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It was on December 29, 1876, shortly after 7 p.m., when the Pacific Express Train No. 5 left Buffalo, New York, destined for Chicago. His dreams had come true. Philip and his wife, Lucy, sat close together, their minds in deep thought as they endured the erratic movements of the train with its click-click-click sound of the wheels moving over the tracks. The winter storm beat against the windows with swirling snow. The train labored along the track against fierce wind and snowdrifts.

Perhaps Philip’s mind replayed memories of past days. His parents were godly folks. His grandfather had come to America from Wales. Philip was born July 9, 1838, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, in a log cabin. One early memory was that of singing with his father, Isaac Bliss, the old hymns most likely brought from Wales by his grandfather. The Welsh were famous for their singing. It is probable that Philip’s love of music could be traced backward through the family to Wales. That love of music contributed to Philip Bliss becoming one of America’s most loved Gospel songwriters. D. L. Moody compared him to Charles Wesley. His hymns were based on Scripture, and to this day, they continue to touch millions.

His hymns included “Almost Persuaded”; “Hallelujah, What a Saviour!”; “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning”; “Wonderful Words of Life”; and the tune for Horatio Spafford’s “It Is Well with My Soul.” “Once for All,” “The Light of the World Is Jesus,” and “Wonderful Words of Life” still fill modern day hymnals.

Philip was eleven years old when he went to work on a farm, followed by work in a lumber camp and sawmill. Later, between jobs he attended school and studied music. On one occasion in 1869, he attended a revival meeting to hear the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Philip Bliss had a beautiful voice and that voice could be heard during the congregational singing. After the service, Moody shook hands with him, got his information,
and invited him to help in his meetings when he was in Chicago. Later, Moody persuaded him to go full time as a singing evangelist. After joining Moody’s ministry, Bliss continued to author Gospel songs, including:

- Hallelujah, ‘Tis Done!
- Hold the Fort
- Jesus Loves Even Me
- Whosoever Will May Come
- Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

On occasion, Philip Bliss traveled with Moody, ministering in music at his meetings. In one of those meetings in one of his messages, Mr. Moody told the story of a shipwreck. He said, “On a dark stormy night, a large passenger boat cautiously edged toward the Cleveland harbor. The pilot knew that he could only find the harbor channel by keeping two lower shore lights in line with the main beacon. ‘Are you sure this is Cleveland?’ asked the captain. ‘Quite sure, Sir,’ replied the pilot. ‘Where are the lower lights?’ he asked. ‘Gone out, Sir!’ was the reply. The pilot turned the wheel, but in the darkness, he missed the channel. The boat crashed on the rocks and many lives were lost that night.” Mr. Moody’s closing words were, “Brethren, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse; let us keep the lower lights burning.” At the next meeting with Mr. Moody, Philip Bliss sang a new song, “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning.” The song was published in 1874 and was a favorite hymn of Billy Sunday.

It was March of 1874 when Philip Bliss made a decision to give Christ everything. He would write no more secular music nor be engaged in secular business. He would sing and write for Christ alone. Philip Bliss could not know that in 30 months he would be in eternity.

Before boarding the train for Chicago in 1876, Philip and Lucy had left their two children, George (4) and Philip (1) with family in Rome, Pennsylvania. The train was running three hours late due to the blinding snowstorm and a 40-mile-an-hour gale. The temperature was hovering around 10 degrees below zero. As the locomotive approached Ashtabula, it was necessary to cross a ravine three or four hundred yards east of the station. The train was crossing the trestle bridge over the Ravine when there was a loud crackling noise. The clacking sound of the wheels moving down the track momentarily ceased but then they were instantly replaced by the sound of tearing metal and the terrible cracking sound of breaking wood beams. Under the weight of the falling snow, the railway bridge was collapsing!

The record states the following:

Two locomotives hauling 11 railcars of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, carrying 159 passengers, plunged into the river in deep snow when the bridge gave way beneath them…. The accident killed 92 people, including the gospel singer Philip Bliss.

and hymn-writer Philip Bliss and his wife.\textsuperscript{2}

The 11 rail cars plunged 70 feet down into the freezing river below. The rail cars were equipped with kerosene heaters, which exploded turning the wooden cars into infernos.

