

Time for Truth!



Many ministries have been established over the years, but few have managed to show the honesty and sincerity, devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and love for the lost that TfT! does.

It is a ministry where the works of man, fair speeches and flattering titles of men are put to one side, and the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified.

Time for Truth! undeniably is an apt name! Not only does it signify this country's need for salvation, but also sums up the uncompromising spirit that this ministry has. Here, you will not find correction or alteration of the word of God (Authorized Version) but instead people who live by it and change according to it.

Just from reading the bi-monthly newsletters, the tracts and CDs produced and letters written to and from TfT! one can easily see that the Lord is the centre and heart of it all.

For as long as I have known John and Donna, which to date is over 9 years - since November 2000, they have always put the Lord in the pre-eminent position and had a burden to reach the lost souls of this world. I can honestly say that the Lord has blessed them immensely for it and they both have many more blessings to come.

To find a couple who love the Lord like John and Donna do, seek to do His will and offer up all on the alter for Him is nigh possible!

To find a ministry that does the same may be harder still!

It has been an absolute honour and a privilege to be part of this ministry and I hope it will long continue. I pray through this first volume of 'The Ministry Years,' that you too will be able to receive the same blessings, challenges and encouragement that TfT! has given me.

LaToya K. Harding (Toxy, Toy etc.)

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Introduction



Saved 4th May 1989, I had a great desire to reach the lost souls of this world.

Donna was saved in 1982 & since my SALVATION we have served the Lord together & been actively involved in outreach work.

How it all started!

- Due to various forms of evangelism, the increasing number of contacts we made & all the correspondence involved, we set up a PO BOX called **Time for Truth!** in 1997.
- Since then we have had thousands of letters in response to TfT! ministry it is growing every month!

Who we are & what we stand for!

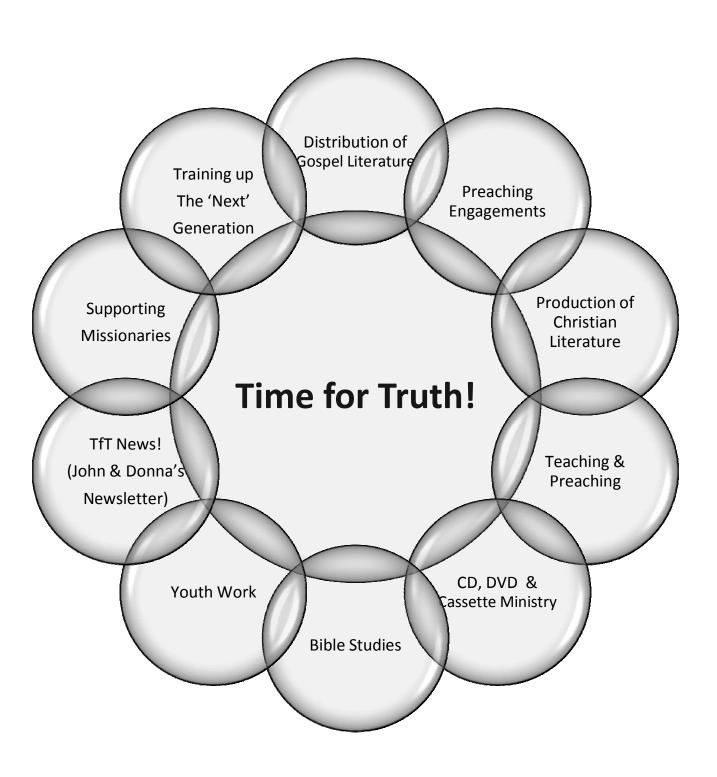
- ✓ We are BIBLE BELIEVING Christians that means we NEVER 'correct' or change the word of God WE BELIEVE IT!
- ✓ We believe the Authorized Version Bible is the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God! (Psalm 12v6+7) The AV is WITHOUT error! It is OUR FINAL AUTHORITY on ALL matters of FAITH & PRACTICE.
- ✓ Our stand is that ALL other modern Bible versions (PER-versions!) are inferior & have errors in them i.e. NIV, NKJV, GNB, RSV, NASV etc.
- ✓ We are committed to evangelism & produce Christian literature at cost price. We try to encourage others to take an active part in their own church.
- ✓ Through our newsletter TfT! News, we deal with important issues that are at the forefront of church life & also comment on things going on in this sin-sick world! (Are YOU on our mailing list?)
- ✓ The name 'Time for Truth!' indicates the need for the hour! (Donna came up with this appropriate name!)

What is our aim!

- > Our number one priority is to worship the Lord Jesus Christ & have a close walk & relationship with Him. We do this through prayer & the reading of His Holy word.
- To encourage all Christians to reach the lost souls of this world with the Gospel.
- > To read, study, live & teach the word of God.
- To make Christians aware of the problems with modern Bibles!
- > To turn the church back to the Authorized Version!
- To warn Christians of the *deception* that is creeping/filtering into the church!
- To equip Christians to combat error i.e. Calvinism, 'signs & wonders,' etc.
- To support Bible believing missionaries!
- To keep us all looking up for the Lord Jesus Christ's return; which is imminent!

ARE YOU READY?

Some of the facets of Time for Truth!



I have never loved anyone like I love the Lord Jesus Christ. He is everything to me. Anything in my life that is any good has come from the Lord. The Lord gave me the best wife I could ever have and gave us both a desire to serve Him. Right from the day I was saved (aged 18) I just wanted to get to know the Lord Jesus the best I could and really live for Him. I am so sorry for the times I have let Him down and I am so thankful for His mercy and forgiveness.

My desire now, aged thirty nine, has not changed, I want to love Him and know Him more than ever and serve Him with every ounce of strength I have. What is mine is really His; I lay it all down before Him asking Him to lead, guide, protect and bless my wife and I, and those that are also involved in the work we do.

I love You Lord Jesus, I really love You and want to please You! Help me be the best Christian I can be, standing upon Thy word as my Final Authority. Thank You Lord for dying for me! I am looking forward to the day when I shall see You face to face. I pray that all those I have met in my life so far, who know You *not* as their Lord and Saviour, please save them from their sins and from Hell. Help them to see the love that You and Your Father have shown them, God save them before it's too late. Save souls Lord, above all else, save souls. Thank You Lord for everything; thank You Lord for Donna, thank You Lord for giving us a work to do, I love You so much! Amen.

John

Dear Lord,

I really love You.

Thank You so much for saving me and for leading and guiding me through life so far. Thank You for all the blessings I have and enjoy daily. Thank You for Your word which comforts and instructs me. For the hope of the Rapture and spending eternity with You.

1 Peter 1v8 'Whom having not seen, ye love...'

Thank You for John and for bringing us together; for giving me the best husband in the world! You've given us a very special relationship and I am so grateful.

Thank You too for the ministry You have given us and especially these last ten years of serving You together; for all the opportunities we've had and the adventures we've been through. We've enjoyed every minute!

Please continue to go before us and be in the centre of all we do!

Please help us in every decision we make.

For Your glory,

Thy will be done.

Amen.

Time For Truth!

One day READER, you are going to stand before Jesus Christ and give an account of your life to Him, whether you believe it or not. Because of this, I suggest that you read this leaflet all the way through, it could save your life!

We live in a world that has no time or thought for God, and yet one day we will all stand before Him, and be judged. We live only for today, pleasing ourselves with what we do, with no thought whatsoever of where we will spend ETERNITY! We forget that SIN must be punished, and that is the reason why God sent His Son into this world...

So who is Jesus Christ and why did He come to earth?

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God! He left heaven, and the presence of His Father, to come to die in your place and my place! But Why? The Bible tells us that we are all sinners "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "There is none righteous, no, not one." David who was one of the greatest kings of all Israel said "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Sin has to be punished by a Holy God. Jesus came to save us from our sits, and from the punishment of God, because He loves us. He did this by taking our sins upon Himself, and allowing Himself to be crucified, bearing all the suffering, judgement and wrath of God His Father, in our place! The Bible says "...without the shedding of blood is no remission (pardon & forgiveness)." He shed His own blood so that we can have our sins forgiven! "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "For he hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Three day's after His crucifixion He arose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of His Father in Heaven!

This is how much Jesus Christ loves you, He died in vour place and took your punishment for your sins! "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all."

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Can you imagine what this day will be like? Nothing will be hid, every secret sin will be laid open before the Lord, not one sin will go unpunished!

The only way to escape the wrath and judgement of God, and to gain a place in heaven is by asking Jesus Christ to forgive your sins. It is by believing, in faith, that He became the perfect sacrifice for all sin. There is no other way of being saved and having your sins forgiven, religion can't save you, living a "good" life can't save you, IT IS ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST THAT CAN SAVE YOU! "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

WARNING...

Reader if you die without having your sins forgiven, you will go to Hell forever & ever! (FACT!)

I write this out of love, because, THIS IS THE TRUTH!

Please write to me, John Davis, with any questions or comments, at this address...

Time for Truth! PO BOX 1146 KIDDERMINSTER DY10 IWG

PLEASE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS! SOON, MAY BE TOO LATE!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," (John 3v16)





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- 2) The Blood
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- 6) Life
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- 9) Should a Christian Drink Alcohol?

Time to Think!

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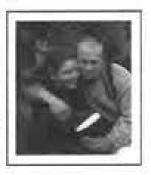
Summary of the last 10 years

John and Donna's Newsletter

Issue 1 March 2001

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4 v 12

Many of you have been asking for a newsletter from us for a while now, so here it is by popular demand. We hope to issue it bi-monthly, so if you would like to receive a copy on a regular basis, drop us a line! The English may not be up to much but hopefully you'll enjoy the content! I don't want this to be 'just mother newsletter', so many newsletters today are sent out by different folk and never get read! YOU WILL WANT TO READ OURS!!!



Well, let us start at the beginning so we can get acquainted... Donna and I have been married now for 7 years and have worked together 'full-time' for the Lord this last year. As most of you know the majority of our time is spent in the city of Chester working for the Chester City Mission (CCM), the remainder is spent around the West Midlands and Birmingham area. We mainly work with the poor and homeless, drug addicts and alcoholics, but we also work in schools and nursing homes and soon we shall be running a discussion group for high school and college students. We try to reach all ages!

Our whole ministry is based on reaching lost souls with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our 'Final Authority' is the Authorised Version of the Bible (as if you didn't know!) We believe that by honouring God's word we bring honour and glory to His name! We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege of serving Him together and for all the blessings we see.

Our typical week

Sun Arrive in Chester around 10.00 am.

Morning service starts at 10.45 am.

Evening service starts 6.30 pm.

We are both involved in Sunday services.

Donna - music, Myself - leading and speaking.

On many Sundays I am out speaking at other churches.

Mon 09.00 am Prayer meeting
10.30 am Preparation, distribution of
CCM invitations, office work
12.00 pm Christian Union at Queens
Park High School
2.00 pm Open air at the Cross in
Chester City
4.00 pm Visitation, homes, hospital,
even prisons on occasions, and taking out
tracts

Tue 09.00 am Preparation for Care Store
10.00 am Care Store staff meeting
11.00 am Care Store
3.00 pm Trips to Scope, tip, general
jobs around the CCM
4.00 pm Collection of clothes and other
donations
7.30 pm CCM Bible Study, often many lads
turn up. Afterwards we have coffee

Wed 09.00 am Preparation for homes etc.,
visitation, distribution of CCM invitations
10.30 am Service taken in Florence Grogan
nursing home once a month
2.00 pm Lightfoot Lodge, Wain House, every
other week
4.00 pm Music practice (I play the triangle and
sing solon)

7.00 pm Next menth we are starting up a discussion group with students 10.30 pm Leave to go back to Kidderminster

Thu Catch up on general jobs, paperwork, sending out orders, preparation, letter writing, following up answer phone messages etc.

Fri Donna sees her Nan and sister, study day for myself 7, 30 pm Hope Chapel Youth Club

Sat 10.30 am Christian Football Match (my foor!!)

Well, that's an average week, although this can clumge depending on situations and circumstances! Midnight to hed is an early night for us these days! We thank God for the strength He gives us to keep going!!! Often times at the CCM we get a number of the lads drop in for a coffee and a chat, we spend as much time as possible 'building bridges' with these needy folk. We have met some amazing characters as you can imagine!

The Team

At the CCM we work with another couple called Nic and Diana, who have now been with us for the last 8 months. They have fitted in well and we enjoy our working relationship together. The Lord has really blessed us as a team. Please keep praying for us.



You Asked The Question!

15,500 copies are now out there somewhere, all around the world. We have had a great response regarding this booklet and only this week received a letter from Ghana! We have just taken stock of the next 10,000 so get your orders in NOW!!! I am amazed by the amount of letters we have had back commending it and saying how much it has been of help.

Little Addition

I have an announcement to make! We have just had a little addition to our family after such a long wait. Donna and I are thrilled. He looks and acts just like me! Imagine that folks, another little Johnny Davis running around. Would anybody like to baby-sit? He has more hair than me at only 16 weeks old and just as many teeth! He is a lovely, brown eyed, bouncy little feller called Eddie. It's a Jack Russell puppy we have bought for dad!

Introductory Newsletter

Well, this is only the introductory newsletter, we shall tell you more about the work itself next time.

We would love to hear from you so please write or call us at either of the following addresses...

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Thanks To All

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your love, help and support over these years. We have built up some great friendships and learnt something from all of you. (even you Barney Baker, which is saying something!!!)

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a linr. Proverbs 30 v 5 & 6

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Psalm 12 v 6 & 7



John & Donna's Newsletter



Issue 2 May 2001

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For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (Gal I v 10).

Thanks for the encouragement!

Well, we have had great encouragement from many of you regarding our first newsletter Thank you for all your letters and cards etc. It is lovely to know that there are folks praying for us in the work we do. These last two months have flown by. Due to our busy schedule these days we don't see some of you as much as we would like (with the exception of my mother-in-law that is!) I said in our last newsletter that the next one would tell you more about the actual work we are involved in, so here goes......

Christian Union (Schools Work)

Every Monday we attend a Christian Union at one of the High Schools in Chester. We are able to share the Gospel and teach the Scriptures to the students and teachers who come. We have had some profitable times here. We are hoping to develop a student discussion group to be held every Wednesday evening at CCM for high school and college students. Please pray for this work, we are hoping to start it this month.

Nursing Homes

We are actively involved with a number of nursing homes around Chester. We take services every week in at least one of them. Lightfoot Lodge is the newest one we have taken on and probably the busiest. It is a respite home as well as a day centre for the elderly. The staff are lovely and show much care and interest to the residents. We hold a Gospel service every other week here and can have up to 35 folks attend, including some of the staff. We love to sit down and chat with the elderly listening to their stories. One of the highlights was when a poor and defenseless elderly lady picked on my colleague Nie and best him up! Nie is a real asset to the team!

Open Air Preaching

This is probably one of the hardest parts of the work we do. On Mondays, weather permitting, we preach at a place called "The Cross" in Chester between 1p.m. and 3p.m. Usually there is only Donna' Nic and myself. Nic plays guitar and we sing three or four hymns then Nic and I will preach. Often someone approaches us at the end and asks questions. We have had some great conversations on the streets. People have turned up at the church the following Sunday because they saw us preaching in the city. We also give out Christian literature and Bibles when requested. Recently we had a German Gospel Choir join us for the day. There were 30 of them and they helped out in the Care Store and also on the streets. Their music was excellent and it attracted a crowd. We preached the Gospel after they had sung a few songs. Many people stood and listened intently.

Care Store

The Care Store runs every Tuesday from 11a.m. until approximately 1.30p.m. and is held at the CCM. We usually get around 20 to 25 people turn up each week. We start off by having a coffee and a chat for 15 minutes and then we have our first Bible discussion which usually lasts between 45 minutes to an hour. After this we have something to eat and then distribute clothing and tins of food. The folks who come are from all walks of life. Each has their story to tell and some of them are incredible. Most who come are having a real hard time in life whether it is with drugs, alcohol or just being rejected by society. They so desperately need the Saviour and some have shown a great interest in the things of God. Although this work has many discouragements it also has some great encouragements. From it we have seen many get their life back together and they have kept in touch with us. The CCM is really a stepping stone. Most folks come to us initially because they have hit rock bottom. We are able to provide food, clothing. love and care and most importantly we show them the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great way of meeting people and building friendships. One man I would like to tell you about is David. I first met him when he came out of prison and turned up with two other friends at the Care Store. He professed to be a Roman Catholic. Well, he challenged many things I was speaking on and said that his church taught differently. The only thing you can do in situations like this is take them back to what the word of God says. After many weeks of questions and answers, David finally started to see the light and was attending most of the CCM meetings. He showed great interest in the Lord. Not long afterwards he was caught again by the police for another crime similar to the one he had just been inside for. Back to prison he went. We were disappointed due to the changes we were seeing in him. Donna and I went to visit him along with others also. He was set up with a Bible correspondence course from within the prison. We kept in touch by writing and visiting. Not long after this David became a Christian. He now attends most of the CCM meetings and has shown a considerable growth in the Lord. It is amazing? We really do thank the Lord for this encouragement.

You Asked The Question



We have received more letters regarding this booklet. A man from Birmingham has written to me saying that he enjoyed it and could be have some more information about the Lord Jesus Christ. Another must hav send it and requested more copies for his friends. He stated that it areserved his questions. A friend of mine gave a copy to a kedy while preaching on the streets in the West Midlands. He phoned me to tell me that the lady had returned the following week and found him again saying that she had read it and realised that she either had to get saved or be lost forever. She accepted Christ and is now on the first steps of the Christian walk. Please pray for her. I cannot thank the Lord enough for these encouragements. I met a lady after I had preached in her church last month who told me that "You Asked The Operation!' had answered some of her questions and was written without all the 'waffle' you so often get, italie note Barney/)

A man from London has now written to me six times requesting more information regarding the Lord and the Scriptures. He has become a Christian and now wants to help Muslims find Christ. Our contact was made due to him buying a copy of "You Asked The Question!" in a bookstore. To order copies of this booklet, please write for an order form at the address on this newsletter.

Letter Writing

ministry even though it can be time consuming. It is great to hear from folks who have been touched by the message of the memories! Please keep the letters coming. We try to respond to every letter we receive, sometimes there may be a delay due to workload, but we try to write back.

Hope Chapel Youth Group

Every week when we return home from Chester there are Three Fridays out of four we take the Hope Chapel Youth Group always a few letters waiting for us. I love this part of the in Birmingham. We have seen a steady increase in numbers which has been a blessing. The youngsters seem to be taking much in with Gospel and who want more details or who have a load of reference to the Scriptures. We start off with an hours games and questions they want to ask. There is a lovely lady who has just messing around and then have an hours Bible discussion which started writing to us because she has recently become a really goes down well. Many of the young folk ask relevant Christian. She now wants some answers to the questions she questions and are really searching as to the meaning of life. This is is getting asked. It reminds me of when I first got saved, great a great work and we really enjoy it. The eleven years I did Judo

Bible Distribution

We are always in need of AV Bibles to give out! The Lord has provided us with a few people who send us second hand Bibles and one supplier who provides new Bibles. Both of these sources are a great blessing to us. We are then able to pass these on to anyone who requests a Bible. We must have given out well over 50 this year to people who have turned up at our meetings. If you would like to donate any A V Bibles please phone Donna or post them to our address on this newsletter.

Action weeks

We are holding the CCM 'Training & Action Wooks' the last two weeks in June. This will include seminars on the following... evangelism, sin & salvation, the Gospel judgment, hell & heaven, love, cults & false religions, teaching & preaching, worship, the Trinity, the Blood etc. There will also be question and answer sessions.

The Action Weeks will also include working in the Care Store.

Nursing Homes, School Christian Union, Open Air Work, Church Service Involvement, Discussion Groups, Visitations, Tracting, Distribution of Food and Clothing etc. If you would like two weeks in this kind of work (full bed & board on the premises) please contact me for an enrolment form. Total cost is £175. There are only 15 places available! It will be a great two weeks, plenty of hard work and plenty of laughs also, guaranteed!

Battle for the AV!

Yet again I am amazed by the amount of situations which arise over the 'version' issue! My stand is simply this....... God wrote the Bible PERFECT! He promised to preserve it! (Ps 12 v 6 + 7) Every word of it! (Prov 30 v 5 + 6) I BELIEVE HIM! I have never understood these Christians who always go around trying to find errors and mistakes in the Bible, instead of this why don't they do something worthwhile like REACH THE LOST SOULS OF THIS WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL! So if you are looking for a fight, as John Wayne put it, I'll accommodate you! But know this it will be an unfair fight. What chance has your NIV, GNB, NASB, NKJV, RSV etc. 'pen knife' got against the TWO EDGED SWORD of the AV? My FINAL AUTHORITY is the Authorised Version! What's yours? If you are an AV critic ponder upon this for awhile... 'If GOD wrote the Bible (2 Pet 1 v 21) and YOU correct it, what does that make YOU? If you would like details about the 'version' issue please write to me.

Little Eddie



Come on be honest, who thought Donna was having a baby? Well little Eddie has fitted in great Dad loves him. In fact it has brought a new lease of life to him! He is so cute and seems quite intelligent, he reminds me of me!

Car Crash!

Well Donns reversed into a block of flats last month (she nearly knocked them over!) and just to outdo her I've had a head on collision. We are all OK and the head on collision was only at slow speed!

The insurance company love us! Concerning the amount of miles we do each year we are very thankful to the Lord for His protection! Thank you to those who pray for this.

Preaching Engagements

I have a number of speaking engagements coming up in the near future so please keep praying the Lord will bless these times. If you would like us to speak at your church mentioning about the work we are involved with, please call Donna.

TIME

Read Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 - 8

On average, according to Psalm 90 v 10, the days of our years on earth are seventy!

The scriptures compare our days on earth to ...

1)	Weavers shuttle	(Job 7 v 6)
2)	Wind	(Job 7 v 7)
33	Cloud	(Job 7 v 9)
41	Vapour	(James 4 v 14)
4)	Shadow	(1 Chron 29 v 15)
6)	Handbreadth	(Ps 39 v 5)
71	Shepherds tent	(Isa 38 v 12)
7)	Grass	(Ps 103 v 15)
	Dew	(Hos 13 v 3)
	Chaff	(Hos 13 v 3)
	Smoke	(Hos 13 v 3)
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If an average life is 70 years that works out at only...

25,550 days 613,200 hours

An average day (24hrs) is spent...

Sleep	9 hrs
Work	8 hrs
Recreation	3 hrs
Eat	2 hrs
Travel	1 hr
Personal	1 hr
Total	24 hrs

Therefore in our lifetime of 70 years it works out at the following....

	HOURS	DAYS	YEARS
Sleep Work Recreation Eat Travel Personal	229,950 204,400 76,650 51,100 25,550 25,550	9581 8516 3194 2129 1065	26 23 9 6 3 3
Total	613,200	25,550	70

Wedding lasts a day!

Funeral lasts an hour

Then there's ETERNITY!

Are you ready for etermity?

How much time do you give to the Lord? God's time? (prayer & Bible study)

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb 9 v 27) Just a thought!

Tape Ministry

If anyone out there would like some good sound Bible preaching on tape (FREE OF CHARGE) please call my friend Colin Tyler on 0121 786 1569 who will be only too happy to put you on the mailing list (catalogue available on request). I would highly recommend this ministry! (NOT for the squeamish!) (Heb 5 v 13).

If you never received our first newsletter please let us know and we will post you a copy. If you know of anyone else who would be interested in receiving our newsletter let us know. Thank you so much to you all for your love and support, we really mean it folks:

The Lord bless you all.

John & Donna

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. (Prov 8 v 13).



John & Donna's Newsletter

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I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Gal 2v20)

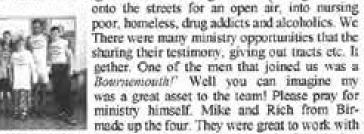
Time's Flying!

We can't believe that we are into August already! I have never known time go so quickly. Again we cannot thank you all enough for your letters and cards of encouragement. It is lovely coming home to these each week.

Chester City Mission Training and Action Weeks (CCM Action Weeks)

What a great two weeks this proved to be! Although we were initially disappointed that three folks dropped out at the last minute we were so encouraged by the four that the Lord sent to us. I think I can safely say that they went away 'different' as to when they came. We held various seminars every day which included subjects such as Final Authority. Hell, Evangelism and Soul Winning, Creation v Evolution, Rightly Dividing the Word, Dealing with Cults and False Religions, Worship, Judgment, Prophecy, Question and Answer sessions etc. During the question and answer sessions many issues were raised. It was good to be open and honest with one another. It was a great time of learning and then putting what we

had learnt into practice. We took the team homes and schools and worked among the all learnt much from these experiences, team could try, such as preaching and was also a great time of fellowship to"Morris dancing mushroom grower from thoughts when he first told me that! Karl Karl who is looking to enter into the mingham and Margaret from North Wales



and we miss them all. We shall be developing another deeper course later on for those who have been on the first 'Action Weeks'. If they done come optimil!

Weeks'. If they dare come again!!!

We are running our second 'Training and Action Weeks' in October. We have already had five people who are interested in coming. If you would like to come or know of someone who would be interested, please write to us for an enrolment

also appeared in the August edition of the newspaper 'Evangelism'.

Care Store

form. You will remember these two weeks for the rest of your life. I guarantee you! A write up of the Action Weeks has

The Lord continues to bless the Bible study that is held among the poor, homeless and addicts in the Care Store. We have seen lives changed and souls saved through this work. We meet folk from all walks of life. I met a man recently who was a backslider and had 'given up on it all', he told me. When I asked why He said that, he found the Christian walk too hard. We sat for about 20 minutes discussing many issues. I believe we will see him again. Many of the 'lads' have taken leave of Chester and gone down to the coast due to the weather. This usually happens around this time of year. Please keep praying for the work of the Care Store. It has also been a great work to introduce people into other church services. We now get some of the men coming to the Tuesday evening Bible studies, sometimes 10 at each meeting, and Sunday services. Two men from the Care Store have recently started coming to all the meetings and have shown a considerable growth in the Lord and His word. One is a reformed drug addict who has now been clean for 17 months.

Nursing Homes

There are three main respite and nursing homes where we take services. Each one has a different atmosphere but all have the same need, souls on the brink of eternity who need to hear the Gospel. Please pray that the word of God through the Spirit will penetrate these needy hearts and souls. Our dear friend Mrs Green has recently passed into eternity and she is now with the Saviour she loved.

Letter Writing

Due to the Action Weeks we came back to two and a half weeks post. Therefore we had a lot of letters to catch up on. Like I have said before I really enjoy this part of the ministry. We are in touch with people from all over the country and some from around the world! It has been great getting to know these folks.

Hope Chapel Youth Group

This work goes from strength to strength. The youth are remembering a lot regarding the Scriptures. On the 7th July we went with Hope Chapel to a park in Warwick for their Sunday School outing. It proved to be a lovely day. I must have played football with the youngsters for at least 3 hours! It was a good time of building bridges both with parents, youngsters and our youth.



You Asked The Question!

We returned home to find another letter from Africa waiting for us. This is the 5th or 6th one we have had from this country. The man was requesting more copies of the booklet plus other Christian literature. It amazes me where these booklets land up, please keep passing them on. We also received another encouraging letter from a lady in Essex who is now using them! My colleague's wife Diana has been witnessing to her neighbour who is really struggling in life at present. Diana gave this lady a copy of 'You Asked The Question!' The following day the lady thanked her and said that the booklet had brought her comfort. When Diana explained who it was who had written it the lady said she would like to meet up sometime. Pray that Donna and I will have an opportunity to meet her very soon. I thank God so much for blessing this booklet and for all the responses we have had.

Bible Distribution

Thank you to those who have posted us AV Bibles. We have given out a number over the last couple of months to those who are seeking or have found the Lord. Bible distribution is a vital part of the work we do. A lovely couple from Ireland who do a tremendous work for the Lord phoned us and said they would like to donate 36 bmnd new AV Bibles which we have recently received. I would also like to thank a friend from Merseyside for supplying me with 15 leather-bound Bibles. Twelve have been distributed already. It is amazing how the Lord has met all our needs! Please keep them coming!

Hospital Visit

Recently we took our friend Victoria to see her mother in hospital. While we were in the reception I overheard a man talking with an elderly lady, saying that he had lost someone very close to him and his world was falling apart. He then went on to say, 'Where is God in all this?' Donna had a spare New Testament on her, so I took it and went to speak to him. I said to him that sometimes it is hard to understand why certain things happen but I believe he would find comfort in the Scriptures. I was able to talk with him for a few moments before he left. He put his hand on my shoulder and thanked me very much promising that he would read the New Testament we had given him. What a great opportunity this was!



Open Air Preaching

Usually we go out each Monday but due to the schedule of the Action Weeks we moved it to Thursday. It makes a tremendous difference when there is a team of 8 - 10 on the streets rather than the normal three. It was a great time of preaching, giving out tracts and having good conversations with those whom we met. One man I chatted to was a very wealthy businessman who was in his 50's. He had obviously made a success out of his career but said that he was still looking for the answer to it all. I was able to sit with him for ten minutes sharing the Gospel. The word of God definitely spoke to him and towards the end of our conversation he was in tears. We also had a good conversation with about 8 students who called themselves

atheists. What a sad condition our youngsters are in these days. Well, we were able to answer every question they threw at us. They started to really open up and in the end took some Christian literature away with them. We have also invited them to our 'Student Discussion Group' that will be held every Wednesday night. We are in the process of delivering flyers all over Chester to High Schools and Colleges. Please pray for this work.

A Sad Note

Some of you may receive the Birmingham City Mission (BCM) Newsletter, Although I wasn't joined in any way to the BCM they did at one stage ask me to take on the Bible study on Thursday evenings. We took the Bible Study for 16 months and then passed it over to a friend of ours when we moved to Chester. If you do get the BCM newsletter you would have read about the sad account, on the front page of a man named Bob. I first met Bob when a group of us from the BCM took some of the needy folk (the poor, homeless and addicts) away on holiday to Wales. I spent a week with Bob. He was very antagonistic at first and had no time for the Lord or the Bible. Due to his past as a leader of a large Trade Union he was very good at debates and arguments. Well we had some real 'corkers'. Folks, I know I keep pressing this issue home but it is so important, when you take a stand upon the perfect and preserved word of God as your FINAL AUTHORITY you can stand against anyone! Bob met his match! The two edged sword of the word of God cut deep and hard! Because of this he started to open

up and ask questions. To my amazement towards the end of the week he was asking how to get saved! What a change I had seen in this man. He had lost everything in life he told me, he was bitter against everything and everyone, but now the word of God was showing him a 'better way!' I spent hours with Bob and prayed with him on a number of occasions. It was a privilege to get to know him. When we arrived back he then proceeded to come to our Bible studies and even got a job in the warehouse at the BCM. How sad it was to read the news that Bob had died. There are indeed many like Bob all over the world crying out for love and friendship. Do you know any? If so try to reach them with the Gospel as soon as you can before it's too late.

Just recently a man named David from the Care Store has also died. This time it was because of an overdose of heroin. He was in his late twenties! What an awful world we live in folks!

It presses home to me yet again the urgency of sharing the Gospel with as many people as we can. A Note of Encouragement...

We all feel like giving up at times! The road is too hard, we feel as if we are the only ones who are really struggling and lawing problems, friends fail us, the church doesn't understand and people see us as too extreme! If there is one thing I've learnt over the years in Christian work it is this...

NEVER GIVE UP!

I pulled out this illustration in a book that I thought was a great encouragement....

The Life of Abraham Lincoln

'I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so.'

Abraham Lincoln's life is the best example of his own words. Consider the chronology of his career....

1) 1831 - Failed in business

8) 1840 - Defeated for elector

2) 1832 - Defeated for legislature

9) 1843 - Defeated for Congress

3) 1833 - Again failed in business

10) 1846 - Elected to Congress

4) 1834 - Elected for legislature

11) 1848 - Defented for Congress

5) 1835 - Sweetheart died

12) 1855 - Defeated for Senate

6) 1836 - Had nervous breakdown

13) 1856 - Defeated for Vice-President

7) 1838 - Defeated for speaker

14) 1858 - Defeated for Senate

15) 1860 - ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

NEVER GIVE UP!

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for asmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Cor 15v58)

You may be having a real tough time at present, be encouraged, the Lord sees and understands everything you are going through. Keep close to Him daily, pour your heart out to Him in prayer and DON'T stop reading the word of God!

I know that some of you are really struggling at the moment. I wish we lived closer to each other so that we could visit and encourage one another. Some of you have phoned and written in regard to your situation, whether it is problems in the church or outside, folks NEVER GIVE UP! Get as close to the Lord as possible, if we rely on each other we will get disappointed but the Lord Jesus never lets us down and He is the one who can really help us in our times of need!

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ lesus. (Phil 3v13+14)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Mat 11v28-30)

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (1Pet 5v7)

Little Eddie

What a little cracker he has turned out to be! He has brought Dad and us a lot of fun and laughter. He is a right little character, boundless energy and always up to mischief! Just like me! (I beat you all to !!!)

Tapes available

They are free of charge to those who are interested! The three titles are:

1. Hell 2. The Blood of Jesus Christ 3. The Judgment

Please write and request which ones you would like. There will be more to follow on different subjects, in the next newsletter.

Christian Union

We are amazed at how much the students here are taking in concerning the word of God. We have seen much encouragement from their responses to questions asked.

Urgent Update as from 15th August ...

We are very sad to announce that we have resigned from working for the Chester City Mission. This was a huge decision to make.

Over the last couple of mouths I have 'clashed' with the committee on a number of occasions regarding different issues. I feel that they are hindering the work very much especially one certain person. I have taken the committee to 'task' so to speak, and have advised them of the problems they are causing. The majority of the church has stood with me but the committee have refused to listen and change. I believe they would rather hold on to their 'positions' than see the work of the Lord grow. We are deeply saddened and frustrated by it all. My colleague is also about to resign within the next two weeks.

Some of the work has already ceased since we left. Once Nic has resigned much of the work will stop. The job itself is hard enough on its own, let alone fighting with other Christians while working. How sad it is that people in leadership allow the little power they have to go to their heads. Pride is a 'killer' folks among Christians today, let us all beware! Donna and I are now praying for our future. We are not sure what we are going to do. We are just trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ that He will guide us into our next work. Please pray for us, it's a challenging time at present. Thank you to all those who have supported us through this difficult time!

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
(Prov 29v2)

Something New!

We are in the process of producing a tract called "Who Cares?" If you would be interested in purchasing some please write and let us know. We will obviously keep costs to a minimum. They will be in bundles of 100.

Booklet Bargain!

Due to us moving from Chester back to Kidderminster we have limited space at home to store our stock of 'You Asked The Question' booklets, therefore we are offering a 'special' deal ONLY on complete boxes.

I BOX (i.e. contains 225 booklets) Normal price - 69p each or £155.25 per box

Special Offer - 51p each or £114.75 per box!

A saving of £40.50 per box!

(Postage is at cost)

We have a limited number of boxes therefore first come first served!

Again I would like to thank every one of you for your fellowship, prayers, love and support. We couldn't do this work without you! We love you all. Don't forget to write soon!

John and Donna.

PS. Sunday speaking engagements coming up.....

26th Aug. a.m. Bethany Evangelical Church and p.m. Straights Church. 2nd Sept. p.m. Helier Street.



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Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do,
forgetting those things which are behind,
and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

(Phil 3v13+14)

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

(1 Sam 30v6)

It's as if when one newsletter is completed the next one begins, time goes so quickly! Thanks again for all your love and support, and for all the letters and cards we receive every week. Christian friendship is truly a blessing from the Lord (James 1v17). We are so encouraged by those of you who have taken the time to write to us expressing your prayerful support.

Now Donna and I are living back in Kidderminster we have been able to visit some of our friends more frequently and catch up on local news. It has also been nice to walk round town again rather than rush from place to place. They (Europe, I'm told!) are spending something in the region of £60 million just in the centre of Kidderminster at present. You can imagine the changes taking place, nothing seems to stay the same in life, except God that is! 'For I am the LORD, I change not...' (Mal 3v6)

Encouragement - NEVER GIVE UP! (Remember?)

The above verse says that David encouraged himself in the Lord. There are times when we all must do this. There seems to be very little 'encouragement' around these days so we must keep looking to the Lord Jesus Christ for strength to press on. When the pressures of life mount up and we feel so burdened at times, let us learn to encourage ourselves IN THE LORD! We are told in the Bible that the semptares bring comfort and hope to us. If only we all would saturate ourselves in the word of Godl If you have never done it, why not try and read the Bible in a year, starting TODAY? You'll be amazed at what you'll learn and how much good it will do you. So many Christians neglect the word of God and therefore they never find the comfort and hope they need.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Roxt 15v4) Tips On Evangelism! - Keep sowing the word!

1) If you have a newsagent's near you where you can advertise in their window, why not write a Gospel text and place it with all the other adds for all to see? Who knows who will read it while they are looking for some 'furniture' etc.? This can cost as little as 25p per week! Think how many souls you can reach by doing this! We have just placed 4 texts in Dillons Newsagents. Last time we did this we had a man write in response to seeing our text. It was amazing!

2) We all get junk mail with reply FREEPOST envelopes. Why not place a few different tracts in them and post them back to the company? Be assured you don't write your name on the enve-

3) Why not choose three phone boxes and place a tract in them every day before going home from work/school/college etc.?

This Present Evil World! (Gal 1v4)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2 Tim 3v1)
Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth righ. (James 5v8)

September 11th 2001 - An awful day to remember!

It was unbelievable to watch the suicide bombers with a plane full of people deliberately fly into the World Trade Centre in New York, killing thousands of people. The sights were hornfiel I ve never seen such devastation in my lifetime. Let us continue to pray for those families who have been affected by this terrible disaster. This world is rapidly coming to its end and racing towards the final judgment of God. If there ever was a time to cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness of sin it's now!

It made me think back to the tower of Babel when mankind tried to build a kingdom without God! This generation is no different! We are tiving in a world that has no fear of God. The World Trade Centre, one of the tallest buildings in the world, was reduced to rubble in minutes. Mankind thinks that security is found in money, buildings, governments, the military etc., yet they are without God and therefore without hope. On the morning of the 11th September, when those people went to work, it was just a normal day for them, then at 8.56a.m. the first plane hit tower one with a 'million' tonnes of force! Thousands perished and slipped into eternity in seconds.

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Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4v14)

I wonder where those folks are now? And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Heb 9v27)

To think that every one of us shall stand before the Lord Jesus Christ one day is a terrifying thought if we are honest. Are YOU ready for that day? Am I? It could be TODAY! What about our friends and colleagues, do they know the Lord as their Savjour?



You Asked The Question! Booklet

We have received another 2 letters from Africa requesting more copies of 'You Asked The Question!" plus Bibles. We have also started to post a copy of the booklet through every letterbox in our street. I would encourage all of you to at least post a tract to everybody in your street before it's too late! If you want to post our booklets through but can't afford to buy so many, please write and I will help you out the best I can. Keep sowing the word of God everywhere you can! Thank you to those who took advantage of our You Asked The Question 'Booklet Bargain!' We are holding the special offer for this newsletter only. If you would like to purchase a box of 225 evangelical booklets to be used in church or personal evangelism please call or write us.

> Normal Price per box is £155.25 or 69p each £114.75 or 51p each Special Offer (Postage is at cost)

Knowing God's Will

One question I'm often asked by Christians today is 'How can I know God's will for my life?' Personally I find this a tough question to answer, especially at present, as we are seeking the Lord for our next step, but here are a few pointers that may help... (The first four should be obvious!)

1) Get SAVED if you're not saved already! - The Lord died for ALL and doesn't want anyone to perish in Hell, no matter

what the Calvinist may tell you! 2 Pet 3v9 + John 3v16.

Live a holy life for the Lord Jesus Christ in everything you do - Col 3v17 + 1 Pet 1v15.
 Witness and try to win souls everywhere you can - 1 Pet 3v15 + Prov 11v30.

 Don't try to be somebody you're not - Rom 12v1-3.
 If you are looking to enter 'full-time' into ministry, it is advisable to get a job out there in the 'big wide world' first. so you obtain experience, knowledge and wisdom regarding how to deal with people and situations. Elisha was found ploughing! - 1 Kings 19v19. (Callege graduates with NO experience know very little about dealing with life's problems because they have never really been out there in the world. I would advise everyone considering 'the ministry' to get some experience in the 'workplace' first!)

6) If you are moving from one place or venture to another, ask yourself 'Why are you going?' Are you running away? Be

honest! So many Christians run away when hard times come.

7) If in doubt, don't! (This is not always right but it can be a help at times.)

8) Are you being blessed where you are already? If so why are you leaving? 9) Are you in total surrender to the Lord or are you hiding some sin? - 2 Tim 2v19 + Ps 56v18. Have you any secret sins you know you should get rid of? If so confess them to God NOW and ask Him to forgive you and take the sinful desire away forever.

10) Are you really available and willing to go and do whatever the Lord wants? - Isa 6v8 (So many Christians say 'Yes.

11) Keep reading the Scriptures and praying as often as possible, asking the Lord to lead and guide you in every decision you make - Prov 3v5-7.

12) Be honest in EVERYTHING! 1 Car 5v8 + Heb 13v18 + 1 Tim 2v2 + 2 Car 8v21.

If you can think of any other help and advice as to knowing God's will, please let me know and I shall by to include it in the next newdetter.)

Now as you know it is easy to write down or speak out what we should be doing but it is hard to live it out at times. Even though the pathway can be very difficult, try to adhere to the above principles and continue to ask the Lord for guidance and discernment in every decision you make. He looks on our heart and knows our motives: remember that!

Looking for work

Donna has just started work for Littlewoods, 20 hours a week, and is enjoying it. The manageress of the branch is a Christian! I have applied for a number of different jobs and am waiting to hear back from them. We would love to stay 'full-time' in Christian work but realise we must start paying bills again. Therefore we shall start off with secular jobs to help finance the Lord's work and see what happens. We leave it with Him, trusting we shall make the right decisions. I'm not looking forward to going back to sales but if I must I must! I am also looking at a couple of van driving jobs. Looking for work can be a daunting task at times, please pray that we shall continually walk in the will of God. 'Thy will be done.'

Tape Ministry

We would like to make other tapes available to you FREE OF CHARGE as the Lord leads. The tapes available now are as follows...

- 1) Final Authority
- Soul Winning, Witnessing and Evangelism
- 3) Hell
- 4) The Day of Judgment! (Great White Throne and Judgment Seat of Christ)
- 5) The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (It's in Heaven folks!)

Chester City Mission (CCM)

It seems a long time ago since we were working for the CCM. We still can't believe what happened there. Although it was a sad end to such a great work, we really did have an enjoyable 18 months of blessing. I have no regrets going and I still believe that we were in the will of God at Chester for that period of time.

My colleague Nic after resigning from the CCM has now started as a schools-worker in Cumbria. We pray that the Lord will bless him and his family. They were great to work with and we miss them a lot. It is an anxious time starting new work. Please pray for Nic and Diana. Nic was one of the best blokes I ever worked with. (Please don't tell him otherwise his head will enlarge to the size of his nose, and that my friend is huge!)

Most of the people have now left the CCM sadly to say. We met up with 20 of them with regard to setting up a church in Chester. Donna and I are considering returning to Chester once a month to take a morning and evening service with the folks who have left the CCM. Whether this develops into something more we just leave with the Lord. We made some levely friendships up there and it will be good seeing them all again.

Prison Work

We have written off to a number of different people and organisations enquiring about getting involved in prison work. We have had a number of responses back but all so far seem so ecumenical and multi-faith that we just couldn't work with them. I shall now contact a couple of individual prisons directly. It's as if the Roman Catholics have really got this 'ministry' sown up! If you have any other ideas or advice on how to get involved in prison work I would like to hear from you.

Our Friend Victoria...

