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# How much will it Cost?

David Dunn

It's a fact of life that we can't do much without money. What we do with our money, however, will depend on what we value the most. What is it that pulls most at our hearts and minds, and demands our attention? Where do our passions and ambitions lie? What would we spend that million on (if we only had it)? Jesus once said, in effect, that if you follow the money, you will find the heart. We inevitably give ourselves, and what we own, to what we value the most.

So that raises the real question—what is the burning issue for us? To generalize for a moment, we can safely say that the issues for us seem to be those that affect our physical and emotional well-being. Just take a look at the newspaper editorials and letter columns. Or run your eye over the current issues, both international and local, and you will see what is engaging our hearts and minds. Check out the bestselling books.

It's a fair bet that the question of a rich young man who once came to see Jesus would not feature high in our list. "What good thing shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" he asked in the passage in Matthew 19:16-26. There are several problems with this for us today. First, the goal would probably be considered irrelevant to most. This life is what matters, not some relationship with an unlikely god that will reach into an implausible eternity. But there is something even more jarring about his question—the idea that we must do something in respect of such a quest.

It is common to hear that

eternal life (or more commonly "being saved") has nothing really to do with us and what we do. If we at first accept the reality of God and believe that life with Him is worth pursuing, we are most likely to accept the idea that its achievement will be all God's doing and none of our own. God will save me and it has nothing to do with how I live my present life.

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## *So, what is the burning issue for you? What occupies your waking thoughts?*

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It is extremely hard to square that idea with Jesus' response to this young man's question. In fact, Jesus told him to do something very specific—to give away everything he had—in order to be accepted by Jesus and find the life he sought. The

searcher was unable to pay such a price and went away dejected. Jesus commented on the young man's failure—getting into God's kingdom is almost impossible.

Of course, it is true, we cannot earn eternal life. There is nothing we can do or pay to achieve forgiveness with God and gain access to His kingdom. In that respect, we are bankrupt. Only Jesus had the available resources to pay the debt we owe to make that possible. That's where the impossible becomes possible. But that's not the same thing as saying that we have nothing to pay to accept God's gift. The issue here is not what we can give to earn life with God; it's what we are willing to give up to make acceptance of His free gift possible. Unless we are willing to pay the price, the possible becomes impossible.

So what has money got to do with inheriting eternal life, to use the young man's expression? Well, nothing—and everything! There are some things that stop us from trusting God and accepting what He wants to give us. Primarily, the obstacle is the willingness to give up everything that would compete with God's place as Lord in our lives. For the young man, it was money. And if we take money to stand for our focus on our own agenda in this life, instead of on God, then that is our problem too.

So, what is the burning issue for you? What occupies your waking thoughts? Where is your heart and mind? What do you value most? And what are you prepared to pay—or in this case, give up—to get it?

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# *“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”*

Geoffrey Ellis

Revelation begins with the churches and concludes with the Church. This is a reflection upon Revelation 21-22.

One of the seven angels said to John, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried John “in the Spirit to a mountain great and high and showed [him] the Holy City, Jerusalem...” (Rev. 21:9b, 10a).

The question is—does this vision refer to church in its heavenly state after the end of the world and the final judgment, or does it refer to the church in its present spiritual state, wonderfully blessed by its Saviour and King, the Lord Christ? In truth, it refers to both, for it is the one kingdom “coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” (21:2).

There is just one kingdom. It is the kingdom that “is near” of John and Jesus’ announcements (Matt. 3:2; 4:17). It is the coming kingdom for which Christians are to pray (Matt. 6:10), and it is that which they are to seek first (6:33). It is the subject of Jesus’ many parables, “...the kingdom of heaven is like...” (e.g. Matt. 13:24). It is the good news which is to be preached “as a testimony to all nations” (Matt. 24:14). It is that kingdom that Paul (Col. 1:12-14), Peter (1 Pet. 2:9), and John (Rev. 1:6) speak of as a present reality for Christians. It is the same kingdom that Christ will deliver to God the Father “after destroying every rule and every authority and power...and... death” (1 Cor. 15:24, 26). It is that kingdom

that is of heaven, that extends into this world, and at the end will be found wholly in God’s eternal realm (2 Pet. 1:11).

The common view is that the kingdom of Revelation 21-22 is the kingdom in its eternal state. Yet there are indications found in the text that suggest that the description is of the kingdom in its present state, the kingdom of heaven on earth. The common view sees Revelation as having a linear time-line. Hence, what follows the last judgment (20:11-15) must necessarily be a vision of heaven. However, the wording in the final two chapters of Revelation, it is proposed, point to the kingdom’s present blessing as the consequence of Christ’s victory depicted in the Scroll.

Christ, the only one “in heaven or on earth or under the earth worthy,” has opened the Scroll (5:3-5). The Scroll’s content (12:1-20:15) is the story of salvation centered in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ by which he achieves victory over evil, both in heaven and on earth. The purpose in retelling this triumphant

work of Christ is to bring encouragement to the “seven churches” of Asia (1:11; 22:16). The concluding vision of the Church in its present spiritual magnificence is presented as a final inspiration for the troubled churches of Asia.

“Then he [the One seated upon the throne] said to me [John], ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End’” (21:5b, 6a). Here, God, speaking directly for the first time in Revelation, indicates that the general vision of Revelation has concluded. Now follows the final vision, a vision that is set in the present time of John’s audience. Consider the following evidences of the text.

**God’s Dwelling Place:** “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more” (21:1). This is figurative language. It speaks of the coming of the New Age (see Isa. 65:17) that through the work of Christ has come. “I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven...” (21:2).

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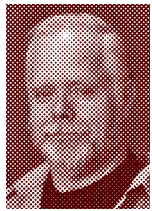
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## A Voice for Unity

Wayne Turner



It seems like it should be very difficult for anyone who professes to be a Christian to read Christ's prayer for the unity of believers (John 17) and not feel extremely pained by the widespread division in the religious world. There are literally thousands of denominations and sects. How can these divisions be reconciled with the Bible? Why aren't more people genuinely distressed by this?

