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Is It True?

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Two of the most important questions in a Christian's faith and practice are (1) "Is it true?" and (2) "Is it right?" The first question concerns what we believe, and the second has to do with what we practice. This article examines the first question, and a subsequent piece is planned for the second one.

It has been rightly said that the fundamental question about Christianity is whether it is true. If it is not true, there is no adequate reason for being a Christian. Christianity rests upon the historical truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith," and, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:14,17). Paul was not interested in a faith founded on fiction. "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (verse 19)

This is why apologetics has been, from the beginning of Christianity, such an important part of Christian teaching. Genuine faith is based on evidence. God "has not left himself without testimony," Paul said (Acts 14:17). "What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made..." (Romans 1:19-20). Peter said, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories...but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). When Peter spoke of the resurrection, he said, "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of this fact" (Acts 2:32). To the witness of the apostles he added the testimony of prophecy and of the miracles of Pentecost (verses 24-35) and said that because of this evidence we can "be assured" that God has made Jesus "both Lord and Christ" (verse 36).

The importance of solid evidence for genuine faith seems so apparent from reading Scripture that some may wonder why the matter even needs to be discussed. But in our culture large numbers of people are not concerned with whether Christianity is true. They only want to know whether it works for them personally. If it gives them peace of mind, if it gets them through the day, that's good enough.

Undoubtedly, if Christianity does not work, it is not true. But many faith systems, whether true or not, seem to work in the short

term. A utilitarian approach to belief opens the door to acceptance of all kinds of falsehood. Paul tells us some people will perish because they "refused to love the truth and so be saved." They become susceptible to "a powerful delusion" and "believe the lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). It seems to me one of the reasons for the popularity of an irrational and false mishmash like that of the New Age Movement is that people are concerned, not with truth, but only with what helps them get their lives together right now.

Even devout Christians sometimes seem to have little concern about the ultimate truth underlying their faith. It is all too common to hear Christians talk about "choosing to believe." I realize we can get too picky about words, especially in an age where people do not use words with precision, and I also realize that there are choices to be made that have much to do with whether we believe. However, the concept of "choosing to believe" has its starting point in existential philosophy and not in Scripture.

Existentialism tells us that what is truly important is personal commitment, and this commitment is much more important than the person or cause to which we are committed. Existentialism tells us that although we do not know whether what we believe in is true, we should make a "leap of faith" and choose to believe anyway. A half-century ago some theologians, who had doubts about the historicity of Jesus' resurrection and miracles, found this a convenient way to circumvent doubt. Intellectually they could not believe, but existentially they believed anyway, despite their intellectual doubts.

In the current cultural climate, the existential approach toward life reigns supreme. People are admired for their commitment, with little thought about what they are committed to. Winning athletes in the Olympics are admired because of their commitment

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Grace in Ephesians - Part One

Richard Kruse

Grace For The Unbeliever

Grace is the first word of greeting as well as the final word that the Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians (Eph 1:2; 6:24).

Dictionaries define grace as "Generosity shown by God to humans." "A free gift of God to humans as in regeneration or sanctification." "A virtue or moral excellence coming from God."

GRACE is a gift that would be impossible for people to earn for themselves. It is a gift they in no way deserve.

A. EPHESIANS 1:4-10. By his grace, God chose to adopt people as his sons and daughters through Jesus Christ. Those that became his spiritual children had redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1. In the time of Paul, when Roman law was in force, this would be an even more meaningful picture than it is to us. There was a special ceremony for the adoption of a child into a family. When the adoption was complete, the adopted person had all the rights of a natural born child in the new family. In the eyes of the law he/she was a new person; so new that even all debts of the natural family were taken away as if they had never existed.

Paul wrote that God had done that for the Ephesians. They were living in the world under the power of sin. They were dead in sin but God made them alive (Eph 2:1,5). God, through Jesus, freed them from that power by adopting them into his family. That adoption wiped out the past and made them new.

2. If "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8), sin is a crime against love as well as law. It is possible to make atonement for a broken law. However, it is not possible to make atonement for a broken heart.

Three men broke into a house to rob an older couple. The owner returned to the house before the robbers could get away. One of the robbers had been befriended by the owners and had worked for them a few years before. The owner recognized that robber. Because of fear of being identified, the robbers killed the owner.

Later the police arrested the three men. The court tried and imprisoned them. The law of the land was fulfilled. However, the law could not restore the relationship between the widowed wife and the robber.

Not only did the robbers break the law, they broke the heart of the wife. Only by the free forgiveness of the wife could the relationship be restored. There was nothing the robber could do to earn her forgiveness and love.

3. Consider Titus 3:3-7. "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."

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Here is a picture of unbelievers. Because of the love of God, his mercy and grace saved them. God adopted them and they became heirs of God and his salvation.

B. EPHESIANS 2:1-9. Paul draws a word picture of the Ephesians: dead, helpless, hopeless material. Spiritual death is the result of sins.

Paul pictures them as completely following their natural desires. They once lived or walked by the standards of the world; the pagan world. The ideas and desires of the natural mind guided their conduct. They were one with them and therefore separate from God. Being separate from God the evil power (ruler) of the air controlled them. They had no hope.

Both Jews and Gentiles acted this way; some individuals worse than others. However, both groups needed a resurrection to bring them from death into life. They could not do it themselves. They could not break the power of the devil by their own effort or will power. This is a picture without hope.

"But...God" (2:4-9). The picture changes. There is one who can do everything that is needed to give life, hope and power. God's grace is not based on any-

thing people do. He gives it while they are spiritually dead; living in sin. They were hopeless and powerless to help themselves. Then God's love transformed them. He made them alive. The power of God that raised Christ from the dead resurrected them from sin. God's power is resurrection power.

God saves sinners so that "he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:7).

If God's salvation is by grace, then it is "not by works, so that no one can boast" (v 9). People accept the gift of salvation by faith. This faith is more than just belief. For example, an acrobat placed a wire across the Niagara Gorge and walked from one side to the other. He asked the crowd to raise their hand if they believed he could walk across pushing a wheelbarrow. They all raised their hands. Then he asked, "Who will get into the wheelbarrow?" No one raised their hand. They believed he could do it, but they did not have faith. The faith that saves is one that is willing to obey and follow God.

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The SPIRIT Driven Church

Joe Cannon

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We now live in a high-tech age and in religious circles in America great emphasis is being placed on the practical "how" of doing things. It seems that the spread of the gospel and the growth of the church depends upon "diagnostic evaluations", "comprehensive analysis", "discovery and application of effective ministry methods", "batteries of psychological testing", etc. I don't want to stand against increases in knowledge and good methodology, but I think I detect an underlying conceit that says, "If, we do it right, we will grow, we will be successful." I sense that man centered wisdom is the thing, and when we get numbers we can boast about how "WE did it" I am convinced that fund raising methods as well as techniques of evangelism that do not depend on the Lord and do not glorify Him are religiously useless, even dangerous to our spiritual well-being.

Human technology has not brought growth and increase in the churches of Christ for 30 years. What is the problem? What is the solution? I want to state as emphatically as I can that the problem with us is spiritual and the solution also must be spiritual! Wholly spiritual and holy Spiritual!

I read a good book on how to study the Bible. The Holy Spirit was mentioned only once. I have read a number of church growth magazines in which the Holy Spirit was not mentioned at all. I recently read a good book called "The Purpose Driven Church" containing approximately 108,000 words. In that number of words about how to grow a church the Holy Spirit was mentioned incidentally 15 times and prayer 10 times. The spiritual dimension did not play a prominent part in this book. This is true also of a number of church growth books.

When we come to the New Testament church and we look at how it grew and the methodology that was practiced, we must reach the inescapable conclusion that the Holy Spirit was the driving force. The Holy Spirit is mentioned in the book of Acts 55 times in its approximately 21,500

words. Admittedly this may not always be the best way of looking at the importance of things, but when we look at the events that were inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, we must reach the conclusion that the New Testament church was not driven by human might and power but by the Holy Spirit. Brethren, we cannot have the New Testament church in the world today without the workings of the Holy Spirit. Neither can we have the kind of evangelism and church growth we need without Him. We can learn techniques on how to collect crowds, we can use the best of Madison Avenue and the brainwashing slogans of Mao Tse Tung, but if the Holy Spirit is not in it, it profits nothing. It does not matter how beautiful a limousine is nor how much horsepower the engine has, nor how many people can ride in it, because without fuel it is going nowhere. Some churches have beautiful buildings, solemn ceremonies, and finely honed organiza-

tions, but if they are not subject to being "led by the Holy Spirit" they aren't going anywhere no matter how many people gather. The church will get fire in its belly when it gets gasoline in its engine. Then the vehicle will move and accomplish what it was built for, but without the Holy spirit the limousine won't even make a good chicken coop, and it will end up in the junk yard. It is a fact in world missions today that the movements in which the Holy Spirit has a central place are growing by the millions all over the world. It is not enough to just criticize the excesses of the charismatic and holiness movements when we ourselves are "quenching the Spirit" [I Thessalonians 5:17] and "grieving the Holy Spirit" [Ephesians 4:30] and making the Holy Spirit a subject of argumentation and controversy. Until we have the spiritual condition of heart that welcomes, honors, and depends on "praying in the Counselor" [Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20], our engine will not fire up and our church will go nowhere even if we have more megachurches.

