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“Good People Go to Heaven”

According to Disney Corporation, “All Dogs Go To Heaven.” But God may not judge by Disney’s standards. According to most people these days, heaven is the place for good people. As my Great-uncle Lawrence once expressed it, “If you plant more trees than you cut down, and in general leave the world a better place than you found it, then you will be okay.” Is that right?

There are all kinds of problems with this thinking. For one thing, how do I know how many trees I have caused to be cut down? I have not felled many trees myself, but as I have lived in houses that cost many a tree, I have used furniture that was made of trees, I have used thousands of reams of paper in my life. How many trees must I plant to get on the positive side of Uncle Lawrence’s equation?

Not What the Bible Teaches

A bigger problem with the “good enough to get to heaven” theory is that it is not what the Bible teaches. In fact, it is nearly the opposite of what the Bible teaches.

Genesis shows that God works with sinners, rather than with the “good enough.” He works with sinners because that is the only kind of people there are.

Abraham is known as the “father of the faithful.” But Abraham had glaring faults. He was told to go to the promised land, and he did go, but he did not stay. When a famine came on the land he left the land he had been promised and went to Egypt (Genesis 12:10). On enter-

ing Egypt, he lied, saying that his wife was his sister (Genesis 12:13). There were other faults on other occasions, but these two illustrate the fact that Abraham is not held up as an example of the “good enough for heaven” theory.

Jacob was such a scoundrel that he was named for his faults (Genesis 27:36). His brother, Esau, may have been even worse, but that does not change the fact that Jacob was far from the upright person we tend to picture him being.

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Joseph may be the most upright example presented to us in Genesis. He certainly was better than his brothers in many respects; but he was no prize. Was it merely stupidity that caused him to tell his brothers about his dreams (Genesis 37:5), or was he enjoying their anger at his status as Daddy’s favorite? I guess we will never know. But certainly Genesis does not present Joseph as a person who saved himself by his own brilliance. Again and again we are told that “the Lord” delivered Joseph (there are 5 examples in the first 5 verses of chapter 39).

The historical books continue this same story. Each judge, each king, had his faults. When we think of Samson or David, we are thinking of leaders who had terrible faults (Judges 14; 2 Samuel 11). Goodness among these men was very much a relative term. None of them was all he should have been. None of them deserved heaven.

Jesus makes it clear enough that we all have our problems (Luke 13:3). He also makes it clear that while we must strive to repent, we also need to admit our inability to change self. We are saved not because we are capable of an adequate repentance, but only as we come asking (Matthew 7:7-11) and admitting our own inability to see for ourselves, let alone to save ourselves (John 9:41).

Paul, using biblical quotations, put it in a nutshell to the Romans. “As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one’” (Romans 3:10-12, ESV). “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:22-23, ESV).

Paul says this even more pointedly to Peter “We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified” (Galatians 2:15-16, ESV). And he also repeats the same principle very forcefully in Ephesians 2:1-8.

So the theory that “good people go to heaven” is not what the Bible teaches.

The Theory Makes Jesus Irrelevant

Not only does the “good enough” theory contradict scripture, it makes Jesus irrelevant.

What is Paul claiming in Galatians 5:2-4 when he says that those who agree to be circumcised are “severed from Christ”? He is saying that, if we claim to be able to save ourselves, we are thereby robbing Christ of his position as our Savior. We are denying the grace of God and the very heart of the gospel message.

Jesus asked that “if it was possible” the cup might pass from him (Matthew 26:39). The cup was not passed. Jesus had to drink it. If we can somehow be good enough for heaven, then he died in vain. If we can earn heaven, then the Father sent him to the cross needlessly. Either the gospel is true, in which case there is no other way of being saved but through the death of Jesus, or the gospel is false. There is no middle ground, no second way of salvation. If the

“good enough” theory is true, we do not need a crucified savior, Jesus has been made irrelevant.

Devalues Heaven

The “good enough” theory devalues heaven itself. If we get to heaven by being good enough, what will we do there? Praise each other? Compare our relative goodness? Try to figure out who barely got in and who passed with an A+?

Heaven is where God, not man, will be praised, because it is a place made possible by God and by God alone.

Fails to Address our Problem

The “good enough” theory fails to address our fundamental problem. How good is good enough? How can we have any confidence with such a theory and knowledge of ourselves? What peace could we ever have on this theory? Saddled with the “good

enough” theory, and knowing our failings, we will either: give up in despair – some are doing that; or make light of sin – many are doing that. But we will never really be at peace using the “good enough for heaven” theory. There will always be this fear that we are not good enough.

It is only the good news of redemption by Christ that gives us peace. “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1, ESV).

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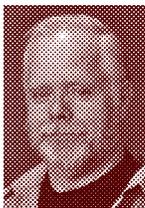
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Crossing the Line

Wayne Turner



Have you ever given any thought to the word religion? Generally, it means belief in and worship of a deity, or the system of that belief. Yet, the word also has many connotations. Beyond the basic idea, it can refer to doing something diligently, intensely or repetitively, as in doing something religiously. It can refer to slavish adherence to ritual. Interestingly, the English word comes from a Latin root which means to tie or bind. Perhaps the original idea was the dedication a person has to something, so they could be said to be tied or bound to their object of devotion or beliefs. Doesn't it seem that much of what is seen as religion is also a system of laws and rules that people are bound to, if not even tied up by?

Beyond religious doctrines, sometimes these laws and rules regulate behavior and morality. Over the years we have all been exposed to these religious regulations – “don't drink, don't dance, don't smoke, don't go to movies, don't wear pants or cut hair (women), don't have long hair (men), etc.” We even see religious groups whose lifestyles, communities and clothing are governed by their rules.

We can understand why these rules came about. Generally, those following religion seek the highest values and ideals. Having rules to guide conduct seems to simplify things by defining acceptable and unacceptable conduct – the do's and don'ts.

In Romans, Paul identifies the problem with rules and laws. When we know something is wrong, even if it is only a human rule, we are tempted by it. If we give in to the temptation and act, we offend our consciences – we feel guilt and shame. Instead of living positively, rules and laws tend to add to our sense of defeat. Our lives can become shaped more by fear and guilt than faith and hope. Beyond that, people often come to think that righteousness is based on keeping these rules, and look at those who do not keep them in a harsh, judgmental way.

Writing to the Colossians, Paul asks, “Since you have died with Christ to the elemental forces of this world...why do you submit to its rules? ‘Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!’ which all refer to things which are perishing.” He notes that rules like this have an appearance of wisdom, but really don't help

us live the righteous life God wants. Essentially, this is what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount as he revised the commandments, focusing instead on the inner desires as the real root of our problem with sin. One can conform to the letter of the law, but still be consumed by hate, anger and lust. These lie at the heart of spiritual death.