When I was preaching at a church in the West Midlands a young lady came up to me after the service for a chat. Donna and I talked to her for about 20 minutes or so. She had just turned 30 years of age and had come through a lot, and I mean A LOTI Victoria opened up a bit about her past but more importantly how she had just got saved. This young lady has been through more than most, she had really lived IN the world but now she is living for the Lord Jesus Christ. What an amazing testimony Victoria has! Donna and I have visited Victoria a couple of times and she is really doing well. Although most of her friends are not Christians she is taking a stand for her faith. Victoria will be getting married shortly and after that she will be getting baptised. Please pray for her and her husband to be and their children.

Victoria has been a great blessing and encouragement to us. She is now an avid AV reader, which is tough because her

Hope Chapel Youth Group

We had a good turnout for the first youth group back after the summer break. Our first study was on 'Regeneration!' These 'youngsters' (average age is around 15) are 'drinking in' the word of God! The studies last about 40 minutes. We have an hour's games and activities before the Bible study. For the next few weeks we shall be looking at the 'Rapture!'

church isn't, sadly to say. She often phones us asking questions regarding the Scriptures. If you have any books or booklets that you think would be helpful for Victoria as a young Christian, please post them to me and I will pass them on to her. I am sure she will be most grateful for all the help we can give her.

I want our newsletters to be encouraging as well as challenging to all of you, therefore we shall be including testimonies on a regular basis. If you have any encouraging news, testimonies or prayer requests please let us know so we can include some in each newsletter. We may not be able to use all of them due to limited space but we shall do our best. If you know of others who you think would be interested in receiving our newsletters please send us their address so we can include them on our mailing list.

Bible Distribution

We have received another shipment of about 15 second hand Bibles to give away. Many shall be distributed to those who have been contacted through 'open-airs' and have shown an interest in the Saviour. We were also able recently to pass on 50 Bibles to a friend of ours who is actively involved in open-air evangelism and distributes Bibles himself.



Little Eddie!

Eddie is coming up to his first birthday! We have all had a great year with the little feller. He has brought a lot of joy to the Davis household. What is more, he has taken on our tradition of a love for 'baked-beans!' We are thinking about getting him a little brother to play with soon but we're not sure.

Christian Football

Is there such a thing? What a start to the season, we have won some games! We are without our top striker, Barney Baker this year, who is suffering from an 'unbalanced head!' (It isn't just his doctrine!) On a serious note please pray for Dave who is having a rough time at present with regard to his health. We are hoping he will be back with us as soon as possible. His famous quote is 'Can he do that ref?' He has brought a new dimension to the game of football!

Wanted - Can You Help?

If anyone out there can help with the following we would really appreciate it.

- 1) A fast copier for taping audio-cassettes If you know of anyone or any church that has a spare or old copier they don't use, we could really do with it. At present we are using just a normal tape-to-tape deck on a stereo unit, we fear we could burn it out due to the number of tapes we are copying. We would like to increase the number of tapes and make them widely available to anyone free of charge.
- 2) Have you read any good tracts lately? If so we would love to see a copy. They must of course be AVI
- 3) There seems to be a dearth of good literature to give to new converts or those who have recently become Christians. If you have any samples we could have that would be great.
- 4) Booklets of encouragement Could you recommend any to give to those who are struggling at present? Again if you can send any samples it would be much appreciated.
- 5) Any good sound AV literature on leadership in the church, i.e. elders, deacons, the woman's role etc. I am looking at the Pastoral Epistles at present and may be able to make these sermons available on cassette. Many thanks.

A Few Things To 'Ponder' Over!

- 1) If the original manuscripts of the word of God no longer exist. where is the perfect preserved word of God today? Read Psalm 12 v's 6 and 7 in the Authorised version!
- 2) According to the New International Version (NIV), who killed Goliath? Read 2 Sam 21v19. (Compare it to the AVI)
- 3) When was the last time I spoke to someone about the Lord
- 4) When was the last time I took, or at least invited someone new to church?

Friendship

An English publication offered a prize for the best definition of 'a friend.' Among the thousands of entries received were the following ...

- One who multiplies joys, divides grief
- 2) One who understands our silence
- 3) A watch which beats true for all time and never nins down

The winner was this one...

A Friend - The one who comes in when the whole world has gone out!

Answer Phone

We are now using BT Answer 1571 (BT's free answering service). If you leave a message we will contact you as soon as possible. I know some of you don't like the things, but there is nothing to be scared off

New Tracts

We are still awaiting costs etc. from our printers. As soon as we know concrete prices and delivery time we will let you know. A friend of mine has also produced a very good tract on Genesis, this too is at the printers. We hope to bring you them both by Christmas. Watch this spacel

Thank you again to all those who have been such a help and support to Donna and myself over these last few months. We really are blessed to have such friends. We obviously can't thank you all individually in our newsletter, but be assured, you have been such an encouragement to us. Thank you Lerd!

We love you all very much. Let us continue to pray for each other. Keep looking up and pressing on, not long left!

Christian love

John & Donna

Don't forget to write soon!

Special thanks go to Elaine Robinson who designs and prints this providence by its absays good value and very professionally put together-Elayse time a small Dasktop Publishing company. If you would like to have any work produced by her then please cell 01487-831888. I highly recommend Elaine to you.



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Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (Prov 3v5-7)

Although the year 2000 has been a fairly tough one for Donna and I, we really do thank the Lord Jesus Christ for leading us and guiding us through it. His love and support is truly amazing, we cannot thank Him enough. There is NOTHING better than being a Christian and knowing the love of God in your life!

We would also like to thank every one of you out there who pray for Donna and I. We cannot tell you what a great encouragement you have been to us; we really mean it. Even though the pathway was rough, many of you have written letters and sent cards 'spurring' us on. You have been a wonderful support to us. thank you 50 MUCH!

Well another year has gone. Looking back I wonder whether it's been a good one for you. Have you lived this last year FOR. THE LORD? HAVE I? May the Lord Jesus Christ help us all to know and love Him better and deeper day by day! For us, looking back over the year brings much joy and gladness and as always some sorrow, but overall we have enjoyed it. Now we are about to enter the year 2002! How quickly time goes! The Lord's 'return' is imminent! "For the Lord himself

shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ. shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thes 4v16-18) Are you really looking for the return of Jesus Christ? Honestly? Would you be happy to go TODAY? What a day that's going to bel-Can you imagine standing face to face with The Lord Jesus Christ? (Read 1 Thes 5v1-11)

'You Asked The Question!' - Booklet!

Salvation through a 'split box!' A great 'story' - A bookshop ordered 500 of our booklets



during September. We posted them out on September 25th via Parcelforce and up until now they still haven't arrived! The bookshop chased me up and I in turn chased Parcelforce. In the end the driver who delivers to the bookshop said that he had seen a box, which had been split

open, and a lot of booklets spread out all over! He described the booklet and said that he had taken one and read it! He said something along the lines that it was straight to the point and very serious! The Christian bookshop owner asked the driver if he had ever asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive his sin and come into his life? He replied no, and with that, the bookshop owner gave him the Gospel and led him to the Lord there and then! What a great testimony this turned out to be! Someone had become a Christian helped by a split box of booklets? Needless to say they never were delivered but we do thank God for the result! (We will either send out another 2 boxes via a different carrier or drive them down ourselves! Parcelforce are a nightmarel).

Letter from a Muslim

In light of what happened on September 11th it was very encouraging to receive a letter from a Muslim who had received a copy of "You Asked The Question!" He wrote "Although I am originally a Muslim I am very interested in Christianity. As a result of this recently I have been studying Christianity. It wasn't until your book (You Asked The Question!) that I found some light." He went on to write two sides of A4 paper asking me to answer some of the questions he had. He seemed very sincere and honest and finished his letter by writing "Dear John Davis, I would like you to answer my three questions with reference to the Bible. Lastly I ask forgiveness for any shortcomings." His questions were with regard to the Trinity. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself and the Atonement. I sent him the answers to his questions along with a couple of tapes and an AV Bible. What a blessing this was!

My 'new' job!

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have been at work for about a month! I am now back in the sales industry but I believe the Lord has opened the door. The company I am working for supplies products to garden centres all over the UK. I was the first to be interviewed, which lasted for about 2 hours. There were six other's who were also interviewed, 5 of which were all from the garden centre industry! I laid it on the line right from the start about my stand as a Christian and told them that my final authority on all matters was the Bible! I even wrote it down on the letter I sent. Usually this was enough to put people off but on the contrary it seemed to create some interest. Anyway Donna and I prayed that if it was not right than I wouldn't get the job, but if it was the Lord's will, I would! I believe the Lord answered our prayer and on November 1st 1 started work. I would also like to thank all of you who prayed especially regarding my situation. Please pray that now I will be the best representative they have ever had! On a personal note I would like to thank Richard Geach, who was the best boss I ever worked for, for thinking of me and inviting me back to TNT! Those were the days Geachy? I hope and pray you are well. Congratulations on your promotion to Director of TNT? Have you read that Bible I gave you yet? By the way, I heard about the car on the pallet! It could only be YOU!

Christian Resource Exhibition (CRE)

This year I went with a couple of friends to the CRE. It is the second time I have been to one of these events. Nothing has changed! On the whole I'm not much 'into them.' The so called 'Christian' organisations etc. which attend, are either so ecumenical and multi-faith, or 'cultish.' There is very little true Christian witness at the CREI At one point I just stopped walking and looked around at all the stands and folk that were there. I just can't believe what a state the church is in. There were many vicars and bishops walking round in their 'dresses' with huge 'crosses' around their necks. At one point I thought there must be a competition as to who can wear the largest cross! Some needed the neck muscles of I fike Tyson to keep their head up! Overall it was again a disappointment. I suppose nearly every denomination was present, I am sure if John Wesley and the likes were able to return, they would not even recognise what they left behind! It really is sad. One good thing that happened at CRE was the chance I had to witness and give out a booklet to one of the security staff. We must have talked for 20 minutes. Please pray for Fred.

Some Differences Between Roman Catholicism (RC) & Christianity!

Through the work we are involved in we come across many Roman Catholics. Often times they tell us that there is no difference between their religion and 'ours.' At a push, most RC's know very little about what their religion really teaches. I have included just a few differences for you to see, and believe me Roman Catholicism is far from being Christian or Scriptural!

The vast majority of the doctrines and beliefs of the Church of Rome have NO basis whatsoever in the Scriptures. Below is a list of UNSCRIPTURAL doctrines and the dates on which they were made official... (I have included just a few

Scriptures to help you see how contrary their beliefs are to the Bible.)

The daily mass, adopted in 394 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Heb 9v22-28 + Heb 10v10-18)

The doctrine of purgatory (Pope Gregory), 539 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - Ln 23v43 + John 3v36) Prayers to the Virgin Queen of Heaven, 600 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - Mat 6v9 + Lu 11v2 + Ps 51)

The first Pope (Boniface 111), 610 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - Mk Iv30)

Kissing the Pope's foot began in 709 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - Ps 2v12)
Worship of images, relics & cross, 788 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Ex 20v4 + Ex 34v13-17)

Holy Water, blessed by a priest, 850 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- 3 Holy things in NT - NOT water!) Canonization of dead saints (Pope John XV), 995 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Acts 10v25+26 Lu 4v8)

9) The mass declared to be a sacrifice of Christ 1050 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Heb 10v18)

Celibacy of the priesthood and nuns. 1079 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - 1Tim 3v1-2. Titus 1v5+6 + Mk 1v30)

The rosary introduced by Peter the Hermit, 1090 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Mat 6v6 NO beads!)

12) Selling indulgences began in 1190 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- 1 John 1v7 + Rom 3v23-25)
 13) Doctrine of transubstantiation adopted, 1215 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- 1 Cor 11v23-26)
 14) Confession of sins to human priest, 1215 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Mk 2v7 + 1 Tim 2v5 + 1 John 1v9)

Interpretation of Bible forbidden to laity, 1229 A.D. (Read the Scriptures - 2 Tim 3v16+17 + 1 Cor 2v7-13)

16) Seven sacraments declared, 1439 A.D. (Read the Scriptures — Eph 2v8+9 + Titus 3v5-7 + Rom 4v5)
17) Tradition established as infallible authority, 1545 A.D. (Read the Scriptures — Mk 7v3-13 + Gal 1v14+15)

18) Apocryphal books added to Bible, 1546 A.D. (Read the Scriptures — Deut 4v2 + Rev 22v18+19)
19) Immaculate conception of Virgin Mary, 1854 A.D. (Read the Scriptures — Rom 3v23 + Lu 1v46+47 + 2v24)

20) Infallibility of the Popes, 1870 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Mat 23v9 + Rom 3v4 + Rom 3v23)
 21) Mary declared to be the 'Mother of God', 1931 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- 1 Tim 2v5 + John 19v26)
 22) Assumption (Translation) of Virgin Mary, 1950 A.D. (Read the Scriptures -- Where is it mentioned?)

There is just so much more we could say regarding the ERRORS of Roman Catholicism but space and time limits us. If you would like more details and information regarding this subject please write to me. You have more than enough Scriptures above to witness to any RC regarding his 'religion!' Remember the word of God is your FINAL AUTHORITY!

"If there be any mistakes in the Bible, there may as well be a thousand. If there be one falsehood in that book, it did not come from the God of truth!" (John Wesley)



Revival hits RC Church in Chester!' (I 'trow' not!) (Luke 17v9)

"The Scripture, therefore, of the OT and the NT is a most solid and precious system of divine truth. Every part thereof is worthy of God; and all together are one entire body, wherein is no defect, no excess." (John Wesley)

Victoria's Wedding!

Well on Saturday 20th October Donna and I attended Victoria's wedding and what a great day this turned out to be. They truly were a handsome couple along with the children and families. It was a really lovely service. The Lord blessed the weather and He certainly blessed Justin and Victoria. Please continue to



pray that Victoria will grow in her Christian walk with the Lord. I would also like to thank all those who sent Victoria booklets, tracts etc., they have now been passed on to her.

Special Prayer Request!

Please would you all pray for Donna's parents? Her dad has got Parkinson's disease and he is only in his early fifties. Donna's mum has to take on much extra work because of this. They are both missionaries running a baby home out there in Manila. (If anyone of you has any advice medically or practically relating to parkinson's disease we would appreciate knowing it.)

Letter Writing!

I have now written my third letter to the Berean Publishing Trust in London regarding the doctrine of Hell. They wrote to me saying that they had read "You Asked The Question!" and agreed with everything in it except the part about 'endless punishment' in the lake of fire. Needless to say in order to explain it away they ran straight back to the Hebrew and Greek to do it! So my first letter was to ask them where was their FINAL AUTHORITY? Was it the Greek and Hebrew or has God given us His PERFECT WORD in English, which we can all understand? He didn't have a Final Authority and so straight away we are standing in two separate camps! I won't bore you with more but just to say I am awaiting his 4th letter, which should arrive very soon. I'll keep you posted.

Drugs - a killer!

Those of you who have received our newsletter over the year will know the work we have been involved in regarding drug addicts etc. We have seen what a huge problem drugs are in society; it touches nearly every walk of life. The law to legalise the use of 'soft' drugs is insane as are many of the laws the government have or are trying to introduce! Two of our friends, who took over the Birmingham City Mission Bible Study after we left to go to Chester, met a young girl of 16 who was in a terrible mess. She was homeless, taking drugs and involved in prostitution for a while. She has had a very painful and hurtful past right from an early age.

My friend had witnessed to her and gave her a Bible and one of our booklets. She was last seen on her way to London. Anyway, on Saturday 27th October this girl phoned crying out for help. My friend at the time was on shifts at work thus phoned us. Cutting a long story short we managed to find a place in a woman's Christian rehabilitation home. My friend's wife phoned the rehab and they said that there was only one place left available. We all drove over to Bir-

The Version Issue!

Leading on from the 'letter writing' part, a man I met around a year ago has recently contacted me again due to the last newsletter. Donna and I went round to see him and his wife for a coffee. He has zeal to get close to the Lord and serve Him, but sadly he is still reading a corrupt version of the word of God. Arryway to cut a long story short the 'issue' of Bible versions came up again, and he is now looking into it a lot deeper. Please pray that he will realise that God has preserved His word PERFECT but ONLY in the Authorised Version of the Bible. Again if anyone out there would like details regarding this subject please write to me at the above address. Any open and honest man or woman after evaluating the EVIDENCE would come to the conclusion that the AV IS THE WORD OF GOD! (It is a real hot potato; I await your letters folks!)

mingham collected the young girl, who was sleeping on the streets and took her to the rehab centre. We met the staff and other residents and it seemed a friendly place although very strict on certain things. Please pray that this girl will become a Christian and get back on her feet again in life. Again we cannot thank the Lord enough for helping us to help this girl. It was a real answer to prayer.

Note - If you know of ANY other Christian hostels / rehab centres etc. in the UK please would you send me their details. Many thanks. I'd be very interested in 'Direct Access' hostels / rehab centres.

I would also recommend The UK Christian Handbook to anyone who is involved in Christian work, It has over 5000 Christian Addresses of all types of organisations etc. It is a very handy tool. You can obtain copies from.... Christian Research Association, Vision Building, 4 Footscray Road, Eltham, London, SE9 2TZ, Tel - 020 8294 1989. (Cost is approx. £25)



Little Eddie!

Hope you like the recent photo!

Do you think he's settled in?

Oakley Outreach!

A team of six of us shall be travelling down to Oakley, the village where I grew up, (No funny comments regarding my nize 'Shorty' + i.e. Nic or 'Nosey' - i.e. Alr Hi) November 17th to do an outreach. We are planning to deliver "You Asked The Question!" booklets along with a covering letter to every house in the village. Please pray that the people will read the booklet and respond to the letter. We have also had Time for Truth! sweatshirts printed with the text "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15v3) on the back. They look very professional. We hope to put a photo of the team in the next newsletter.

Chester City Mission (CCM)

Another person who was meant to be an advisor to the CCM committee has now left. She has written a 4 page letter to me stating that I was right regarding my stand against the committee and that she couldn't see it at the time. Again I find it hard to believe that the committee at CCM just can't see the awful problems they are causing. The work there is dying on its feet. They hardly get anyone showing up to the Care Store or any of the services now. They allowed women to preach and the modern versions came straight back in as soon as we left! I am saddened that through man's pride the work has nearly finished. About 25-30 people have now left the mission. Donna and I are travelling up to Chester during this month to take a couple of meetings for the folks who have left the CCM. It will be great seeing them all again. Many of them still keep in contact with us through letters and calls. Most have now settled down in another church in Chester.

Wesley's Expectation of Persecution

John Wesley was riding along a road one day when it drawned on him that 3 whole days had passed in which he had suffered no persecution. Not a brick or an egg had been thrown at him for 3 days. Alarmed, he stopped his horse, and exclaimed, "Can it be that I have sinned, and am backslidden?" slipping from his horse. Wesley went down on his knees and began interceding with God to show him where, if any, there had been a fault. A rough fellow, on the other side of the hedge, hearing the prayer, looked across and recognised the preacher. "I'll fix that Methodist preacher," he said, picking up a brick and tossing it over at him. It missed its mark, and fell harmlessly beside John Whereupon Wesley leaped to his feet joyfully excluding "Thank God, it's all right. I still have His presence."

Do You want more Wisdom?

Apart from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, the wisest man that ever walked the earth (No NOT you Barney!) was Solomon. It was recommended to me a while back by my friend Colin to read a chapter of Proverbs a day. There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs therefore one chapter for every day of the month. Once you have completed the book start again next month. I thought this was a good idea, but needless to say, I speak as a hypocrite because I haven't always kept it up. I will try to in future, why not join me?

Are these verses in YOUR Bible? (Are they in the TEXT?)

V4	610.76.62
Mat 18v11	Luke 17v36
Acts 8v37	Luke 23v17
Mat 17v21	John 5y4
Mint 23v14	Acts 15v34
Mark 7v16	Acts 28v29
Mark 9v44+46	Rom 16v24
Mark 11v26	Mark 15v28

Can you show me in the NIV where it says that Jesus was crucified at Calvary?

New Tracts!

You should have enclosed 2 new tracts, which have just been produced.

If you would like to order any please write to me at the above address stating how many you want. Due to my new job I am making the price 'WHATEVER YOU CAN AFFORDI' If you want to use the tracts but can't afford to buy many, just state how many you'd like and we'll post them to you straight away. I do NOT want money to be a problem. We want the word of God to be sown everywhere possible! The 'whatever you can afford' deal was Keith Green's idea. I think it's a good one. The Lord knows and looks on the heart.

Fast Copier Tape Machine!

Thank you for the two folks who have offered to help us out with a fast copier tape machine. We are waiting for them both to come back with prices etc. This will be a great help to us, as we want to be able to advertise more tapes each newsletter. I would also like to thank those who sent in information regarding church leadership and structure etc., plus sample tracts and booklets for new Christians.

Hope Chapel

This work is going from strength to strength. It is quite amazing how much the youth are picking up in regard to the Scriptures. We have just done a series of studies with them explaining the following words...

- 1) Regeneration
- 4) Redemption
- 2) Conversion
- 5) Salvation
- 3) Justification
- 6) Sanctification

We also had 2 weeks where we looked at the rapture and watched 2 videos in relation to it. It's not all work though, we do have some great laughs together. It is a great group to work with and we thank Hope Chapel eldership for giving us this privilege.

Speaking Engagements!

I have now started receiving speaking engagements for 2002. If you would like us to come and visit your church please call Donna or myself as soon as possible, this helps us out with planning our diary for outreaches etc. we may even be able to bring a small team with us if you wanted. Even if you don't like my preaching, the girls are lovely singurs!

Dates so far

Jan 6th - Bethany AM, Jan 13th - Hope Chapel PM, Jan 27th - Bethany AM, July 14th - Park Lane PM, Aug. 18th - Hope Chapel PM, Nov 17th - Hope Chapel PM.

Another addition to our family!

Well he has finally arrived and it's been worth the wait. A photo of him will appear in the next newsletter! He is beautiful! We can't tell yet as to whom he best resembles, Donna or myself? He has definitely got Donna's ears but my eyes. It's been said that he is the 'spit' of his dad. We will let you decide when you see him in January's issue! By the way we have named him Jack!

Tape Ministry

Tapes available FREE OF CHARGE are as follows...

- 1) Final Authority 2) Soul Winning, Witnessing & Evangelism 3) Hell 4) Day of Judgment
 - 5) The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ 6) Pastoml Epistles (Tape 1) 7) Prophecy

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Mat 1v18+21+23)

In closing we hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year. Thanks again for all the love and support you have shown towards Donna and I. The Lord truly has blessed us with such lovely friends.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Faithful is be that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us. (1 Thes 5v23-25)



Time for Truth News!

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Well another new year! Perhaps this will be the one in which our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ returns! Imagine that! Are you prepared for that day? Have you finished the work God has given you to do? (2 Tim 4v7) Have you started?

Let us all make an extra effort this year to reach the lost souls around us.

Apology ...

Sorry to all those who had their address labels incorrectly typed. They should be amended this issue. I would also apologise that the two tracts promised in the last issue were not included. We couldn't make the deadline! You should have a copy of both of them in this newsletter. (For prices see below)

A Good Start to the New Year!

Well Elaine Robinson who used to produce my newsletter has now pulled out! She said that she didn't agree with my stand regarding the AV & it's perfection & because I was in error she couldn't continue producing my newsletter anymore! Her actual words were "....Unless you have a change of viewpoint in will have to part company because I cannot be linked to anything which is seen to be in error!" (I do get 'em don't !!) She then went on to say that she had talked to a couple of 'pastors' who both said that the AV had errors in it & this was good enough for her! I wrote back enclosing some information on this issue but needless to say I have heard nothing since. She did a great job for me while it lasted & I thank her for that, but she has been conned like the rest in thinking that modern Bible versions are of the Lord WHEN THEY ARE NOT! (Wake up & smell the coffee Elaine!)

Another person has asked if we would remove his name from our mailing list, again due to our stand on the AV & because I am too 'judgemental!' Incidentally he has just left the Brethren to join the Church of England! (Enough said) Well I can't please everybody. (Gal I v10) He dropped out & the Lord encouraged us by another 10 wanting to be added. We shall continue to stand for the 'truth' & correct 'error' where needed, we leave it with the Lord.

Billy Sunday's Sacred Spot

One day, some years ago, a policeman walking his beat in Chicago, observed a man standing before a little building, with bowed head, acting - as the cop thought - 'pretty queer.' 'Either sick - or he concluded, drunk." evering suspiciously. Then he walked up, to where the man stood with eyes closed, and grunted: "What's the matter, Mac? Sick?" The man opened his eyes, and smiled. "No, officer. My name's Billy Sunday, and I was converted right here in that little mission. I never come by here that I don't take off my hat and say a prayer." The cop grinned now, reached a giant hand to Billy, and said, heartily: "Put it there, Bill! I've heard about you. You keep right on praying, and I'll keep the crowd away."(I would recommend reading the life story of Billy Sunday)

Hope Chapel Youth Group...

Well we are seeing steady growth spiritually & in numbers. Again it has been great to work with such a lovely group of young folk. The eldership at Hope Chapel are extremely supportive in this work. We are now working through the book of Ephesians on Friday's & Galatians on Sunday's.

Tract Prices...

If you would like to use the tracts enclosed for personal work & outreach please let me know how many you would like.

Pricing policy – "What ever you can afford!"
You can have as few or as many as you would like.
Cost is not the issue just request the amount.

PS Who was the coward who sent me a Christmas tract without putting their address on it?

The Girl from TNT...

To cut a long story short... While at TNT I worked with a girl called Emma. We got on great & worked well together. On occasions we talked about the 'deeper' things of life & occasionally she took the odd tract. Her boyfriend at the time didn't like the Christian literature & told her to stay away from me. (Now everybody stays away from me!!!) Since then they split up & the 'boyfriend' (Roy) became a Christian. Well Emma & I also parted company & kept in touch on the odd occasion. Roy & I became friends & we often prayed for Emma. Last week Roy phoned to let me know that Emma had become a Christian & was now attending church. Since then I have spoken to Emma a number of times & it is great hearing her talk about the Lord. Please pray that she will grow deeper in the Lord, she's a lovely girl.

All it needs now is for you Geachy & Griffiths to get saved! What's stopping you? "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8v36)

Do You Want More Copies of Our Newsletter?

We are having more requests for us to send extra copies of our newsletter. If you would like extra copies included please let us know.

The Trinity - ONE God yet THREE 'SEPARATE' Persons!

Read - Deut 6v4 / 1 John 4v14 / John 16v7

The Bible is very clear in the teaching of the Trinity. You have to 'wrest' the Scriptures to teach anything but the Trinity when dealing with the Godhead! (2 Tim 3v16) So let us briefly look at what the word of God (AV!) teaches regarding the Trinity...

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are all from 'everlasting' - Read Rom 16v26 / Mic 5v2 / Heb 9v14

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are all omnipresent - Jer 23v24 / Mat 18v20 / Ps 139v7-10

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are all omnipotent - Jer 32v17 / Mat 28v18 / Rom15v13+19

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are all omniscient - Job 42v2 / John 16v30 / Isa 40v13+14

Father, Son & Holy Spirit are ALL called God - John 17v3 / 1 John 5v20 / Acts 5v3+4

Father, Son & Holy Spirit were all involved in 'creation' - Gen 1v1 / Col 1v16 / Job26v13

Father, Son & Holy Spirit ALL raised Jesus! - Gal 1v1 / John 2v19-21 / Rom 8v11

Father, Son & Holy Spirit all live in the believer - 1 John 4v12 / John 14v20 / John 14v17

Father, Son & Holy Spirit make up the Godhead, ONE God yet three SEPARATE persons...

Read John 14v23+26 / 2 Pet 3v17+18 / Rev 3v21+22 / 1 Cor 6 v14

We haven't even scratched the surface on this subject. There are many more Scriptures that speak about the Trinity. To deny the Trinity (i.e. ONE God yet three SEPARATE persons!) is a heresy & you are standing on very dangerous ground. The JW's have got it wrong, the Unitarians have got it wrong, the 'Jesus ONLY' movement have got it wrong & so have many other oults & false religions. If you would like further information on this subject please write & let me know. If you have any other verses that clearly show the Trinity in Scripture please send them to me so I can add them to my list. Many thanks.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (1 John 5v7)

Oakley Outreach

A team of six of us went to Oakley village (the



village where I grew up!) for 2 days & delivered over 1000 'You Asked The Question!' booklets to every home in the village. It was a great time of fellowship & encouragement together. We had 5

responses the first day, 3 negative & 2 positive. Please continue to pray for the Word that has been sown. We are hoping to visit other villages throughout this year regarding outreach work i.e. delivering tracts, booklets & hopefully doing some open-air preaching. If you would like to join us please write & let me know.

My New Job ...

The Lord has blessed me so much! I am above target already & have been top rep on a few occasions. I have met some lovely folk while 'on the road' & even had the chance to witness for the Lord a few times. So far so good! Please keep praying for me.

Shoulder Injury...

I have had a shoulder injury for about 2 years now. I've had physiotherapy, 2 steroid injections, ultrasound & x-rays & still it's the same. I have just started another session of physiotherapy & may have to have another injection (hapefully not an operation). The specialist said that my right shoulder blade is slightly 'out' which is putting added pressure on the tendons etc. If you get time to remember this in your prayers I would much appreciate it. Thanks.

Michael Penfold the Bible 'Corrector'

Well Mr Penfold that famous bookseller from Bicester has fallen into the trap, like so many, of thinking he knows better than God. He has written a tract called 'Is the King James Version Perfect?' He states in it that the KJV (i.e. AV) has got errors in it & to believe it is perfect is ridiculous. Why is it that Christians spend days & weeks of research trying to find errors in the AV when they could be writing Gospel tracts or getting out there & reaching the lost? But NOT Mr Penfold, he's in a class of his own! He knows where the errors are in the AV & he wants to show the world you can't trust the Bible 100% enymore. (I wonder why he doesn't correct all the 'errors' & give us a parfect Blbla?) Penfold is getting Christians to doubt the Word of God. "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," (Rom 1v22) Mr Penfold is a 'buffoon' of the highest order! I think one of the real reasons for his tract is because Dr Peter Ruckman has upset 'little Michael' & now 'little Michael' wants his revenge! Dr Peter Ruckman, in my humble opinion, is the leading authority on the issue of the perfection of the AV on the planet! He is a man who encourages you to BELIEVE the Bible & NOT doubt it! If Ruckman is a 'Pit-Bull Terrior' (see Penfold's leaflet!) then Penfold is a 'Poodlet' (with 3 legs!) I know which guard dog I would prefer! If Penfold stuck to what he knows best i.e. 'selling books' he'd be alright, but as usual PRIDE gets the better of a man & he starts to think HE is the Final Authority rather than the Scriptures! "When thou wast little in thine own sight..." (I Sam 15v17) (Read also Jer 36!)

I'll say it again... The Authorized Version is the WORD OF GOD & it's PERFECT!

'Ghana goes banana's' over 'You Asked The Question!' Booklet!

We have received within the last month 20 letters fast from Ghana requesting more 'You Asked The Question!' booklets & Bibles. Some as young as 11 years old are asking for a Bible! How blessed we are over here regarding Bibles & Christian literature compared to what those poor folks have in Africa. If anyone of you would like a pen-pal in Ghana please drop me a line & I'll post you their addresses. We have also had a very encouraging letter from a language tutor at the Bible College of New Zealand commending 'You Asked The Ouestion!'

Ridiculous Church Signs!

You will have noticed in the last newsletter, we included a photo of a 'ridiculous church sign.' Hope you like the latest one! If on your travels you spot a 'ridiculous church sign' please send a photo to me.



Are YOU a Christian, if not, why not? What is stopping you from becoming a Christian?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3v16)

If YOU died right NOW where would you go?

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Heb 9v27) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Ps 9v17)

How sad it is that the majority of the people in the world live their lives ignoring God. They couldn't care less as to whether God exists they want nothing to do with Him. But then comes the dreaded day, DEATH! Then what? Have YOU ever stopped to seriously consider the 'meaning of life?' Why are we here? Where do we go when we die? What is the purpose to it all?

Time runs on, the dreaded day approaches & what have you done about eternity?

According to the Bible YOU will spend ETERNITY somewhere, either Heaven or Hell. Do you know what you have to do to go to hell? - NOTHING! Just live as you want to live.

The Bible says that YOU can't get to Heaven on your own, so how are YOU going to make it?

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8+9)

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (John 1v12)

... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved... (Acts 16v31)

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8y36)

You either die with your sins FORGIVEN & enter eternal life or you die IN your sins & enter eternal death in everlasting fire. What madness it is that men would rather live like the devil down here & take a 'risk' on eternity. It's 'black & white' folks get SAVED before it's too late! Get saved TODAY, confess your sin to the Lord Jesus Christ & ask Him to forgive you.

Imagine there has been a 'supernatural' video camera videoing you from the moment you entered this world till the moment you leave. It records every thought, word & deed of your life. Every secret sin you have ever committed, every lie you've said, every lustful thought you've imagined. Every vile sinful act you have committed in your life has been recorded on that tape. You have now found out that this tape shall be played on a huge screen in front of every single person who has ever lived. WE are going to WATCH your life! How would you feel?

This shall be like the day of judgement at the Great White Throne! (Only a billion times worse!) BUT you can do something about that tape! You can have that tape wiped CLEAN! How? By allowing Jesus Christ to wash away your sin by His own precious blood in this life! If you don't then the tape WILL be played! It's your choice!

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (Rev 20v12)

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb 10v31)

Action Weekends! (See enclosed sheet)

Due to the success of the CCM Action Weeks in Chester, we shall be running a couple of 'Training & Action Weekends' throughout 2002. They will include training seminars on various topics & practical 'hands on' outreach work. If you would like to attend please fill in & return the enclosed sheet as soon as possible.

Letter Writing ...

Due to my new job I've fallen behind a little regarding correspondence. Please bare with me if you are awaiting a reply, it will come soon. We've had some great letters recently for instance... Victoria continues to write & just by her letters alone we can see her growing in the Lord. I must also mention RS who is a young man from London. He has been a great encouragement to us over the last couple of years. His walk with the Lord Jesus is growing deeper every month.

Which Disturbs You Most?

- 1) A soul lost in Hell or a scratch on your new car?
- 2) You missing the worship service on Sunday or missing a day's work?
- 3) A sermon 10 minutes too long or lunch half an hour too late?
- 4) Your church not growing or your garden not growing?
- 5) Your Bible unopened or your newspaper unread?
- 6) The church work being neglected or house work neglected?
- 7) Missing a good Bible study or your favourite TV programme?
- 8) Your children late for Sunday School or late for Public School?

Which REALLY disturbs you most?

Wednesday Night Bible Study

We have now started up a midweek Bible study – open to all. The first 4 weeks have been taken up with the issue of the 'The Authority of God's Word!' We have laid down the right foundation & God willing we shall continue to build correctly. Many who came initially brought NIV's but now they have 'seen the light' so to speak. They are a great group who are very keen to learn & grow in the Lord. Sadly to say a local church in the area is trying to stop their young folk from coming due to the 'version issue!' (About 'par' far the course!) The elder's son came to 'have a look at us' a couple of weeks back & at the end of the study started to say that the argument for a PERFECT Bible in English was wrong. When I asked this man "what is your 'Final Authority?' He answered in front of every one "I haven't got one!" (Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, - Rom Iv22) Needless to say he is out on the mission field WITHOUT a Final Authority. Who on earth is 'teaching' our young folks these days? If you are in leadership & responsible for getting folks to DOUBT the word of God rather than TRUST in it, you will have a great shock coming to you at the Judgment Seat of Christ! (My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. – (James 3v1) The moment YOU correct the Scriptures YOU become the Final Authority! (Think about that for a while!)

Jack - The Mystery Addition!



I had to laugh! We had a few folks guessing! Was it another puppy or a baby boy! Well to put you all at ease it was another puppy & he's a little cracker! Eddie & Jack get on great. I recommend every Christian get a Jack Russell apart from Penfold & his poodle that is! (Smile Michael, you're still my brother in the Lord even though you've made a big mistake regarding your latest leaflet!)

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who have written recently with your love & encouragement, it is really appreciated. I would also like to pass on a special thank you to Mark W. who has provided us with an excellent tape-to-tape copier & an A3 printer. (We look forward to seeing you in 2003!) I would also like to thank all of you who have sent Bibles, tapes & other Christian literature. It really has helped us in the work we do. Due to Elaine giving up on our newsletter I would also like to thank that very small person 'Abbie Hewett' for helping us get this newsletter ready! (Even though you needed a step-ladder to reach my desk you did a great job!)

Bethany Tape List keeps on growing!

Colin is now sending out many tapes all over the country to those who are interested in serious Bible Studies. If you are not on the Bethany tape list but would like to go on please let me know. It is still free of charge & the ministry is straight down the line. (Sarry Michael, Colin's an AV 'perfection' man also! It's not just Brother Ruckman & Sister Riplinger!)

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For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thes 4v16-18)

Can you & I honestly say that we are LOOKING for that day?

Are we really READY?

It could be TODAY!

Due to such a busy schedule of late we are making this newsletter a 'bumper' issue to cover June as well; I hope you don't mind. We would love to produce a newsletter every month but time does not permit us as at present. We were amazed by the number of responses we had from our last newsletter! Thank you so much for all your letters & cards of encouragement. Many of you now write to us on a regular basis, which we really look forward to. Please keep the letters coming. Thank you all for your love & support!

Helpful Materials

Jon Hewett has produced 6 very good tapes on the version issue. If you would like a copy of these please write & let us know. Colin Tyler has also produced a very in-depth study / response to Michael Penfold's erroneous tract regarding the KJV / AV. They are both free of charge! (*No doubt Barney Baker will take up the offer immediately!*) Again if you would like a copy of this please let me know. I would highly recommend both to you.

Sad News!

After the exciting news that our friends Jon & Abbie were having a baby it was devastating to us all when we found out that Abbie had had a miscarriage. They have really had a 'rough ride' of late so please would you uphold them both in your prayers at this time.

Worldwide Response

Dr Peter Ruckman has been very kind in placing an advert for our newsletter in his Bible Believers Bulletin. Through it we have had 6 responses from the USA, 1 from Southern Ireland, 1 from Northern Ireland & 1 from Scotland, all of which have now been added to our mailing list. Although I haven't seen the advert myself I would like to thank you Dr Ruckman for your kind words.

Donna's Health

About 6 weeks ago I had to rush Donna up the hospital early in the morning because she had intense pain in her arms. To cut a long story short she has been for blood tests; X-rays & seen a specialist & they have told her that she has the symptoms of the beginning of Rheumatoid Arthritis. She is now waiting to see another specialist very shortly. Some days she is in such intense pain she can't move her fingers, hands or arms. It is heart breaking to see her like this! The tablets she is taking do help to take the swelling down. I would be so grateful for your prayers for Donna & also for any information & advice you can give us. (*She is the best little wife a man could ever ask for!*)

Hope Chapel Youth Group



Every Friday & Sunday we still take the Youth Group at Hope Chapel. The young folk really have shown an interest in the Scriptures & remember a lot. Again we would like to thank the eldership of Hope Chapel for totally supporting this work. On a Friday we average between 17 – 19 youngsters coming. We are going through the book of Galatians on a Sunday & Ephesians on a Friday night. Two of the young folk joined us on the team event we just held in Port Sunlight.

Please continue to pray for these young folk, as it is quite a difficult time taking a stand for your faith at school, college & university. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to lead & guide them in every decision they make!

I would also like to thank the leadership of Hope Chapel for being so patient regarding the lights & our poor 'cricket skills!'

We are all hoping to improve!

Ghana goes EVEN MORE 'bananas' for Bibles & Booklets etc.

We have now had over 90 letters from Ghana requesting Bibles etc. I would like to thank Jon & Abbie Hewett for helping us send Christian literature overseas to these needy folk. I am sure we shall be having many more letters in the near future. Sekondi in Ghana has now received at least 40 parcels of AV Bibles, tracts & other Christian literature from us. Please pray that God will bless that place with revival.

Action Weekend

What a fantastic weekend this was! It was great to meet up & work with Nic & Diana again. Diana &

Donna did a superb job usual. The seminars went ground in such a short lost his touch! He was chasing & actually has asked me not to tell this to yourselves as it career!!! The first night we chatting etc. but we did 8.30 am! On the whole the of learning & fellowship. was probably one of the



regarding the food as well & we covered a lot of time. Nic certainly hasn't stopped by the police for catching a sheep but he anyone, so please keep could ruin Nic's were all up until 3.30 am make it for breakfast at weekend was a great time The open air in Burnley hardest I've ever known

anywhere. As soon as we started about 15 'Gothic's' came & sat 10 feet directly in front of us. They lasted about 15 seconds for as soon as we started singing they disappeared! (*No comment!*) I believe the Lord protected us & blessed us throughout—the open air. Hundreds of tracts were given out & many conversations took place. It was a great time of evangelism & putting what we had learnt into practice. Well done to Tim Macleod for his first 'preach' in the open air! (*Next time try not to hit the people as they pass by!*) A special thanks must go to the leadership at Hurstwood Church for allowing us to use their premises. (*Now all you need to do is get rid of that corrupt NKJV & replace it with the AV! You know it makes sense!*)

The Silence of Mr Penfold!

Silence speaks volumes!!! Well I'm still awaiting Michael Penfold's response to my letter & probably will go on waiting. We just pray that he now realises the error of his ways regarding his tract on the perfection of the KJV (AV).

New Fax Machine

Because of my job we now have a fax machine. If you would like to send us a fax anytime please feel free to do so. The number is the same as the home land-line (i.e. 01562 824337)

Tracts & Booklets

Thank you to all those who have requested tracts & booklets! It is great to know that folks out there are trying to reach the lost souls of this world with the Gospel, keep it going!

My Job

The Lord is really blessing me in my job. I have been top rep now nearly every week. Although my targets seem 'too high' at present I have committed my job to the Lord & pray 'Thy will be done!'

Another Bible Corrector!

Well we have had another response in regard to the version issue. An evangelist from the Open Air Mission has recently written to me telling me my stand for the PERFECTION of the AV is unreasonable & that there are 'failures' in the AV! (*Here we go again!*) I have written back to him & await his reply. I've asked him to send me a copy of God's PERFECT & PRESERVED WORD! Needless to say that I have now been waiting for his reply for sometime & I think I'll go on waiting! Bible correctors always loose their voice when they are up against the good old-fashioned AV! Anyone else up for a scrap???

If anyone else out there thinks they know better than the Lord & has found 'errors' in the Authorised Version perhaps you would consider answering the following questions before writing to me...

- 1) What is YOUR Final Authority on ALL matters of faith & practice?
- 2) If YOU say the Bible, WHICH ONE?
- 3) Is YOUR Final Authority perfect?
- 4) Did God promise to preserve His word (Psalm 12v6&7)
- 5) If so WHERE is it?
- 6) If YOU have found 'errors' in the AV why not correct them all & give us a PERFECT Bible?
- 7) If the worlds were framed by the word of God (Heb 11v3) & if God could create man from the dust of the ground (Gen 2v7) then WHY can't He give us a book that is PERFECT & PRESERVED? Who says he can't? (Remember the original manuscripts no longer exist!)

Next Action Weekend

The next Action Weekend will take place on 28^{th} – 30^{th} June. The venue will again be Hurstwood Church in Burnley. They are kindly fitting us a shower this time. So far 15 people have shown an interest. The cost is £20. Just bring yourself, an AV Bible & a sleeping bag. If you intend on joining us for this exciting weekend then please fill in the form enclosed & return it to us as soon as possible. Please make cheques payable to John Davis, thank you.

Tuesday Night Bible Study (It used to be held on a Wednesday.)

Well we have had some lovely times at the Bible study of late & we have seen a small increase in numbers. We were saddened to lose some of the younger folk due to their church leadership not wanting them to come because the AV issue was too 'controversial' (*That's the truth of the matter no matter how they dress it up! It's an NIV church!*) We are walking through Galatians at present & the Lord is really blessing us.

