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The Three Spheres of Blessing

by — Dr. Arthur Charles Lambourne (1898-1993)

THE THREE SPHERES DEMONSTRATED

1. *The Earth*

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).

2. *The Heavenly City*

The City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem ... the church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven (Hebrews 12:22-23).

3. *Far Above All*

Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the Heavenly Places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

He ascended up far above all Heavens (Ephesians 4:6).

And made us sit together in Heavenly Places in Christ (Ephesians 2:6).

THREE DISTINCT CALLINGS DESIGNATED

1. *The Kingdom*

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth (Matthew 6:10).

2. *The Bride*

The Bride, the Lamb's wife ... the holy Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-10).

3. *The Body*

His Body, the Church (Colossians 1:24-27).

THE THREE GROUPS DESCRIBED

1. *First Sphere*

Israel according to the flesh (Romans 9:3-5).

This is yet future. Israel will be a Kingdom again, with Christ her King, to bless the world. One title of the Lord in Revelation 1:5 is,

The Prince [Ruler] of the Kings of the earth.

The extent of the Kingdom can be seen in the following passages.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth (Psalm 72:8).

I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession (Psalm 2:8).

He shall speak peace unto the heathen: and His

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dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth (Zechariah 9:10).

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for eonian (Revelation 11:15).

This Kingdom on Earth will have Jerusalem as an administrative center.

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3).

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain (Zechariah 14:16-17).

2. Second Sphere

This sphere is for Israel according to the Spirit: Abraham's spiritual seed, which includes the believing Gentiles of the Acts period.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise Galatians 3:29).

This sphere is associated with the heavenly Jerusalem. No hint of such a sphere is to be found in the whole of the Old Testament, but it is revealed in the book of Hebrews (11:9-10, 13-16; 12:22-23) and Revelation (21:2, 10).

With this New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven, they are,

holy partakers of the heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1).

There are six references to the word "heavenly" in Hebrews (3:1; 6:4-6; 8:5; 9:23; 11:16; 12:22.)

(see **THREE SPHERES**, page 6608)

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- the organic nature of the Body of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the Body of Christ (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
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The Two Sets of Paul's Epistles in Relation to Acts 28

by — Charles H. Welch (1880-1967)

For our present purpose neither the dates, nor the order in which Paul's epistles were written, are of vital importance. There are two historical facts¹ found within the pages of Holy Writ which we can use to place these epistles in their proper *relationship*.



We also, for the sake of brevity, use the expression, "Acts 28," which has been criticized by those who have only a superficial knowledge of our teaching, but anyone who has followed our presentation of dispensational truth knows that by "Acts 28," we intend the full term "Acts 28:23-28" as the dispensational boundary.³

- (1) The presence and pre-eminence of Israel, "*the Jew first*."
- (2) The presence and abundance of miraculous gifts.

These two facts are characteristic of the Acts of the Apostles. At the end of the Acts, Israel and its hope are set aside and miracles cease to be the experience of the ecclesia.²

1. [Editor:] Welch's original argument had a third feature which seems of less merit: "(3) The liberty and missionary activity of the apostle Paul." At times this criterion is in conflict with the two former features. (For example, Paul was imprisoned at times *during* the Acts Period, and some of his early "Prison Epistles" contain features that are in harmony with the first two criteria).
2. [Editor:] The Greek word often translated as "*church*" in most English versions is ἐκκλησία (*ekklesiā*, or ecclesia). The word is a compound word meaning "called-out" (*ek* = "out"; *kaleō* = "called"). The ecclesia is God's "called-out" ones. The ecclesia is not a building or denomination; not a meeting, or doctrinal creed; it is not somewhere we go, or something we do, it is who we as believers *are*. For more information see:

"*The hope of Israel*,"⁴ in view at the beginning and

– *The Outsiders*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
– *The "Ecclesias" (Churches) of the Scriptures*, Adlai Loudy (see order form).

3. [Editor:] For more information on Acts 28, see:

– Acts 28: The Dispensational Boundary, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #550](#);
– Before and After Acts 28, Oscar Baker, [Bible Student's Notebook #595](#);
– Acts 28: The Dispensational Crisis, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #642](#);
– *The Dispensation of the Grace of God, and Acts 28:28 – A Dispensational Boundary Line*, Otis Q. Sellers (see order form).

