Al Lake Speeches at MBMAC 19 November 2016

A few thoughts here. One is that we are focusing on the work of a board member. I was thinking of John 6 verses 28 and 29. I'm not quoting directly, but it is essentially this. The disciples asked Christ, what must we do to do the work of God? He answered saying, believe on him, whom God has sent. If you have that in front of you, you could read that correctly. I didn't quote it perfectly. The thought is this -- the work of all of us is to believe in God, and to believe that Christ was sent by God to take away all of the sins of the world. And I think if we focus on that, this becomes our work as board members. Throughout the rest of the Bible we are taught that we are to preach the word. God's will is to save souls. So, we are trying to save souls. It is so simple If we have this Holy Spirit in us and living faith in us, we are going to preach that others are going to be saved. Then I was thinking about that. The next point I was going to make. I felt a little bit of a personal rebuke, I guess, that came from you Jeremy [Glynn] and Sam Roiko. I'm sitting here not wanting to open my mouth. Sam and Jer said to speak what is on your heart. It is our duty. I would have to say that we have had a lot of spiritual trouble in the last year-and-a-half. It has been rather hard on many, myself included. But I wanted to say that at the last meeting that we had with LLC pastoral committee and Wolf Lake board. One of the things that came out is this that there are two doctrines in God's Kingdom. It was spoken out loud. [One man] said that I disagree with your Doctrine. Another said that I disagree with yours. We have two different doctrines. And I felt that a lot of this discussion here has been on the unity of the spirit.The spirit is never going to disagree with the word. Why are there then two doctrines? We can't have two doctrines in God's Kingdom. There is only one. I was afraid to talk about this today, but I felt that it was necessary. Some of the things that were brought out. There's a filthy robe of righteousness, for example, or a sin-stained garment. This is totally contrary to God's word. We cannot have sin on our garment. Our garment is given by Christ. If we have a sin-stained garment, it is our own. We are living in our own garment. If we are wearing a garment provided by Christ, it is perfect. And that is how God sees us -- no sin, he says. So, these are hard things for me to say. But I have to say what was on my heart. And I hope some more discussion comes out of this.

Al Lake's second speech

Jeremy [Glynn] to Al Lake. Al, I would like to go back to your previous comment. You said that there is a question of two doctrines. Regarding the matter we are discussing today, is that what you had in mind when you made that comment or is there something more?

Al Lake: The doctrinal difference in that instance was ... One guy said that that is going to forgive in every circumstance unless God hits him on the head with a rock. The other person responded saying that he disagreed with that doctrine. So, the first guy then said that he disagrees with the stance on the 10 virgins where they would somehow withholding the gospel message from those five foolish virgins we did not have oil in their lamps. That was the context on the doctrine where these two individuals told each other that they have different doctrines. On the robe of righteousness thing, I feel that, personally, I've been thinking about it a lot. I've been discussing it during lunch at the table. I guess my thoughts run in different veins. They

may not be the clearest. Jeremy perhaps you could explain my thoughts the best. The point is that I felt that many many people here about faith. You have a clean garment, a robe of righteousness that is pure, when you believe. Everybody here … talking about the sin-stained garment, they always came back and said that it's clean when you believe. Gary Simonson just mentioned it also. So, others listening are saying the same thing. So, what is saving us? It is our faith. It is believing God. You have a perfect robe, if you believe [in] God. If you have faith. The only way you have a sin-stained garment is if you don't believe this message.That is what everyone here has said in different words. You simply have to believe, if you want a perfect cloak. The opposite is also true. To have a sin-stained garment is by not believing what God has said. He sent His Son. All we have to do is believe it. I personally -- and I know Jouko, we had this conversation a month ago. I personally do believe that my sins are forgiven -- all of them. I live of that gospel. Christ is my savior. I am perfect before God. And I confess this before all of you that he is my God and Christ is my savior. Yes, sin attaches to my temporal portion. That temporal or fleshly portion is full of sin. There is nothing good in me. I mentioned this at the lunch table. The Apostle Paul. I don't know we mentioned this earlier. I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwells no good thing ... there is no good in our flesh. If we are going to look at our flesh and think it is heaven acceptable, we are sorely mistaken. This body of clay is doomed to go into the grave with all of its sin and temptations. Be thankful that it is going to rot. It is corruptible flesh. It is a good thing that it is. But I live in the spirit. And I pray that all of you also would turn to God and live in the spirit. This is what we must do. We do have two portions, the spiritual and temporal. The temporal portion is never going to be good. But the spiritual portion is perfect before God through the merit works of Christ. Believe it. That is, I guess, the entire point that I'm going to make about robe of righteousness. It is perfect. And Jouko mentioned that it is given by God. It is God's robe. It is not ours. It seems like you are saying that God is sin-stained? No. As Jouko said, it came from God through the works of Christ, the perfect sacrifice. I don't know if I made it more convoluted or not. But it seems very simple that we simply believe the works of God and his Son. And we are saved.

Ray Waaraniemi: Al, what does it mean when it says to wash your robe and make it white in the blood of the Lamb?

Al: That means to believe.

Ray: It indicates also that …

Take the mic, someone shouted!

Al: He is asking, what does it mean that our robes are to be washed in the blood of the Lamb in Revelations chapter 7. When we are in Living Christian, our robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb. We are born again. We are born in the spirit. We do not live in the flesh. We live in the spirit. This is a good thing. Our flesh is never going to be good. Believe in this.

Ray: I believe that is true. it is believing our sins forgiven. in the case of New Birth, I can agree with that, too. But it is also on the journey, too, that we endeavor to put sin away.