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The Parable of the Chicken Dinner

Back in the twenties of the twentieth century a new candy bar was invented. It was called the CHICKEN DINNER. Now please don't say that this was before your time because, if you do you are dating yourself as not being old enough to be dry behind the ears. Now this aforesaid Chicken Dinner candy bar was about the size of your ordinary everyday Milky Way, but it tasted something like a Baby Ruth. To promote this new delight the advertisers used a huge setting hen on a truck bed, somewhat like the floats you see in the bowl game parades. This thing was pulled up and down the main streets of my home town and I presume all over America.

Now it came to pass that one day seeing as how I was hooked on Chicken Dinner candy bars, I had a great uncle, that I called Uncle Rosser. The reason I called him Uncle Rosser was because that was his real name, and he saw me eating a Chicken Dinner. Uncle Rosser asked me what I was eating. I told him it was a Chicken Dinner and held it up to him and asked him if he wanted a bite. Uncle Rosser asked me if there was any chicken in it. Uncle Rosser raised chickens and at that moment there were several pullets running around the yard. By the way, a pullet is a young chicken that is just about frying size. I say this for the benefit of you folk who buy your chickens all cut up in the super market and are completely ignorant of what a real chicken tastes like. The pullets taste real good when cut up floured and fried in lard. My mother was an ignorant woman. She did not know that if you eat pullets fried in greasy lard you might die young with a heart attack. She paid for her mistake. She died at the tender age of ninety-three.

Now as I was saying, Uncle Rosser asked me if there was any chicken in that chicken dinner I was eating? I told him there was no chicken in it. Uncle Rosser turned away in disgust. I did not understand it at the time, but looking back on it, I realize he must have thought: how can you have a chicken dinner if there ain't no chicken in it. The Chicken Dinner candy bar soon went off the market. It may be that the

reason was because it did not live up to it's name. A chicken dinner with no chicken.

Recently I attended a Church service of a large congregation. I had been told that the young preacher was doing a marvelous work so I was anxious to hear him. He was an excellent speaker. I went into the services under the conviction that I was a great sinner. When I left I felt a great sense of relief. My sins were gone. You see, the message that the preacher presented that day enlightened me on the fact that I need not feel guilty if I should ever wear alligator shoes. Now I don't wear alligator shoes, but I do wear shoes made of cow hide and I had often felt guilty about it, but the preacher assured me that man is superior to animals and God has given us the right to wear alligator shoes. I thought to myself as I left--never have I heard absolutely nothing said so well. I had gone into the services that day expecting a gospel dinner. I found out that there was no gospel in it. The tragedy of it all was, that seems to be what the people wanted to hear. I went away in disgust. Uncle Rosser would have understood.

Thank You! Thank You!

We are humbled by your response to our call for HELP! In the May newsletter we asked for your help upon dropping 2 short-wave broadcasts and suspending the shipping of Bibles. Thank you for hearing our call and responding. Many of you gave over and above your regular monthly gifts and others gave very generous gifts to GJAPA for the first time. We thank you so much and because of your gifts we have picked up one of the short-wave stations and started sending Bibles to prisoners, and have ordered Bibles that will be sent to Africa next week. May God bless each of you who gave in helping us to recover from the \$25,000 deficit. Please keep praying for GJAPA, and continue to help as God blesses you with the funds to do so.

Ed & Naomi

A DO NOTHING RELIGION

Reprint from November 1997

J. Paul Tisdell, a preacher in San Antonio told me I ought to preach a sermon on, "A Do Nothing Religion." I said, "What kind of a religion is that?" He said that it is obvious that to go to Heaven, according to some, you don't have to do anything to get there. Just do nothing. So as we talked about it we thought about several of these DO NOTHING RELIGIONS.

One of the do nothing religions is what used to be called Extreme Unction of last rites. I heard of a gangster who hired a priest to follow him around everywhere he went. The only duty the priest had was to stay close to the gangster and give him last rites in case he got shot. In that case that was a real DO NOTHING RELIGION.