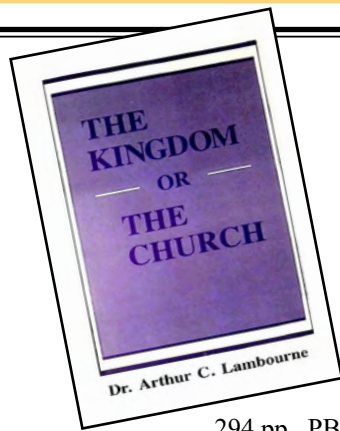
4. [Editor:] "The Hope of Israel" concerns the coming physical, literal kingdom reign of Jesus the Messiah over a resurrected Israel (and the remaining Gentile Nations), in fulfillment of the prophesied Davidic (king) and Palestinian (land) covenants. This is yet future and is foretold throughout the Old Testament, the Gospels, Acts, New Testament Jewish Epistles and especially the Book of Revelation.

For more information on the hope of Israel, see:

– "The Hope of Israel" vs. "That Blessed Hope," Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #485](#).
– Hope, Charles H. Welch, Part 1 – [Bible Student's Notebook #493](#); Part 2 – [Bible Student's Notebook #494](#); Part 3 – [Bible Student's Notebook #495](#).



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The Kingdom or the Church

by — Dr. Arthur Charles Lambourne (1898-1993)

This book represents an Acts 28 interpretation of the Book of Acts and Paul's writings, along with the revelation of God's Secret. Dr. Lambourne was born in England. He pastored churches in London, and after coming to the United States in 1925 he pastored in RI, MA, MI, and MN. He served as dean of Providence Bible Institute and later on the faculty of Arizona Bible Institute. While at PBI he became a close associate of Dr. Harold T. Morgan who introduced him to the writings and ministry of Charles Welch. Later he conducted his long-standing ministry at Berean Bible Fellowship in Phoenix, AZ (1959-1993).

end of Acts, is also the hope of Paul's earlier epistles,⁵ binding them one to another and placing them in the Acts Period.⁶

5. [Editor:] For more information on Paul's early epistles (letters), see:

- The Chronological Order of Paul's Epistles (Their Dispensational Significance), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #319](#);
- Paul's Earlier Epistles, F. H. Robison, Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #669](#); Part 2, [Bible Student's Notebook #670](#);
- The Letters of Paul, Danny Russino, [Bible Student's Notebook #502](#);
- The Nature of Paul's Early Epistles, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #505](#);
- The Lord's Coming in the Early Epistles, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #486](#);
- Paul's Previous Epistles Need Minor Modifications, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #490](#);
- Organically the Same: Constitutionally Different – The Distinction Between the Pre-Prison and Prison Epistles, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #509](#);
- The Acts Period and the Acts Period Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #604](#);
- The Acts of the Apostles and Paul's Epistles: Considered Historically and Dispensationally, J.J.B. Coles, [Bible Student's Notebook #613](#).

6. [Editor:] For more on the period covered by the Book of Acts, see:

- The Acts Transition and the Pentecostal Dispensation, Sir Robert Anderson, [Bible Student's Notebook #507](#);
- The Acts of the Apostles And Paul's Epistles: Considered Historically and Dispensationally, J.J.B. Coles, [Bible Student's Notebook #613](#);
- The Earlier and Later Chapters of the Book of Acts, Sir Robert Anderson, [Bible Student's Notebook #526](#);
- The Acts Period and the Acts Period Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #604](#);
- The Dispensational Frontier of Acts 28:23-31, Charles H. Welch, parts 1-3: [Bible Student's Notebook #639](#), [#640](#), [#641](#);
- *The Dispensation of the Grace of God, and Acts 28:28 – A Dispensational Boundary Line*, Otis Q. Sellers (see order form);
- *The Acts Dispensation*, Otis Q. Sellers, Parts 1-3, [Bible Student's Notebook #727](#), [728](#), [729](#).

In Acts 1:6 and in 28:20 there is but one hope, viz., "*The hope of Israel*." Upon examination this is found to be the case with regard to the ecclesia of the Acts Period. For example, Romans 15:12-13 reveals that the hope before the ecclesia was connected with Christ as the "*Root of Jesse*," who should "*reign over the Gentiles*," the reference being to Isaiah 11 and the great day of Israel's restoration.⁷ Every reference to the hope of the ecclesia found in I & II Corinthians, I & II Thessalonians and Galatians is in perfect harmony with this crowning passage.