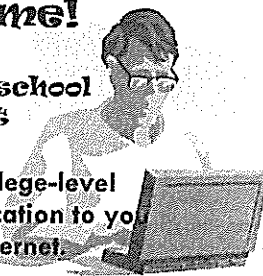
It makes me wonder how the New Testament church ever evangelized the world without all of our modern techniques and inventions. Why were the first century Christians able to evangelize the world? How did they do it? I believe they

did it because they were filled with the Holy Spirit of grace and supplication. World evangelism does not depend upon might and power nor any of the machinations of men but depends positively and absolutely upon the Holy Spirit of the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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Shifting Sands

Wayne Turner



The Charter of Rights in the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982 begins, "Whereas Canada is founded upon the principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law..." Knowing that Canada was historically established on a strong foundation of both the Roman Catholic and Anglican faiths, many people have assumed and expected the country would remain strongly rooted in its religious heritage and the values and morals identified in the Bible. In recent years, developments in the courts and Parliament have clearly shown that Canada has deliberately moved away from its roots.

The Charter of Rights goes on to establish for everyone the "freedom of conscience and religion," "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression" as well as stating, "every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability." From its earliest days, Canada has become a new home for people from all over the world, a "nation of immigrants." Often it has offered a haven for those seeking refuge from dangers in their homelands. Canadians have opened their arms to accommodate these people along with their diverse cultures, languages and religions, even at the expense of their own historic and religious heritage. As a result of this pluralism, there are few places in the world where people from literally all nations, tongues and faiths live together as peacefully and harmoniously as in Canada. But pluralism comes with a price. The legal protection that has given freedom to many cultures and faiths has also opened the door for changing toleration of different philosophies and lifestyles.

One of the most significant of these changes has been sexual preference. Steadily, the courts and Parliament have been forced to redefine how the rights of those of differing sexual orientations are to be protected. In February, the introduction of Bill C-23 in Parliament shows how far this process has come. C-23, "An Act to modernize the Statutes of Canada in relation to benefits and obligations," notes the previous provision of benefits for opposite-sex partners and now seeks to extend these "to all couples who have been cohabiting in a conjugal relationship for at least one year, in order to reflect values of tolerance, respect and equality, consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms." The act extends the same benefits of common law spouses in opposite-sex relationships to same-sex (homosexual or lesbian) couples. (Of interest we note the use of the word "conjugal" in reference to same-sex relationships. The word comes from Latin and means "relating to marriage.")

We should not be surprised that concepts and morals are changing. Canada is not a religious country established on the Bible, despite the appearance of such in both its history and Constitution. It is a secular country built on principles that establish pluralism, virtually any belief or non-belief, as the official "religion." Therefore, Canada is without any real foundation for morality and ethics other than law and the ever shifting sands of public tolerance

and acceptability. Commenting on C-23, the Globe and Mail in "Couples on an even footing" observed that ten years ago, such legislation would have been highly unlikely. Today, passage is possible because "the equality sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and a ruling last year by the Supreme Court of Canada in the M and H case are the legal benchmarks that have precipitated the legislation; but it is tolerance, fairness and changing social mores that have smoothed the way." (Feb. 15, 2000). Nahlah Ayed of the Canadian Press reported that an Angus Reid poll in the fall of 1998 indicated that "some 74 per cent of respondents supported extension of federal social benefits to gay couples and 69 per cent wanted them to receive income benefits and obligations." (Winnipeg Free Press, Feb. 10, 2000). This suggests that the majority of Canadians, while professing to be "Christian" either do not know or accept the Bible's teaching on homosexuality, or they just do not care. The lack of impact other Biblical concepts are having on the morality and ethics of Canada show that the nation has totally divorced itself from the Bible as its moral, ethical or spiritual foundation. It is ironic that the Bible is still being used in Canadian courtrooms.

Many religious people are decrying this trend of moral and spiritual decay. It is important that we remember that nations and their accompanying institutions cannot be Christian. Only individuals can come to the faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel necessary to bring them into the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. As Christians, it is difficult to live in a pluralistic country of relative and changing values and morals. There seem to be few voices to reinforce our faith or morals. At the same time, the greater the difference between the lives of God's people and those around them, the brighter and clearer the light of our faith and example will shine to a lost nation.

God has called us to influence our world for Him and for good. This is not through legislation or the courts. Rather it is through the power of faith and conviction, of lives willing to stand for God, even if alone. May we have the courage to stand with Him, to live holy and Godly lives, to shine as lights in a nation that has no moral or spiritual foundation.

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POINT BY PERRY:

Born Again



Have you been born again?

There are different understandings and different views of what is involved in being "born again" (John 3:3). That the new birth is essential for entrance into "the kingdom" seems quite clear. Since, generally, entrance into the kingdom is understood to be synonymous with forgiveness of sins and salvation, we should realize that it is important to undergo the new birth of which Jesus spoke to Nicodemus.

In contrast to other terms used to describe the experience of becoming a child of God, this one seems to be somewhat overworked in evangelical circles. The oft asked question is, "Are you a born again Christian?". We read of those who seem to try to make political points by claiming to be such. We once heard a man comment that some of a group of "Christian" lecturers he had heard were not "born again Christians". It is likely that they thought they were. When asked how he knew, the response was that he could tell - apparently by their attitudes or demeanors.

The place that water baptism has in the New Testament teachings regarding salvation (Acts 22:16, I Peter 3:21 and many others) leaves us no room to doubt that the "water" of the new birth is the water of baptism. To say otherwise one must wrest the scriptures. Based on this, it would seem that those who have been baptized are the "born again" ones. If this is the case, it should not be too difficult to know who has been born again.

On the one hand there are those who believe that they have been reborn because they have "welcomed Jesus into their hearts". Observers conclude this to be true because they see changes in their lives. On the other hand, some who have been immersed in water upon the confession of faith in Christ as God's son, seem to demonstrate little or no change in lifestyle or attitudes. We are liable to fall into the trap of concluding that the first group are born again and the second not. We must not forget the fact that man is

not made righteous by his own efforts but by the blood of Christ, which blood has not been applied except in being buried into His death. This, if truly the new birth, results in separation from ones sins and from sinning, - a changed life. Worldly, materialistic, quarrelsome attitudes on the part of Christians, divisions among them, unethical behaviours, broken marriages and such seem to deny that the new birth has occurred. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians decrying the fact that they were "still worldly", he nevertheless addressed them as "brothers" (I Cor.3:1-3).

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The new birth has heavenly and earthly, spiritual and natural aspects and if either is emphasized to the exclusion of the other, it's validity comes in question. A footnote to the expression "born again" in many Bibles explains that it means "born from above". Jesus explained that it is a birth of water and the spirit. Neither the "water" (baptism) nor the "spirit" (the impact upon the heart) should be excluded. Neither immersion in water apart from or without the "heart happening" nor the "heart happening" without the immersion can properly be identified as the "new birth". Each is only a part of what is meant by the term "born again".

By baptism, the penitent believer accesses the blood of Christ and is cleansed of sins and made ready to begin

a new life, the changed life, lived in service to a new master. God knows when the new birth has occurred for he made it possible. It is evidenced to men by baptism, followed by a new, different life style. We cannot see the heart but the results of the changed heart can be seen in the obedience to the gospel and in the life that follows it. Surely, we should neither expect salvation without baptism (Mk.16:16) nor presume upon the grace of God by continuing in a sinful life after baptism.

Under the topic, Are We Really Religious, Robert H. Bork comments: "While most people claim to be religious, they are also not comfortable with those whose faith is strong enough to affect their public behaviour." -- Slouching Towards Gomorrah. Could we, perhaps, substitute the word "Christian" for the word "religious" in the above? Are we really Christian if we are uncomfortable with the idea of it really affecting our behaviour before others?

Following the very clear teaching that baptism involves dying to sin, being buried and rising to a new life, the record says to those who did so, "you wholeheartedly (from the heart, ASV) obeyed the form of teaching". The heart and the form (death, burial and resurrection) are involved in gaining freedom from sin and sinning and becoming "slaves to righteousness. (Rom.6:17,18). *ecp*

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Teen Suicide

The latest statistics tell us that two thirds of all teens will consider suicide before graduating from high school and that twenty percent of these will actually attempt to take their own lives. In general this comes to four out of a group of thirty young people. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people in Canada. As Canadians we have the third highest teen suicide rate in the world. I know this is a serious problem. There are far reaching implications for the families and friends of these teens who desperately need to find a purpose for life and living.

The tiny, remote First Nations community in which I work has been robbed of 19 youths by suicide in the past 8 years. The youngest was 10 years old. When he looked at his life and took stock, he felt that taking a rope and hanging himself was his only choice. Not only has this community of 200 lost these children, almost daily another youth makes similar intentions known. Weekly another teen is stopped in the process of either taking overdoses of pills or is cut down from a hanging attempt. Right now, you are probably thinking this would never happen to you or your friends. Your parents may not have even given this issue any thought. Teens and parents need to talk openly about this issue. Frank discussions about many things that adolescents have to face will help when tough decisions are needed. After a life has been taken it is too late for friends to say that they saw the warning signs.

The number of suicides in Canada is likely under-reported. A death is only ruled as suicide if the victim's intentions can be clearly proven. Therefore, it is important as parents and teens to know the warning signs that someone contemplating suicide will demonstrate. These warning signs include: depression, saying things that would make you think that the person is obsessed with dying or

death, drastic change in behavior or significant mood swings, failure to make plans for the future or making final plans - like giving away possessions, especially special ones. Statistics tell us that 80% of people who kill themselves have made some kind of attempt before. Of teens who eventually attempt suicide, almost 80% will have sought medical help before their attempt. Often they complain of vague symptoms such as being very tired all the time, having trouble concentrating or experiencing trouble at school. Often parents and health care providers miss these warning signs or just chalk them up to "teenagers" and "that's just the way they are". I have learned that it is much easier to ask breathing teenagers if they are thinking about suicide and whether they have a plan, than to have to comfort the parent of a breathless teen.