Historically, we know that the roots of the Restoration Movement are deeply embedded in the hearts of people who were troubled by religious division and its contradiction with the clear New Testament concept of the church as the one body of Christ. The Restoration Movement was a vibrant, exciting time when people abandoned the organizations, doctrines and practices which rationalized, maintained and perpetuated denominational distinctions and divisions. The call for a return to the practice of simple, New Testament Christianity came from people who were once part of that denominational world. They had renounced their past to be, simply, Christians. They studied the Bible to identify those things that were part of the original way. They preached, taught and debated to advance their message. Yet, despite their efforts, the religious world, generally, remained unchanged.

From time to time, individuals and groups have appeared with a restoration-type message. Sadly most of these have not attracted much attention. Recently, an article appeared in the February issue of Christianity Today which is of interest. Written by Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, it is entitled "*Lament for a Divided Church*." Wilson is assistant professor at the Institutes for Ecumenical Research in France and is editor of Lutheran Forum.

Wilson is troubled by division, speaking of the general "callous disregard" for the prayer for unity in John 17. She observes that traditionally, responses to division have tended to fall into two different positions. On one hand, there has been what might be called isolationism, which dismisses "everyone outside of a particular circle" as not being part of the one church. On the other, there is the "problematic notion of the 'invisible church'". She seems to suggest here that by this view, the "invisible church" is made up of individuals, not the "historical communities" (i.e. organizations, denominations, etc.) She notes a contradiction here as one view "maximizes the importance of church structures and the other

minimizes it." But, she notes, both views ignore the reality of church history.

In Wilson's view, the ecumenical movement has been an attempt to reconcile the organizational and historic differences and promote unity. The problem has been that each religious body has brought its own history, agenda and concepts, as well, they "mimic the kind of unity they see around them." (For example, she observes how Evangelicals and Pentecostals mimic the "capitalist market providing a product for every taste" while mainline Protestants follow more of a franchise model.)

The most interesting points come in the section entitled "Back to the Beginning." Initially, Wilson notes that division goes back to New Testament times. There were differences between Peter and Paul, Paul and Barnabas and also within some of the churches. That said, the Gospel was the unifying force in the early church. "Church turns divisive and ideological when it is severed from the gospel that brought it into being." Given that, she concludes "a mere invisible unity wouldn't do justice to the Cross." In the New Testament, there was one church. She notes, we can "live in contradiction with that one church, or we can reconcile and make visible our unity in Christ."

While seeming to come so close to stating the restoration of New Testament Christianity as the means to unity, Wilson puts it more in terms of toleration, of "Love the heretics, hate the heresy." To us, this would seem an incomplete unity—some things necessary for

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## Have You Forgotten Your Wedding Attire?

The title of this article is based on the situation Jeremiah found himself in as he proclaimed the will of God to the people of his day. In thinking about the people and their relationship with God, he encourages them to remember a very important day in their life. One that should be treasured for years to come and the joy of the marriage relationship becomes more and more wonderful as the years pass. He writes, “Why do you contend with me? You have all transgressed against me, declares the LORD. In vain have I struck your children; they took no correction; your own sword devoured your prophets like a ravaging lion. And you, O generation, behold the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of thick darkness? Why then do my people say, ‘We are free, we will come no more to you’? Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jeremiah 2:29-32 ESV).

Life, and marriage, are filled with many challenges, and this is a good thing in many ways, depending on how we cope with them. Seen properly, these challenges will help to keep us “on our toes” as we live day to day, careful to examine each word, thought and action to see that they are in accordance with the way we know the Lord wants us to speak, think and act. However, they can also be bad when we forget to hold true to what is right.

It has been difficult for the people of God to maintain their distinctiveness from the unbelievers throughout

the centuries. In the Old Testament the Israelites were to stay free of the worship of the people around them. Clearly, the history of those times shows that they did not recognize the cost.

Clearly the intention of God is that Christians today also understand that they are different from unbelievers. In the words of Peter, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own

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*Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.”*

Jeremiah 2:29-32

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possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy” (1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV).

When people forget they tend to forsake. “...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water” (Jeremiah 2:13 ESV). When the people forgot who they were, the people of God, they forsook Him and tried to meet their spiritual needs through their own wasted efforts, ‘hewing out broken cisterns’.

In an attempt to win the people back to God, Jeremiah reminded them of who they were. So, in the text sighted above, he speaks of the very sacred relationship of husband and wife and asks, “can a virgin

forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire?” With changes in the view of marriage in our world today, of the importance of marriage and family, this example may not be as striking as it should be. The fact that many do not give much, if any, consideration to the word of God, the day of marriage may not be as significant a day in life for many. Of course, however, for the believer, this must not be true. It is sad that so many, even among those who claim to believe, choose to live as husband and wife long before their wedding day. That is perhaps a thought for another article.

The point that Jeremiah wants to impress on his hearers is that they are married to God! However, they have been unfaithful in this marriage. “Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 3:20 ESV). God sees Israel as an incorrigible child. He had tried to correct them, but they

still continued in their unfaithful ways (Jeremiah 2:29-35). Instead of confessing and repenting, they complained and brought charges against Him! None of His discipline seemed to do any good. “O LORD, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent” (Jeremiah 5:3 ESV). This idea of their rejection of God and their relationship with Him is expressed several times in Jeremiah (Jeremiah 7:28; 17:23; 32:33; 35:13).

While one of the important themes that was repeated in the book of Deuteronomy was that the people should remember the Lord and what He had done for them, they often took their blessings for granted. Since they did not feel thankful to God for those daily blessings they

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# THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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## Bunny Trails

*Here comes Peter Cottontail  
Hoppin' down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way.<sup>1</sup>*

I don't know what Nelson & Rollins had in mind when they composed this song sixty-four years ago, but in my experience, bunny trails would not expedite the delivery of goody baskets. Wild rabbits tend not to take a direct route to their destination but instead make twists and loops that crisscross one another like a tangled piece of string. It is not that their sense of direction is faulty, they have good reason for such muddled travel.

As a young teen, from the vantage point of our hilltop home, I was able to witness the making of a bunny trail. Well, I actually saw only a small portion of it, but had a pretty good idea about the path the bunny had taken. A cottontail rabbit came out of the overgrown field near the bottom of the hill. He seemed uncertain as to which way to go, hopping a short distance first in one direction and

then another before finally disappearing into some heavy brush on my grandparents' place. A few minutes later with his nose near the ground, Grandpa's dog entered the field the rabbit had just left. I watched in amusement as the dog followed the bunny's trail of intertwined circles, going off in one direction only to end up back where he had already been. Eventually he gave up the hunt and went home. Peter Cottontail's tangled trail had served its purpose. It had prevented the dog from gaining a rabbit dinner.