Jack & Eddie!

What a great 2 little fellers these are! Good looks seem to run in the Davis family!!!



Another Ridiculous Church Sign! (Anything but the word of God!)

(Any others; please send photos!)



Bike Accident

'Well it had to happen' as they say! (The 'they' being all those who are now saying 'Told you so!') On 29/3/02 at 6.30 pm I came off my motorbike at 60 mph hitting the curb & skidding along the road! Apart from a few cuts & quite a lot of bruising I'm okay! (Thank you Lord Jesus!) Reflecting back it is the closest I've ever come to losing my life (as far as I know) & it was absolutely amazing how the Lord took care of me. My bike is smashed up quite bad on the one side but not quite a 'right-off.' It was totally my fault as I used my 'front' brake going round a right hand bend. (Those of you who have ridden or do ride bikes will understand!) Thankfully no one else was injured. I would like to thank all those who pray regularly for Donna & I as we travel thousands of miles every month, please keep doing so. (Abbie was right, Mr H don't get a bike, same to you Shorty!) It also made me realise that the Lord has saved me for a purpose!

A Classic Quote!

"Why has no one produced an inerrant translation in 380 years if they KNEW the errors contained in the Authorised Version? Did you ever think about that? They are still 'working at it,' but still confessing they cannot produce a perfect translation. Why not, if they know where the imperfections were in the previous ones? Do you mean to tell me that 3,000 plus saved men, with all of the 'best and oldest manuscripts' and 'Dead Sea Scrolls' and 'better knowledge of Hebrew and Greek' all working together, cannot produce an inerrant Bible? WHY NOT? THEY WERE THE ONES WHO PROFESSED TO HAVE ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TO FIND THE ERRORS IN THE ONE GOD GAVE THEM. Surely, if they can spot an error, they can correct it, can they not? They made more than 35,000 corrections in the Authorised Version – without PERFECTING IT? Then what was the point in correcting it? Seventy Bibles full of 'corrections' in eighty years, 120 bibles with 'corrections' in 100 years, and THE CORRECTIONS HAVE NOT ALL BEEN MADE YET?"

(Quote from **Dr Peter Ruckman's** book The Christians' Handbook of Biblical Scholarship, Bible Baptist Bookstore, 1988 pp 221-222)

Are YOU listening Bible Corrector!!!

Victoria's Baptism



I had the privilege of baptising Victoria Davies in March at Kings Road Chapel – Rushall. I would like to thank Phil Meachem for allowing me to do this. It was a lovely service & all were encouraged by Victoria's walk with the Lord. She has had quite a rough life in parts & we thank the Lord that she has now come to know Him as her Lord & Saviour. Both Victoria & Justin, her husband, make a lovely couple. Please continue to pray for them both.

What are you REALLY doing with your life?

What does it mean 'to live for the Lord?' Most Christians are not *really* 'living for the Lord' if we are honest. Going to church 3 times a week, reading a portion of the Scriptures every day, having our daily devotions & quiet times doesn't necessarily mean we are living for the Lord! Most Christians today live for themselves! What I'm about to say here will seem very hard but I heard a brother say it once & it really helped me. He said '*If you're prayer life & Bible reading is just out of duty then you might as well go & get a set of Rosary Beads & pray with them.*' As Christians we have a **relationship** with the Lord Jesus Christ; have you ever stopped & thought about that for a while! We have a relationship with God!

The Scriptures teach '...Christ, who is our life...', it's not Christ in our life! Living for the Lord is really total surrender to His will & not ours. He has first place, He is the reason we live, He is the One we love & worship etc. Many people think that to be a Christian means you are inviting the Lord into your life *on top of* what you have already, but this isn't what being a Christian is about; He becomes your life, you live & breathe because of Him, you love Him so much that you just want to please Him in everything you do, you can't stop thinking about Him, you dare not do anything without consulting Him first, that is 'living for the Lord!' His word becomes your daily delight, you don't try to find fault with it or correct it, IT CORRECTS YOU! The church is in such a mess today because Christians don't know what they believe. The average Christian today knows very little about the Scriptures & therefore very little about the Lord. Remember this... 'There is a difference between *knowing about* the Lord & really *knowing* Him!' Do you really know Him?

Does your life affect those around you? Do people know that you live for the Lord? Here are a few Scriptures that might help...

Col 1v18, Phil 3v10, Titus 1v16, Rom 12v1-3, Rom 13v11-14

In these last days let us all get to **know** the Lord Jesus Christ the best we can before He returns. You & I know when we meet someone who really loves the Lord & burns with a zeal & fire to serve him. Sadly to say there aren't many around today like that. We can have all the head knowledge about the Scriptures & know all the 'theology' & still be as cold & dead as a dodo. If you love the Lord you will love His word & submit to it & it will change you to become more like him. Press on Christian friend!

Team Event

On the 27th & 28th April a team of eight of us went to Port Sunlight in the Wirral to do an 'outreach weekend.' We posted a 'You Asked The Question!' booklet & 2 tracts through every door in Port Sunlight (*we may have missed a few.*) We then went into Chester on the afternoon and did some tracting there also. Hundreds of tracts & booklets were given out & many profitable conversations took place; it was a really encouraging time together. What also helped to make the weekend was the hotel we stayed in. It was very much like 'Faulty Towers!' Jon & Abbie after being shown to their room found a dead **mouse** in the middle of the floor! (*It couldn't happen to a nicer couple!!!*) For the next few hours all I heard from Jon was '*Well I'm not having an early night!!!*' (*The closest he ever got to joining the Marines was the 'Boys Brigade!!!*) Well we all stopped up until about 2.30 am before our 'hero' took it upon himself to make that all important & brave decision of 'going to bed!' After walking him to his room & checking for other unwanted 'rodents' we tucked him up in bed & left him there. I must confess that Nic & I had just a *few* laughs over this incident!

Give Us A Smile!

Someone has recently sent us a tract called '101 of the world's funniest one liners.' I thought a few of them were quite good...

Few women admit their age; few men act it!

He who laughs last thinks slowest!

There are three kinds of people: Those who can count & those who can't!

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep! (That one was for Donna!)

The more people I meet, the more I like my dog!

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese!

Evolution: True science fiction!

Another quote I read that made me smile was this one... 'The Theory of Evolution – Hydrogen is a colourless, odourless gas which given enough time, turns into people!' (How sad it is that millions of people believe this fairy tale!)

Question Time!

If you have five minutes to spare I would like to know your thoughts on the following...

Why aren't we seeing people saved like we used to?

The Lord hasn't changed, the word of God hasn't changed & the message of the gospel hasn't changed; so what's gone wrong?

'You Asked The Question!' booklet order!

Within the next few weeks I will have to order my next batch of 'You Asked The Question!' booklets. Usually I get printed 10,000 at a time but if I place an order for 20,000 obviously the price comes down considerably. If you think you or your church could use a box for outreach or personal evangelism then please let me know as soon as possible. Depending upon the response I get will determine how many I order. There are 250 booklets per box. I would like to make these available if possible at 38p per copy. Therefore total cost per box would be £95 plus £10 postage (i.e. at cost.)

The Wilderness or Arabia?

The Wilderness – read the book of Exodus + Num 14v33 + 34, Num 32v13, Deut 2v7, Deut 8.

Arabia – read Galatians chapter 1.

There is a huge difference to being in the wilderness or being in Arabia. At times we all feel we are in the 'barren land' of the wilderness; food is scarce, the way seems hard & rugged & we find that we are just wandering alone. Maybe sin in our life is hindering our walk with the Lord! Maybe the Lord needs to chastise us for some reason & therefore He is trying us in the wilderness.



The Christian life seems very hard at times. We can feel a million miles away from the Lord. A

close friend of mine said recently that he felt he was doing all the right things but felt so far away from the Lord. I am sure if we were all as honest we would agree that at times we have felt this way to. You can 'go through the motions' making out all is well & yet not know that sweet fellowship of the Lord. I wonder how honest we really are in regard to our Christian walk?

Then there is sweet Arabia! God calls us aside for a while just like He did the apostle Paul. It is a sweet time, a time of quietness alone with the Lord. We ALL need this time alone with the Lord. When was the last time you had a time in Arabia?

We can get so caught up with the cares & worries of this life that we forget about Arabia. This world is full of the wilderness experience but its Arabia we need; time alone with the Lord!

Speak Lord thy servant heareth!

Soul Winning

Booth's One Ambition...

For over thirty years the Salvation Army & William Booth in particular were subject to some of the most, vile persecution Christians suffered in modern times. But the general lived to see the day his army would be honoured around the world. His own King Edward V11 invited him to Buckingham Palace in 1904. All the persecution & trials of the previous decades must have seemed insignificant to Booth as he heard King Edward say "You are doing a good work – a great work, General Booth." When the king asked Booth to write in his autograph album, the old man, now 75 years of age, bent forward, took the pen, & summed up his life's work...

Your Majesty,
Some men's ambition is art,
Some men's ambition is fame,
Some men's ambition is gold,
My ambition is the souls of men.

It has been estimated that probably 95% of all church members have never led anyone to Christ.

Go for souls, and go for the worse!

Tongues are NOT for today!!!

Well I expect the 'Charismaniacs' & 'Pentecostals' to 'flip their lids' over this one, but we'll see. I was brought up on this stuff; I got saved in a Pentecostal church & was told right from the beginning that 'Tongues' were for today & that we should seek the 'gift'. I did many a time! I was open to what God had for me (*no matter what you say Barney!*) Well a few years ago I decided to look into this issue myself rather than just trust what some of my 'friends' were saying! (I have now adopted this idea ALWAYS! – Acts 17v11) To my amazement the Scriptures went contrary to the teaching of tongues for today!

Here is a *brief* summary on the issue of 'Tongues.' (I await your letters!)

- 1) Tongues are for a SIGN 1 Cor 14v22
- 2) The Jews require a sign 1 Cor 1v22
- 3) In Acts 2, Acts 10 & Acts 19 when tongues are 'exercised' JEWS are present!
- 4) When God is dealing with Israel the SIGNS are present.
- 5) When God quits dealing with Israel the SIGNS cease! (God has NOT finished with the Jews!)
- 6) The Apostolic SIGNS were for the Apostolic age.
- 7) The signs are for the apostles -2 Cor 12v12.
- 8) There are NO apostles TODAY! Do you know the qualifications to be an apostle?
- 9) That great 'healer' the apostle Paul couldn't heal Timothy 1 Tim 5v23 or Trophimus 2 Tim 4v20. Why? Because Paul's ministry was coming to a close & the apostolic signs were also coming to a close.
- 10) I believe in healing, I believe that healing is in the 'atonement' BUT we do NOT get ALL the benefits NOW!
- 11) If you don't 'rightly divide the word of truth' you will try to apply every Scripture to yourself & get in all kinds of confusion.
- 12) There is NO 'unknown tongue' in Acts 2 (Did you hear that my Pentecostal friend?)
- 13) The Charismatic & Pentecostal has taken the unknown tongue of 1 Cor 14 & placed it into Acts 2 & said that this is the 'baptism in the Holy Ghost' & tongues is the initial evidence of salvation! (This is wresting the Scriptures to your own destruction! 2 Pet 3v16)
- 14) There is a difference between the 'Gospel' that Jesus, John the Baptist & the 12 preached compared to Paul's Gospel! (*Think about that for a while!*) There is a difference between the 'Gospel of the Kingdom' & the 'Gospel of the Grace of God!' Acts 2v38 is DIFFERENT to 1 Cor 15 v1-3 (Just thought I'd throw that one in!!!)
- 15) Peter's message changed from Acts 2v38 to Acts 10v43 (You can't apply every Scripture doctrinally to the church!)
- 16) There is more than ONE Gospel in the Scriptures! (Now before you misquote me check it out!!!)
- 17) In the last days the Scriptures tell us there will be counterfeit SIGNS. 2 Thes 2v1-12
- 18) Note Rev 2v2 (See point 8!)
- 19) If the gift of tongues were for today (WHICH THEY ARE NOT!) WOMEN should NOT speak in them!!! (*Hear me Barney!*) Read 1 Cor 14v27-35 IN CONTEXT!!! see v34
- 20) The book of Acts is a dangerous book to build upon DOCTRINALLY. It is a book of TRANSITION! Pentecostals need to get out of Acts & get into Paul's Epistles!!!

Note - Do NOT read the Scriptures with PRE-CONCEIVED ideas! Allow THEM to speak as they are in context!

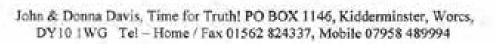
WARNING – READING THE SCRIPTURES CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR MAN MADE DOCTRINES & OPINIONS!

This is a very brief summary. If you would like further details please write & let me know.

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Time for Truth News!

(John & Donna's Newsletter) Issue 8 – July – August 2002



O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119v97-105)

Not just another newsletter!

Just recently I watched a video on the life story of Keith Green. It was quite amazing how much he achieved in the short time he had on earth, just 28 years! He was a great encouragement to me in my early walk with the Lord, and still is. I know of very few who had such a love & zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ. He just wanted to get to know the Lord Jesus the best he could & to reach as many lost souls as possible with the gospel. He had a heart full of love for the Lord, which poured out through his life. Just before he died in a plane crash on July 28th 1982 he was sending out 300,000 newsletters on a regular basis. We've got a bit to go!

Like I have said before, I don't want this newsletter to be fust another newsletter, I want it to be encouraging & yet challenging towards the saints & gospel orientated towards those who are not saved but read it anyway. I also want to address error when needed & to bring in teaching where possible. Now so far we have had many responses since we started back in March 2001, which we thank the Lord for. I pray that this current issue will also encourage you to get closer

to the Lord in your daily walk & stir you up to keep sowing the seed of the word of God BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!

Now I know that there are a few of you who don't like the stand we take on certain issues, especially the AV & its perfection, & you have written to me telling me so. Some of you see our newsletter as negative rather than positive, but no matter what you think about us we want you to know this, our greatest desire is to know the Lord Jesus Christ the best we can & to love Him with every fibre of our being. We are sorry if you don't like the tone in which some of our newsletters are written. I suppose I've always been a bit brash & outspoken when it comes to things important to myself, & the Scriptures are my FINAL AUTHORITY & therefore important to me. We have probably lost around 20 - 30 people from our mailing list since we started but every issue we are seeing growth in the number of people that want to be added. I cannot tell you how thankful I am to the Lord by all the friends we have made through this very small ministry & all the encouragement we've received. We shall continue to earnestly contend for the faith.

Urgent Prayer Requests

Please pray for our friends Cyril & Mona Baker who are both not well at present. Mona is recovering from an operation for a brain tumour. Please also pray for Frank & Gladys Colwell. Gladys has just been diagnosed with diabetes. Both of these couples have been a tremendous example & encouragement to Donna & I over the years. We have learnt much from them.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Well we have finally finished in the book of Galatians. I think we all have profited from the studies. It is only a small house group but we do have some levely times around the Scriptures. I think there are a couple of folks who would like this group to grow into a church fellowship but we are just allowing the Lord to lead & guide us.

Action Weekend!

They just get bigger & better! This time we took a team of 13 to Hurstwood Church in Burnley for a long weekend of training, evangelism & fellowship. I cannot tell you how much the Lord really does bless our times together. The ministry was challenging & encouraging. Subjects covered were the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, Final Authority. Tongues & Prayer. There were also question & answer sessions etc. To relax we went on walks, played football & non-stop cricket, chatted & just had good fellowship together. The food was excellent as usual, Donna, Diana & Abbie (the small girl from Halesowen!) made up an excellent team in the kitchen (us husbands fust wished they'd stay in there!!!) It was great having Jon Hewett on the leadership team & he ministered to us well. Nic, as always, didn't let us down regarding laughs etc. However due to his very busy schedule (plus he's so unorganised list untrue!) Nic didn't take any of the seminars for us this time but he did preach to us on the Sunday. Overall it was a great ministry weekend & we all look forward to the next one. Again I would like to thank the eldership of Hurstwood Church for their hospitality & all the love & support they give to us.

If you are interested in coming to one of our Action Weekends please would you write & let us know. Due to the increase in numbers we shall be offering first come first served. We are able to cater for a maximum of 20 people.

A Professing Atheist!

As a sales rep I am always meeting different people. Last week I met with a man who was a professing atheist who had studied for a good period of time under the Jesuits? After we finished our 'business' we got onto the subject of 'religion'. For the next 45 minutes we talked about the deeper things, he took his stand & I took mine! He tried to argue from an intellectual point of view & was often times sarcastic & condescending. I pulled no punches & allowed the weight of the word of God to deal with him. Every time the Scriptures came up they cut through the sarcasm & front he was putting up. We left on reasonable terms & he invited me back to speak with him again only this time he wanted to bring a friend! Even though we were poles apart in our thinking & beliefs I still walked out with an order! Thank you Lord! Interestingly enough I found out this week that this man has just been rushed into hospital & has had to have quite a serious operation. I just hope that the word of God & the Spirit of God will penetrate this mans hard heart. Please pray for him.

Donna's Health

Due to Donna's arthritis she has given up her work at Littlewoods. She now does part time appointment making for me at the company I work for. She has been to see a specialist a number of times & he gave her a very strong drug to combat arthritis. After taking it & through the blood tests she was having, we found out that this was affecting her liver in a bad way. She has now stopped taking the drug & been prescribed an alternative. Through all of this we have written away to a few different organisations, including Christian ones, who have sent us information regarding the treatment of arthritis. The problem is that you have specialists from both sides saying totally different things, its so frustrating at times. The thing that seems to be dominating throughout is a good balanced diet, which includes plenty of fresh fish & vegetables.

At the moment Donna is taking tablets but from source rather than from a natural pharmaceutical / chemical source. I honestly believe that much of the research pharmaceutical industry today is corrupt & in it just for money rather than really trying to help you. I don't trust any of them! I have bought a couple of books lately that seem to expose the medical industry in many ways. The only person you can totally depend upon in this world is the Lord Jesus Christ & His word. Eat the best diet you can & commit every single thing in your life to Him & ask Him to lead & guide you in all you do. Please keep praying for Donna. We are pleased that the swelling hasn't been as bad as before but she is still waking up in pain most days.

If you know of anyone else who would like to go on our mailing list please pass on our details or let us know their address. If you would like more copies of the newsletter to pass out to friends just drop us a line!

Church

Donna & I still haven't settled anywhere as yet regarding a home church since coming back from Chester. I am really not quite sure where the Lord wants us as yet. We are just continuing to read & pray & ask the Lord to lead us in every decision we make. We are having fellowship on a regular basis with Christians & we are involved in Bible studies etc. but we know that we need to 'bed down' in a local church soon. Please keep praying for us regarding this,

Hope Chapel Youth Group & Bible Class

Things are going great here. These young folks are growing well in the Scriptures. Last Saturday we went with the teachers & leaders to take the youngsters to Ragley Hall. It was lovely weather & the facilities were excellent. I tried to re-capture my youth by going on the assault course & adventure playground but found out that I can no longer climb a rope! We played football for 2 hours & I am pleased to say we won again this year (not that I'm competitive at all!) Overall it was a lovely day out. We are still walking through Ephesians on Friday's & Galatians on Sunday's.

Open Air in Burnley

On the Saturday during the Action the centre of Burnley & held an open air, it was the hardest open air we had ever everything seemed so different. The team with then we gave out tracts & then had over 20 good conversations with least 700 tracts were given out. We were witnessing for about 2 hours. It was a of us.



Weekend 15 of us went into Last time we held one there been involved in. This time sarg hymns & songs to start preached. We must have folks on the streets & at there preaching & real time of blessing for all

Colin Tyler's Answer To Michael Penfold

My friend Colin Tyler has produced a first class rebuttal of Michael Penfold's erroneous tract 'Is The KJV Perfect?' If you haven't received a copy & would like one please drop me a line. This is an excellent work & I am so pleased that the Lord has raised up men like Colin to deal with people like Penfold. I would also recommend again Colin's tape list to you. If you would like good solid AV Bible teaching & preaching then please let me know & I'll add you to the Bethany mailing list. It is free of charge!

Questions to think upon!
I would like it if you would
write back with any
thoughts on these, thanks.
Please back it up by
Scripture references!

- What were the Old Testament 'saints' looking forward to when they died?
- 2) Read 1 Cor 13v10 What is 'that which is perfect'?
- 3) Where did the Old Testament 'saints' go BEFORE Abraham?

Thank you to all those who wrote & answered the last question I put in Issue 7.

The Business World!

Well the Lord certainly is blessing me in my job. I am top rep for the company I work for & have brought in over £260,000 of business since joining them back in Nov 2001. Even though I hate the business world with a passion, I am grateful to the Lord who has given me this job. I just continue to pray that I will be a witness for Him in everything I do. Thank you to all those who pray for me regarding work. The problem with any sales job is that come Monday you have to start all over again! I am on target to do 50,000 miles in my car this year!

Jack & Eddle

Most nights I arrive home from work I go & hide up the garden. Donna then lets the dogs out to come & find me! It's a great little game & I must honesty confess that I don't know who enjoys it the most, Jack & Eddie or me! When they find me they go 'banana's!' They are both doing great & dad loves them to bits.

Are You Trying To Be Somebody You're Not?

Read 1 Cor 12v12-27 & Rom 12

We as Christians are part of the body of Christ with the Lord Jesus being the Head. Now the head of the body is not the paster, elder, deacon, Queen, Pope, Bishop, Priest or YOU or I! The Head of the body is the Lord Jesus Christ. We all have different gifts & talents to use for His glory & not our own, but there is such a spirit of competitiveness in the church today. It's as if we are all trying to be somebody. We want to lead & be at the front, always on show, rather than be a silent worker in the background. I know of many Christians who find it hard to come under authority. They want things done their own way (some say that I'm like this, I may be at times!) & if they don't get it, rather than just keep silent, they kick up such a fuss like a spoilt child. Now an orchestra functions perfectly when everybody is doing what they should be doing. When this happens the music is beautiful, but if everyone did their own thing & played how & when they liked, the music would sound awful. The Lord Jesus is the 'Conductor' & we all have our part to play. If we do exactly what the Lord calls us to do (i.e. nothing more or less) then the music, the function of the body, will run as it should. When you or I are trying to do something we are not called to do we meas things up. Not everyone in the pulpit is a preacher or Bible teacher, not everyone who plays an instrument or sings is called to lead worship etc. Know your calling and do exactly what God calls you to do.

I suppose due to my nature & 'ego' at times I do things I'm not called to do, & when I do them, I mess up. The trouble is I find that often times I'm put into situations because other people who are called to do that certain job AREN'T doing it! Now as I have mentioned in this newsletter & others, competitiveness among Christians often leads to jealousy & bitterness. Now if we all did just what we are called to do in humility, we wouldn't see this competitiveness among so many today. Don't always think you have got to say something or give your opinion. Sometimes silence is the best thing. I am not trying to be like you & you shouldn't try to be like me. We are all different & the Lord uses us in different ways. I have fights with the flesh & ego daily, like some of you. We need to continually come under the subjection of God's word & His will. I remember reading about Robert Murray M'Cheyne who pastored a church in Dundee. He was mightily used of God & saw many come to know the Saviour. He died at just 29 years of age. He pastored a church in Dundee for many years & was faithful in his preaching & teaching. One day he went over seas on a missionary journey & while over there a true revival broke out in his home church. Now if that was you or I we probably would have rushed back & tried to take the credit for what had happened. M'Cheyne was different & a man who was humble & graceful. He only praised God for what had happened & was thankful to Him. He took NO credit for himself but gave all the glory to God. How unlike us this is. We tend to look for the glory in anything that goes well.

Friends I am coming to realise more & more that all I am is a wretched man, a wicked sinner, yet saved by the grace of God. I am a man who has a heart deceitful above all things & desperately wicked, one who loves the glory & if I allow my ego to get the better of me, I would sink quicker than I ton of lead! To walk in humility in this kind of a world that promotes 'You are master of your own destiny' & 'be somebody, get to the top!' is very difficult. The 'church' today is bringing in all kinds of worldly ways to encourage people to join it. The M'Cheyne's seem to have died out along with many other men & women who sought only to give the glory to God.

Don't try to be somebody you're not! Don't always want to be up-front seeking the limelight! If you are offered a leadership position don't rush into it! Seek God & make sure that He wants you there! I remember hearing one preacher say 'If the devil can't discourage you he will encourage you!' (There is a lot of truth in that!) I have seen very few good leaders in my time. I have often found that when someone gains leadership they allow the little power they have to go to their head & they can't handle the position. That is why you see so many problems in the business world today & sadly to say, also in the church. We are all members of the body of Christ. He is the Head & we all have a different part to play. I won't try to be like you or do your job & you shouldn't try to be like me & do my job. We are servants for the Master; let us remember that. A friend of mine said something that has always stuck with me 'We are just errand boys for the Lord!' Amen.

Thanks For All Your Love & Prayers!

Donna & I would like to thank all of you who pray for us in the ministry we're involved with. Often times the Christian walk seems very lonely & hard but we really do believe that your prayers make a difference. I am so encouraged by all the letters we receive each month, please keep them coming, even if its just to say keep pressing on! We realise that the Lord's return is imminent & as Christians we need to live our lives as if He could return TODAY! So my dear Christian friends keep pressing on, keep close to the Lord & keep sowing the seed of the word of God. We love you all very much!



Time for Truth News!

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Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. (Gal 2v16) You cannot work your way to beaven!

What We Stand For!

Here at 'Time for Truth!' our stand is simple! We believe the Authorised Version of the Bible is THE word of God! We believe that it is PERFECT i.e. WITHOUT ERROR (Psalm 12v6+7). We shall NEVER be foolish enough to add, subtract, change, distort or 'correct' the word of God! We believe that Jesus Christ is God (1 Tim 3v16) & He is the ONLY ONE who can forgive us our sin & SAVE US! (Col 1v14) We believe The Lord Jesus Christ's return is imminent (1 Thes 4v13-18). We believe there are millions of souls who are on the road to hell this very minute & unless they hear the gospel & believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for their righteousness, they shall perish in the lake of fire for eternity! We are trying to stop folks from going to hell by reaching them with the gospel! (Rev 20v15) That's it! That is who we are! (Of course there is much more we could say but that just sums up what we are about!) What about YOU?

More of 'Those' Questions!

We had a good response from the last newsletter regarding the questions we put in! Due to space we are unable to print the answers but if you would like a brief summary of the answers please write & let me know! Here are a few more to ponder over... (Again I would ask you to back up your answers with Scriptures!)

- 1) Did Jesus go to Hell when he died? If not what does Acts 2v31 mean?
- What is the difference between the Kingdom of God & the Kingdom of Heaven?
- 3) How were Old Testament saints saved?
- 4) How will people get saved in the Tribulation?
- 5) Are there 'apostie's' today? If not what does Eph 4v11+12 mean?

Donna's Health

Not much change as yet although we are thankful to the Lord because Donna doesn't seem to be getting any worse. The swelling isn't so had, although her knee is twice the size it should be at present, but the pain is the same! The mornings seem to be the worst. Some days her hands & shoulders are very painful & she can't do much. Please keep praying for her, thanks. We have asked the Lord Jesus Christ to touch Donna's body or heal her but we also realise that it may not be His will to do so!

An MBE for Donna's Mum & Dad!

Donna's parents have recently returned home from 12 years of missionary work in the Philippines. They have been selected for an MBE due to their good work & services out there. They helped run 'The Little Children's Home' for 18 months & later on they set up their own orphanage called 'The Shalom Bata Rescue Centre.' It is an exciting time for them, as they, along with their 3 daughters & 'Nan', will be visiting Buckingham Palace to receive this award. No doubt Donna will want a new 'party frock' for the occasion! (Any excuse!) On a serious note they have done a great work out there & would have continued if Ernie (Donna's dad) hadn't been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Please pray for him as he does have some bad days & Shirley (Donna's mum) also!

Next 'Team Event'

The next 'Time for Truth!' 'Team Event' will be held, the Lord willing, in Brampton Nr Carlisle from 29th Nov - 1th Dec 2002. If you would like to come please write & let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange lifts etc. There is a limited amount of space available so first come first served, unless of course you can make your own way up there. We shall be 'tracting' the village & maybe surrounding areas. It will be a great time of evangelism & you're guaranteed plenty of laughs! Nic Shaw will be 'leading' this event! (This will be worth seeing! Knowing Nic we shall tract the same road 7 times & half the team will probably get lost!) Get working on your plan Shorty!!!

How Bad Will It Get?

What has happened to 'Christian' England? David Carson in his 'Protestant Newsletter' writes 'When the Queen came to the throne fifty years ago crime was at a fairly low level. Sodomy & abortion were illegal. Divorce was difficult to obtain & the word, paedophilia, was only familiar to Greek scholars. Children could play out all day in safety. Town centres were deserted after 6 pm & people could retire to the quiet seclusion of their homes without being bombarded by their neighbours jungle music & riotous parties. Drugs were substances prescribed for illness & only women of very dubious character frequented public houses. Shops were mostly closed on the Lord's Day & people could rest from their labours undisturbed. Churches were still quite well attended, though the signs of decleration were all too obvious, & the Ecumenical Movement was; though in its infancy, beginning to do its deadly work. The word charismatic was only used in the context of describing a person with a very attractive personality. The Queen swore before God that she would be a faithful Protestant & she was handed an Authorised Version of the Bible with the memorable words "Here is wisdom. This is the royal law. These are the lively procles of God." To those who remember what it was like then, it seems like a dream world, which has been replaced by a horrible nightware. The nightmore is all too real as we watch the nation destroying itself before our very eyes." (Although I wouldn't agree doctrinally with everything David Carson says, I would recommend his newsletter to you. He does a great work! You can write to him at the following address - David Carson, The National Union of Protestants, 6 West Lorne Street, Chester, CHI 4AF, Tel - 01244 376773):

The above article has summed it up as to just how bad things have reached over the last fifty years. The progression of evil has intensified over the last ten years at an unbelievable rate! We are seeing things today that fifty, even ten years ago, you wouldn't have believed could happen! We are living in a world saturated in lust, greed, filth, & out & out rejection of God & His word! It's as if NOBODY cares anymore, just live as YOU want to! The church is so busy fighting amongst itself OR compromising with the world that it doesn't even know what's going on! You and I are Christian soldiers & as soldiers we should be ready, willing & able to fight when needed. (Read 2 Tim 2v1-4). Are we in the battle or just watching from the

sidelines? The church today is full of lukewarm, halfhearted Christians who don't know what is happening, or what to do. They are fed on milk (new versions & watered down 'gospels' i.e. the 'Alpha' course etc.) rather than the strong meat of the word of God, they seek 'experiences' rather than obey what the WORD OF GOD says & they don't speak out against sin because they don't want to offend anybody? We are reaping what we have sown; look at the state of the world, even our own country, because WE aren't doing what WE are called to do: i.e. take the GOSPEL into the world, sow THE WORD & get out there "SAVING SOULS!" Look back over this last year alone & REALLY ask yourself, 'What have I done for the Lord?' Christian, get out there & take a stand! When a letter NEEDS writing WRITE THAT LETTER, don't wait for someone else to do it! So often in our own villages, towns & cities evil things arise because the Christian doesn't do anything to try & stop it!

Jesus Christ could return today, NOW! What have you done with your time here on earth? Have you used it for His work or have you WASTED it? I heard a preacher say only a year or so ago, 'Our country has gone to the dogs!' I thought he was too harsh, too pessimistic, but now I see what he meant!

Christian brother / sister, may we all take this as a wake up call, surrender our will to HIS will & get out there & do something for the Lord. Study your Bibles, pray, give out tracts, write letters, voice your objections, stand your ground, start a work: open up a coffee shop, ladies meeting, toddler group, drop in centre, visit the elderly & needy, reach the poor & homeless, hold mid-week or Saturday Gospel meetings, hold Christian video seminars etc? BUT DO SOMETHING FOR THE LORD & REACH THE LOST (BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!) ruther than just dreum, or criticize someone else's work & do nothing. I get fed up with Christians who just make excuses for NOT working for the Lord. We ALL can do something! Let us in these closing days hear our calling & fulfil it. 'I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world. I am the light of the world.' (Read also Mat 5v13 / Eph 5v8) What are you waiting for? Get going!

(I have produced a tape on evangelism & soul-winning, which I hope will encourage you. If you would like it please request a copy. It is free of charge,

Canterbury

Well Donna & I managed to get away first time we have been on holiday by nearly 9 years ago. It was a great time, read our Bibles. We also watched a Canterbury is a lovely place & the architecture. Sadly the spiritual side to Catholic influence is everywhere; the & the Cathodral shop sold nothing I for example! However, this is one of ever seen!) Again it is sad to say it but & Church of England churches today



for a few days to Canterbury. It is the ourselves since we were married We just relaced, went for walks & couple of films & went out for a meal. Cathedral is a monument to it all is very poor. The Roman Cathedral had times for confessional could see that was 'sound' (see photo the best photos of Derrick Cole I've it's so true, the majority of Cathedrals are just like museums, dead!

Our Friends in the USA!

What a great bunch of guys we've met through our newsletter. Let me tell you about one of them. His name is Peter Paul Ventura Jr. He is currently serving a 45 year sentence in a Connecticul State Prison. He is now a born again brother in the Lord & really is full of zeal for God. He runs 3 Bible studies & preaches regular in the prison. He has studied much of Dr Peter Ruckman's work & is an AV PERFECTIONIST! He is a lovely brother full of warmth & encouragement. I have asked whether he wunted me to put his name & address in our newsletter & he said that he would love to hear from folks in England. I would urge as many of you as possible to write to this Christian brother & encourage him. He may well teach you quite a bit also as he is studying his Bible every day! His address is as follows... # 83492 – NB6, 900 Milldale Road, Cheshire, Ct. 06410 – 1698, USA. I have a list of other folk also in the prison who I am sure would love to hear from you. They are all sound AV Bible believing Christians who have a zeal & passion to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me know if you would like their addresses also. (Mat 25v35-36)

Robert Murray McCheyne (1813 - 1843)

I think it was Pastor Cyril Baker who first introduced me to Robert McCheyne & I'm so glad he did! Although just 29 when he died he was a man who sought holiness in his Christian walk & who loved God with fervent zeal. I have been blessed so much by the writings of this young man. He had such a depth to him even at this young age. I quote from the book 'From The Preachers Heart' – 'The sermon was for McCheyne what it is generally not to the average modern preacher – the means for moving his heavers from sin to God. He aimed to affect them at the time, to stir their emotions to the depths by the searching & probing action of the preached word of God. There is no show of eleverness, no needless illustration, no light-heavedness, absolutely nothing like entertainment or mirth. All is truth & Gospel. ...Like Richard Baxter, he preached as a dying man to dying men.' I would highly recommend the writings of Robert Murray McCheyne.

Are You Struggling?

Don't you find the Christian walk really hard at times? You think you are the only one who is struggling in life either with some situation, maybe at work or at home, or with some sin you just can't seem to get rid of? Read 1 Peter 5v6-10. We have an enemy who knows our weaknesses & he will do everything he can to bring us down. Have you ever just sat & poured out your heart to God, told Him all your worries & cares? He understands who we are & what we go through & He wants to help us if we'll let Him. Read Heb 4v14-16. I've known many Christians who have tried to work it out themselves & when everything has gone wrong they have given up. God is interested in us & He wants to lead & guide us throughout this life but often times we fail to trust Him to see us through. You maybe going through your most difficult time yet & you feel lonely & isolated, you don't know which way to turn & you feel as if you can't share your problem with anyone. Well now is the time to just take a walk, go for a drive, or just sit in a quiet room, but get alone with the Lord Jesus & cast all your cares & troubles upon Him. Pour out your heart like you've never done before, tell Him you just want to be where He wants you to be, tell Him you love Him but you want to love Him more. I promise you this; He will NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU! (Psalm 37v28 & Deut 31v6) Don't try & work things out on your own, let the ONE who loves you & knows what is best for you HELP YOU! Jesus loves YOU SO MUCH!

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins & grief's to bear; What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer. Oh what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer. Have we trials & temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

(If anyone out there has the story behind why Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn please would you post it to me, many thanks)

Jack & Eddie

The boy's are doing fine apart from Eddie who wasn't well for 3 days tast week & at one stage we thought it was quite serious so we took him to the vets at 1.00 am. He had 3 injections & antibiotics plus medicine he must take 3 times a day. It was a really sad sight to see but we thank the Lord that now he is much better & up to his normal antics! Jack is now showing some of his 'Staffordshire built terrier' character! I think Eddie is a little wary of him at times but on the whole they still got on great. Most mornings they pop in to see us for a cuddle & a belly rub! (Donna has started doing the same!)

Tracting

Most weeks Donna, Abbie, Jon & I go into Stratford upon Avon to give out tracts & try & talk with folks about the Lord Jesus. Each time we have gone out, there has always been somebody who has shown an interest. We get through quite a few tracts & just pray that the Lord will bless His word to those needy souls.

Remember September 11th?

How quickly time has gone! I suppose we can all remember what we were doing on September 11th 2001. It is amazing to think that a year has gone since that tragic situation. Thousands of lives were lost & have been lost since! I wonder where those folk are now; heaven or hell? If only we would realise our responsibility as Christians to share the gospel with the lost, with the people we work with! May the Lord give us all a heart of compassion for the lost souls of this world & the boldness to speak to them about the Lord Jesus! Why not, once you have read this newsletter, go & give out 20 tracts to the first people you come across or post them through the nearest 20 letterboxes? If every one of you (who are on our mailing list) did just that it would mean 8000 tracts were given out TODAY! (If all of us did that everyday for a year, it would mean 2,920,000 (i.e. nearly 3 million) tracts were given out in a single year!) There are only 60 million (approx) people in the U.K!

Hope Chapel Barbecue



On Saturday 24th August we had a barbecue for the youth at Hope Chapel. Twenty-six folk turned up & our friends Jon & Abbie cooked for everyone, they did a great job! It was a great time of fun & fellowship. I think one lad had 12 hot-dogs!!! The youth group has now started back up again from its summer break. We had 16 teenagers the first week & 18 the second! I can feel my voice going by the end of these meetings! Last week we all got involved with a new kind of 'evangelisms!' We launched 120 helium balloons with a gospel tract attached to them from the Hope Chapel can park in Birmingham & just prayed that the Lord would guide them to where they were needed! If you hear of anyone who receives one please let us know!

The Lord's Will

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge.

To find the will of God is the greatest discovery.

To do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

Do you know, have you found & are you doing the will of God?

The Curse of Work!

Well I have finished the season at work by bringing in over £320,000 of business! I've doubled what anyone else has done in the company, thank you Lord! The budget was set at £358,000 & the only way you could *get up there* was if you worked for NASA!!! It's the usual story, I've made my employer a fortune & that is that! 'Sale's' is an emotional job with its highs & lows; it is an industry where your bosses are NEVER satisfied. I do get so frustrated; it seems as if I'm pouring all my energies into a secular job, making money for everyone, & I'm not doing what I want to be doing i.e. studying, reading & reaching the lost: but that's life! I suppose all I'm doing here is moaning but I must say I do feel better now it's off my chest! (Thanks for listening!)

Prayer Requests...

Please pray for Margaret Harper who is not at all well at present. Would you also remember David Ainsley's family at this time as his sister has just passed away but thank the Lord she is now with the Saviour! Please continue to remember Mona Baker & Gladys Colwell. Victoria Davies's baby is due very soon please pray for a safe delivery. Would you also remember Ted Smith in your prayers & our very small friend Carolyn Tyler who has just started university, many thanks!

A Verse To Ponder Upon!

Luke 3v13 - Write to me & let me know your thoughts.

Well that's another 2 months gone! Donna & I cannot thank the Lord Jesus Christ enough for every blessing & encouragement He gives to us. We thank Him also for His mercy on our failings, His strength when we are weak & His love that keeps us going... until we shall see Him face to face: what a day that really will be! (I hope it's soon!) Look forward to hearing from you! Speak to you all in the next newsletter if we're still here!

If you would like extra copies of our free newsletter to pass on to friends or 'enemies' just drop us a line!





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If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them. Depart in peace, be ye warmed & filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. (James 2v15-17)

Earth Tremors, High Winds & Amazing Weather Conditions in the UK!

On 23rd Sept at 12.50 am while at home in Kidderminster we experienced an earth tremor that shook the whole house for 15 seconds? It was one of the weirdest experiences I've ever known & at the time was quite scary! I only remember this happening once before & even then it was on a much smaller scale. In Manchester there were 34 earth tremors in a week! We have also had really weird weather that included a 'tornado' in Hampshire & winds that blew thousands of trees down! All of this reminded me of two things; 1) the awesome power of God & 2) another sign for the end times & the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Get ready! God is going to shake this world to the core in judgement very soon.

If you just sit for a good while & read through the book of Revelation (I would suggest you read this book over the next week or sa') it is horrifle to think what will happen to this earth once the Christians have been taken at the Rapture to be with the Lord forever. I am sure that leading up to this great event we shall also see things that will shock & scare us just to how bad this world will get. Now is the time to get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ in your daily walk as possible & let Him lead & guide you through life, he a soul winner for the Lord! This world is full of sinners sleepwalking their way right to hell! Are you trying to stop them?

Prayer Requests & a BIG Thank You To You All!

Brother Frank Colwell would like to thank all those who have prayed for his wife Gladys & for Mona Baker. Gladys has shown a great improvement & Mona is making steady progress. Margaret Harper is also making good progress. I would also like to ask you all to pray for Sheila who was rushed into hospital in June & had a brain tumour successfully removed. The down side is that it is the worst form of malignant tumour you can have & will grow / spread again. Sheila has finished a six-week course of radium therapy & is very poorly. They have told her that this treatment will only slow the growth & not kill it. I would also ask you to continue to pray for Donna as she has had a couple of bad weeks of late regarding her Rheumatoid Arthritis. Again I cannot thank you all enough for your prayers & the love you show, thank you SO MUCH!

The Macedonian Bible - Translated From The AV 1611!

THE FACTS - The capital of Macedonia is Skopje with a population of 600,000. It has only four small evangelical churches & none ministering to the 60,000 gypsies or 200,000 Albanians. Ten cities of 50,000 people lie within 100 km of Skopje & none of these have an evangelical witness! The only Bible out there in Macedonia at present is a CORRUPT one; therefore Mr Luke Cvetkov from NI is translating one directly from the AV 1611 into the language of the Macedonian people. Please pray for this work. Anyone who is interested in further details can contact Luke Cvetkov at 24 Pinley Park, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 3TX Northern Ireland. I am sure he would be very encouraged by your letters & interest.

Ghana Letters!

Jon & Abbie have taken on this very worthwhile work for us of responding to all the letters from Ghana. So far the folks in Ghana have sent 200 letters requesting Bibles & Christian literature etc. 200 AV Bibles, along with 200 "You Asked The Question!" booklets have been sent out to them plus many cassettes & tracts. Please pray that these people situated in Sekondi Ghana will know the touch of God in their lives & many who are not saved will realise their need of the Saviour & respond to His call.

Sending Christmas Cards This Year?

If you send Christmas cards each year but don't put a 'tract' inside, why not try it this year? Distributing Christian literature is so important these days, especially gospel tracts! So let us be a little bit bold this year & place a tract in every card we send. If you would like some tracts FREE OF CHARGE just write & request how many you want & we would be pleased to post them to you straight away. Who knows what will happen when someone reads the gospel; they could get saved!

'Santa Claus' - Holding the Tradition!

Read Mark 7v1-13 - Note v3, v5, v8, v9, & v13 - ...bolding the tradition!

Often times we say & do things because of tradition. Many Christians believe certain things because their favourite Bible teacher or pastor, or their favourite author has said it so it must be right! Many Christians accept things without checking them out first. For example if we were to ask the following three questions I wonder what your answers would be...?

