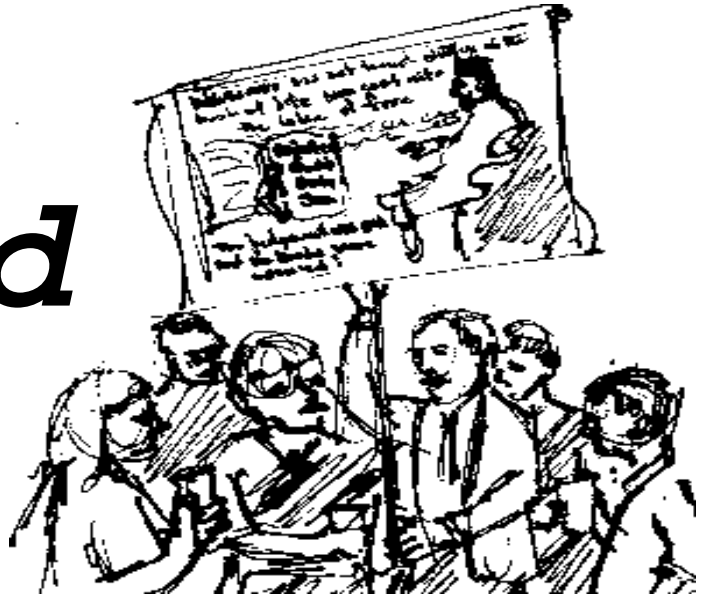


Banners Unfurled

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We have a great heritage as street preachers. I believe Christianity began with street preaching and may very well end with it. We certainly know that the 12,000 Jewish evangelists who will take over in the Tribulation after we are gone will be street evangelists. I am a little weary with evangelists who only go to churches to preach. Unserved people will not come to the church for meetings like they did 50-100 years ago. You have to go where they are. People tell me that 20 years ago when an evangelist came for a meeting, they asked for names of unsaved people and spent all day visiting and trying to reach them. Now they spend the days playing golf etc. before the evening meetings.



A Noble Army of Amateurs

John Nelson was a powerfully built stone mason who was converted under John Wesley and took to the streets to preach in London. In Nottingham he was assaulted by a mob and taken before a law officer on charges of "disturbing the peace."

"Why can't you stay at Home?" asked the officer.
 "You see the mob will not suffer you to preach here."
 "I didn't know this town was governed by a mob," was Nelson's ready comeback.
 "Don't preach here," commanded the officer, as Nelson went on, pointing out the town's moral need. In telling the story to Wesley, Nelson added, "But God opened my mouth and I did not cease to set life and death before him."

He didn't always get off so easily. The very next day at Alcomb, just outside of York, he was attacked by a crowd of ruffians, knocked down, and jumped on till he was senseless. Nelson's powerful stone mason's arm might have flattened out a number of ordinary bullies, but he did not wish to provoke a general riot. When he was beaten into unconsciousness, the gang trampled on him to "tread the Holy Ghost out of him," as they boasted. They dragged him by his hair, and beat him down whenever he attempted to rise. But the next day he was on his way to try it again elsewhere! It took more than heavy boots to "tread the Holy Ghost" out of these lay preachers!

These lay preachers were the direct spiritual successors of layman preachers of an earlier day. The prophet Amos was a lay preacher. So was Isaiah. So were the twelve disciples and the seventy sent out by Jesus to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. There were no ordained ministers in the beginning, the gospel was spread through the Roman world by "inspired amateurs." Quoted from **Endless Line of Splendor**

If you want a burden for people and our country, go to the streets. During the month of May we were able to spend 25 hours two different week-ends and work my regular Saturday night 'beat' the other two weeks. If you can do this frequently without your heart being broken by the delusion and emptiness of the world around you, something is wrong. It will change you. As a preacher said, "I am not surprised that people will not believe the truth, what does surprise me is what they will believe." You can literally feel the delusion sometimes. God said in *Genesis 6:3*. "**My spirit shall not always strive with man**" and I believe that applies to us today. My prayer is that God will send a breath of revival that will sweep in some of these souls that I have labored with. That is their only hope!

These moving lines by F.W.H. Myers describe the apostle Paul's eagerness to preach the gospel.

**Oft when the word is on me to deliver
 Lifts the illusion and the truth lies bare;**

**Only like souls I see the folk thereunder,
 Bound who should conquer, slaves who
 should be kings,**

**Then with a rush the intolerable craving
 Shivers throughout me like a trumpet-call-
 Oh to save these! to perish for their saving,
 Die for their life, be offered for them all."**

BANNERS OPEN DOORS

The reason I promote banners is because **they are such a good way to initiate conversations**. I particularly like the one on the White Throne Judgment because you can ask people to let you explain it to them. People basically will not approach you when you have the one on Hell, because they know what it is and don't want to talk about it unless it's to rebuke you for "judging them" or not being "loving". However, recently I went preaching with friends in Pensacola and they had several large posters of pic-

In the name of our God, we will set up our banners. Psalm 20: 5.

tures from the **Tell It Like It Is**. They had the kids holding one so I relieved them of it and held it up high asking the passers by if I could explain it to them. The picture was of the man who said "No thank you, come again sometime". The first respondent let me plant the seed of The Bible being a supernatural book but he wanted to know why we were preaching in front of Rosie's (a local bar). I noticed that he spoke with a foreign accent which he said was French, and having been previously urged by Jason Hines, (on his way to France as a missionary), to let him speak to any French, I sent one of the young men to fetch him. I 'reluctantly' turned him over to Jason who engaged him in conversation and successfully imparted the word of truth to him in his native tongue. Many, many times the banners produce a conversation if you will just **ASK** people for permission to explain the meaning. Furthermore, the banners preach to the crowd while we talk one to one.

