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# The Deity of Christ, Part 2

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## Christ is Jehovah

Jehovah means 'I WAS, I AM and I SHALL BE.' God is the Ever-Existent One.

God explains this: "Then Moses said to God, 'Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you" and they say to me, "What is His name?" what shall I say to them?' And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you"' (Exodus 3:13, 14).

New Testament writers, when quoting Old Testament passages, follow the practice of the Septuagint translators and translate 'Jehovah' with the Greek words for 'Lord' or 'God' (e.g. Matthew 3:3; 4:4; 27:10; Acts 2:40; Romans 10:13). Thus, 'Jehovah' does not occur in the New Testament. 'Lord' and 'God' are inspired translations of 'Jehovah'.

New Testament writers apply Old Testament passages about Jehovah to both the Father and the Son.

Isaiah 40:3 foretells the work of John the Baptizer: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD [Jehovah]; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" In Mark 1:1-4, the LORD for whom John was to prepare, is Christ.

Isaiah 8:13,14 says that "the LORD [Jehovah] of Hosts" will be "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel." This stone of stumbling is Christ (1 Peter 2:7,8).

Psalm 102:12-27 states that the LORD (Jehovah) will endure forever (verse 12) although the earth and the heavens will perish (verses 25, 26). This passage is applied to Christ in Hebrews 1:10-12.

Isaiah 44:6 says: "Thus says the LORD [Jehovah], the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD [Jehovah] of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.'" Jesus says: "I am the First and the Last" (Revelation 1:17).

Psalm 24:10 says: "Who is this King of glory? The LORD [Jehovah] of hosts, He is the King of glory." Christ is "the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:8; James 2:1).

In a vision Isaiah saw "the King, the LORD [Jehovah] of hosts" (Isaiah 6:5). Referring to this, John says that Isaiah saw the glory of Christ (John 12:41).

In Joel 2:32, after the passage where God promised to pour out His Spirit, the promise is made "that whoever calls on the name of the LORD [Jehovah] shall be saved." Romans 10:8-13 applies this to Christ.

'Jehovah' (the Ever-Existent One) can designate the Father or the Son. Jesus could say: "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58).

## Christ is Saviour

In Isaiah 43:11 we read: "I, even I, am the LORD [Jehovah], and besides Me there is no saviour."

'Saviour' is used in the New Testament for both the Father (1 Timothy 1:1; Titus 1:3; 3:4; Jude 25) and the Son (Luke 2:11; John 4:42; 2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; 3:6; Revelation 7:10). Both are found in

Titus 3:4-7: "But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Christ is "our Lord and Saviour" (2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:2,18) and "our God and Saviour" (Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 1:1). Christ is the Saviour of the world (John 4:42) and there is salvation in no other name (Acts 4:10-12).

## The Son is Equal with the Father

This does not mean that the Son is the Father, but that the Son is God even as the Father is God.

John explains: "Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God" (John 5:18).

"Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?'" (John 14:8,9).

Jesus says: "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Before He became flesh, Christ was "in the form of God" and was "equal with God" (Philippians 2:5, 6). Colossians 1:15

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says: "He is the image of the invisible God" which is explained in verse 19: "For in Him the Whole Fullness was pleased to dwell" (RD). Christ is the radiation of God's glory and the exact image of His being (Hebrews 1:3).

### Christ Emptied Himself

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

A rabbi told me he could not possibly believe that a man could be God. I asked him: "Do you believe God could come as a man?" According to both the Old and New Testaments, that is precisely what He has done.

This truth explains certain texts that are misapplied by some to deny the deity of Christ: "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28); "But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36); "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34); "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God" (John 20:17).

These statements relate to the humanity of Christ. He emptied Himself and took the form of a servant.

This did not involve giving up His deity, however.

While on earth He possessed characteristics of God. He knew all things. His disciples said: "Now we are sure that You know

all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God" (John 16:30; see also Matt. 9:4; 11:27; John 2:24,25; 21:17; Col. 2:1-3). The universe is upheld by His word of power (Hebrews 1:3). He can forgive sins (Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24).

### Christ was exalted

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:8,9). Exaltation after voluntary humiliation, does not disprove His deity.

Jesus prayed: "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:5).

After His resurrection the man Jesus of Nazareth had not yet

ascended to the Father. "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (John 20:17).

At His ascension, this man, Jesus was exalted to the right hand of the Father (Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 2:32-36; 5:30,31).

### Christ Is Superior to Angels

In these last days God has spoken to us by His Son, "who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (Hebrews 1:3,4).

The angels were created through and for Christ: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:15-17).

### Christ Is Worthy of Worship

Angels are commanded to worship Christ: "But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: 'Let all the angels of God worship Him'" (Hebrews 1:6).

Angels may not be worshiped (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8, 9). Thus, Christ is not an angel.

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## The Search for Happiness

Wayne Turner



Over the years, we've heard different expressions wrongly attributed to the Bible. Among them are sayings like, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." "Everything happens for a reason." "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Though popular and timeworn, phrases like these are not Biblical quotations. Even an expression like "money is the root of all evil" is a well accepted misquote of the Bible's actual statement that the "love of money" is the real problem. In recent years another statement has gained popularity and acceptance, "God wants me to be happy."

Often, those making this statement are in a position in life which has become difficult and requires more effort than they are willing to invest. They may be in a difficult marriage or feel swamped by the responsibilities of family and children or work. Having made the decision to abandon those commitments and responsibilities, they use this expression to legitimize their desire to walk away—"God wants me to be happy." While this statement represents a nice sentiment and even attributes a very kindly intent to God, it falls short, Biblically and practically.

First, what is meant by "happy?" While older translations used "blessed" in the Beatitudes, newer versions use "happy." Based on this, we should recognize that there is a sense in which we can legitimately say that God wants us to be happy. However, there is a substantial difference between the happiness that comes from God and what people mean today—a state of comfort and pleasure, the satisfaction of their desires, that which is easy and fun. They do not want to face anything which is unpleasant or difficult. Contrast this with the Beatitudes which describe the "happy" (or blessed) as those who are poor in spirit, mourn, are meek, hunger and thirst for righteousness, and are persecuted. From a worldly view, this is not part of a formula for fun.