- 1) What was the fruit which Adam & Eve ate?
- 2) How many wise men were there?
- 3) Who came to the 'stable' when Jesus was born?

Look up the answers to these questions in your Bible (Authorised Version of course!) & see what it says.

Is it okay for us to teach our children that Santa Claus is coming & he will give us toys etc. if we are good? Is this just harmless fun or is there something more sinister behind it? As a child I used to love Christmas with all its trappings, I believed in Santa & thought he was just a big fat jolly guy who was very generous! (Later on I found out that he was one of the bass Bible teachers I ever heard, therefore I joined his church in Acock's Green! — private joke! Any implication that this is Colin Tyler is purely factual!)

Is it just a coincidence the letters that spell 'Santa' also spell SATAN?

Let us look at a few things regarding Santa....

1) Santa Claus is a LIE - Read John 14v6, Rev 21v8 & John 8v44.

Now it doesn't take a lot of intelligence, theological training or background in the Scriptures to know that if God is opposed to all lies, & Satan is the father of all lies, then Santa Claus CANNOT be Christian! I believe that Santa Claus is a counterfeit of the Lord Jesus Christ & has been created to take the place of the Lord Jesus in millions of young peoples hearts. We shall PROVE this as we go on!

Santa Claus mythology matches Biblical truth regarding The Lord Jesus Christ!

The following letters written to Santa are from newspapers over the Christmas period....

- Dear Santa, If I could have one Christmas wish it would be for my mom to get better. She has arthritis. Would you
 please heal her?
- Dear Santa, I would like to give thanks to you for all the good things that you have brought to me. By the way you are like a father to me!
- 3) Dear Santa, For Christmas would you please give humanity a cure for cancer & aids?
- 4) Dear Santa, Thank you for caring for me & doing so many good things.

These are 'prayers & petitions' which these children are offering unto Santa when they should be offering them unto God! Listen to a couple more...

- 5) Dear Santa, Do you know God? If you do would you please tell him to stop diseases? Thank you for reading my letter.
- 6) Dear Santa, My mom & I both have disabilities. My mother takes care of me without my father. Would you please give both of us new bodies?

These children have been taught to put their faith & trust in a mythical invention of a money worshipping society. They have been taught that Santa can do all the things that Jesus can do but with Santa you don't get the 'hell & judgement' parts!

Let us now look at a few comparisons between the Lord Jesus Christ & Santa Claus...

 Rend Rev 1v8, Isa 9v6 + John 1v1 - The Lord Jesus Christ is eternal; He had no beginning & He shall never cease to exist. The Bible calls Him the everlasting Father. Jesus Christ IS GOD!

What about Santa? - When was he born? According to tradition he has always been in existence. When will be die? This is unthinkable! There will always be a Santa Claus!

Where is the dwelling place of the Lord Jesus Christ? - Read Heb 12v22 + Psalm 48v1-2 - NORTH!

Where is Sanm's home? The NORTH pole!

 The Lord Jesus Christ is Omniscient i.e. all knowing; He knows everyone & sees everyone! Read John 2v24-25 + Mat 12v25 + Psalm 139v12 etc.

What about Santa? - He sees you when you're sleeping & he knows when you're awake!

 Rend Rev 20v12 + Rev 22v12 + Rev 2v23 - Jesus Christ will reward according to works! (Note - WORKS has NOTHING to do with your SALVATION! - Eph 2v8+9) Further reading regarding the Judgement Scat of Christ see - 2 Cor 5v10 + 1 Cor 3v11-15. What about Santa? - He knows if you've been bad or good! He's making a list & checking it twice!

6) Read Phil 4v6 + Mat 7v7 - Who should we direct our prayers & petitions to? - God!

Who do we encourage our children to seek, make known their petitions etc. at Christmas time? - Santa?

7) Read Luke 18v16 + Mark 9v36-37 - What a lovely scene! The Lord Jesus loves children!

Each December we allow our children to sit on the lap of Santa, a stranger! Every December someone takes the place of Jesus in these boys & girls hearts! Read Exo 20v3.

8) Read Col 1v16 + Rev 4v11 - Our God has power over His creation. He not only created the animals, but can endue them with special powers as suits His purposes. He once made an ass talk. He guided a great whale to swallow up Jonah. He once tamed an unbroken ass & rode it into Jerusalem.

What about Santa? - He makes reindeer fly! His special creation is a reindeer with a red nose!

9) Read Jer 23v24 + Mat 18v20 etc. - God is Omnipresent i.e. everywhere at the same time!

What about Santa? Santa visits millions of home's, he's not bound by time!

- 10) Some mums & dads would go mad if you told their children that there was no Santa yet they don't care if they take the Lord's name in vain i.e. blasphemy.
- 11) Read John 12v12-13 Jesus is reverenced & respected by all those who know & love Him. When He came to town men closed their shops, women left their homes, and children lined the streets hoping for a glimpse of Him. They brought their sick & diseased in great throngs, hoping that they might touch Him or He them. Then finally, who can describe the adoring crowd that lined the road the day He rode in to, what has been called, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Eyes were peeled, necks extended, multitude pressed together standing on tiptoes, shouting, cheering, waving, laughing, hearts beating high with joy & delight. The long awaited Messiah had at last come to town. He was the one they hoped for & believed would impart to them all the good things they ever wanted. Imagine what that scene would have been like!

Well every December it is re-enacted but this time it's for Sunta Claus! In the shops or riding down the street in a sleigh!

12) Read John 20v19 - Jesus can walk through walls & defy the laws of physics & science etc.

So can Santa! He comes down chimneys but if you haven't got one he'll still turn up & leave presents!

Read Mark 16v15 - The message of the gospel is to be carried to the ends of the earth!

Santa's ministers will stand on a public street corner in a Santa suit & hand out sweets, collect money etc. all day! Many of the Lord Jesus Christ's 'ministers' will never hand out a tract, preach on a street corner or ever try to win someone to Christ! Santa's ministers will visit hospitals, norsing homes, schools, shops etc. to give out presents & minister to folks. Most Christians can't be bothered to do this kind of work!

14) Read Deut 6v4-9 - You should be able to tell a Christian home or not. Christian homes often have texts on the walls etc. we decorate our homes to testify of the Lord.

Look at the homes when December comes! Decorated to Santa!

15) Read Rev 1v13-14 - Jesus has hair white as snow. (Jesus also had a beard - 1sa 56v6)

Santa's hair & beard are white not blonde!

16) Read Isa 63v2 - The Lord's garment is red!

Santa's suit is red! Just coincidence?

17) Read Mat 23v9 - Call no man father! Santa is often called 'Father Christmas!'

Now due to speec I haven't been able to include 15 other similarities but they are there! Hopefully you can see yet another one of Satan's devices (Read 2 Cor 2v11 – Are we ignorant?)

Ten Excuses Often Used!

- 1) I'm not going to church today because I'm so tired.
- 2) I'll give the Bible study a miss (onight because I need to concentrate on other things,
- 3) You don't have to go to church to be a Christian.
- 4) Church is boring & I'm not getting unything out of it anymore.
- 5) I don't give out tracts because that's not my ministry.
- 6) I don't get involved with reaching the lost because I think it's the way you live that really matters.
- 7) I never get time to read my Bible because I have so many family & business commitments.
- 8) I don't financially support Christian work because the money gets spent on things I don't agree with
- 9) I can't forgive 'so de so' because of what they did to me a while back
- 10) I don't go to church because there are so many problems there & besides I feel closer to God praying at home.

If YOU use any of the above excuses ... YOU DON'T REALLY LOVE THE LORD JESUS VERY MUCH!

John Bunyan - A Shining Light.

While away for a few days recently, I read a book called 'Travel with John Bunyan' by John Pestell. The book was about John Bunyan's life & the area where he lived & grew up. It was especially interesting to myself because I was born in Bedford where Bunyan came from & knew some of the places that were mentioned in this book. The book itself was a great encouragement to me as I read about this man's hardships throughout his life. He certainly suffered much yet was still a bright & burning light to thousands around him. His book 'Pilgrims Progress' has sold millions & has been translated into many different languages; it is the 2^{red} best selling book of all time I'm told. I would recommend to everyone the works of John Bunyan. He was a man who loved the Lord Jesus & His word above all else. He was imprisoned much of his life for standing for the truth of the word of God. I would like to leave you with a quote from the book that really touched my heart... 'Bunyan had other friends in Landan including Dr John Owen, the Puritan Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University who on one occasion was asked by King Charles II why he went so often to hear John Bunyan preach? Dr Owen favourably replied, 'I would happily exchange all my learning for the ability to preach Christ as the tinker of Bedford does.'' Where are the John Bunyan's of today?

Thy Will Be Done!

A friend of mine said something to me once, which has always remained with me. He said that preachers today hardly ever come up with fresh material of their own; they are just regurgitating someone else's. I pondered on this for sometime & thought how true it was. The preacher/pastor delivering the sermon often takes credit for what they have said & yet they never really said it; they just copied someone else, not telling you & not giving any credit to the person they took it from! Now of course we all use other peoples material, we read their books, study their commentaries & listen to their cassettes, but so often we make out that we are the ones who have found out this truth & we try to take credit for it showing off to the congregation gathered. 'Oh how Pastor knows his Bible! What a deep student of the word he is! I wish I could get what he does out of the Bible!" These are quotes I've often heard people say. There are many 'big-heads' in the ministry today, leaders up the front that love their positions. They want the glory & to be in the "limelight." They are not content to take a back seat or be a silent missionary they want to be a pastor, elder, 'minister', bishop, leader etc. They want to be recognised by all. I learnt a long time ago that God hates showmanship! I'm concerned when people say they can't wait to take on a leadership role; those who keep pushing themselves forward saying that if the position of pastor came up, they would take it right away. There is no comparison of today's church with the church of the New Testament; we have really lost our way somewhere down the line. Today everyone wants to be somebody; too many Chiefs & not enough Indians. The word humility seems to have been forgotten. When I first got saved I wanted to be the next Billy Graham & win the world for the Lord. I thought I was the one God would choose to bring thousands to Him. Now after 14 years on the Christian pathway I realise that God needs to break us, fashion us & often times bring us to our knees before Him in order to use us for His glory. Now, you can try to do things on your own, which will lead you astray most of the time, or you can say like Isaiah did 'Here am I send me.' In other words Isaiah was open & available to the Lord's will; are we?

I realise *my next step* regarding church is so important; I don't want to do anything or go anywhere that God doesn't want me to. If God wants me in a leadership position He will show me, if He wants me to take a back seat & work quietly then He'll give me the will & desire to do it. Donna & I are continuing to pray asking the Lord for direction regarding church & our next move. Please continue to pray with us. A number of people have said to us 'Why not start a work?' but like I've said previously, we need to know the Lord's will in this. If I listened to everyone's suggestions I think I'd go mad; everyone knows best! I am hoping that very soon the Lord will show us where He wants us.

Thy Will Be Done!

FREE You Asked The Question!" Booklets & Tructs!

I have appear 700 "You Asked The Question!" booklets left. We would like to offer these free of charge to anyone who could use them. If you would like to take advantage of this offer just drop us a line. We would also like to send you some of our tracts, please keep this to a maximum of 300 per order. First come first served! (I've abready reserved some for you Barney don't panie!)

If Christmas & Santa Claus were really of God, the world would hate it! (See John 7v7 & John 15v18-19). The same sinners who hate Christ love Christmas. The biggest thieves, drunkards, liars, adulterers & hypocrites love Christmas. They love the parties, the festivities, the carols, the feating & the merriment, but they HATE everything that is truly appritual. That should tell us that Christmas is NOT Christian! Read James 4v4.

Much of the above information has been taken from the work of James Knox. I would highly recommend his ministry.

Letter from a Lord!

Many of you will have heard of Longleat near Warminster; it won UK Family Attraction of the year in 2002. Lord Bath who lives there has been on TV a number of times & is quite an eccentric character. Well a few weeks ago while in a service station, I saw a leaflet advertising Longleat with a photo of Lord Bath in it. I felt compelled to

write to him enclosing a booklet & tract, so I did. This week we received a hand written letter from the man himself! Part of it read thus... 'Although I do not have time to discuss the matter at longth, I should mention that (as a Pantheist) I find my own peace of mind & my purpose in life from a reverence for the universe in its totality. But I

with you well in your Christian convictions, sincerely, Lord Bath.' It is a shame that a man who has everything materially has missed the whole purpose & meaning of life – a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ! Please pray for Lord Bath that he will respond to the message of the gospel.

Hope Chapel Youth!

We are so encouraged by the way this work is going; the Lord is really blessing us. On average we get 20 teenagers every Friday evening & around 10 every Sunday lunchtime. At present we are studying two books – 1 Timothy & 1 Corinthians. They are zealous to learn & are retaining Scripture extremely well. Last week they all memorised Phil 4v8; a verse that every Christian not only needs to memorise **BUT LIVE OUT** in their daily lives. We cannot thank the Lord enough for what is happening here at Hope Chapel. The eldership have been totally supportive in this work & are also excited as to what is happening. We introduced a Bible reading plan & one of the youngsters read it within **8 months** & another in **9**! We bought them a little trophy & gave them a gift in vouchers for their efforts. Donna & I also took 3 of our young folk to a church in Stafford where I was preaching & they sang 2 hymns for us which was lovely. They are very keen to follow & serve the Lord.

Jack & Eddie!

Both Jack & Eddie have said to me that it's they've missed you all! So here they are is 1 in Nov. We now have to barricade our little 'partners in crime' won't come & wake other & take after Donna but they are still the he's a bit of a 'hard-nur' in the neighbourhood



about time they were seen in the newsletter; again! Eddie will be 2 years old in Dec. & Jack bedroom door every evening so that these two us up so early. Both are as stubborn as each loveliest little dogs around. I think Jack rockons while Eddie is the gentle one.

Your Response to 'Those' Questions! (See previous newsletter)

We had more responses to our last newsletter than ever before. Thank you so much to all of you who wrote with answers to the questions, or in regard to the hymn writer Joseph Scriven, or to those who just wrote to encourage us. We really do love hearing from you & keeping in touch with you. We try to reply to every letter sent but occasionally due to our work load we do fall behind; we always get there in the end. It would be great to bear from you in regard to the next set of questions also...

More 'Controversial' Questions! - Are you brave enough to take up the challenge? (Don't forget to back everything up with Scripture!)

- 1) Should women enter into the 'ministry', i.e. preach & teach?
- 2) Is there a difference between pastors, elders & bishops?
- 3) The Gap 'theory' Fact or Fiction?
- 4) What do you think is the greatest problem in the church today?
- 5) What happened to the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament?

Keep Pressing on in the Christian Life; Never Give Up!

Another two more months gone! Christmas approaching & time is flying by! Keep living for the Lord Jesus Christ in everything you do: keep honest & pure & enjoy every day! Donna & I would again like to thank all those who pray for us & for the love you show towards us. We really do enjoy keeping in contact with you & look forward to henring from you soon. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.



Many bodies of the saints which slept arose...

Read Matthew 27v51-53... And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

QUESTIONS...

- 1) Verse 52 says 'many' bodies of the saints which slept arose! What happened to the rest of the saints? Or did ALL of them arise?
- 2) Is Abraham's bosom empty?

ANSWER...

This is without doubt one of the hardest passages to explain!

Among those who have tried to explain these verses, the following explanations have been produced...

- 1) The bodies came up & lived a while & then died again (as Lazarus)
- 2) The bodies came up & then after a few hours were caught up to heaven (like Moses, who was taken up *after* being buried)
- 3) The bodies were not literal but only spiritual, & went on up with the Lord Jesus at His ascension (Eph 4v8-11)
- 4) The bodies were literal, but returned to the grave to come up later with Jesus at the resurrection.
- 5) The bodies did not come up UNTIL the resurrection of Christ & then went up to heaven with Him.

All of the suggested answers have their problems!

In the first case, what is the point of a dozen repetitions of Lazarus, & why did not ALL of the OT saints come up, & why did they just go into Jerusalem? (Some of them – Adam, Noah, Shem & others, died more than 200 miles from Jerusalem!)

In the second case why were only a FEW bodies caught up? If ALL were not caught up, why not, & when will they go up?

In the third case, the bodies have to be literal, for it is said that they SLEPT, & nowhere in the Bible are 'spirits' or 'souls' ever spoken of as 'SLEEPING'. *The body is what 'sleeps'* (Acts 7v59-60 / 1 Thes 5v9-10).

In the fourth case, the interpretation is nonsensical for we are told that the bodies did not come out until 'after his resurrection' (Mat 27v53). Why would they die again between Matthew 28 & Acts 1? There would be no purpose in them appearing in the first place.

In the fifth case, we have the most logical explanation; but it leaves two problems still starkly standing – why did not ALL the bodies come up, & since all did not, then when do the rest of them come up?

Reviewing what the Holy Spirit has revealed about the first resurrection, several things are clear even if all the details of Matthew 27v50-54 are not clear.

One - the first resurrection comes in THREE instalments...

- 1) OT saints (Mat 27v53), typified by the Feast of the First-Fruits (1 Cor 15v21-23, Deut 16v16)
- 2) NT saints (1 Thes 4, 1 Cor 15v50-63), typified by the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost Deut 16v16, 1 Cor 15v21-23)
- 3) Tribulation saints (Mat 24, Rev 11), typified by the Feast of Tabernacles (Deut 16v16, 1 Cor 15v21-23)

It is certainly improbable that OT saints will go up in the Rapture of the Body of Christ (Dispensational – i.e. the differences between the Body & the Kingdom, Israel & the Church, the Christian & the Jew)

This would make OT saints come up at the post-tribulation Rapture & Resurrection of Isaiah 26v18-21, Ezekiel 37v 1-17, Mat 24v29-31, & Psalms 50v1-6.

If they come up at the Rapture of the church, then a very peculiar situation will arise, for they will be resurrected as Lazarus, to go into the Tribulation on earth in Palestine. *No OT saint was 'born-again'* & none were given glorified bodies, & none are said to be 'like Christ' in the resurrection; contrary to the promises of the Christian (Phil 3v20-21, 1 John 3v1-3), the OT saints retain their male & female distinctions & their separate identity, in the resurrection.

The remaining OT saints, therefore (that did NOT come up at Christ's resurrection), have three future opportunities...

- 1) At the Rapture of the church
- 2) At the post-tribulation Rapture
- 3) At the last Judgement (White Throne Judgement Rev 20)

Choice two is the most likely, but it cannot be proved from the Scripture. If it is chosen, another more knotty problem arises than this one. It is, 'when do the saved from Adam to Moses come up?' Moses to Christ can be the reference to saints who went 'into the holy city,' as Jerusalem is Mosaic & connected with the occupation of Palestine, by Israel, under the Mosaic law; but, where is Adam & when does he come up?

No one knows, but the Scripture, & no one has been in the word enough to come up with the answer!

'Many bodies of the saints' indicates that there are more to come up. WHEN, is the question. Of the many that came up, there is no way to tell whether they represent the dispensations between Abraham & Moses, or between Moses & Calvary, or BOTH.





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For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and

with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thes 4v14·18)

'2003' - Could This Be The Year? (I hope so!)

Where did 2002 go? I know we say it each year but we just don't know what happens to the time! I'm praying that 2003 will be a great year for the Lord's work while we still have time! May we all try that little bit harder this year to reach the lost souls of this world & seize every opportunity we have to bring honour & glory to the Saviour's name! I hope all your churches are actively involved with outreach work & if not why not start a brand-new work? There is nothing more exciting than being involved in the Lord's work. Let us encourage one another this year to get 'notive' for the Lord. This could be the year for the Rapture! Wouldn't it be great getting caught up while working for the Lord! I realise the closer we get to the Lord's return, things could get really tough for the 'Christian,' prepare yourself & get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as possible: let Him lead you.

Many Christians are struggling at present so if you can drop them a line or phone to encourage them, then do it for the Lord & show that Christian love we so often profess.

Quote From the Front Cover of 'The Reformer' Magazine...

Keep about the work that God has given you, do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil's dogs; do not fool away your time chasing the devil's rabbits. Do your work. Let liars lie, let councils resolve, let the devil do his worst: but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you to do! He has not commanded you to get rich. He has never bidden you to defend your character. He has not set you at work to contradict falsehood about yourself which Satan & his servants may start to peddle. If you do those things you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself & not for the Lord. Keep at your work. Let your aim be as steady as a star. You may be

assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded & rejected. (You will not be the first!) But see to it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life until you too can say: 'I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do..." (The Reformer magazine can be obtained by writing to The Protestant Alliance, 77 Ampthill Road, Filtwick, Bedford, MK45 1BD - Tel 01525 712348. This organisation does a great job standing against the falsehood of Roman Catholicism. Although I recommend it I would NOT agree with some of their doctrinal views - but who agrees with everyone? Take the good & leave the bad!)

An Increase To The Population!

Victoria has now had her baby, a beautiful little girl. It's a good job to as she was getting so big, any longer & she would have burst I'm told! To everyone's delight Abbie Hewett is also having a baby! We only hope it doesn't come out with its dad's nose otherwise they'll have to name it Pinocchio! (Before you all write to me telling me how masty I am, you ought to hear like comments about me!) Congratulations to you both!

Did You Get Saved Through Reading A Tract?

If you were saved through reading a tract, or if you know of someone else who was saved through a tract I would love to hear from you! Distributing Christian literature is so important & I think it would be great if we encouraged one another to keep on distributing gospel tracts. I would like to print in the next newsletter some of your stories, please send them in!

2003 Action Weekends & Team Events!

I would like to start planning some Action Weekends & Team Events for 2003. If you're interested in coming please would you let meknow as soon as possible. These weekends seem to be getting more popular & the maximum we can cater for is 20 people. I shall be looking to change the content & set up somewhat for the next Action Weekend (all will be revealed neaver the time!) If you have never been on one it would be great to have you! These Action Weekends

are a good opportunity for intense training & great fun & fellowship; why not bring a friend with you?

FREE "You Asked The Question!" Booklets went faster than Nic running when asked to buy a coffee! (He's not just tight...he's scateriight!)

What a great response we had to this offer! Sorry to those who didn't manage to get some but they were all sent out within the first two weeks. For another good deal see the end of this newsletter!

The New King James Version is a Satanic Counterfeit of The Word of God; if YOU use it YOU have been DECEIVED!

- f) If you use a NKJV because it doesn't have the 'thee, thou & ye' in why don't you sing the hymns in the same way? i.e. 'How Great Thou Art' becomes 'How Great YOU ARE?' Change the word of God but don't touch the hymns!
- 2) The NKJV claims to make the KJV much 'clearer' by upulating obsolete words (NKJV 1982c, p. 1235) BUT what about the 'obsolete word' HELL? The NKJV removes the word 'hell' 23 times & replaces it with the words 'Hades & Sheol', how does that make it clearer! (see 2 Sem 22v6, Job 11v8, Job 26v6, Ps 16v10, Mat 11v23, Luke 16v18 etc.)
- 3) The NKJV removes the word 'repent' 44 times! They make it clearer by changing repent to 'relent' in Mat 21v32, 'remorseful' in Mat 27v3 & they change 'repentance' to 'irrevocable.' in Rom 11v29. Who are you trying to kid?
- 4) The words 'damned' & 'damnation' are NOT in the NKJV. They change it to 'condemn!' Condemnation is NO WHERE NEAR AS SERIOUS as DAMNED! DAMNED is eternal! You can be 'condemned' & NOT 'damned' see Rom 14v22.
- 5) The NKJV removes the word 'devils' entirely! The singular 'devil' is replaced with the 'transliterated' Greek word 'demon'. The Theosophical Dictionary describes 'demon' as '...it has a meaning identical with that of 'god', 'angel' or 'genius.' Even Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words (p. 157) defines 'demon' as '...an inferior delty. WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.' Webster's Dictionary defines 'demon' as '... divinity, spirit, an attendant power or spirit; BUT DEVIL is defined as ... the personal supreme spirit of EVIL!'
- The NKJV removes the word Lord 66 times, God 51 times, Heaven 50 times & JEHOVAH ENTIRELY!
- The NKJV ignored the KJV Greek Textus Receptus over 1,200 times!
- 8) The NKJV removes 20,066 words from the KJV. And DECEIVED people think there is NO difference!
- 9) The NKIV makes over 100,000 word changes! And YOU think it's just 'thee & thou?"
- 10) Compare the following verses in the AV with the NKJV Isa 9v3 / Gen 22v8 / 2 Tim 2v15 / 2 Cor 2v17
- 11) The NKIV is a SATANIC COUNTERFEIT & is NOT the WORD OF GOD! Have you been deceived?

If you still use the CORRUPT NKJV version ask yourself WHY? Pride? If you would like more information on Bible versions please write & let me know. (Information taken from the tract "NKJV Counterfeit" written by Terry Watkins)

A Good Quote!

The evolutionists seem to know everything about the missing link except that it is 'MISSING!'



Hope Chapel Youth!

When I was asked to speak at the Sunday evening gospel service I invited the youth to come along & sing & take part in some of the readings; fourteen turned up! They sang, played their instruments & read really well. It was a great encouragement to the church & us; we hope to be able to do this again in the future. On Friday 13th Dec we had a harbeque at the church, open to all! Thirty-two people came & although it was quite cold we huddled around the chimenea, sang carols & had a great time of fellowship. The food was excellent & Jon & Abbie once again did all the cooking (Thank you both!) Thanks again to Hope Chapel for all their encouragement in this work! If you are free on Friday's & would like to come to the youth club we start at 7.30 pm & finish at 9.30 pm.

World Peace? - Get Rendy For Another Year of Trouble!

Practically speaking, any (and all) plans to bring about 'Peace on earth' & 'world unity' end in prison camps, internment in Psycho-wards, court litigations, war reparations, national indebtedness, street riots, revolutions, civil war, hospital bads, & graves. This is mans past history, his present history & his future history! Spor on! (Quote from Dr Peter S. Ruckman)

Thank You!

Those of you who write regular, sending us magazine/newspaper clippings, booklets & books, I want to really thank you for this. It is such a huge encouragement to receive your letters & information. The answers to the questions we put in the newsletters are always very interesting to read so please keep them coming.

Are You Ready For The Next Set of Questions?

- Prove from the Scriptures that the people who die NOT SAVED will burn forever in the lake of fire. How do you know they are not 'annihilated?' NO GREEK PLEASE!
- 2) Where does it say in the Scriptures that there will be a SECRET rapture?
- 3) Show from the Scriptures the difference between the 2nd Coming & the Rapture?
- 4) Is the head covering for a woman relevant for today?
- Should women wear trousers? I've put this in especially for those who keep sending Donna anonymous tracts regarding this issue! (Don't be frightened she won't bite!)

I Wonder?

Why do so many Christians read other versions of the Bible, rather than the <u>Authorised Version</u>, KNOWING that their version has MISTAKES & thousands of alterations in it? Could it be because of PRIDE I wonder? If YOU are still reading a CORRUPT & Saturite version (i.e. ALL versions EXCEPT the AVI) WHY? If you would like more details regarding the version issue please write & let me know! The WORD OF GOD is the <u>AUTHORISED VERSION & NOTHING ELSE!</u>

Very Disappointing!!!

I was so disappointed to hear that only one person had written to Peter Paul Ventura over there in Connecticut Prison USA in response to his address being placed in our last newsletter! Most of the guys are in for many years (some over 35!) & as you can imagine at times it must be really lonely & difficult. Coming up to Christmas I thought it would be good for some of us to write & let them know we are thinking & praying for them but like so many situations today, Christians dan't do much! If you get time in the New Year to drop these guys a line I'm sure they would love to hear from you. There is always the possibility that one or two of them have moved on for whatever reason, so please be aware of this if you have a letter returned as we have had on occasions. Some of you have said to me that you have time on your hands so why not write these guys a letter? (The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them!)

- 1) Peter Paul Ventura 83492
- 2) Matthew Johnson 91492
- 3) George Rosado 227107
- 4) Efrain Pedro Morales 180444
- Andres Albert 204403
- 6) Raymond J Simon Sr 303301
- Angel Mercado (don't know his number sorry!)

Write to them at - Connecticut Correctional Facility, 900 Milldale Road/Highland Avenue,

Cheshire, Ct - 06410 - 1698, USA.

Update on Donna's Health!

Docna is now back on the Sulphasalazine (3 tablets a day) & an organic sulphur supplement culled MSM plus her normal cod liver oil. Her health is still erratic; some days the is very good but others her body, especially wrists & hands, are very delicate. We went to see the specialist recently & he 'drained' her shoulder & knee & then injected both with a steroid. The swelling has gone down considerably since & we just continue to pray that the Lord will restore her to full health according to His will.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven - 1819 - 1886

Scriven graduated from Trinity College. After his fiancée drowned the night before they were to marry, he moved to Canada in 184ft. There he taught in Woodstock & Brantford, Ontario, & was a tutor for the Pengelly family near Bewdley. It was there he met & became engaged to Eliza Roche, a relative of the Pengellys. In what seems too amazing to be coincidence, Eliza died shortly before their wedding. Following the death of his second fiancée, Scriven joined the Plymouth Brethren, helping the aged members of the community.

Humility ...

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, & when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in secret, & am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around & above is trouble - Andrew Murray.

Have you ever thought of it, that only the smaller birds sing? You never heard a note from the engle in all your life, nor from the turkey or the ostrich. But you have heard from the canary, the wren, & the lark. The sweetest music comes from those Christians who are small in their own estimation & before the Lord. (Just to point out that I didn't think of Jon Hewest or Shorty once when writing about the engle!)

God had an only Son, & He was a missionary & a physician. A poor, poor imitation of Him I am, or wish to be − David Livingstone.

A Christian minister once said. 'I was never of my use until I found out that God did not intend me to be a great man.'

Can You Help?

Do you know of any sound churches in the area of Scunthorpe or Lincoln? If so please would you send me their addresses & contact numbers as a lady has requested this information. Many thanks.

Money, Money, Money!

It is known that Lincoln had no great admiration for mere financial success. 'Financial success,' he once said 'is purely metallic. The man who gains it has four metallic attributes: gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face & iron in his heart!'

Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like!

Urgent Prayer Requests!

Again I would like to ask you all to pray for Mona Baker who has had to have another major operation on a brain tumour. May the Lord Jesus Christ rise up this godly lady to full health & strength according to His will! She is such a tremendous blessing & shining light to so many! I would also ask you to continue to pray for Margaret Harper, Donna's dad & Donna herself. Thank you so much!

Just A Few Thoughts... Read Isaiah 55.

v1 – I don't suppose that many of us have really experienced thirst to the degree of musing for water? (I realise that in Africa & similar countries some folk do!) We have all been thirsty to a point – we can relate to that – that's the physical. But what about the spiritual?

Read Psalm 42v1-5 — Does your soul mally pant & thirst after God? What do you mally thirst after? What do you want out of life; your Christian life? Are you longing to know God better or are you content with your walk? So many Christians are!

Read Psalm 62v5-8 — v8 — 'pour out your heart before him...!' Have you ever poured out your heart to God or do you live with a 'systematic' prayer life? Many Christians say to me 'Well I had my quiet hour this menting!' I'm not talking about your quiet hour I'm talking about POURING OUT YOUR HEART TO GOD! Do you know what it means?

Read Job 23v12 – What a relationship Job must have had with God to be able to say words such as these – Jeans in our on a finite immended desire? We talk about commitment & total surrender but that's about it, its just talk. Friends we so desperately need to wake up in our Christian lives & start LIVING FOR HIM & NOT ourselves! If we were given a sheet of paper & told to write about our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ I wonder what we would write? Do you KNOW Him?

There is nothing more satisfying than drinking from the 'LIVING WATER.'

Read John 4v5-15 / Revelation 7v17 / John 7v37-39

The Lord gives us water that satisfies the soul like NOTHING else can! You can't buy it, trade it, steal it or get it any other way. It is FREE & He alone is the source. If you are thirsty for truth, purity & love then come to the Lord Jesus & drink!

Do you know what's happening within our churches today? Read Jeremiah 2v13 - rather than coming to the fountain of living waters we are running to broken disterns that can hold no water & therefore cannot satisfy the soul! The WATER OF LIFE that gives life has been substituted for stale & stagnant waters.

But I hear so often from leaders & church members "... But we've got a great work going! Attendance is up, we are hailding an extension, we are reaching out into the community, we've new & waired programmes & activities, our offerings have doubled & an had numerous baptisms last year?

It all sounds great but to what cost - & I'm not talking financially!

You know you can be taken up with the Lord's work rather than with Him. You can love the Lord's work more than you do Him. You can spend more time in the Lord's work than with Him! Can you understand that?

Very few Christians have real depth in their relationship with the Lord. We say all the right things & 'play the game' extremely well but when the 'rubber hits the road,' so to speak, what is out relationship like with Jesus Christ? England is full of churches DOING things for the community, setting up outreach programmes etc. Look at the Salvation Army, the Church of England, the Methodists etc. but how many of these dear people KNOW the Lord? I'm not being judgemental or picking on anyone; all I'm trying to do here is show you that the most important part of your life is JESUS CHRIST & we should spend time with Him getting to know Him & seeking His will. Folks I love you, I want what is best for all of us. The church is full of 'programmes' but sadly to the neglect of prayer meetings & Bible studies. I want the LIVING WATER not the broken cisteens.

Pastor Cyrll Baker often says to me 'It's not what you do it's what you are in the Lord.' This is so true.

The world is full of broken cistems. People are running everywhere trying to satisfy their thirst but they will never satisfy their souls until they come to the Lord Jesus Christ.

- What are you longing for in life?
- 2) What are you looking for in life?
- 3) What do you want out of life?

I've going to about straight from the hip new, analyte down the line... Do you know why so many Christians foul up, fail, give up, quit, live in habitual sin, lie, cheat, steal & live a life displeasing to the Lord? (Ob lint Christians dow't do that! Ob yet they do!) They do these things because they don't love the Lord enough & they are not close enough to Him! In other words they are not saturating themselves in the Scriptures & spending time with the Lord alone in prayer. Many Christians today are shallow in their walk; they have their 'ticker to heaven' & that's as far as they go. They know nothing of communion with God. They don't love the Lord that much to want to change & live as the Lord wants them to live. They live on the name 'Christian' but they don't walk the Christian life as they should. I've worked with Christians in secular jobs & unless they told you they were saved you couldn't see a difference – just like men & women of the world! We ought to be different & we ought to affect the people around us because Christ is shining through us.

What it all comes down to is HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

Read Isaiah 55v1 - '... no money, without money, without price!' (This is Shorty's & Barney's favourite were in the Bible!)
The Lord gives without charge! No small print, no hidden clauses & no catch! Everything is honest & truthful!

Isaiah 55v2 - Think of all the money wasted! The 'luxuries' we buy & don't really need. I wonder what sort of stewards we are regarding our money? (Barney & Shorty are the best stewards I've over come across - they just don't spend a penay!)

v2... labour for that which satisfieth NOT! – Many millionaires are NOT satisfied. They get to the top & earn a formine but it doesn't satisfy them. I know of many people in business who have more money than they know what to do with but they love the business world & making money so much that they stay in it until it kills them. I know of a man who saved up £500,000 for his transment & within two years (maybe less!) he was diagnosed with cancer & died. What do we do with our money?

Don't use your time & energies with 'broken cisterns!' - Read Psalm 34v8 - when you've tasted of the Lord nothing else will ever satisfy you.

Isaiah 55v3 - '... hear, and your soul shall live!' - Read Hebrews 3v15 + Hebrews 4v7

Most today CHOOSE not to hear! (Sorry my Calvanistic friends!) We have a FREE WILL & most choose NOT to hear the Lord! They deliberately harden their hearts, they want nothing to do with Him. The world wants the kingdom WITHOUT the KING! It wants peace WITHOUT the PRINCE OF PEACE! Each time you say no to the Lord your heart hardens; remember that! It is dangerous ground to keep saying no to the Lord & His offer of salvation.

- Read Isalah 55v6 Talk to the 'front line boys', those who are out there trying to win souls for the Lord (Proverbs 11v30) & they will give you a true account as to how bad things are really getting. People are getting harder to reach; this land of ours is sinking deeper & deeper into sin & is becoming more God-LESS day by day as it is moving further & further away from the word of God. England has turned its back on the Lord & continues to say to Him 'We will not base this man to reign over us, leave us alone we'll do it our own aso.'

 So FEW are getting saved today because...
 - 1) We're not teaching our children the Scriptures 2 Timothy 3v15
 - Men LOVE their sins too much to part with them John 3v19, 2 Thessalonians 2v10-12, Proverbs 1v24-29
 - The Devil gets you so wrapped up in this world Colossians 3v1-2

Read Isaiah 55v7 – With a promise like this you would think that the world would give up its sin & foolishness & come to the Lord but it won't & the majority of people, according to the Scriptures (NOT my opinion!), will die IN THEIR SINS & burn forever in the lake of fire! (Rev 20v15)

Read Isaiah 55v8+9 - Man boasts himself of what he knows & can do; he knows best! Man's ways & thoughts are going to being about a universal 'utopia', paradise on earth, & yet WHAT A MESS WE ARE IN!

- We've put man on the moon! Costing billions! BUT murders have increased dramatically?
- 2) We've produced fighter planes so fast they can break the sound barriers! BUT we kill thousands of babies every year through abortion!
- 3) We've invented aspirin & penicillin for cures BUT we've flooded the world with heroin & cocaine etc.
- 4) We've got cameras that can take photos of our 'insides' & some so small they can fit down our throats BUT we've flooded the world with pornography!
- 5) To keep us safe on the roads we have 'speed limits' YET we allow our children to be taught at achool that 'sodomy' is just an alternative lifestyle!

The list goes on & on! Progress we call it BUT have we really progressed?

Man is destroying everything.

There will never be peace on earth until the Lord Jesus Christ comes to reign; He ALONE will sort it all out!

So until then seek the Lord with all your beart & surrender yourself to His will.

At Last I Get To Say Something!

Hi, it's me here – at last I get chance to have my own say! Well readers, I'd like to tell you about the other day. Eddie & I went to play in the garden with dad. But do you know what? We'd had a white frost. The ground was frozen and my feet were a little cold. It was great though and we were able to play for a long time. Dad didn't seem to mind the weather, he wrapped up well! When we went in it was time to eat. Beef my favourite! I tried to pinch some of Eddie's but got caught as usual; oh well, I'll my again next time! Later I snuggled up with dad, Eddie joined us and we all had a rest. That's just part of my day. I'll tell you more next time. Love Jack. (I'm the one with the brown nose!)

Have You Got A Jack Russell Dog?

Splits, Disunity, Worldliness & Carnality in the Church – Every Church!

Have you just left your church recently to join another? Why? Are you seeing all kinds of terrible things coming into the church & being mught from the pulpit? Why? Has your church closed its prayer meeting or are there so few that attend, it's on the brink of closure? Why? Are you being taught the WORD OF GOD or is it substituted for 'nice little messages' & social meetings etc? Why? Is there someone in your church who has a 'pet doctrine' & goes around trying to push it onto everyone else? Is it YOU? Why? Are you actively involved in your church? If not Why? Does the 'minister' use the platform/pulpit to air his views rather than teach the word of God? Why? When was the last time you heard a sermon on hell, judgment, sanctification, sin or the 2rd Coming. of Christ? If the answer is along time ago... Why? We wonder why we don't see 'revival' in our land. today & why sinners aren't getting saved in their droves, yet our

churches are full of problems & confusion because we are NOT students of the word. We hardly hear the word of God taught these days & therefore DON'T LIVE as we should do! If you have time on your hunds THROW YOURSELF INTO THE STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES! It will change your ties?

If You Think The World Is Getting Better - YOU'RE MAD! This country has sunk so fast into sin & Satan's devices that the next thing that is going to happen is JUDGMENT FROM GOD! (We are already seeing some!) We are so used to seeing such vile, filthy & perverted things today that we are hardly ever shocked! How debase can we get? How bad will it get? Over the last twenty years the United Kingdom has saturated itself in sin such as fornicution. pornography, sodomy, violence, evolution, lust, greed, lying, chesting. self-gratification. arrogance etc. that very soon we are going to reep what we have sown! Where is the church in all this?

Where is the Christian voice in all this? Where are YOU & I in all this? Are we just sitting back & doing nothing? Are we letting this ship sink without even trying to do something to save it? There are MILLIONS upon MILLIONS of people who will BURN IN HELL FOREVER because WE aren't DOING ANYTHING to try & save them! Folks, we are so close to the end, but even if we weren't we should be living as if it was the end. If EVERY Christian woke up & started living, as we should, we would see a different country, a different world! Let 2003 be the year for our own personal awakening, a year of holy living & evangelism! We've read about revivals, heard sermons about revivals LET US SEEK GOD FOR A REVIVAL IN OUR OWN HEARTS & LIVES! If you are one of these modern day smooth talking Christians who sees everything as 'positive' & everything is lovely in our church GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE SAND & WAKE UP TO REALITY!

Do You REALLY Love The Lord Jesus?

'Of course I do!' So many Christians profess with their mouths that they love the Lord yet they still live like the Devil - read Titus 1v16. If we really Love the Lord shouldn't we stop doing the things that displease Him? Do we watch things on the TV we KNOW we shouldn't? Do we backbite? Do we say things that hurt & upset others? Are we sly & cunning trying to gain an advantage over others? Christian, NOW is time to get right with God & live a good, clean & pure life for Him. Be a witness for Him in everything you do & say. May the world see Christ IN US shining OUT THROUGH US. Love Him throughout 2003 like you've never loved Him before! May this year be the year of great things for our Lord! - Read Titus 3v1-8.

Brampton Team Event!

Well a team of twelve of us gathered together in Brampton Brethren Hall near Carlisle for an outreach. We distributed approx

2000 tracts to houses & businesses in the concert & weekly 'mums & tots.' We Sunday afternoon after taking the morning time of fellowship with plenty of laughs. To with pinpoint accuracy. (I'm sure Diana was covered & even the local industrial estate was MacLead & Joe.) We said in the Sunday if a load of welders turned up for the carol



village along with invitations to the carol travelled up Friday morning & came back service. The whole weekend was a great all our amazement Nic organised the event the hrains behind it all!) Every road was saturated in tracts (thanks to Long Legs morning service they shouldn't be surprised concert or even the mums & tots group!

He is My ALL!

When I fall, He forgives.

When I am weak, He is strong.

When I am lost, He is the way.

When I am afraid, He is my courage.

When I stumble, He steadies me.

When I am broken, He mends me.

When I face persecution, He shields me.

When I face death. He carries me home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

As a child, Isaac Watts was sickly & unattractive, yet even by today's standards he was clever beyond his years. He began the study of Latin at the age of four, added Greek when he was nine, French at eleven & Hebrew at thirteen. Dr John Speed offered to further Isaac's education at either Oxford or Cambridge University on the condition that he would enter the ministry of the Church of England. Young Isaac, however, declined that offer, threw in his lot with the Dissenters, & entered the Nonconformist Academy at Stoke Newington Green under the charge of Thomas Rowe. After four years at the Academy, Isaac returned home to Southampton where, for a period of two & a half years, he waited upon God as to direction for his life. (For a good summary of the life of Isaac Watts I suggest you read the book 'Hymns & Their Writters' by Jock Strahon.) The sweetest of all Watts' compositions & pronounced by critics as the finest in the English language is his famous & universally loved hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous cross.'

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid II, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I socrifice them to His blood. See from His head, His hands, His fees, Sorrow and love flaw mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow mees, Or thorns compose so rich a crown!

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an off ring for too small; Love so amuzing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

In this hymn, Isaac Watts brings us to the cross – the cross of Christ where everything else in life is seen in true perspective. In light of that cross, material possessions & the vain charms of life seem as nothing. The sacrifice of the 'Prince of Glory' was for the souls of sinful men, & commands from them unreserved surrender of heart & life in return.

Evolution is UNSCIENTIFIC & UNTRUE! - It's a belief, a 'religion!'

