

# **BFT Update: Jan-Feb, 2013**

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**LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED:  
YE BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.  
IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS: IF IT WERE NOT SO,  
I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.  
I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU  
AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU,  
I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF;  
THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YE MAY BE ALSO.  
{John 14:1-3}**

## **AM I REALLY BORN-AGAIN?**

**SOMETIMES WE WONDER ABOUT THINGS—ABOUT OUR LIVES, AND ABOUT WHAT GOD IS DOING IN, THROUGH, AND TO US. WE WONDER ABOUT OUR MORTALITY, ABOUT HEAVEN, AND WILL WE REALLY GO THERE WHEN WE DIE. IT IS THEN THAT WE TAKE STOCK OF OURSELVES. WE MAY ASK, "AM I REALLY BORN-AGAIN?" The Bible says to EXAMINE YOURSELVES, whether ye be in the faith;**

**Prove your own selves.  
Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you,  
Except ye be reprobates?**

(II Corinthians 13:5)

**Then we should review concerning the day we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour— if we did or if we did not receive Him. Often we think in our minds and hearts the day we learned about Him and what HE did for us at Calvary. THE WONDER OF IT ALL!**

**For he (GOD) hath made him (THE LORD JESUS CHRIST) to be sin for us, who (JESUS) knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (JESUS)**

(II Corinthians 5:21)

**I RECEIVED THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
WHEN I WAS TEN YEARS OLD**

**I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour when I was ten years old. I remember we lived in Lagrange, Ohio, a little dairy farm community near Elyria, Ohio, maybe an hour or more from Cleveland. That's where in that little town of only three hundred or so, at the time, there was a Baptist church where the gospel was preached. It was there that the SECOND COMING of the Lord**

Jesus Christ was made real to my parents under the ministry of PASTOR HENRY CRUVER. The urgency of knowing Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross so many years ago was made important and real. **The need to be “born-again” was a necessity FOR ME—just like Jesus had said to NICODEMUS so many years ago when HE said, “YE MUST BE BORN-AGAIN!” (John 3:7) HAS IT EVER BEEN REAL TO YOU?** Just wondering.

## **WHEN I DIE, I WILL GO TO BE WITH JESUS IN HEAVEN**

Even though my new birth happened so many years ago, it is just as real and true to me today as when I was a young girl. DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN YOU RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR? **I have this wonderful assurance that when I die** (and it may be soon, because I will be eighty-six in February, if I live until then and if the Lord tarry), **I will go to be with Him in Heaven.** Jesus said this so plainly to his disciples and to those of us who have been “born-again” in John 14:1-3. What assurance for those of us who have genuinely received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour!

**The other day, I noticed a sad statement in the Bible where Jesus was talking to His disciples in John 16:4-6. He said,**

*“But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and NONE OF YOU ASKETH ME, WHITHER GOEST THOU? . . .”*

### **I CANNOT UNDERSTAND**

**The why and wherefore of a thousand things;  
The burdens, the annoyances, the daily stings--  
BUT I CAN TRUST,  
For the perfect trusting perfect comfort brings.  
I CANNOT SEE THE END,  
The hidden meaning of each trial sent,  
The pattern into which each tangled thread is bent--  
I CANNOT SEE THE END,  
BUT I CAN TRUST,  
And in God’s changeless love, I am content.**

(Author not known. This poem was found in one of my mother’s Bibles.)

**Some of our most sacred, personal, heart wrenching thoughts, and heartaches are never expressed to others because the “others” never ask—or if they do, they only pretend to listen.** They do not really hear. Truthfully, they can hardly wait for us to stop talking so they can give us their opinion and advice. Have you noticed? **The Prophet Jeremiah wrote the following:** “*Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not. . .” (Jeremiah 5:21). **Jesus said something similar in Matthew 13:13:** “*Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.*”*

**We want to talk. We want to tell.  
We want to cry—but no one listens to our heart cry.  
Oh, how we need a listening ear!**

**John the apostle wrote to the pastors of the churches in REVELATION imploring them, “HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR. . .”** Seven times he declared this in writing in the Bible book of

**Revelation**, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear. . .*” What an invitation for people to listen! We think in our personal times of deep distress, “*If only someone would only hear me!*” Sometimes we tell people our heart need, and it is as if we are talking to the wind. **They look through us as they make a pretense of hearing.** Maybe it isn’t their fault. Maybe we are expecting too much of a person, a human being. After all they are not “God.”