Perhaps, we need to be blunt and acknowledge that many people have created an idol – a false god – called happiness which they worship and serve. Timothy Keller, in *Counterfeit Gods*, notes, "Today the need for transcendence and meaning has detached itself from anything more important than the individual self and its freedom to be (or do—WBT) what it chooses...Now

life is about creating a self through the maximization of individual freedom from the constraints of community." In other words, in serving and sacrificing to an idol, people elevate the desires of self over responsibilities to others.

It is appropriate to ask, "What does God want for me?" While many answers come to mind, some stand out. Peter states that God wants everyone to come to repentance (salvation). That's the point of the Gospel: Jesus died for the sins of the world. Paul told Timothy that God wants "all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth." The writer of Hebrews tells us that God disciplines us "that we may share his holiness" without which "no one will see God." The Lord wants us to be faithful—in our obedience to Him, in perseverance even to death, in marriage and in keeping our commitments.

We need only read Hebrews 11, especially verse 32 and following, to see that the lives of God's people are not necessarily pleasant and easy, not "happy" in the world's view. Jesus spoke of the many things his followers might have to lose, including their families, homes and even lives.

This isn't to say that there is nothing positive in a Christian's life. In Philippians, one of the Prison Epistles, Paul identifies three positive qualities for our lives. First, he tells Christians to "do everything without complaining or arguing" so that they will stand

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## The Growing Church (3)

As we continue to think about the important matter of leadership for a growing Church, it seems important to this writer that the biblical teaching and example is of a shared leadership or a plural leadership. I, personally, have concerns and some fear of those preachers who will not work toward building a proper eldership in the congregation because they want to maintain “pastoral” power. I believe in the pastoral system in the Lord’s Church, as long as it is a scripturally appointed group of pastors.

The instruction given to Titus by Paul was, “This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you...” (Titus 1:5 ESV). Jesus showed the value of this in the choosing of twelve apostles to share the responsibility of getting things moving when the new law of grace was preached.

Later, when the first “issue” came up in Acts 6, the solution was to appoint somebody to look after the problem. Not just one, but seven godly men. (Acts 7:1–6). There is no suggestion that one of these men was the chief but all shared responsibility and used their abilities to complete the work. This shows the wisdom of God. How?

A plurality of elders helps balance the makeup of the leadership. Each person has personal strengths and weaknesses. What may be lost in one person can be gained in another. Shared wisdom and shared serving leads to a stronger leadership team. Since individuals are not perfect and since individuals often find it difficult to see their personal weaknesses—what C. S. Lewis calls “a person’s fatal

flaw”—when elders value each other and the importance of the work they do, they will help each other grow and mature as they serve.

There is truth in the statement of Robert Greenleaf in his book, *Servant Leadership*, when he writes, “To be a lone chief atop a pyramid is abnormal and corrupting. None of us are perfect by ourselves, and all of us need the help and correcting influence of close colleagues. When someone is moved atop a pyramid, that person no longer has colleagues, only subordinates. Even the frankest and bravest of subordinates do not talk with their boss in the same way that they talk with colleagues who are equal, and normal communication patterns become warped”. As long as elders see each other as equals, sharing a God given work and don’t get caught in the “chief elder” trap, they will grow together in their ability to lead God’s Church.

Another value of the plural eldership is that sharing lightens the load. I believe the greatest work in the Church is that of the elders. It can be a very demanding and, sometimes, thankless undertaking. In that regard the wisdom of Solomon can surely be applied in this matter. He wrote, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 ESV). The wisdom of this statement is clearly seen in an individual’s life,

perhaps even more so in the shared responsibility of leading God’s Church. This allows each elder to serve, using his particular gift rather than being forced to do everything.

The first break from the original pattern for the Lord’s Church centered around the corruption of the eldership, in that case, the exulting of one elder above the others in a given congregation. It is hard to know all the feelings and thoughts that went into the perversion of Church leadership. However, it does remind us of the need for the eldership to be on guard against anything that would pervert the will of God and the worship of the Church.

The leadership must take to heart the warning of Paul in Acts 20 to the Ephesian elders. “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” (Acts 20:28–31 ESV). Paul here really focuses on the need for personal and group examination so the work of the Lord will continue as it must, without perversion. Note the warning is not only about the dangers from without but the warning of internal decay through the influences of sin. Things have not changed and the eldership must continue to be on guard for the consequences of the failure to be alert and prepared when the enemy comes, are not theirs alone. The whole congregation is a risk.

One has to wonder where the leadership was when Paul wrote, “I am astonished that 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

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# Spirituality in the Gospel of John

Richard Kruse

John presented the gospel, the good news of what God has done for us in Christ. It is the good news and it invites us to make sense of it, and to join our testimony with the testimony it offers. In this gospel, John offers an understanding on spirituality which perhaps challenges many of our assumptions.

## Spirituality in the Ordinary

John began his presentation of the gospel by taking his readers back to the beginning of life itself. John immediately connects an other-worldly perspective with the earth: this origin of all life was presented in flesh and blood. It was not the supernatural against the natural; rather, it was a picture of the supernatural made *known in* the natural. When the Word becomes flesh we see the glory that he (the Word) had before the beginning of the world.

Throughout the gospel, John focuses on the natural as the revealer of the supernatural, on the ordinary as the revealer of the holy. The other gospels presented the miracles as providing dramatic proof of Jesus' radical new authority. In John the miraculous was simply a 'sign' pointing to a greater reality—often a sign given in secret, communicating the truth only to those with ears to hear and eyes to see.

In Mark, the first day of Jesus' ministry, people were amazed that all kinds of diseases were healed.

At the end of Jesus' first miracle in John (2:1-11), wedding guests at Cana were pleased and only the disciples knew its special significance. In John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus "at night"; he struggled in the darkness of spiritual ignorance even though he was a teacher in Israel. In John 4, a rejected woman of a rejected people (Samaritans) met Jesus in broad daylight, in the discomfort of the noonday heat. Yet, she was willing to accept the Light of the World who sat before her. In John 13, Judas left the scene of foot-washing to betray the servant of all—and, John wrote, "it was night." It truly was night—the darkest night in the history of God's people, in the history of the world, when the one who was with God from the beginning came to his own, and his own betrayed him.