If you believe in evolution. Charles Darwin's theory, the 'Big-Beng' & all those lies, I suggest you read the following very carefully! No matter what you think or believe I want you to realise this, one day YOU are going to stand alone before God & give an account of every single thing you have ever said, done & thought – unless of course you have had your sins washed away by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- 1) Helium Rocks & the earths crust give off Helium. It is a 'scientific' fact that there are a million billion grams (approx!) of Helium in the atmosphere! Helium CANNOT escape the earth's atmosphere! If the earth is 4.5 billion years old the earths atmosphere would be saturated with Helium. Therefore the amount of Helium in today's atmosphere PROVES that the earth CANNOT be more than 15,000 years old!
- 2) Moon 14,300,000 tons of interplanetary dust falls on the moon EACH year. It can be 10 times as much! Therefore if the moon was 4.6 billion years old, the dust layer would be between 440-490 feet thick. It is ONLY one eighth 3 inches thick PROVING that the moon in less than 15,000 years old!
- 3) Sun The sun is shrinking 5 feet per hour! Just 1 million years ago the sun would have been so big that NO life could have survived; 20 million years ago the sun would have TOUCHED the earth! And people say this universe is 4.6 billion years old! Have you fallen for the LIE?
- 4) Fossils There are NO transitional fossils! NONE!!! Not ONE!!! Do you know what that means?

Now evolution is one of the greatest LIES the Devil has sold this world. It has been 'created' to educate you out of believing in God & therefore making you NOT accountable to anyone. 'You're just an animal therefore live as you like & do what you want!' The Bible say's that the FOOL hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt! — Psalm 14v1-3. EVOLUTION (macro NOT micro!) is a lie! — If you believe it YOU'RE JUST A MONKEY! (For more information on Greation v Evolution I would highly recommend you buy Ken Ham's & Kent Hovind's books & videos; they're excellent! If you would like their contact addresses please write & let me know.)

Church Leader / Pastor / Elder, Here is Something to Think About!

Are you missing opportunities to help develop someone for the ministry? Is there someone in your church who has the potential to preach, lead Sunday School etc. but they need help, advice & encouragement? They are never given the chance to do anything & YOU are not helping them develop? When a sinner is saved he is often times burning with a desire to do something for the Lord. He has plenty of zeal but it needs to be channelled in the right direction. Now of course they need to be grounded in the word etc. but often times, after months even years of just 'pew sitting,' no one has given them an opportunity of 'doing' something, therefore many of these people up & leuve looking elsewhere for ways to serve the Lord. Now I realise there has to be a balance with all this, but I have seen Christians who could have been active in the Lord's work leave the church & in the end have lost their keenness & desire to serve the Lord because no one has helped them! Often times churches lose one or two members of the congregation because folks want to help out in the church, but are given nothing to do & are to shy to ask. Are you one of these 'ministers' who loves his position too much & feels threatened when another comes onto the scene!

If YOU move on (for whitever reason) who is going to step into your shoes? Are you training someone up in the work? Have you taken someone "under your wing?" Are you doing it all on your own? Why? Don't you want to share the leadership? I've noticed that many churches I visit / preach at seem to be having a rough time of late with people moving on, folks not coming as often as they used to, to the meetings, & leaders who like their 'positions' too much (even when they should have passed on the baton years ago!) that they don't want anyone else UP THERE with them! If you're a church leader YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT! (I HOPE!) Sending your members to 'Bible college' is NOT a substitute for YOU not helping to train them! Read 1 Timothy 3 – see verse 3 - '...apt to teach!' – Are you?



The Happiest 9 Years of Donna's Life!!!

On February 25th Donna will be celebrating & reflecting back over the happiest 9 years of her life; the day I gave in & said yes to her cry for marriage! What a 'catch!' She couldn't believe it! On a serious note we are so thankful to the Lord for bringing us together & allowing us to be used in His work, side by side.

Know Your Enerny! Read the following verses... I Pet 5v8+9, 2 Cor 2v11, Eph 4v27, 2 Tim 2v3+4, John 10v10

Some of Satan's devices - The work of the enemy...

- 1) Blinds minds 2 Cor 4v3+4
- 2) Tempts us to disobey Gen 3v3+4
- Slanders saints before God / accuser of the brethren – Job Iv9-11 / Rev 12v10
- 4) Inflicts disease Job 2v7
- 5) Opposes the righteous Zech 3v1
- 6) Removes the good seed Mat 13v19
- 7) Sows tares Mat 13v19
- B) Ruins soul & body Luke 9v42 / Luke 13v16
- 9) Gets us to lie John Bv44
- 10) Gets men to sin John 13v2 / Acts 5v3 / Eph 2v2
- [1] Hinders the work of God 1 Thes 2v18
- Distorts the word of God Mat 4v6 / 2 Cor 2v17
- Tries to get us to look at bad & unclean things Psalm 101v3 / Lam 3v51 / 2 Sam 11 v2-4

- 14) The Devil is after the young Prov 22v6
- He gets you to bring evil things into your house (i.e. TV!) - Deut 7v26
- Gets people to have pleasure in others who do evil – Rom Iv29-32
- 17) He tries to counterfeit all that God does Mat 24v24
- 18) Gets you to think bad things Prov 23v7
- 19) Gets you to reject God's word John 8v47
- Gets you to speak evil & be ill mannered | Cor | 15v33
- Gets you all wrapped up in this world & NOT seeking those things which are above – Col IvI-3
- Gets you to NOT obey or follow the truth Rom 2v8
- 23) There are MANY more! Be on your guard!

Conclusion!

Read Phil 4v8 & Eph 6v10-18

The Devil knows your weaknesses make sure you are one step ahead of him every time. Keep close to the Lord Jesus Christ!

Is TODAY Going To Be Just Like Any Other Day, Or Are YOU Going to make A Difference?

Today YOU could make a difference to someone's life! If you received our newsletter this morning & are reading it right now, stop & think for a moment that you could have an impact on someone's life TODAY! A certain person may have woken up this morning carrying the world upon his shoulders & all he wants is someone to help him lift that burden! You could be the one who points him to the SAVIOUR! But I'm not very good at that sort of thing! Ask the Lord Jesus to give you strength & boldness to talk about Him to others. That certain person may cross your path just once. Will you tell him about the love of God or let him go? Sadly to say I had an opportunity just today & I let it go! Why? Because I was fearful! I felt terrible afterwards knowing that I had let the Lord down & also that man. I pray that some other Christian will come across his path who will be obedient to the call of God & show the Saviour's love to that lost sinner. Folks, sometimes it seems really hard to witness, & I'm sure we all miss opportunities at times, but let us all seek God for more courage & boldness to take a stand & be a shining light for our Lord; the ONE who loved us & gave Himself for us! John 9v4+5 / John 15v13

2003 "You Asked The Question!" Booklets at COST PRICE!

We have got a great deal from our printer for the next batch of "You Asked The Question!" booklets & therefore would like to offer them to you who are on our mailing list at COST PRICE i.e. 30p per booklet! (Plus the cost of postage!) If you would like to order some please fill in the enclosed order form & return it to the above address. If you cannot afford to buy these but would still like some to use in your evangelism, just request how many you could use (please keep it to a maximum of 100 per order thanks.) In order to get this special deal I need to order 40 boxes! Please return the order form as soon as possible.

Thank You...

Thank you to all of you who were such an encouragement to Donna & I during 2002. If the Lord turries we are looking forward to walking with you again throughout 2003, so please keep in touch on a regular basis & let us know what you're up to. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless all of our efforts to bring honour & glory to His name! We love you all very much. Keep reading your Bible every day & keep looking up!!! Your friends in Christ, John & Donna.

Want extra copies of this newsletter? Then just write & let us know how many you would like.



Time for Truth News!

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For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

(Mark 8v36)

'If Jesus be God & died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him - C. T. Studd'

What's Wrong With Us Christians These Days?

Why is it Christians can watch a film for two hours or even longer yet we start 'clock watching' when the sermon runs over by a few minutes? I have noticed more & more of late among Christians that there is such a lack of hunger for the word of God. It is so sad to see this! What is it like where you are? Are there many people around you who are zealous for the word of God? When was the last time you sat with a Christian brother or sister & just shared with one another from the Scriptures: without trying to be somebody? Christians have been brainwashed & 'hypnotised' so much by the television that the Bible is treated as just another book! '...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.' (2 Tim 5v4) How true this Scripture is! I've never known Christians so cold & uninterested in the things of God as I see today. Maybe some of us need to fall in love with the Iord all over again? Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.' (Rev 2v4) Do you really love the Iord?

Whitehaven Tripl

Donna & I had a wonderful weekend in Whitehaven where I was asked to speak at the Sandhills Lane Christian Brethren Assembly on Saturday 8th February. The Lord blessed our time together & we met some lovely Christians. We finally got to meet the 'banjo king' of Cumbria & his lovely wife Nena. Thank you both 50 MUCH for putting up with Donnal!! We had a great time of fellowship & the food was second to none! Sorry we kept you up into the early hours of the morning! Look forward to seeing you again 500N?

Pub Evangelism!

While driving the other day a thought came to mind that pub owners have very little chance of hearing the gospel because they work most of the time including evening's & Sunday's. I thought it would be a good idea to post a gospel tract along with one, maybe on the curse of drink, to as many pubs as we come across? Maybe there is a local pub guide that lists all the addresses & contacts you need for your area? Perhaps the local tourist board could help? It was just a thought!

Tough Questions?

We had fewer responses regarding the last set of questions this time which was interesting. Thank you to those who had a go! We include questions in each newsletter to get us all thinking & searching the Scriptures a little more regarding 'doctrine' etc. rather than just taking other peoples opinions as 'fact'. We don't expect much response but hopefully the questions are thought provoking. Here's the next set...

- Where is David who killed Goliath right now? Heaven? please give Scripture backup?
- 2) Who were 'the saints' that arose after the Lord's resurrection (see Mat 27v51-53); was it ALL the OT saints or just some?
- 3) Do Christians go to Heaven or the Heavenly Jerusalem when they die? Is there a difference?
- 4) Can a Christian lose his salvation?
- 5) Should a Christian drink alcohol?

Too Big For The Back Room/Bible Class Update

Due to the increase in numbers at the Hope Chapel Friday Youth Club we have had to move into the main hall. These youngsters are really getting to grips with the Scriptures & friendships are being built up. At the Sunday Bible class we have structured the meeting differently as follows... 1) Opening prayer 2) Testimony time - anything happened this week? Have you spoken to anyone about the Lord or given out any tracts? (We nearly always get a response here, which is so encouraging!) 3) Songs & collection. 4) Weekly Bible Reading - we are all reading through the Bible together. 5) Notices & update to personal Bible reading. As each one completes the Bible we give them a little trophy & some vouchers: two have

completed it already & one of them read it within eight months! 6) Fact from Encyclopaedia of the Bible' - each person takes it in turn to read out a fact from this book & we try to remember it each week! 7) Question & Answer time - any questions arisen during the week while reading or any questions been asked by a friend that they didn't know the answer to? 8) Study reading followed by the study. 9) Closing prayer. 10) Sweets & prizes distributed. All this we fit into an hour & as you can imagine it is a very busy hour! The young people really respond well & we can see good spiritual growth among them. Please keep praying that the Lord will lead & guide these youngsters in their daily lives.

Badminton!

Fifteen of us from the Hope Chapel Youth Group (by the way we are trying to think of a name for the Friday Club; any ideas?) went to a local sports centre to try out our skills at badminton. Tim McLeod is still looking for his 'skills' as he was 'whipped' 15 - 8 by Joey!!! (At one point we had to remind Tim that it was badminton & not ballet he was playing- I've never seen pirouettes like it before!) It was a fun packed evening & everyone has said they would like to go again.

The New International PERVERSION 'Bible'

Get an Authorised Version Bible & compare the following Scriptures in your NIV...Mat 18v11, Mark 9v44+46, Acts 8v37, Mat 23v14, Mark 11v26, Col 1v14, Micah 5v2, Isa 14v12, Isa 9v3, Mat 17v21, Jam 1v10. Now don't tell me that the NIV & the AV are the same & it doesn't matter which one you read! In the NIV Calvary is NOT mentioned! According to the NIV who killed Goliath? – See 2 Sam 21v19.

Specific Prayer Requests

Donna is doing well & the recent blood tests have shown a great improvement, which we thank the Lord for. Hopefully the steroids are working! Donna is now taking 4 Sulphasalazine a day plus 3 MSM, multivitamin, iron, vitamin C & cod liver oil tablets – I'm sure some days (due to the amount of tablets) she rattles! Please continue to pray for her dad Ernie who has Parkinson's disease & is very erratic with his health. Mona Baker & Sheila (Nena's sister) still desperately need a touch from the Lord as does Margaret Harper. Thank you SO MUCH for all those who remember these folk in your daily prayers. Please remember their families too!

The Gospel In The Isle of Man!

Our dear friend David Q, has been placing Scripture texts (AV of course!) in his local newspaper for many years now. As you may know the Isle Of Man TT Motorbike Races are held each year & usually someone gets killed in the races; David has been placing texts in papers & other localities where these Scriptures will get read. He is doing a great job so please keep praying for this work that the Lord will speak to the many people who read these Scriptures.

Letters To Our Friends In The USA!

Well recently at the Hope Chapel Youth Club we all spent an hour writing to our friends in the prisons over there in the USA. They were very keen & excited to do this & are looking forward to receiving a letter back! So get writing Americal Have you written vet???

Anniversary THANK YOU!

Thank you SO MUCH for those of you who sent Donno & I an anniversary card. We would also like to say a special thank you to our friends in the USA who sent us a beautiful card signed by 'all': it really did touch our hearts & we are so grateful to you.

Your Suggestions!

If you got five minutes to spare we would really appreciate it if you would drop us a line with any suggestions as to how we could improve on our newsletters. We try to include something for 'everyone' but if you think we are failing in a certain area please let us know. Now's your chance!!!

Just A Thought!

How do people see you?

How do you see yourself?

How does the Lord see you?

The Nitpicker. Are you one?

When he appears it is as if from nowhere! He tends to fill doorways, trop his victims in small corners, or sit beside them at meal times. There is never any thanksgiving to God for blessings received, or any hint of hope for the preacher's future, just the unravelling of his sermon. The nitpicker may never have preached a sermon in his life, or been engaged in any form of Christian service, but that fact is conveniently overlooked. Instead a 'nit' has been discovered (I have listened to your sermon with interest.) A the picker is quick to seize it. The name of the game is 'oneupmanship." This self-styled 'puritan', having waited with studied patience for the inevitable blush of embarrossment upon his victim's cheek, at this point only too willingly twists the knife. suggests certain books for required reading, somehow guessing he has discovered a prominent 'Achilles heel'.

The final thrust is due as he slowly & studiously unsheathes his giant Bible from under his arm, as if preparing for an execution. It is never a new Bible, but always much battered (for obvious reasons!), & fat with copious notes written in the smallest & neatest of handwriting. With the ominous words, 'You said in your sermon_, the poor preacher sees a rifle being loaded, or hears the sharpening of an axe. Ah, but the golden moment has yet to arrive, the debating chamber still locked. Soon perhaps, the pastor will lay his head upon the block & say, 'Are there any questions?' The nitpicker has plenty of them, few answers, but an unlimited supply of questions. The biblical, the theological, the historical, the obscure, the oblique. impertinent, the irrelevant, the supplementary: a kaleidoscope of information, all of which is expected to be dancing on the ends of the man of God's finger tips. The confession that an answer is not known, provides the nit-picker with his opportunity to inform the spectators what it is - & thus his day is made, the teacher has become the pupill (Ring any bells?)

Such Love! - I John 3v1

I had a great childhood & was loved dearly by my mum & dad but I've never known love like the Lord's love! We all need love & we all want to be loved yet so many of us feel at times 'unloved.' Life can be extremely difficult & cruel & we tend to lose sight of the Lord. We try to work things out on our own & the harder we try the worse the situation becomes. There has been several times when I've been all-alone feeling depressed & lonely, & I've just cried out to God 'I love you!' While driving I've often pondered the love of God knowing that one day John Davis will finally meet the Saviour! At times I get distillusioned with what is happening in the church & among Christians; I feel as if no one seems to care about anything only themselves; it's at these times I turn to the Lord & just cry 'I love you Lord,' He understands & knows how we feel & what we're going through – just pour out your deepest & most intimate thoughts & feelings to the Lord Jesus for He careth for you. Such love!

IT'S SO IMPORTANT!

Recently I read an interesting article by R. Carswell, here are a few excerpts from it... 'In Mussleborough I interviewed a man in his forties converted through reading tracts that had been sent in pre-paid envelopes to the Royal Mail in Edinburgh where he was working. He had no other contact with the gospel. One of Britain's leading pastor's was converted through reading the gospel of Mark. It was tucked under his windscreen unper in Austria. When he returned from a day of mountain climbing, he read it is came to the Lord. A man, who for twenty-seven years had been working in Argentina, returned to his home in Sheffield for one month. He found a gospel booklet in a telephone kinth, read it is trusted the Lord. We have become all too familiar with publications that spread evil. An old man ones said that he had never fully recovered from the ill effects of fifteen minutes reading of a bad pamphlet when he was a boy. In contrast Hudson Taylor read a tract at the age of fifteen, is the five words, 'The finished work of Christ' were to change his life for ever, which in turn would make an impact on the whole of China. It was a tract written my Martin Luther that fell into the hands of John Bunyan, is was the means of his conversion. From his pen came 'Pilgrim's Progress' through which thousands have been saved.'

A couple from Bromsgrove sent us this following story...'A brother had given out tracts for ages but got discouraged & decided to give up. One day he saw a young man giving out tracts & went up to him & told him what a waste of time it was. He found out that this young man had been converted though a tract that he had given him years before. You just never know so keep sowing the seed of the word of God EVERYWHERE you can & let God give the increase! How many tracts have you given out this week?

More Than Just Selling Pots!

Well my annual mileage totalled 62,000, which is the most I have ever driven in a single year. The advantage of this is I visit many lovely areas & meet so many people. While on the road I have had the opportunity of talking with different folks about the Lord Jesus Christ. I have met some Christians also & we have had some lovely fellowship together. I try to leave tracts & booklets in café's & other places. Only a few weeks ago I went into a café that was owned by JW's! We had a chat for about 20 minutes; I took the owners address & sent him some information through the post. With half an hour to spare the other day I posted tracts & booklets through letterboxes in a street in Warrington; who knows what effect the word of God will have on these folks. Keep sowing the seed!

You Either Want It Or You Don't?

I have included a form for you to fill in if you would still like to receive our newsletter 'TFT NEWS!'
The mailing list has grown considerably from when we first started & we want to know if you are still interested in receiving this FREE bi-monthly newsletter. We would like this to grow & grow & the Lord has provided for us the means to allow this to happen but we don't want it to be 'just another newsletter' that doesn't get read! You either want it or you don't? So please fill in the form & return it to us as soon as possible so we can update our records. Those forms we do not receive back shall be taken off our mailing list immediately; if you are going to be one of these folks we would like to take this opportunity to say THANKS for staying with us thus far - may the Lord Jesus Christ lead & guide you in all you do. For those of you who are staying with us we look forward to our continued adventure together - who knows where the Lord shall take us next?

What Are You Doing?

I think one of the hardest things to do these days is to get Christians enthusiastic about the Lord's work. I honestly believe that the more you love the Lord the more you'll want to serve Him. We started the 'Action Weekends' & 'Team Events' to encourage Christians to get involved in reaching the lost. Those that came seemed to enjoy trying different ministries & benefited by their experience. However it's not just being involved for one weekend it's a lifetime involvement of seeking & obeying the Lord's call. Nobody has written back showing an interest regarding the 'Action Weekend' advertised in our last newsletter so therefore we will not be holding one in the foreseeable future unless the Lord shows us otherwise. I would encourage all of you to get involved with your church in reaching the lost; it is so exciting & the Lord will take you deeper in your walk than you ever could have imagined.

Are You A Christian?

Are you 100% sure that you are SAVED & going to heaven? Are you 100% sure that when you die (or if the Lord returns first!) you are going to spend eternity with the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you 100% sure vou have your FORGIVEN? Question -What are you TRUSTING in to get you to heaven? Your good works! Your regular church attendance! Your Christian upbringing! There is only ONE thing that can wash away your sins & that is the BLOOD of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you are trusting in anything else YOU'RE Col 1:14 In DOOMED! whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus:

Free Books & Tapes!

We try not to mention specific names in regard to all the help & support those of you have been to us as we don't want to embarrass any & we just look to the Lord for everything; HE KNOWS! However, I would just like to say a special thank you to Mr 'Banio' for you know what & to Dr P.S. Ruckman for the excellent books, which we have just received. Brother James Knox has also been a blessing to us by sending 50 copies of his latest book 'Old Testament Salvation." would like to offer one copy FREE to the first 50 folks who write in requesting it. I also have 50 copies of his booklet 'Religious Questions', which again I'll pass on to the first 50 get writing responses. 80 because these materials are excellent! Once again Donna & I want to thank you all for the love & encouragement you give to us. May The Lord Jesus Christ receive ALL the glory & praise, WE LOVE YOU LORD!



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Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first... (2 Thes 2v1-3a) Have you fallen away? Why?

Welcome To Our NEW Readers!

For those of you who have joined us for the first time & will be receiving TFT! NEWS on a regular basis we welcome you. Our aim is to produce a 'straight down the line' newsletter with a cutting edge to encourage, equip & teach Christians in evangelism & Bible study. We want to grow closer to the Lord Jesus Christ in our daily walk & gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures & hopefully you will want this in your own Christian life also. We have met some levely folks along the way who have been a great blessing to us & will be to you as you walk with us. So welcome aboard; we look forward to getting to know each other!

Introduction To 'Eternity!'

Donna & I are excited to launch our brand NEW flyer 'Eternity' with this issue, (Capy enclosed). We have been thinking & praying for a while about producing another gospel tract / booklet & we hope that 'Eternity' will be a good tool for Christians to use among the unconverted. It has been designed to be used for all types of evangelism i.e. door-to-door, tracting your neighbourhood, personal & church outreach etc. It is targeted towards the multitude of lost souls in this world & we hope that it will be used widely to try & reach them. It is FREE OF CHARGE so just drop us a line requiring the amount you need. There is a space on the back of Eternity' so you can place your church address. We have chasen subjects that will hopefully relate to most people so even if they do not read the whole flyer they will read something from it that will challenge them. Subjects covered include, evalution, the brevity of life, money, family life, love, judgement, how to become a Christian, death etc. so why not join us & start sowing these flyers EVERYWHERE you go!

(If you can cover the cost of postage this would help but please don't let this step you from ordering!)

A Good Response!

Thank you all for sending back the response form enclosed in our last newsletter (issue 12). We have now updated our mailing list & look forward to keeping in touch with you, so please keep your letters & comments coming. We did not send out any reminders so if you know of anyone who hasn't received this issue (i.e. 15) please ask them to return their form as soon as possible, thanks.

Youth Work & Bible Class Keeps Growing!

Our hearts desire is to see these youngsters really zealous for the Lord Jesus Christ. We want them to grow into mature Christians who love & want to serve the Lord with all their hearts. We realise that it is only the Holy Spirit that can do this & we are just vessels He can use to change these youngsters into Christians 'sold out' for the Lord. It is so hard to find Christians these days that REALLY want to serve the Lord & live for Him in all they do. Please continue to pray that the Lord will raise up some of these youngsters to work for Him. (1 Cor 10v31, Col 3v17+23)

Mona Baker Is Now With The Lord Jesus! (12th August 1926 – 28th March 2003)

It is with sadness I bring you the news that Mona Baker has passed away. She was such a lovely Christian lady who was a great example & influence to many. Please proy for Cyril Baker, her husband, who misses her so much. They were married for 55 years! The funeral was held 4th April & was lovely. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Ps 116:15

A Wonderful Evening At Park Lane Gospel Service!

I had the privilege of preaching at Park Lane Gospel Service on 13th April. We met with the folks afterwards & had a lovely time of fellowship. A missionary couple were among the congregation & were a lovely encouragement to us. The highlight of the evening though was when a man responded to the message of the gospel. I had a lovely talk with him & then we prayed together. I have spoken with him a couple of times since & he is doing well. Please pray for this man that he will keep close to the Lord in his daily walk. I cannot tell you what a great encouragement this was to me! NEVER GIVE UP! Keep preaching THE WORD of GOD!

A Few Interesting Facts About The Number '13'

Seeing this is issue 13 of our newsletter I thought it would be good to have a look at the number '13' in accordance with Scripture. Thirteen is one of the most interesting of all numbers. It is clearly associated with 'rebellion' - read Gen 14v4 (This is the 1° reference to the number '13' in the Biblel). Sin is rebellion against God! Here are a few interesting facts about the number '13'...

- 1) Gen 13y13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. (Notice 13 words!)
- 2) In Gen 13 Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom!
- Rebellion is found in Gen 13v13, 1 Sam 13v13, Iso 13v13, Jer 13v13, Deut 13v13, Mark 13v13, Eze 13v13, Rev 13v13.
- 4) Deut 13 contains the rules for a false prophet whose miracles come to pass. In Rev 13v13, the false prophet of the Tribulation period causes fire to come down out of heaven in the sight of men, a miracle that comes to pass. Notice both Deut 13 & Rev 13 have 18 verses i.e. 6+6+6! (666)
- 1 Kings 13 relates the story of a rebellious prophet. Verse 26 (2x13) gives the reason for his apostasy rebellion against the word of the Lord!
- 6) 2 Som 13 tells the story of Amnon, son of David, who raped his sister, Tamor. The chapter has 39 verses i.e. 3x13!
- 7) Rebellion is the 26th word (2x13) in Ezra 4v19.
- 8) Rev 17v5 has 13 words in block capitals MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH
- 9) Mark 7v21+22 lists 13 things that proceed out of an evil heart! evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
- 10) John 13v26 (13 + 2x13l) says Jesus answered. He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Judas Iscariot has 13 letters!
- 11) Psalm 55v13 contains a prophecy about Judos But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. This verse has 13 words!
- 666 is associated with 13 read 2 Chron 9v13, Ezra 2v13, Rev 13v18.
- 13) Gal 3v13 says Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written. Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: CURSE is the last word in the OT, which contains 39 books (3x131)

God's word is amazing! Try finding a number pattern in any other 'religious' book! Just another proof that God wrote the Bible! Who dare correct the Bible & say 'Well in the originals the word was...' You & I have NEVER seen the originals because THEY DON'T EXIST TODAY!

A special note to my dear friend 'Frosty' & his 'Mrs' (a lovely couple they are!) - Would you write & tell me the verse in the NTV where THE WORD 'Calvary' (in English!) is? By the way would you look up 2 Sam 21v19; & tell me who killed Gallath? Came on Frosty let's wear you off the milk, especially at your age, & get you on some good solid meat! (And I'm a regetarion!)

Jack & Eddie - The Little Troublemakers!

Well Jack has now filled out & is a right 'stocky' little feller! He rules the roost & usually gets what he wants! (a bit like Donna!!!) We barricade our door each night to stop them both from waking us up but Jack nearly pushes the door off its hinges just to say 'good morning!' Eddie is as quiet & gentle as ever & is such an active little dog. He can walk along the back of the sofa, chase a ball for hours & is a dab-hand at 'tug-of-war!' On the whole they get on well together but Jack occasionally will take Eddie outside & give him a 'punch up the bracket!' (Something I'd like to do to all Bible correctors!)

Summer Team Events!

We shall be travelling to various villages & maybe same towns this summer & distributing as many tracts & booklets as possible. We are intending to go just for the day i.e. arrive 10.00 am, have breakfast together & work out our street plan etc. We shall hopefully have some free time during the day & plan to arrive home mid to late evening. If you are interested in coming on the team please let us know as soon as possible. If you are interested in us tracting your area for the church you attend then drop us a line so we can start planning dates. We can place the name & address of your church on all the literature we use i.e. "You Asked The Question!" booklets, 'Eternityi' flyer's & the 'Who Cares' tract so you can follow up etc.

Time for Questions! - Don't forget to back up your answers with Scripture!

- If Jesus rose from the dead on the 1" day of the week (i.e. Sunday) & He was 3 days & 3 nights in the tomb, how could He have died on "Good Friday?"
- What is THE GOSPEL?
- 3) Is Jesus Christ reigning NOW?
- If the Authorised Version of the Bible is NOT perfect where is the promised (Psalm 12v6+7) PERFECT word of God TODAY?
- 5) Are you walking as close with the Lord today as you were 5 years ago? If not why?
- Do you still have a burning desire to love & follow the Lord? If not why? Did you ever? (Col. 4v12+13)
- What is hindering your walk with the Lord Jesus at present? What are you doing to overcome it? (Heb 12v1, Phil 3v13+14)

(Obviously the last 3 questions are personal between you & the Lord)

A Challenge To Us All!

How do you & I stand up in this world? Read these following Scriptures.. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said. We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5v29) But Peter and John answered and said unto them. Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, Judge ye. (Acts 4v19) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men. I should not be the servant of Christ. (Gal Iv10) Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whospever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (James 4v4) So often we compromise with the world & rather than take a stand against what we KNOW to be wrong we let it go & miss the opportunity of testifying for the Lord. The church has last its voice among the nations because Christians are not standing, as we should against the evil. So often at work things can arise that we know are wrong but for a 'quiet life' we say nothing rather than speak out against the wrong! What is your testimony like in every day life IN THE WORLD? As Keith Green song The church is asleep in the light!" Let us all try that little bit harder

to take a stand & overcome evil with good! (Rom 12v21) Driving through Birmingham the other day I was again neminded of the absolute filth & evil that is present in cities especially! (Isa 5v8) The billboards & advertising on buses etc. was saturated with advertisements for strip clubs & other sataric pleasures. But it's not just the cities! We went to a sweet shop in Bewaley a while back & on the door for all to see was a calendar with a half naked waman an; kids are being fed on this stuff! Donna took the address & found out the managers name & wrote him a letter! The calendar has now been removed praise the Land. As Christians we CAN make a difference & speak out against all this wickedness; let's not stand back just thinking about doing something let's ALL DO samething about it! Years ago a friend of mine, when the world cup was on, wrate to the sports company 'Nike' telling them that their poster advertising a famous Brazilian footballer, which read something along the lines of . You've seen the hand of God now see the rest of him!" was blasphemous! He did something about it & it was a testimony to the Lordi (Well done Borney!) If every Christian took a stand we would see a lot of changes in this world. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (Jam 1v22)

Thank You For The FREE Booklets!

Thank you Brother James for the FREE booklets you sent to us. All of them have now been distributed. We pray that these excellent materials will stir up the readers to search the Scriptures & go deeper in their Bible studies! You're a great encouragement to us!

Thought Provoking!

A friend of mine who wears a wig, not that that makes any difference, passed on the following 'quote' to me (I won't name him as not to embarrass him but next time you see **DERRICK COLE** – from the O.A.M. ask him about his wig. he loves to talk about it & give demonstrations!)...

An athelst's challenge to the Christian church — Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge & practice of Christianity in this life influences our destiny in another, then Christianity & belief in Jesus Christ would mean to me everything. I would cast away earthly pleasures & enjoyment as dross, earthly cares as follies, & earthly thoughts & feelings as vanity. Christianity would be my first waking thought, & my last image before sleep sent me into unconsciousness. I would labour in its cause alone, & would take thought for tomorrow of eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for heaven worth all the suffering of life. Earthly consequences should never stay my hand, nor silence my lips. Earth & its joys & grief's would occupy no moments in my thoughts. I would strive to look upon eternity alone, & on the immortal souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable. I would go forth to the world & preach to it in season & out of season & my text would be... For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8v36) ... And we get so wrapped up in this world at times — it miskes you think doesn't if!

Send Us Your Newsletterd

Do you or your church send out a newsletter, if so we would like to see it! Often times we pick up helps from others so if you can add us to your mailing list we'd be most grateful. We would also like to thank those who continually send us interesting articles, leaflets & even video-topes on occasions; please keep them coming!

Be Encouraged

"If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Vet distance makes no difference; He is praying for me!" - Robert Murray McCheyne.

The Same Goes For The UKI

Joe Smith started the day early having his alarm clock (made in Japan) set for 6 am. While his coffeepot (made in China) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (made in Hong Kong). He put on a dress shirt (made in Sri Lanka), designer jeans (made in Singapore) & tennis shoes (made in Korea). After cooking his breakfast in his new frying pan (made in India) he sat down with his calculator (made in Mexica) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (made in Taiwan) to the radio (made in India) he got in his car (made in Germany) & continued his search for a good paying AMERICAN job. At the end of yet another discouraging & fruitless day, Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (made in Brazil) poured himself a glass of wine (made in France) & turned on the TV (made in Indonesia), & then wandered why he can't find a good paying job in ... AMERICA...

Well I'm sure this heading caught your attention. I wonder what you first thought when you read it? The Bible seems quite 'cloudy' at times regarding certain issues (probably because we've not spent the time in study as we should) but on other issues it is black & white. "Women preachers' is one of those black & white issues & anyone who stands against it does so at their own perill Women who are so called 'pastors,' & leaders of churches who allow women to preach to mixed congregations will do all they can to justify their position, whether it's running back to 'the Greek' to change & distort a word or by saving things like 'Well in those days things were different but today in this modern age we have to look at things in a different way...' Let us have a look at a few Scriptures to start with... Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the

(1 Tim 2v11-14) transgression. Now to me that's crystal clear! There is no such position as 'deaconess' mentioned in the Scriptures! The term bishop, elder & pastor, all of which are shepherds, are ALL male positions read 1 Timothy chapter 3 & notice 'husband' of one wife throughout! Other verses to look up would be -Isaiah 3v12 (very interesting verse!), 1 Tim 5v14 (a verse for the feminist!) 1 Cor 14v34+35, 1 Pet 3v7. Proverbs 31v10-31. Women can teach other women & children BUT NOT men - Titus 2v4+5. Now that is a very brief overview & there are more verses to look up but I'm sure that even from just these few you can see how clear the Scriptures are regarding women in leadership! Now God is a God of order (see 1 Cor 11) & the devil will do all he can to reverse that order - don't be on thie devil's side; aboy the Scriptures! The woman & man are created equal in value but we have different roles to play & if we stick to what we are called to do, the blessing of God will fall upon us. Part of a happy marriage is when the man &

woman know their roles & do them without trying to be the person they are not. In closing it is interesting to note that not one of the apostles was a woman & God did not use one woman to record any of the 66 books of the Bible. Donna has her role to play & I have mine; if we both do as the Lord would have us to then the Lord is pleased & that's all that matters. We live FOR HIM! If you have a woman leading the church you attend then that church is out of the will of God regarding leadership; & that's a bad start; the same goes for a woman who is 'head of the house' it's unscriptural! A man has recently written to me telling me that he & his wife are associate pastors - NOT ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ARE THEY! Many 'cults' were started by women who initially took the leadership! Now I realise that I shall not be popular for this stand but this stand is Scriptural. Are you being obedient to the word of God? I await your letters!

THE NIV CHALLENGE - by Rex Cobb ...

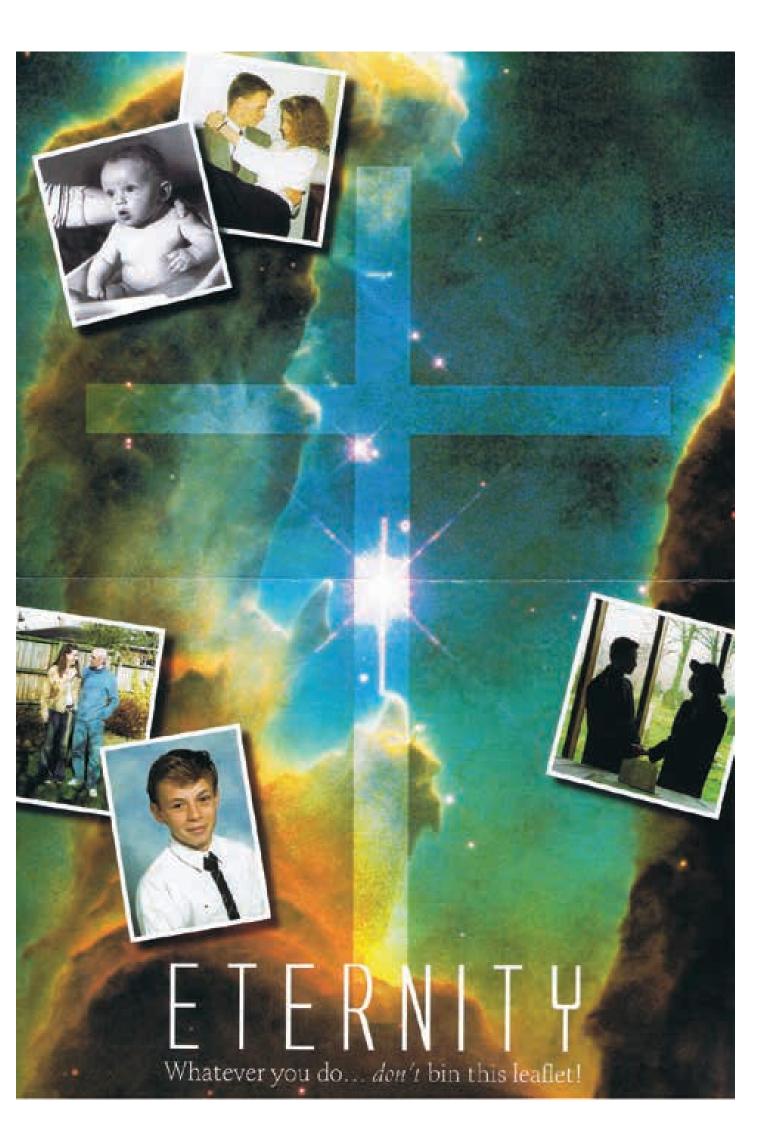
Using the New International Version Bible (NIV), answer the following questions. DO NOT rely on your memory, as the Bible is the FINAL AUTHORITY! You MUST take the answer FROM the Bible verse & NOT the Yootnotes' as it is the TEXT that is INSPIRED! All answers to be sent in by the end of June to announce the winner!

- Fill in the missing words in Mat Sv44. "Love your enemies, _____ them that curse you, to them that hate you, and pray for them that and persecute you."
- 2) According to Matt 17v21, what two things are required to cast out this type of demon?
- According to Matt 18v11, why did Jesus come to earth?
- 4) According to Matt 27v2, what was Pilate's first name?
- In Matt 27v35, when the wicked soidiers parted His garments, they were fulfilling the words of the prophet. Copy what the prophet said in Matt 27v35 FROM THE NIV!
- 6) In Mark 3v15, Jesus gave the apostles power to cast out demons and to ______?
- 7) According to Mark 7v16, what does a man need to be able to hear?
- 8) According to Luke 7v28, what was John? (teacher, prophet, carpenter etc.) What is his title or last name?
- 9) In Luke 9v55, what did the disciples not know?
- 10) In Luke 9v56, what did the Son of man NOT come to do? According to this verse, what DID He come to do?

- In Luke 22v14, how many apostles were with Jesus?
 - 12) According to Luke 23v38, in what three languages was the superscription written?
 - 13) In Luke 24v42, what did they give Jesus to eat with His fish?
 - 14) John 3v13 is a very important verse, proving the delty of Christ. According to this verse (as Jesus spoke), where is the Son of Man?
 - 15) What happened each year as told in John 5v4?
 - 16) In John 7v50, what time of day did Nicodemus come to Jesus?
- 17) In Acts 8v37, what is the one requirement for Baptism?
 - 18) What did Saul ask Jesus in Acts 9v6?
 - Write the name of the man mentioned in Acts 15v34.
 - Copy Romans 16v24 word for word FROM THE NIVI
 - Who are the three Persons of the Trinity in 1 John 5/72
 - 22) Rev 1v11 is another very important verse that proves the deity of Christ. In the first part of the verse Jesus said, "I am the A _____ and ____, the ____ and the ____ "

 How did you do Frosty?

Well that's another TFTI Newsletter completed! Thank you all again for your love & encouragement! Please keep praying for us, especially Donna's health. Hope to hear from you soon. Until then may the Lord Jesus Christ continue to lead & guide you in every area of your lives. Remember to keep giving out those tracts & booklets; KEEP SOWING THE SEED!







What do you care, what do you own, how much sould you like! Gaves how much you take with you?

There are more people those there who became their which loves on money. There are those who have more than they need whilst others haven't creased to be one; it's a creep world! Money is recovery but causes all kinds of problems became, as the Bible sign, "the how of money is the root of all ord." We cannot buy our way into become. No matter how much money we have we are still straters who need our situ forgitten, and money can't help us have There is more to life than money! What are you living for?

The we brought socking into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and natural let us be therewith control. But they that will be sich full into proposition and a mare, and into runny foolish and hartful lasts, which droug may it decrease our in destruction and profition. But the inte of access is the root of all evil; which while some control after, they have strend from the lath, and pictoral themselves through with runny sortions. But thou, O manual God, they does things; and follow after right-counters, guillaces, faith, love, patience, nurshaces."

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"Richer profit not in the die of writh, but right coursess delivered; from death. He that trasteth is his riches shall fall; but the righteour shall finarish as a branch."

Family Life!

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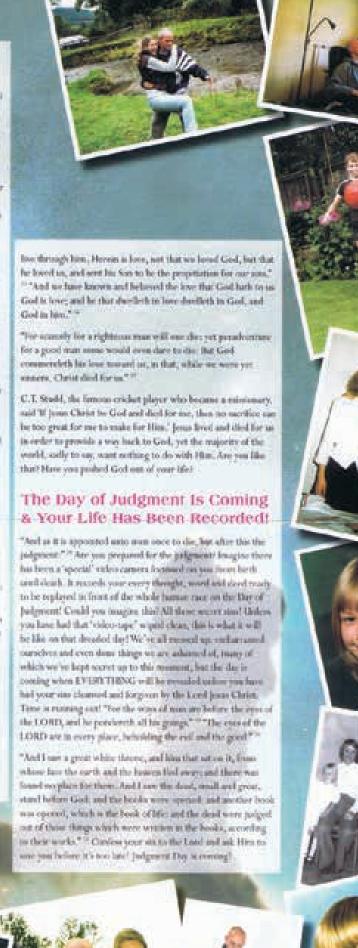
"When one father and my mother formic rise, then the LORD will take my up." "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the withere, is God in his body habitation. God setteth the solitary in families to beingoth out those which are board with chains..." "The Lord Jones Christ is a Friend that existes the love than a brother." The Lord Income all about you and wants to help you in recrything you do. Will you let film? Why not ask the Lord Jones Christ to be your Sensor and best bread? Nobody loves you moved the died so you could have your and frigures and be part of God's family?

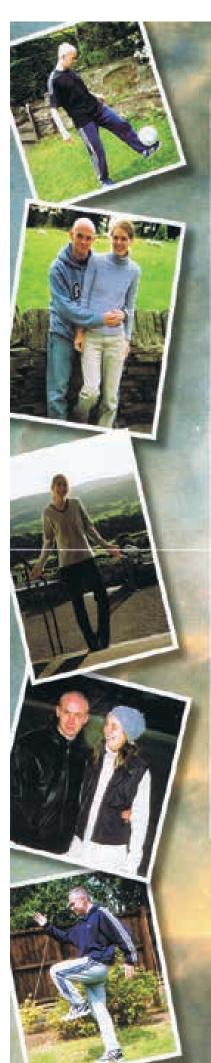
Love - What Is Love?

"Greater loss both no most than this, that a man by down to life for his francis." I from laid down the life for you!

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The Day of Judgment Is Coming & Your Life Has Been Recorded!





What Must I Do To Be Saved? What Must I Do To Have My Sins Forgiven?