Instead of living by rule and law, Christians are to be shaped by Christ. We have a new life in Him. John says that if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Paul observes that while some things may be lawful not everything is helpful or edifying. It isn't that Christians are no longer concerned about sin. Rather, they are focused on being like Jesus. It isn't what we do or don't do, it is what we are, inside and out. Do we demonstrate God's righteousness and holiness?

When we learned to drive, we realized that to drive safely, we needed to keep our eyes on the goal – the point, way down the road, where we are going. Beginning drivers sometimes try to follow the line that separates them from oncoming traffic. Focusing on the line tends to cause the driver to come close to the line, sometimes coming so close they cross it into oncoming traffic.

As Christians, we need to be focusing (fixing our eyes) on Jesus, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. We need to learn to live by the principles of Jesus. We need to follow the way of Jesus, not just rules.

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Characteristics of a Faithful Christian

The number seven is often seen in the title of books or articles suggesting seven rules, habits or characteristics leading to success in one's chosen field. While not our "profession" the Christian surely desires to become useful and faithful in serving the Lord...not for praise of man but to please God thus receiving His blessing.

A request from James and John in Mark 10 brought some quick and challenging words from Jesus about greatness – "And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all'" – Mark 10:42–44 (ESV). In view of this thought let us consider some of the characteristics of faithful servants.

There is an interesting account of wife hunting in Genesis 24. Abraham is old and worries about his son, Isaac, finding a proper wife...one from home! Rather than take a chance sending Isaac to find a wife for himself, Abraham decided to send a trusted servant to accomplish this mission. "And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of

his household, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh, that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac'" – Genesis 24:2–4 (ESV). Likely, because of past actions, Abraham knew his servant was dependable and could be trusted in this assignment.

We must understand that becoming trusted to do great things begins with faithfulness in little things. In Matthew 25, Jesus gave the parable of the talents and His answer to the man with five and two talents respectively, "You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" Matthew 25:21 & 23 (ESV).

A necessary characteristic of the faithful Christian is "dependability."

A second characteristic of becoming faithful in serving is being discerning. Discernment is the ability to separate, distinguish between, to recognize or identify as distinct. A synonym is the word discriminate. This idea is seen in an individual who is going to buy some product, who spends time comparing and testing before making a final decision as to the purchase. If one is buying a new computer there are many things to consider before making the purchase. The point being that while price is important the discerning shopper looks for what will best serve the need.

In our example from Genesis 24, the servant of Abraham shows himself to be discerning by gathering all the information he needed before setting off on his journey to find a wife for Isaac. For example, he wanted to know if Isaac should go with him. What about his actions if the woman selected was not willing to come back with him. To show his understanding of needing God's blessing, he prays for God's guidance before setting off. Most of all he wanted to know God's will.

Ephesians 4:17–5:21 Paul discusses the matter of living as the children of God. He points out there are things that must be removed from a person's life if they would

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be truly faithful servants of God. Included in these are falsehood, sinful anger, stealing and laziness. He says that there should be no “unwholesome” talk, but only what is helpful in building others up. He then challenges his readers to be imitators of God, living a life of love just as Christ had shown His love in his life on earth.

Paul brings his thoughts on this matter to a conclusion with these strong words, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” – Ephesians 5:15–17 (ESV).

The faithful, effective servant of God understands the need to discern clearly what God’s will is before launching out in service (While an individual activity or program may not be mentioned in the Bible, the principles of faithful service in every act is there to be understood.) One discerns God’s will by: 1) praying for wisdom from God, 2) spending time in careful study to be able to “...present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth – 2 Timothy 2:15). And 3) seeks the counsel of other godly people on the best course of action.

A third characteristic of becoming great in serving is devotion. The servant of Abraham sent to find a wife for Isaac in Genesis 24, was devoted to his master and wanted to do his bidding. He was careful to discern his master’s wishes and then set out to fulfill it. This devotion to duty is an important aspect of serving well.

There are so many things and activities that conspire together to turn the attention of the servant of God from duty to lesser matters. In Matthew 6, part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns that the con-

cerns of this life may cause important things to be lost in the shuffle. The focus should be, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (vs. 33). The Amplified Bible “amplifies” this verse in this way, “But seek for (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom, and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.” Understand, Jesus is not saying that making provision for the needs of this life is wrong. Rather, the point is that one must not violate or forsake the principles

Jesus is the perfect example of truly deferring to the master’s will.

of God in seeking these things. In whatever one does in life the first thing must be devotion to being God’s person in every activity... even the seeking of the necessities of this life.

Another aspect of devotion that Jesus points out is that one must keep the eye on the true goal as life is being lived. One of the real problems that many face in living the Christian life is that of being “on again, off again”. Some days the need to put the kingdom first is important and other days it is not. Jesus said “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God” – Luke 9:62 (ESV). It is not a matter of serving God only when it is convenient and Paul recognized this as he wrote “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” – Philippians 3:14 (ESV). All Christians must keep eyes on the goal to which Christ has called us.

The task of sorting out the responsibilities of devotion and of seeking first the kingdom, is not always easy.

Responsibility to family, employer/employees and society are important. One aspect of service to God is in faithful service to these aspects of life. One needs to pray for wisdom in seeking the kingdom. One, who would become great in serving must be devoted to this task, allowing it to influence and shape his or her life from day to day.

A fourth characteristic of becoming great in serving is diligence. In our example from Genesis 24, the servant being given the task of finding Isaac a wife, did not delay in getting on with the task. The accomplishment of any worthwhile goal will usually require due diligence. Far too often we get stuck thinking about what needs to be done rather than doing it. “When I get around TUIT” is the often repeated statement of those who never seem to get started. So many good things are going to be done tomorrow that tomorrow is truly going to be a day of great things. The servant cannot just talk but must serve.

In Romans 12, Paul speaks of individual Christians having different gifts according to the grace God gives. One of those is leadership and we have learned that true leadership is seen in faithful service to God. In speaking of this Paul says, “...if it is leadership, let him govern diligently” Romans 12:8 (NIV). Going on in this chapter, Paul talks of loving without hypocrisy and with devotion to one another. He says in verse 11, “...not lagging behind in diligence...(NASV). “never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor” (Amplified). “Never be lacking in zeal” (NIV). In all these renderings of verse 11, there is an emphasis on diligence (zeal). Paul saw diligence as an important qualification of one’s service to God.

Peter speaks even more clearly, perhaps, in his encouragement to insure the Christian’s approval from God. Read 2 Peter 1:5–8 and Pay

careful attention to verse 8. The Christian cannot grow into maturity in these qualities without diligence. It is the one who does grow in these qualities that becomes great in serving.