In all this, John's gospel challenges his readers to see God at work in the ordinary as much as in the miraculous. The readers see the presence of God in the timing of events and conversations as much as in prayers and healings. This is the work of the Spirit, who blows where he wills and brings life and significance to whatever he chooses.

## Spirituality in Conflict and Decision

While John's Gospel is a 'reflective' gospel, it is also the one which contains the sharpest conflicts. Jesus was in constant debate with "the Jews"—usually the Jewish

leaders or Jews who had followed him and then fell away (8:31). This debate had a series of events, of growing intensity, focusing around Jesus' claims, to be the "bread of life" (6:35), to being the "light of the world" (8:12), and to being the "resurrection and the life" (11:25). The idea that Jesus was the source of nourishment for God's people, the light to lead them in their wanderings in this world, even their very future and destiny, was too much for many to hear. The claims forced a decision on the listeners, and set those who accepted Jesus' claims against those who refused them, perhaps even pointing to the later rejection of Jesus' followers from the synagogue (John 9:22).

The conflict and decision reached a climax in Jesus' trial before Pilate. The comprehensive account was unique to John. As the trial unfolded, it was Pilate, not Jesus, who was on trial (and with him those who have rejected Jesus) since he would not accept the Truth that stood before him. It was Pilate, not Jesus, who was the victim of events beyond his control.

Spirituality is something that often leads to unity, bringing life together. But it also leads to separation, or cutting away. Are we ready to leave behind all that hinders our following the one who has the words of eternal life?

## Spirituality Focused in Jesus

In the other gospels, the twelve are called to follow, are taught, are commissioned and are sent out to participate in the ministry that Jesus had started. Indeed, at times, they clearly shared ministry with Jesus. But in John the twelve were hardly mentioned, their call and ministry were simply assumed.

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Active ministry appeared to centre on Jesus alone. Jesus was often pictured alone, a lonely prophet who looked to His heavenly Father for the only support He could expect. This was deeply expressed in chapter six, where Jesus asked the twelve whether they would continue with him. The work required by God was to believe in Jesus, the one sent by the Father (6:29) and this is reflected in the direct claims Jesus makes about Himself throughout the gospel, especially the seven “I am” statements (John 6:25-59; 9:1-41; 10:1-10, 11-18; 11:17-44; 14:5-14; 15:1-17). In the other gospels, Jesus does the things (healing, forgiving, leading) that God does. In John, Jesus is the things that God is. The disciples’ limited understanding was realized fully only after Jesus was raised.

John’s Gospel invites the reader to share the stories of individuals who encountered Jesus, leave the noise and distraction of the outside world and listen to the intimacy of the conversations.

### Spirituality in Testimony

The significance of testimony, seen from the beginning, and woven like a silver thread throughout the gospel—sometimes coming sparkling on the surface, and other times hidden beneath—glimmers in the individual events and conversations. John the Baptist came as someone testifying to the Lamb of God, and His testimony is significant in that the reader hears of Jesus’ baptism and the descent of the Spirit only through him, rather than directly. In His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus also spoke of His ministry as being one of “*testifying*,” and He later claimed that His heavenly Father also testifies on His behalf (John 5:37, 8:18), thus satisfying the biblical requirement for a valid testimony to be confirmed by two witnesses.

Other characters throughout the gospel expressed their belief through testimony. Many Samaritans came to faith because of the testimony of the woman at the well. The man born blind gave a model testimony: “*Whether he is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I do know I was blind, now I can see*” (John 9:25)! John’s account of Jesus’ resurrection appearances was interwoven with testimony, and the question of whether those who have not yet encountered the risen Lord will believe the testimony of those who have. This leads to what can be seen as the climax of the gospel: “*Blessed are those who have not seen [that includes us, the readers] and yet have believed*” (John 20:29). In this way, the whole gospel account was set out as testimony which invites our acceptance as true.

John’s gospel presents spirituality in the ordinary; one that is outward and at times leads to hard decisions. It is focused on the one who is the way, the truth and the life, and it is this focus that leads to life in all its fullness.

Spirituality is often thought to be a personal, internal thing, about the “inner life.” But for John, this inner life only finds its true purpose when it is expressed outwardly; our own experience of God is often made complete as we offer an account of our experience—our testimony—to others. We express our inner life in the outer world; those who hear are confronted with their own trial—Will they follow the truth in the light of our testimony?

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# Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

## How important is the word "IF" in man's relationship with God?

One of the first forms of logical reasoning we learn as children is the significance of the word, "IF." It is tragic that we do not remember the meaning of this word as we reach adulthood, especially in the realm of religion.

Grammatically speaking, "if" is recognized as a **conditional particle**. It refers to conditions or circumstances upon which certain consequences follow.

"If" is a word that comes into play in so many areas of our lives. It might involve opportunities, punishment, blessings, etc. Always remember, **if does not stand alone**. If you use the word "if" it must be in conjunction with something else. "If" by itself stands for nothing and has no meaning. However, when mother says, "Johnny, 'if' you eat your green beans you may have some ice cream," now "if" means something. Johnny knows that he will not get the ice cream without eating those terrible green beans. How much does the ice cream mean to him? Is it worth eating the beans? "If" stands between Johnny and the ice cream.

As we get older the "ifs" begin to come fast and furious and we hear this word many times each day. "If you finish your homework, you may go out and play." "If you finish your work, you may use the car this evening." "If you take your medicine, you will feel better."

Why is it that "if" is so well understood except in religion? There are those who teach the impossibility of falling from the grace of God. Jesus said, "**If a man keep my words, he shall never see death**" (John 8:51). Does this text say that no one will ever be lost regardless of how he lives? Certainly not! It does affirm that no one who "keeps Christ's word" will be lost.

But in this scripture the word "if" is critical for it states a condition. Let us notice the word "if" in the following scriptures:

IF we hold fast the word, we will be saved (1 Cor. 15:2).

IF we faint not, we shall reap in due season (Gal. 6:9)

IF we endure, we shall reign with him (2 Tim 2:12).

IF we add the Christian graces we shall never stumble (2 Peter 1:10),

IF we walk in the light, Christ's blood keeps us free from sin (1 John 1:7).