Another do nothing religion we thought about was, "Once in grace always in grace." Once you are saved you never can be lost. One elder of the Church said that he had a man tell him that he had been saved, and if he never attended another Church service he would go to Heaven. The same elder told me of a woman who said if she wanted to, she could become a prostitute and she would go to Heaven, because she was once saved and could never be lost. How is that for a first class DO NOTHING RELIGION?

Another do nothing religion that came to our collective minds was Baptism for the dead. All you need to do is be sure you have some relatives promise they will be baptized for you after you kick off and you can do as you please. You can see by now that we have a wide choice of DO NOTHING RELIGIONS.

Another obvious do nothing religion is predestination. That is the belief that God had foreordained that certain people are going to Heaven and certain people are going to Hell. So since it is already decided who goes to Heaven and who doesn't, all you have to do is wait around and see if you are one of the lucky ones. I heard of a preacher who believed in predestination who visited another preacher who had a big dog in the yard. The dog growled at the preacher. The preacher called to the dog's owner and said, "Call off your dog." The master of the dog said, "That dog has been predestined and foreordained before the foundation of the world to either bite you or not bite you. I am not going to call him off and interfere with the Lord's business." Now how is that for a DO NOTHING RELIGION? Another popular do nothing religion we thought of is Universalism. The belief that everyone will ultimately be saved. Many people believe this who may not belong to that particular denomination. One man told me he was talking to a woman who said that God would save everybody. He is too good to send anyone to Hell. I said, "Why didn't you ask her if she thought Hitler would go to Heaven?" He said he did ask her and she said, "Yes, even Hitler will be saved." This is one of the most popular of all. Most members of the Church of Christ and or Christian Church believe this brand of DO NOTHING RELIGION.

We might throw in one more--how about death bed repentance? Live your life as you will. Burn the candle at both ends and when you breathe your last breath repent and blow the smoke in God's face. This is one of the best. You

save a lot of money as well as time in this DO NOTHING RELIGION.

Update from Ike & Lee Pertey

We greet everybody at GIJAPA and all those who are listening to the radio broadcast and also those of you who are taking the Bible correspondence course, and more especially to you who support GIJAPA financially for the Gospel to be preached in diverse ways to millions of people all over the world! We say, *Continue with whatever you are doing to assist GIJAPA, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for Ed and Naomi (Colossians 3:23)*

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

The truth is nearing completion on the work in those six villages but as we go from one village to another, we have been directed to other villages unknown to us.

We need more materials like Bibles and books for distribution, we are therefore appealing to everybody who is reading this to please, help GIJAPA to be able to supply us with the needed materials for the work we are doing here by donating to GIJAPA and to also continue with the radio broadcast. May the good Lord bless you as you donate towards His work?

This project is yielding good results everyday. More requests for the course keep flooding our mailbox and home every week that sometimes we run short of lessons. Though some students keep so long in returning the lessons to be sent back to the USA for grading, they are returned eventually; this we hope is better than before when people just take the Bibles and sell them and throw away the lessons. Thank God He led us to this practice, which has now seized.

We realized that the lessons to the students were not forth coming so Lee and I decided to go round to see if they have deposited them at the various delivery and collection point we designated for them to deposit the lesson, especially for those who can't afford to post them to us. So we started on last week Saturday June 24 through to Thursday June 29, 2006. We traveled to 13 towns and villages and mobilized over 785 sets (5 lessons in a set) of completed lessons. Though very fatigue and cost us much money because we do not have our own car, it's worth the effort as we took the opportunity to preach Christ to most of the people and students. Glad to inform you that we baptized two souls through this exercise. We also enrolled 185 new students. We distributed two and a half cases of Bibles to non-students in this exercise. We also had over 20 graduates. It will interest you to know that we have a pastor of the born again Evangelistic Church attending service and our Wednesday's Bible class with us--he is a student of the GIJAPA Bible study course.