This leads to the fifth characteristic, which is maturity. As one grows in the qualities listed above, he will learn to depend upon God's leading. The servant in Genesis 24, as he was about to make a choice, prayed for wisdom. One thing that prayer shows is that a person does not depend upon his own wisdom or ability. To be an effective servant, one needs to study God's word for knowledge of His will and pray for wisdom in doing His will.

In speaking of maturity as a characteristic in becoming great in service, understand that maturity does not just come with age. It seems that some people just get older in years but do not mature much in wisdom. The faithful servant of Christ learns from his own experiences as well as the experiences of others. By learning to apply these lessons true maturity is realized.

Along with other qualities a faithful servant must learn to defer to the will of the Master. In this case the word "defer" does not carry the idea that one puts off for the present time his own will with the idea of doing it at a later time. Rather, as used here the thought is that the servant gives up his own will and/or wisdom to follow the direction given by the master. In the case in Genesis 24 the servant of Abraham may have thought there was a much simpler solution to the problem of a wife for Isaac than traveling all those miles to the homeland and seeking for a wife from people one did not even know, when there were surely attractive and capable women closer at hand. However, the master had given direction and his faithful servant went to work to carry it out.

Jesus is the perfect example of truly deferring to the master's will. In John 4 Jesus speaks with the woman at the well while the disciples have gone into town to buy food. When they return and find Jesus in conversation with this woman from Samaria, they are concerned about Jesus having something to eat. Jesus answered them by saying, "my food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work" – John 4:34. Jesus further emphasized his desire to defer to the Father's will in passages such as John 6:38, where He says, "For I have come down from Heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me".

Finally, consider the characteristic of determination. The servant of Abraham was fully determined to fulfill his master's wishes to the letter. He wanted to be absolutely sure he was making the right choice. Therefore, he prayed before making the decision of seeking Rebekah and the permission of her family to go with him. He believed that God had led him in making the right choice, yet he said in Genesis 24:49, "Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left" – Genesis 24:49 (ESV).

The end result of this faithful servant's quest was a successful mission. He looked to God for direction and followed faithfully God's leading. We should expect no less today! God has given us the task of

Guidelines for News Pages

The News Pages give fellow Christians a glimpse into other congregations and their good works along with the spreading of the Good News in their little corner of God's kingdom. When you help and encourage God's servants, you become a fellow worker with them in spreading the truth. The brotherhood faces a challenging moment. Twisted doctrines fly from congregation to congregation. Denominational and postmodern influences flow freely.

We, as a board of directors and editors of the Gospel Herald, seek to serve a brotherhood that sets Scripture as its infallible and only guide, that finds in the New Testament its pattern for work and worship and that depends upon the power of God's Spirit to function in the world in following our Saviour. We also seek to highlight those congregations and saints who follow those convictions. It is a difficult task, one for which we are all too aware of our inadequacies.

Here are some guidelines we would like you to refer to when presenting news for the news pages.

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- 8) Special days (homecomings, friend days, etc.)
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taking the Good News of Jesus to the world. He will guide us and we will succeed when we follow his leading and remain true to His will. Those who would be faithful servants of the Lord must commit to growing in the characteristics discussed in this article.

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Out of Control

(Editors Note: The article on the Ladies Page last month, "Chicken or Pig?", was written by Virginia Hipwell, back from holiday. The article was attributed to Deb Hibbard, who had provided articles for August and September.)

If you have travelled much recently in the southern U.S., you have likely seen some areas along the roadside that are covered by a large blanket of green which obliterates everything beneath it. Those green monsters are kudzu vines which have swallowed up thousands of acres of woodlands. Originally from Japan, kudzu was introduced to the United States in 1876 at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and again in the southeastern states in 1883 at the New Orleans Exposition.

The vines were marketed in the south as ornamental plants to shade porches. Some agencies of the U.S. government encouraged their use for cattle fodder and ground

cover to prevent soil erosion. Problems arose when lands were deserted because of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl of the 1930's which left many vines unattended.

Kudzu grows rapidly – as much as one foot (30cm) per day during the growing season. Left unchecked, it spreads quickly, killing or damaging all other plants in its path by smothering them under a blan-

ket of leaves, encompassing tree trunks, breaking branches, even uprooting entire trees. It was a lack of control that allowed this plant to become a destructive force. The same thing can happen in our lives if we are not vigilant.

We typically think of sinning as doing bad things (1 John 5:17). We might even recognize that not doing good things is also sinning (James 4:17). But do we realize that things which are inherently neither good nor bad may become sin if, like the kudzu vines, they are allowed to get out of control? Anything which consumes a disproportionate amount of ones thoughts, time, energy, resources, etc. is essentially a sin. Such things turn ones focus inward, concentrating on self rather than God. Sometimes they literally take control of the individual.

Twice in his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul pointed out the danger of letting any element of ones life get out of control. **“All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful,’ but not all things build up”** – 10:23 (ESV). **“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be enslaved by anything”** – 6:12 (ESV). It is possible to

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become enslaved by our own actions.

The Scriptures contain many admonitions regarding some specific things which may master us, such as drinking, eating, sex and striving for wealth. **“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit”** – Ephesians 5:18 (NIV 1984). **“Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags”** – Proverbs 23:20, 21 (NIV 1984). **“Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have”** – Hebrews 13:4, 5a (NIV 1984). **“Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint”** – Proverbs 23:4 (NIV 1984). (This is only a sampling – there are many others.)

However, these are not the only activities which may get out of hand. Any human behaviour or activity has the potential to take control of ones life. Just look around and you will likely see those who cannot lay their cell phone down for even a few minutes. This small electronic device and its various functions controls their life.

In a study guide which the Fenwick ladies’ class once used, the author admitted to having had a problem with reading

“Christian” fiction. For some months, she spent the majority of her waking hours with her nose in a book. It had taken considerable effort for her to be able to prune this runaway behaviour back to a healthy activity.

This author, as is typical, had justified her actions by telling herself that it was a wholesome activity and therefore okay. It had taken some time for her to realize that even good things, like the kudzu vine, can become bad things if not kept within healthy limits. **“Do you like honey? Don’t eat too much, or it will make you sick! Don’t visit your neighbours too often, or you will wear out your welcome”** – Proverbs 25:16, 17 (NLT). **“O God, I beg two favours from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God’s holy name”** – Proverbs 30:7-9 (NLT).

We need to heed P:aul’s admonitions to the Corinthians. **“Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God – I say this to your shame”** – 1 Corinthians 15:34 (NIV 1984). **“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”** – 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT). Let us never allow any activity, good, bad or neutral,

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

prevent us from putting our Lord and Saviour first and foremost in our lives.