The reasons for suicide are complex and hard to define. Teenage years bring unique challenges that put this age group at a higher risk. There does seem to be some common threads that run through those at risk for at risk. Many children are experiencing significant family problems that to a child seem impossible to fix. These teens see all the problems as being their fault and no one has taken the time to tell them otherwise. Teens with a low self-esteem are at risk as well. If someone tells you that your life isn't worth anything and that we would all be better off without you, sooner or later you begin to believe it. The pressure to excel, which comes not only from family and peers but from the media as well, overwhelms many teens into thinking they can never measure up to the expectations of others.

What can you do to prevent someone you know from taking his or her own life? As a teenager, the first step is to realize that this is a huge problem that affects many. You may have had thoughts of taking your own life at some low point. We

read in **Matthew 27:5**, that when Judas realized that he had sold out Jesus "he went away and hanged himself". At that moment, he felt he had no other choice but to take his own life. We know that there is no sin for which we can't repent and be forgiven of. Judas didn't have a friend to take him aside and ask the difficult but necessary question. "Are you thinking about suicide and do you have a plan?" This is only one of the important questions that we can ask. This will also give us the opportunity to tell someone else about the love of Jesus and the amazing gift of forgiveness that he has offered. We can thus give a hope for the future and a basis for living. Teaching others about Jesus and that he loves them even when it seems like no one else does is the best **Suicide Prevention program** in the world today. Young people need to know that it is okay to talk about their feelings and thoughts and to let others know when life seems unbearable so that others can help.

There are many resources available to parents and teens regarding Teen Suicide and Prevention. In our local churches we need to ensure that the youth have developed relationships with adults whom they can approach. Parents need to be in tune to the behaviors of their children and the peer group to which they belong. Suicide pacts are very common among teens and often preventing the first death will save the lives of several others. If you are a teen, ask for help, if you are a parent, tell your teens they are loved and valued, if you are an adult, support the efforts of teens to build self-esteem. **Suicide** is a completely preventable cause of death. We can make a difference!

BonnieLee Cox RN

(Editor's Note: BonnieLee is this editor's wife and writes that, "Dealing with teens considering suicide has become an all too frequent part of my practice as a Nurse Practitioner. Giving teens hope for tomorrow is something we all need to be doing, on a daily basis, to help prevent this growing problem." We thank BonnieLee for her contribution this month with the prayer that we might all become more active in preventing this all-to-frequent tragedy of Suicide. BMC)

My Father's Business: The "Prophet" Margin

Dennis "Skip" Francis



The mission statement of the church is in Ephesians 3:10, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God".

One stated goal in the mission of the church is that of edification of the body. This is done, according to God's business plan, with the aid of men. These men are described in Ephesians 4:11-12, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ". The "prophet" is one who is not often well understood, nor given his proper due.

The prophet, in the New Testament, is one who has been given a measure of the Holy Spirit which allows him special ability to expound the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is one who is divinely inspired. This differs greatly from those who are inspired in an earthly way, such as William Shakespeare or Michael Crichton.

Divine inspiration is that which is literally "theopneustos", or God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). 2 Samuel 23:2 puts it this way; "The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." Peter expands by saying, in 2 Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but

holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." In other words, the Holy Spirit spoke but the men moved. This should dispel the false notion that prophecy was done on a "thought for thought" basis, rather than "word for word." The purpose and intent of the prophets was to speak the word of God to men, and this would continue until His word was whole and complete. This time came during the life of the apostles.

Peter told us, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:" (2 Peter 1:3), putting this in the past tense. Jude corroborates this statement in Jude 3. Since "all things" have been given, "once for all" delivered to the saints, additional revelation of God's word is not needed.

The apostle Paul spells out for us how we still have the authority of the prophets in our midst today. In Ephesians 3:2-4 we read, "If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)". We still have his writings, or copies of these writings, with us today, and surprisingly accurate transcriptions of the earliest material. We can, therefore, have his knowledge (as well as that of the other New Testament prophets), if we read and study these writings today. They are jointly called the New

Testament, and though translations and copies may not be "divinely inspired", the original autographs were.

The "authority" that rested with the prophets was only in the word of God. About Jesus, the scriptures teach, "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." (who simply made copies of existing scripture) (Matthew 7:28-29). It was in His doctrine or teaching that Jesus demonstrated authority. Jesus later said of Himself, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18). Jesus having all authority, even the Holy Spirit could not circumvent it: John 16:13-14, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." The prophets, speaking as they were moved by the same Spirit, demonstrated the authority of Jesus in revealing His words. When we read what they wrote for us in the New Testament, we can have the edifying power of those words today.

The Father's "business" can indeed "prophet" from the strengthening power of the writings of the New Testament prophets today.

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to their sport as evidenced by years of training and personal sacrifice. Few dare question whether what they are committed to is worth the price. In this kind of cultural climate, it is easy for Christians to devalue truth and think that all we need to do is choose to believe. It is also easy under these circumstances to choose to believe what we find convenient to believe and not what truth demands of us. Christians should commit their lives to Jesus, not because it is convenient or useful to do so, but because the evidence demands belief in Jesus as God's Son and demands that we accept his rightful and ultimate claim on our lives.

But there is an additional reason for being concerned about the truthfulness of Christianity. It is intellectually dishonest to choose to believe what we are not convinced is true. It is certainly foreign to the biblical concept of faith based on evidence to believe without adequate cause. Rather than telling people to choose to believe, we would do far better, and be far more biblical, to tell them to choose to be open-minded, to choose God's approval over man's, and to choose to search for truth. These are all valid and scriptural choices.

This is obvious in other areas of life. I do not believe the earth

is round merely because I choose to believe this. I believe it because of the evidence. With the evidence I have, I would be intellectually dishonest to believe otherwise. If all my friends were members of the Flat Earth Society, I could choose to ignore the evidence to gain their approval and even choose to act as though I believed the earth is flat. But why would I want to be so unconcerned with truth? What would I think if friends in the Flat Earth Society told me to "choose to believe" the earth is flat when I am not convinced by the facts that this is true?

Jesus' story about a merchant seeking valuable pearls (Matthew 13:45-46) is relevant here. No intelligent merchant would "choose to believe" that just any pearl is worth a great price. He wants evidence of its value. If the evidence is there, he raises the cash and buys it. He makes choices. He chooses to search. He chooses to weigh the evidence. He chooses to buy the pearl. But he does not choose to believe it is valuable unless the evidence tells him this is true.

It is no real answer to skepticism to tell people to ignore it. Our faith must rest upon adequate evidence. It is vital that we ask and answer this question about our faith: "Is it true?"

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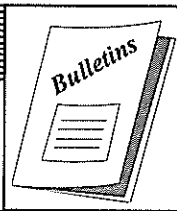
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With thanks and best wishes:

J. Rick Pinczuk

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Important Things Aren't Simple

Not too long ago I read an article written by Dennis Crawford where he shared something that a dear friend had given to him. It was a list of guidelines from an army colonel to new military officers. This list was obviously meant to be "tongue in cheek" advice and humorous but the thoughts were somewhat profound.

The list include advice like:

1. "If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid."
2. "If your attack is going extremely well, it's an ambush."
3. "Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing."
4. "If the enemy is in range, so are you."

When you start to consider this colonel's advice it doesn't take much imagination before you can apply this advice to spiritual matters and the church. However, there was one piece of advice that the colonel gave for which it takes no imagination or thought to see spiritual applications.

The colonel said in his advice to new officers, "The important things are always simple; the simple things are always hard; the easy way is always mined."

In light of this thought, consider what Jesus has told us is the most important. "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matt. 22:37-40)

The advice that Jesus gives here capitalizes, in just a few words, what is the most important in order for us to experience a sense of fulfillment in this life. It's pretty simple advice. It's certainly not difficult to understand. Yet as the colonel's advice points out, "the simple things are always hard". Whenever we take seriously the important things and trying to live them, we quickly come face to face with the hardness of living something simple.

Jesus is here calling on us to live unconditional love. He is telling us that the most important is an unconditional love for God and for others. He is challenging us to follow His own example in this. The instruction is simple but to practice this in our own lives is another question. If you question the hardness of this simple instruction think about how you respond to God when He calls on you to have an attitude that you don't want to have at a particular moment. Think about how you respond when He calls on you to act in a way that is contrary to how you want to act.

Consider loving others as you do yourself when they don't deserve your love or act in ways that make them unlovable. The teaching is simple but often there is nothing harder than the practice.

Throughout scripture there are many important attitudes and actions that we are called upon to embrace. The thoughts are important and simple but yet so often they are so hard to consistently act out in our lives in the real world. However the alternative is worse because to chose not to try, and take the easy way, soon reveals a mine field of disaster.

This is one of the fundamental reasons why it is so crucial that we have scheduled times when we assemble together. The important things for us to live Godly lives are simple but yet we have such a hard time living out those simple things and often because of our bad choices they lead us to mine fields. As a result, "... let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24,25)

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"Don't Be Troubled!"

"Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. When everything is ready,

I will come and get you, so that you will always be where I am." John 14:1-3 New Living Translation

Jesus disciples were troubled! He had told them of his sacrifice and death, He had asked them to serve one another as He had served them. He had predicted that one of them would betray him and then had identified him; Judas then left the Passover feast to do his evil work. Jesus was in anguish as he shared these things with them. Peter had confidently stated that he was ready to die for Jesus. However, Jesus knew differently. Jesus told Peter and the others that Peter would deny Him three times before the day dawned.