"Believe on the Lord Jenus Clema, and thou shalt be

"That if thou shalt contess with the rough the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in these hunt that God harb raised him from the dead, thou shalt be sover! For with the heart man believe th arm right-manners; and with the resurb cradiessom is made unity salvaron."

Friend I would urgo you to believe the gospel - Jerus Christ leves you SO MUCH that the took your sin upon Himself, tens judged and ched to your place. He arose from the dead three days later. He is waiting for you in call cur to Him for cleaning and forgiveness. Why not confess your six to Him right now and become a Christian? What's scopping you? It will be the best decision you have ever made?

Are YOU a Christian?

Assessmention given....

- T) Well I go to church!
- 2) I believe to Godf.
- I was brought up in a Claristies home: (My reurn and slaft are Claristies).)
- 4d poor
- 5) I give itsusery to charities!
- Well I believe in God my own way, I don't like to force 'religion' on arrowe.
- All religious are the same and lead to the same God to it shows I matter which one you join.
- 8) I've always hum 'good' and helped people!

The Bible-charty states that "... there is one God, and one mechanic between God and men, the man Christ Jeson." It also says.... "Jown saids unto litte, I am the way, the truth, and the Bic no man contest unto the Father, but by me." "This means unless you come to the Lord Janua Christ for the largeomens of your six you CANNOT be saved! Continuing most size to a pricet or joining a church CANNOT sate roat." ... the blood of Jean Christ his Son cleananth as from all six." "For by grace are ye assed through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God: Not of surviva, but any most dental boost." "Two CANNOT sate yourself!

Friend, if you are triating in anything other than the Lond Josos Christ and His shorl blood to cleaner you been six, you'll NEVEE make it to howeve! "What must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lond Joses Christ, and thou shalt be saved." In whom we have reckreption through his blood, even the forgloriest of size "

"For that believeth on the Son hath overlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the weath of God shideth on him." ""He that believeth on the Son of God lath the writness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a list; because he believeth not the recent that God gore of his Sen." ""For God so kwell the world, that he give his only begitten Son, that who were believeth in him should not periols, but have everlasting life."" Are you swell:

Death!

What a hierable subject and yet we all experience it. There is suspending wome than death; to spond ETERNITY separated from God in the lake of first "And whosever was not found written in the book of life was can into the lake of first "" if you their today where would just spend ETERNITY, become or heli? You need to make one your name is written in the Larab's book of life! "For the wages of our is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through less Christ our Lord." "

A Personal Note

Samming up... I've written this leaflet because I've found the true meaning of life - a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and I want to share this great news with you, Becoming a Clinistian was the bost decision I reer made. Life is full of burdens but the greatest burden we'll ever corry is the gull of on. Jewn came to carry this backet and to bring peace to the hearts. He has give: to prepare a place in heaven and one day (if we've had our site (orgines) we shall spend ETERNITY with Him. "He careful for nethring; but to every thing by prayer and application with thanking lets your requires be made. known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all. understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Josus, Finally, brothern, whitsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsomer things are pure, whatsomer things are levely, whatsomer things are of good report; if there he any vertice, and if there be any prose, think on those things," " Why not pray to the Lord Jesus right now asking Hist to forgier your sine and user great I Just hope and pray that you will respond to the message of this leafler and realise how much the Lord Jeans Christ really LOVES YOUR

For a FREE booklet, or if you would like to clictors anything farther, please contact the address below or alternatively you can write to me...

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Time for Truth News!

(John & Donno's Newsletter)

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Therefore thou art inexcusoble, O man, whosever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbecrance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impentent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelotion of the righteous judgment of God. Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and henour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of mon that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile: But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God. (Rom 2v1-11)

You Thought We Had Forgotten Youl

We are so sorry that Issue 13 of 'TFT News' took SO LONG to get to you but we were waiting for 'Eternity' to come back from the printers. Hopefully it was worth the wait! If you would like to order 'Eternity!' just write letting us know how many you could use. We are very excited about this NEW tool for evargelism & hope & pray the Lord will bless it tremendously. Please use it where you can.

He Loves You!

Hope you liked the small evangelistic cards that went out with Issue 13 of TFT News! We took the idea from a brother in the USA but changed it a little. Again if you would like to distribute these please write & let us know how many you could use. It is so important to spread the word of God everywhere you can. Already we have had a testimony regarding one of these tract cards being left on a bus in Birmingham & a church in Stafford has written wanting to use them in their coffee shop! We have also placed these cards in a number

of 'One Stop' Convenience stores in their advertisement sections. We have stapled the front & back of 'He Loves You' to their advertisement card! I'm sure many people looking for a 'washing machine or such like' will have read the Scriptures while browsing! Why not try it yourself? It costs around 30 – 50 pence per week to advertise in these shops depending upon the area. We tend to run the advert for around 12 weeks. (Mark & Nena you are so kind! By the way you have had the last laugh without knowing it! – Donna & I are vegetarians! I look forward to hearing from you!)

Baby Hewettl

Jon & Abbie are now the proud parents of Grace Ellen Hewett. She is a lovely little girl & doesn't possess the main characteristic of her father (his humongous nose), much to Abbie's relief! I'm sure you'll all join with me in sending them our love & congratulations. This notice should have gone in the last newsletter (issue 13) but because of the delay in getting Eternity back we have put it in the earliest possible time.

A Rare Occurrence!

We have been attending a small Brethren Church for a few months now in Dudley & one evening after the service the elders & I were talking over a cup of tea when guess what, the version issue come upl. The congregation predominately use the NIV & a few NKJVs. Over the last couple of years they changed FROM the AV to the NIV for their church Bibles. (The man responsible for this has now left the church!) Well I mentioned a few important key issues & we discussed the issue for about an hour. The following day are of the elders contacted me & asked if I would talk to the church on the issue. I had a couple of weeks to prepare & so I read up again on the subject - it's amazing how much you forget! Well the meeting come around & I spake for an hour & a half & only scratched the surface of this massive subject. I handed out many leaflets, booklets, books & tapes & then we all went home! A week later everyone in the church received the following letter. Following last Wednesday's ministry by John Davis on various Bible versions, (mainly the NIV & the NKJV) and the obvious errors & amissions found in them, it was unanimously agreed to remove these versions from the church & use only the AV. It was also decided to advertise visiting speakers that the AV was the version, which we preferred. Now I was thrilled with the outcome & thank the Lord for what happened. I also thought how great it was that there are still elders today who want the TRUTH no matter what - a bold stand in this day & age! What about your church? Still allowing science versions in the pulpit?

Letters To & From The House of Lords!

A few weeks ago we sat down & wrote to around 15 – 20 key members of the house of Lords regarding the state of this nation & the departure from the word of God. A couple of days later we received a letter back from one member saying that she had received the 'You Asked The Question!' booklet & the contents have been noted! A week later we received another letter saying thank you for the booklet & that he will read it with interest! We leave it with the Lord to bring a change to this dying nation! Keep praying for our government! – Read Romans 13.

Baptism of Adina & Joey!

It was a blessing to take the baptismal service & preach the gospel to those gathered. Adina & Joey who have been in our youth group for sometime now went through the waters of baptism on 20/7/03. More than seventy people showed up to support them & we thank the Lord that many unsaved friends & family came to witness the event & listen to the gospel message. Please pray that the word of God & testimony of these two young lives would have some effect on the hearers! One of Adina's friends showed a real interest in the message & Adina was able to share her testimony with her.

Team Events

By the time this newsletter reaches you we hope to have completed at least one team event. We have a number of people interested in coming & we are targeting villages mainly dropping a 'Who Cares?' tract, a 'You Asked The Question!' booklet or the 'Eternity' flyer to every house. In the past we have written to churches to see if they would like to get involved with us but on the whole once they have read a couple of the newsletters they treat me like a 'hot potato' & 'drop' me as fast as they can! - A rice little feller like me can you believe? (They're as bad as Barney asking me to peach once every 10 years in his church!)

Your Love Broke Through!

Recently on a Friday evening at the Youth Club we all watched the video 'Your Love Brake Through.' It is the life story of Keith Green who died in 1982 in a plane crash. He may not have had all his doctrine right but his zeal & love for the Lord was second to none. You cannot watch this video without being challenged to seek a closer & deeper walk with the Lord Jesus Christi If anyone out there writes to tell me Sut he was a charismatic! I'll set Jack & Eddie on you! He probably helped me in my early Christian walk through his music, love for the Lord & his desire for evangelism more than anyone! I would recommend you reading the book 'No Compromise' written by his wife Melody Green. I have 4 copies of Keith Green's life story. 'No Compromise,' on video. If you would like one please write & let me know.

Want To Know More About Space?

Tim Furniss who supplied us with a number of excellent photos for 'You Asked The Question', 'Who Cares' & 'Eternity,' also travels round to different churches speaking on the subject of Space but makes it gospel orientated. If you would like to book Tim please write to him at Greenbanks, Robins Hill, Raleigh, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3PA. I have never heard him but he seems a smashing chap! Thanks Tim for all your help & support regarding the photos!

URGENT Prayer requests... (Much To Pray For!)

Please pray for our friend Brian Nicholls (he prints most of our literature!) who has been diagnosed with bowel cancer (He has already had an operation and Lord willing is on the mend!), Sheila (Nena's sister) who desperately needs a touch from the Lord, Donna's Nan who has 'Bells Palsy' & is recovering from shingles in the ear! Gary Stone from the USA has also asked for prayer for his twin boys who have juvenile diabetes. Don't forget to pray for our friends in the USA prisons! Again I would ask if any of you would like to write & encourage our friends over there in prison please drop me a line for their addresses. Please continue to pray for Donna's dad, Pastor Baker (with the loss of his beloved wife), & Donna with her arthritis. Would you also remember Victoria & our dear friend Muriel & her brother & sister-in-law, John & Jean (Jean has cancer) please pray that both will get saved. Would you also remember Jane (Steve & Millie's daughter-in-law) who is very ill at present, David Quilleash & Margaret Ryder. Thank you so much!

Sweet Fellowship Among Believers!

Pedra sends his love & regards to Peter Paul Ventura & Raymond Bassettel I'm sure they do likewise Pedra. Keep up the great work all of you & get to know the Lord Jesus Christ the best you can! We lave you all & look forward to the day when we can see you. If you're in prison in the USA & want to write please do so. We respond to every

letter we receive but it does take a little time occasionally due to busy schedules etc. Be great to hear from you! Peter Paul you're doing a tremendous work, sorry I took so long in responding to your letters; hopefully all sorted now - look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks for the tape - the preacher sure does a lot of shouting!)

A Huge Thank Youl

Without mentioning names (for obvious reasons!) Donna & I would like to thank those who show such laye & support in the work we are involved in. We pray that the Lord will guide us in every decision we make to bring horour & alory to Him alone.

Food For Thought!

Mahatma Ghandi wrote 'You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down, & bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature.' Do you?

What's On Your Agenda?

What are your plans for the future? Are you doing what the Lord wants you to do? What is your relationship like with the Lord Jesus Christ AT PRESENT?

Heard Any Good Sound AV preachers Lately?

If so I'd like to hear from you! Please would you send me their names, addresses & telephone numbers! Many thanks,

VW Camper Van Wanted / Desired!

Rather than take two cars to each team event we would like to invest in a people carrier i.e. 7 / 9 seater! First choice would be the old fashion VW camper van but in reality anything would do as long as it is reliable! If on your travels you happen to see something suitable perhaps you would pass on the details. Many thanks. Donna & I saw an old C-reg Toyota a few weeks back at only £895 but it was petrol & had already done 186,000 miles! The guy couldn't start it when we were there so although we were very tempted, we decided not to go for it in the end.

Two VERY Sweet Victories Over The 'Pentecostalsi'

It is with great pleasure I bring you the news that I defeated Barney Baker twice in the last two tennis matches. He started out in his usual manner but soon realised he had bitten off more than he could chew! I love giving the Pentecostals' a good blasting once in a while & that's not just in their 'doctrines' either! I must however give credit where credit is due & say that on occasions I did hear Barney speak in some kind of a 'tongue!' Sood job there wasn't an interpreter around at the time!

More of Those Questions!

Some of the following questions I've been asked recently... What do you think?

- 1) Were Adom & Eve soved?
- 2) Is water boptism for today & if so why is not practiced in any of Paul's epistles? Be careful here!
- Should we baptise in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Ghost (Mat 28v19) OR in Jesus name? (Acts 2v38 + Acts 19v5)
- 4) If water baptism is for today why is it not explained in any of the 'pastoral' epistles?
- 5) The Scriptures state there is ONLY ONE baptism (Eph 4v5) yet the Scriptures teach SEVEN different baptisms! Which one is the right one?
- 5) If the angels in the beginning had a 'free will' to follow the Lord or Satan, why is it that they are bound in chairs now awaiting judgment without a second chance to follow the Lord again? We have a free will yet we have had many 'chances!' Why haven't the angels that sinned?
- 7) Why is it that the Scriptures teach you CAN lose your salvation in one place but you CANT in another!

Note - What is more important to you, the number of souls saved or the number of baptisms you do in your church?

"You Asked The Question!" 'Translated'!

A friend of ours has posted a copy of "You Asked The Question!" to his friend Terry in the USA who has a 'ship ministry' called First Coast Port Ministries & travels all over the world. Terry has asked if they could translate "You Asked The Question!" into 2 different languages / dialects used in the Philippines. Of course we agreed to it & thank the Lord that this booklet is continuing to be widely used. The dialects it is going to be translated into are Tagalog & Corbuna.

A Few Funnies' & Interesting Quotes!

- 1) Committee a group of men who keep minutes & waste hours! (CCM comes to mind!)
- 2) Whoever said, "It's not whether you win or lose that counts," probably lost! (Barney Baker can vouch for that!)
- There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches but the wrong comes when riches possess the man!
- 4) A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining & wants it back the minute it begins to rain!
- 5) If he works for you, you work for him!
- 6) The world is an system but you don't crack it open on a mattress!
- 7) The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them!

Something To Think About!

Regarding the church assembly...

- Why is it that so many elders & pastors who are in authority & LOVE their authority (too much too often!)
 cannot rule or control their own families? Often times their wives are "mouths on sticks & their children
 are unruly!" (This is written with NO ONE in mind!)
- 2) Should there be those come in among you who consider themselves 'above' the <u>little</u> rules, they have a rebellious & proud heart. For example, if you say "Everyone meet at 5,00 at Joe's & we will go from there to the restaurant" & you get to the restaurant & 'Brother A' is waiting there, mark that man/ He will consistently act in such a way as to show contempt for the leadership of the church. His children will be disrespectful toward those in authority. If you give this man any part in leadership you will live to regret having done so! J. Knox (This is written with MANY in mind!) What are YOU like when it comes to being in subjection to authority? I know of very few real 'team players' that accept authority & just want to get on with serving the Lord & not trying to 'throw their weight around!'
- 3) To take a leadership position you need to prove yourself first! There are SO MANY people in 'leadership positions' who SHOULDN'T be in leadership positions! Do you know what the Scriptural qualifications of a leader are?
- 4) There are very few good leaders in the church today & even fewer Bible teachers!
- B) Are you in a leadership position because God has called you to it or because you want to be a leader?

Need More Evangelistic Materials?

- 1) "You Asked The Question!" booklets 30 pence each
 - 2) 'Who Cares?' & 'Why?' tracts free of charge
 - 3) 'He Loves You!' tract card free of charge
 - 4) 'Eternity' flyer free of charge

If you can help out with the cost of postage we would appreciate it but if not don't warry!

What Is Your 'Coming Edge' Like?

Why is it that so many Christians have no 'cutting edge'! They just seek to please people rather than God. They don't want to 'tell it like it is' as not to offend anyone. There are so many 'nice' preachers going round so many 'nice' churches preaching 'nice' messages & they think that this is Christianity! Well it isn't folke! I meet so many Christians who are just like dead fish going with the flow. They give 'pat' answers to doctrines they know nothing about, they are so set in their traditions that if you challenged them on a certain issue their comment would be 'Well we've done this for years & our church has always taught it!' Folks it's time we got our head out of the sand & started to read that flible & seek the Lord for a fresh touch! We need God to raise up men; leaders, who love the Lord Jesus Christ with all their heart, mind, soul & spirit. Men who care for the sheep & are not trying to 'fleece' them, men who are shepherds rather than hirelings! Men who will NOT compromise on truth but stand & fight to the end seeking only to glorify the Lord. Men who can rightly divide the word of truth! Where are these men today?

New 'Discipleship Group' Finally Started!

Well in July we started the first 'Discipleship Group' at Hope Chapel. It is an invitation only study aimed at 'alder teens' who really have a keen interest to get to know the Lord deeper & learn more from the word of God. We are running it once a month for two & a half hours with breaks in between. Eleven turned up for the first one but for the second there were only eight due to halidays; we are expecting around 12 - 15 for the one in September. We are learning how to deal with one or one conversations when witnessing & how to answer questions that arise... We also look at specific subjects & topics & there is plenty of time to ask questions. Please pray for this group that the Lord will indeed take us all deeper into Him. The people that come really want to grow in their spiritual lives. It certainly is a challenging time!

2003 - Nine Months Gone! Three Months Left! What Have You Done For The Lord So Far?

I wanted this year to be a great year of living for the Lord & already I can't believe how quick time has gone & how little I've done. Let us make these closing months really count! I heard only a few weeks ago that the Church where I was saved has closed. There were around one hundred people going when I became a Christian & now the doors are shut. How sad it is. I have also heard that a paster from the Midlanda is going to try & 'get it going again!' Unfortunately it's an A.O.O., modern Bible church, & as usual weak on doctrine like most Pentecostal churches.

Last week I stopped for a coffee in a Methodist church. Many of the folks I met at the coffee morning attend the church, or the Anglican one up the road. Talking with quite a few of them I would say most are trusting in good works to save them! Religion dames more souls to hell than anything else!

If you haven't written for a while it would be great to hear from you! Keep sowing the seed & live for the Lord in EVERYTHING you do. What do you think about a Time for Truth! conference / 'get together?' Let us know! Ideas for a venue? Till next time...



Time for Truth News!

(John & Donna's Newsletter)

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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heak; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3v1-8)

When was the last time you spoke up & took a stand for what is right?

Looking back over the last ten months or so it is quite amazing to see all the twists & turns that we've come through. It has been a great summer, weather wise, but I wonder whether it has been a good year, so far, in your Christian walk. Only recently a friend & I were saying how hard our hearts had become since getting saved. We start out with a lovely soft & tender heart & spirit & yet only a few years later & you can feel & see how you've changed. I'm sure much is down to the evil world & environment we live in but even folks in the church can cause us to became hard & even bitter at times. How hard it seems to be able to forgive one another these days. Can you relate to that? At the start of each Discipleship Group now we are given a sheet of paper with just a few questions on to answer. No one sees what we write (except the Lord that is), it is just for our own

benefit. The questions challenge us to look at what our walk with the Lord is like at present & to see whether we are growing in love in the Lord or growing 'colder'. Maybe it would be good for you to sit down with the Lord & answer the following questions... 1) What is your relationship like with the Lord at present? 2) Are you closer to the Lord now than you have ever been? 3) If not why not? 4) Is there a sin that is hindering your relationship with the Lord at present? 5) If you are not walking with the Lord as you should what are you doing to rectify this? 6) Are you where the Lord wants you at present? 7) How deep would you like to go? Get an your hands & knees brother/sister and seek the Lord with all your heart! May today be a fresh start for you in your daily walk!

Discipleship Group No 4

We have now had our fourth 'Discipleship Group!' The students that come are very keen to learn & with a two & a half hour Bible study we cover a lot of ground! It is an invitation only group mainly targeted at the older 'teens' to early twenties! Most, if not all of the students, could now hold a conversation with someone in the world or someone in a cult regarding their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ & argue from the Scriptures regarding certain issues. They all take a firm stand that the world of God (the AVI) is THE FINAL AUTHORITY! (Warning - If you are a Pentecostal be careful that you don't run into these fired up AV Bible believing Christians otherwise they might teach you a thing or two especially regarding women 'ministers', Acts 2v38, why targues are NOT for today, soul winning etc.)

Team Events

We took a team of 12 to Hill Top in West Bromwich & 'tracted' around 900 houses with the 'Esemity' flyer. It was also a good time of fellowship & fun. One comment does need to be mentioned here regarding a certain 'rebel' team member! If anyone out there is looking to get a team together be very careful whom you choose! Tima Cole ('Derrick the Hair's' wife!) is renowned for NOT doing as she is told! If you would like further details regarding this 'fiery' lady please write to Derrick & NOT ME! Another 'get together' was held at Hellier Street where a good number turned up to distribute invitations & tracts to advertise their 'Joyful Noise' evening held on the 11th October. Over 1100 invitations & tracts were distributed around the sumounding area. The 'Joyful Noise' outreach saw around 100 folks enjoy a good evening of music & testimony. A 'Pemtecostal' man was asked to give the gospel message. Sadly he read from a 'perversion' & to top it off one of his three points (each point laining a 'day' it seemed') was on guess what? Yes you guessed it!—'Healing!' They just can't leave it alone can they! He said that we are to stop taking the pills & lay our hands on our sick parts & claim the healing! Now don't get me wrong I believe in healing but I certainly don't believe that things today are the same as they were in Jesus' day! But that's Pentecostals for you; very few can rightly divide the Scriptures when it comes to healing & speaking in tongues! Pethaps he should have laid his bands on his own head!!! (Joke!) Obviously Barney Baker was in his element when the 'Penty's' (his clan!) got going — well done Barney! (The next Team Event will take place working alongside Hope Chapel Lord willing)

Encouraging Mail...

It is such a blessing to receive encouraging mail, thank you to all of you who write regularly. A young Chinese man has written to us recently saying that our booklet "You Asked The Question!" has been a great help to him: it was straight to the point he said! He also asked if it was available in Chinese so he could send copies over to China. He has now written a second time!

Brethren & Tradition/Legalism!

Over the last few weeks it has been brought to my attention yet again, how some 'Brethren Assemblies' love to keep 'harping on' over the issue of women members wearing hats & not wearing trousers etc. (As if it is THE most important doctrine in the Scriptures!) 'DO this DON'T do that!' It is no wonder so many people don't want to go to church & so many are leaving the church! If I were a woman I would probably leave some of the assemblies I attend! So many elders are 'power crazy!' They love the sound of their own voice too much & walk round like little 'Pharisees' telling others what they can & can't do. Listen folks, especially you elders & pastors, TEACH the word of God & allow God to speak regarding who is to wear a hat or not! Don't major on minor issues! Get out there & reach the lost & let God through His word speak! I get so fed up with the ridiculous 'laws', which are placed on church members by the 'leaders!' It would do ALL pastors & elders some good to read up on the doctrine of the Nicolaltans in Revelation chapter 2 & find out what God says in regard to the issue of the misuse of authority! The answer to all issues is to TEACH the word of God & allow the Holy Spirit to work in the believer! Remember that next time YOU decide to have a 'little word with someone over a certain issue! Read Acts chapter 15 before going any further! (By the way for the 'ononymous' person who keeps sending us tracts regarding the head-covering, women's appare! & such likes, thank you!)

The Window - an essay by G. W. Target (I remember this story from my school days) - Two men, both seriously ill, shared the same small room of a great hospital. Quite a small room, but just large erough for the pair of them - two beds, two bedside lockers, a door opening on the hall, & one window looking out on the world. One of the men, as part of his treatment. was allowed to sit up in bed for an hour in the afternoon (something to do with draining fluid from his lungs), & his bed was next to the window. But the other man had to spend all his time flat on his back -4 both of them had to be kept quiet & still. Which was the reason they were in the small room by themselves, & they were grateful for peace & privacy. None of the bustle & clatter of the general ward for them! Well, they used to talk for hours & hours - about their wives, their children, their homes, their jobs, their hobbies, their childhood, what they did during the wor, where they'd been on vacations - all that sort of thing. Every afternoon, when the

man in the bed next to the window was propped up for his hour, he

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would pass the time by describing what he could see outside. The other man began to live for those The window apparently overlooked a park, with a lake, where there were ducks & swars, children throwing them bread & sailing boats, & young lovers walking hand in hand beneath the trees, & there were flowers & stretches of grass, games of softball, people taking their ease in the surshine, & right at the back, behind the fringe of trees, a fine view of the city skyline. The man on his back would listen to all of this, enjoying every minute - how a child nearly fell into the lake, how beautiful the girls were in their summer dresses, then an exciting ball game, or a boy playing with his puppy. It got to the place that he could almost see what was happening outside. Then one fine afternoon, when there was some sort of parade, the thought struck him: why should the man next to the window have all the pleasure of seeing what was going on? Why shouldn't he get the chance? He felt ashamed. & tried not to think like that, but the more he tried the worse he wanted a change. He'd do anything! In a few days he had turned sour. He should be by the window. He broaded & couldn't sleep, & grew even more seriously ill - which none of the doctors understood. One night as he stored at the ceiling, the other man suddenly woke up, coughing & choking, the fluid congesting his lungs, his hand groping for the button that would bring the night nurse running. But the man in the next bed watched without moving. The coushing wracked darkness - on & on - then stopped. The sound of breathing stopped - & the man continued to store at the ceiling. In the morning the day nurse come in with water for their baths & found the other man dead. They took away his body, quietly, no fuss. As soon as it seemed decent, the man asked if he could move to the bed next to the window: & they moved him, tucked him in, & mode him quite comfortable, then left him alone to be quiet & still. The minute they'd gone, he propped himself up on one elbow, painfully & laboriously, & looked out of the window... It faced a brick wall!

It's a Heartbreaking World!

Daily I see old folks struggling to walk & get around. I see children with very little chance of getting an education let alone a job due to the environment they are brought up in, in fact very little chance of getting anywhere in life. I see a world full of sickness & disease crying out for help. I see people who are full of sadness, sorrow, guilt, going through emotional turmoit, people who can barely face the pressures of life. On the 'other side of the coin', I see the rich, the successful businessman, people who care only for themselves with no thought for others, people who drice past the 'hurting & broken' & just don't care at all. Louis Armstrong's seng 'if's a wonderful world' is wrong: we lice in a lonely, hurting & dying world. This is the world't see, what do you see? It is only the Lord jesus who can bring hope, real loce & a purpose for licing. He is THE answer to this world's need. Are we letting people know the answer? Do we care? Are we doing much to reach the lost?

Luke Training Centre In Conjunction With Operation Mobilisation Has NO Final Authority!

Just recently I heard two men from Operation Mobilisation speak. Both used a "perversion" Bible! I sent some details to one of them who in return sent me an article from off the Internet (about par for the course!); he also passed on his own comments of why he does not believe the AV is perfect. He then went on to add that he disagreed with the approach of 'bashing' people who have a different point of view. Same old story; same old song! Put another record on OM! No one is 'bashing' anyone (I don't know where he got that from!) although at times I would like to... (Say no more!) Again if your Bible is NOT perfect where is the Bible God promised to preserve? What is your FINAL AUTHORITY on ALL matters of faith & practice if YOUR 'Bible' isn't PERFECT?

Notes & Points For Prayer...

Sadly to say Sheila who we have mentioned now a couple of times in our newsletters has died & gone to be with the Lord. Thank you to all those who prayed for her! Donna's Nan has improved remarkably: she really is a tough of bird! Please keep praying for her & Donna's mum & dad, Donna's had a 2rd steroid injection & now looks like Arnold Schwarzereggerill Please keep praying for Donna. Please pray for Nic & Diana & Jean Tyler at this time & also remember our fellow brothers in the USA prisons.

Workl Workl Workl

I have just clocked up over 105,000 miles in less than two years & the company I work for have recently given me the Channel Islands to cover! I think it's only a matter of time until I swap my car for a helicopter! We thank the Lord how he has kept me safe over all the miles I travel. Thank you to all those who pray for Donna & I on our journeys! The Lord really has blessed me at work & it is two years back to back that I've been top rep bringing in over £550,000 for the company this season! It is a good testimony to the Lord!

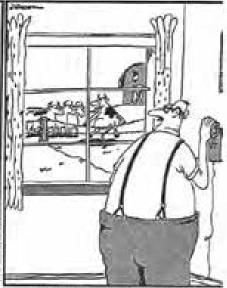
A Few Funnies... (I thought these were quite good!)



"Wall, we're lost ... And it's probably just a master of time before someone decides to shoot us."



"'Looks like a trap,' I said.'Nonsense,' you said. No one would set a trap way out here in the woods,' you said."



"Look, if it was electric could I do this!"

Evangelical Alliance - uniting to change society (My Foot!!!)

The Evangelical Alliance has written to us inviting us to join with them & attend an "Imagine Consultation" on Tuesday 18th December. Here is how the first part of their letter went... "Following on from our recent highly acclaimed Imagine edition of idea Magazine, in which Mark Greene presented a radical vision for winning the UK through releasing Christians into whole life ministry, Evangelical Alliance & London Institute of Contemporary Christianity are pleased to invite you to attend an imagine Consultation... "Well if you think that it sounds great you are most welcome to take our place! I thought it would be good if they invited Dr Peter Ruckman & allowed him to speak for half an hour – if they thought Mark Greene's vision was radical let old Ruckman show them a little bit of 'radical preaching!!" Boy is the church in a mess today! This issue over ordaining homosexual vicars & priests in the 'church' is all about 'joining together & breaking down boundaries!' Folks... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you (2 Cor 6v17) We DO NOT unite with the Roman Catholics or with the so called Church of England (which might as well be called Roman Catholics), we take a stand on the Scriptures at ALL COST; or do we? The 'church' is continually trying to water down the Gospet; let's take a stand!

"You Asked The Question!" Booklets Still Going Strong!

The Bible Pattern Church in Blackpool has just ordered 240 booklets for an outreach they are doing (please pray that the Lord will bless their work!) & the Bible Baptist Bookshop in Florida has just reordered another batch. These booklets are ONLY 30 pence each! We sell them at cost, now I'm working, so why not take advantage of this offer & send a copy to friends & relatives for Christmas along with their card? We are nearly out of our "Who Cares?" tract & will hopefully be putting another order in soon with our printers. Distributing Christian literature is so important so please use these materials when & where you can.

Worth Receiving!

As mentioned in a previous rewsletter it would be worth all Christians receiving David Carson's Protestant Old Paths' newsletter / booklet. (Give David Carson a call on 01244 376773) I would also recommend Ron Smith's 'Waymarks' booklet. Write to Ron at 8 Newbury Close, Luton, Beds, LU4 9QJ. I would not agree with all they write & say but on the whole these two men are straight down the line AV Bible believing Christians who have a 'cutting edge'. I know how tight some of you Christians are so if you do want to receive their mailings why not help them out with a giftill. Callin Tyler is about to launch a brand new mall order book list, which will include books that you cannot get here in the UK! Dear old Penfold won't stock some of them because the authors believe that the Bible is PERFECT & without error unlike Penfold who doesn't have a Final Authority! I would suggest you write to Calin requesting this list... Calin Tyler, 48 Greenwood, Yardley, Birmingham, B25 8YU. Calin has excellent knowledge regarding the AV issue & is a sound Bible teacher; why not book him up at your church?

Keeping The Country & The Church Clean! What Will ... NOT enter into the congregation of the LORD! (Deut 23)

Read the following Scriptures... For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee. (Deut 23v14) There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. (Deut 23v17) And there were also sodomites in the land; and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. (I Kings 14v24) And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. (I Kings 15v11+12) (Read also I Kings 22v44-46 & 2 Kings 23v7) So what are we saying? If you want to keep your country clean get rid of the sodomites! Sodomy is an abomination unto the Lord! Read Romans chapter 1 & Lev 18v22 & Lev 20v13 etc. There is NO argument whether sodomites should be ordained in the 'ministry' or not; sodomites need to get saved or GET OUT of the country! Keep Britain clean – get rid of the sodomites! The Scriptures speak very clearly on this subject! The Bible is 100% against homosexuality/sodomy & so is every Bible believing Christian!

Is Abortion Murder? - By Samuel Voisard

A mother stepped into the doctor's office carrying a bright & beautiful baby a year old. Seating herself near her family physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to hep me out of my trouble. My baby is only one year old, & I have conceived again, & I do not want to have children so close together." "What do you expect me to do?" asked the physician. "Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied. After thinking seriously for a moment the doctor said, "I think I can suggest a better method of helping you out. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap, & let the other one come on. It is easy to get at the one on your lap, & it makes no difference to me, which one

I kill for you Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one." As the doctor finished speaking he reached for a knife, & continued by asking the mother to by the baby out on her lap, & turn her head the other way. The woman almost fainted away as she jumped from her chair, & uttered one word "Murdererl" A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced the mother that his offer to commit murder was no worse than her request for the destruction of the unborn child. In either case it would be murder. The only difference would be in the age of the victim! (If you have had an abortion confess your sin to the Lord Jesus Christ & ask him to forgive you. He will!)

Getting Closer To The Lord's Return! - (Read 1 Thes 4 & 5)

Not long to go! Are you ready? Do you ever think what it will be like? Heard any teaching or preaching on it recently? What will you leave behind; house, car & all your possessions! What about your leved ones, your family & friends; will they be going with you? How will they get saved if we don't tell them? What is stopping us, the fear of embarrassment, rejection? Surely it is worth trying to save them! Again we would encourage you, if you send cards at Christmas, to place a tract or a Scripture inside the card & pray that the receiver will understand what they read & turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation!

NOT LONG LEFT!

Some Reasons Why I Am NOT a Calvinist!

- I believe we have a FREEWILL to choose between good & evil, right & wrong! Freewill is a Scriptural word (see Lev 22v18+21+23+38 * Ezra 7v13+16 etc.) God gave us a FREEWILL!
- 2) I do not believe God created some folks (i.e. the NON elect!) just to go to hell with no chance of getting saved? Are all babies elect? If not what about the babies that die? What about abortions; are these babies elect?
- Rom 8v29 God does not predestinate anyone until he KNOWS them! No one is predestinated to go to heaven!
 Once they are saved they are predestinated to be like Jesus! Election is conditioned on foreknowledge!
- 4) Not a single word in Rom chapter 9 is about personal salvation, individual salvation or universal redemption! The chapter is dealing with God's eternal purposes in individuals, how He chooses some for service & not others. It is dealing with service & NOT salvation! It is not for 'destiny' but for purpose! There is no question in this passage of Jacob going to heaven & Esau going to hell! Calvinists fall into the trap of taking verses out of context to teach man made doctrines. Let us all beware of doing this.
- There are too many verses that teach Jesus died for ALLI (see Heb 2v9, 1 John 2v2, 2 Cor 5v14+15, 2 Pet 3v9 etc.)
- 6) Limited Atonement is a WICKED doctrine! (see Exo 12v3)
- 7) You can resist the Holy Spiritl (see Acts 7v51)





Time for Truth!

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For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb 10:37

Letters of Encouragement & Letters of 'The Other Sorti'

Well we certainly 'nottled a few cages' with the last newsletter I must say! It amazes me what makes a person write! The Kingston Bible Trust are 'gunning for me', so to speck, much to the pleasure of Barney from Brierley Hill A.O.G. (Mind you when you lase at tennis as much as he does you need to jump on someone else's bandingan!) They have asked to come off our mailing list & said they want no dealings with an 'angry man!' (Prov 22v24) What me, little Johnny, an angry man? But what is the REAL reason for their actions? You guessed it: they have NO FINAL AUTHORITY & love Dorby & his

translation more than they do the word of God; & I happened to point it out for them! (Kird of me don't you think!) I've sent the manager of Kingston Bible Trust a letter asking him where is the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God today, no doubt I'll be waiting in vain for a reply! Just like Perfold & the rest of those Bible CORRECTORS, they don't like it up 'em do they Mr. Mannering!!' (To quote from Dod's Army regarding the Fuzzy Wuzzies!) So if you are a follower of this Bible correcting bunch you to may want to come off the mailing list; just write & let me know! We CONTINUE to stand on the Authorised Version as THE word of God PRESERVED & PERFECT; anything else is a perversion!

Have You Been 'Tracting' This Week?

We have been very much encouraged by those of you who are using the literature we provide to distribute among the lost; you're doing a great job keep it up! If anyone else out there would like to use our tracts, flyers & booklets just drop us a line. A lady in the West Midlands has just ordered a box of 800 'Eternity' flyers & 250 'You Asked The Question!' booklets to give out on the streets & in old peoples homes etc. Has everyone down YOUR street received a gospel tract or booklet? If not why not make that your next goal? If you don't try to reach them with the gospel WHO WILL? The JW's?

Hope Chapel BBQ

Great turn out for the BBQ among the youth! It's good to have a 'social gathering' once in a while. Some of these youngsters have worked really hard at learning the Scriptures etc. & it's good for them to let their hair down. The Discipleship Group is going from strength to strength. We are covering a lot of ground in the Scriptures & the two & half hour study seems to go so fast! Sadly we have lost one young lady from our Sunday Bible Class due to her boyfriend. It is hard to keep young falk on the straight & narrow when they become sexually aware! Please keep praying for the youth of today.

TfT! Is Missionary Orientated!

Here at Time for Truthi we try to help out those who are involved with evangelism, wherever they may be located. A lady missionary in the West Indies has been using our tracts & flyers for a while now & has requested some more recently. She is doing a great job out there & if any of you folks would like to write & encourage her please drop me a line for her address. I'm sure she'd love to hear from you. We now get requests from many parts of the world asking for literature & to be placed on our mailing list.

TfTI's Vision for 2004

Our number one goal for 2004 would be to get to know the Lord Jesus Christ in a deeper way & to live for Him in everything we do. We want to increase our evangelism & encourage others to do so also. We shall continue to teach & preach the truth of God's Holy word everywhere we can & stand upon the Authorised Version as PERFECT & PRESERVED! We shall try to stay away from time wasters & concentrate more on those who are willing to learn & want to grow in the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ has been so good to us! I pray He will continue to bless our marriage & our ministry; we are in His hands. Those of you who have stayed with us so far (you've done well, I know I can be a nightmure at times!) we hope to build closer relationships with you & encourage one another more. Please keep writing, it's always great to hear from you. Some of you write every month & it's a real blessing. Know this, the times are getting harder, the world is getting more perverse, the church seems to be increasingly compromising BUT the BIBLE BELIEVING Christian needs to stand stronger than he has ever done before, as a witness & testimony to the Lord; it's extremely hard at times & we fail often, but IT'S WORTH IT! Encourage yourself by reading the following Scriptures - Rom 8v18, 2 Cor 4v17, 1 Pet 1v6-8, 1 Pet 5v9-10

'Banner of Truth' Writes to 'Time for Truth!'

The Barner of Truth' has written to us recently because someone has recommended our booklet "You Asked The Question" to them & they wanted to obtain a copy; not for publishing though, but to use the photo my dad took of Richard Baxter (page 26) for the FRONT cover of one of their latest books about Richard Baxter! Well-done dad! When we first launched "You Asked The Question!" I wrote to the Evangelical Times' (who are Reformed in doctrine like the Banner of Truth) asking them if they would produce a small write up on it, but they declined saying that it was not "THE gospel" they preached & instead sent me a book, showing me what THE gospel I should be preaching was. The book they recommended took quotations from start to finish from the NIV (New International Perversion). The reason the Evangelical Times said what they did was because they are very Colvinistic, which I am certainly not! I somehow doubt that the Banner of Truth will like "You Asked The Question!" either because of their Colvinism, but they may like the photo!

Do You Love The Word of God? Want Some Bible Teaching on Cassette?

We are hoping to invest some money a purchase a quality tape recording machine (i.e. one you can speak into!) where we shall be able to produce good quality Bible studies on cassette. This will be done 'in-house', so to speak, rather than in a church atmosphere. I do feel that there is a dearth of teaching the word of God, in this country these days, especially when it comes to NOT correcting THE BOOK itself, which of course we will NOT do. Now if all goes according to plan, we are hoping to produce another 'Mailing List' just for this 'Tape Ministry'. If you would like to be included on this list please write a let us know as soon as possible as we can get it up a running. We are planning to send tapes out once or maybe twice a month depending upon the time we can put in. Also, depending upon the amount of people that want to go on the mailing list there will be NO CHARGE for this service! We shall also be picking a choosing other speakers a adding them to our list; we have some excellent material, which we would like to share with you. So let us know!!

Next Batch of 'Who Cares?' Tracts Just Arrived!

Well some of you are really getting through these tracts! We have just taken our next delivery of 15,000 Who Cares?' tracts. If you want some please write & let us know. We also have "You Asked The Question!" booklets, "Eternity' flyers & the "He Loves You" tract cards available, so please state which ones you would like,

Discipleship Group (DG) Outreach!

Some of us from the DG, accompanied with our brother Gurmeet, (the WWF wrestling champion of Hellier Street!) & Ted Smith, distributed 750 'Eternity' flyers & invitations in the Moseley area of Birmingham. Please pray that this literature will be read & folks saved!

Hellier Street Evangelism!

Well as a church we are about ready to kick off' the new-year with an 'action plan' of evangelism! We are all making a concerted effort to reach the lost souls of this area in as many ways as possible. We are placing a large street map at the back of the church so as we tract the area we can mark off where we have been. We are putting together a letter from the church to the lost sharing with them the gospel & including an invitation to the church. There are plenty of other ideas & opportunities but we need to seek the Lord & allow Him to lead us. Please pray for this work!

Preaching Dates!

We have a number of preaching dates coming up in December & into next year; please pray the Lord will use us where we go.

Please Continue to Pray for...

Donna's dad & mum regarding Ernie's Parkinson's disease, her Nan too. Victoria who is having a tough time of late, along with Pastor Baker! Please continue to pray for Donna regarding her arthritis; at present she is doing akay but occasionally she does have a bad day. Thanks again to all those who pray for us in the work we do I REALLY MEAN IT; you're such a blessing.

The Best Three Tracts You've Seen!

Please would you send us your top three tracts; the ones that have really 'gripped' you, which you thought would be great to use in evangelism! Down the line I would like to produce a couple more tracts & it's good to see different ideas.

Some Good 'Punch Lines & One Liners!'

- The Bible is not a science book, but it is scientifically correct. And when science contradicts the Bible, it is sooner
 or later found out not to be true science.
- 2) THE BIBLE IS, TO MANY, GOD'S UNOPENED LETTER. Spurgeon.
- Joshua was a busy man decisions to make, burdens to bear, & the apposition to meet but he was still expected to have morning & evening Bible study (Joshua 1vB)
- 4) John Wesley said 'Make all you can & give all you can!' (Did you hear that Barney!!)
- Today the average philosophy is, 'Make all you can, can all you make, sit on the can, & poison the rest!' (Did you hear that Barney!!)
- 6) We live in a day & age when we know the price tag of nearly everything but the value of hardly anything!
- 7) The men who have moved the world have been men whom the world could not move! (Did you hear that Barney!!)
- To marry a woman for her beauty is like buying a house for its paint! (I would love to make some comments here but even I am not brave enough!)
- 9) When Martin Luther was told, 'The whole world is against you,' he calmly replied, 'Then I'm against the whole world'
- Every sermon should have a train of thought, but it should also have a terminal (Written especially for Derrick Cole)
- 11) Put a giraffe in the pulpit 4 the lambs will starve to death! (Boy have I seen this!)
- 12) Pride is the stone over which many people stumble.

I Feel Convicted!

I'm always having a 'crack' at someone, & none more than my very old friend 'Wigsy Cole.' Now I've known Derrick Cole for a number of years & I've been constantly 'ribbing' him for about the same length of time. It's time I said something 'good' about the man! Derrick has been preaching in the open air between 3-5 times a week for years. He often stands alone & is out there for 2-3 hours a day. Now no matter what his hair looks like, that takes some doing! I don't know of a Christian more committed to open air work than him. Please pray for Derrick Cole as often as you can that the Lord will continue to strengthen & protect him. If you would like to write to encourage him or just want a sample of his hair (I couldn't resist it!) then you can contact him at 19 Douglas Road, Hollywood (He has made a number of films & plays under the name of Cory Grant, Charlton Heston & Tarzon!'), Birmingham, B47 5|Y.

