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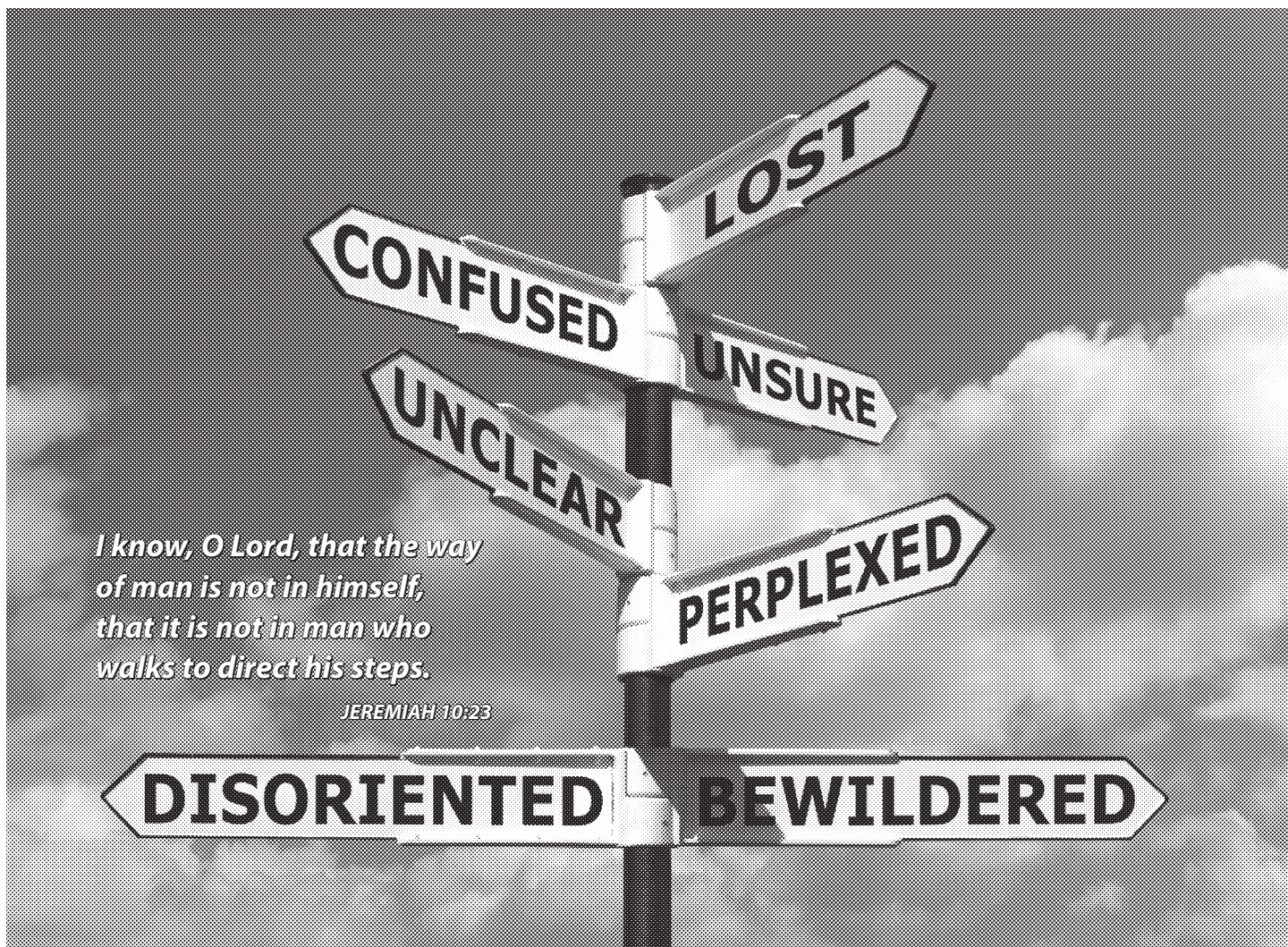
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We Can Do It!

Tim Johnson

Squeezed by life's challenges, we're forced to ask the question, "Can I do it?" The sloppiness of others makes us beware. Our own past failures teach us to shy away from important work; we doubt ourselves. Present struggles disappoint us. Will the future be too hard to handle?

In my last month of high school, I signed up for a high-jumping contest. As the bar kept being raised, contestants were eliminated when they failed to jump over it. Finally, only two of us were left: one tall girl and I. "Can I do it?" The question bit at my enthusiasm, but I decided to give it my best. Somehow, I succeeded. She did too. But in the next round, I failed and she won. Surprisingly, her victory didn't bother me. I was thrilled to do more than I thought I could. Later, she congratulated me. I had the feeling I had forced her to jump higher than usual too.

It's not a sign of weakness to wonder if we can do something challenging. We are limited human beings who often fail, or find that we can't handle certain things very well. It's normal to wonder if we are capable. But don't let your doubts stop you from trying.

How many things in life challenge us to the bone! Some things are just too hard? Yet, we know it can be done. The success of others encourages us. But sometimes there is no one else. It's us or nobody. Never forget this: God has a habit of standing with the weak and the scared, and helping them to succeed.

Moses wondered if he could adequately lead the Israelites, offering God plenty of excuses why he couldn't (Exodus 3-4). The man who thought he couldn't speak publicly spoke to the most powerful head of state of his day, and succeeded. He led Israel until his death over 40 years later.

Cowering in a winepress, Gideon was called to lead the nation against invading armies. Sputtering of his

inexperience and lowly family, God's angel called him a "valiant warrior" (Judges 6). God looked at what Gideon would become, not what he was. He stood with a weak man, gave him a weak-looking crowd to help him, and success resulted.

Jeremiah thought he was too young to become a prophet (Jeremiah 1:6). God said this was nonsense and promised to protect him. He looked like a nobody, too young and inexperienced. How could he face the old guard of Judah? Haven't you ever worried if people will listen to you? That thought soon became as nothing. He went on to preach for over 40 years. Later, his bravery and persistence were so legendary, many of the Jews thought Jesus was Jeremiah all over again! (Matthew 16:14). Let God's words to Jeremiah always encourage our doubting souls, "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 1:8). This lonely prophet who went through horrors and converted few, is now an inspiration to every preacher.

Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah and a host of others asked themselves, "Can I do it?" God stood with them all. Each of them took a deep breath and went ahead. All of them succeeded. Never let your own self-doubts keep you from obeying God.

The greatest work of all was handed to the twelve apostles, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." (Matthew 28:18-20). How could a group of twelve men do it? It's such a huge task! They trusted in a new fact, and in a new promise that Jesus

included with his world-encompassing charge. The new fact was that Jesus had been given "all authority in heaven and on earth." The new promise was that Jesus would be "with you always, even to the end of the age." His authority to rule the nations would open doors for them to do their work. His promise to be with them always gave them confidence they were really not alone.