**It seems that our Lord Jesus Christ had the same problems with his closest earthly friends as we do with ours. Did they actually listen to ANYTHING Jesus said? Do our friends ACTUALLY HEAR ANYTHING we say either?** Remember when Thomas stated emphatically, “*Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?*” (John 14:5) **Yet, Jesus had been telling them, and explaining to them the whole thing.** He had shared with them the deep theological truth that if they saw Jesus, they saw the Father (John 14:9-11). **IT IS AS IF THEY HAD DEAF EARS!** **Perhaps it was in exasperation (I don’t know) that Jesus asked, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?”**

**I AM ASKING MY SELF RIGHT NOW, “WHY AM I WRITING THIS?** Why am I talking about “telling” and “hearing”? **AFTER JEANETTE, OUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, PASSED AWAY—AWAY FROM ALL OF US WHO LOVED HER HERE ON EARTH INTO THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD, I mentioned to several people individually and privately that my husband and I had just come from her memorial service. (The Bible says for the believer in Jesus Christ as Saviour, “to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8 )** On most of those occasions except one, perhaps two, the response was as if I had said that I just ate lunch or that the sun was in the sky. **The conversation just continued as if I had not told the person that someone very close to me had just died. It was the strangest experience! And it happened over and over again. WHY?**

**“Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?” This questioning came after Jesus clearly was confiding to His men concerning His FATHER’S HOUSE.** He had just plainly stated, “*I go to prepare a Place for you!*” I am wondering if Thomas had actually been “listening.” It was to Thomas that Jesus proclaimed, “**I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.**” **Just think that if these men and others had paid closer attention, Jesus might have explained more about that “PLACE” that we call “HEAVEN.”**

## **WHY AM I TELLING YOU ALL THIS?**

**WHY am I going into all this with you in this letter? Well—for some reason I believe you need to think about these things as I have been pondering them of late.** How many times I have I tried to tell a friend, a relative, a close person to me some problem or thought that I have had. **I have poured my heart’s cry to their ears; and when I was done casting my burdens on them, I have felt just as empty of understanding as if I had said nothing!** Is it because they can’t understand? Is it because I can’t communicate my heart to them? I am not sure. All I know is that I am more lonely, more empty, more “in need” than before I emptied my heart to them.

**I think of the verse in the Bible when Simon Peter made a statement of deep theological truth when he asked Jesus, “ Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life”** (John 6:68). So that is our problem! **We have expected a human being to understand our heart cry.** Instead of casting our burden upon the LORD, we have tried to give it to a human being. Sadly we have come away as empty of understanding as before, when all the while we should trust our heart cry to Jesus!

**The Bible tells us in Psalm 55:22 to “CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE: HE SHALL NEVER SUFFER THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE MOVED.”** I read in I Peter 3:12 the following: “**For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.**” Those of us who have genuinely received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour have the righteousness of God in us! It is a miraculous thing! It is called the new birth! **It is the forgiveness of sins.** “**For he (GOD) hath made him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (Jesus)** (II Corinthians 5:21).

## FRIENDSHIP

**Oh, the comfort—the inexpressible comfort  
 Of feeling safe with a person,  
 Having neither to weigh thoughts, nor measure words  
 But pouring them all right out—just as they are  
 Chaff and grain together  
 Certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them  
 Keep what is worth keeping—and with the breath of kindness  
 Blow the rest away.**

(by Dinah Craik)

## JESUS DID EVERYTHING AT CALVARY

*All that you and I have to do is to genuinely BELIEVE!—believe you are a sinner and have sin all over and in you, the core of what is “you.” THIS IS A HUMBLING THING TO DO! BELIEVE and RECEIVE that Lord Jesus Christ, the Perfect sacrifice, Who took your sins in His own body on Calvary’s cross “that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

