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**An Obvious Difference**

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# Deadly Spiritual Deceptions

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Thayer Salisbury

## “Spirituality”

The 12th Annual Dr. Sharon Erel Lecture, presented by Hospice of NW Ohio, was held recently. The topic was “Soul Injury.” The lecture promised to help us learn to restore our own souls by “re-owning” and “re-homing” our spirits.

This kind of non-Christian spirituality is currently a hot seller. Our society is sick of its own secularism; but rather than turning back to Christ, many are turning to spiritual self-help strategies that promise spiritual healing while bypassing Christ.

This is understandable. Many have no idea what Christianity is; but they think that they know. The thing they call Christianity is worthless, so they instead turn to spirituality without Christ. What are the dangers of this generic approach to spirituality? To answer we must first examine our worldview.

## The Nature of Reality

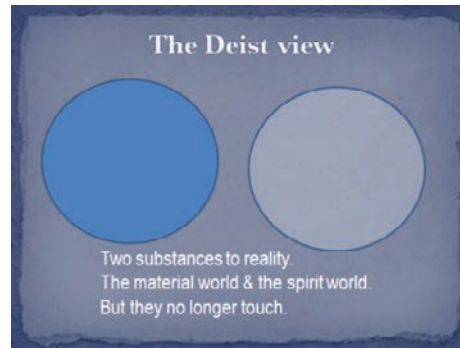
It is a question of the nature of reality.

According to the atheist, there is one substance to reality—the material world. It looks like this:



According to the deist, there are two substances, a material world and a spirit world, but the

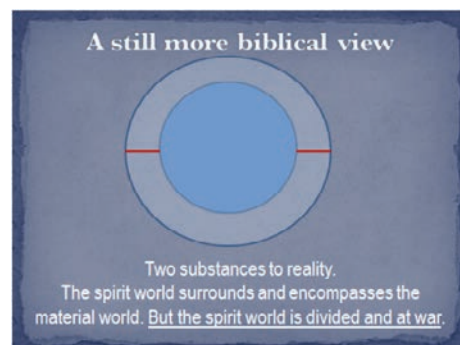
two worlds are disconnected. To the deist, the nature of reality can be represented in this way:



A slightly more biblical view of reality sees the two substances as very connected. The spirit world surrounds and fully encompasses the material world. We might picture it something like this:



But even that view is not quite biblical. For a truly biblical view, we must recognize that the spirit world is not whole and united but is divided into two camps at war with one another. This view can be represented thus:



## With Which Spirits Do We Align?

Realizing that the spirit world is divided and at war should make us realize that spirituality is not inherently good. It is a question of the true nature of the spirits with whom we align ourselves. A person seeking to be “spiritual” while not seeking Christ may well be aligning himself with evil spirits.

The Bible does not explain the origin of evil in the spirit world, nor explain the origin of spiritual warfare, but it certainly tells us evil as well as good exists in the spirit world. From Genesis to Revelation we are presented with evidence of evil in the spiritual realm (see, for example, John 8:44; 1 Cor 10:19–20; James 4:7–8; 1 Peter 5:6–8; 1 John 3:8; Rev 12:9).

Humanity’s problems began when we listened to a voice from the spirit world, a cunning voice that led us to rebel against God. Every evil we experience has grown from the root of that misguided willingness to listen to the voice of an evil visitor from the spirit realm.

God wants us to be like him, to be his image; but when we try to grasp god-likeness in our way (which is really the devil’s way) the end is every form of evil, not god-likeness (Gen 3:4–5). Therefore the Bible warns repeatedly against meddling in the spirit world (Dt 18:10–12; 1 Chron 10:13; Col 2:8–15). To seek a vague and undefined ‘spirituality’ under these circumstances, is foolhardy almost to the point of suicidal.

In Nigeria I knew a young Canadian who came to help the poor. →



He knew a little about electricity, and he thought he knew more than he really did know. Some of the village leaders asked him to check on why their village was receiving no power.

He entered the substation and climbed to the platform that held the transformers that supplied the village. He was not going to touch anything, and he did not touch anything. He did not realize that the level of voltage entering those major transformers sets up a field around the transformers. One does not have to touch the wires to get a jolt.

He was jolted. He fell from the platform. His back was broken, and he is now paralyzed for life, because he messed with powers he did not understand.

So it is with those who seek spirituality without Christ.

The evening before writing this article, I was driving through a middle class neighborhood. It is a neighborhood that has seen better days, but it is still middle class. It was about 7:00 PM. Staggering down the middle of the street was a poorly dressed woman. Whether she was staggering from drink, or from the effects of whatever she was smoking, I cannot say. But clearly, here was a lost soul, a person destroying what was left of the image of God in her. I do not need to tell you that such a pitiful sight is common all across the land. I have seen such sights from Saskatchewan to England, and all across the States as well.

That woman does not need a vague and general spirituality. She does not need to “re-own” and “re-home” her soul. She certainly does not need to get in touch with some ill-defined “high-

er power” which might in fact be a lower power scheming to solve a few of her most obvious problems only in order to drag her yet further downward eternally.