How are we going to spread the gospel during 2009 right here in our own communities, let alone the whole burgeoning world of over 6.5 billion people? We've barely reached all ten Canadian provinces and three territories! How can we plant new congregations in the host of communities where they are needed? How are we going to defeat sin and temptation in our lives? How are we going to get over big disappointments and cruel circumstances? How are we going to get along with other Christians smoothly so the church can grow and develop?

We aren't the first to ask these questions. We won't be the last to wonder whether or not we are capable. Remember the great men and women of Biblical history. Read Hebrews 11 and exult in their successes. All of them were mere human beings with faults and failures. They succeeded in the times and places where God called them to accomplish what seemed impossible.

What big challenges are you facing in 2009? We can't do it on our own, but we can succeed by trusting in Jesus and His help. He has all authority in this world, the very world into which He sends us. He is with us every day, right to the end, giving us courage, energy, grit. We're weak, He's strong. We can't, He can. We wonder, "Why me?" He says, "Because I can help you do it!"

Don't just ask if we can do it; turn the question into a statement: "WE CAN DO IT!"

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Because He Lives

Roy D. Merritt

The Apostle Paul defined the Gospel as the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-2). Hundreds of witnesses confirm these historic happenings (1 Cor. 15:5-7).

The three events form the core of the redemptive story wherein the Lord Jesus Christ won a victory over death and the Devil. By His ascension the risen Christ, now seated in heaven at the Father's right hand, has switched His redemptive activities from the past earthly phase to His continuing saving role, administered from the Throne on high.

About a thousand years before the ascension, the psalmist David prophesied our Lord's return to the Father's right hand in glory. This prophecy is quoted more than any other by the New Testament writers. We read it first in Psalm 110:1: "The Lord says to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet.'"

What a blessed assurance that the risen Christ is alive and working with authority in our behalf!

In our present period of "doom and gloom", where wars and rumors of wars are a daily diet for the media, some sensitive souls fear. As the world enters into an economic meltdown, many grieve as they see their life savings reduced or gone completely while others see the jobs they depended on in jeopardy. Governments admit to dire apprehension and seek great

sums of money to bail out their economies. That's fine if they can make it work. But what can the individual Christian do in the face of such huge problems?

The contemporary hymn-writer J.G. Gaither wrote the beautiful exclamation of faith, "Because He Lives", with a chorus that radiates hope and confidence in the knowledge that we do indeed have a risen, living Lord:

"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives."

Yes, our Lord lives and is the Source of confidence in the life of a Christian. The Apostle John, near the end of the first century, gave a strong statement concerning the truth that Christ is our Mediator and an Advocate Who intercedes for us with the Father, "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have One Who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ the Righteous One" (1 John 2:1).

Similarly, the Apostle Paul wrote a stirring challenge to any enemy who would seek to spoil the Christian's confidence in Christ's intercession: "Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus Who died—more than that, Who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us" (Romans 8:4).

Dangers of devastating atomic warfare lurk continuously in the background of the modern world. Economic hardship may remove our retirement savings or our job. Disease or accident may ravage our body. Our great and only source of assurance comes from the knowledge that these threats are all of the world and that they will pass.

Christians live by faith and trust in the promise of better things, made possible by the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. An anonymous writer has summed up our challenge in an apparent analogy to the incident where Christ dealt with fearful disciples in an open boat with a storm raging around them (Mark 4:39-40):

"Sometimes the Lord calms the storm;

Sometimes He calms the child."

Our challenge in all of life's storms is to keep the faith and let God take care of the storms. The risen Christ still lives and still keeps His promises to those who are storm-tossed. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

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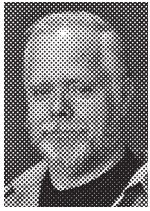
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Knowing Why

Wayne Turner



One of the first questions children learn to ask is “Why?” It is one of the most important questions that can be asked. “Why” goes beyond a request for simple information. It forms the basis for scientific inquiry. It seeks to know the reason or explanation for something. It represents a search for greater understanding. However, as people get older, they seem to forget to ask it. Perhaps they have settled into the routine, accepted the way things happen or have even lost their curiosity.

Regardless, we need to keep asking, “Why?” We may be surprised at what we discover.

The Sunday activity that we call a “worship service” offers a good example. Have you ever asked, “Why?” (not from a sense of defiant rejection, but rather from the desire to gain understanding). We know, from Scripture, that the early church assembled together and that we are commanded not to “forsake the assembly.” We understand from Scripture and history that the Lord’s Supper was a focal point for this gathering. We’ve been taught (and have taught) the “five acts of worship” for this time: singing, Lord’s Supper, prayer, teaching and giving. For some people, that’s the end of it—that’s all the reason we need. But perhaps there is more that should be asked.

Over the past several years, much discussion has occurred around the subject of worship. At the very least, this discussion has revealed a wide range of views. For example, should it be a time of quiet reverence or a time for celebration? For some churches, the Sunday morning worship service has become the primary opportunity to draw visitors. This has resulted in the “seeker service” which is almost entirely designed to attract visitors. A side-bar to this discussion has centred over whether its style should be traditional or contemporary. In some places, this whole discussion has created tension and even division. Perhaps, there is a need to go back to the “why?”

A thorough search through the Bible shows that the phrase “worship service”, in any of the major translations, is not used. Why? Should we reason from this that we should reject having worship services?

Certainly not. Although the expression “worship service” may not be found in scripture, the concept is. Perhaps, we should be aware that there can be some haziness or even undesirable baggage that comes from using a term that does not come from the Bible. In this case, it

is a term that has been handed down through centuries of religious history and which is a mixture of custom, tradition, history and Bible.

The Biblical concept is based on a gathering, assembly, congregating. Christians came together as a community. From the beginning of Acts, they met together for prayer (ch. 1), continued in the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, Lord’s Supper and prayer (ch. 2), met in homes and the temple courtyard, coming together in Troas on Sunday for the Lord’s Supper (ch. 20). (In fact, the Greek word *ekklesia* which is translated as “church” is used in Acts 19 to refer to the assembly of the citizens of Ephesus in the theater.) The recurring theme is that Christians assemble together regularly. Why?