What could be said to comfort this small band of disciples? How could they be encouraged when the future looked so bleak? All their hopes were about to be dashed. There lives were about to be changed by a tragedy so great that they could not yet fully appreciate its depth. Yet Jesus begins his very next statement with, "Don't be troubled" (John 14:1).

If you have ever received those dreaded phone calls that so often come in the middle of the night to tell you of a tragedy in the life of a loved one; if you have heard your doctor say, "I'm sorry there is nothing that we can do."; if you face the future without the partner you had committed to for life or if your future looks bleak and to even think beyond the next few minutes is a burden that you cannot bear, then Jesus' words of comfort in John 14 will have special meaning to you.

Jesus says trust me! These words of comfort, hope and encouragement will have no effect in our lives unless we trust God. Jesus tells us that there is lots of room in God's house; we don't need to worry about heaven filling up. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. When the time is right, Jesus will come to get us so that we can go and be with Him throughout all eternity.

Not sure of the way to heaven? We can benefit from Thomas's question about the way. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus is the way to heaven; we get there through Him. Jesus is the truth about how to get to heaven; we will get there by following His directions. Jesus provides for us the eternal life of heaven.

Don't be troubled! Trust God; trust Jesus and your hope will become real.

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FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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God's Messenger Angels Part 3

Angel Light

Kathryn Haddad

Despite the parenthetical nature of I Corinthians 8, 9 and 10, with examples of offending, and despite the inappropriate headings in most Bible publications which call all of chapter 11 "propriety in worship", Paul is resuming his discussion of how to convert an unbelieving spouse specifically now, with suggestions regarding the unbelieving husband.

We are all victims of traditional interpretations. For example, we all use the word Trinity, although it is nowhere in the Bible. Also, keep in mind that this was written to a society strange to us, with customs we do not have, such as, shaving one's head to validate a vow. And lastly, keep in mind that this article is written by a woman for Women.

I have read several books on the different ways men and women communicate. I believe that preachers and teachers typically do not fit the general trend, for they are very verbally oriented. But in general, men communicate more by actions than words. When they do communicate verbally, it is usually short and to the point. Women think in fine print while men think in headlines. (If you'd like a summary of these studies, write to me.)

Verse 10 is introduced with the statement, "Because of the angels." Remember, angels never spoke to large groups but always in private. So, Paul is now about to explain how the wives of unbelievers can act at home in light of the example of the angels.

Paul says that the woman ought to have "authority" on her own head personally. Previous verses have already said that women should be subject to men. But this verse does not say the man is represented by the hair or a veil. According to Numbers 6:5-8 long hair was a Jewish symbol of dedication and separation. The veil represents her humble dedication to the divine.

Since behaviour in worship begins in I Corinthians 11:17, the head covering or shaving referred to earlier must be a practice either in the general public or at home. There is strong evidence that the head covering or shaving was for the benefit of the home, specifically the marriage.

The word "authority" comes from the Greek word *exousia*, which means privilege, unrestricted freedom of actions. It is translated "power" most of the time. "Authority" usually referred to divine power, such as Jesus had passed on to his apostles. In Paul's epistles, it referred to either Christ (His crown) or to other-world beings associated with angels and having thrones. (See Ephesians 1:20f; 2:2; 3:10; 6:12; Colossians 1:13, 16; 2:15.)

The meaning of "covering", which is on the woman's head, comes from the Greek *katakalyptō* or in Hebrew *masveh* and is literally a veil. The only place this word "veil" shows up in the Old Testament is in Exodus 34:29, 33-35, where Moses spoke directly with God, then had to put a veil over his face to cover God's radiance in it. It was referred to by Paul, in 2 Corinthians 3:13-18, wherein the Christians' "unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory".

Although much different in Hebrew, when "veil" is translated into Greek, the word is the same where it is used to describe the veil of the temple that hides the Holy of Holies where God's "presence" was in the temple. When Jesus died, the veil in the temple tore in half thus revealing the Holy of Holies to everyone. Later, the author of Hebrews said that Jesus became that curtain torn on the cross, thus giving the true presence of God to every Christian (10:19- 22).

Both veils hid God's glory, revealed by God's word. Therefore, the woman is to veil her head when she prays (talks to God) and prophesies (listens to God and tells it to

others) in the home.

Let us think about this in view of husbands and wives. Remember, women are the ones who love the fine print in the Bible, but men generally prefer just the headlines, the chapter headings.

Over the past 40 plus years, I have heard women complain that they cannot get their husbands to read the Bible at home, either with them or alone. This is likely to be much more true of unbelieving husbands. Over and over I've heard believing wives say that they cannot get their unbelieving husbands to even pick up a Bible.

Just as when angels appeared to people and it frightened them, some men are frightened off by the authority in the Word of God, that challenges their own desire for control. Paul is telling the fine-print women that when they talk to their unbelieving husbands about God's Word ("prophesying" in the days before the New Testament was written down), they are not to give all the glaring truths they know but to veil it with a brief message from God. For married couples that could just mean leaving the room and giving him space to think.

Men and women are never to do anything to embarrass or shame their mates, whether believing or unbelieving. If they do, they are embarrassing and shaming themselves. "Shame" is from the Greek *katai* which means to create so much fear that a person cannot do anything. It is a paralyzing type of fear.

When women overdo it with teaching men, it paralyzes them into more inactivity than ever. It stops them cold. The Word of God that is supposed to motivate one to be like Christ is so strong that it stops many men from responding to it positively, especially if they are unbelieving. It is a challenge to their own authority.

Further, Paul suggests to those first-century women in Greece that if they want to wear a literal veil to outwardly display these principles in the home, give it a try. This form of humility would be understood by both Gentile and Jewish husbands. However, Paul also provides another option for unbelieving husbands with Jewish backgrounds. She could shave her head, which was a special sign of piety, the sign of a dedicated Nazarite (Numbers 6:2-18). Paul did this twice. In Acts 18:19, right after leaving Corinth, Paul "had his hair cut
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NEWS

- FAR WEST -



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ALBERTA

Edmonton: We rejoice with the Clark family as Kate Clark was baptized into Christ on January 17. Kate has grown up in the church. It was a thrill to see her baptized into Christ by her father, Marty.

Wrapping up last year's news: born to Lorien Wilson on December 29, a son, Tyler Colin.

On January 8 we held a quarterly men's business meeting.

On January 9 we held a congregational potluck and meeting to outline our goals for this year. The elders, evangelists and deacons presented both the congregational goals and the goals for their individual ministries. This meeting was very well attended. We hope and pray that this will enable us to be united in all of our efforts.

We also began to discuss and emphasize our purpose statement: "Our purpose is to make Christ known and equip His people for works of service. (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 4:11-12)"

The last weekend in the month brought our annual Ladies Retreat. Over fifty

ladies from all over Alberta enjoyed the messages on unity and fellowship.

We held our annual Winter Carnival on January 15 at Grant and Trish Johnson's home. This event lived up to its name--winter was happening in full force, with the mercury shivering at a cool -23 °C. Those who braved the cold had a fun day of fellowship, eating, sledding, hay rides, games, skating, hockey

Plans are moving ahead for our annual Men's Retreat, which will be held March 17-19. See the full page advertisement in this issue for information about the Alberta Spring Fellowship, our annual lectureship, to be held on April 21 and 23. We are pleased to have Danny Wieb from Weyburn and Frank Worgan (from Scotland) as our speakers this year.

A maintenance work bee was organized by Collin Jacques, who serves as the deacon for building maintenance. On January 14 several "handy" members showed up to paint, hammer, organize, clean, and replace.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): John McMillan spoke on Sunday, 16th.

Upcoming plans are: 2000 B.C to B.C. on April 21st. Our keynote speaker will be brother Jim Hawkins. Brother Bob Jackson of Sunset International Bible Institute will also speak.

South Burnaby: On January 15 Western Christian College hosted a night of free pizza and coke for the teens (grades

10, 11, 12) and college aged young men and women who would like to know more about Western Christian College and the advantages of an education with Western.

Ming Paul Lee: Project 2000 I Can See * We are collecting used eyeglasses, medicines, vitamins, pens and pencils for the schools and blind people in Zambia, Africa. For information: Call (250) 268-7976* 2635 Island Hwy, Nanoose, Canada, V9P 9E5 mingpaul@uniserv.com

MONTANA

Great Falls: 22 souls were added to the Kingdom here in 1999.

There has been response to the Key to the Kingdom program here.

Sisters in the congregation bake and take a pie to anyone who visits services as a way of thanking them for attending services. They also are involved in making cuddle blankets for children who are separated from their families.

There are 3 men's equipping and encouraging groups meeting in the mornings throughout the week and a group of sisters meeting every other week to spur each other on.

A new study is scheduled to begin in January in Malmstrom. This study will focus on encouraging and reaching couples with the gospel.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Moose Jaw: Our hope and prayer is that the new year of 2000 will be a great one for each of you, as you live and work for Him, to spread the borders of His Kingdom, and help out our fellow man.

We continue to collect non-perishable grocery items for the Moose Jaw and District Food Bank. The 954 lbs. collected in 1999 brings our five year total to 5,299 lbs. It's good to know that being involved in this program helps people in our own community.

The congregation in Moose Jaw is involved in hosting services in the various Senior Care Homes around town. These are enjoyed by the seniors who live in these homes.

The ladies enjoy a Tuesday morning Bible study every other Tuesday from October to April. This is a special time of study, learning & fellowship for the ladies of the congregation and friends they bring along.

Velma Forman was with us the first Sunday in October, to bring a report on her work in Papua New Guinea. The congregation here helps to support Velma, and she gave an excellent presentation, consisting of slides and a verbal report. She is doing an excellent work.