She needs Christ. She needs the ultimate message of love and forgiveness. She needs to understand that, no matter how pointless her life may feel to her now, there is at the right hand of God a Savior who understands her struggles, has paid her debts, and is ready and willing to set her free from her self-imposed slavery and pitiful degradation (see Heb 2:14-15).

Do not seek spirituality. Do not mess with powers you do not understand and cannot control. Turn to the One from above who sought us, who came to earth, took on flesh, accepted the penalty for our wrongs, and who now lives to intercede for us.

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## But You Are a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood

Paul Birston

Peter opens his first letter by saying, “Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure” (1 Peter 1:1–2).

Peter’s first-century readers lived in a multicultural setting where people identified themselves along many different ethnic and religious lines. They included immigrants of Jewish, Italian, Greek, Gallic, Thracian and Celtic ethnicity and monotheistic Judaism and polytheistic pagan religious backgrounds. Peter calls these brothers and sisters in Christ “aliens.” They were the first of their kind in Asia Minor, a small invisible minority of Christians in a pagan Empire who for their faith in and love of Jesus were “distressed by various trials” (1:6b).

Peter recognized the pressures they lived under. He assured them their salvation and identity in Christ, His sufferings and His glory were far superior to the religions and lifestyles they left behind. Jesus would lead them through and beyond their sufferings to eternal glory with Him: “As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow” (1 Peter 1:10–11).

Twenty-first Century Christians in Canada live in a multicultural country where people define their identities in various ways based on ethnicity, religion and an increasing variety of personal backgrounds. New Testament Christians here are a small invisible minority in a land of many world religions, “non-religious” identifiers and many visible minorities. There are many more reasons for Christians to feel like aliens here at the beginning of the twenty-first century than at the beginning of the twentieth. Yet our identity is rooted in something much more profound and permanent than our national backgrounds and personal choices. Like our first-century brothers and sisters, our identity, purpose and salvation are firmly grounded in Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal glory with Him.

Peter’s former pagan and Jewish readers came from religious cultures that identified deity with stone temples around them in Asia Minor and in Jerusalem. In chapter 2 Peter transforms their understanding of stone temples to an eternal living temple of which they are a part: “And

coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:4–5). Peter gives them a new identity as “living stones” with a new purpose: they are a “holy priesthood, “to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” Peter’s word for “chosen” is the root of our word “eclectic.” God chooses us from a multitude of different backgrounds to be His very own forever.

Peter expands our understanding of this profound reality of our identity in 2:10–11, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

As members of God’s kingdom we now identify as a race of people chosen by Him. We serve in a *royal* priesthood because our Saviour is King *and* High Priest. God is holy so we are holy, set apart for His purpose: to proclaim His excellencies (plural!). We are called into His extraordinary marvellous light. We were not a people but now we are united in Him and identify ourselves as “the people of God” who *have received* mercy! His mercy is ours. God gives us identity, hope and purpose in His mission.

Thanks be to God and Peter. We have timeless definitive answers to the most important questions about our identity: Who are we? Whose are we? Where are we going? What are we here on earth to do with Him in His mission?

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## An Obvious Difference

**T**he contrast between unbelievers and Christians should be quite obvious. Believers have been receptive to God's truth and have had "the eyes of" their "heart enlightened", "...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints" – Ephesians 1:18 (ESV).

These people to whom Paul is writing had been in a different relationship with God. "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" – Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV). Because of this their future was a dark one with only the wages of sin as their future. (Romans 6:23).

Their earlier rejection of light was a rejection of life. This exclusion from the life of God was because of their ignorance of the love that God had offered them. The really sad thing about this ignorance was that it was a willful ignorance. There was evidence that should have moved them; however, it had not. "For

the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For al-

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***God has promised to be with us and help us grow so that those who knew the "old us" will see An Obvious Difference in the new us!***

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though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things" – Romans 1:18-23 (ESV).

In the past they had chosen not to know God and willfully hardened their hearts against the life He offered. "Hardness" is a word used figuratively in the New Testament as "callousness, or blindness."<sup>1</sup> One who willfully hardens his heart has no understanding of God and is living in spiritual darkness.

The people described in Ephesians 4:19, "They have become

callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity" are like those in Romans 1, making the sad choice to reject the offer of grace given through Jesus Christ. The word callous in the English is a translation of a Greek word which means "to cease to feel pain or grief...apathetic...indifferent". The result of this kind of attitude allows people to give themselves over for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. Sadly, these attitudes and lusts were not something forced on them but how they chose to live.

Three ideas that describe such people are sensuality, greediness and impurity. "Sensuality" means "enjoyment or pursuit of physical, especially sexual, pleasure".

"Impurity" includes "moral uncleanness in the widest sense". "Greediness" gives the sense of "unbridled greedy desire."<sup>2</sup> Be-

cause of the choices of such people to ignore Him, God acted in giving them over to their ungodly behavior, "And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done" – Romans 1:28 (ESV).

