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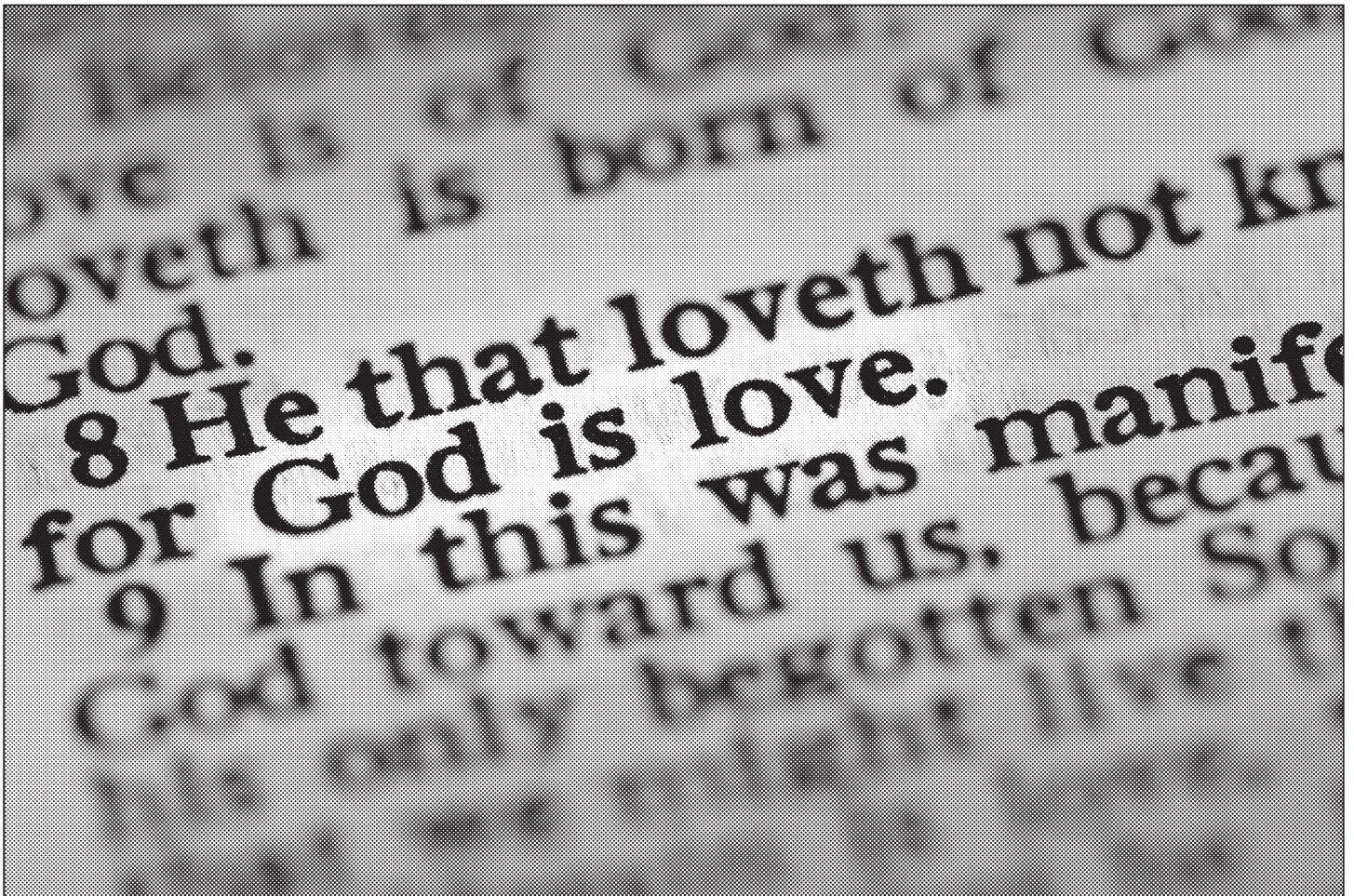
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# The Love of God

Roy Davison

One could print “The Love of God” as an appropriate title on the cover of a Bible. For an introduction to the love of God, read Genesis through Revelation.

## God Reveals His Love for Righteousness and Justice

“For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice” (Psalm 33:4, 5). “The LORD loves justice” (Psalm 37:28).

This means that He hates evil: “You love righteousness and hate wickedness” (Psalm 45:7). “You hate all workers of iniquity” (Psalm 5:5).

It also means that evil must be punished: “Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind *shall be* the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness” (Psalm 11:6, 7).

## God Reveals His Love for Man

Much remains unknown about God’s purposes in creating man, but by revelation we do know that even before the foundation of the world God had a plan by which man could be saved from sin.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love” (Ephesians 1:3, 4).

Before creation God knew that man would need a Saviour. Christ was “foreordained before the

foundation of the world” (1 Peter 1:20) so man could be redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).

Because God loves righteousness and hates iniquity, sin must be punished. Because He loves man, He has provided a means by which those who love Him can be forgiven without God’s righteousness being violated.

## Because of His Love for Man, God Sent His Son as Saviour

God accomplished this “by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin. He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:3, 4).

The righteous requirement of the law that sin be punished is fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ for those who believe and obey Him.

As a sinless sacrifice, Christ could pay the penalty for the sins of mankind, He “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24).

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been

reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:8-10).

## We Love God Because He First Loved Us

The ultimate demonstration of God’s love was the sacrifice of His Son on the cross to redeem man: “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:9, 10).

## Christians are ambassadors of God’s love.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

## People Who Love God Will Love Jesus

How people react to Jesus shows their attitude to God. “If anyone does not love the Lord

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# God's Love in the Darkest of Times

Tim Johnson

A man sat in a dark, foreign prison cell, abused, disfigured and hopeless. He thought about his life and how wrong he had been. He had abused and killed others himself, and now his ways had come back on him. With no future left he bowed in prayer to God. This was Manasseh, the worst king Israel ever had. You can read his sordid story in 2 Chronicles 33.

His father, King Hezekiah, was an admirable man. He tried to rid the country of idolatry and all its disgusting evils, but failed to extract it from the people's hearts. His own mind became flawed with pride. When it was Manasseh's turn to rule at just 12 years old, he turned all his father's reforms up-side-down. He had a lust for idolatry, power and blood. He sneered at God and flooded the country with vain false religion, even setting up altars and idols in the temple of God itself. He forced the country to wallow in sin for 55 long, agonizing years. When judgment finally came on the nation, it was squarely blamed on Manasseh's bad influence and "for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the Lord would not forgive" (2 Kings 24:3-4).

Yet a marvellous thing happened. Manasseh humbled himself in his Babylonian prison cell and poured out his guilt before God. The writer of 2 Chronicles records it: "When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God" (33:13). This man, full of unimaginable evil, repented and was given a second chance to rule God's people. He spent his last years trying to rid the country of all the damage he'd caused. Unfortunately it was too late to do much permanent good.

We not only learn about God's mercy from this startling chronicle, but also about God's love. Manasseh deserved only death, but when he repented God gave him life. At the darkest moment of his life he was extended love and consideration. What this miserable king experienced could be summed up with the apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 2:4-5, "But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead

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in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)..." Let this statement remind us that we're all guilty of our own evils, yet God is willing to extend love and mercy to those who humbly repent and come to Him through Christ.

When our own dark times come and we feel suffocated and hopeless, we often wonder where God's love is. We become trapped in our prisons of shame, sin and poor choices. Countless others suffer from circumstances beyond their control. Every human being eventually struggles with circumstances or illnesses that are unfair and often unexplainable. We protest, "Why did this have to happen?" Some give up on God, finding the prospects of His love to be impossible. Life's dark times can thicken so much we feel we can't see Him. Yet He's there all along. The Scriptures tell us of hundreds of people who faced unbelievable discouragements, but God sustained them by His love. Noah and his family survived in a world gone mad with violence; Abraham emerged as a man of faith when all tribes and peoples had none; the church in Corinth was saddled with serious, discouraging troubles, but many remained faithful;

Jesus faced the hatred of His times and the distress of the cross, entrusting Himself to the Father. God's love was there all along.