We continue to have our monthly fellowship pot-luck lunch together the last Sunday of every month. Any who are passing through are invited to come and worship with us and plan to stay for lunch. It is always a time of relaxed visiting & fellowship.

Some of the ladies of the congregation supply muffins and/or cookies for the Hunger in Moose Jaw--Children's Program, on a monthly basis. These are distributed to various schools in the city for any students who come to school having had no breakfast, or having brought no noon lunch with them.

Several of our group attended the Bismark Workshop and reported having had a wonderful time. The days spent in Bismark with so many other members of

the Church were very worthwhile.

Once again, we are collecting medical supplies for shipment to Velma Forman for use in One Mile Clinic, Papua New Guinea. We know that each & every one of these items are put to good use.

Our hearts rejoiced, when on December 9, 1999 Hugh McBride was baptized for the remission of his sins. It is wonderful to have another brother in Christ. Prayers are requested on behalf of Hugh, in his new walk with God, and also due to the fact that Hugh is suffering with cancer.

A New Year's Eve party of games, visiting and lunch was enjoyed by quite a number.

A special collection was taken at the end of January for the Bible Department at Western Christian College, with \$627.00 being given.

Sunday, February 20th, 2000 has been designated as "Bring-A-Friend" day. We will have our regular classes at 10:00 a.m., our worship service at 11:00 a.m. and then a pot-luck lunch. We are hoping to have a good turn-out of guests.

Regina: A 24-hour group leaders' retreat was held at Strasbourg Bible Camp. Peter Ralph led the sessions.

The congregation is in the process of producing a new pictorial directory.

The congregation gave \$4160.00 over the regular budget through the year for various benevolent activities. Also, 15 boxes of clothing were given for local distribution, five boxes sent to Krysgystan and two to Zambia.

Saskatoon: The 2000 version of the Saskatoon Men's Rally is now in the history book. It's amazing how quickly the hours passed by during this special emphasis weekend. Approximately ninety men gathered from the three Prairie Provinces for an intense weekend of learning, sharing and growing in the Lord. The times of worship, the lessons by John Bailey and the fellowship of other Christians made the weekend a real spiritual feast. During the banquet Friday evening the, "Jim Lidbury - Hector MacLeod Faithfulness Award" was presented to Ellis Krogsgaard of Regina, SK. Ellis' sons, Richard & Bernard, told of the impact their father continues to make on their lives and noted especially the kind, gentle spirit that shaped their family. John Bailey addressed the subject of being, "Led by the Spirit of God". John presented three very thought provoking lessons and urged us to value the past and celebrate the future. He believes there is good reason for hope and optimism in the church today.

Fifty years ago a handful of people dreamed a dream that God would work among them to accomplish His purposes in the City of Saskatoon. Through His power and blessing this congregation was begun and has ministered to many, many people. This year we want to celebrate what God has done and seek His direction for the future. Mark your calendars now for July 28-30 and plan to join us in this celebration. We are compiling a list of friends and former members and now have around 700 names on that list. Please help us to find current addresses for these people that you may have contact with today. May God be glorified as we remember what He has done in our congregation throughout the past fifty years. Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving, Praise and Celebration. More information will be coming to you in the near future.

We recently extended welcome to some new additions to our Saskatoon congregation. John & Laurie Williams, & sons Jason & Jordan have recently moved to Saskatoon from Edmonton. John is a Regional Representative for Word Publishers. Joseph Adjeui Nimoh from Ghana has become part of our congregation. He is studying Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan.

Bob Parker

MANITOBA

Carman: Jennie Hobbs passed away on February 14 at the age of 92. Her funeral was the 17th.

The annual lectureship will be April 21-23.

Dauphin: The congregation has been discussing the possibility of having a youth ministry.

Stephen Bolton was baptized on January 1.

Winnipeg: Ruby Runas was baptized into Christ on January 29. Ruby is from the Philippines and has been coming to the International Group with the Arcedo family.

On January 19, Jason and Sheryl Moriarty visited the congregation. Jason reported on plans for their work in Papua New Guinea and taught the Wednesday evening class.

The annual International Dinner was held on Feb. 12. About 175, including several visitors, turned out for this event which highlighted the multicultural nature of the congregation and featured food and entertainment from around the world. The evening ended with a devotional in English and Spanish.



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ONTARIO

Ajax: Baptism: Zachary Wilson, at 3 p.m., Saturday, January 8, 2000. A good start for the new year. Ed Jermakowicz has been engaged to preach for the congregation on a regular basis while they continue their search for a full time evangelist. Neil Prokop was a guest speaker on December 26, January 9 and 23. Twenty-two people are taking the Key to the Kingdom correspondence course.

Beamsville: They held their annual meeting on January 16. Wanda Speers was a visitor just before she left for Ghana and her nursing mission. Ruth Zimmerman has been showing slides of her work in Papua New Guinea and plans to return in March. Brother Louis Pauls, age 86, passed away on January 19. He is survived by his wife Nellie and son Dale. Placing membership: Ruth Glover with her sons, Luke and Cody. The young adults honoured their seniors with a February 14 Valentine's Day, Dinner and slide show.

Bramalea: Mylene Dzierwir of Cobourg was baptized on December 26. Five young men are studying 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus in the GLBC college class after Sunday evening service each week. A sad situation: A memorial service was held for Hamlyn Mahadeo, Saturday evening January 22. At the end of January 1999, Hamlyn left for Trinidad. Before he left he said, "As soon as I come back I will be baptized." On December 6 he had his suitcase packed to come back. Then, on the morning of December 7, he had a stroke and he died six days later.

York College students plan to arrive in Bramalea on March 3 and to leave from Tintern the following Friday to return to York. Baptism: Lesley Ann Williams, on January 23, daughter of Freddie and Daphne Williams. WCC Chorus sang Tuesday night, February 15. The teenage class has been preparing for the last quarter to teach the "Kid's Bible Hour" on Thursday evening during the spring quarter. Tim Johnson was to be a guest speaker on February 27.

Brantford: They had their congrega-

tional meeting on January 23. Guest speakers in January were Rob Moore and Ralph Perry.

Collingwood: Wayford Smith was speaking in Owen Sound and Randy Morritt in Collingwood on February 13. The brethren had a pot-luck meal together on Friday evening, January 28. Edith Kneeshaw celebrated her 90th birthday on January 16.

Cornwall: "Rejoice with us as Lisa Bourgon was baptized into Christ before the new millennium. She has been a tremendous blessing to all of us here. We brought in the millennium at midnight with an hour of prayer and hymn singing. Bethel Bailey of Sudbury preached here in January. On a sadder note for us yet a happier occasion for him, Henry Ciszek went to his Lord, Tuesday, January 11th. We miss him. Please take a moment to see his obituary. Our group at Dover Road is small but dedicated. We continue to meet in our home. Please include our efforts to bring the gospel to this community of 46,000 souls. It is good to have Jeremy Bojarski back with us as he adds greatly to our church efforts. He had been attending Bayview in Toronto while in university." - Allen Bojarski, website: www.glen-net.ca/c-of-c.

Fenwick: There was sadness at the passing of Kathleen (Kitty) Lane on January 10. The men cooked for a potluck for February 13 (Valentines). A meeting with Earl Greene of Newark, NY on the theme, "Treasures, Triumphs and Testimonies" is planned for April 7-9. The Greene family will sing on Sunday at 5 pm.

Grimsbey: The congregation is planning a church "Bible Bowl" April 9, at 5:30-7 p.m. John Mogford was baptized for the forgiveness of his sins on January 23. Roy Merritt was a guest speaker on January 9.

Guelph: Guest speakers were Mike Gosselin and Keith Thompson in January and February.

Newmarket: The ladies had a dinner on January 31. The congregational annual meeting was held on February 13. Because of the food pantry, the congregation was able to provide for the needs of a number of families in January. On February 20 the congregation was to have a group planning meeting concerning helping with a VBS in Nova Scotia.

North Bay: Their prayer letter carried a note that Stan Baker was going to have quadruple by-pass surgery on February 8, in Sudbury.

Owen Sound: "The congregation

responded generously both financially and otherwise after the Fred Rule family lost everything in a house fire in early November. A prayer wall is now installed at the rear of the auditorium and is well utilized as we share our prayer concerns. There were forty-four of us together New Year's Day for games, a pot luck meal, and a devotional emphasizing God's faithfulness in uncertain times. Proceeds from the estate of Ernie and Mina Angel were used to purchase thirty-two new pew Bibles.

A new Home Bible Class meets weekly on Monday evenings at the home of the Harts. Our Bible class children hosted the congregation's seniors at a noon meal on February 12. Regular contributions averaged \$1,051.34 per Sunday during 1999. The budget was \$1,030.20. Plans are proceeding for 20/20 Vision 2000, the Soul Winning Workshop which is scheduled for August 11 and 12 on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College. Murray Robinson chairs the 20/20 Vision 2000 committee. The Owen Sound Ladies Renewal this year is to be September 29, 30 and October 1. The location is to be the Riverview Bible Camp near Chesley." - W. Hart

Pine Orchard: Baptisms: They started the new millennium with four of their teenagers being baptized. They were Catherine and Scott Brandon, children of Bruce and Elaine, Megan Brittain, daughter of Ron and Marie and Thomas Yacsich, son of Dan and Judy.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): Through their work with the Soup Kitchen, fifty pairs of socks, mittens etc., were delivered for children. The carol singers collected \$35 for the children's fund. Dwayne Williams was a guest speaker December 26. A going away party was held for Mac and Jane Wier who were moving west. The Abilene Christian University Chorus will be with them on March 11-18. Great Lakes Christian College chorus is to be there at the end of March break week.