The hope of the Mystery⁸ finds no exposition in the early epistles of Paul. It was essential that "*the Mystery*" itself should be revealed *before* its hope could be expressed.⁹

7. [Editor:] For an in-depth look at Israel and her place in God's plan, read:

- *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose* (Contrasted with the Body of Christ and Its Heavenly Purpose), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form).

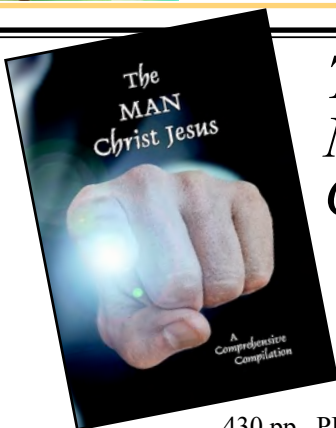
8. [Editor:] For more information on the hope (or expectation) of the Body of Christ, see:

- The Timing and Nature of Our Hope, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #510](#);
- The Hope of Paul's Prison Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #582](#).

9. [Editor:] Paul's earliest epistles (Galatians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Corinthians, and Romans) provide a foundation upon which Paul could construct "*the Revelation of the Mystery*," while the intermediate ones (I & II Timothy, Titus) serve as its foyer, providing a transitional education in preparation for the revelation of the Secret Administration. Philippians is the final doorway into the pinnacle of progressive revelation found in the twin epistles of Ephesians and Colossians (along with the practical companion letter of Philemon).

It is not the necessity of assigning dates to any of these epistles that holds the key to their placement and understanding, but rather the detailed study of their content. Those letters written before the end of the Acts Period clearly reflect that "*the middle wall of partition*" remained in place, while those written afterward dramatically reveal its removal. We seek to climb the heights

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Acts 28:28 is the dispensational boundary which divides the earlier ministry¹⁰ of Paul from the later.¹¹ When we turn to Acts 28 itself we find evidence that the dispensation of Israel's Kingdom is still in operation, first in the undiminished exercise of miraculous powers (Mark 16:17,18; Acts 28:1-10),¹² and secondly in the fact that the Jew is still "first" (Acts 28:17, 20). The all-day conference with the leaders of the Jews ended in their rejection at the quotation of Isaiah 6:9-10.

Since that day Israel has been, and still remains, "Lo-ammi" – "Not My people,"¹³ and the "Dispensation of the Mystery" (i.e., the "Administration of the Secret")¹⁴ has currently replaced Israel's Earthly Kingdom. **BSN**

— *Ephesians Via Romans*
Excerpt from chapter 5

(abridged & edited)

of this summit, and from that lofty vantage point aptly survey all Paul's epistles, as well as the rest of the revelation of Scripture.

10. [Editor:] Paul had an early ministry (*diakonia*, G1248) to the members of the nations (Romans 11:13, cf. Galatians 2:7; II Corinthians 4:1) which purpose was to provoke Israel to emulation (Romans 11:14). It was a ministry of grace (Acts 20:24), spirit (over against death; II Corinthians 3:8), righteousness (over against condemnation: 9), and conciliation (5:18). For a look at the subject of Paul's priestly ministry, see:

- Paul's Priestly Ministry, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #721](#);
- Paul's Priestly Ministry: Supplementary Notes, [Bible Student's Notebook #721](#);
- Paul's Priestly Ministry, Adlai Loudy, [Bible Student's Notebook #532](#);
- The Priestly Ministry of Paul, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #532](#);
- Paul's Previous Ministries, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #567](#);
- Onward and Upward: Paul's Priestly Ministry Transitioning Toward His Celestial, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #509](#);
- The Readjustment Administration, Adlai Loudy, [Bible Student's Notebook #492](#).