In 1 Corinthians 11–14, Paul provides some important answers. First, he shows that the Lord’s Supper is one of the purposes for assembling. Participating in a divisive way negated the action, “It is not the Lord’s Supper that you eat.” (v. 20) It was to be both a remembrance of Christ and His death and an expression of love and unity within His body. He goes on in the next three chapters to discuss “spirituals,” a concept directly connected to the assembly. He gives the overarching principles: love (ch. 13) and edification (“everything must be done for the strengthening of the church,” 14:26 NIV). Two things about the assembly can be noted. First, it is primarily a gathering of, and for, Christians. It is the gathering of the family of God, thus, the “meeting together” of Hebrews 10:26 (“our own assembling together”—NASB). Second, while mainly for Christians, the assembly did not exclude non-believers. Paul notes the negative effect that extreme behaviour could have on non-believers,

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Wolves in Costume

Leaders in the church need to be on guard for anyone and anything that brings false teaching into the body. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spends a good deal of time talking about the need for His people, those who would be in the kingdom, to live a life of devotion to His teaching. Emphasis is placed on the need for disciples to be true in their commitment to His will and to become Christian through and through. It is not about going through the motions nor paying “lip service” as many of the Pharisees did. He says, “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20). The point of this is that one must not simply DO Christian acts, but he must BE Christian.

After two and a half chapters (Matthew 5, 6 & 7) of teaching Jesus gives a warning to those who desire to live the Christian life. This warning must be taken personally since it is the duty of every Christian to study the word and apply it to his life. Jesus warns, “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15). Understand the serious problem that Jesus is speaking about here. It is not so much that wolves want to destroy God’s people and will seek ways to attack. The big problem is that they are “in costume” to make themselves appear to be something they are not. Their pleasant ways and smooth words often lead disciples away. The warning of Jesus, “Beware of false prophets” needs to find lodging in the heart of

every believer.

What was true in the days of Jesus is still true today. Individuals and congregations continue to be troubled by those who wish to change beliefs and practices to make the church more acceptable to those of the world. The spirit of some reminds us of the people of Israel when they became dissatisfied with the plan of God for government. They asked for a king like all the other nations had.

“Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, ‘Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations’” (1 Samuel 8:4, 5). On the surface, their reasoning seemed to have a good foundation because of Samuel’s age and the failure of his sons to walk in God’s way. Their plan was to fit in and be like the nations around them. However, the granting of this desire was the beginning of the end for the nation as this led to the divided kingdom and defeat.

The threat is real and church leaders have a responsibility to be on guard against “wolves in costume.” There has been a good deal of discussion and accusation against government concerning the terrible attack on the United States (and perhaps the entire free world) on 9/11. Suggestions that the US leadership knew an attack was being planned and had reason to be on high alert continue to be raised from time to time. I don’t know what the leadership of the country did or did not know and am not making any accusations one way or another. However, I do know that leaders in the

Lord’s Church, and every member of the Church for that matter, have every reason to be on guard because the possibility—no, the absolute reality—of attack against the Lord’s Church. And, sadly, some of these attacks are coming from those who are supposed to be the leaders in truth.

Paul gave clear warning in Acts 20:26–32, “Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” Paul knew the danger was real and that even from their own numbers there would be false prophets, “wolves in costume” who would bring in destructive doctrines.

In many ways our time is like those of the days of Jeremiah. Jeremiah, a true prophet, was distressed over the failure of spiritual leaders to be true to their calling. There are a number of references to this problem in his book. Consider, “Then I said: ‘Ah, Lord God, behold, the prophets say to them, You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.’ And the Lord said to me: ‘The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the

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Money Matters

The worldwide financial crisis has created an uncertain future for many. Some have lost a large portion of their savings in the stock market's decline. Some who have survived on credit for many years find that credit harder and harder to come by. Some have lost or are about to lose high paying jobs. Since they had managed their finances based on that generous salary, they are not just losing their lifestyle, some could lose their homes. God's Word, the Bible, has some good advice on how we manage our money.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall

into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (1 Timothy 6: 6-10 NIV).

We bring nothing into the world and when we leave this world we leave the same way. We never really own anything; we just rent it for the short time we are in this world. We should learn to be content when our needs are being met. Those who make it their goal to get rich put themselves in harms way by falling into temptation. They enslave themselves to their foolish desires that bring about their destruction. Some who are eager for money have left the faith, hurting

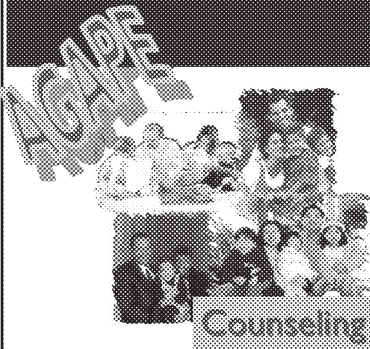
themselves over and over again.

We must learn to live on what we earn. To do otherwise is to assume that we will somehow have more money in the future so that we can repay the debt created by not living within our means.

We must learn to live on less than we earn. We may have debts from the past that need to be repaid. We need to be saving money for future purchases so as to avoid borrowing money. We need to be saving so as to have the resources necessary to meet future needs and our retirement.

To accomplish this we must learn to distinguish between our needs and our wants. Many spend themselves into debt by purchasing what they want but do not need. We often refer to these as impulse purchases, we see something and want it, then without even thinking about whether we need it, we make the purchase. If we thought about it we might not make the purchase because we would see that it is something that we don't need. We find ourselves purchasing clothes that we cannot fit into our overstuffed closets. We purchase food that we find difficult to even fit into our already too full

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freezer or refrigerator. We purchase books that we don't have the time to read and movies that we can't find the time to watch. We purchase another piece of furniture and then rearrange the room over and over again to try to make room for it. We may feel that we really need a holiday even though we can't afford it. Any stress that the holiday relieves will quickly come back to us when the credit card bill arrives. I am not saying that we should never go on a holiday or purchase things for ourselves. I am suggesting that we should live within our means by purchasing what we need and not what we want.

If you cannot control your use of credit cards then get rid of them. Credit cards are a wonderful convenience allowing us to travel without carrying large amounts of cash with us. We can make the purchases we need without first going to the bank to get the cash needed for the purchase. They serve a useful purpose when emergency car repairs need to be made far from home. We can easily get a hotel room when weather prevents us from traveling home. We believe that credit cards are a necessity today. However, credit cards support impulse buying, we see it, we want it and we buy it. We don't stop to think about whether we can afford it or whether we even need it, we just buy it. If you cannot control your use of credit cards get rid of them and live with the inconvenience. It will be far easier than living with the debt.

Be generous with what you have. God expects you to be generous with what you have not what you might one day have. I have had many tell me how they would be generous if they were to win a million dollars. While it may be enjoyable to dream about all the good we could do if we had a million dollars, it is more enjoyable to be generous with what you have. We may think that when we are young and have limited finances we are excused from generosity. That generosity can wait until we are older and established in our careers. In our youth we are setting patterns for the rest of our lives thus we cannot afford to wait. God expects us to be

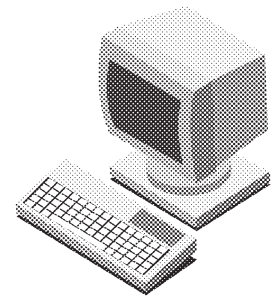
generous with what we have.