**But as many as received him,  
 To them gave he power  
 To become the sons of God,  
 Even to them that believe on his name . . .**

(John 1:12)

### That “WHOSOEVER” IS YOU!!

**So when the Apostle Peter in his letter encouraged the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to THROW HIS OR HER BURDEN UPON GOD, HE MEANT IT!** We, who say we are redeemed with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, seem to have so little faith that we do not do this! **“CAST OUR BURDEN UPON THE LORD!”** Why is that? We talk to people about it. They can’t help! It is a soul need! **When will we ever learn? Jesus said to “the weary” encouraging them (the weary) to “Come unto me (Jesus), all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . .” HE MEANT IT!** (Matthew 1:28)  
**SO WHY DON’T WE DO IT?**

**Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,  
 as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;  
 But with the precious blood of Christ,  
 as of a lamb without blemish and without spot . . .**

(I Peter 1:1-19)

## WHY ARE WE TO “CAST” OUR CARES ON JESUS?

**SO, W-H-Y ARE WE TO “CAST”-- like we throw a ball to someone-- OUR CARE ON THE CHIEF SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS? Because THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CARES FOR US.** He cares for us who claim to know Him (Jesus Christ) as personal Saviour (I Peter 5:7). The truth is that if we have never been “born-again,” we really have no one upon whom we can “cast” our burden. We are most miserable. **If YOU have never received Jesus Christ as YOUR VERY OWN personal Saviour, why not do it today?**

## NOW SOME PERSONAL NEWS

## **I SIT HERE STILL IN DISBELIEF**

**AS I REVIEW 2012, I THINK OF SEVERAL EVENTS. The first is the death of our dear daughter-in-law, Jeanette Waite.** She was 62. **I still sit here in somewhat disbelief.** Still! Her death, it seemed to me, was so swift. I guess, such dying does seem swift and premature to us who grasp for hope that our loved-one will be healed. **She never sought the limelight. She was a Dorcas among us!** (Acts 9:36-39) Yet-- **her life will always be remembered as one of kindness, patience, frugality,—and TIME for her grandchildren.** It was good they lived close to each other. **She could build into their lives Christian principles by reading Bible stories to them as well as being a Christ-like example. THOSE FOUR CHILDREN (especially the two older ones) WILL REMEMBER THEIR GRANDMOTHER TEACHING THEM OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHOM SHE WANTED THEM TO KNOW AND LOVE, TOO. This was her goal-- for her last days with them.** **What a heritage for the children, my great grands!**

## **IN DECATUR & DOWAGIAC**

**In October, immediately after standing by Jeanette's fresh grave, Dr. Waite and I had to fly off to Michigan and the VOLINIA BAPTIST CHURCH (near DECATUR & DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN) for four days of meetings. This was the third time PASTOR TOM STOUT had my husband teach his people about the defense of the KING JAMES BIBLE and its underlying Greek & Hebrew texts.** Emotionally it was difficult for me. Seemed so strange—as one day I was with my family in Maryland being comforted and comforting with family and friends --and the next day off to Chicago and Detroit for the long-planned Michigan meetings. Even our daughter from Florida flew up to the memorial service.

## **ENJOYED THE PASTOR'S WIFE**

**THE PEOPLE AT VOLINIA BAPTIST HAVE BECOME DEAR TO US.** We had a huge book table there, and the people were eager to get anything new from my husband's pen. **THE REVELATION BOOK WAS SOUGHT AFTER! Pastor Stout took us out to eat, bringing friends and relatives to visit with my husband.** But, I especially enjoy Marilyn Stout, the pastor's wife. She is active in many areas of the church, and deeply cares for the people in that fellowship. She keeps up with her adult children and loves her husband. I could not keep up with her, as she does all that church work and cares for grandchildren, too. Of course, she is twenty years younger than I! I have "children" her age. Marilyn is a writer like I am. So we have much fun talking about our latest research and writings projects.