Nobody can escape the trials and sorrows of human life in this world; everyone must put up with some dark days. David described them as walking "through the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4). But through our faith we can deal with the dark times of life because faith allows us to see the love of God. He reaches through the darkness to give us strength. "I fear no evil, for Thou art with me." David found new strength. So did Manasseh, that failure of a king who finally humbled himself. If God carried them through their dark days, His love can strengthen us today too.



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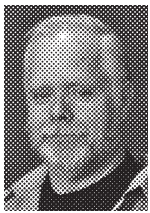
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## Love

Wayne Turner



**H**ow do you react when someone says, “I love you?” Your initial response may be, “It depends.” How you react could be determined by a number of things. What relationship do you have with that person? What is the circumstance? Is that person expressing something affectionate, romantic, brotherly, intimate, passionate or what? Similarly, it can be difficult to understand our feelings for another person. As a human experience, love is difficult to understand. It is complex and multi-faceted.

The ancient Greeks had a solution for differentiating different types of love. Almost all of us are familiar with the four Greek words: *storge* (the love shared in family relationships, especially between child and parent), *eros* (the physical, sexual love), *philos* (sometimes translated as “brotherly affection”) and *agape* (selfless love). Often, various relationships may include more than one of these. For example, marriage should include *agape*, *philos* and *eros*. (In other words, selflessness, companionship as well as physical attraction.) In human relationships, all of these are directed by shifting, often transient, human emotions. In fact, when we think of love, we associate it with and define it as emotion.

This is why it is difficult for us to really comprehend God’s love. The word *agape* is used for His love. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul describes the selfless, giving nature of *agape*, encouraging his readers to follow this as the “more excellent way.” In his gospel and first letter, John presents *agape* as the very nature and ultimate characteristic of God. “God is love.” Therefore, “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” Paul adds that while we were sinners and God’s enemies, Christ died for us.

This love was demonstrated at the scene of the cross, where having been betrayed, abandoned by His friends, falsely accused, beaten, scourged, paraded through the streets to be put to death, Jesus prayed for God to forgive those who were doing this. Jesus has shown us that *agape* is not an emotion. In fact, it may even go against emotion. It isn’t directed by

how a person feels, but rather by what is right and needed. Someone has defined this love as “doing what is best for others without concern for self.”

Jesus told His followers to love one another and that their *agape* would prove to the world that they were His disciples. John wrote that whoever lives in love lives in God. As we respond to God’s love and love Him, we must also love one another. God’s love is the example for our love. Therefore, it is important that we understand, as much as humanly possible, His love.

In this issue of the Gospel Herald, we are exploring God’s love. Peter Morphy examines what John meant when he said, “God is Love.” Peter notes, “Love is not a character or personality trait that God has; it is who He is to the very core of His being.” Tim Johnson takes us back to the story of Manasseh in “God’s Love in the Darkest of Times” to show how God’s love “reaches through the darkness to give us strength.” Thayer Salisbury looks at “The Direction of The Love” showing us that the phrase “the Love of God” can refer both to God’s love for us and our love for God. Finally, Roy Davison looks at some of the things that God loves, then bringing us to the implications of loving God—that if we love Him, we will obey Him. As always, we appreciate the work of Paul Birston in planning and co-ordinating this issue.

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# God Is Love

Peter Morphy

Through the passing of time we build friendships with people around us that often change based on our maturity, location, interests and life direction. We may not still communicate with close friends that we had when we were in grade school or comrades at the job when we were younger. Even our BFF may be replaced as life changes. While occasionally time and distance can make the heart grow fonder, it more often weakens the bond and new relationships are formed.

We have also seen some people's relationships with God fade. They started strong with a firm commitment and walked for years with the Lord. But now they seldom think about God and when His name comes up, it is usually cursing rather than praising.

It is common for us to project our life experiences of love onto God's love for us. Does He only love us when we love Him? Does He get tired of us wandering, sinning or asking for forgiveness? Will He completely give up on us even if we walk out on Him?

The good news is that God's love is not like our love. The apostle John was changed and filled with the love of Jesus. He wrote about the unconditional agape love in his gospel and letters. He wanted us to know that God is love (1 John 4:8) and that we can know and rely on that love (1 John 4:16). Love is not a character or personality trait that God has; it is who He is to the very core of His being. Everything He thinks, speaks, does and is flows out of His love.

Our love for others is often based on something that is attractive in their looks, work, mind or heart. We mostly love others because they

are loveable or lovely in our eyes. God loves us, not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

John reminds us that God's love is not based on our goodness or on our interest in Him, nor on our potential response in the future. It is completely unconditional. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

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God sent Jesus because of our great need of redemption, not because we were worthy to be saved. Paul reminds us of the same truth when he wrote, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). Jesus died when we were powerless and ungodly (Romans 5:6) and while we were God's enemies (Romans 10). Jesus

said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13), yet Jesus died for us while we were His enemies.

It is not surprising that one of the most familiar verses in the Bible speaks clearly of God's unconditional love. It first came from the lips of Jesus, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The action of the sacrificed Son expresses and defines the full extent of God's love. This verse may be so common it has lost its full meaning, but consider that when Jesus expressed the love of God to Nicodemus, the one to be crucified, the Son of God, was Jesus Himself.

Again John defines the love of God by what He was willing to sacrifice in order that we could have life and be reconciled to Him. "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the

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# The Direction of The Love

Thayer Salisbury

One of Raymond Kelcy's favorite questions for first year Greek students went something like this. "Notice the noun in the genitive case. Is that an objective genitive or a subjective genitive?" The question could arise, for example, in regard to "the preaching of Jesus Christ" (Romans 16:25). Does that statement refer to preaching that Jesus did or to human preaching about Jesus? The answer, in that case, is pretty clear, but in many cases the answer cannot be demonstrated conclusively from the text itself.

Dana and Mantey, in their classic *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*, explain the subjective genitive as "when the noun in the genitive produces the action, being therefore related as subject to the verbal idea of the noun modified." The objective genitive, they indicate, is "when the noun in the genitive receives the action, being thus related as object to the verbal idea contained in the noun modified" (pp. 78-79).

When the Bible speaks of "the love of God" is God the one receiving the love or is He the one giving the love? Does "the love of God" refer to our love for God (God being the object of our love) or does it refer to His love for us (God being the subject who does the loving)? The answer, of course, is "yes." We find both uses in the New Testament. In many occurrences the usage in view is clear. In a few it may not be so clear. In all cases it is instructive to ponder the question.

A fairly clear example of the objective use of the genitive, *tou theou*, (of God) would be Luke 11:42, "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and

rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." Here the "love of God" is something the Pharisees should have done. The action implied in the noun "love" is directed toward the being named in the noun in genitive case, "of God."

A clear example of the subjective use of the genitive, *tou theou*, would be 1 John 4:9, "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." Here the direction of the implied action is

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## *We love because He first loved us*

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reversed from that seen in Luke 11:42. The direction of the love here is from God toward us.

According to my computer, the KJV uses the phrase "love of God" 13 times in 13 different New Testament verses (Luke 11:42; John 5:42; Romans 5:5; 8:39; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Titus 3:4; 1 John 2:5; 1 John 3:16, 17; 4:9; 5:3; Jude 21). In more recent translations the exact phrase may not be found so often, as equivalent expressions, such as "God's love", are sometimes used. In one case (1 John 3:16) the difference is because the KJV added the words "of God" (the KJV places the words in italics to indicate that they do not actually appear in the Greek text).

Dropping 1 John 3:16 from consideration (since it is not textually justified) we are left with 12 occurrences of the words "love of God". In three it appears clear even at a glance that God is the

object of the love, and humans are to be the ones showing love (Luke 11:42; John 5:42; 1 John 5:3). In four cases it seems perfectly clear that God is the subject showing His love toward humans (Romans 5:5; 8:39; Titus 3:4; 1 John 4:9). This leaves us with five passages where there might seem to be some room for debate (2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 John 2:5; 1 John 3:17; Jude 21). It is to these passages that we now turn.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14). Which do we have here? Is the "love of God" that is to be with the Corinthians God's love toward them or their love toward God? The "love of God" is here parallel with "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ", and "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Both of these are initiated by the divine persons and extended toward the humans. While we must respond to these, the primary movement is from God to humans, and this can be assumed to be the case with the middle term, love, as well. (Note: the benediction of 2 Corinthians 13:14 is missing in many ancient manuscripts.)