Those who have learned the lessons of generosity have discovered that it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Those who are generous have discovered the joy of sharing what they have with others; in fact they report that it is more fun than spending it on themselves.

Your worth cannot be measured by what you have or the salary you make. You are not the sum total of your possessions; you are much more than that. The salary you receive is not a good measurement of your worth. It knows nothing of your character, the condition of your heart or your conduct. Yet too often we measure ourselves by these poor yardsticks.

Some who have low paying jobs get down on themselves and often refer to themselves as failures. God has not commanded that we have high paying jobs; He has taught that we should work hard, live within our means and be generous with what we have. Perhaps we should look at things the way God does and not measure ourselves by a worldly standard.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV).



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Over the past few years, the ladies at Fenwick have been involved in a number of activities. Some activities have strengthened our fellowship while others have provided us with avenues of service to others.

Like many other groups, we at Fenwick did secret sisters for a few years. However, we added a couple of variations along the way. There are always those who decline involvement in group activities, so we included those ladies by choosing "secret pen pals". Names of those ladies not participating in secret sisters were put into a hat and drawn by those willing to take on a secret pen pal. They then sent their secret pen pal anonymous cards or notes throughout the year. This was our way of letting those ladies know that we valued them as our sisters. Some had a lot of fun trying to guess who was sending the cards.

After three or four years, some who had participated in secret sisters began to tire of the activity. So at the

suggestion of a new sister in Christ, who had a desire to get to know her new family better, "Selected Sisters" was born. We were divided into pairs "by casting lots". And it did appear to be a God-directed selection as the match-ups seemed to be just right in each case. Rather than giving gifts or sending cards in secret, we were encouraged to do things with our selected sister so that we would get to know one another better. Our together times included everything from meeting for coffee to visiting shut-ins or presenting a Bible lesson. The following year, we juggled things a bit and had sister trios rather than pairs. The program was dropped after the second year, but as there have been recent changes to our congregation, we are considering starting it up once more.

More recently, we have been challenged to show love in some way to every lady connected to the congregation in any way. Betty Bruggen issued this challenge in a lesson presented on Valentines Day. She gave each of us a little "love basket" and a list of ladies' names. We were instructed to cut out a name and place it into the basket whenever we had done something loving for that person. Our goal was to have all the names in the basket by the end of the year.

Fenwick is a small congregation and small numbers can sometimes be discouraging. Because of that, a few years ago we decided to invite our sisters from an even smaller congregation to join us for our monthly ladies' classes. A good percentage of the Welland ladies accepted our invitation. Those ladies were included in our selected sisters program which helped to draw us even closer together. This inter-congregational involvement helped to ease the transition when the Welland congregation disbanded.

In our monthly class, we take turns presenting lessons. This has helped us appreciate one another more. We have also enjoyed having several guest teachers from other congregations which has helped us to get to know some of our neighbouring sisters as well.

As part of our out-reach to others, the ladies' class sends out prayer cards. Each month we put together a prayer list of those we know of who are having difficulties of some sort. To each one on that list we send a card to let them know that we are praying for them. The men's class has joined us in compiling the list and signing the cards.

Some of our other out-reach activities include our annual Christmas baskets to the elderly and needy. We have also made or purchased items which were shipped up north for Brian and Bonnie Lee Cox to distribute on the reserves. This included a quilt made by several of our ladies. We have sent birthday gifts as part of the program organized by the Tintern congregation and will be doing so again for September this year.

Our latest adventure is an annual ladies' day. We enjoy a wonderful fellowship at Fenwick but often feel somewhat isolated. This special day was born from our desire to get to better know our sisters from other congregations. Our "Celebration of Sisterhood" has proved to be a blessing for us at Fenwick and also for those ladies who have shared the day with us.

Of course, we also have our social times. A couple of our members lead a monthly book club for about a year. We have done teas to honour our ladies who were celebrating special occasions and fun stuff like sleep-overs. We gals are never too old for sleep-overs. And if you really want to get to know someone, spend the night with them. All of these things draw us closer together and help us to truly feel like sisters.

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For young adults aged 18 to 30



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ONTARIO

Beamsville: The men's 7 a.m. prayer breakfast resumed Thursday, January 8. A dinner for the "Wise and Young at Heart" was held on January 31. The congregation's December collection for Community Care allowed the members to provide a cheque for \$1,050 which was used for Christmas gifts, turkey vouchers and other needed supplies for Christmas hampers. In addition, their Sunday school collection was able to supply 12 monthly cheques of \$145 to support students at Namwianga Christian School in Zambia.

Bramalea: On Sunday evening, November 30, Thomas Morghan-Acquaah, a Bramalea member, spoke on "Why I Left the Jehovah Witnesses." The following Sunday night, Kingsley Osei-Bonsu gave a message on "Why I Left the Muslim Religion." Jonathan Straker preached Sunday, December 21. Daniel and Leonora Sabio and daughters Danielle, Gabrielle and Camille recently placed membership with the congregation. Dr. Jackie (Straker) Halstead, head of Abilene Christian University's Marriage and Family Therapy Department, taught a special ladies' class on "Contemplative Prayer" on Sunday, December 28. A "Bring a Friend" day took place on Sunday, January 11. On Saturday, January 10, at the monthly men's meeting, David McPherson led a discussion on "Points in Preparing an Adult Class," and Tony Lourenco spoke on "The Basics of the Gospel."

Cambridge: One of the congregation's small groups spearheaded a hat and mitts drive for Christmas. Sixty-three hats and mitts were donated and a little over half of them were given away. Tied to each hat and pair of mitts was a handwritten

card that wished the receiver a merry Christmas and included the following verse: "We love because he first loved us," I John 4:19. The feedback from the kids was encouraging, including comments such as "Whoa!" and "Cool!" and thanks from the older kids. Greg Whitfield gave a presentation at Tintern on December 14 and displayed a list of 70 individuals that they did not know a year ago. Some of the youth are getting Christian teaching, some are just getting adult attention, and some are getting interaction with their peers in a safe place. Thanks be to God! May we praise Him as we move in to the New Year.