Nothing between my soul and the Saviour, naught of this world’s delusive dream;

I have renounced all sinful pleasure, Jesus is mine, there’s nothing between.

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure; *habits of life, though harmless they seem,*

Must not my heart from Him ever sever, He is my all, there’s nothing between.

Nothing between my soul and the Saviour, so that His blessed face may be seen;

Nothing preventing the least of His favour, keep the way clear! Let nothing between.

– *Nothing Between* by C.A. Tindley (emphasis mine)

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ONTARIO

Barrie: We've been blessed with community guests all summer and efforts are being made to personally share the gospel with them. One has been baptized: Graham Heath's 22-year-old daughter, Ashley. We also enjoyed a wonderful gospel meeting with Kevin Cleary (of Meaford) on the October first weekend, with lots of guests.

Fenwick: The Junior Disciples Club met for the first time in September. There was a 'getting to know you time', a Bible lesson, memory work assignment and then a game of mini-golf. Hiking is planned for October. We are looking forward to a Gospel Meeting with Peter Morphy, November 5 through 8. Lessons will come from Proverbs.

Hamilton - Fennel Avenue: Recently we have started a free community wellness and fitness class in partnership with the YWCA. The class is open to adults and seniors and runs each Thursday from 2-3 pm. As well, we are holding a glove and hat drive for the native children of Fort Hope, Ontario. Please continue to pray for the church and work in Hamilton.

Tintern: Praise God for the safe arrival of the Masumbuko family! The Tintern and Beamsville congregations sponsored another refuge family, this time from the Democratic Republic of Congo. This month we welcomed Daniel, Peter, Sellina, little Aisha and Mariam with a celebration at the Beamsville church on October 1. They arrived in Canada just before the end of September. Due to inclement weather, Church in the Park was held indoors at Tintern. Even though it was inside it was great to worship together with Beamsville and the many other visitors. Plans are underway for the next Tintern Ladies Retreat at the beginning of December. Thanks to Martin Cann for taking our church group photo, celebrating our 125th anniversary as a congregation. The process of nominating Elders at Tintern has begun. We are looking forward to the nomination and affirmation of more elders at Tintern. On October 15 Tintern held its Celebration of Thanks.

Several honoured guests attended. Thanks to Leonard Allen (Lipscomb University) for speaking that morning. Tintern and Beamsville partnered again this year for their fourth annual Trunk or Treat on October 28. Once again this event was a huge success in our community. For more information on what's happening at Tintern: www.facebook.com/TinternChurchOfChrist or www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca

Toronto (Bayview Ave): On September 24 Bayview celebrated the service of Chad and Robyn Comfort with a potluck after service. Gifts were presented to the family, including Spencer, who has been active in collecting for the children's charities we support. We welcomed Chad back to Bayview on October 1 for the thought provoking class and sermon he presented on the power of our thoughts on our behaviour as Christians. Romans 8:1-9 and 1 Peter 4:1-6 were the texts for edification. Theresa Brenner is preparing to go to Haiti for the first two weeks of November to help with projects at La Maison, including teaching some women to sew using available machines. Christine Koehler, Trevor Shelley and Isaac Persaud are planning to assist with projects at the orphanage the first week of November. Bayview is looking forward to welcoming Michael Mazzalongo [originally from Verdun, Montreal church of Christ] on Wednesday, November 15 to lead a special Bible class at our building. All are welcome.

Waterloo: There is the possibility of a mission trip to Tanzania in May 2018. We would be serving alongside the Kilimanjaro church of Christ. If you are interested contact Paul Rasmussen. Starting Sept 24, through to the end of December, the Southwest Kitchener church will be meeting Sunday mornings in the home of Maegan and Paul Bisanti, 936 Parkvale Crt, Kitchener. Visitors always welcome. 10:30 a.m. Breakfast club has started again at Cedarbrae Public School. This program provides free nutritious breakfasts for school age children. Funding is provided by Nutrition for Learning, but volunteers deliver the breakfasts. Our congregation has participated each Tuesday morning at Cedarbrae for many years.

Windsor - West Side: The congregation has raised \$600 to send to Healing Hands International for the relief following all of the recent devastation from storms & earthquakes. We had a clothing giveaway the last week of September on the Thursday - Saturday. It was very successful. We want to remember to keep the people who came through our doors in our prayers and hope that we can have more interaction with them.

McIntee, Eleanor Joyce (nee Pauls) 1946 - 2017

After a long brave battle with cancer. Loving wife of Dan for 46 wonderful years. Dear mother of Rachael (Scott Miller) of California, Susan Neely of Stirling and Kirk (April) of Thessalon. Also survived 9 Grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Dear sister of Ron (Rita) Pauls, Carol (Tim) Cook, Marlene (Bud) Ashby, Bernice (Paul) Lickman. Will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by parents Dan & Clara Pauls.

Eleanor was born in Morden, Manitoba & attended Western Christian College, Saskatchewan; Abilene Christian College, Texas. She worked as a Lab Technician and a Red Cross Homemaker. She was a faithful member of Tintern Church of Christ, an amazing cook and enjoyed flowers, Scrabble, crosswords, jigsaw puzzles & Bible study.

Thanks for the wonderful care from the Beamsville Medical Centre, St. Catharines General Hospital and McNally House.

The family received friends at the Tintern Church of Christ, 4359 Spring Creek Rd, Vineland on Friday October 20, 2017 from 7 - 8:30pm and for one hour prior to the Funeral Service which was held at the church building on Saturday October 21 at 12noon. Interment at Lanes Cemetery.

If desired, memorial donations to Great Lakes Christian High School or McNally House <http://www.mcnallyhousehospice.com/> would be appreciated by the family.

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ALBERTA

Edmonton (Northside): Ross Haven Church Family Camp was held September 15-17. It was well attended. Sunday morning Bible Class is divided into two classes: study of the book of Esther for the ladies taught by Lynn Butler and "God's Love" taught by Francis Pati in the main auditorium. There is a ladies Bible class studying the book of Ephesians led by Linda Salter. The Edmonton Bible Institute class is studying "Colossians and Philemon." Welcome to: Lois Bratt, Donna Lee Burnstad and Bob Norris who wish to be identified with our congregation. At a ladies day the ladies painted a picture, had lunch and then had a lesson taught by Heidi McCartan. At a congregational potluck the newest of the church family were honored.

South Edmonton: Our fall gospel meeting was held September 22-24. The theme was "Salvation in Christ" Acts 4:12. Guest speaker was Guy Orbison. We held a ladies' day October 14. The theme was "Treasures in Jars of Clay." Lessons were given by Ellie Struth, Nadine Damo and Cynthia Martin and a craft was completed. The day was well attended and enjoyed by all.