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thessalonians 3:5). Are the Thessalonians here instructed to be sure that they love God or are they being instructed to keep their eyes on the fact that God loves them? Again, love is placed in parallelism with something else. In this case the "love of God" is placed parallel to the "steadfastness of Christ". Our hope is not in our steadfastness to Christ. Even

the best of us is not, in fact, very steadfast. Our hope is rather in the steadfastness that Christ shows toward us (compare Romans 7 & 8). Likewise, our love toward God is inconsistent and flawed. Trusting in our love toward God can hardly be the meaning. This passage also seems to be pointing, primarily, to God as the subject of this love, and humans as the object of it. Although, of course, His love and steadfastness should inspire us to love and steadfastness.

“But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked” (1 John 2:5-6). This is probably the most unclear occurrence of “the love of God”. I am not surprised to find it in John’s writings. I think that John often wrote things that can be taken two ways. I think that he intended that we struggle with some of his ambiguities.

What is the “love of God” that is being brought to completion as we walk as Jesus walked? Does living the Christian life bring our love toward God toward perfection? Yes. A claim to love God not backed up with a life of obedience is certainly a hollow claim. But is there not also a sense in which our walking in holiness is the completion of the intent of God’s love? Yes. God’s love toward us is intended to save us from sin, not merely to save us from the consequences of sin. Until we are walking as we ought to be walking, His love is at least partly frustrated. If we continue

in sin, not only does this show that we do not love Him, but it keeps His love from reaching its intended goal. The goal of His love is our complete salvation—including our sanctification as well as our justification.

Again, is John being intentionally ambiguous when he writes, “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” (1 John 3:17). Could this not be taken either as an objective or a subjective genitive and still make sense?

If we do not love our brothers, whom we have seen (and whom God has created), then we obviously do not really love God (1 John 4:20). So God, as the object of the love, could be the meaning here. But, on the other hand, if we have experienced and have abid-

ing in us the love God has shown toward us, will it not shine out in loving acts toward others made in his image? So God as the subject of the love here discussed could also be the meaning. Maybe John meant it both ways. I am inclined to think that he did.

The last passage to be considered is Jude 21, “keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” Here there is room for some doubt, but the preponderance of the contextual evidence seems to be on the side of taking this as an objective genitive. God appears to be the object of our love in this case. The readers are being exhorted to take action toward God. One could argue it somewhat differently, however. Perhaps “the love of God” is here viewed as a sphere of being in which we enjoy the benefits of God’s love toward us. We must not rebel against His love and place ourselves outside the sphere of His love toward us.

I feel that I have not done justice to any of these passages. But perhaps I have pointed the reader toward a fruitful means of meditation. How are the “love of God” (subjective) and the “love of God” (objective) related to one another? The short answer is given by John, “We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). But I believe that John intends for us to ponder at length the nature of the relationship between His love for us, our love for Him, and our love for others.

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## God's Love Expressed

Each of the gospel accounts approaches the story of Christ, His life and work, in a different way. Matthew emphasizes the Kingship of Christ as he writes to the Jews of their King. Mark in his account brings the humiliation of Christ through what He suffered into the foreground. Luke differs in that he presents the perfect manhood of Christ as he gives a careful historical account of the life of our Lord. Luke gives accounts regarding the birth and early life of Christ in far more detail than the other writers. In writing about the gospels, Marvin Vincent wrote, "And, finally, Luke's is the gospel of infancy. He alone tells the story of the birth of John the Baptist; he gives the minuter details of the birth of Christ, and the accounts of his circumcision and presentation in the temple, his subjection to his parents and the questioning with the doctors. His Gospel sheds a sacred halo and celestial charm over infancy, as perpetuating the paradise of innocence in a sinful world. The first two chapters will always be the favorite chapters for children, and all who delight to gather around the manger of Bethlehem, and to rejoice with shepherds in the field and angels in heaven".

The passage we are going to consider is Luke 2:22-35. It will be helpful if you take the time to read this passage before reading on.

### The Immediate Context:

The birth of Jesus was unusual in many ways. He was born of a virgin; Mary had been told that her child was to be the Messiah; Joseph had been told to take Mary to wife even though she was with child. All of these things must have left some questions in their minds, which is noted by the

reference that "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart", as to God's plan for them. The events of chapter two should have helped to answer some of these questions.

These answers came in three particular ways. First, the shepherds were told by angels of the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem and so traveled there to see the promised child. While

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***This look at Luke 2:22-35 should help us to appreciate that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of God and the very greatest expression of God's Love for mankind.***

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there they told Mary and Joseph what they have seen and heard. The second answer came from Simeon in the passage under consideration. The third answer came from Anna, the prophetess, who "spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem".(Luke 2:36-38).

No doubt these events would have been recalled by Mary and Joseph when in the final account of Luke 2 we read of His desire to serve God in teaching and talking with the learned men in the temple. Surely the events of this chapter help to establish the humanity of the Son of God—Jesus, son of Mary.

### The Event:

The purification and presentation at the temple was based on the Old Testament law concerning childbirth

and especially the birth of a first male child. The law in Leviticus stated that a woman was unclean for forty days following the birth of a male, following which she was to present herself at the temple for purification. Joseph would have been included in the text because as the head of the house he had to see to it that this purification was carried out. Also, the presentation of Jesus to the Lord was necessary according to the Law. A firstborn male child was to be presented and redeemed back from the Lord for the price of five shekels.

Something of the financial position of Mary and Joseph is seen in the fact that Mary brought the offering of the poor for her purification. *The Fourfold Gospel* (J. W. McGarvey and Philip Y. Pendleton) has an interesting comment on this point: "The required offering was a yearling lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon for a sin offering. But the law allowed a poor mother to substitute doves or pigeons for the lamb. We see here an early trace of the poverty of Him who had not where to lay his head."

When Mary and Joseph arrived at the temple they were met by Simeon who is said to be a righteous and devout man. There has been some controversy regarding the identity of this Simeon. Some suggest he was Rabbi Simeon, the son of the great teacher Hillel.

The text speaks of him as a man and makes no reference to his being a rabbi or anything special like this. Since Matthew wanted to establish the kingship of Jesus for the Jewish reader, one would think he would

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have made note of this event if Simeon were a man of such rank.

Whoever he may have been, the suggestion that he was “righteous and devout” denotes a man of deep convictions. In speaking of this expression Adam Clarke says: “He steadily regulated all his conduct by the law of his God: and devout—he had fully consecrated himself to God, so that he added a pious heart to a righteous conduct.”

Luke says that Simeon was looking for the “consolation of Israel”. The prophet Isaiah uses the idea of comfort or consolation coming with the Messiah—Isaiah 40:1. The Jews looked forward to the Messiah and the effect His presence would have on Israel. “May I see the consolation of Israel” was a common prayer among many of them.

We see more of the character of Simeon in the fact that the Holy Spirit was upon him. The result of this was that he had been assured he would not die before seeing the Messiah. It would be presumptuous to try, at this point, to say how the Lord had made this known to him and how the Lord had gone about assuring him that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah. Nevertheless, when Simeon saw Jesus he recognized Him as the Messiah and he seems to see herein a sign that his life was nearing its end. Simeon had lived long enough and could now go in peace since he had seen the promised One of God.

Simeon took Jesus into his arms and gave thanks to God for what he was seeing. In this hymn of thanks and praise he spoke of Jesus as the salvation of God which had been promised. As Simeon looked at the child he saw the promise of the future—he saw salvation as a result of the life that Jesus would live—he saw in Christ the remedy for sin. Since the Jewish Scriptures were known to most of the known world at that time, the idea of the coming Messiah would also be known to many (most?). This revelation of Simeon as to whom this baby is, was a remarkable one indeed

and gave insight into the degree of revelation he had been given by God. Also, in his statement about Jesus, he recognized that this salvation was for both Gentile and Jew.

Mary and Joseph were made to wonder; in fact the text would indicate they had been wondering and, continued to do so, at the things said by Simeon. While they had likely been somewhat prepared by the wonderful evidences already revealed regarding the destiny of the child, they still did not fully understand it all. The words of Simeon must have gone a long way in establishing their faith.