Fenwick: Roy Cox has moved to Welland and placed membership at Fenwick. A special Sunday, December 7, "Each One Bring One," resulted in 11 visitors in attendance. On December 13, 25 people walked in the local Christmas Parade, distributed Bibles and information promoting "Kids for Christ" and the church. The marchers were well received by the community. Several from the church worked with "Pelham Cares," packing and distributing food and toys, and some contributed to "Hannah House," a support home for young unwed mothers. A special contribution was collected for "Gospel Chariots" in Africa, and money is being collected for the Sardinia church of Christ, New York, building fund.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Bertha (Pat) and Charlie Gardner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 20. On Sunday, December 21, the congregation hosted a special outreach service at 7 p.m. A "March Break Outreach Activity" is planned for March Break with a group coming from Nashville. Fifteen people will come up to help with the Fennell church outreach to the community.

Kenora: Jason Kehl is winding up the Sunday morning Bible class on James as we are taking an in-depth look at 5:14-16, the anointing with oil and the eldership. This study will be followed with a study of Ephesians. James has produced a wealth of spiritual direction and insight. Earle Rattai continues to preach through Revelation. It's amazing at how many lessons can be learned from the trials and persecutions that our 1st century brethren went through as they simultaneously dealt with the beasts of apostate Israel and Rome. We encourage anyone traveling through Kenora to stop and visit. Please pray for our work as well. - Earle Rattai

Mississauga: The congregation rejoiced on January 4 in its first baptism when Avery Manickchand, 14-year-old son of Dave, was born again. Avery lives in Barrhead, Alberta, but was home for the holidays. Bramalea elders have taken turns visiting the new congregation each week; Kevin Hunter and Walter Straker each speak once every four weeks. In between, local brethren take turns speaking. The congregation's average attendance has been 44 and contributions have averaged \$930 per week. Their second "Visitors' Day" and pot luck was held Sunday, January 11.

Owen Sound: Bill and Betty Muzzell recently placed membership with the congregation. In December the church helped nine needy families with groceries and food vouchers, and also sent special financial gifts to two orphans they support in Nigeria and Liberia. Rejoice with us as Jean Robinson was baptized into Christ on January 14, 2009.

Toronto (Scarborough): A prayer meeting is held every third Sunday at 6 p.m. Ladies' class is held on Saturdays and women with girls age 10 and up are encouraged to bring them out to the class. Youth groups meet every first and third Saturday at 1 p.m. Ladies' Bible study met Tuesday, January 6, to study: "Save, Scrimp or Squander."

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The congregational theme for 2009 is "Increasing to be Effective & Fruitful—2 Peter 1:3-11. This theme is a challenge to all to grow personally in their relationship with God. Throughout the year sermons, lessons and activities will support this theme. The first of the Key To The Kingdom video Bible Study Films was filmed at the end of December and will be completed and available in the near future. The title of this first lesson is "Anchored In The Word." This series of lessons will be in the form of a Bible study/discussion that will explore various biblical themes and passages. The goal for 2009 is to complete 10 studies. May 3, the first Sunday, in May, we are asking congregations across Canada to remember the Key To The Kingdom work in prayer, in special efforts to advertise the programme in their area and financially. (See ad on the back page.)

Waterloo: Correction: Ryan Azzoparde was baptized by his cousin Jamie Azzoparde on Thursday, October 30, not in November, as previously announced. On December 3, Marg Cassidy was baptized by Walter Hart. Her first contact with the

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby: A student in a Coquitlam high school, who was studying the Bible, discovered our website in December, and attended a worship service. Jonathan Symester-Jennings was baptized after the meeting on Dec. 28, and welcomed into our fellowship. Our annual Christmas Singing night had to be cancelled because of heavy snowfall, and both worship services were cancelled on Jan. 4. Yes, we are still part of the Greater Vancouver area where the traditional rain has been replaced by huge accumulations of snow!

City Church (Vancouver): Following a short worship service on Dec 21, our members went out to deliver brown bag lunches to the homeless and prostitutes

on Vancouver's infamous "East Side". We were able to feed about 80 people despite the snowstorm that was blotting out the city. Many of the homeless were walking non-stop to keep warm, while others were still trying to rummage in the alleys. Though BC had ordered shelters to accept everyone, many did not go in because they were afraid of running into enemies, losing their gear or sleeping spots, or for other unknown reasons. We even came across a prostitute wearing very little in the blizzard, her legs and face slashed. We saw a lot of desperation. The day before, our members had delivered groceries, a turkey, and Christmas gifts to a family of 6 through the Salvation Army's adopt-a-family program. The mother invited us in for tea, and we talked to her about the church and enjoyed our time with her. We have agreed that, given the success of our projects, it would be nice to try feeding the poor on a regular basis, and not wait for next Christmas. Thanks to the efforts of the Chapmans and Christina Hasbrouck, we were able to provide for almost 90 people at a cost effective rate. On December 24, Stephen Hasbrouck organized a shovel brigade of five to clear sidewalks in Marpole and a Vancouver intersection which was completely impassable. They also dug out cars stuck in the

snow. A young man of 18 needed some volunteer hours, so Stephen talked to him about life and the Bible while they worked on the snow removal, and signed his forms when they finished.

Delta: We welcomed back Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers on Dec. 28. Jay Don was our speaker, giving a report on the past year's work in Donetsk, Ukraine.

Oakridge: Jay Hawkins, who participated in classes here as a child when his father, Jim, preached for Oakridge, was our speaker on Dec. 28. Together with his family, he lives and preaches in Caldwell, ID. He and his wife, Carrye, have three children. Due to the severe weather conditions on their route to Hermosillo, Mexico, Joyce Hooper and her sister, Thelma, decided it would be best to postpone their annual trip south until September. Money that the congregation had given to Joyce to help with her travel insurance was sent instead to an orphanage to buy needed medical supplies in the city known as the "Ciudad de los Ninos" (City of Children). The sisters will take their collection of school supplies, toiletries, clothing, small toys and more medical supplies with them to help the street children, estimated to be around 10,000 in this city of some 2,000,000 people.

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church was Shawn LeBlanc while both worked at The Dollar Store. When Shawn moved to Stratford, he asked Walter to continue their Bible study.

Windsor: In January the congregation studied the subject: Science and the Bible," paying special attention to what the Bible does not say, and what science does not say. The congregation watched a DVD entitled: "How Great is Our God" on January 18—one which coincided with the "Science and the Bible" series. The annual "New Beginners' Celebration" was held January 25.