Satan lays bunny trails for us. Not to protect himself as the rabbit does, but to prevent us from reaching our goal of a close relationship with God. If he cannot tempt us to turn our backs and walk away from God through sin, he will try to keep us so busy that we neglect our relationship with God. The weaker the bond, the easier it breaks. As is true of our human relationships, TLC is vital for making our relationship with our Heavenly Father stronger and deeper. TLC = Time together + Love (which brings a desire for an ever growing closeness) + and Communication (open, honest, personal, one-on-one conversation).

Good things, necessary things—things like jobs and family, even church activities—can keep us going in circles consuming our time and energy so that there is little left to spend with God. Jesus knew how easily the urgent can displace the important. That is why He urged us to be less concerned with physical externals and more focussed on the spiritual. "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Jesus truly understands the pressures of a hectic schedule and the drain that others often place on our time and energy. At times He became so wrapped up in attending to the physical and spiritual needs of those who swarmed around Him that His own family thought He had lost His senses. "Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples were not even able to eat. When His family heard about this, they went to take charge of Him, for they said, "He is out of his mind" (Mark 3:20, 21). He couldn't even manage a little R&R with His weary disciples without being interrupted. "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things" (Mark 6:31-34).

Despite the demands on Him, Jesus did not neglect His relationship with the Father. Nor did He leave their time together to chance lulls in His workload. Whether by sending people away (Matthew 14:22, 23) or choosing prayer over sleep (Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12), Jesus made sure He had time to spend with God the Father.

Unless you are a celebrity, you probably don't have to dismiss a crowd in order to find private time with God. Or do you? Many of us carry a crowd along with us in a pocket or purse or perhaps clipped into our ear. We call it a cell phone.

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Through it we allow a crowd of people—close family, friends, co-workers, total strangers—to disrupt our activities, our social interactions, our thoughts. These amazing little devices are useful tools and can be a wonderful blessing, but they can also be a dangerous distraction. If you have ever had an important conversation interrupted by the other person answering a phone call or text message, you know what a negative impact the intrusion had on your exchange. God never puts us on hold in order to talk with someone else. Do we extend the same courtesy to Him?

Another lesson we can learn from Jesus' example is that service to God is not a substitute for communion with God. Jesus spent a lot of time healing and teaching. He was doing what He had been sent to do. (John 6:38). But Jesus knew that to do the job well He needed to maintain an active personal connection with the Father. That is why He often went off by Himself to pray. The same is true for us. You cannot produce fruit if you are not connected to the Root. (John 15:4, 5).

Christian service, which is both necessary and valuable, on its own will not draw you closer to God. I demonstrate my love for my husband by acts of service but it is our intimate time together which binds us closer and makes our love grow stronger. You need to spend time with God—in the Word—getting to know Him better. You cannot be Christ-like if you do not know what Christ is like. It was a lesson Martha had to learn:

“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's

feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me! ‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her’” (Luke 10:38–42). Martha was serving Jesus. Literally. She had invited Him into her home. She was extending hospitality which is a commanded Christian attribute (Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9) but she was missing out on an opportunity to draw closer to Jesus personally and to learn from Him.

Martha was demonstrating her love rather than developing a stronger love. In occupying her time doing what was good she had missed “the better”. Are you so busy serving that you are missing out on personal time with the Saviour? Don't allow Satan's bunny trails of busy-ness to keep you from spending precious moments deepening your knowledge and love for the Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Here Comes Peter Cottontail composed in 1950 by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins; recorded by Gene Autry

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unity would be left unfinished. How could differences be reconciled? How could all be of the same faith and the same mind? Agreeing to disagree might work in a business or social contract, but how could that be described as true oneness? Further, many of us see ecumenism as attempting to use human compromise to create unity, yielding Biblical truth for human preferences. We can only pray that Wilson and those whose minds and hearts are stirred by her call for unity ultimately recognize the greater need for a unity based on the New Testament.

Wilson's article should encourage us to renew our commitment to the restoration of simple New Testament Christianity. Religious division is unscriptural. Further the article should encourage us to realize that there are those in the denominational world who are grieved by division and looking for a way to help create unity. Perhaps, most importantly, we should be reminded that, according to Jesus, it is through the unity of believers that the world will come to know Him. In an age when knowing truth seems unimportant, the demonstration of truth in the lives and unity of Christians offers a strong call to Christ.

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## Human Sexuality

We have all heard of parents teaching their kids about the birds and the bees. I wonder how many parents are actually the ones primarily involved in their child's learning about the differences between genders and what those differences mean for human relationships. We live in a time when most children view pornographic material for the first time between the ages of eight and ten. Educational institutions begin teaching kids about sexuality in grade one, although only on an anatomical level. There are ongoing efforts to expand sexual education to include discussions of pleasure and same sex relationships. As you consider these truths consider also that most churches talk very little if at all about sexuality. This is despite the fact that the Bible talks a great deal about it. I would challenge you to read your New Testament and note that 21 out of 27 books talk about sexuality and sexual sin. When you consider how pervasive sex is in culture and in scripture it begs the question how are Christians doing with teaching God's plan for sex?

In this article I would like to consider some of the important truths that scripture reveals about proper healthy sexuality. I am writing as a parent who plans to teach his son God's plan for sex rather than have him adopt one received from culture or from a bureaucrats.

First, sexual desire, despite being important, does not make up the whole of our identity, it does not control us or entrap us. There seems

to be an assumption today that as humans we are defined by sexuality, that is, we are denying something fundamental about ourselves if we are not expressing ourselves sexually. There are a number of problems with this but the largest is it's practically untenable and unfair. There are people who are physically unable to act out sexually so does this mean they are less human? Further there

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are people with perverted sexual desires that everyone agrees should not be acted out. Are these people less human less fulfilled or unable to have a meaningful existence? The answer is no. In fact Paul said of himself that he had no need for a sexual relationship (1 Cor 7:7). A person can and should be a whole healthy person without any sexual activity. The idea that to be whole requires a mate is a bad one. It doesn't make for healthy individuals or healthy relationships. I can't tell you how many marriage problems result from two emotionally or mentally unhealthy people thinking that coming together will make things better.