## **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

### **& DR. M. R. DEHAAN'S DETROIT TEACHINGS**

**The State of Michigan has a sentimental meaning to us.** (Bible For Today FRIENDS, Rex and Deanna McMurray from Kalamazoo drove over to see us.) **Dr. Waite was a new Christian in those days and learned many valuable spiritual lessons there. You may know this. I received my engagement ring at Ann Arbor! He started out to be a medical doctor. Every Friday night one of the University's cafeteria cooks drove him and other young men to Detroit to sit under DR. M. R. DEHAAN's Bible teaching.** Those early days of learning God's Words left an indelible impression on my husband's young Christian mind and helped shape him in the walk on the Narrow Way.

## **SEEING THE WILDERS WHILE THERE**

**One of the delights of being in the Volinia area is seeing PASTOR STACEY WILDER who, with his father-in-law, pastor a church nearby.** Pastor Stacey and our son, Daniel, are good friends. They were in each others' weddings. In fact, Sunday night when we stopped at McDonalds for a bite to eat, **I saw Stacey's wife, Tamie. She is a precious woman, wife, daughter, and mother of college-age & high school children. Her sympathy to me, when I told her of Jeanette's death, touched my heart.** I needed it. She probably met Jeanette at our son, Daniel's wedding in Iowa some twenty plus years ago. My how time flies! That's why Paul advised Christians to "redeem the time" (Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5). **WE KNOW NOT WHAT A DAY WILL BRING FORTH!** (Proverbs 27:1)

**Boast not thyself of tomorrow;  
for thou knowest not  
what a day may bring forth.**

## OUR GRANDDAUGHTER'S WEDDING

**Two more events happened in October. One was the wedding of our granddaughter, Rebecca Waite. She is our oldest son's younger daughter.** It was a good day for her and her groom but it was a very bitter-sweet day for all of us (including her) as Jeanette, her mother, was not there. She had just gone to Heaven a few days earlier. **The wedding was held in a lovely white tent on the expansive green yard of a friend--a beautiful setting for wedding pictures.** It was a good day. Met our new grandson-in-law, the groom, and his parents, as well as seeing all our family, too--even a new baby boy with big brown eyes from Florida. **A different feature of this wedding --and a first for me--was that most everyone in the wedding party was barefoot.** This was at the request of the bride. I've heard of the *barefoot countessa*-- but never a barefoot wedding party except on a sandy Florida beach!

## A TRIBUTE TO FANNY CROSBY IN PHILADELPHIA

**Somewhere in that emotional month, I did THE TRIBUTE TO FANNY CROSBY at LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH on 2400 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145-4418.** (Church Phone: 215-389-2626) MRS. WILLIAM KERR, the pastor's wife, was in charge of all the program arrangements. Such beautiful music--instrumental and vocal! It was a blessing for my husband and me to be a part of that joy. But I must admit, I was extremely tired from all that previously went on all month before I got to Pastor Kerr's congregation that Saturday night. I did not have to pretend to be a tired old woman as I portrayed the 95 year old lady of gospel song. It came naturally!

## FANNY CROSBY NOT KNOWN IN MANY CHURCHES TODAY

**By the way, I have been portraying the author of BLESSED ASSURANCE and TO GOD BE THE GLORY hundreds of times since 1978--all over the world! It's been thirty-five years!** I've grown into the part! But I will say this--that with the promotion of the modern music found in many churches today, people do not know those Fanny Crosby words set which are set to beautiful music. For instance: to ask some congregations to sing "SAVED BY GRACE" is asking an impossible request. WHAT A SHAME! WHAT A SPIRITUAL DEPRIVATION!