Some records state that Philip Bliss survived the initial impact making it out of the burning car. Afterward, realizing Lucy was still trapped inside under the ironwork of the seats, he re-entered in an attempt to free her. He died by her side.

The night before that terrible railroad accident at Ashtabula, Ohio, he said to his audience, “I may not pass this way again,” then he sang a solo, “I’m Going Home Tomorrow.”

The beautiful voices of Philip and Lucy Bliss were seemingly snuffed out under the bridge at Ashtabula, Ohio, but still they live. For over 140 years, the sweet sound of his hymns have echoed around the world with…

\textsuperscript{2} “Ashtabula River Railroad Disaster,” en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashtabula_River_railroad_disaster (June 13, 2019). Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License.

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Does God predestinate some to go to heaven and others to go to hell without giving them a choice in the matter? Are we wasting our time with sending missionaries to foreign lands?

GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND HIS SOVEREIGN WILL IS THAT MAN SHOULD CHOOSE.

Some years ago in England, the author published a Gospel publication known as Bible Truth. The periodical had a wide range of readership, including England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. A reader wrote to me stating that since God was Sovereign, all of His grace had to be sovereign too. Therefore, the term Sovereign...
Grace was scriptural, meaning that God would save some by that Grace and reject others. The writer went on to explain, “If God wanted to save the whole world, He would do it, and since God has not done it, it is not His will to do so.” It is this type of argument that the hyper-Calvinists usually use to prove their point.

This argument, however, quickly breaks down when applied to any other areas. For example, shall we conclude that God delights in murder, lies, and adultery because He does not stop these things? Surely being sovereign, He would stop all of this if He did not desire it to happen. The truth is that God DOES allow murder, lies, adultery, and evil in this world, and He DOES NOT APPROVE OF IT!

His Word abounds with verses against these things. He DOES allow men to reject Him, yet He desires for them to be saved. WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, AND TO COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH (1 Timothy 2:4, emphasis added).

The Bible clearly teaches that God wants all men to be saved; yet, some men reject God. The Church and Christ are compared to a husband and wife in Ephesians 5. Is it honest to say that a bride has absolutely no say in the marriage? It is true that the initial choosing is done by the groom, yet, what man wants a bride who does not choose him also? As recorded in Genesis 24, when the servant of Abraham asked Rebekah if she would go and become the bride of Isaac, he said, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I WILL GO (Genesis 24:58, emphasis added). She made a personal decision. It is clear from verse eight of that chapter that she could have chosen NOT to go, And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee....

GOD’S METHOD OF ELECTION IS BASED ON HIS FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THOSE WHO WILL SAY “YES” AND THOSE WHO WILL SAY “NO.”

First Peter 1:2 states Elect according to the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God (emphasis added). In the 1917 edition reference notes of C. I. Scofield Bible, he wrote the following: “The divine order is foreknowledge, election, predestination. That foreknowledge determines the election is clear from 1 Peter 1:2 and predestination is the bringing to pass of the election. Election looks back to foreknowledge; predestination looks forward to destiny.”

God does not determine the choice. On the contrary, He decrees choice. To deny Him this is to deny His sovereignty.

When God looked out into the future when there would be a world full of lost sinners and saw a man, woman, or young person who would in true faith come to Christ, whose heart would respond to the call of the Spirit, who strives with all men, He said that that person is MINE and wrote his/her name in the Book of Life. Romans 8:29 tells us: For whom he did FOREKNOW, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son (emphasis added).

One thing is certain—God knows ahead of time those who will accept Him. It is not unreasonable to believe that He loves those people in a special way because they are by belief and choice HIS.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and BELIEF of the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:13, emphasis added).

The “whosoever wills” are in His heart and have been before time began. God would not tell a person to come if he could not come or to believe if he could not believe. Some picture God like a cat playing with a mouse, letting it go only to grab it again to eventually kill it—a game of doom.

God is sovereign and His sovereign will is that man should choose. Again, keep the Bible order always before you: foreknowledge, election, predestination!

THE BIBLE NEVER TEACHES LIMITED ATONEMENT OR LIMITED GRACE.

The followers of hyper-Calvinists go to great lengths to prove their fallacious doctrine of hyper-Calvinism with such verses as Esau have I hated (Romans 9:13) and whom he will he hardeneth (Romans 9:18). They lose sight of the context of Romans 8:29, which states the fact of foreknowledge.