The first thing, then, that we need to know about sexuality is that we need to develop as strong healthy Godly individuals before worrying about the sexual part of ourselves. Further there may be life situations where a person can never engage

in sexual activity: a person who never marries, a person married who cheats on his or her spouse, a person who has some physical inability, all these individuals can have long healthy meaningful lives without sex. I want my son to know that he is male but also that he is not to be mastered by anything (1 Cor 6:12).

Second, God created us male and female so humanity is a race made up of two distinct genders. God intended it to be that way (Gen 1:27). It is unhealthy and delusional to try and act as if men and women are the same. I recently read an article which discussed how doctors must be aware of how medication is prescribed to men verses women. The author pointed out that because of chemical and physical differences men and women respond differently to medication. As I am writing this, athletes are competing in the 2014 winter Olympics.

Because of the physical differences, men and women don't compete against one another. Even as Paul instructs Timothy about how to interact with members of the church he differentiates between men and women (1 Tim 5:1-2). There are differences between men and women. Practically, this means that we will treat people and situations differently depending on whether we are dealing with men or women. Certain things that would be fine for two men or two women may be wrong for an unmarried man and woman to do together. We need to understand that some interests, strengths, weaknesses, abilities, hobbies, preferences and opinions may be different between men and women. Further we need to realize that it's okay if they are. We gain much by embracing and enjoying the differences between genders. I want my son to know there's a difference, so appreciate and be sensitive to it.

Finally, sexuality is something to be enjoyed and embraced within



marriage. God created our bodies to have the capacity for sexual activity. There is no need for an anatomy lesson, even rudimentary knowledge of the body reveals that men and women go together. God didn't just give us the capacity for sexual activity but He designated marriage as the only place where our sexual desires and abilities are to be enacted (Gen 2:24; 1 Cor 7:1-5).

This leads directly to another important aspect of this discussion which is that humans will have a natural desire to engage in sexual activity, as well as a natural attraction to members of the opposite sex. These two points: our natural attraction/desire, and that desire being fulfilled in marriage leads to some further practical applications. First, there are levels of intimacy that need to be kept for married couples not because they are wrong in themselves but because they give too great an opportunity to fall into sin. It may be a quiet talk with a co-worker, it may be an activity that involves close physical contact or it may be texting or social media interaction or some other interaction. These activities are all fine in most cases but it's possible to cross a line. If you would not tell your significant other about the interaction or activity then you're in trouble. If you are an unmarried couple and you find yourself purposely finding time and ways to be private, instead of with others, you are also in trouble. We need to be aware of how we meet our needs for intimacy. It's possible to seek intimacy outside of marriage that's acceptable and appropriate. However, we can become emotionally or physically intimate with someone without engaging in sexual intercourse and it still be inappropriate.

(I know I said finally but) One last note about dating and

human interaction. In a healthy couple the desire for physical intimacy grows with relational intimacy. For unmarried couples this means that as a relationship progresses more care will need to be taken to avoid sin. On the other hand for married couples, this means that a healthy physical relationship is dependent on a healthy mental and emotional relationship.

In conclusion I want to remind all those who will read this that we need to make a purposeful effort to invite God and His will into every

aspect of our lives. In a culture as steeped in sexuality as ours we must make extra effort to embrace, teach and embody God's teaching about sexuality. It will keep us from harming ourselves and those around us as well as help us to have happier, healthier sexual expression. This is what I plan to teach my son about sexuality. For everyone reading this take a moment to ask who or what is informing you and your family's understanding of sexuality.

Kevin Cleary

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# NEWS

## - EAST -

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### NEW YORK

**Sardinia:** The Douglass Drive Apartments Bible Study group happily greeted Linda Korcak to the class. Linda had been baptized at Sardinia in August of 2011.

### ONTARIO

**Barrie:** The Barrie church had its first Friend's Day, March 2, with Max Craddock as speaker. Four members of the Huntsville congregation travelled to join us. We celebrated David Johnson's 88th birthday with a dinner just before our Wednesday night meeting on February 19. We're looking forward to Young Adult Weekend, May 2-4, with Jay Manimtim (Edmonton) as our speaker.

**Bramalea:** Patricia Redwood, who moved to Canada and the Bramalea congregation in 1991, was hospitalized after suffering a stroke. She died Monday, February 17, and her funeral was held Friday, February 27. Patricia also attended Harding Avenue and Mississauga church from its beginning. Anne Esenwa recently returned from attending her mother's funeral in Nigeria. Theo Amanatey's mother died on February 8, 2014, in Ghana. On the brighter side, Virginia Hughes was baptized by Tony Lourenco at Bramalea on Sunday, March 2, 2014. Virginia is a sister of Noel Garcia, who was baptized December 29, 2006—the first of 7 siblings. They attend services with the Mississauga church of Christ.

**Brantford:** We are encouraged weekly by the men who are willing to come and speak for us and also from our own members who are willing to do the same. We continue to have a ladies class and a men's class on the 2nd Sunday evening of the month. Our mid-week Bible study is held in the home of one of our local members who is not able to get out at night. The Chimhungwe's have

been worshipping with us for about four years while Paul continued his studies in Hamilton. They are returning to Zimbabwe this summer to again work with the Mutare School of Preaching. They are sending a container over which will have room for many items that will be required and appreciated. If you have anything that you might be willing to donate, please call the church office and leave a message or email thegrays1@shaw.ca and we can provide more information.

**Fenwick:** Fenwick will again host their annual Ladies' Day on May 31 with Sherry Stevens of Wellandport doing the speaking. The location will be changing so ladies need to watch for further details.

**Ice Lake:** Prayers are requested as the congregation continues searching for a minister to work on the Island. The upcoming spring and summer months are being booked with guest speakers including Caleb Stevens on March 16, Eric McCallum from Scotland on May 4 & 11 and Jeff Gilliland, an elder from Hermitage, PA., on June 15 and 22. Jerry Tallman is scheduled to speak in the summer. As well, the Kingston, TN, group, that worked with us last summer, will again be returning to work here in June. The eighteen plus members will be sharing the gospel with the community, as well as holding a gospel meeting. More details will follow in the months ahead. The congregation was saddened with the passing of former member, Dorothy Robertson, on February 12, 2014, in Thunder Bay. All who visit the Island over the next few months are encouraged to worship with us.