Another Christmas! Another Year Gone!

Well although I don't like what Christmas is all about these days (see issue 10 - copies available). I must say I'm looking forward to the two-week break. I feel as if I've been nonstop with work & everything else, so, Lord willing, I'm going to sit down & relax a little this Christmas (I'm getting old!) This year has been a good one for us but again I feel as if so much more could have been done: I leave it with the Lord. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas time - for the right reasons! Why not sit down & read the Gospel accounts of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking those of you who have been such an encouragement & blessing to Donna & I over this last year. We very much appreciate your cards, letters & especially your prayers. Don't forget to write to our brothers out there in the USA prisons; I'm sure they would love to hear from you. (This newsletter will probably arrive too late to write for Christmas so why not send them a letter for the New Year?) Please make EVERY

EFFORT to write to EVERY ONE of these Christian brothers. Addresses are as follows... 1) Peter Paul Yentura # 83492 - NB6, 900 Milidale Road, Cheshire, CT 06410 - 1698, USA. 2) Christopher Hafford # 206936, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. 3) Andres Albert # 204403, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410 USA. 4) David Lynch # 21089, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. 5) George Rosado # 227107, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. 6) Donny Jacques # 26781, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. 7) Joseph Miller # 122088 - P1#57, PO BOX 8273, Cranston, 02920 -USA. 8) Matthew Johnson # 91492, Cheshire Correctional Institute, 900 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. 9) Ronald Barraza # 305158, 900 Highland Avenue, NB 624, Cheshire, CT 06410, USA. (If I've got any of your addresses wrong guys I'm sorry, please let me know.)

Jack & Eddie!

Well this Christmas Eddie will be three & Jack two, time has flown! Their teenage years left a lot to be desired, always up to no good & getting into all kinds of mischief, but now they have matured into really handsome, sensible adults. They have taken on quite a bit to, what with guarding the house, fetching dad's paper & giving us our daily morning call at 7.00 am. Donna & I are well impressed with them! I would recommend every Christian to get a Jack Russell, with the exception of Penfold & his poodle that is!

Our Visit to the Channel Islands

The company I work for have now given me the Charnel Islands to cover & sent me over with Donna for a week. It was a wonderful time & the Lord really blessed us. We did four times more business in a week than the previous person did in a year; thank the Lord! Jersey & Guernsey are lovely places & the scenery was beautiful. We met a number of Christians over there & already 3 have been added to our mailing list (tell a lie, one has just come off our mailing list already because of what I said about the Pentecastals in one of my newsletters: their Elim pastor from Jersey wrote to me with much displeasure! It was the same person to whom I gave details regarding the NIV perversion: coincidental dan't you think!) We attended an independent evergelical church on the Sunday, which was akey but the minister was a Calvinist & when I asked what evergelism the church was doing to reach the lost souls of Jersey I was told, 'none!' Like we've said before, Calvinism kills evergelism in a church quicker than anything! Donna & I also visited two War museums; one was the underground hospital, which was very solemn & moving. It is emazing what some folks went through during the war. I would highly recommend these two islands if you're thinking of a break away from the rat race.

These Are The Days!

Read 2 Timothy chapters 3 + 4. Just by reading these Scriptures you KNOW we are in serious perilous times, where the word of God & the Lord Jesus Christ are hated, along with all Bible believing Christianst We are living in a day 6 age that is perverse beyond description. Note 2 Tim 4v3+4 - this is exactly what is happening! Many of the churches in the UK are no more than social groups where people gather together for a chat & cup of tea after the service; the dospel isn't preached & doctrine is only a theological term! The Bible study is so poorly attended because there is no hunger for the word of God & the prayer meeting sees even fewer, showing what people really think regarding prayer! Folks we are living in desperate times! The amount of Christian 'junk mail' I receive is incredible; begging letters from all kinds of organisations saying what they are doing & listing down their visions for the future etc. Pentecostals tell me that thousands are getting saved & bealed in Africa yet they need so many millions to print their follow up booklets, all of which

Scripture quotations are taken from the NIV - a satanic counterfeit! hear what some of the elders & pastors are teaching their 'flocks' in the local churches it amazes me. Long gone are the days when serious in depth Bible atudy was on the menu! Now it's continual bombardment of soft, easy, Now it's 'spiritually uplifting' messages 'victory, the gifts of the Spirit, signs s wonders, powerful prayer, fulfilling your potential, knowing your destiny, life-shaping wholeness etc.' Now some of you won't believe this but I am all for the 'positive,' however, sadly today's church is so far from where & what : should be, I have to be negative in the of Scripture! Things are certainly NOT getting better, but in fact, much worse! As Christians these are the days to saturate ourselves in the word of God, walk & be led by the Spirit of God & live for the Lord in everything we do; which includes speaking the truth & combating error when we see it. Bible believing Christians have few friends in 'the church!' I wonder if you get that?

Time to Get You Thinking Again!

- The 'unknown' tangue in the Scriptures; was it a heavenly language or an earthly known language?
- 2) Where does it say in the Scriptures that we are predestined TO SALVATION?
- 3) Who wrote the book of Hebrews?
- 4) Will there really be a 1000 years reign of Christ on earth or is it just symbolic?
- 5) What will happen to folks who are left on earth after the rapture?

Ever Feel Depressed, Disillusioned, Discouraged, & Fed Up?

So do I at times! It would be great if we were always riding high, but in reality it's not like that! Whether it's our home life, job or even our church life, often time's things can really get us down! Sometimes we may look back & think that our relationship with the Lord is near non-existent, we feel we don't even know Him, yet that's 'emotions' for you, always up & down. It is SO IMPORTANT to continually read & saturate our self in the word of God. It is the word of God that keeps us in line & in check! At times in my own life I really struggle thinking of how things used to be compared with the way they are now. I get depressed & discouraged seeing the way the church has declined regarding interest for spiritual things, even over the last 10 years! Sometimes I'm discouraged by the tack of the number of people I see around me who really are seeking to serve the Lord more than themselves. We need friends to encourage us to keep pressing on; are you an encourager? So my Christian brother & sister, don't despair, we all go through similar things & situations! (1 Pet 5v9) Keep pressing on, pouring out your heart & soul to the Lord Jesus & asking Him for the strength you need to get through every day! Very soon the Final Day will come when Jesus will call your name & you'll have joy, without sorrow, for evermore! What a day that will be!

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'Who said we don't believe in the head covering!'

BE NOT DECEIVED!

Mt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mt 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mt 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mt 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; invomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Ro 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches

deceive the hearts of the simple,

2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Ga 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive:

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition:

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

13o 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

23o 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Re 12:9 And the great dragon was east out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was east out into the earth, and his angels were east out with him.

Re 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Our friend Peter Ruckman has recently sent us his latest book called 'THE BIBLE - A Deadly Book'. I have just started it & like always he is 'night on the ball' & straight down the line! I would highly recommend every Christian purchasing a copy especially the way things are in the world today regarding Islam! Before you get to page 8 Ruckman is warning you of the deception that is everywhere, & that is where I want to pick it up from for our newsletter. We are yet again entering into a New Year (2004) & with it will come more deception than ever before! Now those of you that have a TV, I hope you realise when you watch 'the news' it is not always telling you the truth, in fact the majority of the time we are told what 'they' want to tell us - we don't really know what is going and Christians have this mad notion that even though all programmes may have their problems, 'the news' is the one you can trust! There is deception & lies everywhere! The Bible has a lot to say about deception - see above list for only a few verses! There is deception in the world & in the church! Barriers are being broken down as we let the Muslims take over our country. We are told that we need to be talerant of all religions, sexual orientation, & we must strive together for unity! Soon it will be pressed upon us for a one world religion, to bring about world peace! This is anti Biblical & anti Christ! If you can't see what is going on around you & what is REALLY happening in this world today as we are racing towards judgement, you have got your head in the sand! The Devil is doing all he can to bring about 'unity' among ALL religions, he wants us to join together & all get on with each other, to the expense of what? To get rid of all those who stand against him & his system! In other words all those who stand up with the Bible as their FINAL AUTHORITY must GO! THEY MUST GO & so must THE BOOK (AV)! I get asked often times 'Do you think we shall see persecution? Well I'm hoping the Rapture' will be today but the longer the Lord tarries the worse it is going to get; & I wouldn't be surprised if we saw something of persecution! Christians tell me that they are not deceived; they know what is going on, as they wave their NIV Bibles' high above their heads! If you use any other Bible other than the Authorised Version (AV) YOU have ALREADY been DECEIVED - whether you like it or not that is the TRUTH of the matter! (Write for more details!)

BE NOT DECEIVED (Gal 6v7) LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU (2 Thes 2v3) LET NO MAN DECEIVE HIMSELF (1 Car 3v18) Have YOU been deceived? About what? Anything? Who deceived you? The Media, your priest, vicar, pastor, elder, your parents? What did they deceive you about? How did they do it? How do you know when someone is telling the truth or not? How were you seduced? How can you stop it from happening again?

The Lord Jesus Christ came to earth & said that He was the TRUTH. He claimed His Father's WORDS were 'truth,' & that if anyone 'did' the truth he would wind up being led 'into ALL TRUTH!' You can only totally 100% depend upon the Lord Jesus & the word of God! Ruckman writes... 'Unlike The Koran, 'the holy scriptures' (Rom 1v2), which Gabriel (Dan 9v21) called 'the scripture of TRUTH' (Dan 10v21), go into great detail dealing with this theme. They not only locate the source of that deception (Rev 12v9) but the purpose of the deceiver (Isa 14v12-15), & his methods of operating (Luke 4, Rev 13v14-16, Rom 16v18, 2 Thes 2v9-10). They then give historical illustrations (by the score) of how deception operates (2 Tim 3v7, 2 Pet 3, Mat 24v24, Gal 5), deception in ministries & ministers (1 Kings 13), God's part in allowing deception (1 Kings 22, Ezek 14), deception of positive thinkers (Isa 2, Zeph 3v8), how deception causes a man to lose his soul (Rom 11v8-10, 2 Cor 4v1-4), how it causes false doctrine (2 Cor 11v13-15), how it determines religious history (2 Thes 2, Dan 11), & how it counterfeits the coming of the long awaited 'Kingdom', which every cult & false religion have been trying to bring in since Acts chapter two!'

Deception is all around us! We are being bombarded 24 hrs a day by the media telling us what 'they' want us to hear! Satan is heading up this deception & many Christians are being sucked into all kinds of things not knowing what is really happening. Those who are not 'saved' have been blinded by Satan & unless the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto them (2 Cor 4v4) they have no chance of seeing or finding out THE TRUTH! We as Christians have the responsibility of reaching the lost souls of this world with the gospel IT'S OUR DUTY & should be our love & passion, but is 1t2. The day is nearing when the Lord shall return; it could be this year. Let us start the year off trying that little bit harder to reach the lost souls for the Lord. To avoid being deceived keep reading, studying & living in your Bibles; don't believe the news or the papers. Attend as many church meetings as you can fellowshipping among the Lord's people. Don't neglect the prayer meeting even though there maybe someone who continually irritates & upsets you; rise above it & ask God to give you the grace to cope with all situations. Get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as you can this year; walk with Himl

(If you would really like to know what is happening in our world today regarding the Muslims I would recommend you purchase the following books as these would shed great light on the Islamic vision: 'The Bible: A Deadly Book' by Peter S Ruckman. 'The Islamic Invasion' by Robert Morey. 'Who Is This Allah' by G.J.O. Moshay) If you have trouble obtaining these books please write & let me know!

'Take the Bull by the Homs!'

Before we broke up for Christmas at work, I gave the sales director (he is husband to the managing director) a Christmas present of two books on evolution & the fossil record & a book on Roman Catholicism, as the MD is a Roman Catholic! Please pray that through this literature they both shall see that the ONLY way to heaven is through the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim 2v5) Please also pray that I still have a job when I get back!!! (Only joking but you never know!)

Tape Machine Ministry Is Ready To Go!

Well we have purchased a quality tape recorder to start producing sermons on cassette. If you would like to receive these tapes on a fairly regular basis please drop us a line. It is free of chargel. We shall also start to produce a tape catalogue, which will include certain other 'specific' messages from other speakers.

Another Great Quote!

The Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth upon the throne! Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, every word of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it is the direct utterance of the Most High! The Bible is none other than the word of God; not some part of it, more, some part of it, less; but all alike, the utterance of Him that sitteth upon the throne; absolute – faultless – unerring – supreme!" J.W. Burgon. Can you say that about your Bible! What about the NIV or NKJV etc!

Mottoes Of Some Great Missionaries...

- 1) William Carey 'Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God'
- 2) David Livingstone 'Anyplace Lord, providing it's forward'
- 3) David Brainard 'Oh, that I might be a flame of fire in the Master's cause'
- 4) C.T. Studd 'My only joy is that when God has given me a work to do, I have not refused it'
- 5) Adonirum Judson "Is it pleasing to God?"

What is YOUR motto? What 'legacy' are YOU leaving behind? What will YOU be remembered for?

Prayer Requests...

Please pray for my family, dad, mum & sister, who need to be saved: Pastor Cyril Baker, USA guys in prison. Victoria, Tim McLood, Danna's dad & Danna. Please also pray for the outreach that will take place this year, Lord willing.

Important Note Regarding Newsletter Issue 16...

We were amazed at the response Derrick Cole had regerding requests for a piece of his hair. Unfortunately he is now totally bald & therefore we would ask you to wait at least 6 weeks before contacting him again so as to give his hair a chance to grow back! Many thanks for your co-operation here!!! (Strictly off the record – Barney Baker, who also has a 'scit & polish bit' on top, once tried a formula for hair restoration given to him by one of his church members. It was 'Chimpanzee Hair Restorer' & was advertised on Sky TV – I kid you not! Needless to say the only thing that grew 'on top' was FUR! He soon stopped using it & his church member soon stopped selling it!) What people will do for money!!! It could only happen in Barney's church!

The Bible - A Complete Survival Kit!

The Bible is a survival kit for life! It is a SWORD - (Eph 6v17, Heb 4v12), HAMMER - (Jer 23v29), SEED - (1 Pet 1v23), MIRROR - (James 1v22-25), FIRE - (Jer 23v29, Jer 20v9), LAMP - (Ps 119v105), APPLES - (Prov 25v11), MILK - (1 Pet 2v2), MEAT - (1 Cor 3v2), BREAD - (Mat 4v4), HONEY - (Ps 19v10), NAILS - (Ecc 12v11), WATER - (Eph 5v26) You could survive on just these items in this life physically! Quite amazing don't you think!

Is This Speaking To YOU?

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom. (Pro 13v10) There is an element within the ranks of the NT church that confuses intellectualism with sound doctrine & confuses fighting the brethren with contending for the faith. They imagine that the deity of Christ & the virgin birth are doctrines but that loving your neighbour & esteeming the other better than oneself are side issues. The pride that led Satan to seek an exalted position & glory in his God given abilities, rather than the God who gave the ability, manifests itself in the actions of those, most of whom are saved, who use their Bible knowledge to prove to themselves & their comrades that they hold an exalted position within the body of Christ. (James Knox) I totally agree with brother James here & have noticed, more & more of late, that many Christians have a streak of pride running through them & enjoy the 'exalted position' through 'one-up-man-ship' more than anything else! Young & old alike, Christians love to better their brothers & sisters to the expense of knowing or understanding what true sweet humble fellowship is all about. Are you like this? Do you have a sense of pride because your Bible knowledge is increasing & you therefore know more than those around you? I am yet to see or find a young man who wants to learn because he wants to get as close to the Lord as he can rather than learning to gain an 'exalted position!' It is very difficult these days to have fellowship & enjoy a conversation in & around the Scriptures without having someone trying to be someone they are not, seeking to gain an advantage! (When was the last time you had a lengthy chat with a friend over the Scriptures?) I of late have pulled out from much of this kind of thing! Pride is a killer & yet very difficult to self detect! Beware of this, as it is one of THE greatest. problems in the church today; remember what we said about 'deception!'

UK Recommended Bookshops!

In my opinion one of the best Christian bookshops in the UK is in Edinburgh! I would recommend you contact Mr T.C. Danson-Smith at B. McCall Barbour, 28 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1ES, Scotland, Tel - 0131 225 4816 for all your literature needs. If he doesn't stock what you want I'm sure he will point you in the right direction. Mr Danson-Smith is a smashing chap & extremely helpful!

'Extra, Extra, Read All About It!'

Want extra copies of the newsletter? If you want extra copies of 'TfT! News' or you would like it to be sent to a friend just drop us a line. The mailing list is growing with each issue. & we want to reach as many folks as we can with the articles included, so please let us know.

The BIG 10

Well on the 25th February 2004 Donna & I shall be celebrating 10 years of marriagel Folks who know us often ask Donna 'How do you do it; how do you put up with him? She's done well don't you think? Time has gone so fast! On a serious note, the Lord has been so good to us & we couldn't have asked for anything more. We have been through much together & continue to pray that the Lord will lead & guide us in the future. I first met Donna when I was 18 years old. We met in church, as she was brought up in a Christian home & all family members were very active in the church. Weeks after meeting her I too became a Christian & it was then we started 'going out together.' If you think I am wild, unruly & loud now, you ought to have seen me then! As you can imagine many in the church thought it unwise that someone like me was 'dating' a lovely Christian girl like Donna (They were probably right at the time!) But the Lord had other plans! When I got saved I REALLY GOT SAVEDI I was now a Christian who knew very little about the Bible, but I had a passion to get to know the Lord the best I could & to live for Him in everything, & that meant correcting all the 'error' I saw IN THE CHURCHI (See nothings changed) As you can imagine I didn't make many friends & was a thorn in the flesh to most! I even shared with one woman how that by eating less would help her lose weightill I didn't put it quite as diplomatic as that though! Well Donna stuck through all this & as the Lord dealt with me & started to knock off many of my rough edges she was always by my side. So after a "longish" courtship & a fairly short engagement I popped the question to her regarding marriage AFTER I had given her a Bible study on what marriage was all about 4 our duties as a husband 4 wife! So that's it in a nutshell, but where the Lord has taken us since, we could write a good thick book or two! It has been a fantastic time together & being married to Donna has been the second greatest decision in my life after becoming a Christian. She really is a wonderful girl. We give ourselves to the Lord & say together "Thy will be done!"

Sick For a Month!

Well for the whole month of December I was ill, which is unheard of for me! I think the Lord was telling me to slow down! I started off with this 'flu bug' that's going around & then I had a virus on top of that, which included a chest & throat infection. I am now only just getting through it all, five weeks later! Donna escaped with just a couple of days of sickness thank the Lord! I can't remember the last time I was so ill & it certainly made me think of those who are ill for such long periods of time; may the Lord draw close to each & every one. When you are so low your emotions are all over the place & it's like a downward spiral. Why not visit someone who is not well today; show them you care!

Bethany Book Depot Catalogue

Mr Tyler (He colls me 'Mr Davis' in his catalogue! - Respect brother!) has now produced his book catalogue. For a copy please write to him at **Bethany Book Depot**, 'Mr Tyler's' house, (Respect brother!), 48 Greenwood, Yardley, Birmingham, B25 8YU.

Who Raised Jesus From The Dead?

JW's & other cults & false religions say all kinds of things when it comes to 'who' raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, but what do the Scriptures say?

- That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Rom 10v9) God raised Jesus!
- 2) Eph 1v17-20 / Gal 1v1 The Father raised Jesust
- 3) John 2v19-21 / John 10v17+18 Jesus raised Himself!
- 4) Rom 8v11 / 1 Pet 3v18 The Holy Spirit raised Jesus!

Thus the Trinity raised Jesus! Next time a cult knocks at your door ask him 'Who raised Jesus?' & then show him the above Scriptures!

Nothing But The Blood of Jesus!

There is NOTHING that can wash away your sin except the Blood of Jesus Christ! Religion, good works, giving money to charities, living a good clean 'holy' life, doing your best; ALL will land you in HELL, if you haven't had your sins cleansed & forgiven by the BLOOD of Jesus Christ! Nothing can save you but the Blood!

- In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Col 1v14 (Note THE BLOOD is missing in the NIV – New International Version, this is a Satanic attack upon the blood! Do you get it? It was this verse alone that made me stop & think about modern Bible versions!) The New 'King James' Version (NKJV) removes the word 'blood' 23 times!!!
- But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin 1 John 1v7
- And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince
 of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rev
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Blessed In My Job!

I cannot thank the Lord enough regarding the success I've seen at work. Since September 2003 I have brought in £269,413 for the company I work for! My budget is £600,000 for 2004! I have never seen results like this in any of my previous sales jobs! I really do thank the Lord for His help because I know I couldn't cope without Him! Please continue to pray that I'll be a shining light where I work. Donna also works part time for the same company & so it is great to have a Christian inside the office & out 'on the road!' We pray that we shall both be good testimonies to the Lord. Please continue to pray for us.

What's Your Target?

How about targeting phone boxes to leave a tract in? For 2004 it would be good to pick 3 phone boxes & leave a tract in them each day or week! There are numerous places you can place tracts so why not start as you mean to go on & distribute tracts where you can. I still think it's a great idea to write or type a text on a card & place it in a newsagent's window. You can run it for 10 weeks at only 30p - 50p per week! Think of all the folks who would read the Scripture!

Heard Any Good Christian Music Lately?

As you know I travel over a thousand miles a week in the car so I get plenty of time to listen to music on CD (unfortunately I don't have a tope player in the car) so if you have heard any good inspiring Christian music please let me know the details, many thanks.

Books To Add To Your Library ...

- Roman Catholicism by Loraine Boettner If you have any dealings with Catholics or you just want to know more about this awful religion, then I would highly recommend this book. A great reference book to have in your library!
- Fox's Book of Martyrs We think we suffer! This book puts things into perspective!
- 3) The 'Errors in the King James Version' by Peter Ruckman There are NO errors in the KJV / AV & this book proves it. Ruckman is a REAL 'STUDENT' of the word, unlike most of us! Awesome ammunition to have against Bible correctors!

If you have a book you would like to recommend please let us know!

Isaac Newton (1642 - 1727)

Most scholars who have studied the question have judged Sir Isaac Newton to have been the greatest scientist who ever lived. He built on the foundation laid by others, but his tremendous discoveries provided the solid framework within which the great scientific & industrial revolutions of the 18th Century could develop. Issac Newton is famous for. among other things, his discovery of the law of universal gravitation, the formulation of the three laws of motion, which make possible the discipline of dynamics & all its subdivisions, & his development of the calculus into a comprehensive branch of mathematics, now a basic tool in every science. He anticipated the great law of energy conservation, developed the particle theory of light propagation. & as an astronomer constructed the first reflecting telescope. This man of gigantic intellect was also a genuine believer in Christ as his Saviour & in the Bible as God's Word. He wrote many books on Biblical subjects, especially prophecy. This was not a senile aberration, as some have alleged, as he was a committed believer from his youth. He even wrote a book defending the Ussher Chronology against those who would try to push back the date of creation. He wrote strong papers refuting atheism & defending creation & the Bible. He believed that the worldwide flood of the Bible accounted for most of the geological phenomena, & he believed in the literal six-day creation record. Finally, he said: "We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever." Great scientist; great man of God! (Taken from the book Men of Science / Men of God by H.M. Morris)

Another False Doctrine From The False Cult of The Jehovah's Witness'

The JW's deny the Deity of the Holy Spirit, insisting that He is merely an impersonal force acting on behalf of Jehovah. This is obviously ANTI-SCRIPTURAL as we see the Holy Spirit presented as a person, having the characteristics of God - omnipresent (Ps 139v7-10), amnipotent (Rom 15v13+19), amniscient (Isa 40v13+14), everlasting (Heb 9v14) etc.

Next time you meet a JW why not ask him... 'If the Holy Spirit is God's impersonal active force...'

- Why does He directly speak & refer to Himself as 'I' & 'me' in Acts 13v2?
- How could He be referred to as 'he' å 'him' in John 16v7+8 å John 16v13+14?
- 3) And how can He...
- 4) Hear John 16v13
- Speak Eze 3v24, Mat 10v20, Acts 8v29, Acts 10v19, Acts 11v12, Acts 21v11, Heb 3v7, Heb 10v15-17, Rev 2v7, Rev 22v17
- 6) Forbid someone to speak Acts 16v6
- 7) Desire Gal5v17
- 8) Be outraged Heb 10v29
- 9) Search & know 1 Cor 2v10+11
- 10) Help John 14v16, John 16v7
- 11) Comfort Acts 9v31
- 12) Quicken, or give spiritual life John 6v63
- 13) Intercede Rom 8v26
- 14) Have fellowship with us 2 Cor 13v14

- 15) Remain with Christians John 14v16-17
- 16) Be loved Rom 15v30
- 17) Be tested Acts 5v9
- 18) Feel hurt & be grieved Isa 63v10, Eph 4v30
- 19) Be lied to Acts 5v3-4
- 20) Be blasphemed against Mark 3v29, Luke 12v10
- 21) Teach Neh 9v20, Luke 12v12, John 14v26, John 16v13-15
- 22) Bear witness John 15v26, Rom8v16
- 23) Give testimony to persons Acts 20v23
- 24) Give the world convincing evidence or convict - John 16v8
- 25) Decide decrees Acts 15v28
- 26) Reveal future events Acts 1v16
- 27) Inspire prophecy Heb 3v7
- 28) Appoint overseers Acts 20v28
- 29) Send people Acts 13v4

In the light of the JW's teaching, their translation of 2 Car 3v17-18 is puzzling to say the least! If you have a NWT (New World Translation) look it up! (Much of the information above was taken from '60 Questions every JW should be asked by Ion Brown)

Anyone who denies the doctrine of the Trinity, the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and 'Faith' WITHOUT 'Works' salvation, is a FALSE cult or religion' BEWARE!

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the <u>Father</u>, the <u>Word</u>, and the <u>Holy Ghost</u>: and these three are <u>one</u>. (1 John 5v7) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: <u>God was manifest in the flesh</u>, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (1 Tim 3v16) For there is <u>one God</u>, and <u>one mediator between God and men</u>, the man <u>Christ Jesus</u>; (1 Tim 2v5) For by grace are ye saved through <u>faith</u>; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8+9)

It's a Lonely Walk at Times!

Often times we see things differently to one another. We feel as if no one understands the way we think or feel. We can count our 'true & closest friends' on one hand & sometimes have fingers to spare! It can be a lonely walk at times but the comforting factor is that the Lord Jesus Christ is always with us & understands exactly how we feel & what we are going through. Often times we receive letters from people who are struggling & just want a helping hand or word of encouragement. We all need this at times. I am so thankful that we serve a God who loves & cares for us - Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4v14-16) When your work, your family, your health, your church, your sin are getting you down, then lean more on the Lord & pour your heart out to Him asking Him for the strength & help you need to get through. I love the Lord Jesus & thank Him for loving & caring for me, without Him I just couldn't cope with life!

He's Full of Good Intentional

That was once on my Chemistry school report! (More than once if I'm honest!) We can all be full of good intentions & mean to do things but somehow don't get around to doing them! Why not take the time TODAY & write or call someone to encourage him or her; show you are thinking about them & you care for them! Do you know of anyone in ar outside the church you attend who hardly ever receives a call or visit? Why not go & see them! As Christians we need to show our love much more to this dying world. Write, call or visit someone TODAY! Don't be full of good intentions!

25 NEW Readers!

A Christian brother in Northern Ireland has asked if we will send him 25 copies of TfT! News every issue from now on! What a great encouragement this was! He said that the newsletter was a great help to him. Another young lady from Halesowen has recently written to us saying that TfT! News kept her going when she felt like giving up! Keep the requests coming folks! The mailing list is growing with every issue, praise the Lord!

Question Time!

- What is the greatest hindrance to someone becoming a Christian?
- 2) Why have so many Christians fallen into the trap of accepting modern Bible versions like the NIV as the word of God?
- 3) Why is pride such a big problem among Christians today?
- 4) Why do so many Christians neglect or reject this verse... Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Heb 10v25) How many meetings do you attend each week & why? Is it a valid reason? Would you be happy to stand before the Lord & give your reason? Let's not make up excuses why we stay away from church Bible studies or prayer meetings!

Hill Top Carol Service!

I was very privileged to speak at the Hill Top carol service this year. It saw a good turn out & the Lord really blessed our time together. There were unsaved who came & the gospel was given. We just pray that the Lord will soften hearts & save these folks. This was one of the loveliest carol services I have ever attended!

God's Word

That the Bible is God's word & book I prove thus: All things that have been, & are, in the world, & the manner of their being, are described in the first book of Moses on the creation; even as God made & shaped the world, so does it stand to this day. Infinite potentates have raged against His book, & sought to destroy & uproot it – king Alexander the Great, the princes of Egypt & of Babylon, the monarch of Persia, of Greece, & of Rome, the emperors Julius & Augustus – but they nothing prevailed; they are all gone & vanished, while the book remains, & will remain for ever & ever, perfect & entire, as it was declared at the first. Who has thus helped it – who has thus protected it against such mighty forces? No one, surely, but God Himself, who is the Master of all things. And 'tis no small minute how God has so long preserved & protected this book; for the devil & the world are sore foes to it! (Martin Luther)

Are You Serious About the State Of Our Nation? Want To Do Something About It?

Two Christian organisations that take a stand against sodomy, making 'soft' drugs legal, & much more of the rubbish 'our' government is trying to introduce are 'Christian Voice' & 'The Christian Institute'. I would recommend that every reader write & ask them to send you details of the work they do. We as Christians ought to be backing these folks who are at the front line of this kind of work. The addresses are as follows... 'Christian Voice' - PO BOX 739A, Surbiton, KT6 5YA, Tel - 01994 484544, Contact - Stephen Green. 'The Christian Institute' - PO BOX 1, Newcostle upon Tyne, NE7 7EF, Tel - 0191 281 5664.

Barney's Brave Badminton Match!

I'll say one thing for Barney; he's a good sport & very brave to take on the might of the AV kid from Kidderminster! He put up a good fight & kept his chin up all the way through! Readers, I'm proud of him! I'll not mention the score because it's not important, but just to say this, if I paid him a pound (£) for every point he won, he wouldn't have had enough money to pay for the bus fare home (and we only played up the road!) As this newsletter is now reaching the 'masses' Barney is becoming quite a local hero; many of you have asked about him. Maybe one day we'll include a photo? I am still awaiting the tennis re-match Barney! (In the any I do replay to mental the provider of the state of the said and the sai

2004 Team Events!

I have decided to do things a little different this year regarding the organising of team events! From now on if you are interested in coming on a team event I need to hear from you as soon as possible. We are getting together a list of those who are interested & we shall be keeping in touch with you as to all future events so if your name isn't on the list YOU WON'T HEAR FROM US! So if you are interested, get writing STRAIGHT AWAY, NOW, IMMEDIATELY, BEFORE YOU MOVE ON, BEFORE YOU EAT OR GO OUT, NOW!!!!!!! There is also a place I have in mind to run some more 'Action Weekends' again, but ONLY if there is enough interest. I'm not chasing anyone anymore; if you're interested let me know! We would also like to get some kind of a 'regular' team together to travel & take part in church services; (we have 19 speaking engagements backed already this year) if you're interested in actively participating in church services such as singing, sharing your testimony, reading etc. let me know.

The Wonder of Clouds!

Clouds picture majesty & glory!

- 1) Clouds led the Israelites Exo 13v21
- 2) The Lord descended in one Exp 34v5
- Clouds abode on the Tabernacle Exp. 40v35
- God appeared on the mercy sest in a cloud Lev 16v2
- The Lord uses clouds for His chariot Ps 18v10+11
- 6) The Lord rides upon a swift cloud isa 19v1

- Clouds overshadowed at the Transfiguration – Luke 9v34
- Clouds received the Lord at His ascension Acts 1v9
- Believers are caught up in the clouds 1 Thes 4v17
- The Lord returns at the 2nd Advent with the clouds Rev 1v7

Next time you look at the clouds ponder for a while & think on the above! We'll be up there soon!

Pause For Thought!

- 1) You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips!
- 2) The work is solemn therefore do not trifle. The task is difficult therefore do not relax. The opportunity is brief therefore do not delay. The path is narrow therefore do not wander. The prize is glarious therefore do not faint.
- 3) Churches are not built with spare time & pocket change!
- 4) Regarding the early church, someone said, "The prayers went up, the power came down, the people went out, the prospects came in, the preaching went on, & the persecution came!"
- 5) If absence makes the heart grow funder, then some people must really love their church!
- 6) Two distinguishing marks of the early church were: poverty & power.
- 7) A man can slip into Hell with his hand on the doorknob of Heaven!
- 8) When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing! (Hello again Barney!)
- Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell. (C.T. Studd)
- 10) The preacher needs the head of a scholar, the heart of a child, & the hide of a rhinocerosl

How's That For a BUMPER Issue!

We hope you all have a great New Year for the Lord & pray that He will lead & guide you in every decision you make. Let us keep looking up & expecting His 'return' & encourage each other along the way. Donna & I would again like to thank those of you who pray for us & encourage us with your letters & other mail. We shall continue to stand upon the word of God (the Authorised Version — just in case you forgot!) as our FINAL AUTHORITY & keep challenging Christians to get to know the Lord Jesus Christ the best they can, read His word as often as possible & witness everywhere! And if you are reading this newsletter & you know you're NOT saved, you're NOT a Christian then NOW is the time to get down on your knees, confess your sin to the Lord Jesus & ask Him to forgive you! (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) (2 Co 6v2) Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; (Isa 55v6)

If you would like further details on anything you have read in this newsletter then please write & let us know. We hope it has been a blessing to you. Once you have read it why not pass it on to a friend?

Time for Truth News!

(John & Donna's Newsletter)

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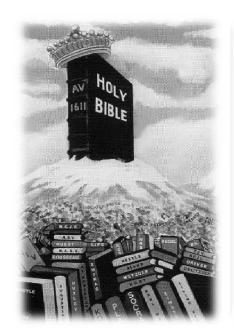
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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. It's Time for Truth!

What a verse! What a mess our country, our world is in! We are reaping what we have sown down through the years, & it's getting worse & worse! England is so far 'gone' that there is no point of return; the last few shall get saved, the 'Rapture' will take place & then the horrific judgments shall fall! At present we are seeing some of the 'fruits' that WE HAVE SOWN!

- 1) Throwing the Bible out of our schools Did WE take a stand? Did WE try to stop this happening, NO! Therefore 'our' children are growing up WITHOUT the knowledge of God & His teachings, & instead we have the most rebellious (to parents & all authority) generation we have seen! What are they growing up into? "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," (2Ti 3:2) We deserve what we get!
- 2) Saturating our children with filth via the TV What sort of things are we allowing our children to watch? What sort of things are WE watching? Do you think what we watch affects us? If you don't go & get your head examined! We allow our children to watch & listen to almost anything, corrupting their once pure minds! You are absolutely mad if you have allowed you son or daughter to have a TV in their bedroom; you haven't a clue what it's doing to them!
- 3) Saturating this land with pornography Nearly every newsagent, every bookshop whether it's in a village, town or city has pornographic material on show for everyone to see. Nearly every newspaper has a naked (or half naked) woman spread across the pages so that you are drawn to it & hopefully will buy it. The TV is saturated with sex! A very powerful tool the devil uses to trap & enslave men to fulfil their selfish lusts & passions! To live in holiness & purity these days seems nearly impossible; we all see things & think things we shouldn't; if you say you don't, you're probably a liar! This world has seen a MASSIVE increase in sex related crimes because of the STUFF that we are feeding upon today through the TV, internet, videos, computers, magazines & newspapers! But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart (Mat 5v28) Men How many times have we committed adultery? (This week?)
- 4) Saturating this land with sodomy This again is being 'promoted' in today's society, *can you believe it?* This vile abomination is looked upon as an *alternative lifestyle!* Have we gone mad? If you say anything against this disgusting act or show any kind of negativity towards these unbiblical reprobates then you could land yourself in court! Christian England my foot!
- 5) **Allowing 'anything' to come into our churches** Many churches are trying to bring the people in by gimmicks! *The way you win them is the way you will have to keep them!* The gospel has been watered down so much that people leave church knowing nothing about sin, judgement, holiness & hell! Churches are more interested in increasing their offerings than winning souls for Christ! Many preachers/leaders will NOT preach messages that 'offend' the congregation! Remember... 'You can love someone right the way into hell!' " Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Gal 4:16) We are to take the gospel INTO the world & NOT bring the world INTO the gospel, or the church!
- 6) Allowing the government & local authorities to do what they like & blind the people When was the last time YOU did something about the sin in YOUR neighbourhood? Yet we complain to one another of how bad things are getting sitting on our backside doing nothing! I wonder what would happen if every Christian stood up & took a stand against the sin we see?
- 7) Allowing Satanic perversion Bibles (I.e. the NIV, NKJV, NASB, GNB etc.) to come into our churches & they ARE Satanic! Burn them all & get the Authorised Version back where it belongs, in the hands of the common people. Let us read & study THE WORD OF GOD together in unity! Write for more details regarding this subject if you don't know where we are coming from! It's the number one issue in the church! It is ALL about AUTHORITY! read Luke 20v2!





That's my boy!

We are reaping what we have sown because WE haven't cared or bothered enough to do something about the sin we see. The church is looked upon as a joke these days because WE haven't stood upon the Scriptures & fought against the world, the flesh or the devil. We have just laid down, rolled over & given in! I listened to morning 'worship' the other day on BBC Radio 4 & the 'minister' finished up by saying that God has acquitted EVERYONE! What a sad joke the church portrays! We are in a mess & it's OUR FAULT! We call ourselves Christian 'soldiers' & yet most of us couldn't even qualify for the Scouts or Girl Guides! Where are we going & what is the outcome to all this mess? Are YOU living as a Christian should live? Are YOU Christ's ambassador? Are you REALLY living a holy & pure life for the Lord? Are you daily fighting against sin or aren't you bothered? When was the last time YOU personally spoke to someone about the destiny of their soul; Do you care? - most don't! What are you going to do about it write me a letter saying that I'm too harsh, too judgemental & I shouldn't speak the way I do? Is that it - you think that is fighting the Christian life do you? We are 'milk-sops' & haven't a clue as to what is happening in the real world! We sit in our little 'castles' hoping everything will turn out alright. We make up every excuse we can imagine not to do the things we are called to do. We think that by going to church our responsibility ends & our 'work' is done! When was the last time you sent out a 'sacrificial' gift to a missionary, out there doing the work WE should be doing! At the Rapture there will be billions of pounds/dollars (£/\$) in Christian bank accounts - a lot of good that will do! Why not invest your money in reaching the lost souls? If your church has got an outreach programme going, GET BEHIND IT, help & get actively involved - don't leave it to others! If you are one of these nagging, backbiting, gossiping women (or men!) STOP IT RIGHT NOW! When was the last time you 'passed on' a rumour or carried a message to someone about someone else? STOP IT! Ask God to control your tongue! Folks it really is time to get serious about our Christian walk & live as the best witness for the Lord Jesus Christ as possible! We haven't the time to waste - And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. (Rom 13v11) We are in it together & it's a hard fight! Let us stir up & encourage each other to try that little bit harder to 'live the life' we ought to live, & reach the lost!

Read Nehemiah Chapter 8

Just read it & ponder on it for a while! Quite a contrast to today's world isn't it!

Judgement IS Coming!

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen 6:5) Read the whole of Genesis 6 & see how God judged the world BECAUSE OF SIN! How serious do you take the sin in your own life? If you are a preacher/teacher, when you get up to preach & teach do you KNOW that you are NOT right with God? Are you hiding some secret sin? What were you watching on TV the night before? Is it any wonder churches are closing down & Christians are losing their love for the Lord? You cannot play with sin!

Good At Letter Writing?

I now have the up-to-date list of addresses for all our friends over there in the USA prisons. If you would like to write to them please drop me a line & I'll post you the list. Some of the details I gave out previously were incorrect, sorry!

First Shipment of Tapes Sent Out!

We were very encouraged by the folks who requested to go on the mailing list for our tape ministry. I am studying the book of 1 Timothy at present & these are being recorded & sent out upon request. Obviously Timothy deals with some 'controversial issues', which some of you may not agree with me on, but I'm sure you'll profit from something said! If you would like to be added to the list please write & let us know. (Barney said that if you suffer from insomnia these tapes would be a great help to you! I wonder what he means?) Thank you to all those who returned the 'FEEDBACK' flyer-your comments & criticisms were much appreciated! The next tape to be sent out is about leadership in the church & the horrible doctrine of 'Calvinism!'

"You Asked The Question!" In Slovenian!

Carl, an American who is a deacon in a church in Germany, called & ordered 100 "You Asked The Question!" booklets to use in their outreach programme; this was a great encouragement to us, but even more so was when he asked if he could translate it into Slovenian to use among these people! He is coming to the end of his career & feels God calling him to work among the Slovenians. What a blessing this was! One week after the call Carl came to the UK on business & paid us a visit on the Sunday. We spent around 9 hours together having a lovely time of fellowship & he had the opportunity to give his testimony at church in the evening.

We also gave him 200 "You Asked The Question!" booklets & a box of the 'Eternity' flyers to take back with him as he can ship them free of charge from his army base. Please pray for Carl & the work he is involved with! We thank the Lord again for using this booklet to reach the lost. We are amazed at where it has reached across the world. Please keep praying that more shall be distributed. We make no money from this booklet & only sell them at cost while I am in full time employment I.e. 30 pence each plus postage at cost. (With the exception of Barney who must pay 50 pence per booklet because his church is INTO the 'prosperity gospel' - they can afford it!) If you would like to order some please write & let us know.

Your Requests...

We were encouraged when a man wrote to us this week requesting tracts, booklets & flyers to use in prison work. If we can help you in any way regarding literature then please drop us a line. He also wanted to be added to the tape ministry mailing list praise the Lord.

IS IT OR ISN'T IT?

I would like to point out for the benefit of the lovely lady who recently phoned me regarding Derrick Cole's hair, that we can categorically say that it is NOT a wig, as far as we know! (While at Derrick's house the other day I did hear his wife Tina say to him 'the winter one should be back from the cleaners by Tuesday' - make out from that what you will?)

Hope Chapel Youth Work!

Some of the youngsters we teach in the Bible Class, Friday Youth Group & Discipleship Group are 'maturing' nicely in their Christian lives. One young lady is doing especially well & has shown a great commitment & interest in true spiritual things. She gives out tracts regularly & is always trying to witness where she can at school. Donna & I are very blessed with the youngsters the Lord has given us. Again we would like to thank the elders of Hope Chapel for all the love & support they give to this work & to us as a couple. Please keep praying that the Lord will keep these young ones on the straight & narrow!

Donna's Health!

I am very grateful to the Lord Jesus for the way Donna's arthritis has 'stabilised.' She still wakes up every morning with pains in her hands, wrists & shoulders but she copes very well & during the day the pain seems to wear off a little; compared to what she was like when she was first diagnosed she is incredible! Please continue to pray for her; I would love to see the Lord touch her with His hand & totally remove this disease!

Should YOU Be On Our Mailing List?

Due to our 'old' computer 'blowing up' we lost ALL our data on the 'hard drive' including our up-to-date version (*AV of course!*) of the TfT! Newsletter mailing list! So if you have received this newsletter by mistake, *in other words you wanted to come off it previously*, we're sorry for any inconvenience, please write & let us know & we'll remove your name once again. For those of you who *haven't* received our newsletter please also

write & let us know (work that one out Barney!) Unfortunately we can no longer print back copies unless we scan them etc. & due to Jack & Eddie knowing more about computers than me, I shall not be entering into this 'minefield!' I would like to thank Gurmeet the WWF Champion of Hellier Street for all his help with regard to our incompetence with computers! Gurmeet may play hockey like a demented madman but he sure is a computer genius!

Jack & Eddie's Big Fight!