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Ville-Émard: The congregation enjoyed a good year in 2008. During the year, ten were baptized, twelve placed membership and one was restored. Eight moved away giving a new growth of fifteen. Only two of the baptisms were children of members. The others were visitors, guests of members, etc. The final quarter of the year was filled with numerous activities designed to reach out to the community as well as build

up the church spiritually. These activities included: **Soup & Study Wednesdays**—The brethren prepared a meal to serve before services on Wednesday evenings. **Men's Power Breakfast**—Every second month a team of men prepares a hearty breakfast for the men on a Saturday morning. This is followed by a devotional and then a training session in song leading, public speaking, etc. **Coco & Friends**—A community outreach for children. This year we registered 41 children. One great development was that this was the first time our own children served as organizers, puppeteers, and helpers for this project. **Prayer & Fasting Weekend**—This is now a bi-yearly event where the entire church is encouraged to fast and pray for a 24 hour period. Each member is responsible for a ½ -1 hr. block of prayer time. In this way we try to be a congregation in constant prayer for a 24 hour period. We then come together for a "break-fast" and devotional at the building at the end. **Holiday Activities**—Ladies Ornament Exchange Brunch—Orphan's Christmas Dinner—Food basket collection for the community—New Year's Eve Family

Fun & Devo. Despite the snow and cold—it's a warm and busy place at Ville-Émard. In November I travelled to Oklahoma to visit my sponsoring congregation and did a seminar on the topic of worship. I then flew to San Diego to visit several congregations (Canyon View, El Cajon Blvd., and Murrieta) along with many of our individual supporters. While there I was able to preach and make presentations about the Montreal work. Of course a highlight of the San Diego visit was seeing our new granddaughter, Sophia Marie Cienfuegos. What a great joy Lise and I experienced in seeing her and our other grandchild, Christian. **SUPPORT—2009**—We were very encouraged by the positive response of our sponsoring congregation and other supporters. In this time of economic uncertainty the feedback we received was one of faith and encouragement. We have many plans for growth and expansion and know that through your faithful support we will continue to proclaim Christ here—good weather or bad. (From year end report of Michael Mazzalunga)

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Mozambique: The sunrise wake-up call made the "Herald of Truth" team realize that they were in a different culture because it was the Muslim call to prayer that awoke them. Although they were in Muslim territory, they were there to conduct a campaign in the town of Gurue, where they had been invited by local congregations to preach, and to give out literature and Bibles. Local authorities had granted them permission to have the event in a local park. Meetings were started with singing to attract a crowd, followed by announcements inviting people to come to watch a movie. Movies based on the life of Christ were shown each night. By the end of the series, around 2,000 respectful and attentive people had gathered to watch. Brief sermons were preached before the start of the movie, during an intermission, and again at the close, the latter emphasizing the need for a personal response to Jesus. People were encouraged to contact one of the local churches of Christ or visit one of the local ministers. From the way they were dressed, it was obvious that many were Muslims, but most remained each night for the entire program. After the last service, four teenage boys approached one of the team members and asked to be baptized. One of the local evangelists talked with them awhile to determine that they had heard and understood the full message of

Jesus and the Gospel. Later that night, the whole church walked down to a local pond to witness their new birth after beating the water awhile to make sure it was clear of snakes and crocodiles. The young men were so excited about their baptism that they were eager to spend another two hours being taught about how to live as new disciples of Christ. Only God knows the good that these four, and others still to come, will do for the kingdom in this part of Mozambique. In comments on the work of "Partners In Progress" Bill and Marie-Claire McDonough made the following comments with particulars of the work in Cambodia, Myanmar and Guyana. "You have given Hope to the hopeless, Joy to the sorrowful, and the Love of God to thousands, who without you, would still be languishing in apathy. In their names, we say "Thank You" and wish you and yours a happy, blessed New Year."

Cambodia: "The work in Cambodia continues to move ahead with unbelievable response. Partnering with us, you have shared your blessings with countless thousands of people in some of the most destitute areas of the world. In Cambodia you have fed more than 1,000 malnourished children daily and provided health care from the Ship of Life to 36,400 people (who had no hope of getting medical assistance). You kept over 300 children in school, who had dropped out due to a lack of family income, and provided 16,000 hours of Bible instruction to university students who had never heard of Jesus, while also growing churches across central Cambodia."

Myanmar (Burma): "You have provided food, clothing and shelter to 5,000 people in nine villages that were destroyed by cyclone Nargis. The cyclone left more than

150,000 dead and missing and over 200,000 homeless. Churches are now being planted among Buddhist villages that prior to this devastating storm had never heard of the love of God and Jesus Christ."

Guyana, South America: "Medical teams have been sent for the work that has been going on since 1987. What we have done there has been acclaimed by the Guyanese government as the most significant humanitarian impact their country has had."

Iraq: Sponsored by a donor who is interested in the possibilities for taking the Gospel into Iraq, John Bailey, founder and president of Bands (Body and Soul, Inc.) made his first trip into that country last year. He treated patients for several days, but was not at liberty to reveal who he worked with or much about conditions there, but he reported that he was allowed to move freely about the country and did not see any USA military at any of the check points he went through. One afternoon, he spent several hours going through a war museum and driving to some of the mass burial sites of the '90s. One only recently excavated revealed that men, women and children were buried there alive. He said that he could see many needs and opportunities, but wasn't sure whether Bands was equipped to help at this time. (Annual Report from Dr. John Bailey)

The Philippines: In Dr. Bailey's annual report, he included a full page listing the Surgical, Medical and Dental work done in 2008 by Dr. Samuel Cariaga and his wife, Elvie, for the poor in the Philippines. Starting with the Sunrise Christian College in Butuan City where they worked on 2,200 patients in January, they saw another 182 in two other cities by the end of the month.

In November, the next largest number treated in one city added up to 1,543, making the approximate total for the entire year 10,492 adults and children (the number in six different cities in December was estimated). Dr. Cariaga and his family planned to move to Canada last month. As he has been responsible for all of the medical work done for the poor in the Philippines and another doctor has not been found to carry on this work, funds provided by Bands

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will be diverted to other areas of need, Dr. Bailey says. With much prayer, these choices are now being considered by the Board of Directors.

Papua New Guinea: Ruth Zimmerman writes in her December report: "We've been having 90-100F weather for the past few weeks and I'm actually starting to miss snow, or at least the white Christmas part of it!... In September I had a chance to assist in the visit of two elders from Perth, Australia. In thanks, the congregation sent funds to purchase a hot water system for our house! We now have a 25L electric water heater with connections to both the kitchen sink and the shower. No more boiling water in the kettle to get a hot sponge bath in rainy

mid-August!!... I have been having ongoing health problems throughout this year. Please pray for me as I await test results for thyroid function. May God richly bless each of you in the New Year."

