

## “The Saving Life of Christ”

Rev. David J. Bauer

*Raynald III, a fourteenth century duke in (what is now) Belgium was held in captivity by his younger brother, Edward. Edward did not kill him, but built a room around his brother with a normal sized door. To anyone in the kingdom who accused him of cruelty, Edward would allow a visit to his brother in his room with an unlocked door. “My brother is not a prisoner. He can leave any time he pleases,” Edward would insist. The problem was that Raynald was so grossly overweight; he could not fit through the door. And his younger brother would make sure he had plenty of rich delicacies to feast upon each day. Raynald was a prisoner to his own appetite for the final ten years of his life.*

Likewise, we are in bondage to sin and its consequences all our lifetime. Temptations from the world, our flesh and the Devil wreak havoc over us daily. We can identify with the Apostle Paul who lamented: “*O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*” –Rom. 7

There are *three distinct freedoms* Jesus’ death and life have given to us, the redeemed who are justified freely by His grace:

**First, we are freed from the power of Satan** -Hebrews 2:14. “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*” Up until Jesus, the Devil had justice on his claim upon man. He even accused Job unjustly, challenging God to allow Satan to afflict him. But through Jesus’ own human death he rendered Satan’s power over humankind null and void. The Son of God took the part of human seed so He could destroy the Devil and his power of death. Christ had to be manifest as human so he could die a human sacrifice, yet without sin. 1 John 3:8 informs us that the Son of God was manifested specifically to “*destroy the works of the Devil.*” The Devil thought he was winning when Jesus, the God-man died, but it was the end of the Devil’s evil works. He is a defeated enemy; defeated at the foot of the cross! Amen! Let us carefully remember: The Devil is defeated! Any threats or guilt he lays upon us is a bluff and a lie!

**Second, we are freed from the bondage of death** –Hebrews 2:15. Jesus also came to “*...deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*” Death has passed upon all mankind, for all have sinned –Romans 5:12. Because of death we live a lifetime of fear. Fear caused Adam and Eve to hide from God –Gen. 3. Fear of death caused King Saul to swoon when his own death was prophesied –1 Sam. 30. Fear of death and judgment caused Felix to tremble –Acts 24. Death is indeed the last thing we want to talk about. Though we all will die someday, we live each day in bondage of fear against that day.

We are protected by our parents in the beginning years of our lives. But we soon realize that they will not always be there for us. As we get older wars, disease and accidents will thin the ranks of acquaintances who grew up with us. It doesn’t take long for us to realize that “middle age” is not the middle age of anything. We can do the math, and have plenty of mile markers along the way as we grow increasingly older. But Jesus came to deliver us from the bondage of death, by his own death and resurrection. God does not give us a spirit of fear – 2 Timothy 1:7. We do not need to fear. Fear is not a part of the perfect love of Christ -1 John 4:18. When we know the one who promises us eternal life, “*...to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*” –Philippians 1:23. Jesus arose from the dead to deliver us from *bondage of the fear of death.*

**Third, we are freed from the power of temptation** –Hebrews 2:18 “*For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to help them that are tempted.*” Living among sinful men and women, Jesus must have suffered temptation many times over. We usually think of Satan having at Him in the wilderness after 40 days of hunger and isolation. But His entire life was filled with temptations. He could not sin because He was God and absolutely holy. But the Scriptures declare he was tempted in his humanity and He suffered through it. We can remind ourselves that one does not suffer when one yields to temptation, but suffers in *being* tempted. As we resist, the temptation grows the strongest. But Jesus, who resisted temptation is very willing to help and qualified to help us, because of *where* he is today. “*Wherefore he is able also to save them completely that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them*” –Hebrews 7:25. The completeness of our salvation is the living Christ making intercessory prayer for us. If we want to remain clean, we only need to ask Him for help with temptation. He is willing and able to help. And He is able to sanctify us completely:

That is to save us from the power of sin unto a practice of Holiness!



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## Words of Wisdom Dr. Charles Svoboda

Troubles...