**Oshawa:** Another reason to rejoice as the congregation grows with another new Christian. On Monday, March 3, 2014, Marlene Bute was baptized into Christ by Santiago Molina.

**Owen Sound:** On March 9, the elders appointed Barry Mellish, Kevin Pickles and Scott Kennedy as deacons of the church here in Owen Sound, the first deacons ever appointed in our history.

**Selkirk:** The Selkirk Church of Christ invites you to join in congregational singing at their second annual Spring Sing on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Stoney Creek:** Some significant physical improvements have been made to our building with installation of new windows in the auditorium, remodelling of the kitchen downstairs and addition of a washroom on the main floor. Blake Gieg recently accepted responsibility for our building and grounds ministry—something Bob Priestnall looked after for many years. Some activities the congregation has been involved in so far this year include helping long-time member Dora Karczewski celebrate her 90th birthday, participating in the World Day of Prayer service March 7 and enjoying a chili and games night at the building.

**Toronto (Bayview):** In February, Bayview held its annual meeting after morning services. Reports from our ministry teams were submitted and some plans for the coming year were made. The Worship and Education Ministry Team informed us of the Spiritual Renewal Weekend being planned for May 10 and 11 with Andy Brewer of Tennessee. Discussion also took place about our desire to accommodate those allergic and sensitive to fragrances with our goal to be "fragrance free" at Bayview.

**Toronto (Harding Ave):** Bill Clint, long time elder at Harding Avenue church of Christ, died February 13. Bill is remembered with appreciation for his faithful service to this congregation until his health would not allow him to do so.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** Great rejoicing on March 9, when Joy Braga, daughter of Jonathan and Vivien Braga, was baptized into Christ at the morning worship service. A special weekend seminar on the theme, "Who? Me?" with Don and Virginia Hipwell of the Fenwick congregation, was a blessing as that question was answered and encouragement was given to keep pressing on to fulfill the commission given us by Christ.

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

### ALBERTA

**Edmonton Northside:** Our congregation is very diversified and we have representatives from 6 continents. Our Annual Beat the Blues Banquet was well attended. A delicious banquet included dishes from the world over. Entertainment was the “Annie” musical with a few Edmonton twists added to it. Kevin Carson also gave a presentation of Kevin and Catharine’s upcoming mission plans. The young couples group held their monthly potluck meal, fellowship and discussion time on how to strengthen their relationships as young couples with each other and with God. Upcoming events— Alberta Spring Fellowship April 18–20 and Ladies Retreat May 2–4.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** From Chilliwack, we are welcoming Joan Law, Al McCutcheon and Dorothy Hodgins, when she is able to be with us. The Weirs will be traveling to Creston for a Memorial Service on April 19 for Dave Pypers. Jen’s family lost their mother, Anne Blaak, when she passed away Feb. 9. She had celebrated her 99th birthday in December. About 85 were present when Norm presided at her service on Feb. 19, fortunately between snow storms, as many out-of-town visitors from the interior and northern parts of BC had to wait for avalanches and accidents to clear, both coming and going. Still vibrant, our sister Gladys (Courage) Waite, had her 101st birthday in March. Central Valley, which has sponsored Velma Forman the past 21 years as she worked in Papua New Guinea, is raising funds for her final return trip home in June. In addition to her ticket, she will be in need of payment for extra baggage and re-settling costs back in Canada. This will include an apartment, a wardrobe upgrade to Canada weather conditions. She may have to upgrade her nursing skills since it has been so long since she used them in Canada. Donations may be sent in care of the Central Valley church of Christ, #4 – 3292 Elmwood Drive, Abbotsford BC V2S 6B2.

**South Burnaby:** An all-inclusive “Family Night” featuring “Odd Olympics” provided by the Youth Group broke the surprise return of winter in February. In March, families were invited to bring a print-out of a family picture on flash drive to be printed with the objective of turning it into a piece of art during the evening.

**Chilliwack:** The Chilliwack church has made the decision to let their rented room go in order to worship with the Christians at Central Valley. Norm and Jen plan to add our shut-ins to their visitation list on a regular basis if they cannot come to worship services. These people have served and given attention to others for many years, and now it’s time they are also given that same love and attention.

**Delta:** We, along with many other Christians who know Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers, have been concerned about the surprising events that developed in Ukraine. Although the Rogers are in Donetsk, which is quite a distance from Kiev where the Pinczuk family worked and started several congregations of the Lord’s church in that area, our prayers are that whatever happens will not affect the continued spread of the gospel in that country. Jay Don wrote on February 19: “Please be praying for the difficult situation in Ukraine. Many of you are probably keeping up with the news of the events in Kiev. So far we are ok in Donetsk but we are all praying for a resolution to this conflict. We all ask for God’s help in these troubled times. We pray for all the people of Ukraine.” Also, Jay Don pointed out what Christians must remember: “If we live in fear, people don’t hear about the saving blood of Jesus; if we live in fear we don’t trust God; if we live in fear we are paralyzed and do nothing; if we live in fear we NEVER get out of the boat and ‘walk on water.’ If we live in fear, the enemy wins... think about it!”

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Milton Diaz, our preacher, is often tempted to write on the subject of some world event for his Wednesday evening e-mail session. We had just been fearful of the events that might possibly follow Russian’s invasion of Crimea. Here are his thoughts that week: “Peace in this world seems to be so evasive. It seems as if we were not born for peace but for war. We go to bed thanking God that we had a peaceful day. But as we wake up, threats of war also awake with us, and the consequences of war itself are not a nightmare but a reality somewhere in our world. It seems that man is incapable to live in peace, much less to bring peace to the world. It is not that man is intrinsically

evil and destined for violence and wars. It is his pride, greed, selfishness that deceive and overpower, making him a victim of his own evil desires. If you are like most people, you blame those in authority for leading us into wars, but who are they? They are men and women just like us. Therefore, if we were in their positions, we might be blamed for doing the same thing. Or, are you living in peace? When was the last time you argued or fought with some one? Do you remember? Do you remember why? Only through Christ can man rid himself of the things that lead him to destruction. Only through Christ can man bring to his life the humility, generosity, kindness and love that will bring peace to his life and to the world. A life of peace and tranquility IS possible if people acknowledge God’s sovereignty first, be led by His wisdom and His interest that all men be saved.” (1 Tim 2:1-4).