What to say to a Catholic!

Because of having received much help from Bro. Bill Jackson (of Christians Evangelizing Catholics and former missionary to Irland under Alex Dunlap's Conversion Center) , Freida and I attended the A.F.E.C. (American Fundamentalists Evangelizing Catholic conference) in Greenville, Texas a week ago. Bro. Jackson has really helped my witness to Roman Catholics. A Roman Catholic man from St. Louis on the street last Saturday night, who took the Eucharist (cookie god) each week because it was "spiritual food" let me talk with him a long time because he saw that I was interested in what he had to say. I was able to show him the completed payment for our sins by the Christ of the Bible (Heb. 1:3) and contrast that with the incomplete work of the Christ of Rome. Afterwards he told me he was going to study the RC teaching on purgatory, which he didn't think he believed anyway, because purgatory appeared to be inconsistent with a completed work. I told him he sounded like a Baptist already. I highly recommend Bro. Jackson's book, **Do or Done? The Ultimate Contrast**, a practical help for evangelism. It costs \$2.00 and he also has a tape series, **The Christian's Guide to Roman Catholicism**, which is very helpful. There are 70 million Roman Catholics in our country, which is one out of four people. I deal with them constantly, and all the others have the same mentality of working for their salvation. You can obtain his material from C.E.C., P. O. Box 621853, Littleton, CO 80162-1853.

A SHORT SERMON

You say you can have a good time tonight and God won't care! God may give you up. He has given others up before you! **"So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels."** You may never hear from God again after tonight. You better not trifle with God. My friend, you may already have been turned over to your own lusts and now it's too late for you to ever have God as your Father, He's your enemy! You're reprobate and it's too late for you. God is not your bell-hop. He said **"Ye are gods and all of you are the children of the most High. But ye**

shall die like men and fall like one of the princes." You think you're a god and can do whatever you want, but buddy you'll die like any man before you. You better seek God before He hides His face from you. The psalmist said **"Why hidest thou thy face from me?"** Ps 88:14 He can hide his face from you and all your vain prayers for forgiveness will be to a blank wall! When the terrors of God cut you off it will be too late. You better seek God before his fierce wrath comes over you. Ps 88:16

God's children don't get away with sin. Ps 89:31 says **"If they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes."** You won't enjoy God's rod. His punishments can be severe. Gal 6:7 **"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."**

Some good help for street work is the anti-evolution material from Dr. Henry Morris who has now taken a strong public King James stand.

Dr. Henry Morris of *Institute for Creation Research* just wrote an excellent booklet, which is then quoted from in a leaflet entitled *SHOULD CREATIONISTS ABANDON THE KING JAMES VERSION?* In his conclusion, he says, "I believe, therefore, after studying, teaching, and loving the Bible for over 55 years, that Christians, especially creationists!- need to **hang on to their old King James Bibles as long as they live**. God has uniquely blessed its use in the great revivals, in the worldwide missionary movement, and in the personal lives of believers, more so than He has with all the rest of the versions put together, and "by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:20)

You can get on their mailing list to receive *"Acts and Facts"* each month by writing to: ICR, P. O. Box 2667, Cajon, CA 92021.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

July 3-6 - BIG CROWDS & INTERNATIONAL VISITORS
 July/Aug. - LOTS OF COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE EVERY WEEKEND
 August 30 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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Battlefield Bulletins

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS VIOLATED

Bro. Jason Hines & Noah Richardson came into town to preach and witness with me during the Memphis in May Barbeque Festival. They, along with my son Jeremy and I had just begun to pass out tracts and were not preaching yet when we were told to leave the area (we were outside the paid event gate on a public street.) The Memphis in May organization had a contract with the city stating that during the festival the PUBLIC streets (within a barricaded area) were rented to them for PRIVATE use and that this area had become part of the private park for the duration of the festival. I obey all law officers but attempt to hold my ground on constitutionally protected free speech rights for my sake and those who will follow me. I told them I would leave, but they had to have someone with the authority to order me to, so after speaking with two or three people they got a deputy sheriff to tell me we had to leave or be arrested. Before leaving, I had the deputy sheriff write out a note stating what had occurred and sign it. We had just left and begun preaching at the perimeter barricades when a man walked up, curious as to what we were doing. When we explained ourselves to him, he was very interested and told us he was a Christian. Then he introduced himself as Nate Kellum, an attorney with the American Family Association and told me if anybody ever gave us any trouble to call him. *"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."* Isaiah 65: 24 Talk about being aware that God was watching out for me! I took him back to the scene, explained the situation. He said, in his opinion, our rights had indeed been violated and this was a unique and new twist on things. He is now pursuing the case, hoping for a ruling from the city attorney's office out of court to restore our constitutional rights for next year if the LORD doesn't return.

