

# Hunger For Truth

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**“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

**Proverbs 7:2**

**Matthew 5:6**

**John 8:32**

**II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Hebrews 4:2**

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- Why Does God Allow Sin?
- Psalms & Proverbs study
- Witnessing in the “Children for Christ” column

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. It has been a privilege to now produce H.F.T. bi-monthly. Praise God!

Spring is quickly approaching and the days are growing longer. Soon, the leaves will start to blossom on the trees. Isn't God's creation beautiful? Praise God!

This issue will have more from the study on Psalms and Proverbs. Please pray for me in preparing these studies.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to view, print or save at

[www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God's precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

## **Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)**

### **Why Does God Allow Sin? (By: Craig G.)**

The following is reprinted from a previous issue a few years back:

SIN TODAY IS EVERYWHERE WE GO, EVERYWHERE WE LOOK. NO MATTER WHERE WE GO AND WHAT WE DO, IT SEEMS THAT SIN IS AROUND US IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER.

AS BELIEVERS, WE SEE AND HEAR SIN AND IT BOTHERS US. FOR THE LOST, SIN IS LIKE NOTHING TO THEM. THEY WILLFULLY AND HABITUALLY SIN AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT.

I HEARD A GREAT SAYING IN A MESSAGE ONE TIME THAT GOES LIKE THIS, “YOU CAN CHOOSE THE SIN, BUT YOU CAN'T CHOOSE THE CONSEQUENCES.” ROMANS 6:23 SAYS THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH (HELL).

IS THERE AN ESCAPE? THE ESCAPE IS TRUSTING JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR. SATAN MAKES IT VERY HARD IN THIS DAY AND AGE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THEIR NEED TO TRUST CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR.

WE MUST REALIZE THOUGH THAT GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL. THIS IS STILL MY FATHERS WORLD AS THE SONG GOES. GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE WE SING.

GOD IS ALLOWING THE SIN TO FULFILL HIS PERFECT WILL. GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES. SOMEDAY, AMEN! SATAN WILL BE DEFEATED AND CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE WHICH IS PREPARED FOR HIM AND HIS ANGELS.



## Why Does God Allow Sin? (Continued)

BUT, WHY DOES GOD ALLOW THE SIN? THE SIN WHICH TROUBLES AND DISCOURAGES MANY BELIEVERS. WHY DOES HE ALLOW SO MUCH SIN AND SUCH HORRIBLE SIN TO EXIST ALL AROUND US? WHY DO SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE TO HAPPEN? IN THIS MESSAGE, I WANT TO COVER WHAT THE SPIRIT HAS BROUGHT TO MY HEART IN THIS MATTER.

FIRST LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE ARE DEFINITELY IN THE LAST DAYS BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE LORD. ANY BELIEVER CAN SEE THAT WITH HOW FAR THIS WORLD IN GENERAL HAS TURNED FROM THEIR CREATOR GOD AND TURNED TO A LIFE OF SIN. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW OR TOLERATE THIS? ALLOW MEANS TO PERMIT AND TOLERATE MEANS TO ALLOW TO BE OR TO BE DONE WITHOUT HINDRANCE. TO ENDURE OR RESIST THE ACTION OF. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW AND TOLERATE SIN?



### Matthew 5:6

*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*

### John 8:32

*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

**Concluded  
in 3/15/11  
issue of  
H.F.T.**

- A. HE IS A GRACIOUS GOD (Titus 2:11) (Grace is undeserved favor that God richly and abundantly bestows on both saved and lost)
1. We all deserve Hell (Rom. 3:12-18, 23)
  2. He allows and tolerates it because of his grace (Rom. 6:1, 14-16)
  3. He knows that we are going to sin because we are born in sin (Psalm 51:5)
  4. He knows we have a free-will to commit sin...even after hearing the gospel (Heb. 10:26 – there will be more on this later on)

5. He is a long-suffering, compassionate and merciful God. God loves you and wants to save you from sin (Exo 34:6; Psalm 86:15; II Pet. 3:9). We don't deserve any of this amazing GRACE. We deserve HELL

- B. IT IS OUR NATURE TO SIN (Satan is the father of sin – 1 John 3:8; John 8:44)

1. We are born with a sinful nature (Psalm 51:5; Rom. 5:12)
2. There is pleasure in sin (Satisfying the sensations) (John 8:34)

*Kinds of: Physical (Eccl. 2:1-10); Worldly (Luke 8:14); Immoral (Titus 3:3 – the unsaved take pleasure in this immorality) (tv, music, movies, sexual, drugs, crime & violence – We have all this because it is our nature to rebel against our creator God and the gospel of Christ...for Satan blinds them – II Cor. 4:3-4)*