**Salmon Arm:** Last month Gina Garra moved to Salmon Arm from Richmond, BC, was welcomed into our church family. Our members have been urged to examine their talents, interests and abilities and decide where and how each can best use them in the church. Everyone was encouraged to sign-up to participate in at least one of the Ministry Teams. One of our elders and his family arrived home a few hours after

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## Opportunity to Minister

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** “The month of February turned out to be a busy month, but also a difficult month for everyone. We welcomed back the Melanesian Bible College (M.B.C.) students at orientation on Monday, February 3, and classes resumed on Tuesday. On Thursday, one of the students died suddenly. Gima Peni came to start her third year of study, but due to a large boil under one arm, had missed the first few days of school. Several hours after having the boil lanced at a private clinic in town, she experienced chest pains and shortness of breath, and died during the night. Gima was from Sipaia (ship fire), on the outskirts of Lae, where there is a new congregation meeting. Because of her hunger for her family and community to hear and obey the Gospel. Gima’s funeral took place there on the 11th... her husband had been baptized in November, and her father, a long-time Christian, had repented recently after a lengthy absence from the church. Four days after Gima’s death, we learned of Tom Bunt’s passing in Brisbane. Tom, and his wife Rens, served for several years in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s in the Waria

Valley and then Wau. Tom returned fourteen times after moving back to Australia, and several of those trips involved organizing and leading teams of young people. I feel very privileged to have been able to work closely with him in preparation for and during those trips, and will greatly miss being able to visit with him on my way to and from Canada. Tom tackled his fight with lung cancer in the same manner that he took on any situation—with faith and tenacity. He was sent home from the hospital in early January and the family was told that he had only a few days left, a week at the most. Five weeks later he died peacefully, surrounded by family. Your prayers are requested for his wife, who is 100 years old and living in a nursing facility in Brisbane. On February 15, we experienced yet another loss. Sister Nebobo Kasao, a long time Christian who taught at M.B.C. for several years, passed away after a three-month illness, so her passing once again impacted the school greatly. Her funeral was held February 17. She leaves her husband, Tuhi, children and grandchildren. Despite the losses, school completed the first ‘block’ (5 week term). I continue in the role of library worker and have nearly finished the repairs and card cataloguing for the first section. Dogo and I share the work of supervising the library sessions for the students three afternoons each week. In addition, I am teaching the literacy class for M.B.C. this year, and have two students who are working diligently, one boy of about 10 years and a grandmother, in her late forties or early fifties, who intends to take part in the M.B.C. classes next year. Her husband, a teacher for 29 years, is a first year M.B.C. student this year!” – (Excerpts from Ruth Zimmerman’s February report)

**USA:** The annual Pepperdine Lectures have become a meeting place not only for learning and encouragement from outstanding speakers, but also individual commitment to our Maker. Among hundreds of followers of Christ dedicated to renewing the church of the first century, seven men will be keynote speakers at this year’s gathering on the Pepperdine Campus from April 30 through May 4. As well as the non-stop round of classes and lectures, the Chief Marketing Officer, Rick Gibson, wants people to realize the beauty of the university’s location and know that a number of places for quiet meditation are available. He says, “Admittedly, nothing can really eclipse the richness of worship in Firestone Fieldhouse or the great lectures and Bible studies in Elkins auditorium; but do not ignore the quiet invitation of special places on campus and the environment that surrounds it. They, too, are encouraging

you to have a fresh encounter with God.” This year’s theme is two-fold: “Enter the Water, Come to the Table”. These will give not only new meaning to the method with which we become one with God and His Son through baptism, but also how the Lord’s Supper continually reminds us of it as we think of the sacrifice of His life on the first day of each week.

**ALBERTA:** From Bill McDonough, International Director of “Partners in Progress”, comes the announcement that Kevin Carson and his wife Catharine of Edmonton, have been selected to begin intense preparation for his job in the future. Kevin and Catharine are members of the South Edmonton church, and have been making trips to Cambodia for the past seven years to work with the McDonoughs as they prepare for the work of PIP in the future. Brother McDonough feels that Kevin’s full-time experience in foreign missions in Europe as well as Canada, along with his Biblical preaching and administrative and counseling abilities make him the best choice for this demanding job. Catherine, as a nurse and with an outstanding record as a personal evangelist among women, will also be an asset on the “Ship of Life” being used in this country where few have had any opportunity for medical assistance. Kevin is currently an assistant high school principal and formerly served as the full-time evangelist for the Edmonton church. As they both will be leaving their jobs in order to move to Cambodia in October, churches and individuals are being asked to help raise their future support. The South Edmonton church is overseeing their support in Canada. By clearly marking funds for the Carsons, Canadians may send cheques to The South Edmonton church of Christ, P. O. Box 42126, Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4. US support can be sent to Partners in Progress, P O Box 13989, Maumelle, AR, 72113. As the Carson’s son and daughter will both be entering university this fall, they felt that they can now return to a foreign mission field. Partners in Progress has a proven track record of 35 years of successful humanitarian service in 58 nations on four continents. Anywhere there is a famine, earthquake or other natural disaster, Bill McDonough has been there to oversee whatever it takes to help people recover while bringing the Gospel to them at the same time. Kevin and Catherine look forward to working with this organization which is one of the longest-serving mission efforts in the brotherhood. They invite your questions and may be reached by E-mail : kandccarson@shaw.ca, Phone: 780 454-9097, or postal mail at 11831—135 St, Edmonton AB Canada T5L 1W7.