Another thing we have realized is that, the people are more than glad to finish the course before getting the Bibles, books, certificates and tapes. This put some seriousness and commitment into the students than before when the Bibles are sent with the lessons--there was no seriousness; after all he needed was the Bible and he has it so why should he worry himself? The situation has changed completely by the grace of God. **IS IT YIELDING THE**

REQUIRED RESULT? The aim of the Bible Study Lessons has not been in vain. We have had people worshipping with us and in other congregations of the Lord's Church through it. Read this: *"I never thought there was a place where I could learn all these secrets about the Lord's church. All along I thought I was doing the right thing for the Lord until I read your course. My wife and I and all our kids are now worshipping with the Church of Christ in our town here. Thank you for the wonderful lessons and also the tracts."* Kofi Annan Akokwaa.

Glad to inform you that we also have one Pastor of one of the denominational churches who attends Bible Classes with us and have been worshipping with us sometimes on Sundays. He is Pastor Williams. (Has completed his lessons, got his Bibles, books and certificate, and have been enrolling his church members too).

BAPTISMS

Just recently when Lee and I went round to collect graded lessons from our designated points, we baptized 2 people through our Bible study with most people in those towns and villages, as we did not just pick completed lessons but also did door knocking. We have so far recorded 6 baptisms in the last month and many more people are coming in to worship with us through the GIJAPA Bible correspondence courses. This brings the number of baptisms to 43 (just for the Bible Study Course) in all since we started this project with GIJAPA last September 2005.

USED CLOTHING

We are using the chance to say a big thank you to every one of you who donated the used clothing for the poorest children and people in the villages where **THE TRUTH-GIJAPA** is working. The first ones have been distributed and picture of a section of those who received them has been sent to Ed and Naomi for you to see who got or wears what you donated. **Thank you so much (Churches of Christ at Marshall, Leesburg, and New Vienna for contributing used clothing) and please, as you have the ability, continue to donate for the people for they need them (Galatians 6:10).** God bless you all, and God bless Ed and Naomi, too!

WE NEED BIBLES

Due to the shortage of funds at GIJAPA, the number of Bibles for (especially) non-students of the course has reduced drastically and so has put a lot of pressure on us by the people. We still have (to date) 527 requests for Bibles in local languages, 613 requests for English Bibles, and (118 requests for GIJAPA T-shirts and caps, 56 requests for Bible Dictionaries, 48 requests for Concordances). However the situation, **THE TRUTH** is coping and trying to see how best to satisfy these requests as GIJAPA keeps sending the Bibles. *(GIJAPA has resumed the shipping of Bibles to Ike as well as other parts of the world, THANK YOU ALL who contributed so generously so we could do this again. You will be blessed because of it!)*

Bibles in our local languages are needed as most of the people can not read or don't understand well the English language when they read it may be because they did not have enough education or at all. We are therefore appealing to everybody out there to please continue to support GIJAPA to be able to supply us with the needed mate-

rials for the soul-winning job we are doing here, for together we are winning souls by you **Sending your \$support**, for your support is never in vain. *(\$500 out of the Bible fund has been sent to Ike for Bibles in his own language, that will buy 100 Bibles).* We would like to end here by saying that *"Give generously to Him and do so without grudging in your heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to (Deuteronomy 15:10)."* See you next month and please, continue to pray for us, as people have now known us as **IKE and LEE**, and are now abusing us face to face and through the phone or letters. **Thank you and God bless you.**

PORTRAIT OF SALVATION

Communion Meditation

The PORTRAIT OF SALVATION is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. When Jesus died; He died on the cross. In like manner we also must die on the cross. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." And then again in Romans 6:6, "Our old man was crucified with Him." Also in Galatians 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof."

Jesus died on the cross, and we must be crucified on the cross. The portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

But notice further when Jesus died it was necessary that He be buried. It is also necessary that we be buried. Earth is earth, and water is water. When a person is buried in physical death a hole is dug, and he is buried and covered up.

