

unto them, repent and be baptized and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37-38). That very same day about 3,000 were baptized and added to the church (Acts 2:41-47), which church He promised to build (Matthew 16:18).

To speak of the church of Christ founded in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost about 2,000 years ago is to speak of the kingdom of Christ (Mark 9:1; Matthew 16:19; Colossians 1:13, Revelation 1:9), which Daniel the prophet said would stand forever (Daniel 2:44). The Savior Himself said the gates of hades would not prevail against it (Matthew 16:13-19). You may be a disciple of Jesus yourself and belong to that church. For a Bible Correspondence Course by mail or post write to: (**LOCAL ADDRESS GOES HERE**)

CHOOSE LIFE

Howard Winters

The philosophy of the flesh is sin and leads to eternal loss; the philosophy of the Spirit is salvation and gives eternal life. God has, in recognition of our free will, set both ways before us. He did the same for Israel.

He said, “*See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live*” (Deut. 30:15-19).

Thus it is choose the flesh and die or choose the Spirit and live. But make no mistake about it: the choice, with all its eternal consequences, is yours. **“Choose ye this day whom ye will serve....” (Joshua 24:15).**

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THE NEW KING JAMES NEW TESTAMENT

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Recently I read the auto-biography of Mahatma Gandhi and noted that he said he was much impressed with the words of Jesus. He also said that he tried to read the whole Bible beginning with Genesis, but after one or two books he found it made him sleepy. This illustrates the urgency of getting *the New Testament* into the hands of unbelievers first for it is the gospel that is God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Their primary attention should be on the gospel; later they should read the Old Testament for its strong admonitions (Rom. 15:4; I Cor. 10:1-12).

Yet the gospel message is very needful with the hope some (Matt. 20:16) may obey it, but even if they do not, who knows but what the words of Jesus and the apostles may influence some to be better human beings and perhaps turn from a life of drugs, booze, illicit sex or even terrorism.

With these things in mind I wrote telling you about the effort to print 10,000 copies of the NKJ-NT. They have been printed in South India at a cost of only sixty cents each. In spite of the low price the little Testament (3.9" x 5.4") is very well made; being stitched at the spine with perfect binding. It is in clear type on good quality paper. At times I have priced similar sized New Testaments in book stores and found them selling at about \$6.00.

Our primary aim in India is to distribute them to English medium schools, but we would like to ship them to any English speaking country to use for evangelism and distribution in prisons, etc. In India we will give them away freely, but for churches that want to use them in their own countries we will ask for the printing cost plus shipping. As noted the cost for printing was only 60 cents. The shipping even in large quantities is another 60 cents, which means we can ship them to the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Nigeria, etc. for \$1.20 each.

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I am again repeating the lesson we have printed at the front of the little book to introduce Christ and His Testament to the masses:

THE NEW TESTAMENT

This little book, which you hold in your hand, is a precious book for it is God's New Covenant or Testament for all humanity. It tells the story of God's love for all, whether a person is rich or poor, male or female, Jew or Gentile, black, brown, white, red or yellow or from whatever caste or station in life he or she may come. As it is written, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16).

The well known and highly respected disciple of Jesus, Peter, affirmed, “*God has shown me that I should call no man common or unclean*” (Acts 10:28). Again Peter proclaimed, “*In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality; but in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him*” (Acts 10:34-35). In nine places the Testament, which is the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) reminds those who love Jesus to: “love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31). Are you lonely, without friends, bereaved in spirit, abused, forsaken, fearful, sick, infirmed or just weak, God loves you and you may know Him and His Son and be a part of His kingdom through reading and giving attention to the things taught in this little book.

The need for the practice of righteousness is abundantly clear when one observes local, national and international terror, along with crime, corruption, murder, violence toward women and children, suicide, immorality, hatred, envy and similar evils upon the earth. Such evil comes about because of sin, which is in the world due to the wicked influence of Satan, who is in rebellion against God and seeks to destroy the human race thorough temptation, lies, violence, disease, death and the use of ungodly men to carry out his evil work (John 8:44; Luke 13:13-16; Jude 1:10).