## 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

church on Feb. 9 to find that their house and all their belongings had burned to the ground. Neighbors and church members rushed to offer help, and donations began to come in from all over the Province as the news spread. The Kendig family of five was offered a temporary home by a neighbor who would be visiting relatives for over a month, which meant an immediate problem of how to care for their cattle in a barn that escaped the fire was solved. Doug, Linda, Michael, Kaden & J can be reached temporarily at phone number: 250-835-8335, or cell 250-804-6232. As a community service project, volunteers from Starbucks, along with some of our members who could help, painted the recreation room of the Scout Hall where we meet. People who work at the Thrift Store (which included several of our number) were guests at a Volunteer Appreciation Birthday Party in March. Our "Coldest Night of the Year" walk Team raised almost \$3,000 on Feb. 22 to help the hungry, homeless and hurting in Salmon Arm.

#### MANITOBA

**Carman:** The Ladies Rest and Renewal Weekend will take place in Winkler, MB, June 6-8. Key note speaker is Laurie Fisher from Moose Mountain Congregation in Saskatchewan. Theme: The Joy of the Lord is my Strength.

**Winnipeg:** We rejoice with Kylie Jacobs who confessed her faith and was baptized into Christ on February 16. A mission trip to Mexico is being planned. The mission trip is with True North Helping Hands this summer. The monthly ladies class for those 18-35 was held March 3. Youth & College Movie and Discussion Night watched "Son of God" on March 4. The Seniors/ Shut-In visitation took place March 23. The Boys Club and God's Girls were driven by young adults and adults to visit. The annual Prayer Sister Brunch and Reveal was March 29. The theme for the brunch was 'Spring' into Action.

#### SASKATCHEWAN

**Moose Mountain:** We hosted Fifth Sunday Singing March 30 with singing from 3-5, followed by a Sandwich and Salad potluck.

**Weyburn:** Condolences to the Andreas family in the loss of Ernest. A memorial service was held March 13 here. Blair Roberts was here March 17 to do a presentation about the mission work the Roberts are doing in Belgium.

Remember Key To The Kingdom Day that will be on May 4 this year. The prayers of brethren for the Key Ministry are requested and congregations are asked to take a special contribution that day for this work. (see ad on this page)

**Waterloo:** We have started a class at the church building on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. for all who are interested in discussing our beginnings (where the Bible came from, proofs of how the earth was created, etc.). David and Sally Dunn are headed back to Ireland this summer. They have plans to help grow the church there as there are less than 200 people meeting across the country.

Waterloo is planning to be a sponsoring church for them in the work they will be doing.

**Windsor (West Side):** Bob Underwood passed on from this life Friday, February 21, 2014. Bob loved to study the Bible and wasn't afraid to ask and wrestle with questions. He and Isabel spent 71 years together as husband and wife and were predeceased by their son Bruce. On March 9, 2014, we had a visiting preacher, Kent Hoggatt, from Rochester College, because Drew was away. On April 4, we had 4 members attend the training session for the new opportunity of prison ministry.

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If this were a description of heaven after judgment, the movement would be depicted as "going up into heaven," rather than the reverse. "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them...(v. 3). This is opposite to our going to heaven to be with God. Hear the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, "...as God has said: I will live with them and walk among them..."

**Water of Life:** The One on the throne continues, "To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life" (21:6). This addresses those who are contemporaries of John: "Let the one who desires take the water of life without price" (22:17b). Here we are reminded of Jesus' words on "the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink'" (John 7:37). And we remember the gracious words of Jesus to the Samaritan woman, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (John 4:10; see also Acts 3:19-20). More is said about the water of life in the final vision. "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, down the middle of the great street of the city" (22:1-2a). Both in the Gospel and in the Revelation, water is a symbol of spiritual refreshment, of the Spirit's blessing, a present gift of Christ.

**The Overcomers:** Consider the next statement, "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son" (21:7). The "overcomers" (NIV; "conquerors," ESV) in each of the seven churches (Rev. 2, 3) are those who remain faithful in spite of the efforts of Satan

to dislodge them. These are promised a number of high spiritual blessings by Christ: the right to eat of the tree of life, immunity to the second death, hidden manna, a new name, rule over the nations, name in the Book of Life, a pillar in the temple of God and the right to sit with Christ on his throne. These blessings are not presented as after-life specifics but are blessings for the faithful. (The word "inherit" in 21:7 seems to imply receiving a gift after a death. However, usually "inheritance" requires the death of the testator, not of the inheritor, cf. Gal. 4:30. The word for "inherit" in the original (klēronomeō) in this case more generally means, "acquire, obtain, come into possession of." BDAG, 547.) Christ gives his blessings to the overcomers in the seven churches, the faithful who are citizens of the kingdom.

**The Wicked:** Then the wicked are listed: "The cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magical arts, the idolators and all liars—their

place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death," (21:8). They are still present. Their punishment is yet in the future in this statement. These are excluded from the holy city. They are "the dogs outside" (22:15). But "blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city" (22:14-15). "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will be brought into it" (21:27a). The privilege of entry by the cleansed faithful exists at the time of the writing, while the unrighteous are denied entrance—it is the Holy City!

**The Bride:** Then one of the seven angels of the seven bowls invites John, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb" (vs. 9). What follows is a vision of the "bride" in a figurative description that denotes the church in its spiritual purity (21:11-21). The marriage feast of the Lamb and his Bride is pictured in Revelation 19:6-9. The Bride "has made herself ready; it was granted to

her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints." Clearly, the "bride of the Lamb" is the Church. This is Paul's familiar description of the church: "Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless" (Eph. 5:25-27).

**Coming Down:** Then immediately, the "bride" is identified as "the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven" (v.10). Pictured is the Christian Age, the period of the kingdom of heaven come to earth. This is the description of Hebrews 12: "But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly

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Jerusalem, the city of the living God” (Heb. 12:22; read the next three verses). The “coming down” description signifies the dynamic spread of the kingdom of heaven around the world and its enlargement within the hearts of the faithful. Yet, it is the “heavenly city” that belongs to heaven that never loses its celestial identity. As the Hebrew writer encouraged, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire” (12:28-29).

**The Temple:** John says, “I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light” (21:22-23). Note that Jesus said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12a). He also said, “You [his church] are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matt. 5:14). The city is pictured as a grand temple in its totality. Compare Paul’s vision, “... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:20-22; see 2 Cor. 6:16).