Simeon then turned to bless the parents and gave words of prophecy concerning coming events. He told them that Jesus would be the stone of falling for many Jews and the cornerstone of faith for others. Again, turning to *The Fourfold Gospel* we read; “...either as a stone of stumbling (Isaiah 5:14; Romans 9:32, 33; 1 Corinthians 1:23), or a precious cornerstone (1 Peter 2:7, 8; Acts 4:11; 1 Corinthians 3:11). Jesus is the cornerstone of true religion. Those who reject him fall over him and are broken; those who accept him, build upon him, and are lifted up and edified.”

A very brief look at the effect of the life of Jesus will show Simeon to be a true prophet. These words of Simeon are the first hint of the controversy that would come as a result of the work that Jesus came to do. However, for all who would believe, He became the source of eternal life.

This look at Luke 2:22-35 should help us to appreciate that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of God and the very greatest expression of God’s Love for mankind.

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Jesus Christ, let him be accursed” (1 Corinthians 16:22).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). Notice that in addition to believing “in” Jesus, one must also believe Jesus.

Many claim to be saved although they do not believe Jesus when He says, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16) or “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). The wrath of God remains on those who claim that baptism is not necessary for salvation because they do not believe Jesus.

### **They Who Love Jesus Obey Him**

He said: “If you love me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

The gospel designates faith, repentance, confession and baptism as prerequisites for salvation (Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38). They who love God and believe Jesus, obey the gospel (Romans 10:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17).

### **Keep Yourselves in the Love of God**

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 20, 21).

Alken, Belgium

For a series of articles on the love of God by Roy, please visit <http://www.oldpaths.com/Archive/Davison/Roy/Allen/1940/home.html>.

## Fowl Behaviour

*Down on the Farm by Virginia Hipwell*

**O**ur language has a number of colourful expressions spawned by the behaviour of animals. Poultry are responsible for a number of these. For example, “pecking order” comes from the fowl’s means of establishing who the boss hen is. Other animals have other methods of deciding rank. Goats butt one another. Cows have head-to-head pushing matches, and so forth. Human contests are far more complicated.

Each aspect of our life has a separate hierarchy and method of assigning positions. Some, such as birth order, are out of our control. At age 65, I am ranked as a senior citizen whether I want that designation or not. Other rankings have requirements that must be met to obtain a particular status level... university degrees, for example. We speak of climbing the corporate ladder when referring to those pecking for position in the business world. Personal performance and work ability are necessary there.

The criteria for positioning among God’s flock differs greatly from all others. Jesus made it simple for His followers. If you want to be great, be a servant. On more than one occasion, He had to rein in His disciples’ ambitions and redirect them to the heavenly viewpoint. Mark 9:33-37 and 10:35-45. (Both incidents are

also recorded by Matthew and Luke.) He pointed to His own servanthood when He caught them bickering over positions in His kingdom. (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; Luke 22:27). The upwardly mobile in the kingdom of God are those who stoop to serve.

Paul frequently referred to himself as a servant (1 Corinthians 3:5) and urged us toward Christ-like servanthood in Philippians 2:5-8. Although Jesus is God, He “made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness” (verse 7). And yet, we, like James and John (Mark 10:35-45), still hold a worldly outlook and view ‘church offices’ as elevating our status.

Scripture-designated appointees are intended to be servants, not dictators or bosses. Elders are referred to as shepherds, not CEO’s. In the same way a shepherd cares for his sheep, elders are to spiritually nurture and protect their flock. (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Peter 5:1-3). The word deacon, I am told by those who know, is an anglicised form of the Greek word which means servant. However, titles such as elder or deacon are not necessary to achieve greatness in God’s eyes. The opportunity for greatness through servanthood has been given to all. “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).

Poultry in motion can be nasty so it is sometimes necessary to isolate

a chicken for her own protection. Certainly, there is a lot of fowl behaviour that should not be copied by humans, but our egg providers do have some good points. Although they will peck at each other to establish their position in the flock, I have never seen a hen usurp the authority of the rooster. The rooster rules the roost. A good rooster watches over his harem calling them when he finds a handful of scattered grain or other treat, protecting them from anything he perceives as a danger and chasing them back to the group if they wander off. His girls willingly submit to his leadership.

How sad when a worldly view of greatness causes Christians to sidestep biblical directives to gain positions of services designated to others. While we may well be capable of functioning in those offices, our awesome Creator knows where we are best suited to serve and where He wants us to be. He has assigned us specific areas according to His wisdom. To ignore His directives through worldly comparisons or retitling is to presume to be smarter than God.

Titles, labels or ministry designations are not necessary to be great in the Kingdom of God. No one but God needs to even be aware of our service. We need only to do as Peter directed us (1 Peter 4:10) and we can be sure that our Lord will notice and proclaim, “Well done, good and faithful servant!... Come and share your master’s happiness!” (Matthew 25:21).

Fenwick, Ontario

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world that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9). Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians of the great sacrifice in the name of love when he wrote, “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

What then is our response to the love of God? While King David lived many years before Jesus walked this

earth, he knew and experienced the love and grace of God in his life. His response was clear, “Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live” (Psalm 63:3). Since we have seen God’s love expressed in word and deed infinitely more than what David could have imagined, could we do any less? Our response should not only be praising God for who He is and what He has

done, but also declaring His love to others. Another Psalm written by Ethan states, “I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known through all generations” (Psalm 89:1). As we grow in the love and grace of God may we together sing, tell, and show it in the way we live so that others may know that God is love.

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# NEWS

## - EAST -

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### NEW YORK

**Sardinia:** Ed Gibson, Larry Mueller and Kyle Frank were guest speakers while Glen Mueller was away. Glen and Edna were able to attend the West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship and returned with good teaching material.

### ONTARIO

**Brantford (North Park):** Curtis and Alison Thompson hosted an afternoon corn roast on Sunday, September 2. Madonna Jarvis unexpectedly passed away at her home on August 9. She was 61. Guest speakers for October were Scott Mansfield, Ben Hunt, Guy Stopard and Paul Chimhungwe.

**Fenwick:** Seventy one people attended the area wide worship at Fenwick on October 21. Our meeting with Jack Abels was well attended averaging just over 50 per service. Jules and Andrea DesGroseilliers have placed membership at Fenwick. Plans are under way to enter Fenwick's Christmas parade again this year. Scott Mansfield was guest speaker on November 25. He also taught the Wednesday night Bible class on November 21. The men's class just finished a study of the seven churches in Revelation.

**Owen Sound:** We had an excellent Gospel Meeting in October with Doug Wheeler of Norman, Oklahoma. Helen and Jeanette Parkin were baptized into Christ on November 13. The last of our six annual CFOS radio broadcasts was aired November 25.

**Stoney Creek:** The congregation participated in "Prayers for the Persecuted Church" at its morning worship November 4. This year's theme was "Beauty for Ashes." Special emphasis was given to prayers for those being persecuted in Nigeria, North Korea and

Zimbabwe. Many in the congregation are also taking part again in Operation Christmas Child, perhaps better known as "Samaritan's Purse". Shoe boxes are filled by individuals or families with toys and other items for children, and the boxes are distributed in the Third World. Various members of the congregation also continue to be involved in preparing and serving a meal two nights a month at Micah House in Hamilton. Micah House provides a temporary home for refugees coming to Canada.

**Toronto (Bayview):** On Saturday, October 20, and Sunday, October 21, members at Bayview, along with guests from Strathmore and Bramalea, enjoyed our Spiritual Renewal Weekend. Michael Tackett was our featured speaker. Michael is a well-known preacher and teacher in the U.S. and is known to us in Canada as a former speaker on Key To The Kingdom. His topics included: "Lord, Help My Unbelief.", "How Do I Draw Near to God?", "Faith That is Alive" and "The Destiny of Spirituality". We all appreciated his inspirational and heart-felt words. As well, Bayview was blessed with a visit from Mark and Laura Bryson from Texas on October 14. Mark taught our Bible class and preached a most relevant sermon from 1Cor. 9:19-23. The sermon was followed by an informal gathering to get to know Mark and Laura better.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** Key To The Kingdom had a booth at the Zoomer Show again this year. The show, a lifestyle show hosted by Zoomer Media, owners of Vision and Joy TV, was held on October 27 and 28. This was the second year for the Key booth at the show and a good number of people, considerably more than last year, stopped by, picked up Bible study materials and DVDs of the program. Several spent a good bit of time talking about spiritual things with Max. Pray for good to come from these discussions and from the study of the materials which were taken. The 2nd Annual Ladies Retreat day on November 10 was well attended. The lessons presented by Marni Bolland were biblical and practical and greatly appreciated by those attending.