We like to look for a place that is problem free today. There’s only one place where you will not find any trouble. Do you know where that is? It’s in the cemetery. That’s the only place. And I tell people today, when they run from one church to another (and many of them are on the run), you’re running into more trouble than you had before. It’s because GOD is looking down on you because you wouldn’t face that problem where you were - you are running. And you will have more trouble.

Paul the Apostle says: “*Our light affliction which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory* -2 Cor. 4:17. Paul is saying that if you lived to the age 100, and you’ve had one problem after another, what is it in the light of eternity where there aren’t any calendars or any clocks and time is no more - you’re in the presence of the Lord. So he is telling you, no matter where you are, you are going to have problems. Face up to those problems. Don’t run away from them and keep on going ahead in the name of the Lord with your conscience clear before God and fellow man. Don’t be angry at anyone.



Rev. Chuck Svoboda  
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### “Pink Angel Ring”

- 1 Angel Food Cake
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup Sugar
- 1 Egg White
- 1 - 10 oz Pkg. Frozen Strawberries
- 1 Tsp. Lemon Juice

Beat thawed Strawberries, Sugar, Lemon Juice and Egg White until firm peaks form (5-10 minutes).

Split Angel Food Cake into three layers. Place “Pink Fluff” between each layer and frost with remainder.

Keep refrigerated. This is a lovely holiday desert for any time of the year.

Tried and proven by Carol Retzlaff



*When Boiling Eggs:*

Dip Eggs in ice water before boiling, then they will not crack.

“Hard-Boiled” Eggs will be tastier and better if simmered for 15 minutes and not boiled.

Even better tasting Hard-Boiled Eggs can be obtained by placing eggs in a pot of cold water and bring it up to a boil for 2 minutes, then shut off flame under pot and allow eggs to finish cooking by sitting in the tepid water for 15-20 minutes. This gives a softer delicious texture to the egg and yoke.

To prevent a vegetable salad from becoming soggy when it is standing waiting to be served, place a saucer upside down in the salad bowl before filling it with salad. The moisture will run underneath the saucer and the salad will remain crisp and fresh.

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*“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all...” -1 Timothy 2:5-6a*

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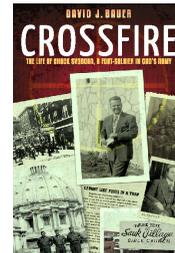
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September Itinerary*



- Sept. 3 Sutter Salem Bible Church, Warsaw, IL 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 East Side Bible Church, Chicago, IL 10:45 a.m.
- Sept. 21 Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL 12:00 noon



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**The Lighter Side - "Kid Wisdom"**

When your dad is mad and asks you, 'Do I look stupid?' Don't answer.  
Never tell your Mom her diet's not working.  
Stay away from prunes.  
Never let your three-year-old brother in the same room as your school assignment.  
If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse.  
Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat.  
When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your Mom while she's on the phone.

**BRM Field Report #Nine**

We plunge into the fall season with many opportunities for ministry with churches and church Boards and people.

At least four churches in changing neighborhoods in the Chicago suburbs are experiencing declining attendance, with future projection of more of the same.

And yet, our ministry focus should not change: we should still be engaged in the business of evangelism, discipling, training new leaders, and Encouraging our faithful flocks to be doing the same. This is the “Great Commission” and is still the mandate of the church until our Lord’s return.

We have been receiving calls from church friends dealing with many issues:

Ten main leadership families left a church and the pastor is denying that there is any issue.

We have reports of two pastor’s wives going through serious auto accidents where the cars have been totaled. Both survived, but one is dealing with the aftermath of recovery from trauma and damage to her head. We pray it is only temporary.

A church with a number of physical repairs is struggling just keeping up with operating expenses and salaries for their small staff. We recommend putting focus on only one project at a time so as to not overwhelm the flock. One thing at a time is all most of us can handle. –Matthew 6:34

Three pastors are seeking the Lord’s leading as to whether or not their time in their churches is coming to an end. How long is too long? BRM often recommends some time off to get away for prayer and fasting, seeking God’s leading.

Our pastors and church leaders have a lot on their plate in this modern world we live in, with dangers ever present and many options for sin and distraction amongst God’s people.

Thank you for prayers & support for our BRM team.

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer –Isaiah 26:3