**The Nations:** John in his vision observes, “The nations will walk by its light [i.e. the light of the Holy City], and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it...The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it...And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (21:24, 26; 22:2b). Nations are of the earth, not of the “heavenly places” (cf. Eph. 1:3) This describes the present time and the influence of the kingdom of God upon the nations of the world. Remember that Jesus said, “Go... and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19).

**Open Gates:** Surrounding the Holy City is a “great, high wall with twelve gates and with twelve angels at the gates” (21:12a). “On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no

night there” (21:25). Open gates have no function in heaven! Earthly cities shut their gates at night as protection against marauders. The Holy City is impregnable to all evil. “Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life” (21:27). The three gates, each on all four sides, are always open, suggesting that men and women are streaming from the four points of the compass to enter into its security. This pictures the gospel age.

**The Invitation:** Fittingly, Revelation closes with the evangelistic invitation, “Come!” The invitation is given by the Spirit and the Bride (i.e. the Church/the Kingdom). This is the gospel invitation. It is given to those who are “thirsty,” i.e. for life with God. “The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears [each believer] say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life” (22:17). Come where? Come to the Holy City! In our time! The Bride of this vision is the evangelistic church.

The magnificent imagery of the Holy City, in its great size and splendid wealth, matches the dazzling appearance of the throne room of God in chapter four, signifying its

heavenly glory. Clearly the act of God in bringing the heavenly city to earth is the expression of highest grace.

The church has two realities. The one is earthly, and we experience it with our five senses. We see the church in its earthly setting, a godly people but often invaded by Satan. This is the picture that Christ gives in his Parable of the Weeds (Matt. 13:24-29, 36-43). This is the picture we are given of the seven churches of Asia, churches sometimes compromised by Satan.

The other reality is spiritual, and we can know it only through God’s revelation and the eye of faith. We can see the church in its spiritual and perfect reality only when God pictures for us what it is like. This is what he has done in the closing chapters of Revelation.

Christ blesses his people with the splendid vision of the true City of God, the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ, the Called-out People, the Kingdom of God coming to earth! Christ delivered this vision first to the brethren in Asia and from that time to those from around the world who answer the Bride’s invitation, “Come!” What a treasure!

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were receiving, they felt no hesitation at giving their allegiance to the idols or stone of gold. Sadly this led to many failures on their part as they took advantage of the poor—people of their own nation—as is noted by Amos. “Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals—those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the

afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined” (Amos 2:6-8 ESV). Could it be that since they were enjoying such good times, politically and economically, they really did not need God or to worry about following His direction?

Well we have been talking about history. The important question

for us is, “Have We Forgotten Our Attire?” This is a question that should be considered while making a personal review but also in a congregational review. Since the Church is the bride of Christ, made up of each individual member, such a review is appropriate. Our personal growth and relationship with God through Jesus Christ is a matter of personal devotion and development, where the congregation we worship with is going will either strengthen or hinder our growth.

The people of Israel forgot the significance of their wedding attire and dishonoured God in the process. So what about us? We may remember the day of our baptism, we may even celebrate the day. But is our celebration only for the day or is it every day as we live rejoicing at being the bride of Christ? Do we still feel that thrill of sin forgiven as we did when we made that confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, giving our commitment to Him? Like Israel, do we rationalize our sin when we should be repenting and recommitting our self to walk daily with Him? It is easy to get “caught up” in “movements” that come and go. They may seem to have merit but under examination, they are not the real thing. In writing to Timothy, Paul encouraged him to remember the things he had been taught. Then he says, “Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:15-16 ESV).

It is interesting that as Jeremiah consider the problems being experienced by the people of Israel, he had much the same advice. “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls’” (Jeremiah 6:16 ESV).

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**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: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@leaf.ca Web address www.mississaugaocofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugaocofc.ca

**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: ccstone65@hotmail.com

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

**NIAGARA FALLS:** 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from QEW 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, bruce@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

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

**OMAGH:** 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0

**OSHAWA:** Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursdays 7:00 pm; 905-434-1258 (Church) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879 Shig Oikawa 905-420-8414 (res) Find us on face book-Cedar Park Church

**OTTAWA (Riverview Park):** 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 11:30 am, Worship 10 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Ottawa church of Christ facebook

**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, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

**OWEN SOUND:** 835 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

**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: Judy Yaksich, Sec. 512125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

**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

**ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

**SARNIA:** 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7, Bible study, Sunday 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7 pm. Worship Sunday 10:30 am. Email: info@sarniachurchofchrist.org Website: http://www.sarniachurchofchrist.org, phone (519) 339-1161 (off), or (226) 886-3333

**SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill):** 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40 AM, 10:40 AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7 PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789; 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:** Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Chris Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5252

**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@sccoc.ca; website: 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; 705-560-3964; Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

**SUNDRIDGE:** Hwy. 124 N.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Randy Morrirt, ev; Box 708, POR 1L0; 705-508-2049 (h); 705-842-3340 (O/F); email: randy.lois@eastlink.ca

**Thunder Bay:** 201 E Brock Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 4H3; 10 am worship, 11:15 am Bible Study Contact: Donald Williams 807-285-5457 Email: williadi234@hotmail.com

**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 L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Aaron Maleare ev.; Vanessa Maleare, children's minister, (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 Shool 10:15, Worship 11:15; 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 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; Bernard Worloson, 416-742-8292; Tivi service available last Sunday of the month, and Spanish Classes, Mondays 7:30 p.m., Santiago Molina (416) 751-6879.

**TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):** 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325, Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461-7406, e-mail <max@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev. 416-751-6879, website: 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 N0G 1R0; Phone 519-369-1731; Gordon Dennis, Box 274; Mount Forest, NOG 2L0; (519) 323-2424

**WATERLOO church of Christ:** 470 Glenelm Cres., Waterloo, ON N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, Wed 7:00 pm, Jamie Azzoparde, 519-885-6330, e-mail: Jazz.wcoc@gmail.com website: www.waterloochurchofchrist.ca

**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

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**MONTREAL:** (English/French/Ashante): 785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3, Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: churchofchristgreatermontreal@hotmail.ca

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**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: paradis1518@videotron.ca

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**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

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**LLOYDMINSTER Church of Christ:** 4702 56 Ave., Mailing Address: Box 88, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Mid-week in Homes, call for information; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee\_patmore@me.com

**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: lesliejawilliams@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: stoonchurch@live.com and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

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

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