St. Albert: A gospel meeting was held October 28 & 29. Jamie Lobert of Medicine Hat was guest speaker. He spoke on "Unity".

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Although there has already been snow in some of the mountain passes of B. C., the Weirs are still watching for an opportunity to visit the First Nations villages before winter sets in. They attended the memorial service in Port Alberni on Sept. 25 for Rick Davies, who died of cancer at age 60. His family are old friends of Norm, who met them when he first came to B.C. after graduating from Sunset International Bible Institute. He was made welcome in their home, especially enjoying their son, who was at the time 11 years of age. "In 1967 I ended

up in Victoria working with the church, where the Davies family were living. Rick's parents were fairly new Christians at the time and had three young boys. We became fast friends. I spent a fair amount of time at the Davies home and did a lot of things with those young boys. It was sad to lose Rick at such a young age, but nice to have a reunion of sorts with the rest of the family. Jen and I had not been to the Island for several years, so we enjoyed the Ferry ride both ways. That's our idea of a cruise", Norm wrote.

Burnaby: The elders have announced the reinstatement of a series of changes that have been absent from the congregation for a number of years. One is the return of Bible classes before the morning worship service for both adults and children. Some new studies are being offered. Ladies were invited to participate in a 9 am-to-9 pm Women's Day at Peace Portal in Surrey on October 21. Principal speaker was Ann Voskamp, and the program included several other Canadian women.

Delta: The actual title of the presentation given by Erol Dogan for our Sunday service the last Lord's Day of September was called "Rehov ha-Malach", signifying the name of the street in Jerusalem's Old City's Armenian Quarter where he and Debra stayed with Noubar. This is translated as the "Street, Path or Way of the Messenger". Rather coincidental considering what we are all about. Isaiah 52.7 and Malachi 3.1, "he noted as he related more of their experiences this past summer".

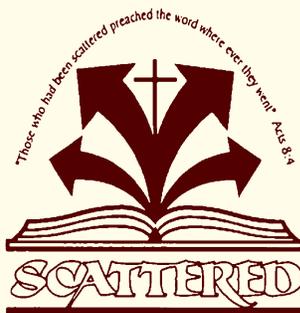
Oakridge: Thank you cards to whole congregations for their special prayers for one person an extended period of time is seldom received, but Oakridge had an exception recently when a lady from Cranbrook who was in Vancouver for a major transplant was ready to return home. She felt strongly that our prayers contributed to the success of her operation and recovery.

Salmon Arm: Two Life Groups have been started this fall with one meeting in our new facility for supper and study on Wednesday evenings, and another at the Parmenter's home on Thursday evenings. We welcomed Betty Johnson to our membership when she recently moved here from Edmonton to live in Salmon Arm's "Arbor Lodge" facility.

Surrey: News was received of the passing of Everett Gregoire, a long-time member here who has been living in a rest home in Burnaby. His first wife pre-deceased him 12 years ago, and a second marriage failed. He was about 80 years of age, and leaves behind children living back east.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: The church here sponsored a "Harvest Fellowship" with Carlos Gapton as the keynote speaker on October 13-15. The program lectures were centered around "Living Faith" by the Harding University professor whose keynote lessons were given on the following topics: "Hope", "Holiness", "Radical Goodness", "Submission" and "Suffering".



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UBI, Kiev, Ukraine, August 2017

UKRAINE – KEIV: “ Ukrainian Bible Institute planned to have a HUGE celebration on September 30, our 20th anniversary. We arranged travel for many of our graduates still in the war zone and all around our area. We had hoped and prayed for about 200-250 people to attend. We also looked forward to having many visitors from America and possibly Canada. We secured an auditorium and dorm rooms for visitors to stay in so we were well organized. The University where Jay Don has taught several times gave us a great deal on the use of their facilities and we really felt blessed by this. **(Thank you for your prayers for this event as it was very special to us and our work with UBI. We have been at UBI most of those 20 years so we feel this was one of our most important events. – The Rogers)**

UKRAINE: (Donetsk): Igor Koztsorski, leader of the church in this city, has been held in prison for the past 18 months. It was rumored that there were negotiations to get his release, but now it seems they have been unsuccessful and they are determined that he will be required to spend another year behind bars.

PUERTO RICO: “Our partners in Puerto Rico have informed us that 30% of the potable water treatment plants there are offline and will likely take months to repair. We were able to send Sawyer water filters over the weekend of September 24, and will send another shipment as soon as the port reopens. We are asking for your help to raise funds to buy and send additional filters and other relief supplies to the people of Puerto Rico.” This is one of several emails from Healing Hands International to inform people that they have had direct appeals from many of the islands that were ravaged by the IRMA hurricane. They include pictures of the church of Christ on the island of Anguilla. Our brothers and sisters there requested batteries, flashlights, weather radios and water filters. In addition to Anguilla, we are in contact with churches in, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Dominica, and the Bahamas. They updated others with their needs as they became available to them. Donating as quickly as possible was made available through the use of a place in the email notice to simply click and record your gift.

JAPAN (Hokkaido): “In God’s Hands: For those of us raised with the drills in school for possible air raids, we recently experienced the missile alerts as the missile from another country came whizzing over the island. The cell phones go off with an alarm and the TVs and radios have nothing else. We are in God’s hands and rest comfortably in Him,” Steve Hasbrouck wrote recently in his monthly report. Another note of interest was the fact that a new convert, “Mr. Doi”, who has recently been released from a hospital and moved to a place near the Hasbroucks, stood up to a woman sent to convert him to a different religion. She started by telling him his problem was that he didn’t know the Bible. After a couple of hours she suddenly burst into tears and told him she wished she knew God the way he did! Incidentally, Mr. Doi is invited to eat with the Hasbroucks often, and since some of the people living in the Vancouver area where Steve worked for nine years can testify, they learned a lot from him, too, when he served as the preacher at Oakridge.

MEXICO (Baja Peninsula): The Christmas workforce of True North Helping Hands this year will be leaving on December 26, arriving in San Diego by 2 p.m., and



returning home the following January 5 in time to catch the 6 p.m. flights home. (In past years, those choosing to go during the holidays have had to miss Christmas day at home.)

