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### A NEW LEAF FOR 2015

He came to my desk with a quivering lip, he said, "I'm done dear Teacher, I want a new Leaf, I've spoiled the old one." I took the old leaf, stained and blotted and gave him a new One all unspotted. And into his sad eyes, I smiled, "Do better now, my child."

I came to the throne of grace, the year was done and I said, "Dear Father, I want a New Year, I've spoiled the old one." He took the old year, stained and blotted, and gave me a New one all unspotted and into my tired eyes he smiled, "Do better now, my child."

### Useful Tool for Your 2015 Soul Winning NT PLAN OF SALVATION AND THE CHURCH THE BODY OF CHRIST

#### By Ed Bousman

This is a 4 x 8 inch crack and peel label (fits inside your Bible) that gives you all the scriptures for becoming part of the body of Christ - our obedience in faith, repentance, confession and baptism. When we obey Christ and become a part of His body we receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. To remain spiritually alive, we must observe the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day and if we are faithful until death, then the Lord will take us to Himself. 1 *Thessalonians 4:17* 

### WHAT SAVES A MAN

By Joe Q. Atchley

This is a 3-fold colored track that is  $3-1/2 \ge 5-1/2$  inches, telling a person what they must do to be saved. This track and the above mentioned crack and peel label

are yours free for the asking. Request several of them and pass them out where ever you can and leave them lying around wherever you go. Put your name and address on the back of the track or the name and address of your Church. Let's make it our goal to reach as many lost individual as we can in 2015 and lead them to the Lord.

# The Coming of the Pharisees and Saducees

The Pharisees and Sadducees came . . .they came trying Him by asking Him to show them a sign from Heaven. People are always asking for signs. Every time we have a cold day in the summer time, or a hot day in the winter time, someone will call and ask where does it say in the Bible that the days will come when you will not be able to tell winter from summer except by the leaves on the calendar. Every time a leader in the Mideast sneezes this is looked upon as a sign predicted somewhere in the Bible. Jesus told them that the people who look for the signs are evil. His words were, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign and no sign shall be given unto it, but the sign of Jonah." They had asked for a sign from heaven as Moses gave them bread out of heaven to eat. Jesus told them in John chapter six that Moses did not give them bread out of heaven and they ate and died. He was the true bread that had come down out of heaven, and he that eateth this bread shall live forever. If people insists on a sign there are several that can't be missed. How about the existence of the Lord's Day? This is a sign that Jesus arose from the dead. How about the existence of the New Testament? That is a sign that Jesus came once and will come again. What about the sign of the existence of the Lord's Supper? That is a sign that Jesus died on the cross and that He is coming again. What about the sign of the existence of the Church? What more of a sign could we want than that? What about the sign of His effect on humanity? Edward Gibbon in his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire has a chapter on the rise of Christianity. One of the reasons was the godly life of the saints. People of that day saw some of the most godless reprobates come into the Church and become transformed into the greatest saints and that made an impression on the ancient world.

These are signs that can't be missed. But suffice it to say these signs are not enough. People who look for signs will never be satisfied. It is with relief that I read in this story and He left them and —departed. The Pharisees and the Sadducees came . . .

#### THE COMING OF THE DISCIPLES

Next in line is the coming of the Apostles to the other side of the lake. As they discussed this problem, Jesus told them to take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They thought He was talking about forgetting bread. Jesus reprimanded them for their lack of faith by reminding them of the feeding of the five thousand and the four thousand. The Apostles had no trouble believing that the Lord could feed five thousand men besides a few women and children; they had no trouble believing that He could feed four thousand men besides that He could feed twelve men. "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." Then they got the message. It was the teaching of these people that they were being warned about. We have preachers today whose beliefs are similar to the Sadducees. The Sadducees subtracted from the word of God and the Pharisees added to God's word. Take heed and beware. The Sadducees were the liberals of that day. They did not believe in the resurrection or in the Old Testament's scriptures except for the first five books. We have them with us today. Take heed and beware. Beware of the Pharisees also. The Pharisees were basically good people. They sprang up during the period between the Old Testament and the time of the Lord. They wanted to bring people back to the standards of God's laws, but they went to the extreme of making their opinions binding on others as matters of faith. Take heed and beware they are still here. I went to a revival one time and as I was eating with the preacher he asked me if I had noticed the Church on the way to his house that was called the non-handshaking Church. I said that I had not seen it. He said they did not believe in shaking hands in the Church service. The Bible speaks of greeting one another with a holy kiss in several places and since that is a specific kind of greeting, no other greeting is permitted in their service. They may shake hands outside and on the street or even at home. They point out that there are a lot of things you do at home that should not be done in Church. Take heed and beware.