It is true that Esau and Pharaoh did not have as much of God’s mercy as Jacob and Moses, but it is equally
true that they rejected God’s mercy. It was theirs for the having had they wanted it. However, they rejected Him and God made His decrees based on that foreknowledge. Much of the election Scripture quoted by hyper-Calvinists is in fact written for Israel as a nation rather than for all people everywhere.

The people who have adopted this view cling tenaciously to the handful of verses that seem to teach their doctrine. However, one of the cardinal rules of Bible interpretation is that you interpret the minority text by the majority text. They have reversed this rule. Cults are born every day that ignore this rule. In the face of a multiplicity of salvation verses, teaching whosoever will and the freeness of salvation, they have made the relative few verses to which they cling the judge of the whole.

“I fear I am not a very good Calvinist because I pray that the Lord will save all of the elect and then elect some more.” —Charles Spurgeon

One should always judge the obscure by the clear. Always judge the minority text by the majority text. The only limited grace and limited atonement is that which MAN and RELIGIOUS LEADERS have dreamed up. Long before I ever heard of John Calvin or Jacobus Arminius, I believed that man was saved by GRACE ALONE without works and that God’s Grace was available to ALL MEN (see 1 John 2:1, 2; Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Now, I know that some good and earnest and sincere men are hyper-Calvinists. Many of them are Bible students and they love the Word of God. I am sure that I could fellowship with them on most points—with this exception. Our hyper-Calvinist friends have made a wrong turn. I disagree with them in love, and in love, I say to them that the doctrine that decrees multitudes of lost men to hell as the plan of a Loving God—without choice—is a grave and dangerous error.

Charles Spurgeon, the great preacher of London, was heard to say, “I fear I am not a very good Calvinist because I pray that the Lord will save all of the elect and then elect some more.”

This statement by Spurgeon enraged the hyper-Calvinists of his day because according to their doctrine, there can be no “more.”

Spurgeon said, “Beloved, cling to the great truth of electing love and divine sovereignty, but let not these bind you in fetters when in the power of the Holy Ghost you become fishers of men.”

The error of hyper-Calvinism is one that pollutes the crystal-clear, flowing stream of God’s provision of salvation to all who believe. It destroys churches and closes the door to sinners for whom Jesus died and shed His precious blood. To all Christians who are biblically open minded, I challenge you to keep before you at all times these biblical truths:

1. **GOD LOVED THE WHOLE WORLD.** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16, emphasis added).

2. **JESUS DIED FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2, emphasis added).

3. **GOD WANTS THE WHOLE WORLD TO BE SAVED.** “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isaiah 45:22, emphasis added).

4. **GOD WANTS THE WHOLE WORLD TO REPENT.** That all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

5. **GOD DOES NOT WANT ANY PERSON TO PERISH.** The Lord is...not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9).

6. **FAITH COMES BY HEARING.** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

7. **GOD WANTS ALL THE EARTH TO HEAR.** “Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

8. **GOD INVITES EVERYBODY AND ANYBODY TO COME TO CHRIST.** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Revelation 22:17, emphasis added). This was God’s last invitation of the Bible—God’s final word.

If these words that fell from the lips of God mean anything, there is NO LIMITED ATONEMENT.

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The **WHOLE RACE** is included in that word.

**GRACE**

*Not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1 John 2:2
Turkmenistan is the second largest Central Asian country. Eighty percent of its land mass is an inhospitable desert. The Karakum Desert, one of the driest deserts in the world, contains unexploited oil and gas reserves. Despite its gas wealth, much of Turkmenistan's population is still impoverished.

The Republic of Turkmenistan is bordered by Kazakhstan to the northwest, Uzbekistan to the north and east, Afghanistan to the southeast, and Iran to the south. The population of the country is 5.6 million. Turkmenistan was part of the Soviet Republic until 1992. In the Soviet era, the authorities attempted to eradicate all religious systems. Religious education and religious observances were banned. Mosques and places of worship were closed. Since 1990, there have been attempts to restore some of the historical culture lost under Soviet rule.