“HIS WORD FOR HIS WORLD”: The year 2016 saw a Herald of Truth ministry called “Hope for Life” work with individuals, churches and religious organizations in 166 of the 198 recognized nations of the world! That number is a bit staggering by itself, but when you realize that it represents real people working to talk to more people about Jesus, the impact is overwhelming. Following are a very few of the people and things that have taken place in 2017. They include Cuba, where the Herald of Truth office in Matanzas received 1,700 responses to Tim Archer’s radio program. There were over 100 baptisms and another 18 returned to the Lord. In Africa, Moses Khombe Banda had been working in Malawi and Zambia, resulting in 18 baptisms and 20 restorations. He plans to strengthen churches in Mozambique and Malawi. In Central America Christians in Honduras have planted another church, requesting 75 Bibles to give to the new Christians. Another 50,000 pieces of literature have been printed and distributed among churches for campaigns in Nicaragua. (Ed. Note: The end of this year will see the end of the presidency of Bill Brant as President and CEO of “Hope for Life” after almost 11 years of service. “I have had the honor, challenge, frustration and reward of leading an international mass media evangelism organization whose only mission is to tell non-believers about Jesus, helping them to understand the Jesus of yesterday, today and tomorrow,” he wrote in his farewell message.

The Kingdom of God is like ...

Great Lakes Lectureship | November 16-18, 2017

Thursday, November 16, 2017

- 7:00 PM Congregational Singing
7:30 PM KEYNOTE: **The Doctrine of the Kingdom** - *Michael Mazzalongo*
Refreshments and Fellowship to follow



Friday, November 17, 2017

- 9:30 AM KEYNOTE: **Settling of Accounts in the Kingdom** - *Elgin Whitfield*
11:00 AM Classes:
Farming in the Kingdom - *Michael Mazzalongo*
Ladies Class: **Keeping our Kids Faithful: Surprising Insights from Amish Parents** - *Serena Miller*
The Kingdom of God and Jewish Expectations in the First Century - *Dave Knutson*
12:00 PM Lunch (*GLHCS presentation and "bibletalk.tv"* - *Mike Mazzalongo*)
1:30 PM Classes:
The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Sower - *Jean Grenier*
Preparing for the Kingdom - *Brent Olson*
The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Weeds Among the Wheat - *Ed Klym*
3:00 PM KEYNOTE: **The Kingdom of Heaven is Like a Feast for the Poor** - *Don Smith*
5:00 PM Supper Great Lakes High School Chorus
7:00 PM Congregational Singing - *Matt Burrows*
7:30 PM KEYNOTE: **Kingdom Come: My Kingdom is Not of this World** - *Michael Mazzalongo*

Saturday, November 18, 2017

- 9:30 AM KEYNOTE: **Kingdom People are Blessed** - *Noel Walker*
11:00 AM Classes:
Farming in the Kingdom - *Michael Mazzalongo*
Ladies Class: **The God of Second Chances** - *Serena Miller*
The Kingdom of God and Jewish Expectations in the First Century - *Dave Knutson*
12:00 PM Lunch (*GLBC presentation and "A Vision for Evangelism in Quebec"* - *Jean Grenier*)
1:30 PM Classes:
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Preparing for the Kingdom - *Brent Olson*
The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Weeds Among the Wheat - *Ed Klym*
3:00 PM KEYNOTE: **Kingdom Victory: The Power of Proclamation** - *Michael Mazzalongo*



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A Life of Thanksgiving

Deb Hibbard

Have you received a gift where you could not stop thanking the person who gave it to you? What about receiving a gift but neglecting to thank the giver? Many of us are guilty of doing one or the other. What is worse, we do the same to God who is the giver of all good gifts. God does not hesitate to bless his children with what they need in this life to survive. We have food, clothing, a roof over our heads, and all we need to sustain us in this earthly life. Yet how often do we live a life of thanksgiving for all we have received from God, especially the blessing of eternal life if we remain faithful to him.

In Luke 17:11-19 (NIV), we read of the account where ten lepers were healed by Jesus. Lepers in biblical times were considered outcasts. They were detestable in the sight of others. Their disease was contagious and therefore they were not allowed to have any social contact with their fellow men. They had to cry 'unclean, unclean' so people would be aware of their presence. The lepers in the account in Luke knew who Jesus was and what he was capable of doing. They wanted to be healed of their terrible disease so they cried out to Jesus asking him to have mercy upon them. Jesus must have understood their plight, knowing they were living a life of misery and of isolation. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests and as they were going, they were healed. Notice verse 15 of the same chapter. Only one of the cleansed lepers when he realized he was healed, came back praising God in a loud voice. He was so thankful that he

threw himself at Jesus' feet and expressed his thanks. This leper realized the gift he was given, being completely cured of his leprosy. For him, he no longer had to live like an outcast with people shunning him. He can now enjoy being around people once again.

The account does not end there. In verse 17 Jesus asked what happened to the other nine? They too were also healed from their leprosy. Were they not also happy like

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the one who came back praising God for being made whole again? I would like to think they too were happy to receive the gift of being made clean again, but, they did not return with praise to God or with thanksgiving in their hearts to the Lord. This is not unlike us at times. How many times do we fail to give Jesus heartfelt thanks for his many blessings in our lives?

If there was a formula for living a thankful life, what would that look like? Well, I do not have a formula but when we consider what our greatest blessing is, such would give us an idea why we should live lives of thanksgiving every day. First, we must realize that for the Christian, the greatest blessing occurred when the decision was made to leave a life of sin. We put the old man of sin to death by being buried in baptism and rising up a new man in Christ (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12). This act of burial and resurrection of the old man thus began the transformed life. Strong's Greek and Thayer's Greek Lexicon

respectively uses the words *metamorphoó* and *allaso* in reference to transformation. It means to change, alter, or exchange. In a sense, when one is baptized, one is substituting his former way of life for a different life in Christ. It is at that moment where one receives one of the greatest blessings, eternal life, only if one remains faithful. Ephesians 1:13-14 tells us "at the point of baptism we were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it to the praise of his glory." Eternal life will only be granted to the one who has fought the good fight, have finished the race and have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:2).

When we truly understand what a blessing it is to be part of the kingdom of God, how can we not be thankful? We were once eternally separated from God because of the sinful life we led, but Christ Jesus made it possible by his sacrifice on the cross (Romans 5:8). We chose a life of blessing when we decided to put on Christ in baptism. Should that alone not cause us to be thankful and give thanks daily for such a life giving gift? As such, being a child of God is reason enough to be thankful every day. Though at times we may struggle with being thankful when the difficult times come upon us, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us that we do need to give thanks in all circumstances. A question we need to ask ourselves daily is whether we are developing an attitude of gratitude daily. A life lived in gratitude develops into a thankful life.

Gratitude is not the easiest character trait to develop. But

A Child of God?