When we die on our cross we must be buried and covered up. Paul tells us about that burial in Romans 6:4 when he says, "We were buried with Him in baptism." We were lowered into the water, and buried out of sight.

Jesus was buried after He was crucified, and we must be buried after we are crucified. The portrait of the burial of Christ in the tomb is reproduced in the burial in baptism of the redeemed.

There is a third element in the portrait of the death of our Lord. After the Lord's dead body was buried, He was raised up on the third day. The angels at the tomb said, "He is not here, for He is risen even as He said."

We must also be raised up from our watery grave. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12, "Buried with Him in baptism wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Again in Romans 6:4 "As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life."

Jesus was raised from the dead, and we having died to sin need to be raised up also. The portrait of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

Now let us look at the whole portrait of salvation. Jesus the Redeemer died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead, and the redeemed in like manner duplicate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. And that completes the PORTRAIT OF THE REDEEMERS SALVATION AS REPRODUCED IN THE LIFE OF THE REDEEMED.

Letters

Dear Bro. Bousman,

I could not sleep and was searching the AM radio dial for something interesting at Central time 10:30 PM when I was fortunate enough to hear a hymn done by what I believe to be sung by a men's quartet. That song being "God Is Just A Prayer Away." For years I have tried to find out who sings that and how in the world I could ever receive an album of that same copy played as an introduction to your broadcast. I am seldom fortunate and blessed enough to be able to pick up such a wonderful message and such beautiful music introduction as yours was. I jumped out of bed and prayed I could get to another room in time to write down your name and address and I pray so this will arrive to you. Can you please send me information on how to obtain a CD of the song? God bless and I hope to pick up WOAI in San Antonio again this Saturday night at 10:30 PM.

A fortunate listener, Viola from Burnet, TX

Dear Preacher,

Greetings to you in the precious name of beloved Son of God, our Saviour Jesus Christ and from our Father God. Grace from our Father God almighty and our Lord Jesus Christ for you and your ministry, When I saw your Bible study course with my friend who is your student, I appreciate to you and thanks to God because of what you are doing to expand for a Gospel to the whole world. If it is possible please I want to learn with your ministry through Bible study course and membership. May God bless you abundantly.

Your brother Teklemariam, from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Ed and Naomi,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! Thank you for the sermon of the week that you sent today. I hope that you're doing well in Lynchburg. I'd like to tell you some things about being in Uganda. Bro. Reggie Thomas was planning

on going, but he just didn't feel up to it. He had never been to Uganda. He corresponded with Raymond Galiwango for several months to make the plans. I guess that there really wasn't a church of Christ over there that Bro. Reggie was aware of. I was able to preach outside 3 evenings. The platform for me and the singers was about 150 yards in front of a Muslem school. I took a swimming pool to baptize in. We praise God that 80 people were immersed into Christ. One woman had been a Muslim. Raymond said that he could tell by the names if the people were Muslims I handed out the crack and peel labels that you sent me. I'm hoping that the people will check out your website. (Especially the pastors. There are 2 needs that I want to mention to you. Maybe you will know some churches that individuals that will want to help. The people need Bibles. They also need trays to hold the cups for the Lord's Supper. They would probably need 3 trays. God bless your efforts that are impacting places thousands of miles from Ohio!

Because of Jesus, Barry Kermeen

Brother Ed,

Greetings, and thank you, I look forward to receiving the CD and tape. Today I passed on the two tapes to members in the church. As I handed them over there was a brother who quickly asked to be next in line to listen to them. There are now a few members in line to listen to them. I passed on the newsletter to a brother from Ghana. I pointed out the correspondence section from Ghana to him. He was very interested. Thank you.

Your brother and servant in Christ
Aubrey Ruddle from UK

Dear Ed Bousman,

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and our Saviour. I am Medhansé from Eritrea. My friend Timothy had tell me about you so please send to me your Bible course and English Bible. And also I need your prayers. Thank you very much.

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