St. Catharines: The four baptisms reported as of January 28, actually happened December 28. Sorry. On January 11, Ted Dominey was baptized. Ted was a correspondence course student who responded to an ad in the local shopping paper. Congratulations to Marjorie Jones who was 90 years old on February 4. Wedding: Saturday, February 12, Ina Allcock became Mrs. Murray Smith. A group from Lubbock, Texas is coming up to help with the March break VBS, March 12-15.

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VBS Offerings 2000

- * **Lambert:** "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?" (5 day). Deals with "God's Armour" "Loving Your Neighbour" "Good Companions" "Using Your Talents" and "Daily Growth"
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BOOK REVIEWS

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The Case For Christ by Lee Stobel, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, \$18.99 Cdn.

In the February 8th issue of Christianity Today, Michael Maudlin, the Managing Editor, writes about a six-pack he can endorse. It is a six-pack containing six copies of this book for believers to give to others.

Why would one want to hand out copies of this book? Because it is one of the best books ever compiled on the evidence for the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The author is a former newspaperman working on such newspapers as the Chicago Tribune. He is now associated with the Willow Creek Community Church and Bill Hybels, a noted evangelical writer.

Strobel writes in a most exciting way about visiting noted scholars and interviewing them concerning their reasons for belief in Jesus as the Son of God. He asked these experts the reasons for their faith in Christ. Here are some of his questions: "Can the Biographies of Jesus be Trusted?", "Is there Credible Evidence for Jesus outside His Biographies?", "Does Archaeology Confirm or Contradict Jesus' Biographies?", "Was Jesus Crazy When He Claimed to Be the Son of God?" Several questions relate to the theme of the resurrection, such as "Was Jesus' Death a Sham and His Resurrection a Hoax?", "Was Jesus Seen Alive after His Death on the Cross?"

This book is a virtual goldmine on this most important topic. A book to read and to share!

Living a Worthy Life by Nancy Ferguson, Gospel Advocate, Nashville, TN, 221 pages, \$9.99 U.S.

Recently we reviewed "Directions For The Road Ahead" in this column and for our Ontario leader's luncheon. One of the outstanding articles in that book is by the author of this book, Nancy Ferguson, wife of the outstanding Bible scholar, Everett Ferguson. It is very encouraging to see this new book from her. She writes in the Preface, "Living a worthy life. Surely that is an admirable ambition for any Christian. But how do we do it? Do we even know what a worthy life is?"

She continues "This book is written with a firm conviction that the Bible is the Word of God and that it is relevant for us today. Therefore, we want to see what the Bible says about the worthy life God wants each of us to live. We want to explore some areas in which a better understanding of biblical teachings will help us live worthily."

Reading this excellent book will help us understand that we can be worthy by the wonderful grace of our God. The chapters answer such questions as "Worthy! Who, Me?", "How Much Obedience Do I Owe God?" and describe "That Awe-full Feeling", "A Chaste Lifestyle", "A Faith-Full Christian" "Submission: What's in It for Me?" and "Is it Really Worth It". Also included is a helpful Scripture Index.

We give this book our highest possible recommendation.

Jesus, The Great Debate by Grant Jeffries, Frontier Research Publications,

Inc. Toronto, ON. 282 pages, \$ 15.99 Cdn.

This author has had twelve best selling books and 3.5 million readers! Many of his books tend to be sensational and are not always accurate. His book on Y2K made many startling predictions which proved to be completely false. This makes the reader wary of anything he writes. However in this book he provides a good survey of the evidence for the divinity of Jesus. It is a good idea, however, to check what he writes with other less sensational writers.

He responds effectively to various agnostics and unbelievers. He surveys the basic evidence for the deity of Jesus such as the historical evidence and fulfilled prophecies. He shows that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and one of the Trinity. Several coloured photographs depict the places Jesus touched. He is convinced that the Shroud of Turin is the burial cloth of Jesus but some will think that the evidence is not that final.

In encouraging the reader to accept Jesus as Lord he quotes John 3:7 but neglects John 3:5. On the whole, this is a good survey of this great theme but it is wise to check on the reliability of all the author's ideas.

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News Everett and Nancy Ferguson to Teach in August

Dr. Everett Ferguson, Professor Emeritus, Abilene Christian University and his wife, Nancy will be the guest teachers at Great Lakes Bible College's Camp Omagh retreat short courses, August 21-25, 2000. Dr. Ferguson will teach a course on "The Church of Christ" and use as a textbook his work, *The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today* (1996, Eerdmans). Nancy Ferguson will teach a course on Christian living, using as her text her recently published, *Living a Worthy Life* (1999, Gospel Advocate). The Fergusons are members of the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas where Everett is an elder and Nancy has served for a number of years as a teacher of ladies' and children's classes.

Dr. Ferguson is widely recognized as an outstanding scholar and teacher, with emphasis in Early Christianity. The book that he will use as his text is considered as one of the finest produced in our brotherhood in the century just past. Their respective courses will contribute to an enhanced understanding of the central teachings regarding the church and the Christian life.

This will be the second year that the retreat setting of Camp Omagh, Milton, Ontario will support GLBC's summer short course activity. In August 1999, with Dr. Robert Rigdon, Sylva, NC teaching, the facility proved to be ideal for instruction, study, fellowship, inspiration and relaxation. The courses to be taught by the Fergusons may be taken for credit or audit. For information regarding course descriptions, schedules, costs, pre-course preparation, and registration, contact Great Lakes Bible College, 62 Hickory St. W, Waterloo, ON N2L 3J4, (519) 884-4310, fax (519) 884-4412, e-mail: learn@glbc.on.ca.

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For the complete Annual Report or additional information, please contact: Richard Kruse, Director, L.B.C. SCHOOL, 873 JANE STREET; PO BOX 98590, TORONTO, M6N 4C0.

South India

(Editors note: Our apologies to brother Johnson for the long delay in publishing this item. It should have appeared in the September 1999 issue. ECP)

As Emma and I began the Lord's work in South India, we were able to let individuals and churches select a trained preacher to support and direct as they saw best. Sometimes they would send the support directly to the preacher or to his congregation and it was as low as \$10.00 a month! This worked very well for several years while we were in the field to monitor the work.

As the years have gone by, things have changed both here at home and in India. There are now hundreds of congregations in that part of South India with many trained preachers to do the preaching; however, they are still in need of support. Here at home things have changed as well. Because of tax rules, one cannot earmark a cheque for a certain preacher and have it sent to him as support. The money must now be sent to the church that has a tax number and the church in turn designates it as "India Fund" and sends it on to the one they wish to support.

India has had inflation too. Such staple foods as rice, sugar, flour and milk are 15 to 20 times the price they were when the preachers received \$10.00 a month. Clothing and necessities of life have also gone up. It is true that wages have also gone up over there, but wages have not kept pace with the cost of living.

We operated one school and when we left, we turned the school work over to Brother Jim Waldron who now has 8 or 10 schools in operation. We, here in Estevan, still have 15 people on support, mostly preachers and two who receive medical help. Our India Fund is decreasing. We are now in need of monthly help if we are to continue this work. A preacher in India today needs \$100.00 a month and that is bare existence. We would appreciate it very much if you would include us in your budget for the year 2000. Please send any help you are able to give to: Estevan Church of Christ, 1302 8 St, Estevan Sk

S4A 1H6 and mark it "India". Faithfully yours, Carl E. Johnson.

Belgium - Davison

Dear brethren,

By the grace of God I have been serving as a missionary- evangelist with churches of Christ in Flanders, Belgium since 1965.

At present we desperately need additional support so I can continue and expand my evangelistic work in Belgium and, via the Internet, throughout the world.

A historical sketch of my activities through the years can be found here: <http://www.oldpaths.net/davison/history.html>

You might also like to examine some of the sermons, articles and books I have written:

<http://www.oldpaths.com/Archive/Davison/Roy/Allen/1940>

Currently I am working with the church in Brussels, assisting brother Ernest Eshun.

As part of my mission work, I publish five web sites which are consulted more than 15,000 times each month by people in all parts of the world. Teaching goes out in English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

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<http://www.oldpaths.net/churchname>.

Arrangements can also be made to set up websites for churches in mission areas. They can be in any language if someone who knows the language is available to help.

Roy Davison

OBITUARIES



Henry Ciszek

Henry Ciszek, well known for his evangelistic work in Poland and Lithuania passed away in his 83rd year, on Tuesday January 11th in Cornwall, Ontario. He leaves behind his wife Nelly (Fedorovna Timoshinova) and daughter from a previous marriage, Anna Duvrova of

Lithuania.

Henry was born on August 14, 1916 in Ellsworth, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Poland when he was 9 years old. Henry was instrumental in establishing the church in Warsaw, Poland during difficult periods of the cold war and communism. It was there, he was arrested during a church meeting that was being held in an apartment. They were right in the middle of singing 'Holy, Holy, Holy' at the time. He was eventually sentenced to four years in prison, serving three before being given amnesty, having his citizenship revoked and being ordered to leave the country within 5 days. The communist government charged him partly with 'attempting to destroy the economy of Poland'. In effect, his crime was 'preaching the gospel', which he continued to do while in prison.

Henry was attending the church of Christ at Dover in Cornwall and for many months before his passing, added greatly to the work here. We were fortunate enough to have some of his moments recorded on video tape. In one of them he expressed how with hindsight, his years in prison were some of the best times of his life. Words cannot adequately express how much we came to appreciate Henry in our midst. He was dedicated to the truth and spoke boldly as he ought to speak. His work in Poland is epitomized in his book 'Obey God Rather Than Man'.