After the collapse of the former Communist rule, the communist leader Niyazov appointed himself as a self-styled dictator for life. In 1992, he led the presidential election with only himself as a candidate. No one else was allowed to run for the office. He renamed all the days of the week after himself and his family. The president then proceeded to build golden statues of himself. Niyazov did not forget his mother, naming the only men's magazine in the country after her.

Niyazov died suddenly in 2006, leaving a country without a stable power structure. In early February 2007, Deputy Prime Minister Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow won the special presidential election. He was re-elected in 2012.

The CIA World Factbook gives the ethnic composition of Turkmenistan as 85% Turkmen, 5% Uzbek, 4% Russian, and 6% other (2003 estimates). There are two languages spoken in Turkmenistan and the whole Bible is available in one of the languages.

According to the CIA World Factbook, the religions of the tiny country are Muslim 89%, Eastern Orthodox 9%, and unknown 2%. The unknown 2% would include Christian and Jewish. It would be extremely difficult for a missionary to enter this country. In many places around the world, the internet would offer evangelistic opportunity, but the internet is available to only a small percentage of the population in Turkmenistan. It is found in some hotels; however, it is under constant surveillance from the state. Visitors are watched carefully.

Persecution against Christians is on the increase. Christian leaders have suffered beatings and foreign Christians have not been allowed to remain in the country. Pray for the people of Turkmenistan—so long in darkness.
I reached out my hand to open the door, but I was quickly rebuked. His words were stern and emphatic. “I am not too old to be a gentleman.” They were the words of Dr. Charles Weigle who lived on the campus of Tennessee Temple University where I was a student.

While working my way through college, I had numerous jobs on the campus. One of those jobs was to clean the room of Charles F. Weigle. I did not consider it a job but an honor. He would sit at the piano in the classroom outside of his room and play and sing while I cleaned. When I finished, he and I would walk to the university dining room together for dinner. Because Dr. Weigle was almost 90 years old, I would try to hold the door open for him, but he would never allow it.

Charles Weigle was born in Lafayette, Indiana, on November 20, 1871, and was one of 12 children. His father was a German baker, and his mother was a devoted wife and mother. Both of his parents were godly people. Charles went to a Lutheran school where he learned his father’s native language. He had a great love for books and after his conversion at the age of 12 at a Methodist revival meeting, he became very interested in the Bible and made it part of his daily reading.

Because of financial reverses, the Weigle family moved to Kentucky when Charles was high school age. Because he had a keen interest in music, he attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and it was there that he received his voice training. “His desire was to become a baritone soloist; however, this ambition was not strong enough to sidetrack his interest in spiritual things. The Lord used several incidents that led him to realize that God was calling him to become a preacher and an evangelist.”

Dr. Weigle began his service for the Lord on a Gospel Wagon in Cincinnati, Ohio. A group of young Christians would ride down the streets of the city on a wagon and sing hymns. When a crowd gathered, they would stop on the corner, a quartet would sing, and then one of the young men would preach the Gospel. At times, there would be a thousand to fifteen hundred people listening, and hundreds raised their hands for prayer.

After Charles answered the call to preach, doors began to open rapidly. At one time, he was a pastor, but much of his ministry was in evangelism. He had great evangelistic meetings where thousands attended and hundreds were converted. He was an eloquent preacher of the Gospel. “Two other qualities so often overlooked are possibly the source of his magnetic personality, which colored his whole ministry: he was a consecrated preacher and a dignified gentleman.”

It was during his years as an evangelist that he became a hymn

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1 The Life Story and Songs of Charles F. Weigle (Chattanooga, TN: Highland Park Baptist Church, 1963), 12.
2 The Life Story and Songs of Charles F. Weigle, 12.
writer. He was preaching in great meetings and writing inspiring songs, but he carried a heavy burden. His wife was not happy with their lifestyle. Those were times of great trials and testings. Dr. Weigle moved his family from California to Florida in hopes that things would be better, but he soon realized that nothing had changed. After a few months, his wife told him that she was leaving and that their daughter, who was their only child, was going with her.

That sad night, after he saw them leave on the train, he walked the streets all evening and made his way to the pier on Biscayne Bay. There he sat and watched the waves go in and out and thought about how easily he could end his suffering. He said Satan said to him, “Weigle, you are suffering. You could end your suffering tonight.” Dr. Weigle told my husband and me that he jumped to his feet and said, “Satan, you are a liar.” He determined in his heart that he would go on serving the Lord.