In each of the scriptures just cited, observe the leading conditional word, "IF". Also note the action verbs that are connected to "if". How can one, in the light of these texts, contend that the retention of one's salvation is unconditional? How can one say that God will save us no matter how we live our lives? Eternal salvation cannot be considered without looking at the word "if". The Bible is clear that our salvation is dependent upon our sincere and determined effort to pursue the will of the Son of God.

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### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Saint John:** The congregation decided to order more DVD's for video Bible class lessons. In April an enjoyable Family and Friends/Food and Fun Day was held.

### NEW YORK

**Newark:** The congregation held the 15th Annual Gospel Revival and Community A cappella Concert. The meeting ran from June 8 to June 12.

### ONTARIO

**Bramalea:** The Great Lakes Christian High School chorus of 18 young people sang during Sunday a.m. class period on May 15, 2011, with Don Rose directing. On May 14, Shirley Straker presented FriendSpeak's "Reaching Out Seminar" to the church leaders in Waterloo. If other Ontario congregations are interested in this introduction, contact the Bramalea church. On Saturday, June 11, Dr. Peter Solomon, of India, presented a gospel meeting specifically for Tamil people that have been taking his correspondence courses. Brother Solomon began preaching in 1968 and in 1986 started the Madras School of Preaching (changed to National Bible College in 1991). These schools have graduated 400 students and most of the men are now preaching in India. With God's help, Brother Solomon built a congregation of 1200 members in Chennai, India. He currently preaches Monday-Friday in India over TV Bible Hour Network, a Tamil channel. These lessons can be picked up in Ontario via Pay TV.

**Brantford (North Park):** Gifts were mailed to the native children in Neskatinga for those having birthdays in June.

**Fenwick:** Several members

participated in the baby bottle campaign for Elisha House Pregnancy and Family Counselling Centre. The Ladies' Day was well attended (63) and Beth Hibbard of North Hamilton did a wonderful job speaking about caring for the ill and elderly. Our annual "yard sale" giveaway was held on June 11 with donations going to the Japanese relief effort. Pat Cooper gave her report on June 19 regarding her trip to PNG. Fenwick hosted the Niagara Area combined worship on June 26. A special collection for Key to the Kingdom garnered \$1,990.00. We celebrated Joan Knutson's 90th birthday Saturday, May 21. Joan, along with her late husband, Magnar, and their family have been, and continue to be, a great blessing to the Lord's work in Canada.

**Hamilton (Fennell):** Lisa and Matt Medeiros have initiated a Friday evening children's program for 7 to 12 year-olds. As of June first, Art Ford's employment with the congregation is part-time rather than full-time.

**Niagara Falls:** God continues to work in lives of the congregation in Niagara Falls. Carrie Somerville was baptized into Christ on May 27 and we had a great celebration welcoming her into the Kingdom. Our 'Youth Cafe' hosted an 'Electronics

Drop Off' and BBQ on Saturday June 4th raising money to go towards the different ministries they are involved in. We had our 6th annual end of the year BBQ for our FROG Club and Club ROCK kids programs. We look forward to another great year starting in the fall. The women enjoyed this year's class on discussing "how to rise above being lukewarm". They will take the summer off as they look forward to the fall where their studies will focus on "how to study the bible with someone". We are grateful for the many talents of the men in the church. They rose to the challenge of putting up a new ceiling in the building to provide us with our new heating and air conditioning system, their sacrifice of time and energy saved us thousands of dollars. Bruce and Marni Boland are beginning to seek financial support for January 2012. Please pray for them as they devote their lives to the ministry.

**Owen Sound:** The congregation here hosted an Area Hymn Sing for the Georgian Bay congregations in April and also enjoyed their annual weekend retreat at Riverview Bible Camp in May, Our local radio station, CFOS 560 AM, recently broadcast four of our Sunday morning worship services in Grey and Bruce coun-

ties. This was a Gospel Meeting outreach attempt with our theme being: "Why This World Needs Jesus!" Muriel Thompson is now a member of the church here. The Owen Sound Ladies Renewal Weekend is scheduled for Sept.16-18. Recently David Knutson preached and gave us a presentation and update about Great Lakes Bible College

**Stoney Creek:** Members of the congregation joined with Bob Priestnall and his two brothers in celebrating the 100th birthday of their mother, Edna Priestnall, Thursday, June 16, at the nursing home where she resides. She was able to live on her own until less than a year ago. On June 26, the church began its summer meeting schedule, which will continue through Labour Day. There will be no Sunday morning Bible classes during this period, and the worship period will begin at 10:00 a.m. This break has proved to be a time of refreshing for those who regularly teach in the

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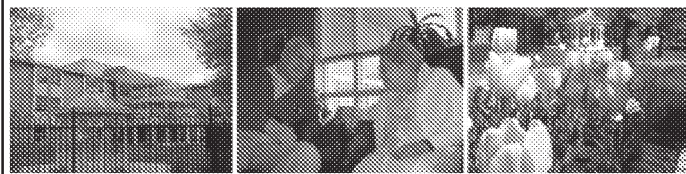
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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** First Sunday Kid's Club held a Mother's Day Strawberry Tea for their mothers and grandmothers. The Ladies' class is using the Beth Moore's series "Psalms of Ascent" to study Psalms 120 - 134. Our annual youth retreat was held June 3-5. Paul Rasmussen from Waterloo, On, was guest speaker. The theme for the weekend was Destructive Disobedience. The retreat was well attended with 54 present.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Plans are being finalized for another group from Tintern, ON, to join us in August for another Day Bible School for the First Nations children in Tsey Kay and Ft. Ware.

**Delta:** Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers were welcomed home from Ukraine on June 12, after spending their first week in the States visiting relatives. They expected to be in Canada three weeks.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** In Mexico with True North Helping Hands, Doris Elena was about to take the plane to Mexico via Los Angeles when she realized her wallet was missing. Fortunately her passport was not in her wallet, and Doris Elena, being the translator for the group, felt she had to go on without any cash or credit cards. Once there, she was okay and didn't think to ask to borrow a little money to get home. She was traveling back alone and, when she landed in L.A., was very hungry. She prayed to God to let her see someone she would feel comfortable in asking for a couple of dollars. Soon after

she prayed, incredibly, she saw a girl from Vancouver who was also on a missionary trip and whose flight had also come through L.A. When the girl saw Doris at the airport, she excitedly exclaimed, "Doris!" And you can guess how Doris Elena must have felt! Hours later, when she landed in Vancouver airport, she was reunited with her wallet through the Lost and Found office. Kim Abella wrote a poem for the beautiful Mothers' Day luncheon prepared by the men of our congregation. She was not able to read it on that special day, but it was posted on the Youth and Children Bulletin board so that passers-by could enjoy the beautiful things Kim had written in tribute to all Mothers.