# Pictures & Reports

We are always looking for items concerning outreach and service activities of congregations across Canada. Pictures are worth a thousand words, they say, and we like to have pictures we can publish on mission outreach and service projects in evangelism, teaching and doing service. These may be of work done in Canada or by Canadian congregational groups who travel and serve outside of Canada. Good quality digital photographs allow us to see, be encouraged by and praise God for these activities of our fellow Christians. We look forward to being able to share these "good news reports" with readers of the Gospel Herald.

— The editors

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### ALBERTA

**Camrose:** The Camrose Church of Christ held our sixth annual VBS this past July and we had over 30 children, mostly from the community, attend. It was a great success. We also had several special events days this past summer to get out into the community more. Emanuel Burnstad came to the church in March and is now interning with the church here. He is studying for his Bachelor's degree Biblical Studies. The South Side church in Edmonton has generously agreed to help Emanuel financially in his ministerial studies. In October we had a seminar on Building Strong Families and that was very encouraging. The congregation here is really growing spiritually and most of the members are involved with one or more people in sharing their faith. We are excited about the fruit to come.

**Edmonton Northside:** Michael Butler and Trevor Ebl were baptized recently. Emma Ebl and David and Erin Friesen have placed membership here. Welcome to you all. David Ford of Three Forks, Montana was guest speaker at the Fall Lectureship. The theme was "Re-imagining" and lesson titles were Re-imagining God's big picture; the crash; God's purposes; God's Word; God's Kingdom; God's Good News; God's Good News for Me and The People of God. Brian Salter and Bruce Hoddinott gave the lessons at the men's retreat. The theme was "Finding the Leader in You" based on Titus 2:2 and lesson titles were: The Unlikely Leader - A Case Study; The Unlikely Leader in You; Passionate Leadership; Practical Leadership; Leadership Re-Envisioned; Resiliency in Leadership. The elders and their wives were honored at the November 11 potluck. Evangelist Gerry Bibaud, and the 3 deacons Evered Butler, Bruce Hoddinott and Kirby Salter gave words of encouragement. A rose from each person there was presented to Marie and to Cindy. A walking stick was presented

to Henri and to Walter. The Bible School gave them trays and the Kids' Club gave them "candles". The elders and their wives passed out cake and ice cream to everyone. The potluck was well attended.

**Burnaby:** Bong Soo Rim, veteran Korean preacher who moved to Canada several years ago, went to his reward on Oct. 14. With the help of fellow-Korean, Richard Park, he had carried on his work of teaching Korean people living in the Vancouver area through use of the Burnaby facility for their own Sunday service and Bible study during the week. Kirk and Lori Ruch, returned on Nov. 14 from Donetsk, Ukraine, where both taught in the fall session of the Ukrainian Bible Institute's two-year course. Lori brought spiritual life material to first and second-year women students. Kirk's lessons were for first-year students in the Preacher Training program on the OT books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. In addition to classes, with Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers as guides, they revisited some of the congregations and other organizations that they saw in 2010 when they also were there as teachers. The Burnaby church sponsored much of their expenses. On November 8, Erol Dogan was presented with the Queen Elizabeth 11 Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work in Israel. Erol and his wife, Debra, have spent a part of almost every year in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, traveling to other parts of Israel and Palestine to meet with groups of Christians and other leaders.

**Delta:** The week after the death of noted missionary Joe Canon, the editor of our bulletin remembered the time that Joe visited Oakridge on his way through Vancouver. He taught the younger children how to sing some songs in Japanese, which were remembered and used by the children for several years afterward.

**Oakridge:** In October, Joyce Hooper's sister, Thelma Temple, was given a trip by her daughter back to the city in Mexico where both she and Joyce had worked with school children, as a farewell visit to say goodbye. The sisters were prevented by physical problems in 2006 from making what would have been their last annual trip in a truck loaded with useful gifts which they had collected to carry to street children. They made this pilgrimage after Christmas each December for approximately 12-15 years, making their return to Osoyoos, where Thelma lives, and to BC, in March or April. They were in their 70's and 80's.

**Salmon Arm:** The church has received thanks from Zambian Christians grateful for our prayers, encouragement and contributions to them as they continue to care for orphans and provide them with milk and medications which are especially important. At the same time, they help adults with needed Counseling and Bible studies. We are participating with other churches this year in filling shoe boxes to contribute to the "Operation Christmas Children" organization.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** God's Girls and Boy's Club's met together for a tasty autumn meal and then they packed shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operations Christmas Child, which will be sent to needy children across the world.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Weyburn:** The Fall Lectureship was held October 19 and 20. Guest speaker was Grady King and the theme was: "In Christ Alone: Hope for Everyday Living." The keynote addresses were: In Christ Alone: Hope and Christian Identity; Christ in the Church: Formed by Christ/Maturity; Called into the World: Sharing Hope in Word and Deed; Seeing God at Work: Discerning God's Life in the World; and A Reason For Our Hope and Christian Identity. A request for a Ladies Bible class came from the community as a result of the Lectureship. Sunday morning Bible Class is studying the book of Hebrews. We had a family supper, movie and games night on Friday, Nov. 2. Delighted to have visitors attend and enjoy the fun and visiting. One hundred forty two pairs of



Kids giving gloves in Weyburn

mittens were collected over the past few weeks. They were given to Kevin Vance and Margaret Akachuk of the Gentle Road church of Christ in Regina. Margaret will personally give the mittens to inner city people who need them. Boxes were made up for Operation Christmas Child. Some boxes went to Salvador in the Philippines and others to other places in the world.



# MISSION NEWS

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**INDIA:** “This state of Karnataka is in war with the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu in the sharing of the Caveri River water! A lot of burning, breaking and striking has taken place, paralyzing the general function of the public, including disrupting water, electricity, etc. The only way this will be automatically solved is if the Lord in his mercy opened the heavens with some good downpours as the monsoon this year has not been up to the mark. Kindly pray with us for the same.” (This message came from Selvaraj Abraham, a missionary supported by the Burnaby church, as he wrote that he and his wife are faced with complications as they prepare to move to a new residence in the area.) From Robert Hall, a member of Ron Clayton’s Mission India team, comes word that they have worked in 18 of the nation’s 28 states. India is now the second most-populated country in the world, with 1.2 billion people, and growing at a rate which envisions it outpacing China. They are also growing at a fast rate in the industrial world and becoming leaders in many areas. With eight full-time American families teaching Indian brethren who became preachers or have been led from being denominational preachers, the work of reaching one-sixth of the planet’s population is making rapid progress. The goal is to take the message of the Gospel to these other 10 states as quickly as possible.

**ETHIOPIA:** Between three and four thousand people attended the funeral of Gujo Amedge, 95, who had served as a preacher, elder, mentor, example and encourager in Ethiopia for the past 45 years. The report from Brother Moges, who presided at the service, said that whenever the Sidamo area was envisioned, he would never be forgotten for his contribution and labour. Even in his old age, he was involved in bringing peace among preachers and took an unwavering stand in the time of problems. Most of the people attending

came from different denominations, as well as members of the church. It was impossible to get them all into one picture. Brother Moges spoke for an hour, as he took advantage of the diverse crowd to ask the audience to question their own salvation and to examine their faith using the Word of God, after emphasizing Brother Gujo’s faithfulness to Christ and the Church. Afterward, many of them expressed appreciation for his words. Brother Gujo was the predecessor of eight children, who in turn, gave him a total of 60 grand and great grandchildren.