Eight months later, he saw his estranged wife in Los Angeles. She laughed about her sin and mocked him. After that scene, he realized that there was no hope for reconciliation. A few years later, as she lay on her deathbed, the bride of his youth lamented that she had made the wrong choices in life. “She whispered to her daughter, who alone was by her side, 'If you know where your father is, please ask him to pray for me and see if God can forgive such a sinner as I.’”\(^3\) Some years later, Dr. Weigle met his second wife, Carrie. It was my joy and honor to meet her and become friends with her.

After about five years, Charles began to write songs again. As he was sitting at the piano and thinking about the way God had comforted and cared for him through his time of great sorrow, the words and music to “No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus” came to him. The entire song was finished in 30 minutes. Of all the songs that he wrote, this song became his most famous one. It has brought comfort to millions of people around the world.

Dr. Weigle was still writing songs in his older years. One day he said to me, “Mary, I want you to hear the new song that the Lord is giving me.” I listened as he sang,

> There are songs we sing of Heaven while we journey here below,
> And they tell of joys eternal, God will there on us bestow.
> But, one song we’ll sing up yonder, when we reach that heavenly place,
> Is the song we’ll sing forever, dear old song, “Amazing Grace.”
> Oh what glory, when we sing our Savior’s praise,
> Oh, what glory, when we see His lovely face,
> Oh, what glory, when we sing “Amazing Grace” in the homeland of the soul.

When he finished singing, we were both in tears. I have always treasured the knowledge that I was one of the first people to hear this inspiring song.

After graduation from college, my friendship with Dr. Weigle continued. When my husband, James, and I were going to be married, we sent him an invitation to our wedding. We still have the

\(^3\)Ibid., 15.
beautiful letter that he wrote to us on our wedding day while sitting beside his wife Carrie's deathbed.

After our wedding, James became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Olney, Illinois. It was a blessing and an honor to have Dr. Weigle preach revival services at the church and stay in our home. We would sit in awe as he told us story after story about great revival meetings where thousands were saved and about the way God had protected him and provided for him through the years. We were inspired when early in the morning we heard prayers coming from his room.

On the last night of the revival meeting, Dr. Weigle preached a sermon titled “A Trip to Heaven and Back.” The congregation sat spellbound. It was as though we could see the glories of heaven as he spoke.

James and I took him to the airport in Evansville, Indiana. As we were saying goodbye to him, he looked at us with a twinkle in his eye and said, “One day you will get the word, 'Old Weigle is gone,' but I just want to tell you, I will be in heaven.” When we received news of his homegoing, we immediately remembered his words and rejoiced that he was with the Savior Whom he loved so much.

Years later, we were ministering in a church in the country of Romania, and a young woman who had lived all of her life under Godless communism stood and beautifully sang “No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus.” The song had pierced the Iron Curtain and brought peace and comfort to those who lived under the bondage of communism. As I listened to her sing, I rejoiced that the Lord had given me the privilege of knowing such a man as Dr. Charles Weigle and knowing that I had been

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Dear Dr. Ray,
We have distributed thousands of New Testaments in recent days. As in the ministry of the Apostle Paul, some rejected our Bibles and hated us, some are undecided, and some received the Word of God with joy. A man named Peter phoned me and asked to buy another New Testament for his friend. I told Peter the Bibles were free and took one to his house. Please pray for Peter. A woman named Ann received one of our Bibles and visited our church this past Sunday. This woman is a sister in Christ who has been out of church for a while. Her husband is extremely ill and both of them need prayer.

— Arvin Devers, Scotland

Dear Brother Ray:
Please let me convey my gratitude for the New Testament Bibles that recently arrived. On behalf of Trinity Baptist Church in Market Harborough, England, we want to thank BIMI for an incredible investment that can assist our ministry for the people of this town and beyond. The New Testaments look great and I will look forward to informing you how they are received.

— Tom Britten, Market Harborough, England

Dear Dr. Ray:
Just to let you know, I received a call from the shipping company today that the crates have arrived in port in London. It looks like they will be delivered to us on Thursday or Friday. We are looking forward to beginning distribution of these New Testaments in the next few weeks. It is a good time to do door-to-door distribution.