**Salmon Arn:** Our monthly Sunday dinner was cancelled in June to enable us to root for our Footprints team in the "Relay for Life". Their effort was to raise \$1,000 to contribute to the Province's Cancer Drive. In May, we focused on prayer and help for the people of Slave Lake, Alberta, whose town was destroyed by a prairie fire and flooding.

**Vernon:** Alvan Jacobs was proclaimed the hero of the moment when he found a motor scooter that just fit the needs of Susan Hayes' husband, Gene. Alvan travels

## LISTINGS OF INTEREST

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around the Okanagan in his job, and spotted what Gene needed in order to be able to be outside again. He and Susan, who puts out our weekly bulletin, are elated that he is now able to get back in the sunshine, and is talking about scooting down to the lake to go fishing and to the corner store for ice cream. He mentioned that he wants to figure out how to attach a cart to the back so he can haul things around. Susan is hoping to get a bike to ride alongside Gene "to suggest how he can keep out of 'trouble'," as she put it.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg (Central):** Alvaro Valdez was baptized. Blair Roberts gave the Sunday morning lesson, May 29. Bill Schwarz, of Western Christian College, presented the Sunday morning lesson and then presented information about the new association with Faulkner University. The College and Youth Adult Group volunteered at Siloam Mission. Anne Johnson celebrated her 90th birthday and Lilian King celebrated her 95th birthday.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Clearview Christian Camp** held it's 50th anniversary June 30 - July 3.

**Western Christian College and High School** held an Alumni and Young Friends Benefit Concert June 1. Rob Hess, Sheena Kooops and Sonshine were featured performers.

**Weyburn:** We are pleased to welcome Lloyd and Elaine Jacobs to the congregation.

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# MISSION NEWS

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**UKRAINE (Donetsk):** Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers arrived back in the States a week after their 10th Donetsk Bible Institute graduation ceremony. Friday, May 27, was their last day of school. As soon as tests were over, students moved all the desks out in order to prepare the classroom for it. Using white and gold, the theme of "Fields White unto Harvest" was complete with a beautiful picture of a golden wheat field under a great blue sky that proved to be perfect for the graduates' pictures. (It looked very Ukrainian, as the Ukrainian flag's colours are yellow and blue.) Other happenings in May included a request from a Respiratory Hospital for six beds. They reported that their old beds were literally falling apart. "We agreed to help and were invited to come to see them.

We were shocked at how bad and filthy these beds really were and realized that this hospital needs a lot of help. We plan to do more in the future," Mary Lee wrote "Also in May, some of the DBI students went to the Children's TB Hospital and painted their playground equipment. The director reported that they were wonderful and did a great job." The Rogers sent special thanks in their report to the ladies at the Nanaimo Church in B.C. who decided last winter to make it their mission to support one of the lady graduates who teaches Bible lessons at orphanages. She has been teaching at Orphanage #8. Shortly before the Rogers left, a group of high school students and their director from Orphanage #1 came by the school to request that this lady be allowed to come to their orphanage also to give Bible lessons.

**UKRAINE (Kiev):** Approximately 100 people accepted the invitation of three congregations to an evening of song by the Lubbock Christian University Chorus in May. Sponsored by the Eastern European Mission, the main goal of the concert in Kiev was to allow believers to invite their non-Christian friends to an informal occa-

sion where they could listen to Christian voices praise the Lord vocally. Literature and brochures were also provided by the EEM to distribute among those who attended." During the concert the Shevchenko preacher, Yuri Anipar, was able to preach about our need to reconcile with God. "The concert was conducted at a local school for handicapped children—our last option, as the Vinogradar, Obolon and Shevchenko churches had tried to find a better facility, but were refused everywhere. Since it was a Christian Chorus, nobody wanted to have trouble later with the government. The fact that there is no facility belonging to the church complicates our efforts to evangelize people. Since the current government is pro-Russian, the Russian Orthodox Church has put limits on the number of religious institutions allowed to rent facilities! It's the 21st century, but churches here are in the 18th century as per their resources to minister. We pray that someday our congregation will have its own ministry building where we can host other churches, have seminars and meetings for unbelievers," Yuri wrote in his report. He continued, "We now have the Purity DVD series for boys dubbed into the



## CENTRAL AMERICA MISSION TRIP 2011

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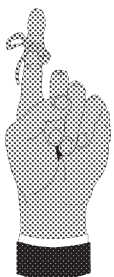
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Ukrainian language. I thank Brother Lou Butterfield, the president of the Center for Christian broadcasting, AR for his dedication and persistence in getting this project done. I am advertising these materials in Ukraine and distributing it among the churches, along with preparing classes and discussion groups for unbelievers who are invited from the streets. The second part, for girls, is being dubbed here in Kiev at a Christian studio. Dear brethren, please remember that we are planning our visit to the States in August. If you know of churches that are mission-minded and would like to meet with us regarding our ministry here, please pass this report to them and let us know about their willingness to have us come to their congregation. Please pray about our congregation. Among other concerns, we need to renew our Church and Ministry documents but the Government does not seem to want to assist us in this regard. Chiefly about renting facilities, it has been almost two years since the renewal process started.”—(Ed. Note: Yuriy will be traveling with his wife, Okxana. They replaced the Pinczuku upon Rick’s unexpected death two years ago, and continue his work under the sponsorship of the Ridgewood congregation in Beaumont, TX)

