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Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Inner City

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Hope for the Ghetto Boy

An example of Christianity that overpowered poverty

“Chronic poverty over the 2-year period from 2009 to 2010 was relatively uncommon, with 4.8 percent of the population living in poverty all 24 months” (*US Census Bureau 2011: Income Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the US*).

As the Census tells us, poverty may not be common but it does exist, and that all depends on what you consider poverty. Yet, there may not be a desolate poverty in a neighborhood for their to be a ghetto boy. Our inner cities today are tattered with temptations to go astray from God, and ultimately to develop a criminal record. The lack of the standards that America used to have over 80 years ago has lead to a younger generation that is being tantalized by vices of sexual deviance, violence, drugs and alcohol, and an utter lack of concern for other individuals.

The stakes are against the teenager and young man who grows up in this environment, and it seems feasible to say that without the old fashioned standards coming from a church, being repeatedly taught by a pastor, the teenager has no proper role model. But there was a man who grew up poor on a farm in Missouri who became one of the most wealthy department store founders in history: [James Cash Penny](#) (JC Penny’s).

When God created Adam, he made him a garden and told him to dress it (keep it). And at that time Adam’s work in the garden was joyous. It was not until after Adam was working in the Garden and obeying Gods commandments that God gave him Eve, his wife. A job then is probably the most important thing to the man.



With out his job he can not care for his wife and children, let alone himself. JC Penny’s work was that of an entrepreneur, and not of a construction worker, but he was not an idle man. Mr. Penny kept at it and would not give up on his desire for success. Likewise, the ghetto boy’s first goal, outside of his relationship with God, ought to be a good job. That may result from college, or a trade school or just on-the-job training. But his biggest shadow will be a failure to make the money he needs to survive and beyond that—to live a comfortable life.

Churches that have a bus ministry and are concerned about teaching kids old fashioned values are certainly making a contribution to the ghetto boy’s cause to rise out of poverty and the abominations of his neighborhood.



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...And the Wealthy Went to Jesus

He directed most of his ministry at the poor and working class

“Crucify him, crucify him” said the mob when Pilate asked if he could let Jesus go. The account of Jesus’ crucifixion can be found in [Luke 23](#). But most of these men, woman and children who chanted against Jesus were just no more than a day ago worshipping him and hailing him a king.

Since the poor are generally ignorant to the magistrate’s devices, they can be easily persuaded by leadership. Where else do they go for council? The Pharisees and religious leaders at the time of Jesus’ ministry were commonly able to persuade the masses of working class and poor, the same people Jesus cared for during most of his ministry. At the same time Jesus was teaching his people how to love one another, and healing them of diseases, the council of religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus for making them jealous because they could not heal. During Jesus ministry, the wealthy were known to corner him with hypocritical questions, and the only two wealthy men who ever were known to show him any respect were Joseph and Nicodemus, both of whom went to Christ in secret so as not to be found out by the other religious leaders.

Jesus understood that a poor man who was idle and refused to work (if he had the means to work) was not privy to his help. But very often the common man who was toiling, and those who were disabled or had underwent some kind of catastrophe, were in Jesus’ arms of care. And Christ taught them how to work and how to become wealthy, while at the same time to be content with what God had given them. And moreover, Jesus [multiplied the bread and fish](#) and *healed the sick*—perhaps the greatest gift he left for us outside of his crucifixion for the atonement that saves us from hell.



Jesus Multiplies the Bread and Fish, pencil drawing. Jesus often proved himself with miracles, and later he used this as an example of his apostle’s lack of faith. [Order the Bible Print.](#)

Original Sin From the Garden of Eden

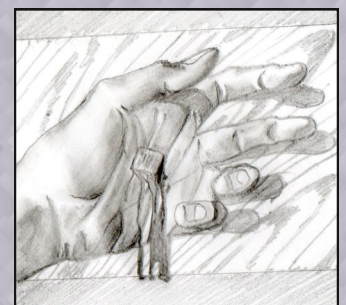
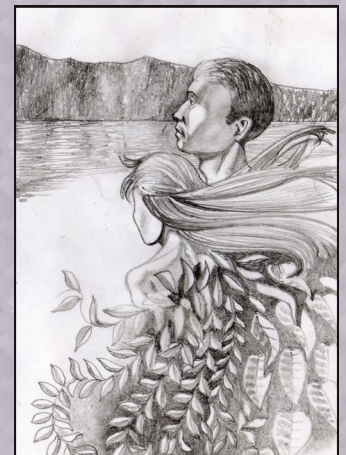
A curse on all men for one man’s disobedience