His funeral service was conducted by Allen Bojarski, Jeremy Bojarski and Bethel Bailey, on Saturday January 15th. During the service a couple of video excerpts were played which had captured the personality and spirit of Henry's contribution to Bible studies. The eulogy was given by Jeremy, the sermon by Allen, with colloquy also given by Bethel Bailey of Sudbury. A reception followed. Special thanks to Bev Bojarski, Mary Campbell and Lisa Bourgon.

We will miss you Henry, but as we know, not forever.

To help defray funeral expenses memorial donations were to be given care of: the church of Christ at Dover, 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, Ontario K6J 1W1.

If anyone would like any further information about Henry you may contact us at e-mail allenk@glen-net.ca or check out our website at <http://www.glen-net.ca/c-of-c>

Allen Bojarski, evangelist, church of Christ at Dover, Cornwall, Ontario.

Kenneth Murray Patterson

June 1, 1925 - January 9, 2000

Ken lived his entire life on the prairies, most of it in Saskatchewan--the last third in Regina. For longer than many in our church-family can remember, Ken and Joyce have been an integral part of the Regina Church of Christ. Ken's occupations were varied with the first segment of his life as a railway agent and the last as a specialist in photography. The last 21 years of his career were with CKCK TV here in Regina.

As his family and friends reminisced, kind

descriptives kept reappearing: faithful, practical, family-oriented, fun, generous, encouraging, loyal... Quickly, we all came to realize that words are inadequate to capture the Christ-centred life, which God has packaged with the label, "Ken Patterson."

He leaves us a rich legacy in the form of precious Christian families: Joyce, his wife of 46 years, Betty Jean and Chris Johnson--Sandra and Kayla (Winnipeg), Barb and Ed Slywka--Jonathan, Jill and Alicia (Regina), and David and Barb Patterson--Reid, Devin, Jesse (Saskatoon).

Thanks, Ken, for being and continuing to be an inspiring part of our lives.

L. Louis Pauls

Brother Louis Pauls departed this earthly life on the evening of January 18 in West Lincoln Hospital at the age of 86. He was a genuine Christian gentleman and lived a full life of unselfish service.

One of a family of 12, he spent his first seven years on a farm in Montana. These were drought years and the family was very poor. Seeking better circumstances, they moved to Winkler, Manitoba where he received seven years of formal education. At fourteen he went to help the Brown family on their farm and was treated as a member of the family. These were depression times. He received his board.

Next he took some training in Chicago and entered the business world, first in London and then in Toronto, Ontario. After training in Montreal he worked with Dr. Scholl's Foot Comfort Shop in Toronto. Dealing with people and helping to relieve pain and suffering gave him a good deal of satisfaction.

As with many of his generation, Louis was involved in active service in WW II. He served in a General Hospital Unit in southern England, stationed there to minister to the wounded brought back from the battlefields in France.

Upon returning to family in Manitoba in 1945, the first evening there, he met Nellie Jacques, whom he married in Winnipeg six months later. About this time, Louis, who had been concerned about the existence of so many different churches, heard C. G. McPhee preach in Winnipeg describing the oneness of the church from the scriptures. This answered the question that had bothered him since his teen years.

After marrying, they moved to Toronto, where he returned to the business world for a time. His interest in having a better knowledge of the Bible and being able to teach it to others led them to return to the West where he enrolled in the Bible Department of Radville Christian College and studied for two years. They both worked to make this possible. Although he had not decided to be a minister, the Estevan church invited him to be their preacher and provided them with a two room house and \$25.00 per week. Louis attributes his forty year preaching career to the encouragement and confidence shown a novice by this congregation.

The family moved to Ontario in 1952 and served the Fenwick and Port Colborne churches in a double ministry until 1958 when they moved to Fredericton, New Brunswick for a five year effort to pioneer the gospel there. Following this Louis served with churches in Meaford (63-69) and Tintern (69-78) and then went back to the Fenwick church for a second term until his retirement in 1986. Eighteen of his forty years of preaching were spent with the Fenwick church. He was a member of the Great Lakes Christian College Board of Directors (1968-77).

Retirement provided the opportunity for him to complete his 442 page book, "It Can Be Done" which has been described as "An honest and sincere effort to pass along some of what he had learned during forty years of located labours with Canadian churches." Allow me to quote a paragraph from the foreword he

invited me to write for the book. "Evelyn and I first met Louis and Nellie Pauls in 1950 on our way to Radville, Saskatchewan to work with the college there. . . . They, in their tiny home in Estevan, were the first to welcome us to that Prairie Province. We have since then been close friends of the Pauls and have admired his tenacity in sticking to his labors in trying circumstances and often with too little support. This same tenacity is shown in authoring and publishing this volume."

I very much suspect that the publishing and distributing of this book costs the Pauls a good portion of their meager resources. This was just the continuation of a life spent to benefit others. He was a man who held strongly to his convictions and sacrificed to practice them. There is much more that could be said but we will just mention two more items.

Their only child, Dale, has served the church in Stamford, Connecticut for many years. He commented that his parents had not pushed him towards this occupation but rather that he had been "irresistibly drawn to it by example". That says a lot.

When the Pauls served in New Brunswick, they built a house which was a combined residence and meeting place for the church. Probably few know that some of the proceeds from the sale of that building were placed by Louis in a trust fund for use in the Maritimes. It was eventually used to help the church in Moncton purchase its present building. This is a further evidence of integrity, unselfishness and interest in the spread of the gospel.

Besides a host of brethren, Louis will be missed by his wife Nellie, his son Dale and wife Debbie and grandsons Marcus Daniel and Lucas Michael. He is also survived by six brothers and one sister as well as several nephews and nieces.

Eugene C. Perry

Millicent Reese (Low)

In the evening of December 23, 1999, the spirit of Millicent Reese left her frail body to be with her Heavenly Father. She had passed her 87th milestone on the 26th of August 1999. Millicent was baptized into Christ in the late fall of 1994 and Married Raymond Reese on the 7th of July of 1995. Though their life together was relatively brief, in every way their marriage could be related to as a happy marriage. Raymond will indeed miss her constant companionship. They did everything together.

A memorial service was held in the Church of Christ in Sudbury and the writer was assisted by a number of the young men of the congregation. We endeavoured to point out that death is appointed unto all, and after death the final judgment. Her confidence as the final minutes ticked off, was indeed an inspiration. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" was truly exemplified.

submitted by Bethel W. Bailey

Walter Hovind

Sometime during the day on October 31, Walter Hovind died. There was a memorial service for him on Saturday. It was quite a celebration of his life, and the impact that he has had on so many in Calgary. He always expressed friendship and concern beyond what many offer. He truly lived the life that he talked about.

excerpted from a letter written by David Perry

Howard Horton

Howard Horton, a retired faculty member at David Lipscomb University died on January 31. He came to Lipscomb as the Missionary in Residence in 1980 and continued to teach until he retired in 1987, serving as the Chair of the Bible Department from 1982-87. There was a memorial service on Thursday at the Mayfair church of Christ in Oklahoma City, OK.

His wife, Jerry, can be contacted at 8622 North May Avenue, #35, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

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Thessalon: The WCC Chorus will be singing on February 13. On February 20, a come and go tea was held in honour of Ina and Murray Smith, recently married. Jim Dale and Art Ford were to make a presentation on behalf of GLCC on February 20. The GLCC Chorus will sing at the building at 7:30 pm on March 4. Bill and Lorna Eaton have just moved to Thessalon.

Thunder Bay: Western Christian College Chorus will be in Thunder Bay February 11.

Tintern: \$1565 was collected for various mission works. Let's Start Talking reports were made by David Pierce and Megan Smith concerning their work in Thailand and Japan last summer. David's plan is to return to Thailand and Megan wants to go back to Papua, New Guinea, where she spent six months in the previous summer. The annual congregational meeting was January 23. Jim and Heidi Whitfield placed membership. Dwayne Williams spent a couple of weeks in Hong Kong recruiting for Great Lakes. Matthew Walker has accepted a job in England.

Toronto (Bayview): Tony Lewis of Kalispell, Montana was a guest candidate for their vacant ministry position December 12. The January 9 bulletin states that Tony Lewis accepted their offer. The congregational annual meeting was February 13.

Toronto (Strathmore): On December 26, Hayden Hypolite was baptized into Christ and Tony Basile on Monday night, January 17. Tony responded to Key to the Kingdom and has been studying with Max Craddock. Devon Bennett spoke on January 2. The GLCC Chorus sang January 16. The "Sharing Our Faith" class began Saturday evening, January 15 at 6 p.m. at the building. Ladies Bible classes are Saturdays at noon. "Training For Service" - Strathmore traded places with Bayview as sponsor this year and it will be April 21. The theme is "Three Great Bible Questions." Speakers will be Walter Hart, Bill Schwarz and Max Craddock. The Teenage classes will be taught by Devon Bennett and Guy Stopard.

Waterloo: The congregation had a "Sweetheart Dinner" on February 12. Their skating party is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. John Bailey will be the special guest speaker at Waterloo's 25 Anniversary celebration in May. Garry Bailey was the guest speaker on January 9. The widows had a game night on January 29 at the building. New members are the Todd Boyle and Paul

Vance families. The 16th Ibero-American Encounter, being co-hosted by the Waterloo and Strathmore Spanish brethren will take place at the Bramalea church of Christ building October 10-15.