**USA (ARKANSAS):** Harding University hosted the Special Olympics Arkansas summer games May 26-28, celebrating 17 consecutive years the event has been on this campus. Starting on Thursday evening, ceremonies opened with Searcy Mayor David Morris and Dr. Bruce McLarty, vice president of Spiritual Life at Harding, welcoming athletes and guests. Events included aquatics, bocce ball, power lifting, softball, flag football, golf, track and field athletics, as well as wheel chair competitions. A new program this year was held on Friday morning for younger athletes, with several events for those ages 4 to 7 years. Approximately 1,400 athletes competed, with attendance near 6,000 on campus for the event. Aramark Facility Services delivered and picked up hundreds of chairs, tables and dumpsters, and cleaned and prepared dorms where coaches and athletes were housed. Meals were provided in the American Heritage Center Cafeteria, and Aramark Classic Fare Catering delivered box lunches to athletes. Harding’s physical resources department revamped the entire south end of the campus, building the main event stage and setting up electrical wiring throughout the Special Olympics site at First Security

Stadium. Several area organizations and businesses donated time and resources to help with this year’s event. Closing ceremonies took place at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

**PHILIPPINES:** “I am back in the States and hope to be here for six months or more. I need places to speak and people to meet for the rest of the year. I have met with a small group in Grapevine, TX, spoken at Boles Jr. High (Children’s Home), preached in Midlothian, TX, and at two different congregations Dayton, OH. Possible future trips include Oklahoma, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, Kansas, Arkansas and California. If I could be of any service to any group, congregation, school, foundation, company, community, etc., please call me at 817-480-1287.— In His Service, Sal Cariaga <http://arapallivelihood.shutterfly.com/chicken> (Ed. Note: Brother Cariaga is also willing to include Canadian congregations in his itinerary.)

**Japan Relief:** \$60,000 has now been sent to Mito, Japan, for the East Japan Relief committee to disperse to victims of the earthquake and tsunami. \$38,000 more has been received that will be sent later. The brethren in Mito have formed a 10-member relief committee, which includes brethren from other Japanese congregations, as well as missionary Joel Osborne and intern Sasha Ingle, who currently work with the Mito congregation. Updates of the committee’s activities can be found on its blog: <http://eastjapanrelief.wordpress.com>. Jonathan and Michiko Straker will be in Japan until mid-July, while Jon works with Global Samaritan, a US church of Christ relief organization. He and his team recently worked in Iwake where they were fitted with dosimeters to keep track of how much radiation (if any) they were being exposed to. Those working with Japan relief stress that it will be many years before the Japanese people affected by the earthquake and tsunami (Christians and non-Christians alike) can return to normal lives—if ever. Canadian Christians are strongly requested to, first, continue to pray, and then to continue giving, to help restore order in Japan and to glorify God by showing our concern. For more information about Japan mission work or Japan Relief, check Facebook: “Working and Praying for Japan Earthquake Victims;” Joel Osborne, or Jonathan Straker, or go to [joelosborne4@yahoo.com](mailto:joelosborne4@yahoo.com); [www.strakerhouse.com](http://www.strakerhouse.com); [sashainsendai@yahoo.com](mailto:sashainsendai@yahoo.com); [bencherry@gmail.com](mailto:bencherry@gmail.com); or [mail@bramaleacofc.ca](mailto:mail@bramaleacofc.ca).

*Max’s Musings... continued from page 5*

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 ESV). We might ask the same question of congregations today that have drifted away from teaching and obeying the truth.

## Owen Sound Ladies Renewal

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Bible School program. May marked the third anniversary of Brent Olson's fulltime ministry with the Stoney Creek church.

**Tintern:** Kids' Night Out held its last event for the current season on Friday May 20. There were 18 children who came out, most were from the community. May 13 was TRUTH's last lock-in for the school year. They also held a dinner fundraiser on Saturday May 28 to raise funds for their upcoming mission trip in August. We rejoice with Kathleen Manson with the baptism of her daughter Caitlin on Monday May 30! Sunday evening of June 5, Tintern hosted the Area-Wide Worship Service. Other congregations involved are Beamsville, Grimsby and Fenwick. The 2010 - 2011 GLCC Chorus had its final performance on Wednesday, June 8. Don Rose and Russ Walker have done an excellent job in directing the chorus this semester. Tintern hosted the Lane Cemetery Service on Sunday June 19th. This was an opportunity for families in our community to remember those that have passed away. Noel and others from Tintern shared in the service as well. From June 19

to 26, fifteen teens and three adults traveled to Lipscomb University in Nashville Tennessee to attend a teen camp.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** Max was able to get back to preaching and filming the Key To The Kingdom the first of May. He still is not able to drive because of his eye problem, which is slowly improving. A uplifting weekend meeting was held June 3-5 with Peter Morphy of Royal Oak, MI, as the speaker. The theme was "Syncing the Church" and provided excellent spiritual encouragement. The congregation welcomed to Strathmore the family of Judy Ulep - her husband, Louie, and children, John Dhel and Escarillet.

**Windsor:** An important part of our church family are the people who, for some reason or another, are no longer able to attend the public services of the church. We are in the process of setting up a ministry where each of them are actively being visited and attended to physically & spiritually. We want to keep them as an active part of our church family. We want to do what we can in making an effort to ensure that they are visited once a month by someone. We are planning a small

clothing giveaway for summer clothing in a pre-determined west end community of Windsor. We are also collecting summer items from the dollar store for this, including chalk, bubbles, balls of any size etc.

### QUEBEC

**Ville-Emard:** From April 30 to May 6, Evan Burkett, the campus minister from the Edmond, OK, congregation, along with 7 Oklahoma Christian University students spent the week with us learning about the culture and challenges of mission work in Montreal and Quebec. A monthly ladies' study through "His Story Through History" has garnered a large and positive response.