**JAPAN:** Steve Hasbrouck had the honor of being asked to preach on the theme of thanksgiving at the annual meeting of directors, preachers and supporting (voluntary) churches of the Shinaien Care and Nursing Homes. Steve said that he felt a bit apprehensive, speaking before a Catholic priest, denominational preachers and people of various positions in the care of the elderly. “It was a great time to press the truth of the Word of God concerning the differences between the godly and ungodly, namely, the fact that those who do not call on our God, do not worship Him or give Him thanks (Romans 1:21). I stressed the importance of taking care of the elderly, those unable to help themselves, but also how we are to show our gentleness to all people. After the worship time, several of those present came up to thank me. One especially said that I had given him inspiration to go back and work harder with the elderly in his congregation. The Catholic priest obviously approved my message as he continually nodded in agreement as I spoke. I continue to have my speaking times for these homes extended, and am now speaking for their chapel periods several times a month – Report from Stephen Hasbrouck, Sr.

**SPAIN:** Juan Monroy, Spanish evangelist who began working with the Herald of Truth in 1965, was honoured at this year’s Pepperdine Lectureship with the “Distinguished Christian Service Award” for his continuous international efforts to reach the world with the story of Jesus. Eleven days later, the University of Salamanca in Spain named Monroy “Man of the Year” for his contributions to literature and

journalism. He is the first non-Catholic writer ever to be so honoured, in spite of the fact that he has written three books about the oppression by the Catholic church in Spain, as well as numerous news articles and other books. The University of Salamanca is the oldest one in Europe, having been founded in the 13th century as a Catholic church educational institution. Monroy first learned of the churches of Christ when he visited the New York World’s Fair. He was baptized a short time later in Tangiers, Morocco, by a Cuban preacher married to an American girl. In 1964, he was asked by the elders of the Highland church in Abilene, TX, to put the Herald of Truth on the radio in Spain immediately. As that was an impossibility because of Spain’s Fascist dictator, Franco, and the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, Monroy was able to buy time on a station in Luxemburg which could be heard quite well in Spain. The Spanish translation by Monroy resulted in many letters between 1965 to 1968, but he still wanted a program in Spain and convinced a commercial station in Madrid to give him three days a week. A year later he was informed that the Catholic church insisted on its suspension. Monroy went across Spain’s border to a powerful A.M. station in Portugal, and then letters came from both countries. However, in 1972, through his contact with several Spanish politicians, he was able to get a contract with “Radio Intercontinental” in Madrid for five 15 minute programs a week at a cheaper rate than either of the other stations. It was the first time a non-Catholic group had been allowed to have a program in Spain. By 1994, when a study of the churches in Europe was published, the ones that had grown most were in Spain, although there had never been an American missionary there. Their first contact with the church of Christ showed that 70% of the converts had found it from the radio program. Monroy says that the “Herald of Truth” has been a powerful missionary over the years. (Ed. Note: For one of the most amazing and interesting books you ever read, try Juan Antonio Monroy’s Autobiography published in 2011 by the ACU Press, 1626 Campus Court, Abilene, TX 70601).

# Stephen's Final Prayer

Wayne Jackson

Wayne Jackson has written for and edited the *Christian Courier* since its inception in 1965. He has also written several books on a variety of biblical topics including *The Bible and Science, Creation, Evolution, and the Age of the Earth, The Bible on Trial, and a number of commentaries.*

Stephen is widely known as the first Christian martyr. He is mentioned initially as one of the seven servants who ministered to the Grecian widows in the Jerusalem church (Acts 6:1-6). These were Jews born outside of Palestine who frequently returned to the Holy Land in their declining years, to die and there, be buried.

Beyond the exercise of his benevolent talents, this servant of Christ also proclaimed the gospel and debated with the Jews in their synagogues (vv. 8-9). His militancy demonstrates that Christianity is not a passive system; it engages the opposition. It also, however, frequently arouses opposition, and such was the case in this instance. Hostile “witnesses” were solicited to bear false testimony against the courageous preacher in a malevolent plan to shut his mouth.

The leaders of the Sanhedrin, as well as the people generally, were aroused to a state of frenzy. They “rushed upon” the man of God and brought him before the assembled council. Testimony was given that Stephen spoke against the holy place (the temple) and the law. The evangelist was permitted to make his defense, the record of which is found in Acts 7. For a discussion of this presentation, see my *Commentary on Acts* (2005). Eventually, the Jews had heard enough. They were “cut to the heart” and in anger ground their teeth furiously (7:54).

Luke records that Stephen was “full of the Holy Spirit,” perhaps meaning he was emboldened by the Spirit. He was permitted to look into heaven where he saw a manifestation of divine glory, and Jesus “standing” nearby at God’s “right hand” (a unique expression). The courageous brother exclaimed:

“Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God” (v. 56).

It is important to note that Christ is designated as “the Son of man” (v. 56), as well as “Son of God” (cf. 9:20). Though back in heaven, the Savior has retained his identity with humanity (cf. Philippians 3:21; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 2:11). This is an important biblical truth. Christ’s authority to render final judgment is dependent upon his nature as “a Son of man” (John 5:27).

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## ***The expression “Lord Jesus” is Stephen’s acknowledgement of the deity of Christ, and his Master’s authority.***

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The infuriated mob rushed him, dragged him from the city, and stoned him. This was no legal execution. It was a lynching! One important note: observing this bloody scene was a “young man named Saul”—who was “consenting” to the murder (v. 58b; 8:1a), a reality that later would hang over him like a dark cloud (Acts 22:20).

Stephen called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” He humbly kneeled down and again exclaimed with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep (vv. 59-60 ESV). The prayer was brief, but remarkable from several vantage points.

(1) Luke states that Stephen was “calling upon” the Lord. The verb “call upon” (*epikaleo*) is a present tense, middle voice form in this passage. There are several points worthy of note:

- The term means to make a request; the context must determine its specific disposition. It clearly is a “prayer” (Mounce, 2006, 93). Campbell designated it as an “invocation” (1858, 51).

- The present tense suggests the petition was repeated.

- The middle voice reflects the intense personal need felt at this crucial moment, hence “to call upon

for one’s self” (Thayer, 1958, 239).

- The term frequently is employed of an “appeal to God in prayer” as here (Kittel & Friedrich, 1985, 396).

- Several recent translations render the expression, “he was praying” (cf. NIV, Williams, Goodspeed, Weymouth, McCord, etc.).

The expression “Lord Jesus” is Stephen’s acknowledgement of the deity of Christ, and his Master’s authority. Both titles are in the vocative case, which means it is a direct address. It is “unquestionable” that Stephen is praying to Christ (Vincent, 1972, 240). Robertson wrote: “Stephen knelt before him in worship and called on him in prayer” (1930, 3.99). In his *Commentary on Acts*, H. Leo Boles, one time editor of the *Gospel Advocate*, referred to Stephen as “praying” to Christ no fewer than five times (1941, 120; cf. Milligan, 1957, 221, 379; Pack, 1977, 62). See also Jackson, *Prayer to Christ* elsewhere on this web site.

Note: Some allege it is wrong to utter a prayer to Christ today. They admit that Stephen prayed to the Savior, but what normally would be sinful was permitted on that occasion due to the supernatural nature of the vision. However, John was the recipient of supernatural revelations on Patmos, yet he was not granted an exemption to worship an angel (Revelation 22:8-9).

“Jehovah’s Witnesses” emphatically deny that prayer can be offered to Christ (Franz, 1971, 1329). Such reflects their repudiation of his deity. The manipulations of this text in the vain attempt to avoid the conclusion that this was an act of worship sacrifices every particle of exegetical credibility.

(2) The verb “receive” is a middle voice form (expressing self-need), and is in the imperative mood. The imperative in this case is a strong request—commonly used in prayers (Wallace, 1996, 488). The Greek term *dechomai* is unusual in that it has the lingering aroma of classical Greek, in the sense of “welcome me” (cf. Thayer, 1958, 131).



(3) The phrase “my spirit” is Stephen’s affirmation that there was a personal entity within his body capable of both emotion and intellect (Daniel 7:15; 1 Corinthians 2:11). That spirit, or soul (cf. Matthew 10:28), was about to make its exit to be with the Savior. This brave servant of Christ was no materialist, i.e., one who believes that man is wholly mortal, having nothing more than a fleshly composition powered by an impersonal “life force.” Likely he was reflecting upon what he had heard about the manner of Jesus’ death. The Lord had prayed: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Lk. 23:46). Observe how the “Jehovah’s Witnesses” pervert this lofty truth—both in Luke’s Gospel and in this text in Acts.