Windsor (West Side): Tim Johnson from Moncton is to speak in the morning on February 20. On February 25, the young people's pizza and games night is to be held at the building. Gerry Tallman from Rochester Hills church of Christ will be conducting a study on Evangelism on Wednesday evenings in April. The brethren had an annual Valentine's supper and fellowship on February 12.

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax: Bart and Debbie Dennis were baptized on January 13. Debbie's parents, members from British Columbia, visited in the fall for a month and brought Debbie and Bart to services with them. Leah Richards, a college student, was baptized on January 18. She will graduate from college in the spring. Lynn Anderson from the Dallas area was a guest speaker.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: According to the November Moncton News Bulletin, Kevin and Tassie Smith of the Harding University Bible School are hoping to move to Saint John in mid-2001 after completing their schooling and raising their support. As full time missionaries they will work with the small group already worshipping there.

Moncton: Stephane Maillet, son of elder Royal Maillet was restored on December 8. Rochelle, after studies with Royal, was baptized on the 19th. Jamie LeBlanc, friend of the Johnsons, participated in some studies and was baptized on the 26th. Her 16 year old daughter is also attending.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Al Meakes reports the restoration of Philippe Villajra, who had been baptized 10 years ago. A group from Lubbock, TX will help in a VBS, March 12-15.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Baptism: On Sunday January 23, Herb Dozier became a new brother in Christ. The congregation sings regularly at Tonawanda Manor. On February 6 the ladies changed prayer sisters. There was an area-wide fellowship on January 23.

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off at Cenchrea because of a vow he had taken". He did it again in Jerusalem (Acts 21:23-24). Therefore, Paul is suggesting that a believing wife could even go so far as to shave her head as though to vow to her husband that she was not going to bombard him with too much praying and prophesying, which would only paralyze her unbelieving husband into not ever accepting the Word.

At the end of this section in chapter 11, Paul leaves it open to the believing woman to do whatever might convince her unbelieving husband at home of her sincerity. Overall, he is reminding her to take things slow and easy as far as praying and prophesying around her unbelieving husband at home, for he said that the churches of God did not have such a custom (see the KJV).

Yes, all this as seen in the context of chapters 8, 9 and 10 is to remind believing wives that they should be willing to hold back, to veil, all the fine print that they may know about the Bible and do whatever is necessary for their unbelieving husbands "so they may be saved"(10:24, 33). Praise God for giving these wives some ideas and keeping lit the flickering candle of their hope!

Windsor, Ontario

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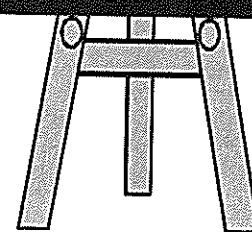
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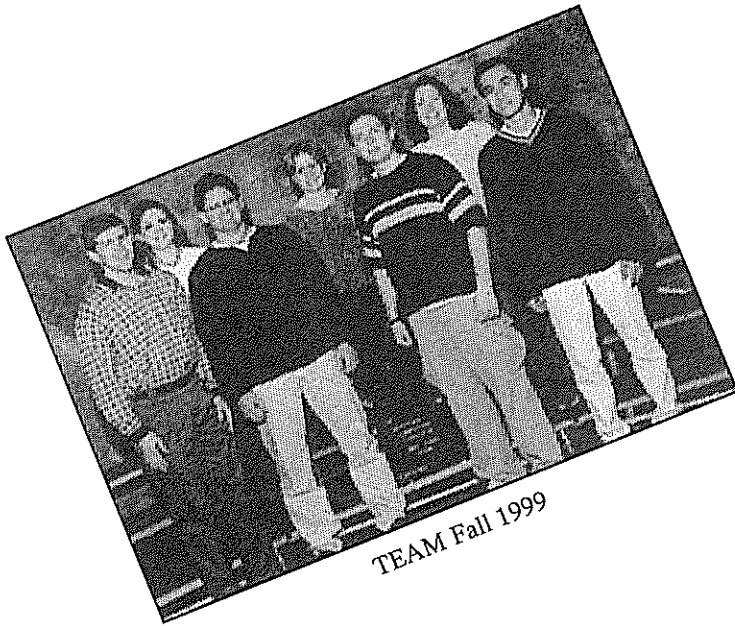
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LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. 328-0855.

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ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Columbia Bible College Chapel, 2940 Clearbrook Road; Sun. 11:15, 10; midweek class 7:30 in homes; #4-3292 Elmwood Drive, V2S 6B2, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:45, 9:30; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Kirk Ruch, ev. 951-4102; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hickey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg, Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6J4, 24 hr. phone (604) 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046; V2P 6J4.

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, V0B 1G0; 428-7411 (off) or 428-5937.

CROFTON: 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

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PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30 Potluck every first Sun.; 834-5775 (off).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Game Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2L6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res.).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Skip Francis, ev. (519)-339-1161 (off) 344-4846 (res.). E-mail: <scarfc@ctech.net>; Other contact: Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; email: <vhbbard@ctech.net>

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; (705) 946-1930.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev. (705) 256-1997 (res.), (705) 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612.

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7.

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 664-7583(res); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 9:30 Assembly; 11:00 Bible Study; Wed. 7:30; (519) 273-5280, davidross@golden.net (off); George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714, gmansf1@quadro.net; David Ross, 744-2872; John Brush, 625-1045; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; 566-2898; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933.

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N. N., Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

TECUMSEH (North Shore): St. Clair Beach Community Center, 13731 St. Gregory Rd.; Sun. 9:15, 10:15; Contact Rick Liebrock, 172 Pleasant Run Dr. RR1 Belle River ON NOR 1A0, (519) 735-0270; Ron Meccham, ev.

THISSLALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. 7; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebailey@baynet.net>.

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TIMMINS: 290 Riverside Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E. between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6; Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, elders; Max Craddock (416) 461-7406, e-mail maxc@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev.

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741; J. Short 965-1079; Ron Moore 962-1530.

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, RR3; Mount Forest, Box 274, N0G 2L0; (519) 334-3077

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:15, 10:30, and 6:00

(except 4th Sunday), Wed. 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res.); Bill Schwarz, ev., (519) 571-1047 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30 David Stewart, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev. 732-2465

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4; (519) 253-3932 c-mail: <wsidecoc@winc.com.net>

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 5:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: caddeo@total.net.

MONTREAL (English/French/Spanish/Chinese/Ghanian): 2401 St. Jacques; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 West Mount Station, H3Z 2T1; James Bell, ev. (514) 595-6744 (res), (514) 934-0400 (work).

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (French) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; Roger.Saumur@sympatico.com; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 747-7417; chrisb7777@vidcotron.ca.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 11, 10; Yvon Beaudoin, (418) 653-3493.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verreuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 10:45, 9:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0; (306) 478-2516.

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (780) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off).

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10-11; Wed. 7; Glen Davies, (306) 445-4231; Jelsing Bailey, 446-2630.

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 71/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnychy; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187.

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 10 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Richard Thuc, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan, senior min., 949-0969; Kevin Vance, youth min. 569-7837

SASKATOON: Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; Jason Bandura, Youth Minister, 343-8540; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: <stoonecfc@sk.sympatico.ca>

SASKATOON (Hub City Church of Christ): Rm 13, Albert Community Center, Clarence Ave. at 11 St. (Use south entrance off parking lot, take elevator to main floor); Sun. 2:30. Call ahead for possible changes. Taylors, 933-2706; Bastians, 931-8978; Browns, 255-2025

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 773-1185.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Michael Parker, ev.; or contact G. Husband, (306) 739-2915 or G. McMillan, (306) 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); 848-0645 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 1798 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 11:15; 10; (306) 783-6877 (bldg); Gilles Guenette, sec. (306) 782-2917.

CALENDAR

March

17-19 Edmonton annual Men's Retreat

April

7-9 Earl Greene at Fenwick ON, "Treasures, Triumph and Testimonies"

21 Training for Services, Toronto

21-23 Alberta Spring Fellowship, Edmonton

28-30 GLCC Youth Rally

May

31 Ladies Day; Fennell Ave. Hamilton

June

3 "Ladies Day" with Elizabeth Lock at the Tillsonburg Church of Christ. Registration 9-9:30am

THREE GREAT BIBLE QUESTIONS



38th ANNUAL TRAINING FOR SERVICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2000

TOPICS:

1. What is that in your hand?

Walter Hart: Adults / Devon Bennett: Teens

2. What are you doing here?

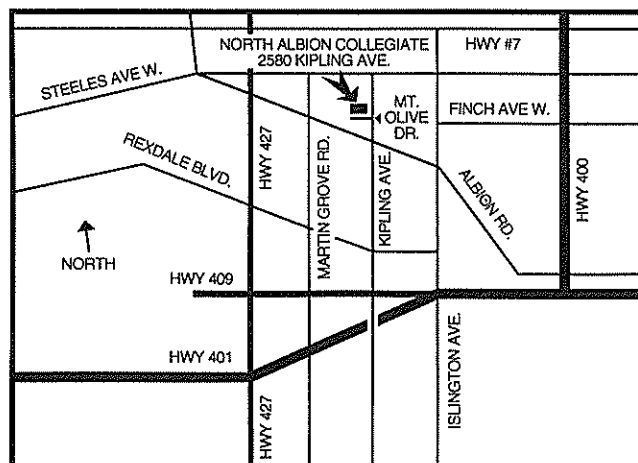
Max Craddock: Adults / Guy Stopard: Teens

3. Is the young man safe?

Bill Schwarz: Adults & Teens

Location:

North Albion Collegiate
2580 Kipling Avenue
Toronto



NORTH ALBION COLLEGIATE — 2580 KIPLING AVE.

Time:

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Singing: 9:30 a.m.

Bring your own lunch.
Beverage supplied.