SOME FRUIT

I was talking to a few people when another man came into the group. They began dispersing after a few minutes and I was going to wind up my discussion when a man standing in the crowd said "No, don't stop, keep on," which I did. After exhorting him personally for a few more minutes, I asked him if he would like to receive Christ right now. He replied that he would, so we got on our knees right there and he asked the Lord to save him.

Kurt had been praying for more faith and as he sat in a club while visiting here from Nashville glanced out the window and read my banner. Eager to talk he approached me on the street with his story. I questioned his salvation and he insisted he was trusting Jesus and told me his experience. As his group of friends got ready to go, I gave him a **Tell It Like It Is** and exhorted him to live for Jesus and be a disciple.

UNEXPECTED HELP

Mark Anderson and Eric Polanski, two linebackers, were in town from Buffalo, NY to try out for the "Arena Football" team. Both seemed to be genuinely saved and in fact had given their testimony on the radio, although I didn't know that until Jeremy told me later that he had heard them interviewed. They happily approached me while exploring the downtown area. I began to witness to their friend who said he was saved when he was baptized at 10 days old and had always lived a good clean life. They jumped right in to help me and really gave him a good witness. Meeting someone like them is always refreshing. I don't know whether they made the team or not, but the door is now open for them with their friend and I hope he'll get on the Lord's Team.

WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND

A girl from a local all girls' prep school asked if she could interview me for her school paper. I explained the banner to her, once again demonstrating that the Bible is the **ONE AND ONLY SUPERNATURAL BOOK** because it is the only one that tells history in advance. When she asked why I was there, I replied with *Ephesians 5:9, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."* After a few more questions, I asked if she knew she was saved and showed her I John 5:13, when she stated that she did not know for sure. Eager to leave at that point, she thanked me and went on her way.

The weekend of May 24-25, I noticed a camera crew coming toward us so I suggested to Jason Hines that he preach. He didn't realize what they were doing when the cameraman got in his face (one to two feet) close enough to pick up the audio and with a bright light so Jason kept turning away and the cameraman had to run in a circle around him trying to stay in his face. They asked for permission to use the footage so it's supposed to be on a national program on the USA Television cable network in September- something about outdoor festivals in the U.S., I believe. Watch for the banner of The Great White Throne Judgment and Jason turning in circles or maybe it will be the crowd going by in the background as the cameraman went in circles. I was laughing (silently) too hard to hear the sermon but I'm looking forward to the video.

I wonder how many photo albums my picture with the banner appears in across the world. Repeatedly, people want to 'shoot' me, many times posing with me. I'm sure they think I am a real novelty, but hopefully, when they show it again and again, God will use those words on the banner, *"Whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* Sometimes I ask them to send me a copy; no one has yet, but we'll see them all someday. I only hope and pray that I'll be greeted unexpectedly in Heaven by somebody that I posed with in one of those pictures.

RETURN VISITOR

In, 1993, a college student interviewed me for the University of Memphis newspaper and did a good article which included a picture of me holding the Banner. Last month the photographer reintroduced himself on Beale and said that he was really impressed that I was still at it and now he wanted to ask me a few questions. I was able to preach the gospel to him and hope God will further water it. He graduated this spring and was headed to the Smokies to hike the Appalachian Trail. It's too bad he wouldn't walk the sawdust trail, isn't it, but his girl friend came and hung on his back and quickly dragged him away.

FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

KHALED, a young optometry student from Jerusalem interrupted another conversation to ask questions. At first I was somewhat irritated, but God directs. He turned out to be a very sincere Muslim who left Jerusalem to get away from the radical Muslims and he also wanted me to know that he did not follow Farrakan. As he and I conversed and looked at Bible verses his girlfriend would look at each verse like she had never seen the Bible before. I asked her if she spoke English. She said, "A little", so I slowed down for her. Khaled, a SUNNI Moslem was gripped by my claim that the Bible is the only book on Earth that tells history in advance. He stayed with me thirty minutes or more as I presented the claims of Christ. and then asked me to come to the university where his Muslim friends meet to talk further. I am praying about this, please pray for Khaled with me.

KEEPING COOL

As Bro. Tomczak, a missionary friend from Bulgaria, and I attempted to preach during the Music Fest, a young man with a jester's cap on (points with a bell on each point) got between us and the crowd and danced around shouting lewd remarks and created a general disturbance. I just smiled at him and continued doing the best I could. He showed up several times and did all he could to stop or mess up our ability to deliver a sermon. But about 2 hours later, he came back almost like a different person and asked serious questions of me for 20-30 minutes. I have learned that it is very important to keep your cool. If I had gotten upset with him, this opportunity would not have occurred. ***"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient."*** II Timothy 3: 24

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