

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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## **"A Great Man Has Fallen in Israel."**



"...Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" II Samuel 3:38 (NKJV)

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 A.M., God's people lost a great man. The words above were spoken by David when Abner died. They are just as appropriate now in reference to the founder and chancellor of Summit Theological Seminary, George Len Faull who has gone to his eternal reward.

He leaves behind his five children, fifteen grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren and two sisters. He also leaves behind an uncountable number of people in the family of God who were close to him and looked to him for answers to life's most important questions.

Brother Faull was the most faithful, enthusiastic, tireless, and influential servants of the Lord that we have ever known personally.

He was a teacher, preacher, friend, author, and mentor to people all over this country and in other countries as well. Only eternity will tell just how many are in the Kingdom of God or have been encouraged to stay faithful as a result of his efforts.

His teaching, writings, and leadership have been, and still remain, a pillar of strength for so many individuals in multiple generations as well as countless congregations and other church organizations.

After being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in June of 2018, he continued to serve the Lord with all his energy just as he had been doing before. He had asked for prayers that he would not have to suffer. There were many who were praying for that since then. We are very thankful that those prayers were answered. He never needed anything strong for pain till his last evening on this earth. Even then it was only a small amount. His passing was peaceful with one of his sons by his side.

Despite having a number of other health conditions, he faithfully served till the end. About a month before his passing, he received the news that he was in renal failure and had some other conditions as well. Rather than go to the hospital or nursing home, he chose to stay at home and call in hospice. This allowed him to visit with friends and family up until the last few days. He thoroughly enjoyed those visits and was in good spirits as a result.

Brother Faull attended a total of six different Theological schools in his tireless and constant pursuit of understanding the Scriptures more fully. Among these are Lexington Christian Bible College, St. Louis Christian College, Midwestern School of Evangelism, and Indiana Christian

University. Along the way he earned a number of degrees including a Bachelor of Sacred Literature, Bachelor of Theology, M.A. Theology, and Rel. D. His education continued till the very last of his days on this earth. He was always looking for more and deeper insights into God's wonderful Word.

Not content with the academic study of Scripture alone, Brother Faull put what he learned into practice in located ministry. He served congregations in Michigan City, Treaty, Woodburn, Fort Wayne, and Peru, Indiana. He also founded churches in Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, and Indiana. He was constantly invited to speak at revivals, seminars, camps, and other brotherhood meetings.

Brother Faull founded Summit Theological Seminary in 1984. He served as president of Summit until 2013 when he moved to chancellor. In 1988, he started *The Gospel Unashamed* as "The Printed Voice of Summit Theological Seminary". Since then, it has been printed quarterly with the vast majority of articles being written by Brother Faull. He called it, "A Controversial Newsletter". He never shied away from printing something that might not be popular. The title reflected the unashamed stand that it has always taken on the Word of God.

It would take more than one issue of *The Gospel Unashamed* to list all the ways in which George has served the Lord: the churches where he

preached, the revivals he held, the camps, seminars, and meetings where he spoke, the people he won to the Lord, the articles and books he wrote, the classes he taught, the Bible questions he answered, the encouragement he gave to so many, etc.

Everyone who knew George knows what a great sense of humor he had. He loved to laugh and, perhaps even more, to make others laugh. He had a joke for just about any occasion. Beyond that, he always took time to enjoy the simple pleasures of everyday life. I think that was simply an expression of his joy he had as the result of the Holy Spirit in his life, **Gal. 5:22-23**.

He was more than merely happy, he was joyful. That is one lesson that is probably better learned from his life than from his writing and teaching. As with everything he taught, he actually lived it.

Personally, I cannot even begin to tell you what a tremendous influence Brother Faull has had on my life and my family's lives. I was fourteen when I first heard George preach. I can still remember his text and main points.

Although I met him a time or two after that, it was not until I was twenty-seven that we really got acquainted. That's when I began to take courses from Summit.

I had no idea, nor expectation, that we would build such a close relationship. It was just a little over two years later that he asked me to be his successor at Summit. I most certainly did not see that coming. Over the years since then I have slowly gotten used to that idea.

For the last seven and a half years, we have worked together nearly every day. We have studied together, prayed together, taught together, traveled together, planned together, and laughed together.

He taught me a great deal about the Word, and life in general. Yet, with all

I learned from him, I still wanted to learn more. It seemed like he never ran out of lessons to teach anyone who was willing to learn. It has been my great honor, privilege, and pleasure to work with Brother Faull these last several years.

When I first started working at Summit on a daily basis and he would return from a speaking engagement, I would tell him that while he was gone I got more work done, but it wasn't nearly as much fun. I said that because it was amusing but mostly because it was true.

There was always more laughter in the office when he was there. Now that he is no longer with us, I may get more work done, but I'm certain that it won't be nearly as much fun.

We are certain that Brother George is being comforted in Abraham's bosom, otherwise known as Paradise, at this very moment. There he awaits his bodily resurrection at the Lord's return.

He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith. There is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, **II Timothy 4:7-8**.

Yes, a great man has fallen in Israel. It has happened before and, unfortunately, it will happen again. Great men come and go, but the Kingdom of God continues forever.

There is still much work to be done here. I know that if Brother Faull were here, he would want that work to continue. He worked joyfully and he worked heartily.

Let us follow his example in the service of the Lord.