The fact is, “*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). And “*...the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Romans 6:23).

This little book also reminds us, “*it is appointed for men to die once, and after this the judgment*” (Hebrews 9:27). The cemeteries, the mausoleums and the funeral pyres around the world make all know death will come. We are also told that after death we will be judged before the throne of Christ (Matthew 25:31-33; Revelation 20: 11-15; 21:8). In view of judgment everyone must repent because God has given assurance to all that they will be judged by Jesus having raised Him from the dead (Acts 17: 30-31).

God has given us this one life and one life only; during which we must seek Him; as it is written again, “*God has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on the earth ...so that they should seek the Lord in the hope that they grope for Him and find Him*” (Acts 17:26-27).

Jesus, having the very same nature as God, came out from God (Phil. 2:5-8), and as all are, He was born of woman (Galatians 4:4), thus He was Immanuel, that is, “*God with us*” (Matthew 1:23). His coming to the earth was to save us from our sins (John 1:29), to give us a good conscience before God (I Peter 3:20-21), raise us from the dead and give us eternal life in heaven (John 14:1-3). For God through Christ will forgive our sins when we obey Him.

This Savior, Jesus the Christ, came to our world, lived 33 years on the earth, “*was in all points tempted (to sin) as we are, yet without sin*” (Hebrews 5:15). Being without sin He was the only one who could pay the debt for our sins before God; thus it is written, He tasted “*death for everyone*” (Hebrews 2:9). A person cannot be redeemed from sin and guilt by the blood of goats or bulls, but only through the blood of Jesus which He shed for all (Ephesians 1:7). We cannot earn forgiveness from God, by doing alms or other good deeds, for we are told salvation is “*not by works of righteousness which we have done...*” (Titus 3:5).

Forgiveness from sin is the gift of God because of His mercy of sending Jesus to shed His blood for us. It is the gift of salvation that must be accepted through obedience to Him, even as it is written, “*though he was a Son, yet he learned obedi-*

ence by the things which he suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him” (Hebrews 5:8-9). This means that salvation does not come by faith alone (James 2:24-26) or that we can merit such, but it does mean that through obedience to the gospel we are accepting the gift which he has so freely offered (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-41).

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, was baptized in the Jordan river, spent three and a half years going all over in the land of Israel “*doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil*” (Acts 10:38). During that time He and His apostles preached the good news of His coming kingdom (Matthew 4:17; 10:7). He told those early disciples to pray for the kingdom to come (Matthew 6:9-13) and He promised to build His church, that is His congregation or kingdom (Matthew 16:16-19) and he affirmed that it would come in their life time (Mark 9:1).

Jesus was very popular with the people as it is written, “*the common people hear Him gladly*” (Mark 12:37), but the religious leaders and the politicians hated Him and wanted Him dead (Matthew 27:18-23). The Roman governor who ruled Israel at that time gave in to the cries of the mob to put Jesus to death (Matthew 27:24-26). Thus the sinless Savior tasted death as a sacrifice for all on a cruel Roman cross about 2000 years ago (7 April 30). He was raised from the dead three days later on a Sunday morning (9 April).

After His resurrection He spent forty days with His apostles telling them among other things, “*go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned*” (Mark 16:15-16). Jesus then ascended in a cloud into heaven where He was seated at the right hand of God as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Acts 2:32-41).

Ten days after returning to heaven on the day of Pentecost (Sunday May 28, 30A.D.) He sent down the Holy Spirit on the twelve apostles and under the power of the Spirit they began to speak in foreign languages which they had never studied (Acts 2:5-8). To the thousands gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost they preached Jesus and Him crucified, buried, resurrected and exalted to God's right hand as King of Kings.

In response to their preaching the people cried out to the apostles, “*man and brethren what shall we do? Then Peter said*