However, we do not need to be dismayed and think that there is no hope. "As long as there is life, there is hope" is an old but true saying. The folks at Ephesus still had life so they could make a change. "But that is not the way you learned Christ—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your

<sup>1</sup> Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*

<sup>2</sup> Kenneth S. Wuest, *Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament for the English Reader*



old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” – Ephesians 4:20–24 (ESV). Using the verb “learn” Paul reminds them of their conversion. “Learn Christ” is literally “learn the Christ...”

There is more involved in this text than merely knowing about Christ or knowing the doctrine of

Christ. The Ephesians had heard about Christ and His way (4:20). They had been taught in Him – (4:21). As a result of this teaching, according to Ephesians 4:22–24, three things needed to happen... the same things that happen to people who come to faith today.

This begins with putting away the old life and putting on the new life in Christ. According to Romans 6:1–6, this happens when one is baptized into Christ. “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace

may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin” – Romans 6:1–6 (ESV). When one has done this he is “clothed with Christ” (Galatians 3:27), becoming new in Christ.

The laying aside of the old self happens at baptism as well and begins what will be a “work in progress” as one comes to know the word of God better and grows in strength to meet the temptations that are a part of living this life on earth. Thankfully, God has not left us alone to grow but has given us His word, the privilege of prayer, the blessing of the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and fellowship in the Lord’s Church to help perfect this new life. Sin and Satan will not let us go easily. However, God has promised to be with us and help us grow so that those who knew the “old us” will see *An Obvious Difference* in the new us! I believe it is safe to say that this working to grow more like the Master will keep us busy for as long as we live. When we consider the blessings received daily in our walk with the Master and the even greater blessings to come, the effort to grow is well worth it.

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Virginia Hipwell, Editor



## Window to the Heart

Virginia Hipwell, expanding on comments from Villa Lewis.

**T**he tongue is a weapon loaded with words which have the potential power to both hurt or heal, tear down or build up, kill or bring life. This is true for both the person whose tongue is employed and the person whose ears our loaded words enter into. With that in mind, we would do well in every respect to exercise ourselves in the following:

**“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you”** – Ephesians 4:29–32 (NLT).

The things we say are a reflection of what’s deep within us and it’s a window that both men and God gaze into in order to discern the nature of our heart.

**“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give**

**account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned”** – Matthew 12:34–37 (ESV).

Brothers and Sisters, may the day be blessed with seized opportunities to heal, build up and bring life to our hearers. (The preceding thoughts are from Villa Lewis of Yeaddiss, Kentucky.)

Our words do indeed have the power to hurt or to heal. **“Reckless**

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**words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing”** – Proverbs 12:18 (NIV 1984). James points out the danger of uncontrolled words comparing them to a fire. It is an accurate comparison since fire also has the power to help or to destroy. **“The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell”** – James 3:6 (NIV 1984).

The short epistle of James has much to say about controlling the tongue. Other than wisdom, the book of Proverbs contains more warnings about our words than about any other topic. Our words are definitely not something to be taken lightly.

One thing many people do not seem to realize is that the Scriptural admonitions regarding our words apply not only to those which come from our mouths but also those that come from our fingers. Whether words are spoken orally or tapped out on social media, text messages or email, they are still your words. They still reveal the contents of your heart. You are still accountable for them. In fact, electronic communication has the potential to do greater harm as it often reaches a much larger audience than the spoken word.

Social media is a wonderful way to keep in touch with family and friends but it can also be a forum for gossip and it then becomes a format for sinning (2 Corinthians 12:20). We need to be very careful not only about what we post but also what we repost. The old adage that warns about gossip can be well applied to social media posts. Ask these three questions about what you are about to say or share: Is it true? Is it needful? Is it kind?

A person may post Bible verses and Christian memes, but if they also have posts which include vulgarities, profanity or unkind words they brand themselves as a hypocrite.

**“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water”** – James 3:9–12 (NIV 1984).

**“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight**

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rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless” – James 1:26 (NIV 1984).

So, what do people see when they look into the window of your heart? Whatever is there is visible through your words both written and spoken. It does not matter that vulgar language, profanity, crude jokes, and gossip are commonplace in our society, Christians are to keep their hearts, and therefore their words, pure and loving. We are to use words to heal not hurt, to build up not tear down, to give life not to kill. We must show by our words that our hearts belongs to the Lord – that we are the children of God.

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord” – Ephesians 5:1–10 (NIV 1984).

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We do hold mega gospel campaigns which draw thousands of people together to hear the Word of God. I have used over 20 years of my life studying and undergoing training for missions. I am a product of: • Ghana Bible College • International School of Biblical Studies, South Africa • Southern California School of Evangelism, USA • Literature International, USA • Freed-Hardeman University, USA • Haggai Institute, Hawaii, USA • Los Angeles church and Institute, USA.

I have preached and taught the Word of God at churches, schools and Colleges and on TV and Radio the last 30 years. I have written and spoken extensively on various christian themes. I believe that christianity is ordered after a definite pattern. However the devil, through his agents, has diluted the truth and handed down “pseudo-christianity” to the world. The world therefore really needs to be reminded of New Testament Christianity which continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine.