11. [Editor:] For a look at Paul's Perfection Epistles, see:

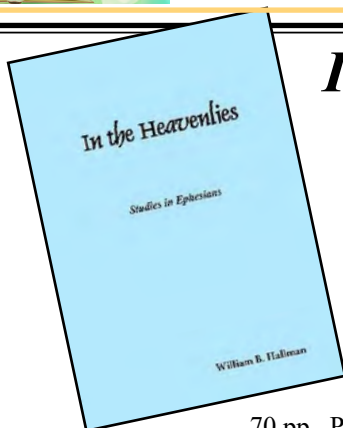
- Paul's Perfection Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #310](#);
- Present Truth Is Found in Paul's Latest Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #515](#);
- The Ranking Revelation of the Prison Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #524](#).

12. [Editor:] For more information on sign gifts, see:

- *The Present Truth Concerning Sign Gifts: A Comprehensive Compilation* (see order form under *Compilations*).



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In the Heavens: Studies in Ephesians

by — William B. Hallman (1903-1973)

The key to this book of Ephesians is the phrase which occurs five times, namely, "in the Heavens" (*en tois epouraniois*). It is found in 1:3; 1:20; 2:6; 3:10 and 6:12. It is the dative plural, and in this grammatical construction always means a locality. It is correctly rendered in 1:20, "in the heavenly places" or "in the heavens," and should so have been translated in all five occurrences. This phrase is found nowhere else in the Scriptures.

See order form.

TOPICS:

Major: Acts 28; Acts Period; Paul's Epistles; Mystery; Right Division

Minor: Administrations

13. [Editor:] For more information, see:

- Lo-ammi – "Not My People," Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #543](#).

14. [Editor:] For more information about "the Mystery" and its "Secret Administration," see:

- *The Administration of the Secret: A Comprehensive Compilation* (see order form under *Compilations*).

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Reader's Question Box #28

"The Husband of One Wife"

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Q: I love it, that some will take a stand that so many in the Western culture find difficult. ... I do have a question about having more than "*one wife*." It seems old and outdated to have more than one wife; therefore please give the meaning of this verse:



A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife (I Timothy 3:2).

A: I Timothy 3 required that the "*bishop*" (or "*overseer*," CV) of the local ecclesia be a family man. The Greek word translated "*one*" is *mia*, meaning "*one OR first*" (Strong's). Thus, it is common to translate *mia* also as "*first*" (as in "*the first day of the week*") found numerous times in the KJV: Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1; Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:2; or "*the first of the sabbaths*" (as in YLT). It is also translated sometimes simply as "*a*," as in "*a fig tree*" (Matthew 21:19, KJV), "*a damsel*" (Matthew 26:69, KJV), or "*a voice*" (Revelation 9:13, KJV).

Concerning *mia* being translated by the singular indefinite article "*a*," *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* says,

The numerical force of this word ... is so often weakened that it hardly differs from the indefinite

pronoun ... or from our indefinite article.

Thus a legitimate translation of I Timothy 3:2 would be,

... *the husband of a wife*.

Thus, it is important that we recognize that by the use of *mia* that Paul does not preclude *a second or additional wives*. That the very nature of *mia* does not preclude additions came to be seen in Titus 3:10, where Paul writes,

A man that is an heretic after the first [mia] and second admonition reject (KJV).

Even if we were to translate *mia* consistently as "*one*," as the *Concordant Version* does, it does not preclude a "*second*" (or more), as can be seen easily in its translation of Titus 3:10.

A sectarian man, after one and a second admonition, refuse.

Now, while a "*bishop*" need not be the husband of "*one and a second*" wife, he "*must*" at least have
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Patient and Gentle Sharing of Truth

by — James D. Fine

12 years ago at the age of 47 I became a true truth seeker. I was shown the truth that we are flawed by design and are unable to do all the right things. We were flawed by God (yes, the tree was a trap) so we could know both good and evil and thus eventually become the image of God (Genesis 1:26). I learned that all of the things my Baptist pastor preached about were pretty much wrong – such as, it is not me who chooses God but God Who chooses me. I also learned that the first time I walked down the church aisle to “accept Jesus as my personal Savior” was actually to buy fire insurance (a.k.a., not to spend eternity burning in hell). I really just wanted to be saved from my “Terrorist God” who says “LOVE ME – or burn in hell for eternity.” Total fiction. I learned that “Hell” of the Bible was a mix of mistranslation and pagan theology. I learned that Peter’s gospel was not the same as Paul’s. I learned that eventually all mankind (including Hitler) would eventually be raised to eternal life, but each in his own class – these and hundreds of other truths the Bible has that your local pastor never preaches about.