Harold Bruggen

when the Christian focuses on the spiritual, being thankful is easier to acknowledge. Many passages like Psalm 100:4, Psalm 107:1, Ephesians 5:20 and Colossians 3:15 encourage us to be thankful to the Lord when we come into his presence, to give thanks to him, and, to be thankful in all things. As mentioned earlier, what we have acquired and done in this life, we owe it all to God. God has richly blessed us with what we need to sustain us in this life. I like how Paul in Philippians 4:19 reminds us that God shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. As children of God, we can rest assured that God knows our needs and will bless us accordingly. James reminds us in chapter 1:17 that “every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”. What a comforting thought it is to know that God will bless us this way if we remain faithful in him; he will never fail us! Knowing such makes me very thankful that we serve a risen Saviour who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20).

Paul in Colossians 3:17 remind us that “whatever we do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”. In Colossians 4:2 Paul also encourages us to devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. We have so much to be thankful for knowing how God has blessed us and may we always be mindful of that fact and live our lives with thankfulness in our hearts.

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No one ever ceases being children of God if they have experienced the new birth (just from the implication that once you are born, you remain a son/daughter, even if you go away). But, one can forfeit his/her right to the inheritance.

God qualifies us to share in the inheritance of the saints (Colossians 1:12) when we are born into His family (John 3:3-8). “For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from their sins” (Hebrews 9:15 NIV). God has called us “into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us” (1 Peter 1:4 NIV).

The Hebrews writer says “See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterwards, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears” (Hebrews 12:15-17 NIV). Yes, Esau forfeited his birthright but it never excluded him from being a son. You forfeit your inheritance and now stand in judgement.

Just as the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) got his inheritance and left (many will forfeit a future inheritance for their earthly reward) but he did not stop being a son. As a matter of fact, upon his return, the father placed on him all the apparel of a son. But if we never return, that is repent, we forfeit that inheritance.

Paul said “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!” (1 Corinthians 10:12 NIV). The Corinthians thought they were standing “faithful.” Why tell them to “be careful that you don’t fall” if it is impossible for a Christian to fall away from the faith? And remember, they had been “sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:2 NIV). And they had been called by God into fellowship with Christ (1 Corinthians 1:9). That calling into fellowship with Christ began when they obeyed the gospel. So, “our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3b NIV). “If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:6-7 NIV).

“Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess” (Hebrews 3:1 NIV). “If we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory” (Romans 8:17 NIV).

“Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light” (Colossians 1:12 NIV). But, “You have no part or share in this ministry, if your heart is not right before God” (Acts 8:21 NIV).

Port Colborne, Ontario

Growing and Preaching

Steve Turner

Not too long ago, I re-watched “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” an old comedy starring John Candy and Steve Martin. In one scene, they’re driving down the road at night with a car next to them that incessantly honks at them and screaming at them, “You’re going the wrong way!” Thinking they were just drunk drivers wanting to race, the two main characters continue down the road, mocking the flaggers – that is, until Steve Martin looks at the road and begins to see the signs that they were indeed in the wrong lane: but it was too late! Two semi’s were headed towards them head-on! They couldn’t do anything but try to drive in between them and hold on!

Is it possible that this is exactly what’s going on in Christianity today? For several decades, we of the Church have been warned by preachers, elders and teachers in the Church about the dangers of the direction we are heading. We’ve watched denominations appeal to the desires of the public for entertainment and ambiance, trying to make Christianity more “hip” and “attractive”, building younger, sexier versions of the Church. Now, in the late 2010’s, we find our congregations shrinking around the country and many of our Church-houses’ doors closing for good. Why? Like John Candy at the wheel, we’ve been scoffing at the warnings of our old instructors, thinking they had no idea what they were talking about, and mocking them as “Pharisees,” “alarmists” and so on. After all, the denominations have been “stealing” members from us for decades! We think to ourselves, “why can’t we have

some of that pie?” So we plunge on, driving on this road, unaware of the danger that lies ahead.

But it doesn’t just stop with the way we worship; it goes on into our daily lives, our personal studies and even bleeds into our understanding of God and our Lord, Jesus. Instead of getting our hands dirty and digging into the Word to discover its truths and to grow the garden of our hearts, we’ve turned to cute acronyms, touching stories and cheap clichés. We

When we start asking questions, we begin experiencing breakthroughs and change the very way we think and how we see the world around us.

like to use devotionals and superficial studies because they give us eloquently-stated tidbits and tastes of Scripture without going too deep in the rabbit-hole. We love them because they’re comfortable, heart-warming, and pretty. It’s like my favorite part of dinner – dessert. Man, it tastes amazing, it’s comforting when I’m feeling down, and it just makes me feel good all over! But in the end, it’s full of sugar with little nutritional value. The problem is, we’ve come to rely on this for our spiritual growth. We even use it to try to convert those of the world, thinking that candy will attract them and that pie will make them grow. But make no mistake: it’s not solid food (Hebrews 5:12-14). It’s not even milk (1 Corinthians 3:2). It’s candy.

People sometimes mistake “meat” (as it’s called in the King James Version) for what is more complicated. It doesn’t necessarily mean that. It refers to a different kind of nutrition that you will need after you’ve reached a stage

in your spiritual growth. But until you’ve reached that point, you’re just not ready for it. It doesn’t work like school, where the older you get the more complicated the education gets until you graduate and receive the right to get more inside information into the field you want to study. No, this is about stages of development: like a child (hence the analogy). According to psychologists, when a child reaches ages 7-11, their brain develops to a point that they are able to think in

a more organized and logical fashion about concrete information. By the time they reach adolescence (ages 11-18), they become able to reason abstractly, think hypothetically,

and improve their decision-making strategies and so on (Laura E. Berk, “Child Development, 9th edition, pg. 253). In the same way, our hearts grow and develop in such a way that as our thinking changes, we need new kinds of information to nourish and to encourage our hearts to continue developing.

So how do we do that? What must be done to nourish and to challenge our hearts to develop? Contrary to what you might think, the solution is not to find better, more complex answers. It’s not answers that we need. Answers don’t encourage our hearts to grow. They don’t challenge us to develop. No, we must stop trying to impress God with how smart we are, or how well we can wield the sword of the Spirit. In the Gospels, Jesus answered a few questions, but asked hundreds, and His teaching didn’t leave people saying “Wow, this guy is very knowledgeable,” or “I love how His lessons are so applicable!” Instead, everywhere He went He left crowds asking questions like “This is a

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hard teaching. Who can listen to it?" (John 6:60), "Who are you?" (John 8:25), "We're not blind too, are we?" (John 9:40), and "What is truth?" (John 18:38 – notice that these are just a few selected out of the Gospel of John). The problem is, with the idea in mind that we must defend the Gospel, we've stopped asking questions—or we at least stopped asking the right questions: the ones that challenge us, that puzzle us, that scare us. If I'm not facing my own doubts, fears, and digging into the dirt of my heart to open it up for a new concept from God's Word with the hard questions, then is my garden really growing; or am I just moving plants around the way I like it?