*“In view of the impersonal nature of the life force or spirit found in man (as also in the animal creation) it is evident that David’s statement at Psalm 31:5, quoted by Jesus at the time of his death (Luke 23:46), ‘Into your hand I entrust my spirit,’ meant that God was being called upon to guard or care for that one’s life force. (Compare Acts 7:59)”* (Franz, et al., 1971, 1547; emp. added).

If the “spirit” is simply an “imper-

sonal animal life force,” why not translate it that way—instead of “my spirit” (as reflected in the Watchtower’s *New World Translation*)? Was the death of Stephen no different from that of a dog? There is a common rule that prevails in defining words. The definition of a term may be substituted for the word itself in a sentence, and the sentence still will be rational. Consider a couple of passages in which the term “spirit” appears, and see how nonsensical the “Watchtower” definition becomes.

“Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and *impersonal animal life force*...” (2 Cor. 7:1). Or this: “*the impersonal animal life force* of Titus has been refreshed by you all.” (2 Cor. 7:13; cf. 1 Cor. 16:18). What’s wrong with these renditions? Everything; they make no sense. The Greek term *pneuma*, when used of that entity within a person, designates “the rational spirit, the power by which a human being feels, thinks, wills, decides; the soul” (Thayer, 1958, 520; cf. Danker, 2000, 833.3).

(4) When Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,” he had every expectation and eager longing that when his spirit took flight from his

body it would go to be with Christ, just as the Lord himself anticipated going to the Father in his similar prayer (Luke 23:46). It is a mistake to conclude, as some have done, that there will be no fellowship with our Savior until after the Second Coming and the Resurrection. The New Testament does not support this view (cf. Philippians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:8).

(5) Finally Stephen’s request, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge” (v. 60), is also reminiscent of the Savior’s prayer: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). He emulates the example of his Lord. This was not a call for unconditional pardon (cf. Acts 2:21, 38). It was a compassionate hope of their eventual **conversion**. See Paul’s later statement that he received “mercy” in conjunction with the events of his conversion (1 Tim. 1:13; Acts 22:16).

Luke’s narrative regarding the final words of the first Christian martyr is rich indeed. It is a magnificent illustration of how much truth can be packed into such a small area; also it demolishes a litany of theological errors with deadly precision.

Stockton, California

## The One Who Stubbed His Toe

*Les Cramp*

Did you ever meet a youngster who had gone and stubbed his toe,

An’ was sittin by the roadside, just a-cryin soft and low,

A-holdin to his dusty foot, so hard and brown and bare,

Tryin’ to keep from his eyes the tears a-gatherin there?

You hear him sort o’ sobbin’ like, and snifflin’ through his nose;

You stop and pat him on his head an’ try to ease his woes,

You treat him sort o’ kind like, an’ the first thing that you know,

He’s up and off a-smilin’ – clean forgot he stubbed his toe.

Now ‘long the road of life you’ll find a fellow goin’ slow,

An’ like as not he’s some poor guy who’s gone and stubbed his toe,

He was makin’ swimming headway

till he bumped into a stone,

An’ his friends just kept a hurryin’ on an’ left him there alone,

He’s not sobbin’, he’s not snifflin’, he’s away too old for cries,

But he’s grievin’ just as earnest, fit it only comes in sighs.

An’ it does a lot of good sometimes to go a little slow,

An’ speak a word of comfort to the one who stubbed his toe.

Today, you’re bright and happy in the world’s sunlight glow,

An’ tomorrow you’re a strugglin’ and trudgin’ through the snow.

The time you think you got the world the tightest in your grip

Is the very time you’ll find that you’re the likeliest to slip.

So it does a lot o’ good sometimes to go a little slow,

An’ speak a word o’ comfort to the guy who’s stubbed his toe.

Author Unknown

I thought this was really good. It is so painful to stub your toe. I have seen many a macho man fighting tears because he stubbed his toe. I have seen ladies who had coped with many other pains clutching at their foot and shedding a tear or two because they stubbed their toe. Few of us have gone through life without stubbing our toe. Few of us will go through life without stubbing our emotional or spiritual toe. This little poem is a reminder that we need to have some empathy and sympathy for each other when we stub our toe.

Collingwood, Ontario

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

# The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ

Alan Smith

You've heard of Murphy's Law ("Whatever can go wrong, will go wrong.") Here are some new "laws", though, that you may not have heard of:

- **Lerman's Law of Technology** – Any technical problem can be overcome given enough time and money. Corollary – You are never given enough time or money.

- **Murphy's First Law for Wives** – If you ask your husband to pick up five items at the store and then you add one more as an afterthought, he will forget two of the first five.

- **First Law of Living** – As soon as you start doing what you always wanted to be doing, you'll want to be doing something else.

- **The Salary Axiom** – The pay raise is just large enough to increase your taxes and just small enough to have no effect on your take-home pay.

- **Miller's Law of Insurance** – Insurance covers everything except what happens.

- **Kenny's Law of Auto Repair** – The part requiring the most consistent repair or replacement will be housed in the most inaccessible location.

- **Second Law of Names** – If there are two possible ways to spell a person's name, you will pick the wrong one. Corollary – If there is only one way to spell a name, you will spell it wrong anyway.

- **The Grocery Bag Law** – The candy bar you planned to eat on the way home from the market is hidden at the bottom of the grocery bag.

- **Yeager's Law** – Washing machines break down only

during the wash cycle. Corollary – All breakdowns occur on the plumbers' day off.

- **Lampner's Law of Employment** – When leaving work late, you will go unnoticed. When you leave work early, you will meet the boss in the parking lot.

The Bible is also filled with laws, everything from "You shall not commit adultery" to "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together." Some laws are a part of the law of Moses and are no longer binding on us, and some laws are eternal, like this one:

- **The Law of Sin and Death** – "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4).

Like many of the laws listed above, it is rather pessimistic and depressing, and rightfully so. We have all sinned, and so we know what the penalty is. Fortunately there is a corollary, though:

- **The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ** – If you are "in Christ" and walking "according to the Spirit," you can ignore the Law of Sin and Death (because Christ's death has paid the penalty for sin).

**Listen to these words of hope:** "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:1-2).

May these words encourage those of us who are "in Christ Jesus" and spur us on to live godly lives.

Have a great day!

Fayetteville, North Carolina

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Email: info@camrosechurchofchrist.ca

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Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739,  
email: ch8739@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. 10:30 am; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0;  
Bordy Krogsgaard 604-867-9420

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

**PRINCE RUPERT:** 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.;  
PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00  
am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev.  
(250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

**SALMON ARM:** 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00;  
Call for times and locations of other meetings  
250-833-0927; Mailing address: Box 51, V1E 4N2;  
Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter,  
elders; Contact: Cliff Plummer ev.;  
website: sa4CHRIST.com

**SOUTH BURNABY Church of Christ  
(Metro Vancouver):** 7485 Salisbury Ave., Burnaby  
BC V5E 3A5; Sunday worship: 10 a.m.; Bible classes  
for all ages: 10:45; Midweek groups meet in homes.  
Midweek adult Bible study at the building: 7 p.m.  
Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca;  
Conor Wilkerson, youth;  
Office: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721  
Website: www.sbchurch.ca

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

**VANCOUVER (Oakridge):** 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 Verwerda, 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: Westshore Chamber of  
Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Lanford, BC.;  
Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm,  
Contacts: Dick Morton 1-250-479-8480,  
L/S Walters 1-250-478-7275, Kent Malm  
1-250-642-3460 (pls 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

**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. Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30  
p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at  
(506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at  
(506) 847-2802.

## NEW YORK STATE

**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.niagarafallscoc.com

## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

**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; Tues. 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.);  
Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell);  
email: minister@barriechurch.ca

**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@bramaleacoc.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.bramaleacoc.ca.

**BRANTFORD:** 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2;  
Sun. 10, 11, Mid-week, call for times;  
contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401;  
Mike Gray 905-387-5680,  
email: thegrays1@shaw.ca  
office (519) 759-6630

**CAMBRIDGE:** Meeting place is across the street from  
45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small  
groups; Evs. Greg Whitfield (226) 338-6720,  
www.cambridgecoc.ca; Mailing address:  
2-120 Dudhope Ave, Cambridge N1R 4T7

**CHESLEY & AREA:** Call for time and place of  
meetings. Padfield: 519-934-0441; David Vance:  
519-507-5070; Ron Zavitz: 519-363-6952

**COLLINGWOOD:** 494 10th Street, Collingwood,  
Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com;  
Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone  
519-538-5184; Cell 519-375-0559; Sunday Study  
10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study Tues 2 p.m.;  
Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship  
at any time.