**Update from Mark Tonkery:** With the help of several individuals and the South Point, Ohio, Bearwallow, Ohio, and Laings, Ohio, congregations, we were able to purchase 35 French Songbooks for the Saguenay congregation. You can find more information about the work in Saguenay, Quebec by going to their English website: <http://egliseduchristausaguenay-lac-st-jean.ca/QuebecMissions/> or their French web site: <http://egliseduchristausaguenay-lac-st-jean.ca/Accueil.html>

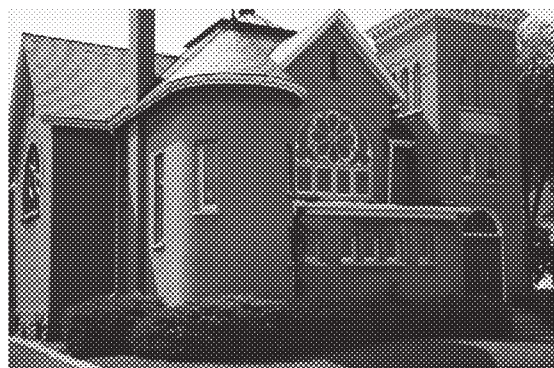
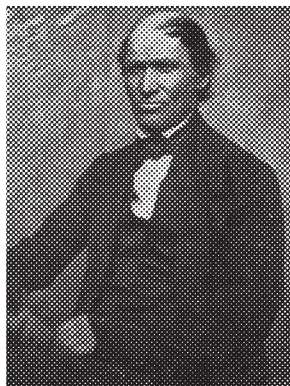
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# Get More Out of Your Bible

*Kevin Cleary*

**T**here is a scene in the Simpson's Movie where Homer grabs a Bible and starts randomly flipping through looking for answers. He concludes after his frantic flipping that there are no answers in here. Although many would not agree with Homer's assessment we may sometime feel like he did, wondering where the answers are that are supposed to be in scripture.

God speaks to us directly through the scriptures, in our time, exclusively in this way. Despite the fact that the Bible contains the very words of God, His thoughts revealed for mankind (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16) many struggle to discern what it is that God is saying. There are a few things that, if we are aware, will allow us to have more success than we would using the Homer Simpson method of Bible Study.

First we must remember that the Bible is not an encyclopaedia, dictionary, or text book. That means the information is not neatly categorized into headings. Instead the Bible is primarily an account. The Bible contains the record of God's dealings with man, the unfolding and the implementation of God's plan to redeem us. Along the way you will also find poetry, prophecy and correspondence. That means that we need to look at the Bible not as a collection of verses to be studied individually, but as a whole to be read together.

There are a couple of implications we can draw from this. First, when you read the Bible, try to set aside enough time to read a whole section of thought.

To use the epistles as an example, when was the last time you received a letter from someone and only read it a paragraph at a sitting? Second, when thinking about scripture it's not always best to remember chapter and verse but to think in sections of thought. Again an example from life may help. If you saw a funny movie and want to share some portion of it with a friend, would you say at 1 hour, 2 minutes and 15 seconds such and such happened? No, you would describe a part of the movie in which the event took place. The same can be done with scripture when you read whole sections. For example, you may say when Paul talks about love he says it endures forever.

Next, as you read, you need to ask questions of the text just like you were taught in grade school. Who, What, When, Where, Why are

all important to know when reading your Bible. Who wrote this, to whom was it written, what were the relevant circumstances at the time? Is this a warning, a command, a description? And how does what has been written apply to your life? At this point a brief warning is needed. Although you need to make personal application of what you read you should not ask what does this mean to me, instead, ask what was the author's intended meaning. Make application by asking, how does what the author has said affect me and my life?

Thirdly, the Bible is communication from God, and it's meant to facilitate a relationship. God describes what He is like and how He treats people so that we can get to know Him and love Him.

This brings us to another important factor in Bible study. In a relationship communication goes both ways. Prayer before, during and after you have spent time reading the Bible is essential to meaningful study.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list but a few simple things that may enhance your Bible study. The Bible does contain answers and they are there for the reading, but the way that reading is done will have a big impact on how much you get out of it. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

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# Occasional Thoughts on Church Leadership

Thayer Salisbury

*(Author's preface: If we wait until we have qualified elders before thinking about, and preparing for, having elders, we will never have them. There is a crying need in this congregation (and in most congregations) for the development of leaders. We have had a few classes and sermons related to this matter, but nothing has been carried on long-term to address this need. Lord willing, that is about to change.*

*What we propose is to prepare, approximately on a monthly basis, a small booklet with some thoughts on leadership. The plan is for each booklet to share some scripture related to leadership, and also some other appropriate comments on the topic. The source of each comment will be identified, to the best of my ability. If no indication of source is stated, the comments are my own. – Thayer)*

## Purpose of the call

Genesis 18:16-19

“Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” (ESV)

Perhaps it is not immediately apparent what this text has to do with leadership, but give it another reading. Consider what the text says about the purpose for which Abraham had been called. Perhaps there were many purposes involved in the call of Abraham, but the one

stated is “that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Those who are going to lead God's people must remember that the purpose is not personal glory, nor is it merely that the church, or our homes, would operate efficiently or always be happy. The purpose of leadership among God's people is godliness. The household must be directed to do what is right and just. It is only by this kind of leadership that what God has promised can be brought about. The godly leader is not the leader that keeps everyone happy, but the leader that leads the greatest number to the greatest level of godly living.

## Tough love

Leviticus 19:17

“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.” (KJV)

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.” (ESV)

Richard Baxter lived from 1615 to 1691. He was greatly admired for his hard work, despite ill health, and his willingness to suffer persecution for his attempts to honor God. He was known to be sharp in his rebuke of members of his own congregation, and in criticism of other church leaders whom he felt were negligent. His most famous work is now published under the title *The Reformed Pastor*. It contains many challenging statements concerning the duties of those who would lead God's people. In Baxter's day, people knew the Bible so well that he rarely states the location of the passages to

which he refers, he assumes people will recognize the passage. He is clearly referring to the verse cited above when he writes,

“If we saw that such would reform without reproof, we would gladly forbear the publishing of their faults. But when reproofs themselves prove so ineffectual, that they are more offended at the reproof than at the sin, and had rather that we should cease reproofing than that themselves should cease sinning, I think it is time to sharpen the remedy. For what else should we do? To give up our brethren as incurable were cruelty, as long as there are further means to be used. We must not hate them, but plainly rebuke them, and not suffer sin upon them.” (p 39)

## Later he adds,

“But I find it will be impossible to avoid offending those who are at once guilty and impenitent; for there is no way of avoiding this, but by our silence, or their patience: and silent we cannot be, because of God's commands; and patient they will not be, because of their guilt and impenitence. But plain dealers will always be approved in the end; and the time is at hand when you will confess that they were your best friends.” (p 41)

## The goal

Those who ask nothing of others are not leading and ought not to be called leaders. Those who wish to have nothing asked of them are not followers and ought not to be called disciples.