Digging, planting, weeding and nourishing – that's how we grow. Candy devotionals and Stay-Put sayings won't do anything for us but taste good and give us spiritual diabetes. Neither do we need overly-complicated answers that bring us to dead ends and false doctrines. What we need is to dare to venture into the dark recesses of our hearts, dig out the rocky questions and make room for the Word of God to drop a seed that will grow into a strong, beautiful tree. As the Scriptures say, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the LORD, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12). When we start asking questions, we begin experiencing breakthroughs and change the very way we think and how we see the world around us. We face our fears, our doubts and our sin and begin to change them, and allow God to nourish us and change our dustbowl hearts into a rainforest. Imagine if we could get people of the world doing the same.

Dover, Ohio

Tired of My Own Hypocrisy

Brian Thompson

Whenver one looks into the Bible it is like looking into a mirror. There, in its holy pages, one is exposed either for their sinfulness or their faithfulness. For some Christians studying the Bible makes them feel very uncomfortable as they only see themselves as always falling short of God's expectations. They are overwhelmed with the feeling of hypocrisy. In their estimation, everyone else in the church seems to have it all together spiritually. As a Christian they find it so hard to be joyful and to be around other Christians, especially those "happy ones."

Sometimes, however, our feelings of hypocrisy are unwarranted. We're too hard on ourselves and condemn ourselves in areas where God would not. Perhaps we feel we should be doing more than what we're already doing and that we can never can do enough. Actually, that's a good feeling to have and one we should all feel proud of. It's when we recognize that we should do more, or in some cases do something because we haven't done anything, and then do nothing – well, then we should feel like a hypocrite. Why a hypocrite? Because Christians are doers not excusers!! We shouldn't profess to be a faithful Christian and then sit back and let others do our work for us.

Jesus often spoke against hypocrisy (Matt.5-7; 23:1-39). Hypocrisy is best described as:

- It is someone who uses Christianity for their glory and not for God's. Such people want to be noticed by man rather than having man notice God through them

- It is someone who puts on a religious show in an attempt to gather a following rather than being someone who encourages people to follow Jesus and His teachings

- It is someone who follows God's word to the letter but not by the heart (outwardly but not inwardly)

- It is someone who continually finds fault with others but never notices their own

- It is someone who is more interested in being self-righteous than being God righteous; to trust more in what they do than what God does;

- It is people who say all the right things but do so for the wrong reasons

- It is someone who can quote scripture but only when it is to their advantage and not to God's glory

- It is someone who lives their life completely contrary to what they profess to believe and what they tell others to believe

The best way one can deal with their hypocrisy is to first admit that they are a hypocrite. Secondly, realize that Jesus died for all mankind including hypocrites. Judas Iscariot lived a hypocritical life and could have been forgiven if he truly believed in what Jesus could do for him more than what he had done to Jesus.

The mirror of God's word is there to get us to see ourselves just the way we are and for the sole purpose of encouraging us to change and become the man/woman God intends us to be. So, don't ignore what you see and how you feel when looking into God's word.

Owen Sound, Ontario

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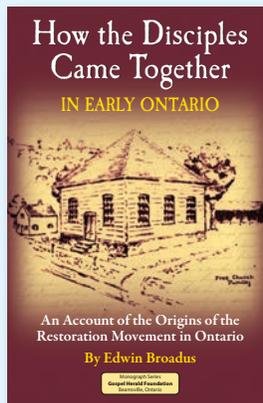
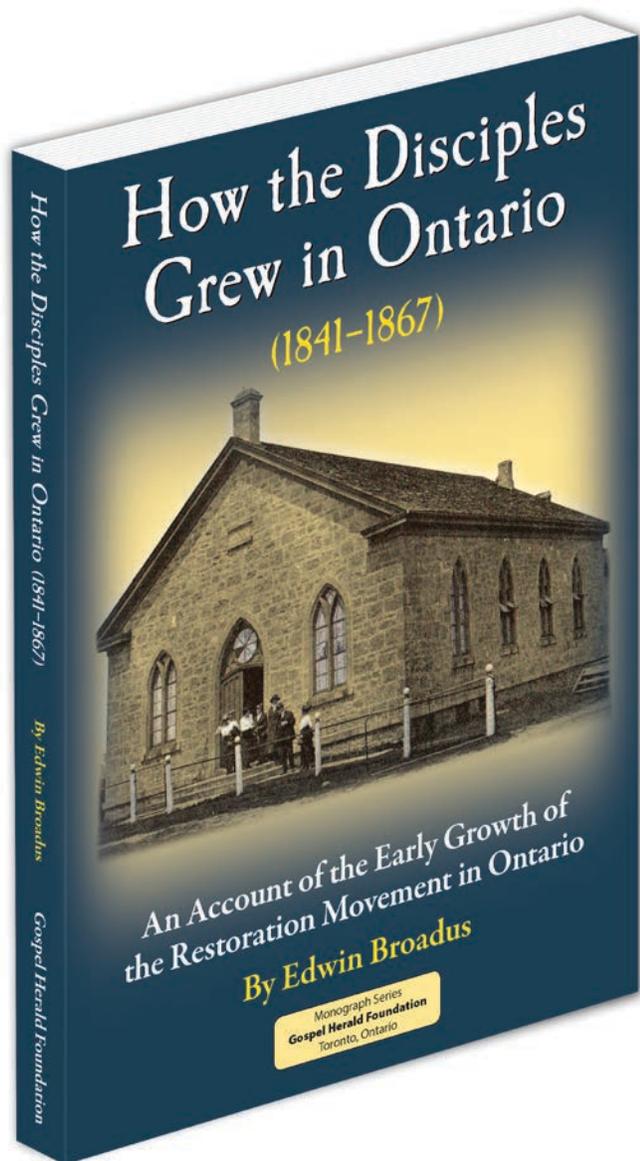
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NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Box 745, P1B 8J8; Sun. 10:00; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.ca; Website: www.northbaycoc.ca

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9E 0E4; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org. 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; Thursday 7:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev. 613-737-0701, Website: www.ottawachurchofchrist.com 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 website: westottawacofc@gmail.com, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6 pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: www.owensoundcofc.com

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PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

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

REXDALE: Thistle Town Community Service Centre 925 Albion Rd, Etobicoke, ON Bible Class: 10:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Minister:Derrick Grant Contact: 416-893-2241 email: derrick.grant101@gmail.com

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

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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

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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. 10, 11; (summer worship10) Contact: Ben Wiebe: 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 Tooney, 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

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TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact: Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Bernard Worlson, 416-742-8292; Twi service available last Sunday of the month, and Spanish Classes, Mondays 7:30 p.m., Santiago Molina (416) 751-6879.

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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

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