3. That sinful nature is still with us after we are saved (Rom. 6:12-22), but we have the Holy Spirit (John 16:13) to help us

- C. THERE IS A COMING JUDGMENT BY GOD AGAINST SIN (God is a holy God who hates sin and will have no part of it)

1. God planned it all and makes no mistakes (Rom. 9:16-23 – He knows who will and won't trust Christ as Savior)
2. God will laugh at the wicked (Psalm 2:4-9; 59:8; 37:12-13; Prov 1:22-33)
3. He is angry with the wicked everyday (Psalm 7:11)
4. A Great White Throne Judgment is coming and those that rejected Christ as Savior from their sin will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Matt. 10:28; Rev. 20:11-15)

- D. THERE IS A SAVIOR FROM SIN AND THAT SAVIOR WHO IS SINLESS (1 John 3:5,9; II Cor. 5:21) IS JESUS CHRIST ALONE (JOHN 14:6)

1. Jesus is the Savior from the Penalty of Sin (saved from Eternal death & Hell) (John 3:16-21, 1 John 2:1-2)
2. Jesus is the Savior from the Power of Sin (By the Holy Spirit – currently!) (we see this in Rom. 8:1-14)
3. Jesus is the Savior from the Presence of Sin (He promises a home in Heaven someday)
4. Jesus wants to save all from sin (II Pet. 3:9; Titus 2:11; 1 Tim. 4:10) and save them forever (John 3:15-16; 10:28-29)

- E. LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A WICKED WORLD (Separation from sin – Rom. 6:1-2, 6-7; II Cor. 5:17)

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| 1. Study the Bible daily | 2. Go to church faithfully and often |
| 3. Praying               | 4. Witnessing                        |



## *The Book of Psalms: A Treasure From God – (Part 9) – By: Craig G.*

### **Psalm 19** – “The Works and Words of God”

Vs. 1 – The beauty of God’s creation is clearly seen all around us. Praise the Great Creator today!

Vs. 1-6 – The omnipresence of the Lord and His power over all the heavens and earth.

Vs. 7-11 – Speaks of the nature, value and benefits of God’s word, character and will.

Vs. 7 – We come to know Christ through the preaching of the word. It restores the believer and we get wisdom from it.

Vs. 8 – His statutes are truths concerning righteous living that are a joy to the godly.

His commandments, principles, precepts are a guiding light for the faithful who seek His way.

Vs. 9 – The fear of the Lord is an act of God’s grace that gives us the right response of obedience and faith to who God is and what He can and will do; which bring freedom from a life of sin and shame.

Vs. 10 – His word is more precious than the finest gold! It is to be desired more than our necessary food and is sweetness to the soul.

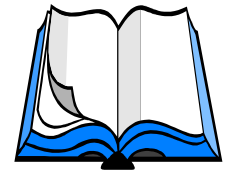
Vs. 11 - The Bible warns us of the danger of sin and how it breaks fellowship with God for a believer. There is great reward in keeping and obeying His word.

Vs. 12 – Endeavor to love

and serve Him with all your heart (Deut. 6:5). At times, you will fail and fall short of God’s will without knowing, so you need to seek His forgiveness for those hidden faults and errors. The heart is desperately wicked, who can know it? We are simply sinners saved by grace.

Vs. 13 – Presumptuous or willful sins can and do happen and are very dangerous. They break our fellowship with Him if not confessed and forsaken. They also affect our testimony and walk with Him. Again, we are sinners saved by grace.

Vs. 14 – The Lord is our Rock, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Therefore, we should be constantly seeking Him and asking Him in prayer to keep our heart and mind close to Him. Let the mind of Christ be in us. We should desire to please Him daily and be acceptable in His sight.



### **II Timothy 3:16-17**

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

## **Wisdom from Proverbs – (Part 7) – By: Craig G.**

### **Proverbs 8**

Vs. 1-4, 12, 14-16 - The cry of, vastness and wideness of wisdom. Godly wisdom is very powerful and what we must have as believers. We can not be both worldly and godly wise. (1 Cor. 1 & 2)

Vs. 5 – The simple and the fool can know wisdom if they seek it with all their heart.

Vs. 6 – Godly wisdom needs to be applied in our lives. It helps us speak right things and excellent things.

Vs. 7-8 – Godly wisdom helps us speak truth and makes us hate speaking or hearing wicked speech.

Vs. 9 – God’s word is plain and simple to those who are wise and right to those who find knowledge from it.