In that spirit, in conjunction with the Harding Avenue church of Christ in Toronto and the Bramalea church of Christ in Bramalea, Ontario, my team and I are coming your way at the FORUM BANQUET HALL, 1771 Albion road, Toronto, April 27, 28 & 29, 2018. Our main focus is to minister to the numerous Ghanaian residents in Toronto along with all others who are interested in attending. Under the theme “THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE” various topics on christianity will be dealt with. There will be time for questions and answers. I invite you to come and join us in this study of the Word of God.

God bless you. The churches of Christ salute you!



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### NEW YORK

**Niagara Falls, NY – La Salle:** Praise God! The church that meets in Sardinia and at LaSalle celebrate God's blessings! The church here has been blessed to help the church in Sardinia with their mortgage and as of February 2018, their building debt is paid off. What a joy to celebrate with our brethren. Glen Mueller delivered the sermon here on March 4. Looking ahead, on July 29 there will be an Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Sardinia church of Christ. Also at Sardinia, a "Mortgage Burning" celebration. All are invited.

### ONTARIO

**Fenwick:** Fenwick church of Christ is hosting a men's day on Saturday, April 14, with guest

speaker Leslie Williams, from Regina, SK.

**Tintern:** The Tintern Mission's Ministry hosted a pot luck for Roy & Kathi Merrit. We celebrated the ministry of Roy & Kathi Merrit on their visit to North America. Roy & Kathi have devoted their lives to the spread of the Gospel in Zambia through the ministry of the Namwianga Mission in Kolomo Zambia. For information on what's happening at Tintern: [www.facebook.com/TinternChurchOfChrist](http://www.facebook.com/TinternChurchOfChrist) or [www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca](http://www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca)

**Toronto (Bayview Ave.):** On February 25 Bayview held its annual meeting. Our Missions and Care Ministry, under the leadership of Michael Hilborn, has decided to continue our support in 2018 for Key to the Kingdom, Great Lakes Bible College, World Vision [for our final child], Paul Rasmussen's campus ministry, Notre Maison in Haiti, Yvon Beaudoin's work in Quebec, and Babu Pothan's Mylavaram mission in India. The funding for these worthwhile missions comes from Bayview's regular contributions, loose pocket change collections, and special contributions. At our

annual meeting those present had a presentation to honour our commitment to training in the prevention of child abuse. Our Safe Church Ministry, under the leadership of Jim Barbour, attends to the many tasks, ensuring the safety of our children at Bayview.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.):** Key to the Kingdom Day is planned for Sunday, May 6 this year. On this day we ask that brethren across the country mark this day by advertising the Key program in their area, join in prayer with us for God's rich blessings to continue in this work and, if possible, give to help with the financial costs for the program. In sending support for this ministry, please make cheques payable to Strathmore Blvd (or Boulevard) Church of Christ with Key on the memo line. The bank will not accept cheques if one of these words is missing or if written in any other way. A celebration was held on April 7 for Elsie Gill's 100th Birthday. Elsie is the mother of Strathmore elder, Steve Gill. We are thankful for her life and example of faithfulness and rejoice with her at this wonderful milestone, We pray for God's continuing blessings on this dear sister in Christ.

**Waterloo:** We are offering Worship Leader Training for all interested men, Sundays, 9 a.m., prior to Sunday school and worship at the building. A light breakfast is also provided. It's time to Learn a New Song! Every Saturday in March from 3-5 p.m. we met at the building to learn new songs.

**Windsor – West Side:** We began a new series entitled, I Am Angry Because. We will look at the story of Cain & Abel from Genesis 4 again and see where our part of their story might lie and then hear the words of Jesus again.



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**Men's Day –**

**Saturday, April 14**

**Speaker: Leslie Williams**

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

### ALBERTA

**Edmonton, (Northside):** Clackson Yambie was in Africa for the month of March on a mission trip. There was a ladies' day where Marie Bouchard taught the ladies to paint a painting, and Helen Maw gave a devo. It was organized by Lynn Butler who also provided the lunch. A group of teens went to Great Falls for a Youth Rally. Alberta Spring Fellowship was held March 30-April 1. Jason Rollins of Guelph, ON, C Thomas of Lubbock, Texas and Harold Eggar of Wolf Point, Montana were guest speakers. The theme for

the weekend was Families of Faith based on Ephesians 4:16.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** After a delay of several weeks, Norm Weir received a needed hip replacement that will enable him and Jen to continue their work for the church here, as well as travel to the distant house churches in various parts of B.C. and work with the two First Nations people living in Kwadacha and Tsay Key.

**Burnaby:** The congregation has been urged to watch the development taking place in the vicinity of our building called "Southgate" for opportunities to serve the hundreds of people who will be moving in as it is completed. Kirk Ruch noted that "We need to pray for opportunities to welcome them and help to make them aware of our presence".