The goal of Christian leadership is not the happiness of the members but their holiness. Holiness will ultimately lead to happiness, but if we seek happiness ahead of holiness we will ultimately achieve neither.

Toledo, OH



Every creature shall worship Christ! "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!' And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honour and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!' Then the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever" (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Summary**

The eternal Word of God created all things. Both the Father and the Son are 'I AM' and Saviour. Christ is worthy of worship, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:8).

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out from a "crooked and depraved generation." Even in the face of his own uncertainty and possible death, he rejoices and encourages his readers to rejoice with him. We know that this joy is not caused by the momentary satisfaction from pleasure. It is deeply rooted in our relationship with God. Second, he speaks of having the peace of God and the God of peace with us. Given the circumstances of his writing, Paul cannot be speaking of peace as the absence of difficult circumstances. He is in prison facing an uncertain fate. As with joy, our peace enables us to face and overcome hardship and suffering. Neither joy nor peace are the result of fun or momentary pleasure. Third, Paul teaches Christians contentment. He can be content in any circumstance, whether he is in need or has plenty, is hungry or well fed. He has learned the secret of being content in any and all circumstances. It is in the context of being content that Paul said, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." To Timothy, Paul wrote that while godliness is not a means to financial gain, godliness with contentment is a means of gain.

As with any human emotion, happiness can be fragile and momentary—the pursuit of happiness unsatisfying and futile. It leads to placing personal, selfish desires ahead of everything and everyone else. Like money, power, sex and many other desires today, happiness has become an idol, something to be served. Some people have sacrificed their marriages, families and careers for the sake of happiness. Like Baal in the Old Testament, this false god is mute and powerless, able only to take while giving nothing in return.

We know that God desires the best for us, eternal salvation more than

anything else. He wants us to find meaning and purpose in our lives and to enjoy every spiritual and physical blessing possible. However, He does not want us to exchange our salvation, marriage, family or any other of His gifts to pursue the false god of happiness.



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## PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**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;(Summer schedule – 10:00 Worship – no classes) 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycofc.com

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**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 & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelists: Gerry Bibaud; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church5@telus.net

**EDMONTON SOUTH:** Southwood Community Centre, 1880 - 37 St in Millwoods area; (Mailing address: 4115 - 89th Street, Edmonton, AB, T6K 1G2). 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; Website: www.southedmontonchurchofchrist.org

**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)

**RED DEER:** 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. 10, 11, (evening • call for information); John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986

**ST. ALBERT:** Sunday Worship: 2:15 p.m. at the St. Albert Seniors Center at 7 Tache St., St. Albert; Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 at 16 Lafonde Cres.; Mailing Address: 20 Desmarais Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 5X7; (780) 690-9947, E-mail: stalbertcofc@hotmail.com

## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

**BURNABY (Greater Vancouver):** 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; (Sept. – June – Wed. 7:30 PM, Adult Bible Study at Building), Kirk Ruch, ev., K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth, Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilshey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: Off (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besjim@hotmail.com

**CHILLIWACK:** Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11; Wed. Evening 7 PM, at #201- 8975 Mary Street at John Forman's house. Phone # 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

**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

**NORTH BEND:** North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

**PRINCE GEORGE:** 9465 Old Summit Road South, V2K 5S8, Sunday worship – 10 AM, 250-962-6978 or 250-562-6708

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**SALMON ARM:** 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-832-3828; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; (Contact: Maurice Taylor – 250-832-9969) website: sa4CHRIST.com

**SURREY: (Greater Vancouver):** 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 604-594-1796.

**VANCOUVER (City Church):** Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive; Worship Sunday 12:30 • 2:30 PM; Phone: 604-327-9321; Mailing Address: 1969 E. 49th Avenue, Unit # 1, Vancouver, BC, V5P 1T5; Website: www.citychurchofchrist.org

**VANCOUVER (Dakridge):** 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.).

**VERNON:** 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-6892 (off) www.vernonchurchofchrist.com; email: vernonchurchofchrist@telus.net

**VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):** Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: 1289 Parkdale Drive; Phone for time, L/S Walters, (250)-478-7275 or D. Morton, (250)-479-8480; please leave message: e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

**BRANDON:** 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

**CARMAN:** Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 204-745-3226; Randy Foss, 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: 204-638-0872

**MANSON:** Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0, Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB; Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 204-722-2085: email: kastar@xplornet.ca

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE:** Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

**WINNIPEG (Central):** Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**MONCTON:** 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-4143; Contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 380-4852; email: moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca

**SAINT JOHN:** Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 7:00 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

## NEW YORK STATE

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**NIAGARA FALLS:** 2011 Tennessee Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; 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; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscoc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**HALIFAX:** 48 Convey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881

**SHUBENACADIE:** 3557 Indian Road, Mill Village B0N 2H0; Sun. 9:15 Fellowship Time, 10:00 Youth Classes, 10:15 Adult Bible Study, 11:00 Worship; Mon. 12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study; Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible study (call for location) Church building (902)758-4252 (leave message); J. Mackey (902)758-2633; email natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**AURORA:** 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: aurorachurchofchrist@hotmail.com or Clare Preston, (905) 895-0954

**BARRIE:** 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Shawn Redding, ev. (705) 792-5024 Home; (705) 718-6876 Cell. dsredding89@rogers.com

**BEAMSVILLE:** 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sunday 9:30 am Bible classes and Discussion Groups, 10:30 worship, 6:00 pm Contemporary worship, Small groups meeting throughout the week.; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

**BRAMALEA:** 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleaocfc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, 6:00; Bible class 11:15; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleaocfc.ca

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. call for times; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Mike Gray 905-387-5680 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 P0A 1C0; 705-783-6476 (off); Evangelist: Hubert Lawrence 705-382-1414; e-mail: hubertlawrence@xplornet.com; website: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

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**CORNWALL:** 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, ph: 613-933-1825; Joel Bojarski: chairman; Mark Duperron: treasurer, ph: 613-932-3701; Fax: 613-933-2464; Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski@cogeco.ca; website: www.home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (h) 289-566-8963; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

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