Vs. 10,19 – Instruction in the word is better than silver and knowledge of it is better than the finest gold.

Vs. 11 – Godly wisdom is worth more than rubies, gold, even all the valuable things in earth!

Vs. 13 – This is the biblical definition of “The fear of the Lord”. Do you and I hate these things?

Vs. 17 – Diligently seek godly wisdom early and often. It will be found. It is a display of love.

Vs. 18-21 – The wealth, riches, fruit, and clear path seen from godly wisdom displayed in the believer’s life.

Vs. 22-31 – The deep, intimate, passionate love of God for His children, and His knowledge of us from the creation of the earth and mankind! These verses also expound and clearly teach that God is the Great Creator and we are to praise and worship the Creator, not the creation! Look at all that He hath made (clouds, fields, sea, ocean, etc.)!

Vs. 30-31 – The joy of a close walk with the Lord as we live a godly wise life in faith and obedience.

Vs. 32-33 – God’s children need to hearken to Him, keep His ways, hear instruction, be wise and not disdain teaching and preaching of the word. Have a hunger for the truth of God’s word to learn it, live it and love it.

### **Hebrews 4:12**

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

Vs. 34-35 – Blessing, life, and favour of the Lord come from being and living godly wise.

Vs. 36 – Not being godly wise is sin and wrongs our souls. We love death if we despise godly wisdom!



## Quotes of The Month

*(Sources Unknown)*

*“Develop the habit of witnessing to someone each day.”*

*“Be faithful to the house of God in the assembly of the saints because it pleases Him.”*

*“Seek sensitivity to sin in your life, with open confession, repentance and obedience.”*

*“Pray daily for Christ to be honored and the Spirit of God to control my life.”*

*“Spend less time and money on your self and more on things pertaining to His kingdom.”*

*“Read your Bible and godly literature and junk the romance novels and secular magazines.”*

*“Give my heart and mind to daily fellowship with Christ in place of texting, cell phone talk, and video games.”*

*“Praise Him daily!”*

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “Witnessing”

**Memory Verse: II Thess. 3:1** “Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:”

TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Philemon 6, Acts 4:29, II Thessalonians 3:1, Matthew 9:38, 1 Pet. 3:15, Colossians 4:3, Ephesians 6:18-19

1. According to 1 Timothy 2:3-4, who does God want to be saved and what does He want them to do?

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2. Philemon 6 teaches us to be an active witness, why? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. According to Acts 4:29, how should we speak the word of God to others? \_\_\_\_\_

4. II Thessalonians 3:1 teaches us that we need to rapidly spread the gospel, what are some ways that we can do that? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Matthew 9:38 requests that we pray to God for more people to preach the gospel? Missionaries, evangelists, and pastors are just some who preach the gospel. We must pray for them and for more of them. Will you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What 2 things does 1 Peter 3:15 tell us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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We must pray for God to give us the words to speak when we witness

7. Colossians 4:3 tells us we need to seek opportunities to witness. Are you willing to pray and ask God for opportunities to tell someone about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Ephesians 6:18-19 teaches us to pray for others to be saved and how to do it. Do you remember to pray everyday for those you know and love to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

***I encourage you to seek out opportunities to give out a Bible tract to someone or tell somebody about Jesus. Serve the Lord with all your heart and give your all to him and he will help you do this.***

Write down at least 7 prayer requests and pray for each one carefully.  
(People you know, needs you have, etc.)

## American Heritage (Formerly “Favorite Quotes From Our Forefathers”)

*“Believe thou in the Lord Jesus Christ. Trust thou in the Father’s grace as manifest in the Savior’s wounds, and so thou shalt find an eternal nest from which thou shalt never wander till thou shalt build thy nest in heaven. Amen.”*

- C.H. Spurgeon  
(April 8, 1915 – From “The Wandering Bird” sermon)



## Song of the Month – “More Love to Thee”

This old hymn of the faith is a hymn that really should convict a believer to realize “I wish I could give Him more”. I fail him every day and wish I could love Him and serve Him more. “O that I would have more love to Thee O Christ my Lord”. Let this be our daily plea.

*Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain; Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain, When they can sing with me, More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee.*

*More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee; This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee.*

*One earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee, More love to Thee.*

## Praises

- Praise God for safety physically, mentally, and spiritually (Safety is of the Lord – Prov. 21:31)
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way. The best place to be is near to the heart of God in the center of His will

## Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers across the globe that they will come to know the Lord and raise their children for the Lord.
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA and for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches facing building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

## In The Next Issue

My salvation testimony and other articles, plus a devotional in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6



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