts. They make excellent trays for potted plants, and since they are transparent, they do not interfere with the décor of the room.

**Paper stuck to furniture:** If paper is stuck to a polished surface, soak it with olive oil: Removal then does not damage the surface.

**Plant Care:** When you need to go away for a few days and have no one to look after your plants, cover them in lightweight plastic bags to retain the moisture.

**Summer Clean Ups:** Use a solution of Automatic Dishwasher Detergent and water to soak outdoor grill grates, then scour them with a wire brush. They will be clean in a matter of minutes. Then rinse with clear water.

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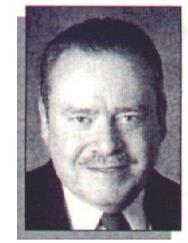
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## Rev. David Bauer August Itinerary

August 11 Grace Community Church, Lombard, IL  
Ordination Council

August 12 Roberts Road Bible Church, Justice, IL  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Service

August 16 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago



**Key Note Speaker: Dr. James Ford**  
Radio Personality and Long-Time Pastor of Christ Bible Church, Chicago

## Bible Related Ministries Leadership Conference

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## BRM Field Report #8

Life has been busy here, considering that it is summer time. There are churches looking for pastors and pastors looking for churches. That plus calls for help from church leaders and members.

One of our pastors contacted us to get some strategy in how to answer a board member with a hidden agenda contrary to the directives of the church board. Why is it that a person who pursuing his own path believes he is right even if the rest of the leadership disagrees with him?

Rev. Mike O'Connor answered a call to take an eight week interim pastorate in a rural area of Cochran, PA. Pastor Mike teaches school down in Central Illinois between pulpit opportunities. We are calling this interim ministry "Pastor Mike's summer adventure." He will work hard there. We are praying this will be an encouraging time for all and that God will send the church a great Sr. pastor.

Rev. Clark Seefeldt will be extending his time as Interim Pastor at Roberts Road Bible Church, while the search committee examines a candidate who could be the next pastor. Pray for patience and great wisdom for the church board and committee.

Pastor Bauer will be moderating another Ordination Council on August 11, for a young pastor candidate.

We get calls oftentimes, from disgruntled church members, insisting that the pastor has overstayed his effective time in the church. This could sometimes be true. But it is so easy to blame the pastor or the leadership of the church for the spiritual stagnation and empty spots in the pews. Could it be that there is a spiritual lethargy in the folks sitting in the pews? A pastor/teacher is supposed to train up the people to do the work of ministry -Ephes. 4:12. The Great Commission is for all Gods people to do -Matt. 28:18-20. There is a similar command in Mark 16:15. In fact, the final verses of Mark 16 show Jesus seated at God's right hand and the disciples not seated, but on the move doing what Jesus told them to do. Hmmmm...

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer -2 Timothy 1:9