When God created man and woman in the Garden of Eden, he gave them a complete paradise with one rule: do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ([Genesis 2:8-25, Genesis 3](#)). As you can see by the scripture link, Eve gave in to Satan’s temptation and Adam gave in to Eve’s offer, and thus original sin was established for all of man for all of the earth times. This original sin was passed down by Adam’s seed, as we are all descendants of him. With the sin came the punishments for it: death and hell among pain in child bearing for the woman and toil for the man. Where at one time the work in the garden was joyous, now it would be hard and man would win his bread *by the sweat of his brow*. Man became ashamed of his nakedness for he had knowledge that God did not initially intend for him to have. And man would not only sin by accident or out of habit, but he would also presumptuously sin with the intent to blaspheme God.

God made a way out for man, however, because He loved him. Adam instituted the sacrifice of a lamb and shed its blood as a type of Jesus Christ, (God himself) coming to die on the cross likewise

as a sacrifice. The people before Christ was crucified believed in the *Messiah to come* while those who came after his death on the cross believed in *Christ who already came*. Whereas Adam had caused man to fall by his original sin, Jesus Christ, also called the *Second Adam*, brought life to us all ([Romans 5](#)). Jesus blood was an atonement for God to not only wash away all of our sins and give us hope in this life on earth, but also to assure us Heaven instead of Hell after we died.

The sin of Adam and Eve led the whole world into sin, and what a great conviction that must have been for Adam. His own son committed the first murder among the first two brothers born on the earth—Cain and Abel. The rebellion of Eve by taking the forbidden fruit at Satan’s beautiful temptation for her to be “like God” became a basis for Cain’s refusal to bring a lamb for his sacrifice. Cain rather told God that his toil in the fields and the vegetables of them would suffice. How much the more do we see that rebellion today, over 6,000 years later?



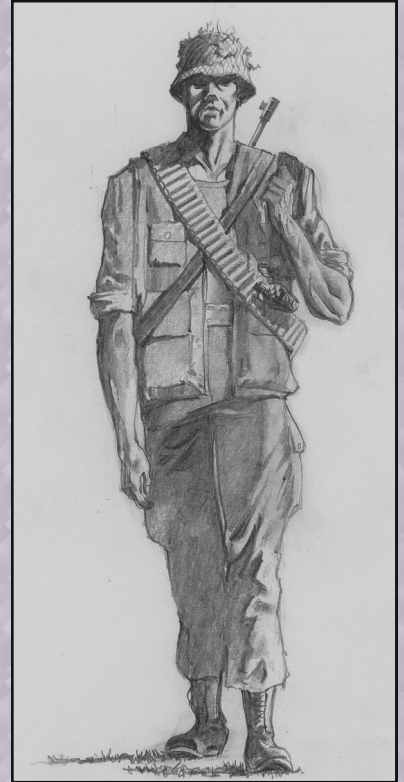
War Series: Vietnam

The 1960's and 70's era of the Vietnam war was one of the *free thinker* and started a movement in America that brought about the flowerchildren (and the widespread use of marijuana, LSD, etc), a turn on Rock and Roll and a displeased attitude toward leadership in America. Most of the perpetrators of these anti-traditional philosophies were by young people, many of whom had been drafted in the war and the others who disagreed with the war and wanted their loved ones to come home. The basic premise of the argument was that *Vietnam was unnecessary*, as they were told it was *in the name of democracy*, but in the Vietnam war America had got involved with he affairs of another nation that didn't involve her.

Vietnam was one of the most controversial wars America ever fought, bringing suffering on its soldiers in the form of agent orange, guerilla warfare and other non-traditional warfare that that our soldiers were not accustomed to. In general it was aid that the rich boy did not fight in Vietnam, the poor boy did—perhaps a way of eliminating the poor? If you were a college student you could not be drafted. But its possible that all walks of life fought in that war depending on the circumstances. Who would ever really know?

Since the 1960's was a very visual era resulting form advances in photography and the younger generation's culture of pictures, you can see the widespread

camera footage of the war and the culture surrounding it in the google lineup of [photos for Vietnam](#). Wikepeida's account of the war can be linked at [Vietnam](#).



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