**Delta:** The Delta bulletin featured announcements about the dinners that were held in several places last

month to raise money for the school in Kiev, Ukraine, where the Rogers have been working for the last 12 - 15 years. Jay Don had noted that their forced move to Kiev from Donetsk had tripled their expenses, but he wanted people to be aware of the amount of good the school has done. "As many of you know already, the cost of running UBI in Kiev has more than tripled over the cost that we had in Donetsk. But good things are happening in Kiev and we want you to know about it. Since our training began in Ukraine, 201 people have graduated and are working in 65 congregations in this country. Our classes in Kiev are filled with excited, willing servants of the Lord being prepared to take the Gospel to their countrymen and to people in surrounding countries," Jay Don wrote.

**Oakridge:** Milton Diaz had a message for his congregation: "Be strong in the Lord and ready for worship." He noted that the bulletin was designed to help them prepare



# Evangelist Needed

The Church of Christ, located in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, is looking for a full time Evangelist for the purpose of outreach to the community. Working together with the congregation to reach people with the gospel. Under the direction of the elders, who shepherd the flock, the evangelist will serve to reach into the lives of all who need a relationship with Christ.

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for worship and cautions them not to be late since Daylight Savings time started the following week.

**Salmon Arm:** Our almost-new computer for the church crashed and we spent the next period of time backing it up by re-installing 'Windows' and getting all the programs going again. We were grateful for help from the Taylor's son, Paul, by remote from Saskatchewan. Technology is fascinating and frustrating! "We are welcoming visitors on a regular basis. Several are even attending regularly now. Our location has helped us, we believe, and are thankful for the facilities we can use on a day-to-day basis. We have also made our facilities available for the Big Churches' thrift store in town to use them for their monthly meeting, as well as "Toastmasters", making people aware of our location and of the fact that we are NOT A CULT! One of our elders attends all the ministerial meetings and is able to quietly speak to the truth in a positive setting. Doug Kendig has also attended several workshops in Calgary at The ABC Bible College." (news from Marie Taylor)

**Surrey:** We received heartfelt gratitude from the two men working in the Philippines to get knapsacks for the children in their area when they received our offering of \$ 400.00 to help out their efforts. A man in Saudi Arabia (who is originally from Yemen) has just started the Bible course and wrote this paragraph to Joann Simonsen: "I was born a Muslim and did not have the opportunity to select my religion. But when I grew up I decided to take the subject seriously and read about the religions—then I will choose my religion with full conviction. I know that I do something

very dangerous for my life and my children where the authorities if they know that I read in these subjects (religions) are likely to expose myself to murder. I was thinking more about getting out of Islamic countries and living in a country with freedoms. But there is no way for that though I was reassured when I read some of the Bible. I hope from GOD to help me for reality." Another student is from the Philippines. She was brought up in a Buddhist family, but although she still lives with her mother and siblings who all are Buddhists, she is committed to God and Jesus. She attends a denominational church and wants to know what the Bible teaches on so many topics. Whenever she comes across something from reading her Bible or from the course, she challenges her preacher. Recently she asked me about 'once saved, always saved' because their preacher had given a lesson about this subject and she said "what do you think?" because that is not what I believe

the Bible teaches: that we cannot fall from grace". Another topic was "eating food given to idols" (that is what their family does). Joann's response was "WOW! Who would ever have thought I'd have an opportunity of discussing these topics with anyone!" She proceeded to give her a thorough Bible study, both by e-mail and postal. "Recently she asked for two copies of some of the study material so that she could give a copy to her preacher. 2017 brought a total of 204 requests, the majority from the USA and Canada, with others from a total of six different countries,"

## MANITOBA

**Carman:** The 66th annual Carman Church of Christ Lectureship was held Easter weekend. Theme for the weekend was "Sermon on the Mount Being Salt and Light". Speakers included: Dan Wieb, Jay Manimtim, Earle Rattai, Larry Elford, John Smith and keynote speaker was Hugh Gannon.

**Winnipeg:** We held an appreciation potluck to honor Chad & Kim for 15 years of ministry. The theme for the Ladies Day was "Consider the Lilies". There was a short presentation on the Prayer Sister Ministry. Jitan Jattan and Jeremy Chen were both baptized. We held a Helping Our Men to Lead in Worship Workshop. Eighteen from our congregation went to the Stand Conference in Niagara Falls.

## SASKATCHEWAN

**Weyburn:** Caleb Vance will be coming to work with us in May for the summer. We have 2 new elementary students we are helping in Zambia. Great Lakes Short Course is planned May 28-June 1 - Paul's Early Epistles.

## LaSalle Church of Christ

Established Niagara Falls, New York congregation, without elders, is seeking full time pulpit minister. We are an older congregation of 50+ members striving to serve the Lord and our community. The congregation prefers a married man with a minimum of 8 years' experience and a four year Bible degree who will help us focus on:

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# MISSION NEWS

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**ETHIOPIA:** We have discovered a new use for the Solar Players that are loaded with 1200 Bible lessons, songs and other study aids. Since they are all in the Amharic language since their first introduction to Ethiopia, a team from Sunset International Bible Institute traveled there to demonstrate how this seemingly small tool could be effectively used to teach God's Word. It has been an amazing experience to watch men and women using it. A lifelong friend, a denominational preacher in Addis Ababa was shown how to use the Solar player by Brother Moges and was so impressed he asked if he could use one as a resource in his ministry and immediately became its owner. If he uses it in his preaching, he

will be spreading the truth as he talks to his large congregation! A member of the church takes one to the open market and always draws a crowd to listen when he starts to play it. It is also being used regularly at funerals where hundreds of people congregate, making it a very important tool.