**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.grimsbycocf.org

**HAILEYBURY:** Meeting at 607 Christian Avenue,  
usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place  
and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment,  
Mailing address: Box 702, POJ 1K0; Mike & Judy  
Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

**HAMILTON:** Fennell Ave. Church of Christ,  
321 East 27 Street (at Fennell),  
L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00;  
Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.);  
Art Ford, ev., art@churchofchristhamilton.com;  
Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174;  
Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

**NORTH HAMILTON:** YMCA building,  
79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7;  
c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton  
ON L8V 3E1; 905-389-8308, email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

**HUNTSVILLE:** Huntsville Public Library,  
7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:00, c/o Dave Preston,  
(705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5,  
Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts:  
Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292



**HUNTSVILLE:** 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

**ICE LAKE:** (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: Site # 2, Box 3, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-282-2908 or 705-377-4019

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-468-7523 Earl Rattai, ev., 807-548-2245; email: erattai@sympatico.ca

**KINGSTON:** 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday worship 11 AM; (off) 613-546-5409

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Bible Study 11 AM

**MEAFORD:** 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucelec.com website: <http://www.meafordcofc.ca/> Check website for monthly changes

**MISSISSAUGA:** Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 10:30 - 11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Phillip Brown, ev, cell 289-200-9160; email: phillkare@gmail.com. Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address [www.mississaugacofc.ca](http://www.mississaugacofc.ca) Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

**MISSISSAUGA (Port Credit):** Port Credit Arena 40 Stavebank Road Mississauga, ON. L5G 2T8 Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Study: 10:45 AM Contacts: Max D'Costa - Phone: 905-949-8793 Email: mnmcosta@yahoo.ca Sabastin Daniel - Phone: 905-216-5344 Email: sabastin\_daniel@yahoo.com ALL ARE WELCOME

**NEW LISKEARD:** 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:00; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON; POJ 1P0; (705) 647-5488, Email: cccstone65@hotmail.com

**NEWMARKET:** 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com [www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca](http://www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca)

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Darrin Douglas, (minister) 905-356-3412, darrin@niagaracoc.com; Bruce Boland (youth/involvement minister) 905-356-3412, bryce@niagaracoc.com, website: [www.niagaracoc.com](http://www.niagaracoc.com)

**NORTH BAY:** 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:00; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.com Website: [www.northbaycoc.com](http://www.northbaycoc.com)

**OMAGH:** 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: <http://omaghchurch.n3.net>, Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON LOP 1B0.

**OSHAWA:** Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Wed. 7:00 pm; 905-434-1258 (Church) Shig Oikawa 905-420-8414 (res) Find us on face book-Cedar Park Church

**OTTAWA (Riverview Park):** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert J. MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, 613-733-2580 (off); [www.ottawachurchofchrist.ca](http://www.ottawachurchofchrist.ca)

**OTTAWA (West):** The Olde Forge Community Resource Centre, 2730 Carling Avenue, Ottawa; Mailing Address: West Ottawa Church of Christ, c/o Bill Schlarb, 361 Viewmont Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7R9; Sunday morning: 10 am. Bible study, 11 am; Worship service Contacts: Bill Schlarb, 613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291 email: westottawacofc@gmail.com

**OWEN SOUND:** 35 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 2pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: [www.owensoundcofc.com](http://www.owensoundcofc.com)

**PETERBOROUGH:** The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing Address: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (705) 742-5349

**PINE ORCHARD:** 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 834-5775 (off)

**ST. CATHARINES:** 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: [www.stcatharinescofc.ca](http://www.stcatharinescofc.ca)

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123.

**SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill):** 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40AM, 10:40AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), L. Hotchkiss (705) 759-0649, C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

**SELKIRK:** 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215

**STONEY CREEK:** 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: emailus@scoc.ca; website: [www.patchworkinthecreek.com](http://www.patchworkinthecreek.com)

**STRATFORD:** 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wednesday - various activities 7:00 pm, please call for details; Voice mail (519) 273-5280; Greg Toohy, ev, 519-635-5921; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Charles Kippax (519) 539-6931

**SUDBURY:** 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7 PM; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, email: edklym@unitz.ca, Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

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**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Jim Kent, sec, Randy Morrill, ev; Box 708, POR 1L0; (705) 842-2344 (H), (705) 842-3340 (O/Fax); Email: randy.lois.church@sympatico.ca

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

**TINTERN:** 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON LOR 2C0; Worship at 9:45a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Dylan Pyeatt ev.; (905) 563 6311 (off.).

**TORONTO (Bayview Ave.):** 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (office)

**TORONTO (Scarborough):** 2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2 DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy & 401 East; Sunday 10:00am; 11:00; Thurs. 7:00pm (in homes) (Mailing Address: 300 Borough Drive, P.O. Box 47011, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Website: [www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com](http://www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com) Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com

**TORONTO (Harding Ave.):** 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact: Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266; Twi service available

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, website: [www.strathmorecofc.ca](http://www.strathmorecofc.ca)

**VANDELEUR:** E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., PO Box 1196, 450 Countess Street S, Durham ON NOG 1R0; Phone 519-369-1731; Gordon Dennis, Box 274; Mount Forest, NOG 2L0; (519) 323-2424

**WATERLOO:** 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; David Dunn ev., 519-669-4319; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553 (res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

**WINDSOR (West Side):** 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com

#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

**MONTREAL:** (South-West • English/French/Spanish): Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd., Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk subway station, 10 minutes from Downtown); (514) 765-8919. Simultaneous electronic translation: Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: [www.vecoc.org](http://www.vecoc.org); Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 602-5105; e-mail: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

**PLESSISVILLE:** Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

**QUEBEC CITY:** 2980 De Verteuil St (corner Jean-Noel St); Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STN Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:00 PM (Phone in Summer) 418-651-3664 (of); Yvon Beaudoin, ev. 418-728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: rparadis1518@videotron.ca

#### PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

**ESTEVAN:** 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res. E-mail: estevan.cofc@sasktel.net website: [www.estevanchurchofchrist.org](http://www.estevanchurchofchrist.org)

**GRAVELBOURG:** 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev; (306) 648-3435

**KENOSEE VILLAGE:** Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, Kenosee Village, SK SOC 2S0; Sunday 10:00, Mid-week: call Jim Sedor, (306) 453-2088

**LLOYDMINSTER:** 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505 call (306) 821-7446 e-mail: patmores@sasktel.net

**MOOSE JAW:** 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@sasktel.net Website: <http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com>; Call for times of worship, Darrell Buchanan, ev

**REGINA (Northwest):** 4400 4th Avenue Regina S4T 0H8 (in the Orr Centre) Sunday: 9:45am Classes: 11:15am Contact: Dr. Leslie Williams E-mail: leslejwilliams@gmail.com

**SASKATOON:** Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed. 7 PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office:343-7922; Lead Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker; Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: toonchurch@live.com and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

**SWIFT CURRENT:** Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925; (call for location of meetings).

**WEYBURN:** 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 6:30 p.m.; 842-6424 (off)

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This year we have been blessed with continued giving from many who support this ministry each year. Also, we received funds from 14 new contributors. We NEED all of you to continue in 2013. We began 2012 with a \$68,000.00 deficit. We cut costs by cancelling our contract with Grace TV. Also, Vision reduced our cost by \$300.00 per week for 2012. By

the end of August, the deficit had been reduced to \$16,000.00 so is still an issue. Looking to 2013, Vision is increasing our weekly cost by \$100.00, which is still \$200.00 per week less than our 2011 costs.

We pray you will help us in 2013 by including Key To The Kingdom in your evangelism budget with

regular monthly or quarterly support or a onetime contribution. Key To The Kingdom Day in 2013 will be May 5.

Please contact us for any information regarding Key: Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd, Toronto, ON M4C 1N3; 416-461-7406; maxc@strathmorecofc.ca

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