Japan: Joel Osborne returned to Sendai on Friday, January 9, 2009; Debi Hobelman also returned to Sendai after being in North America over the holidays. Special needs: 1) Sasha Ingle, one-year intern in Sendai, is in North America raising funds to return to do further mission work. Sasha has proved invaluable to the Sendai work by her Bible studies following up with Let's Start Talking contacts. Please remember her in prayer and assist her financially if you can. 2) Bank fails and missionaries

lose their support: When their Tokyo bank failed, the Tachikawa church of Christ had to discontinue their support of two of their missionaries.. If your congregation can help these families, please contact the Bramalea church of Christ. For information or reports of the Japanese work, please contact: benberry@gmail.com or <http://www.benberry19.blogspot.com>; joelosborne4@yahoo.com; <http://debihobelman1413.blogspot.com>; <http://sashainsendai.blogspot.com>; jstrake@yahoo.com, <http://strakerhouse.com>, or <http://hijimino.exblog.jp/>; Or contact the Bramalea church at mail@bramaleacofc.ca.

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and the possibility they may be reached by observing the assembly. It is obvious that their presence in the assembly did not change its purpose or focus as a time to encourage and strengthen the church.

This suggests that those who want to build the "worship assembly" (perhaps a more Biblical description than "service") to attract non-believers have missed the most important point—it was never intended to be for "outsiders." It is for Christians. In the early church assemblies, it was not uncommon for unbaptized individuals ("seekers"?) to be dismissed during the Lord's supper time, a practice still followed by a few groups. Along the line of history, as John Wesley's outdoor "altar calls" and the subsequent "tent meetings" moved into permanent facilities and church buildings, the model of evangelistic meetings was transposed onto the Biblical assembly of many denominations. The result may be something which is unable to effectively either to build up and encourage the body or reach unbelievers. John MacArthur wrote, "Certainly there were times when unbelievers might come into an assembly of believers (cf. 1 Cor. 14:23). First-century church meetings were essentially public meetings, just as most are today. But the service itself was designed for worship and fellowship among believers. Evangelism took place in the context of everyday life, as believers went forth with the gospel. When a church makes all its meetings evangelistic, believers lose opportunities to grow, be edified and worship."

At this point, it would be appropriate to consider how many of the "one another" passages of the New Testament relate to our family assembly. Teach, encourage, edify, sing and others all involve participation and involvement together.

However, Paul also shows the need for the assembled believers to be aware of and in effect, to be "seeker sensitive" to the presence of those who are not yet Christians,

knowing that those who hunger for God in their lives may well be drawn by observing the true heart-felt worship of believers and the "one another" encouragement and support.

Our assembly is an expression of our common faith as well as our love and community with each other. It is the body of Christ gathered in unity together—in worship, fellowship and edification. Let us "with one heart and mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6).

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deceit of their own minds. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although I did not send them, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not come upon this land': By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them—they, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their evil upon them'" (Jeremiah 14:13-16). There is a tragedy in the making here when they listened to and believed the false prophets. Perhaps they had some excuse since they were hearing what the prophet had to say without benefit of the revealed will of God printed and at hand. Whatever, today we are without excuse when we listen to false teachers and accept their message when that message disagrees with the revelation of God in His word.

One of the main "pillars" of the Lord's Church that are under attack today is the authority of scripture in deciding issues of faith and practice. What has been seen as common beliefs among those promoting New Testament Christianity is losing favour with many. If one is travelling he cannot accept the sign over the door, The Church of Christ Meets Here, as a sure sign that the worship will be like it is at home. The introduction of instruments into the worship, taking communion on Saturday evening and women leading in worship are things that have been introduced by congregations that were a part of our fellowship, some for many years. Sadly, these changes have led to division which has further hurt the work of the Lord's Church.

Jude encourages brethren to work toward godliness by keeping in mind the truth of God's word and taking note of those who do not do so in their teaching or practice. "Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe" (Jude 3 - 5). Jude was concerned about the perversion of the gospel that would be brought in by "certain people." His solution to the problem is that Christians should "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."

Every congregation must be on guard because the danger of wolves and perversion is REAL. One thing that will help congregations and individual Christians guard against perversion is to know the enemy and understand that he does appear in "costume." In verse four, Jude tells us these wolves are ungodly in their actions. The problem is they may not appear, at first glance, to be ungodly. In fact, their perversions may seem to work. Since numbers are important, that which brings people into our buildings must be right! Correct? You and I both know this is not true. The social gospel is appealing but often does not hold to truth in things like how one is saved, church government and worship.

The importance of Bible authority is given lip service in many of these groups but their activities and practices are based on emotion and acceptance of the many rather than on truth. Over the years I have made the statement in reference to the denomi-

national world is that "we do not disagree over what the Bible says, but what it does not say." While it may not be as simple as that, what I mean by this statement is that honest Bible readers ought to be able to understand what God desires of His people, the denominational world goes along with changes to clear scriptural teaching that are passed down by their ruling bodies. (Sprinkling for baptism and baptism as an outward show of an inward change are examples of this idea.)

May lip service never be a part of our thinking. We know that the church in the first century had to deal with this problem. The Church at Galatia, it would appear, suffered from this attitude at one point in their history. Paul wrote, "I am astonished that

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you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:6-9). These words of Paul are very strong and likely hit some people very hard. Perhaps some were angered at Paul and thought of him as been a hard-headed legalist! However, he was simply a Christian teacher trying to get the brethren to understand the importance of watching for the wolves who were destroying them spiritually. He goes on to state his reason for this response to their actions. "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). This is a question that every teacher, church leader and Christian needs to ask. All of us need a sobering awareness of our accountability to KNOW and OBEY the truth.

Let us close by giving some thought to one of the most frightening messages that came from the mouth of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Just after talking about the danger of "wolves in costume" Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:21-23). This passage teaches at least two very important lessons.

First, one must obey, not simply


give lip service, to the will of God. The following comment from the Gospel Advocate Commentaries, gives clear emphasis to this truth. "Jesus laid down here the principle in a negative way of entering his kingdom; it is by obedience to the will of God. His warning here is against formal and mere external worship, and includes not only entering the church or kingdom of God on earth, but also of gaining an entrance into the heavenly kingdom; we must do the will of God to enter the church, and we must continue to do the will of God to enter heaven. No mere profession of piety or worship will do; the will of God must be done by all who receive the reward of heaven. Not all who profess Christ repeatedly and loudly by saying "Lord, Lord" shall enter the kingdom of heaven; God's real spiritual kingdom, where Christ rules in the heart, must be entered by doing God's will; all who remain as citizens in that kingdom must do his will. False pretences are of no avail."

Secondly, this passage teaches that many will think they are doing God's will but are not. It is frightening to think that a person might be very busy in doing "religious service" only to be failing to honour God. The call-

ing of "Lord, Lord" surely expresses a desire to honour Him. While these people have been busy, according to their claim, prophesying in the name of the Lord, casting out demons in His name and doing many mighty works in His service, the response from Jesus is, "I never knew you!" The truth is that these false teachers and all who would follow them are, in the words of Jesus, "workers of lawlessness."