“Body of Christ,” not under the “Great Commission.” It may or may not be God’s will to use you to convert anybody. It could be that He just chose you for eonian life in the Body of Christ. Just sit back and rest in the freedom and comfort of this truth. You may see a chance to tell someone else these truths later on – or you may not.

No two believers believe exactly the same. Even the precious few teachers of Salvation of All don’t believe exactly alike. Be careful that you don’t insist that others agree with you, because it may cause a division that winds up leaving you totally alone. I know I have made the same errors. It is OK to disagree on a few points.

After all, “*The Lord knows those who are His*” (II Timothy 2:19; Numbers 16:5). God knows their minds and hearts – we do not. Also, “*If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it*” (I Corinthians 8:2). It could be that one of your beliefs is in error. At that point it could be that you have led someone astray with your error.

With that being said, let me warn the new truth seeker: be careful with whom you share these new truths. Also, be careful how much truth you tell them at any one time if you do tell them. I learned early on that I should not have gone running to my family and “Christian” friends (mine were lifelong Baptists) to proudly say, “You are wrong about everything you believe!” This doesn’t go over very well. It is better if you just say that God has revealed His love to you and it is more wonderful than you ever could have imagined. Then be patient. There may or may not be a time (or opening) to reveal to them even one of the truths you have been given. Remember: we are in the

Always remember: too much information can sometimes be a bad thing. Be patient, kind and loving. Encourage others to study for themselves as you did. God will give them the light He always intended, and no more. Some are predestined to walk in the fullness of light and some only a sliver of light, but that light is their saving light. It might be sufficient for them. God does big things with small things. **BSN**

TOPICS:

Major: Salvation of All; Testimonies; Truth

Minor: Patience



Please keep up the good work. A friend convinced me to e-mail you. I am 57 years old and was raised as a Christian. My friend and I met at our local gym (coincidence? God’s plan!). About a

year ago we were chatting one day after class, and I think what got the ball rolling is that I asked, “if our God is a loving God then why are so many of his children going to hell?”

Well, he started sharing the truth of God with me and I am excited to say that I have been given the faith! It all makes perfect sense to me! He has given me lots of books and I have been watching your videos and I get Daily Email Goodies! I love your 3-part series on *The Greatest Truth I Know!* It’s all so exciting and I can’t read fast enough! We are going to start regular get-togethers so I can learn more. I love your passion! – PA

ROB #28 (continued from page 6606)

"one," though this requirement does not disqualify him from having more.

So, Paul's requirement for a "bishop" of the Acts Period ecclesias¹ is not that they must be the husbands of a solitary wife, but simply that he must be a married man having at least "one," so that he can thus be,

... one that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? (I Timothy 3:4-5).

Or, as the Concordant Version has it,

controlling his own household ideally, having

1. Despite modern attempts to the contrary, the plural ecclesias were a part of the Jewish economy of the Acts Period and have no bearing on the Secret Administration.

THREE SPHERES (continued from page 6602)

3. Third Sphere

This last sphere is addressed to "you Gentiles" in Ephesians 3:1, who have become the "one New Man" (Ephesians 2:15), the Joint-Body, joint-heirs, and joint-partakers (3:6) actually in the "heavenlies" – a unique term found only in Ephesians (1:3, 20, 21; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12). **BSN**

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his children in subjection with all gravity – [for] now if anyone is not aware how to control his own household, how will he care for the ecclesia of God? (I Timothy 3:4-5).

In other words, Paul's instruction for the "bishop" of the Acts era was that he was required to be a **model family man**. How else could it be? The family was the training ground for the broadened care and oversight of these ecclesias; otherwise "how will he care for the ecclesia of God?"

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[Editor:] For a more detailed study of "husband of one wife" see the book *The Great Omission*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., appendix 7, section entitled, "The Husband of One Wife." See order form, or www.ClydePilkington.com.

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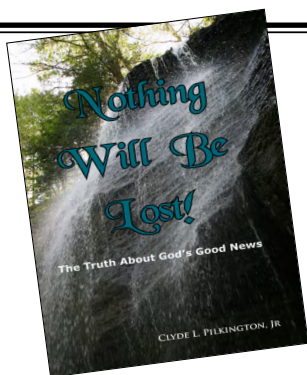
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