*E. B.* (*Excerpted from "The Five Comings" sermon from Matthew chapter sixteen*)

## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

Dear Sister Naomi,

I still miss seeing Brother Ed preaching at the National Prayer Clinic in Grundy, VA and other places (and will for a long time). God bless you for carrying on the Lord's work! Please use the enclosed gifts as you see fit. In Him, Jr. Wallace from Huntington, WV

Dear Sister Bousman,

I received the two beautiful books - A Bible and Bible Dictionary - that you sent to me, but something bad happened to them. I was roommates with a Wiccan "pagan" who destroyed my books while I was in the shower. I am now living in special housing in a cell alone. I would like to ask if you could please resend the two books. I can assure you that nothing will happen to them. I really look forward to my next 10 lessons, I really enjoy them and learning from them so much. Once I finish the 30 lessons -STUDIES IN THE BIBLE - I would love to continue my studies with ACTS and JESUS ACCORDING TO JOHN. I listen to the broadcast "God Is Just A Prayer Away" twice on Sunday: Once at 7:04 am and at 9:30 pm on WRVA on 1140 AM dial from Richmond, VA. God bless you in all that you do to bring God's word around the world. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely James, FCC Med. Petersburg, VA

#### Hello,

My name is Deputy A.M. with the Galveston County Sheriff's office. I work along with the Chaplin and inform those incarcerated at our facility of your Bible and study courses. I know they are making a difference in their lives and I wanted to give a donation just to say "Thanks and keep up the GREAT work! In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour!

Texas City, TX (Note: the Deputy made his very generous donation by PayPal! This can be found on our web page at www.gijapa.org).

#### Dear Sister Naomi,

Thank you for the Bible and the Bible studies. God has really blessed me since I've been incarcerated. My mind is clearer than ever. I know I'm back on the right path and I want to thank your ministry for all it does to bring people to Christ and nourish our souls. I should be leaving in the next couple of weeks so I want to ask that since I've finished the 30 lesson of Studies in the Bible would you please send my certificate to my home address. I want to show people even a dirty rotten sinner like myself can change his life and the book of Acts and the other Bible studies will help me stay focused once I go home. So I'd appreciate them being mailed to my home also. The newsletters will be a blessing also.

Linney from MO

I would love to thank you for the wonderful Bible lessons that I have received so far. Enclosed are lessons 6-25 in four different stamped envelopes you sent us to return our lessons in for grading. Please send the graded lessons and the last five to my parent's house in Friendswood, TX. They will redirect them to me. I am currently awaiting Texas Department to Corrections to pick me up to finish the rest of my sentence. I will send the last five lessons off when I have a more permanent address to correspond to you with. Thank you for everything you do for inmates, the lessons gave me an understanding of the bible which I'm quite thankful for. God bless.

Joseph from Galveston

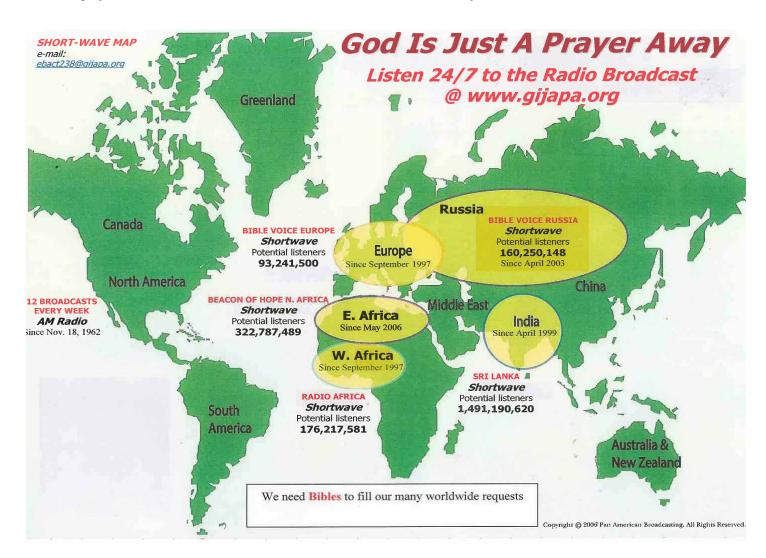
Hello,

I just wanted to say thank you for all your help and support. The Bible studies have helped my Biblical knowledge greatly. I am about to be transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Prison System in the next couple of weeks. Could you please hold my Bible studies, monthly newsletter, etc. when I get a new forwarding address I will contact you. Once again, thanks for all that you do. God bless.

Respectfully, a prisoner

#### Dear Naomi,

Thank you and praise Jesus for you and your ministry. I have learned so much about the Lord's word since I have started your lessons. Before the words had meaning but now they have an understanding that I never had before. I have enjoyed the latest study, "The Christian Way". And I look forward to your next study I only hope that I can return the gift you have given me. I will continue to keep in touch, after I complete my sentence. I know money is tight for you right now and I do have you in my prayers that this will pass, because on top of your ministry - radio broadcasts - your prison one does really work! Thank you. *Robert from Brazoria, TX* 



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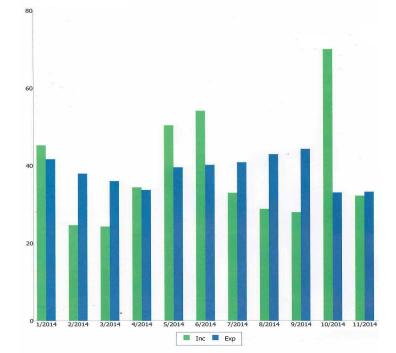
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