Again, consider the following from the Gospel Advocate Commentaries. "Jesus had testified that every tree in his vineyard was to be judged according to the fruit it produced; by this he gave to us the true standard of knowing teachers. He now warns against these false prophets and false motives of heart. Doing the things he has commanded is the test and declaration of our faith in God and willingness to obey him. Faith that does not work is dead. The only test of man's confidence in God is found in his doing what God commands, and doing it because God commands it. A man may do things God commands from other motives than to do God's will and please him. It is not acceptable service to God unless done to obey and please him."

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“Here Jesus gives us beforehand a conversation at the last judgment. These people were honest at that day and made the claim that they had served the Lord and had done many works in the name of Jesus. They thought they had really done these things or they never could have made this plea at the judgment seat of God. Yet they were deceiving themselves in reference to this service, and so fatally and fearfully doing it that only the sentence of the Judge, “Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity,” would undeceive them. God regards all service to him, save obedience to his commands, as iniquity and sin. Since this is true, many who claim to be his servants and doing wonders in his name will be driven from the presence of God for doing what they imagine good service to him. We cannot be too cautious in doing his commandments and in rejecting from his service everything not commanded by him. “If a man love me, he will keep my word” (John 14:23) is the law of God by which man must be judged.”

Let us be people who test every teaching (1 John 4:1) and not be led astray by the teachings of “wolves in costume.” May we be wise enough to understand that some of those wolves may come from within and so give careful attention to every teaching to see that it truly is the word of God.

The Value is in the Owner

Alan Smith

The story is told of an American tourist in Paris who picked up an amber necklace in a trinket shop. When he arrived in New York and went through customs he was shocked at the high duty he had to pay for the necklace. So when he came home, he spoke with a jeweller and the jeweller told him he would give \$25,000 for the necklace. The man was stunned and suspected that there was a reason for the offer. So he took the necklace to an expert who appraised it at an astronomical amount.

When he asked the appraiser what made the necklace so valuable, he told him to look into the magnifying glass and see for himself. When he placed his eye next to the glass, he saw an inscription which read: “From Napoleon Bonaparte to Josephine.” It was the name on the necklace that gave it extraordinary worth.

We have no intrinsic value—that is to say, we are not of great value because of who we are or what we’ve accomplished. Our value is

determined by the One who bought us and owns us. Those of us who are Christians have the name of Christ “stamped” on our lives to remind us who we are and whose we are. Knowledge of this truth causes us to rethink what we do with our lives.

For example, if you have an old pair of ragged tennis shoes, you may think nothing of getting out in a muddy garden to do some work. But if you’re wearing an expensive pair of dress shoes, you’ll be hesitant to wear them in the mud. The value of what you’re wearing will keep you from going certain places and doing certain things.

Paul says that’s why we, as Christians, should avoid sexual immorality (as well as other misuses of the body). If our bodies were of little value (as some believe), we would think nothing of “dragging them through the mud.” But knowing the value of our bodies, we’re forced to think twice about where we go and what we do.

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (I Cor. 6:20).

Look closely at the inscription on your life. You’ll notice the name of the One who bought you and owns you. Your value just went up!

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OBITUARIES

Merling, Joseph Charles

With broken hearts we sadly announce Joey's passing after a courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the tender age of 18. He was the cherished son of Henry and Wendy, beloved brother of Katy and Dearly loved grandson of Wes and Isabel Taylor. Joey will be deeply missed by Uncle Larry and Aunt Lynda, Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Ross and cousins Christy (Trevor), Jason and Lianne. Joey found friendship and Christian love at Great Lakes Christian College for grades 9, 10 and 11 until he was struck by cancer last October. His adoring dogs, Charlie and Missy are missing him terribly

Nearly 400 friends came by the Crestmount Funeral Home on Thursday, October 16 to share in the family's grief. Then on Friday morning approximately 300 gathered at Carmen's Banquet Hall to celebrate Joey's life. In addition to remarks by Art Ford and tributes being paid by two long-time family friends, the Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus sang to honour Joey.

During the year between his diagnosis and his death, Joey showed us that as well as living by faith, it is possible to face death through the eyes of faith.

Donations to Great Lakes Christian College, 4875 King Street, Beamsville, ON, would be greatly appreciated by the family. On-line condolences or tributes can be made at www.mem.com.

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CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, ev.

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday 9:45 AM Classes for Children/Teens/Adults; 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycofc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sunday morning Bible Study 10:15; Sunday morning services 10:45; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; 780-672-1220 (off) or Dennis Lindstrand (780)672-4978

EDMONTON NORTH: Meeting place in NW of city 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9; Office 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups at the building and in various homes (phone for locations and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelists: Garth Johnson (Youth), Brian Salter (Young Adult), Nate Seecharan (Pulpit); Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church5@telus.net

EDMONTON SOUTH: Southwood Community Centre, 1880 - 37 St in Millwoods area; (Mailing address: 6320 - 12 Ave, Edmonton AB T6L 2G2). Sunday classes 10:00 AM; assembly 11:00 AM. Wed. 7:00; PM CARE groups in homes; phone for locations; Tim Johnson, ev. 780-913-8060; Peter Ross, contact 780-468-9272; E-mail: timoutwest2004@yahoo.ca

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. (403) 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

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ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 - 2580 Cedar Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@shaw.ca; website: http://allann.dyndns.org/cvccoc

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 am, 6 pm, Sunday School 10:30, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; Kirk Ruch, ev. K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Mike Parker, youth, FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca; Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: (250) 923-5233; (250) 923-6396; (250) 286-3780

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CRESTON: Box 866, Creston, BC, V0B 1G0; Phone: 250-428-5937 or 250-428-4376.

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; contact Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-860-4354 and cell: 250-469-2161, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjpeckett@shaw.ca

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PRINCE GEORGE: 9465 Old Summit Lake Road, V2K 5S8, 250-962-6978

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SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-804-3060; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Ray Fisher, ev.

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VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

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CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Dale Elford, ev. 745 6969 (office)

DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wwyes@hotmail.com

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

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NEW YORK STATE

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NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com

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BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Roy Cox, 519-449-3239 office (519) 759-6630

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

BURKS FALLS: 51B, Ontario Street, Sun. 9:15 am to 12:00 includes 2 children Classes, Tues 6:30; Mailing Address: Church of Christ, c/o Eunice Johnston, 205 First Avenue; RR# 1, Burks Falls, Ontario POA 1C0; 705-783-6476 (off); Evangelist: Hubert Lawrence 705-382-1414; e-mail: hubertlawrence@xplornet.com; web site: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

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MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Les Cramp; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

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NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, 6:30 pm; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

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NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. North Bay; 705-840-0303, e-mail: davidrlock@sympatico.ca; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 613-733-2580 (off); www.churchofchrist.ca

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