"Maintaining a comfort zone can, paradoxically, lead to discomfort in the long run."

--Eric Allenbaugh

Contemporary Comments

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Text: Galatians 2:15-21; Ephesians 2:12; Philippians 3:9; Romans 3:10-20; Genesis 15:5, 6; Romans 3:8.

It's about as easy to doubt a Hollywood actor becoming a Christian as it is to cling to Harold Camping's prediction that Christ will come on October 21, 2011. Actor Chris Carberg was addicted to prescription pain medication and was found at 3 a.m. unconscious on the floor at a Kinko's by police. After detoxing and checking into a rehab center he felt like something was still missing in his life. An agnostic who was raised Catholic, he pushed himself to visit a Southern Baptist Church and there he found Christ.

At church his new pastor, "taught me that while there are lots of false messengers, God and his message is unchanging," Carberg shared. "I needed to hear that."

"Hoping to point others to the same Word of God that challenged and transformed his own life, Carberg founded Holypop.com, an educational community for believers and skeptics, in 2009, seeking to grow Bible literacy. Now, just six years after his overdose experience in Kinkos, Carberg runs one of the largest Christian resources on the Web, looking to help facilitate relationships, not religions, rooted in Scripture.

"There's never been a better time to have faith," he said. "The Internet gives us an opportunity to access more data than any other time in history. The Gospel already went viral, and now it's doing it in another way. Holypop is helping Bible study go digital."1

Carberg’s church states in its “What We Believe” section: We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only solution to the greatest problem of mankind—sin. We are not ashamed of our Lord, of His cross, or of His holy Word. There is no salvation or hope for heaven in any other name but Jesus.2

What do you believe is the gospel of Jesus Christ? This week’s Sabbath school lesson touches on one of the most concentrated cluster of verses that explain the good news. A pinnacle verse is Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (NKJV).

Though you might question some of Carberg's theology, we certainly can agree that there is only one name that can save us—Jesus Christ. All of us have sinned and none of us can by any works produce a single drop of merit to earn salvation. Not one of us. Not even a Hollywood actor turned Christian.

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Additional Resource: YouTube
1. The Christian Post
2. Holypop.com
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