**UKRAINE (Kiev):** The Rogers wrote the following from UBI shortly after their return: "We just wanted to let you all know that we are going to make a brief trip back to the States for two fund-raising dinners on behalf of UBI. We know that it is not possible for some of you to make these dinners because of distance. But for those of you who are in driving distance, we would be delighted if you could come and bring people that you think might be interested in helping with the work at UBI. We promise you an interesting and informative evening." The two dinners were planned for Arlington, Texas (in the Dallas/Fort Worth area) on March 9 and in Arlington, Tennessee (which is near Memphis) on March 13. The plan also included their bringing

Sasha and Natasha Maluga, who are vital to their work at the Ukrainian Bible Institute, to introduce them to Sunset Bible Institute personnel and others who will work to keep the school open permanently. Success of these two fund-raising dinners will be revealed in the May Issue of the Gospel Herald.

**BODY AND SOUL MINISTRIES:** Some 350 students are now enrolled in our two English schools operating in Vietnam under the direction of Ngan Huynh, with the Bible as part of the curriculum. (This is the only way students can be exposed to Christianity.) At the same time, "The Tree of Life" is changing lives and giving hope to many in Arapal, where some of the first students in this program have graduated from college. A new shelter that will be a blessing is being built there for them. The special requests of those in need which are being considered this year are the following: They include the Nigerian orphanage building that is under construction, remodeling of the Jokabed orphan home originally built by BandS, donations for the Connor House in Jakarta to feed families living in the garbage dump, a travel fund for medical missions to Cambodia, a van for transportation of orphans in Nepal, a vocational school and preacher training in South Sudan, as well as support for the Dr. Brian Camazine surgery camps at the Nigerian Christian Hospital in Nigeria. These do not include the disaster relief given to three places to which BandS responded after natural disasters in 2017. Help was rushed after Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and a typhoon in Fiji. Also, a door was opened for a new ministry in Thailand last year when we built a safe house in Laos that is home to 40 young girls seeking safety as they go to school and learn about the love of God. They also develop work skills and receive assistance in finding jobs. A second building was promised for this year. BandS is also involved in several other places devoted to this type of ministry, with housing young boys to be protected from human trafficking in Nepal, Laos, and China.



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## **SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**

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Lesson 2: Afternoon

Lesson 3: Evening

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**

Lesson 4: Bible Study

Lesson 5: Sermon



# The Present Reality

Geoffrey Ellis

The present reality is the universal kingship of Jesus, the Christ.

The resurrected Lord affirmed this on a mountain in Galilee to his apostles: “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me” (Matt. 28:18).

This is the One “who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth,” who “has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father (Rev. 1:5, 6).

The universal kingship of Jesus Christ is the most significant reality, the greatest encouraging truth, and the highest determinative principle available for the human population. The apostle Paul speaks of the “riches of [God’s] glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe”—“That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he has exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything...” (Eph. 1:18b-22a).

This present reality of Christ is the accumulative result of his four previous and linked realities: (1) the preexistent, eternal Word of God, the creative force of the God-head (John 1:1-3); (2) the incarnate human, Jesus of Nazareth, Rabbi and King of Israel (Matt. 1:20-23); (3) God’s ultimate sacrificial Lamb on the cross at Golgotha, thus Saviour and Lord (1 Cor. 5:7b); (4) the resurrected Lord, “the first-born from the dead” (Col. 1:18). These realities came together as one when Christ ascended to heaven and was crowned the “King

of kings, Lord of lords” at God’s right hand (Rev. 19:16)!

Christ, in this present reality, as supreme Lord, rules over a realm that is *essentially spiritual*.

Consider, Christ the king rules from heaven (Rev. 5:11-13); the kingdom of Christ includes both angels of heaven and the saved of earth (Heb. 12:22); faith is the liberating requirement (Rom. 1:16-17); baptism, while also an outward event, engages the spiritual presence of

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Christ—“dying *with* him...” (Rom. 6:4) and being “raised *with* him...” (Col. 2:12); the empowerment of the Holy Spirit indwells his saints (Acts 2:), and transforms the fellowship of the saints into a spiritual temple for the presence of God (Eph. 2:19-22); the Lord’s supper, while a visible response, is dominated with spiritual implications (Matt.); the “church” is the spiritual “assembly” of Christ (Matt. 16:17); through prayer, believers converse with God (Phil. 4:6); etc., etc.

It is noted that Christ was *first* awarded “all authority in heaven and on earth” and *then* he gave the command, “*Therefore*, disciple the nations” (Matt. 28:18, 19). In effect, the kingdom existed, by virtue of Christ’s heavenly authority, *before* the first of its earthly citizens were ushered into it! The populations of the earth are encouraged to identify its reality and to freely enter its precincts.