Dear Brother Ray:
I thought I would let you know that all the New Testaments have been delivered in Colwyn Bay, North Wales. We are approximately 1,500 short, but we have delivered 8,000. The people of the church have been wonderful in rising to the cause of Christ.

— Leonard James, Colwyn Bay, Wales

Dear Brother Ray,
We have also had people come to our Coffee Mornings because of the New Testaments. We inserted an extra note and a listing of our Coffee Mornings. We have met other Christians and they have been an encouragement. One family rang the pastor and told him that they were using it for their family devotions. There have been other blessings each time we go out. The cover is so attractive that people have taken them because of that. Another great thing is that people now know where we are from the photos on the cover. I sometimes wonder why we did not do this earlier, perhaps because we would not have had the means! Thank you for taking the burden of the cost from us. We are thrilled to be able to get the Word of God into the homes of Market Harborough!

— Marcia & Reta, Harborough, England, BIMI Missionaries

Hi Brother Ray,
Just a note to let you know that I was told that I could go onto the campus at Waterford Institute of Technology tomorrow and meet someone from the Christian Union there and hand out New Testaments. Just wanted to let you know so that you can be praying that they will impact some students. There are kids from all over Ireland and some international ones as well.

— Don Thatcher, BIMI Missionary to Ireland

Dear Brother Ray and the 100 Nations Ministry:
I want to thank you so much for your kindness in providing financial support for my missions trip to Kenya. The Lord has put the country of Kenya on my heart from a young age. I am praying that the Lord opens my eyes and heart to missions in a new way. Thank you.

— Noelle Thomas, Newnan, Georgia

Dear Brother Ray and Mary,
I love the article “Old Paths” and the Rays Home Place Story. They blessed my heart. My prayers are with you daily.

— Oneda Webster, Athens, Alabama

Dear James and Mary:
How exciting to hear of all the New Testaments sent to Wales. We are praying for the funds needed to send more to England. We are thankful to have a small part in your ministry.

— Ladies of Victory Baptist Church, Rossville, Georgia

To the Dear Ray Family:
God bless you two and all you do. I am always glad to hear of all your victories for Jesus.

— Eleanora Hitchman, Butler, Ohio

Dear Brother Ray:
Thank you so much for the copies of the NATIONS MAGAZINE that you sent us. We enjoy reading them so much and they are such a blessing. The stories and facts about missionaries and countries and martyrs will be a great help to us in teaching our Sunday school children as well. May the Lord bless you.

— Pastor Dan Stailey, Fundamental Baptist Church, Hagerstown, MD

Dear Dr. Ray:
Thank you so much for the NATIONS MAGAZINE. I learn so much from each issue and I am challenged with every article. I sure appreciate your love of our Lord and your heart to get the Gospel into the hands of the lost.

— Pastor Ronnie Gilbert, Lakewood Baptist Church, Harrison, TN

Dear Dr. Ray:
It was such a blessing to my heart today to speak and fellowship with you via way of the telephone. Thank you for taking my call. Susan and I look forward to receiving the latest issue of NATIONS MAGAZINE. Again, we do appreciate the work you are doing. You are thorough in all of your writing. There is so much “learning” that
you are contributing to my Christian life. We shall continue to hold you and Mary up in prayer.

— Ralph Anderson, Bible Truth Bookroom, Pickens, SC

Dear Dr. Ray and BIMI:
Thanks so much for sending us the NATIONS MAGAZINE. It is the only magazine I read from cover to cover. God bless all the ministries of BIMI.

— Albert Watkins, Clayton, North Carolina

Dear James and Mary,
I prayed for you today. Thanks for sending the Nations Magazine. What a delight to open its cover and see my friend Bob Huffman smiling at me from Heaven!

— Jennie Brit

Dear Brother Ray:
A few lines about your DVD on George Whitefield’s Chickens and Baptist Ducks. When I was at BIMI, I purchased two copies. I kept one copy for ourselves and gave the other to our home church pastor. Recently, I was asked by a church up in Virginia to take their services. That evening I showed, George Whitefield’s Chickens and Baptist Ducks. It was very well received and a great blessing and encouragement to the people. Thank you for the tremendous work and effort you put into this DVD.

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