## SAVED BY GRACE

**Some day the silver cord will break,  
And I no more as now shall sing;  
But O, the joy when I shall wake  
Within the palace of the King!  
And I shall see Him face to face,  
And tell the story--saved by grace;  
And I shall see Him face to face,  
And tell the story --Saved by grace.**

*(Fanny Crosby)*

## TOWACO, NEW JERSEY MEETINGS

**AS I PEN THIS EPISTLE TO YOU, MY HUSBAND IS PREPARING HIS LESSONS FOR CLASSES at the EVANGELICAL BIBLE SEMINARY in TOWACO, NEW JERSEY. The dates are January 7-11, 2013. The classes meet six hours a day for five days.**

**The subject will be on 356 DOCTRINAL ERRORS IN MODERN VERSIONS.** My husband never taught this subject in a class setting before so it should be fascinating both to him and to the students. It will be intensive teaching on these important textual subjects with a Chinese interpreter, as always is the case when Dr. Waite teaches there. **As I am writing you, I am planning to go up to TOWACO with him** and do some personal desk-type work in the motel with a "drop-in" on the class at least once. The seminary said they would be videoing the classes. He'll be teaching three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. **It is a good opportunity to give instruction to these Chinese Christians concerning textual truth.**

## WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN?

**Since last I wrote to you, we have PRESIDENT OBAMA for another four years.** And who knows how many years after that? **In my opinion, our country has more to worry about than**

**a fiscal cliff.** So now we have a “red diaper baby” right where socialists and communists want him.—running our country. **Woe is me! Woe is you! WOE IS THE USA!** In time, there will be no more “rich” money to take from the “rich” people to give to the poor. Everyone but the politicians will be “poor.” **WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN?**

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## **PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ A FEW RECENT LETTERS TO PASTOR WAITE FROM SINGAPORE**

**“I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR BEING A FAITHFUL PREACHER OF God’s precious Words.** Thank you for standing for God’s Truth. I’m filled with joy and thank God for a preacher like you. In Christ our Redeemer. . .”

### **FROM INDIA**

**“In India we don’t have ANY material supporting the King James Bible or the Receptus to help those who believe and teach them to be the word of God.** I deeply appreciate the work of BFT and Dr. & Mrs. Waite and praise God for these wonderful people of God. **I had found the outline of Dr. Waite’s work on the ‘Superiority of the King James Version’ on the internet. It is THE BEST I have ever seen on the subject.** I use that material to teach on this subject . . . If possible, please convey my regards to Dr. Waite and please tell him that the fruit of his toil and labor in the Lord’s vineyard are enjoyed by people like me in the far away places of the world. Great would be his reward from our LORD JESUS CHRIST for his faithfulness to His pure word!”

### **A QUESTION FROM OHIO**

**“I HAVE BEEN DESPAIRING FOR MY COUNTRY AND MY CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THE COUNTRY EVER SINCE THE ELECTION.** I WOULD APPRECIATE A ONE PARAGRAPH MINILECTURE FROM YOU **ABOUT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!** God bless you! Sincerely. . .”

### **AN ANSWER FROM DR. WAITE TO THE ABOVE QUESTION**

**“I note your despair for our country and your children and grandchildren**

**growing up in the coming further chaos.** Regarding the sovereignty of God, let me say very briefly that He is sovereign over the affairs of men, but His sovereignty does not overrule the caprice and foolishness of men. . . .”

### **A CONCERNED MOTHER WROTE MRS. WAITE**

#### **AN ANSWER FROM MRS. WAITE:**

“The situation with your daughter’s marriage is sad—but she married him and she should be by his side. Your daughter cannot make her husband what he is not. She must adjust to who he is—not who she wants him to be.”

### **AN ANSWER FROM DR. WAITE ON THE SEPTUAGINT**

**“I differ with the article that talks about ‘the first Septuagint (LXX) as if it was genuine as mentioned in the LETTER OF ARISTEAS.’** That is a fake and there was no B.C. LXX as this story believes. I believe the LXX came with Origen’s six-column HEXAPLA in the 200’s A.D.”

### **FROM PENNSYLVANIA**

**“Do not blame Caesar, blame the people of Rome who have so enthusiastically acclaimed and adored him and rejoiced in their loss of freedom and danced in his path and gave him triumphal processions.** Blame the people who hail him when he speaks in the Forum of the ‘new, wonderful good society’ which shall now be Rome, interpreted mean more money, more ease, more security, more living flatly at the expense of the industrious.” –MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO, 106--43 B.C.”

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*Yvonne S. Waite*

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