That Christ’s kingdom is essentially spiritual, and that his kingdom has primacy over its citizenry by virtue of his heavenly authority, there follow significant implications for both the earthly church and the world’s population.

If the fellowship of the saved is essentially spiritual and heavenly, the human pretensions of pomp and circumstance have little or no place in its midst, e.g. flowing robes, distinctive head-gear, extravagant services, gilded temples, human decrees, graded authorities, regional independencies, etc. When the church is viewed as essentially an earthly fellowship, then the rigors of the seen take over.

Rather, in simple local fellowships, the saints will live as family in the context of *agape* love, exhibiting righteousness, and cherishing their princely positions in the heavenly realms, treasuring above all their ties to eternity.

Christ’s kingdom on earth is universal, it is real, it is authoritative. Its world-wide presence is not contingent on the numbers of the world’s population either won into its ranks or not, or how notably influential Christianity may be perceived to be among the affairs of men—by those either in the world or in the kingdom. Christ’s kingdom reigns supreme by virtue of his having been given “all authority in heaven and on earth.” His is the standard by which each one will be held to account! Currently, jaded western civilization is turning its back on historic Christianity, even while continuing to enjoy the lingering remnants of its “salt and light” influence that has blessed the centuries gone by. Currently, a sixth century Christian heresy appears to be outstripping historic Christianity around the world. And, in this age of the “Harvest,” rebellious influences from heaven continue their disastrous pillage of the earth. Nevertheless, Christ the king prevails. His kingdom on earth will be delivered victorious into the eternal realms.

This is the present reality!

Waterloo, Ontario

# Divine Likes and Dislikes OR What God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-19 — PART 2 of 3

Thayer Salisbury

## Shedding of Innocent Blood

God condemns the shedding of innocent blood. But too many Christians have not taken much responsibility in this matter. We fail to take responsibility for two reasons.

We fail to take responsibility because we often view the issue too narrowly. We often leave out of the discussion issues that clearly are “innocent blood” issues. We tend to think only of murder in connection with the term “innocent blood.” Certainly murder might be the main idea in view here, but murder is not the only way that innocent blood is shed.

Inadequate provision to protect from avengers would bring blood guilt according to Deuteronomy 19:8-10. A lack of concern for safety is an innocent blood issue according to Exodus 21:28-29. And, of course, one must not be too quick to use force to make other people or other nations do what is right. Warfare is also an innocent blood issue. The innocent have always suffered in warfare. Siege warfare was very hard on the innocent. Artillery and bombing shortened the suffering but extended the number suffering.

For us today the great example of innocent blood is the horror of abortion. Never in the history of the world have so many clearly innocent people been killed. The number of people killed by war in the 20th & 21st centuries seems staggering, unless we compare it to the continuing war on the unborn.

The number killed by warfare is dwarfed by the number killed by abortion. Some of those killed by warfare are, of course, guilty, but none killed by abortion are.

Our society is mentally and spiritually sick. It is a sick society that provides lawyers for known murderers but allows innocent children to be killed on the whim of a single individual. It is a sick society that complains of children dying in Iraq but promotes the killing of children in our very midst. It is a sick and mindless society that allows government leaders to openly mock their own oath of office and to disregard the most fundamental human right, the right of life.

## Do Something

We fail to take responsibility regarding innocent blood seriously be-

cause we view our responsibility too narrowly. Of course, there is not a lot any of us can do about the shedding of innocent blood. We can do little to prevent war, including the war on the unborn. But the fact that we can do little is no excuse for doing nothing. As E.E. Hale said, “I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can.”

We may not own an ox (Ex 21:28f), and so we may not need to be careful that our ox harms no one. But Christians must show concern for safety. We ought to inspect our vehicles and our homes with safety in mind. We ought to train our children in safety and set an example in regard to safety. We ought to be sober and careful drivers, and careful in regard to other dangerous items.

## Use Influence

We should also use our influence, as small as it may be, for life. We cannot be perfect with our voting, but we must be careful with our vote and try to avoid giving a vote to a candidate who will encourage the shedding of innocent blood. We cannot be perfect with our investments, but we ought to be careful with them. We cannot always avoid immoral companies when purchasing or making an investment, but we could make an effort.

We ought to be concerned about nature and its effect on human life. No matter the cause of climate change, people must be allowed to become sojourners when the

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climate changes (Ex 22:21; Lev 19:10). Otherwise, if we fail to render assistance to those fleeing drought and famine, we have contributed to the shedding of innocent blood.

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. Let's be careful that we are not giving our consent to what he hates.

## A Heart Devising Wickedness

Continuing the list of things God hates, we come next to "a Heart that Devises Wickedness." It is not just evil actions that are a problem, we must guard against evil thoughts. According to the world, it does not matter what we think as long as it does not hurt anyone. But according to God, it matters very much what we think. God hates it when our hearts devise evil. This is not just an Old Testament teaching, it is emphasized in the most famous sermon of Jesus (Mt. 5:8, 21-22, 27-28). Evil thoughts, if dwelt upon, will hurt people. That is inevitable; it is unavoidable.

