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Dear Friends,

In a *Tribune* article, a columnist reported college recruiters aggressively research college prospects, targeting their interests in

courses the school offers.

Long before the first student analyst, however, the Bible shared God's love-driven recruitment plan. God required a program reaching all people—nationality, education and cultural upbringing notwithstanding. He called the group the “Whosoever Will Group”. He didn't call Leo Burnett, National TV Spots, or Omnicom Group. For this special task, He called His Son.

God had no interest in selling people a new car, a fancy gadget, or even a college enrollment. He cared only that they receive His salvation. Salvation bears this seal: Paid in Full, No Purchase Required!

Ephesians 2:8-9 explains how you can receive God's gift: “For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

You can receive this gift today! Keep reading this month's newsletter and we will tell you how!

Recruited for His glory,

Pastor Larry W. Edwards

weathering today's storms

We're all experiencing tough times financially. You may be one of the many people recently laid off. Or your family is living from paycheck to paycheck. You may even be suffering at the gas pump, hopelessly watching as the gallon meter slowly rises while the price meter exceeds it 4 to 1. If you're looking for savings, we've provided a few things you should know:

1. did you know...? Regular vehicle maintenance will allow you to drive your car longer and save high maintenance costs later.
2. did you know...? Increasing your deductible saves on insurance premiums. This could be a sizeable saving over the course of a year!
3. did you know...? You *don't* have to spend lots of money entertaining your children! Spend less by having a weekly family cookout instead of going out for dinner. Instead of going to the movies, rent a family-oriented video. As you save money, you'll also enjoy quality time with your family.
4. did you know...? Buying generic over-the-counter medicines leads to great savings. They are exactly the same as brand-name medicines, but cost less.¹
5. did you know...? You can save thousands of dollars by refinancing your mortgage.²

¹ Tips adapted from Trent Hamm's financial blog, The Simple Dollar.

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Special Mention:

- As we prepare for our upcoming Fundraising Banquet on September 12, we want to give you an opportunity to support this effort. For information on how you can financially support Bibleway's Fundraising efforts, visit thebiblewayministries.com.
- The month of May has been a time of great encouragement for the women of Bibleway! They have been inspired to continue faithful service to the Lord.
- *Q - "How does Christ's nature influence our salvation?"*
A - Check out our exciting new "I Am" Series, which will provide the answer! This in-depth Bible Study, held on Tuesday nights at Prospect Christian Church, addresses the seven "I Am" statements made by Jesus. We aim to prove Christ was truly God, as He claimed. Together, we'll search the Scriptures. Enjoy a casual, group setting, where your thoughts and ideas can be discussed biblically.

Question for the Pastor:

Can a Christian be demon possessed? No, in 1 John 4:4, we are told, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." As children of God, we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not indwell the Believer and share room with a demon!

The Message Behind the Ministry...

A man purchased a beautiful diamond necklace for his wife. She tried it on and absolutely loved it! But then she offered to repay her husband the full price...

"How much did it cost you, honey? I'll fix you breakfast in bed for a year! Let me take care of your laundry, wash your car, mow your lawn...!"

Her husband smiled and was about to accept her offer when he finally interrupted her, "No, dear. You don't owe me anything. The price has already been paid in full."

God offers a priceless gift to us. His own Son suffered, bled, and died so we can have salvation. Our attempts to work for this gift are both unnecessary and unworthy. To our offers, God says, "No, my child. You don't owe me anything. The price has already been paid in full!" Accept the gift by faith, and you will be saved!

Power Principles:

3. Joy

- Sometimes the hardest thing to find in hard times is joy. The Bible says weeping may endure through the night, but it promises joy in the morning! True joy is in Christ. You can have it no matter how difficult the times may become!

To download our complete listing of *Seven Power Principles*, visit our website, thebiblewayministries.com.

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