Thoughts come out in words and actions. We all say things we should not. Bad stuff occasionally comes out of even the best of people because there is a degree of bad in the best of us. We are all sinners (Rom 3:23). Bad stuff comes out of some people constantly. It is excused by saying, "I'm not very tactful." or "I need to learn to control my tongue." No, what is primarily in need of control is the heart; that is the real source of the problem (Mt 15:18-19; 12:34).

It may be that we will never eliminate the negative and wicked thoughts. But how are we to reduce the sinful thoughts, how are we to improve the percentages?

We must guard our hearts and those of our children. Thought pollution is much more serious than environmental pollution and food adulteration. These are quite serious, but they mainly touch the body. The spirit matters so much more than the body (1 Tim 4:7-8; Mt 10:28). Therefore, we must make an intentional effort to reduce the evil thoughts influencing our minds (Prov 4:23).

## Reduce Negative Exposure

One step toward this goal is to reduce our exposure to those who encourage wicked thinking (1 Cor 15:33). That is not easy to do these days, but we must diligently pursue it.

## Displace Negative Thoughts

Generally we will reduce wicked thoughts best by means of displacement. If we would avoid walking in the way of the wicked, we must practice meditating on the instruction of

the Lord (Psalm 1:1, 2). If we would have the peace of God that guards our hearts and minds, we must learn to think on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable (Philip 4:7, 8). We must not attempt merely to get rid of evil; we must displace evil with good.

## How are we doing at this? Consider these questions:

How long has it been since we spent money on new entertainment technology? How long has it been since we spent money on biblical technology?

How much money have we spent on entertainment technology in the last year (do not forget to include the cable bill)? How much have we spent on Bible study?

How much time have we spent in the last week watching television and surfing the net? How much time meditating on God's word?

God hates a "heart that devises wicked plans." That includes those plot plot terrorism, it includes thieves, it includes pornographers, but it might well include us if we do not guard the direction of our hearts.

You can float in a farm pond and never leave the farm. But if you float in a river your location will change, at times rapidly. To remain stationary in a river, one must kick against the flow. Maybe there was a time in history when one could float a bit, spiritually speaking, and not drift far. But we do not live in such an era. If we are to keep our hearts from becoming the kind of heart that God hates, it is going to take intentional and persistent effort. God hates a wicked heart. Let us consider how he must feel about the direction of our hearts.

To be continued.

Toledo, Ohio

The **Thessalon**, ON Church of Christ is seeking applications for the position of **full time evangelist**.

Thessalon and area has a population of about 2,500 and is located on the north shore of Lake Huron, about one hour east of Sault Ste Marie.

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# NO, BUT...

*Don Hipwell*

**H**ave you ever asked for a particular present, maybe for your birthday or Christmas, and not received it? You, however, were not totally disappointed. As it turned out you received a present just as good or maybe even better than the one you requested.

I don't know about you but when I was growing up in the church I was told God always answers our prayers. I still believe that. I was told the three answers He gives are, "Yes", "No", and "Maybe later". I would like you to consider that there is another answer we receive more often than we realize. That answer is, "No, but..."

We know that Scripture tells us that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" – Ephesians 3:20, NIV '84). Jesus told us that the Father "knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8, NIV '84). Jesus also compared God, the Father, to our earthly fathers to show how generous He is. He said, "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:9-11, NIV '84). God is good and understands mankind's needs far better than we do. That is why I think sometimes He answers our prayers with, "No, but..."

There are two examples in Scripture that I can find. Perhaps you can discover more. The two I refer to are very familiar to us.

One is Paul. In 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 we read, "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revela-

tions, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me" (NIV '84).

Paul prayed for the thorn's removal perhaps because he thought he could better preach the Gospel and help others without it. In his wisdom, however, God said, "No, but I give you grace, enduring grace, a grace to empower you in service for Me. I will work through you. You will feel My strength." God allowed the hardship to remain and used it to continually remind Paul of his dependence on God and steer him away from pride and self-sufficiency. "God often has some better thing in store for us than would be the immediate (positive) answer to our prayer." (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament, WordSearch7 software).

The other example is Jesus Christ. Just before His arrest He went to God in prayer. We read, "He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My

will, but Yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground" (Luke 22:41-44, NIV '84).

In deep anguish, Jesus asked to let His mission be accomplished some other way than by His crucifixion but He was willing to yield to the Father's will. His prayer reveals His terrible suffering and yet God said, "No", but He sent an angel to be with Jesus and comfort Him in His fear. God said "No" to His Son's request but He provided an angel to strengthen Jesus. Jesus moved with amazing calm through the next few hours, seemingly at peace. Thankfully, for all of us, God said, "No, but." Jesus went on to complete His task, dying on the cross and paying the price for our sins. God knew what needed to be done for the good of mankind and so provided the comfort and strength needed by Jesus to accomplish it. God is good!

I write this for your consideration. Think about it. Think about prayers you have sent heavenward over the years. Are there any, "No, but..." where perhaps you received something just as good or better?

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