I don't know which one to blame as I don't know which one started it; so they both had a good telling off last week! I would say the first round went to Jack but because it was Eddie's ball they were fighting over, Eddie came back with a good uppercut under the jaw! Jack dug in deep & retaliated with a bite to the leg, or should I say 'nip!' In the end I had to break it up & cool them down. What a performance - *naughty little creatures!* They have promised to share their toys in the future & Donna has stopped both their pocket money - no choc drops for a week!

How Many?

From the last newsletter to this one how many tracts have you distributed? One girl from our Friday Youth Group has distributed 500 tracts with a leaflet drop she was involved in! Last week we received a letter from a Jew because they had a 'Who Cares?' tract through their door in Birmingham! Keep sowing the seed!

Question Time! - (Don't forget to back up your answers with Scripture!)

- 1) Where is the Blood of Christ TODAY?
- 2) Where will you spend eternity Heaven or the Heavenly Jerusalem?
- 3) What happened to the Ark of God? (Not Noah's Ark!)
- 4) Can a woman pray & read aloud in church?
- 5) Why aren't we seeing the 'healings' today that the apostles saw in their time I.e. Acts?
- 6) Is George Bush a Christian?

Discipleship Group (DG)

This meeting proved to be very beneficial & with a two & a half hour session we can spend quality time looking into the Scriptures. We are all hungry for the word of God. Afterwards we all stayed behind until 10.30 pm & shared a meal together. Soon we are hoping to take the DG & some of the other youngsters out for a couple of days.

'Bill & Ben' From Penn!

Recently at our church we had 2 'preachers' (*I use the term loosely!*) from Penn near Wolverhampton who were 'big' Bible correctors - *they slipped through the net!* Both told us how we should be reading a more modern version because they were easier to understand - 'simpletons!' *If they come again I'll probably go & play snooker!* It riles me a little, to say the least, when 'big heads' get up in the pulpit & start 'correcting' the Bible! *If God wrote the Bible & YOU' correct' it, what does that make YOU? Think about that for a while!!!*

Please Keep Praying...

So much to pray for! Lost souls, the church in these last days etc. I would again ask you to please continue to pray for Donna with regard to her arthritis & her dad with his Parkinson's along with her mum who is helping to look after Ernie. Please remember Victoria, Carl in Germany, Pastor Baker, David Q in the Isle of Man, Lisa from Hellier Street who is recovering from an operation, Joan King & Dave Baker's dog 'Bonnie' who has cancer (It's one of God's creatures!)

Creation Videos In School!

Ιt quite was amazing when one of our 'bright' young lads from the Friday Youth Club asked if he could borrow of couple creation video's by Dr A.E. Wilder-Smith to

show to his science teacher in his school. She had them for about 2 weeks before returning them. Please pray that they have challenged her thinking. We also passed on to her the latest video from NPN - 'Life's Story!

Girl at Work is Searching for The Truth!

The young lady in the office at work has now had our booklet "You Asked The Question" plus our 'Eternity' flyer. She told me this week that we had really started her thinking & she wants to know what this life is all about. Please pray for her that she will turn to

the Lord Jesus very soon. Keep praying for the people you work with & if possible why not drop a couple of tracts in the 'rest room' or canteen occasionally! The JW's do this all the time! But be careful that you don't become a nuisance at work & remember vou're an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ!

What Do You Do With 'The Sermon?'

While sitting & listening to the preacher last Wednesday evening I started to think about whether what he was saying really did affect me & how I applied it to my life? Do we just listen to all the sermons we hear & do nothing about them, do we just forget about them the next day or do we really take hold of the word & apply it to our lives? Can you remember what was preached last week & the week before & the week before that? Have we forgotten so soon as to all that was said? It really did stop & make me think, am I just a listener & then a 'forgetter?' For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (Jam 1v23) I must confess that some of the preaching I've heard of late I have found very hard to take anything from, but I do try to take something! Are you being fed? Are you learning in the Scriptures? Are you being drawn closer to the Lord through the preaching of His word? If not why not & what are you going to do about it? We haven't got the time to waste, we all need to be fed & built up in the Scriptures!

Want a NEW Bible?

The Trinitarian Bible Society has just brought out a 'Cambridge' Wide Margin Bible for ONLY £24.00! This is one of the best value Bibles I've seen. It has a wide margin all around the text for making notes plus at the back it has plenty of lined paper! If you want a new Bible I would seriously consider one of these for quality & value!

When Was The Last Time You Cried, & What For?

Job 16:20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

Ps 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Ps 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

Ps 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Jer 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Jer 13:17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD'S flock is carried away captive.

Ac 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Ac 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

2Co 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Re 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Re 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Have we wept recently over the lost souls of this world, over our sin that so displeases God, OR have we become so hard hearted that we have forgotten how to cry? What touches our heart, what moves us to react? Does anything move us anymore or has the TV brainwashed us so much that we have become numb to all around us?

Keeping In Touch!

A few years ago at the Trinity Centre in Birmingham we met a man who was in desperate need. He was an alcoholic, & due to this had lost his family, home & job. To cut a long story short we managed to find him a bed in a local Christian hostel & he stayed there for a while before moving on to a rehabilitation centre down south. Every so often we would hear from him as to how he was doing. Well only this week we heard from him again & he is doing great. He has now settled in Cornwall & lives alongside a lovely couple. They all attend church every Sunday & the signs are good. The man I am speaking of (not naming him for obvious reasons!) sat in our Bible studies for many weeks before moving away. We pray that he has come to know the Lord as his own personal Saviour & friend. It is amazing when you look back and think of all the people you meet 'along the way' in your Christian life. Occasionally we will get phone calls *out of the blue* from those who say 'Remember me?' & then proceed to tell us how they are doing. Let us all as Christians continue to reach out to the hurting people of this world with the Gospel & love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chipping Away!

While out with my boss the other day I had a good chance to witness. Questions were brought up regarding the state of our country & homosexuality, the new film by Mel Gibson, 'The Passion of Christ' (I think that's what it's called?), preparing sermons etc. It was a great opportunity the Lord opened up for me to explain some spiritual truths! We even touched upon the necessity of having a Final Authority to refer to!

I Knew It Was Bad, But Not That Bad!

While Donna & I were away for our anniversary we saw a couple of children's programmes on the TV in our hotel room. Before the one started the presenter appeared, sitting in a yoga position saying 'I'm doing a bit of yoga, why don't you try with me!' - I couldn't believe my ears! Targeting children as bold as you like! 'Scooby Doo' followed next & I said to Donna that I remembered watching this when I was a child. We watched it for about 5 minutes. It was all about demons being released from under the earth! - Again we couldn't believe it! Have you noticed that TV shows are often called TV PROGRAMMES! That is very apt because this is exactly what is happening, we are being 'programmed' to think, live & act just like the TV portrays - AND WE CAN'T SEE IT!

No Better Bargain! - Still ONLY 30p Each!

We have just delivered another 300 "You Asked The Question!" booklets to the Open Air Mission. They are still ONLY 30p each (I.e. COST PRICE!), why not buy a few yourself & pass them out! I don't believe you will find a more 'straight down the line' gospel presentation FROM THE HEART anywhere, & at such good value too! You can order just one copy, or 10,000 copies, at ONLY 30p each!

Nearly There!

We have now completed the letter from Hellier Street Gospel Hall, which will be sent out to thousands of people around the surrounding area. Please pray that this gospel orientated letter will be used of the Lord to have some impact in the area. Pray that souls will be saved through reading the Scriptures, being confronted by their sin & the realisation of their need of a Saviour! As mentioned in a previous newsletter, why not place a street map of your area at the back of your church & mark off each street you 'tract!' Perhaps you could encourage each other to have designated areas or work as a team & meet once a month?

Know Where You Are Going?

Are you happy in what you are doing? Is it time to make a change? What is next on your agenda? It is good to make *some* plans, but we must remember that the Lord is coming again very soon! Are you in the will of God, are you doing His will, do you know what you should be doing? "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Mt 6:33. Pr 3:5+6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Thank You!

Donna & I would again like to thank all those who are an encouragement to us. We really appreciate your cards, letters & 'news!' If you have the time, it is always good to hear from you, so please keep the letters coming! We shall continue to keep you updated as to what is happening 'our end' & we shall also continue to stand upon the truth of God's word!

Do We Know How To Pray?

...Lord, teach us to pray.... (Luke 11v1) Note - teach us to pray NOT to preach!

How many times have you heard people 'preach' while praying in the prayer meeting? It happens so often. Nearly every prayer meeting I've been in I've heard someone 'preach' in their prayer. They just couldn't resist the temptation! They had an opportunity to voice their opinions or views & so they got up & started 'preaching' a prayer! I wonder if we really know how to pray? I know some Christians who pray for 15 - 20 minutes every meeting, waffling on, trying to impress the folks gathered! I'm told Martin Luther prayed 3 hours a day; but he didn't pray in front of others this length of time trying to impress them; not like some folk do today!

Much of what we see going on today in prayer meetings is men praying TO the congregation rather than praying TO God. Many a man or woman has stood up & PREACHED a prayer, airing their views or trying to gain self-righteousness in the sight of God; Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. (Luke 18v10-11) Listen to most public prayer meetings & you will hear an oration laced with a statement of doctrine, with God as a captive audience. You will hear a man attempting to explain the vast problems on earth to God. These pompous (i.e. overbearing, ceremonious or impressive display) speeches always end by the orator offering God advice & counsel & reminding Him of His promises, lest He forget! This is NOT prayer!

Now I haven't the space to go into a study on prayer here but I am in the process of putting a study on tape regarding the subject of prayer. Please request a copy if you're interested.

To conclude... Read Phil 4v6-7 - Someone has written... 'God wills that we be careful, anxious or worried for nothing. If we are, then He wants us in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known unto Him. Now, having done this shall all our requests be granted? No, a more wonderful thing will happen - the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep our hearts & minds through Christ Jesus. Peace will mount a guard over our heart & keep worry out. God is not deaf to the cries of our heart. He urges us to pour out our heart to Him. There is nothing He does not wish to hear, if it troubles us. Let us tell Him all that worries us, thank Him that He cares, & His peace will keep our heart & mind. He only wants us to thank Him; for He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be the glory! Prayer bends our will to the will of God. Prayer is the yielded state of our heart to God about things committed to Him.'

A prison chaplain once asked a man in prison who had become a Christian, 'How come you are always smiling & you never complain?' He answered...'Every night before I go to sleep, I say in my heart, Lord, you know what you want & you know what I want. Now make me want what you want & that will be what I want!" Now that is prayer! By the way, the longest prayer Jesus prayed was when He was alone praying to His Father NOT when He was on show to the world! Ring any bells folks?



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HELL

Ps 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Pr 15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Lu 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Lu 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Re 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Re 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Re 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Are YOU on your way to HELL? Are your friends or family? What are YOU doing to STOP them from going to HELL? What do you have to do to go to HELL... NOTHING!

Do you believe in hell?

WARNING - If You Don't Like It Stop Receiving It!

I suppose every preacher feels a little restricted at times as to what he says, depending upon the subject he is preaching on & because of certain people who are listening, (we're all men pleasers at times!) but in some ways I do NOT want that to happen with 'TfT! News'. Now I realise that I offend some people by what I say & that includes some of my 'closest' friends, church members & leaders that I rub shoulders with etc, but I will do all I can NOT to allow this to hinder my 'openness & frankness' in regard to what I write! If you don't like what I write then come

off the mailing list, you don't have to read it! Where I see error I shall do my best to correct it, where I see arrogance & 'Nicolaitan' (Rev 2v15 – study it!) leadership I shall do all I can to oppose & stand against it! I have my faults & you're welcome to point them out, some of you do, it's good for me & helps me, but I warn you now, close friend or 'stranger', I write what I feel called to write & some of you will NOT like it; be warned! I will do all I can NOT to compromise the word of God, or my stand, just to please friends or neighbours!

'Too Hot To Handle!'

Alec Brackett from 'Things That Matter' asked if he could post the first 2 pages of our last newsletter (TfT! News - Number 18) to all on his mailing list i.e. 750! What a blessing this was! Since then we have had a number of folks write to us enquiring about the 'version issue' & wanting more details. We also had a couple of letters from people who wanted to express their concerns regarding the stand we take here at 'Time for Truth!' Unfortunately Alec (who sits under the banner of Operation Mobilisation) due to pressure from OM, then sent out an 'apology' to all 750 people on his mailing list asking for forgiveness for sending them our newsletter & totally 'back-tracking' in associating with TfT! It amazes me that Christians would rather COMPROMISE the truth & please their fellow men rather than stand for the truth & please God! (You wouldn't believe the ridiculous apology he sent out!) OM has NO Final Authority! They do not trust ONE SINGLE Bible as being God's PERFECT PRESERVED WORD! The majority of the time organisations are not a good thing to join! Just keep 'joined' to the word of God & stand on the truth of God's word ABOVE ALL ELSE! Sorry you couldn't stand with us Alec!

Death in our Families

On the 21st of March (Mothers Day), my grandad passed away at the age of 96. Donna & I had managed to have a couple of conversations with him regarding the Lord Jesus & salvation. He professed to believe in God but only the Lord knows how he died. Again it brought home to me the importance of trying to reach everyone, especially our own families, with the gospel **BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!** Have all your family members heard or read the gospel? Don't leave it a moment longer; try & reach them for the Lord. Please continue to pray for my dad who is very much against the Lord Jesus. Donna's uncle also died, on 3rd May at approx 9.00 pm. Donna was with him 5 minutes before he died! Again we do not know if he died with his sins forgiven, but Donna did manage to drop him a line & give him a booklet. He didn't show much interest in the Lord in all his life. How sad it is that people just drift through life doing their own thing showing no interest in our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. To slip into 'eternity' WITHOUT the Lord Jesus as your Saviour must be terrifying!

Another Success Story – for the Lord!

The first time I met Dave Messer was outside the Trinity Centre Birmingham where he was seeking refuge & shelter. He was an alcoholic; a big guy just drifting through life. We had a good chat with him & offered to help if he wanted us to; *he did.* The next day I met up with him at the same place & along with a friend of mine we found him some accommodation. Now I a book write regarding this guy & all we went through over the next week or so, but to cut a long story short, we took him to church, to every meeting we could get him to. He certainly showed an interest in knowing what this life was all about. He started reading the Bible on a regular basis & we even managed to take Dave on a couple of holidays, one with the BCM & then Barney invited us all to go with him to Corfu (I definitely could write a book about that holiday it cost me a fortune & rained 90% of the time were there! accommodation was nothing more than a 'shed') Dave is the sort of guy you instantly would take to; he has a

physique like a Grizzly Bear but a very gentle Well, over a spirit. period of time Dave committed his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. found himself a lovely girl & married her (in fact it was Barney's daughter!) & they now live happily ever after! Dave is working in Barney's church & he is going on great with the Lord.

Please pray for Dave & thank the Lord for saving him. The Lord has also really helped him in regard to his drinking problem!

Letter from the Netherlands!

This week we had a lovely letter from a couple who are attending a Methodist church in Amsterdam. They have asked to go on our mailing list requesting 60 copies of 'TfT! News' every time. They have also asked for teaching materials to use in their church.

'The Passion of the Christ'

A number of people have asked me what I think to this new film that is taking the country, the world, by storm, so here goes; *this is only my opinion...*

- 1) What good ever comes out of Hollywood? Hollywood, which promotes sodomy, lust, fornication & pornography etc. has now turned over a new leaf has it? *Don't you believe it!* No way! They are in it for the money as usual! Do you think that Hollywood has made the film to evangelise the world? *Hogwash!*
- 2) Mel Gibson is a Roman Catholic! Roman Catholicism is a 'religion' of WORKS & has NOTHING in common with the gospel of GRACE that Paul preached in the Scriptures! Do you think Rome is trying to help us Christians? Sheep-dip!
- 3) When you read the Biblical account of the crucifixion AFTER watching this film, how do you see Jesus in your minds eye; like the actor who played the part of Jesus? It messes you up! How many Christians think Moses looks like Charlton Heston?
- 4) How dare anyone play the part of God made manifest in the flesh! It's ridiculous!
- 5) I have also been told that the word sin isn't used in regard to why the Lord died & there is too much emphasis given to Mary! (Obviously not seeing the film I cannot confirm this, it's only what I have heard!) About par for the course!
- 6) I have read that the film also adds 'extra-biblical' content to massively exaggerate the role of Mary! If this is so, then like the modern 'Bible' perversions (i.e. NIV, GNB, NKJV, NASV, RSV etc.), which add & subtract to the word of God, we ought to reject it!
- 7) There is a great difference between the 'spiritual' & 'emotional' we ought to take heed to this!
- 8) God wrote a WORD book NOT a PICTURE book remember that!

When will Christians learn? **For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.** (Luke 6v43) Hollywood is a sewer, pouring out into the world all the filth it can, to corrupt young & old alike, & 'Christians' keep getting sucked in! *Do you?*

So how should we respond to this film? - Use it as an opportunity to witness & evangelise! The whole country is talking about it so let us give them the truth! Why not purchase 100 gospels of John from the Trinitarian Bible Society (Tel – 020 8543 7857) & post one through every door down your street! They cost ONLY 30 pence each! You could even find out the time of when the film 'The Passion of The Christ' ends & stand outside the cinema & give these Gospels out then; you may be surprised how receptive folks are after seeing this film! For further reading regarding this issue I suggest you read A.W. Tozer's booklet 'The menace of the religious movie.' – Excellent!

Have you told the Lord you love Him today?

Words of Wisdom!

'The further a man goes in lust & iniquity, the more dead he becomes to purity & holiness; he loses the power to appreciate the beauties of virtue or to be disgusted with the abominations of vice.' – C.H. Spurgeon.

Literature Distribution Keeps on Growing!

This month we have seen a great increase in sending out Christian A man from Northern literature. Ireland has ordered 1200 Eternity flyers to distribute around his neighbourhood; another man from the Stourbridge area has requested another 200 "You Asked The Question!" ("YATQ!") booklets to use in his outreach work. We also had a request for the same booklet from a guy in Bromsgrove & another request for all the literature we produce, from County Antrim. A young man from Birmingham has asked for some 'He Loves You!' tract cards, another brother from NI has asked for some "YATO!" booklets to use in their church outreach & a church from NI has just ordered 500 "YATO!" booklets. Keep the requests coming! We also received another request from Vera, the missionary in Trinidad, for literature but the cost for postage is astronomical - if anyone knows a better way of shipping tracts & booklets overseas please let us know.

Please Pray...

Urgently for Donna's friend Pam who has recently been diagnosed with cancer; Eddie & Rose Geary for continued strength (Eddie is coming up for his 94th birthday & is still witnessing & sending out lots of Christian literature!), Donna for her arthritis, Ron & Barbara Smith who do a great work regarding evangelistic & AV material. Other prayer requests are Jack & Rhoda who run a church in Hill-Top – Jack has just undergone an operation, Pastor Moses who is doing a great work in India (if you would like to write to Pastor Moses his address is... Pastor Anantharapu Moses, Purushothapuram, Yellamanchili, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, South India, India, PIN - 531 055), If you feel called to go & visit him he'd be most encouraged! Please also pray for David in the work he does in the Isle of Man & Betsy for her tract & distribution. card

'Christian' Football...

We took the Friday youth group along to the local leisure centre for a 'mixed' game of five-a-side football – it was a great laugh but exhausting! *I won't mention the score as my team came second!*

Controversy Everywhere!

We arrived early at a church I was speaking at recently, & walked into their 'nurture group' meeting, only to find that they were discussing the subject of the 'woman's role' in church. It seems that everywhere I go this issue is at the forefront of discussion. As I am studying the book of Timothy at present & putting the studies on cassette, I shall endeavour to cover this subject as to what the SCRIPTURES say & NOT what we want or think! This issue needs to be addressed FROM THE SCRIPTURES as there is so much opinion & 'debate' regarding this whole subject!

...the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. (1 Sam 3v1)

A 'Kick in the Teeth' for Marilyn Manson (I'd like to!!!) - He's an Evil 'Man!'

Joe, a young man (aged 19) who comes to the Hope Chapel youth group on a Friday evening has been very much influenced by the music of Marilyn Manson, as have thousands of other young people. This so called 'singer' hates Christ & Christians! He goes out of his way to be as 'anti-Christ' as possible & the lyrics & videos he produces are vile. Well to cut a long story short, Joe brought over twenty of his CD's & 2 DVD's for me to destroy – praise the Lord! I enjoyed taking a hammer to these items & then taking them to the skip! Please pray for Joe as he is not far from the Kingdom of God! We bought him a Bible, gave him 2 Christian DVD's to watch & some Keith Green CD's to listen to. He told me yesterday that he is now reading large portions of the Bible daily & is looking forward to reading it completely, hopefully in a year! Joe is a lovely lad & we pray that the Lord will save Him soon.

Joe Update!

A week after writing the above, on the 26th April 2004 at 12.30 pm Joe asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive his sin & come & save him! PRAISE THE LORD! He has read the New Testament in less than TWO WEEKS! He is doing just great; please continue to pray for him! He has now joined the 'Discipleship Group' & shall be attending the Bible Class on Sunday's. This is such a wonderful encouragement for us! I have recently taken Joe & his friend Chris out with me while traveling in my job. Each place we stopped at I sent them out delivering tracts! They tracted 400 houses one afternoon – *I drive them hard but they love it!*

Encouraged by the 'Banjo King of Cumbria!' - As usual!

Our dear friends Mark & Nina are actively involved in reaching the lost souls in their neighbourhood through tracts etc; they also write letters to those in authority with regard to the way this country is going DOWN in its morals & standards. Please pray for Mark & Nina in the work they do. Mark is a witty guy & we always have some 'banter' when we speak! Nina is the great cook who gave me meat to eat when we stayed at their house! For all those who had such a great laugh at this & would like to write to Nina 'congratulating' her – TOUGH! *I'm not telling you their address!!!*

Hey Preacher / Teacher!

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (James 3v1)

Are you a pastor, elder, preacher or teacher? Are you responsible for preaching & teaching the word of God to the flock of God? Are you faithful to the word of God when you preach & teach OR do you put 'traditions' first so that you don't 'rock the boat?' Ac 20:27 **For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.** Are you declaring ALL the counsel of God or just the parts you like & just the parts that do NOT offend the hearers? If you are a leader / preacher / teacher (see 1 Tim 3v1+2) do you STUDY the word of God - **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** (2 Tim 2v15) *or not bother?* Are you more interested in KEEPING your congregation & the offerings up than preaching the TRUTH? Do you ever CORRECT the Bible; do you say things like 'Well the Greek say's, or a better translation would be, or the Bible is WRONG here...?' are you 'mad' enough to do this? Are YOU the FINAL AUTHORITY? Folks, be very careful if you want to be a teacher / master! We shall receive the greater condemnation! Are you a pastor, elder, teacher, preacher because God has called you OR because YOU want to be?

Churches NEED Help; Churches NEED YOU!

There are many churches that have very few folks left in them & are struggling to keep the place open! If you are a member of a 'large' congregation why don't you seek the Lord & ask Him to direct you, with a small team perhaps, to a smaller church & go & help them out? There are churches closing down weekly in the UK because no one is helping them! What is your church doing to help others - I'm not interested in what denomination you are! You're either a Bible Believing Christian or you're not! I heard that another church in Birmingham closed down last weekend! Are they training up teachers, speakers, preachers & leaders etc in your church to go out & help others? If not, why not?

Encouragement & Even More Encouragement!

We write each newsletter in stages as 'news breaks' thus we are 'adding' all the time. Only this week we have received a number of letters & telephone calls requesting information or literature. folks are now requesting information regarding the 'version issue!' When Christians study this subject honestly, they KNOW that the AV (Authorised Version) is THE word of God & ALL others are PERVERSIONS! If you would like details on these SATANIC counterfeits then please write & we shall send you the necessary information. I would also recommend you obtain a copy of 'The Bible Translations Test' by James H. Son. (£2.95) & 'A Textual Key to the NT' by the T.B.S. (0.30p) please write to Colin Tyler or myself to obtain a copy.

It's Show Time at Barney's!

Dear old Barney is now mixing with the 'stars!' What, you mean someone really famous? An actor? A musician? No, one better...a comedian! 'Bobby Ball!' (apt don't you think!) Yes Bobby Ball was on 'stage' at Barney's for an 'Entertainment / Evangelism Evening.' It is a shame I couldn't have made it to the 'show', as I would have had a field day writing that review; but Barney was very secretive in telling me when the 'show' took place — the little whipper! I was told 5 people were saved! To end on a sound note, Barney did purchase (yes I did say 'purchase') 400 "You Asked The Question!" booklets to give each person that attended the 'show!' Over 170 people attended the 'show!' (Sorry Barney, do I keep saying show?) You can't beat the 'entertainment' at Barney's! I think I'll stick to the good old fashioned gospel meeting! Remember them Barney? Each to his own son, each to his own! I've heard that the 'Two Ronnies' have been booked for September & Laurel & Hardy in February!

Enquiry from Singapore!

We have had an enquiry from Mr Ho Soo Kam from Singapore regarding 'TfT! News'. He runs an AV ministry & has sent out thousands of tracts, AV Bibles & other literature to those who cannot afford it, all around the world. He's doing a great job out there! Please pray for Mr Ho Soo Kam who has been diagnosed with heart disease. Please pray also for his wife Daisy & there 4 young children, Esther, Ezra, Joshua & Jeremy. If you would like details of this ministry or just want to write & encourage him please drop me a line & I'll pass on his address to you.

'Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards!'

'Robinson Crusoe started the 40 hour week. He had all his work done by Friday!'

'The difference between a job and a career is the difference between 40 and 60 hours a week!'

Our 9th Discipleship Group (DG)!

We were very encouraged with 2 NEW Christians who have now started to come to the DG; Joe who became a Christian only a week ago & Joel the brother of Sheleen & Dionne, who have been coming since it started. Both settled in well & have a lot to offer. Although we cover a lot of ground in the Scriptures & there is much learning to be done, we do have a lot of fun as you can imagine!

Work, Work, Work!

Please continue to pray for me regarding work as I will have to make a couple of decisions soon that could affect the whole situation. I'll fill you in further as & when. The Lord has really blessed me in my job & I've been the number 1 salesman in the company since joining two years ago – it's a good testimony to the Lord! I have the 3rd best area in the country yet I am producing more revenue than any other area; I KNOW that I could not do what I do WITHOUT the Lord helping me. I now need the Lord to show me my next step, please pray!

Good Question; Good Answer!

If God is all good and all powerful, why doesn't He deal with all the evil in the world? – A cynical barber, walking through the slums of a city, met a minister. "How do you believe in a God of love?" asked the barber. "If He is as good as you Christians say, then why does He allow all this disease, poverty, immorality & degradation?" The minister said nothing but walked along with the barber. Soon they saw a man, dirty & unshaven, with bedraggled hair down his neck. "You can't be a very good barber", said the minister, "or you wouldn't allow that man to walk around without a good shave or haircut." "You can't blame me for him," replied the barber, "if he'd let me, I'd clean him up, give him a good shave & cut his hair to make him look like a prince." The minister turned to the barber. "Look round," he said, "You see this evil?" The barber nodded; it was obvious. "How can you blame God for people continuing in their evil ways when He is daily inviting them to get cleaned up & be shaven?" The barber had no answer!

Next Letter to our friends in the USA prison is long over due!

Have you written to our friends in the USA prisons yet? If not, why not? Do it this week & encourage them in the Lord! Their address is as follows... **CHESHIRE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, 900 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, Ct. 06410 – 1698 USA.** The names of the guys are as follows... you must also quote the number!

- 1) Peter Paul Ventura #83492 NB6
- 2) Christopher Hafford # 206936 NB6
- 3) Andres Allert # 204403 NB6
- 4) David Lynch # 21089 NB6
- 5) George Rosado # 227107 NB6
- 6) Donny Jacques # 26781 NB6
- 7) Matthew Johnson # 91492 NB6
- 8) Ronald Bassaya # 304150 NB6
- 9) Joseph Miller (different address) # 122088 P1#57, P0 BOX 8273, Cranston, RI 02920, USA

I know that some of you have asked for these guy's addresses, so now you have no excuse not to write; please drop them a line as soon as possible. They would love to hear from you. Perhaps send them a couple of photos also?

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. (Prov 27v20)

Peter Ruckman - you're a great encouragement to us!

We would like to say a big thank you to Dr Peter Ruckman for recommending our ministry again in your newsletter; you have been a great encouragement to us & a great blessing to many over here in the UK through your own ministry. Already we have had a number of folks from the USA asking to go on our mailing list. Thanks again! *Hope you liked your artwork in the last newsletter!!!* We would highly recommend the works of Dr Peter Ruckman, write to him at Bible Baptist Church, PO BOX 7135, Pensacola, FL 32534, USA. *I doubt anyone on planet earth knows more about the AV issue than this man!*

Question Time!

- 1) Where was the Bible before 1611? *Perhaps good old Penfold will have a go at this one!*
- 2) Where in the Scriptures does it say about church 'membership?' When do you BECOME a church member? How do you become a member?
- 3) Once you become a Christian do you THEN have to be baptized to take part in the 'Breaking of Bread?' Scripture BACK-UP Please! Many Brethren churches teach this & I would like to know where they get it from IN THE BIBLE!
- 4) Can women pray aloud IN CHURCH? Scripture back up NOT opinions please!
- 5) Should women wear a hat & if so when? In all meetings? (see next question in relation to this!)
- 6) When is the church a church? I.e. 'House Group?' 'Discipleship Group?' 'Nurture Group?' What about 'prayer' at a fellowship tea? etc.
- 7) How will someone get saved in the Tribulation?
- 8) Will people be able to get saved in the Millennium?
- 9) Traditions or the Word of God which do YOU hold in highest esteem? *The Lord is listening!*

Death Row!

Nelson Mwaba is a Christian brother on death row in Zambia – please pray for him & please take the time to write & encourage him in the Lord Jesus Christ – he needs to hear from YOU! His address is... Maximum Security Prison, Condemned Section, PO BOX 80915, Kabwe, Zambia.

Get To Know Them!

We try to recommend other 'ministries' that we feel would be a great help & blessing to you! One of which I suggest you write to, encourage & support would be Alan & Mary McBride, 61 Sealstown Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, BT36 4QU. Write to them today & find out what they do! They send out some good material! AV only!

Half way through the year already!

June already; man is time flying! Good year so far? Keep living for the Lord Jesus Christ in EVERYTHING you do & witness where you can! Try to talk to someone TODAY about the Lord Jesus!

Donna & I would like to say thank you to all those who continue to pray, write letters & encourage us in the Lord. These last few weeks have been some of the most encouraging times in our Christian walk so far; we cannot thank the Lord enough. Keep up the great work for the Lord, He's coming VERY SOON! What a day that will be! Are you ready?

PS 'If the Authorised Version is NOT the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God, what is?' (Don't forget the original manuscripts no longer exist!)

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Time for Truth News! (John & Donna's Newsletter)

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Donna's been working on our back garden!!!

And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. (Eze 3v11)

Jersey Trip

Donna & I have recently returned from Jersey & Guernsey on a week's business. Jersey is one of my favourite places! It has beautiful countryside plus the wonder of the sea surrounding it. We had 20 appointments & brought in over £20,000 for the company; a successful trip! Donna & I were able to go for a number of walks in the evenings, it was just lovely. We also distributed a good number of tracts & booklets. During the evening meal we were able to build up a good relationship with the couple we sat next to. They willingly accepted the "You Asked The Question!" booklet & said they would read it. Being our 2nd visit we tried another church in Jersey on the Sunday. Again, such a lovely building, large in size but only 10 people who attended; so sad. It had a Trinitarian Bible Society banner outside, which we thought was a good sign; we thought wrong! The person giving the hymn book & Bibles out at the door tried to hand us an NIV as soon as we walked in! I won't comment on the 'preaching' because some of you may write & tell me I'm 'criticising' again! (Let's just say Barney style!) After the service I had a talk with 2 young trendy men in their twenties regarding the problems with the NIV; they were very interested & had never heard this stuff before. I showed them a number of missing & distorted verses in the NIV which shocked them! Then the 'preachers' wife came to their rescue! She said that NO Bible was perfect & that they were changing to a brand new version that was just about to come on to the market. She went on to say that the 'top scholars' in the world had worked on it & it was the most accurate to the 'originals!' Poor old Griselda! She was 'leading' the way but unfortunately she & her followers were falling, one by one, into a very deep ditch! I offered her a rope ladder but she didn't want to take it, but that's modern scholarship for you! So again, if YOU have been deceived into trusting modern perversions of the Bible instead of the Authorised Version, which is God's HOLY, PURE & PERFECT word, I suggest you write to us requesting a rope ladder before it's too late! God wrote one Book & promised to preserve it PERFECT & I have it in my hands; do you?

Tom in Bewdley

After church one Sunday evening we decided to go for a walk in Bewdley. There we met Tom, a man from Stourbridge who was fishing by the riverside. We spoke to him for over half an hour & much of that time was showing him the way of salvation. He showed a great deal of interest & asked many questions. We also gave him a "You Asked The Question!" booklet & asked him to read it & let us know what he thought, which he promised to do. Please pray that he'll get saved!

Tape Ministry

Sorry we have been VERY slow in sending the tapes out! I've had so much work on of late that I have neglected to put the sermons on cassette, hopefully we'll catch up soon!

Letter Writing

I haven't written so many letters for some time! Thanks to all of you who continually keep in touch & send cards, letters, books & news items, from all around the world – keep them coming! A special thanks to you USA guy's who keep us up to date with news! We have never had so many folks enquire in such a short space of time about the 'Version Issue.' We have sent out much material in regard to this issue over the last month. A special thanks to Betsy who is always in **regular** contact – you're a great encouragement to us!

Thank You Again Brother James!

What a great encouragement this man is to us here at TfT! Brother James has recently sent us over 50 copies of his latest book 'Fascinating Truths' & it is excellent! We shall give one to each person that writes in & requests a copy! If you would cover the postage that would really help us out, if you can't you may still have one! Brother James does a great work over there in Florida USA. If you would like to write to him & support him his address is The Bible Baptist Church, 199 Damascus Road, DeLand, Florida 32724 USA. His work is really good, he NEVER corrects the Bible; he BELIEVES it & allows it to correct him – a true Bible believer!

I Resign!

It had to happen & finally did on Monday 7th
June! I resigned from my present
employment after my 3rd season of working
for them. Donna also resigned the same
day. The day after, I received a phone call
from another guy in the same industry
offering me the position of sales manager in
his company. With much thought & prayer I
accepted his offer & I started work on 12th
July! Please pray for the Lord's blessing
upon me in this new position & job. I shall
be covering a similar area plus a few more
counties. Work is work but I hope I shall be
working for a more 'understanding' boss
this time? We shall see! Just pray!

I've let it go for long enough!

Nearly every other week I get something through the post from 'Christ for all Nations' i.e. CfaN. When I was first saved I thought what a great guy Reinhard Bonnke was who went around the world preaching the gospel; I went to hear him once, signed up to his mailing list & even bought a few of his cassettes! (Save your money folks!) Well, now every time I hear from Reinhard 'Bonnkers' he is talking about the work of the Holy Spirit & what great miracles are being done in Africa through his ministry. Now I know I have to be careful in regard to speaking out AGAINST someone, especially a fellow believer, (since when you ask!), but this guy is 'doin my ed in!' I am bombarded by CfaN asking for money every time I hear from them, 'Send me a million quid & I'll pray for your sick parrot!' kind of stuff! Well I'm 'sick' of it! The guy knows as much about the Scriptures as I do about car mechanics or computers! Don't get sucked in by this charlatan! Send him some tracts back in his own prepaid envelope! I'm all for preaching the gospel to the poor & I believe God can heal today but I can't stand so called 'Christians' fleecing the sheep rather than feeding them! Too harsh? Those of you who have a TV, did you watch the programme they did on false 'healers', which included brother 'Bonkers?' Interesting! Just as I finished writing this paragraph, guess what? Yes another 'begging letter' from uncle 'Bonkers!' This time he wants to 'miracle rescue' me from my finances, family, my physical body etc! (So I passed on his leaflet to a very good friend of mine who I know would benefit from 'Bonkers' ministry – yes good old Barney!) Enjoy!

Sorry Wrong Wording in Issue 19 of TfT News!

In the 'Question Time' on the back page of TfT News! Issue 19, question ONE should have read 'Where was the **BIBLE** before 1611?' Thanks to Chris 'Hawkeye' O'Conner for spotting this! By the way Chris, congratulations on passing your driving test, glad you found your seat belt this time!

There is Only ONE Geneva Books & there is Only ONE Colonel Underwood!

Colin & I have taken a couple of trips recently to Geneva Bookshop London to see our friend the Colonel & of course to buy a few books! If you like Christian Books this is the place to be (appointment only!). We had a great time Colonel Donald Underwood is a great source of knowledge & 'wit!' He is sharp as a razor & will entertain for hours with his humour! worth the visit! This is without doubt the best second hand Christian bookshop in the country maybe in the world! Write to Colonel Underwood at

Geneva Books, 58 Elms Road, London, SW4 9EW.

Mailing List Keeps Growing!

We had a letter from a lovely brother in New Zealand last week requesting to go on our mailing list. He sent me some of his work & I would highly recommend you writing to him & asking to go on his mailing list! His name is **Dr Dennis Lloyd** & he can be contacted at PO BOX 405, Manurewa, Auckland, New Zealand. He produces some great booklets! It has been amazing to hear from so many Bible believers all around the world! Thank those who you to

encouraged Donna & myself to start this newsletter; the first issue went out in March 2001 can you believe!

Laminating Betsy!

A dear friend of ours from Dorset produces wonderful bright colourful Scripture text tracts / cards, large & small. They are very professional & are great for giving out. She also produces lovely bookmarks. If you would like to know more or want a sample of her work please write to me & I'll post you some. Keep up the great work Betsy they are being distributed all over the world!

LISTEN Bible Correctors;

LISTEN those of you who think God CANNOT Preserve His Word!

'If God has not preserved these King James Scriptures down through the ages by His special providence, why would He have infallibly inspired them in the first place? God has promised to preserve His Word!' – Dr Edward Hills (Read Psalm 12v6+7). Would those of you 'Bible correctors' who write to me, on a regular basis, saying that God has NOT preserved His Word PERFECT & without error for TODAY, please tell me where you are getting your information from? I would really like to know! Only this week we had a guy, deceived as usual, write & tell us that there are errors in the AV! What should we do throw our AV's away? Should we use another version? Will that one be PERFECT & WITHOUT error? How do we know which one is WITHOUT error if there is one? Hasn't God been able to preserve His word perfect? Who says; on what authority?

I will say it again & again & again... God who created EVERYTHING, who framed the worlds by His word (Heb 11v3) has written us a book & promised to preserve His words from generation to generation! Now how come suddenly God CANNOT PRESERVE HIS WORDS PERFECT for TODAY? What idiot says He can't! Who are you trusting, today's modern scholars or God & His Word?

Now if you are going to write to me (& feel free to anytime!), don't write & tell me that God makes mistakes? Don't write & tell me that God CANNOT PRESERVE His Word PERFECT today when the Bible says HE CAN!!

I conclude with a quote from a sermon published in 1880 by Thomas DeWitt Talmage...'Now let us divide off...Let those people who do not believe the Bible & who are critical of this & that part of it, go clear over to the other side. Let them stand behind the devil's guns...Give us the out & out opposition of infidelity rather than the work of these hybrid theologians, these mongrel ecclesiastics, these half-evoluted people who BELIEVE the Bible & do NOT believe it. I TAKE UP THE KING JAMES TRANSLATION; I CONSIDER IT TO BE A **PERFECT** BIBLE'. Amen & Amen!

"O Biblios" - THE BOOK - 'Buy It!'

Alan O'Reilly has recently sent me his new book (title as above!) & <u>I would highly recommend every Christian purchasing a copy!</u> This book PROVES without doubt that the Authorised Version Bible is THE WORD of GOD for TODAY! Dr Ruckman's name comes up again & again in it as he has been such a help to Mr O'Reilly in regard to the version 'issue.' No matter what you may think of Dr Peter Ruckman, no one has done more GOOD to help further the cause of standing upon the AV as The Word of God for today, & helping thousands to understand the dangers of modern versions than he – *Ruckman you're one in a million!* Mr O'Reilly's book is excellent & if you love the word of God you'll love this book. If you would like to purchase a copy please write to **The Covenant Publishing Ltd for The National Bible College, 121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL14 OHA.** 'O Biblios' RRP £12.50 It is well worth the money!

Are You Good at Giving?

When was the last time you sent some money to a missionary?

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9v7)

They died to give us the Bible & it just sits there on our shelf!

The Waldenses of Northern Italy took a solemn oath to maintain the purity of the Scriptures for the sake of future generations (i.e. you & me!)... 'We promise to maintain the Bible, whole & without admixture, according to the usage of the true Apostolic Church, persevering in this holy religion, though it be at the peril of our life, in order that we may transmit it to our children, intact & pure, as we received it from our fathers.' (Taken from Mr O'Reilly's book "O BIBLIOS") ...And the Bible lays there on the table gathering dust from one Sunday to the next! Does it? Folks if we understood what people went through so that we could have a copy of the perfect & preserved word of God in our hands today, I'm sure the Scriptures would become much more precious to us. The Bible is bathed in the blood of the saints! Read your Bible EVERY DAY as often as you can — God speaks through His written word! Have you heard from the Lord recently? Do you want to; then read the Scriptures!

More Outreach Work in Blackpool!

Paul Singleton from Blackpool has just ordered another 1000 "You Asked The Question!" booklets for an outreach his church is running. Please pray for Paul & the work they are doing up there. May the Lord bless all the literature that is being distributed among the lost.

Bethany Book Depot NEW Catalogue!

Colin has been very encouraged by the amount of books he has sent out recently. His latest catalogue is out now & carries some excellent material; please write to him requesting a copy. Bethany Book Depot, 48 Greenwood, Yardley, Birmingham, B25 8YU

Witness in Café Rouge!

Coming back from London the other day Colin, Chris, Donna & I stopped for a coffee at Café Rouge in Stratford; we have been a few times before & always tried to leave a tract or card! When we went to pay we noticed a 'He Loves You!' tract card 'pinned' up next to the till for everyone to see! What a wonderful encouragement; think of all the people that will read the text on the front while waiting to pay...' **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends**. John 15v13'

Keep sowing the seed of the word of God!

Pride & Arrogance - We Just Don't Like Being Wrong!

Recently I have written to a couple of people regarding the 'version issue' & they have replied with some *strong words*, shall we say! It amazes me that even though the FACTS are clear & obvious that the AV is **THE WORD of GOD**, Christians would rather sit in REBELLION & not submit to God's Holy Word but instead wallow in their self-righteousness 'judging' THE BOOK! *What buffoons they are!* When YOU 'correct' or change the Word of God, YOU become the 'Final Authority' – how ridiculous!

Question Time!

- 1) Who wrote the following books of the Bible... Ruth, Esther & Kings
- 2) How much of the Bible have you read so far this year?
- 3) If you knew the Lord would return this evening, how would you live your last few hours?
- 4) How many tracts did you give out last week?

- 5) Give 3 reasons why evolution cannot be true, therefore scientific?
- 6) How have you tried to reach your work colleagues or friends lately with the gospel?
- 7) In Genesis chapter 1, why doesn't God say that it was good on the 2nd day i.e. v8?
- 8) What sermon has had the greatest impact on your life & why?

Standing Alone!

There can be no more heroic stance than a servant of God called to stand alone in a confrontation with heaven's enemies. One instinctively thinks of Elijah on Mount Carmel opposing the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18), Micaiah in Ahab's corrupt court (2 Chron 18), Jeremiah preaching by himself at the gate of the Lord's house to antagonistic crowds (Jer 7), Paul in chains in front of king Agrippa (Acts 26) — and of course, Jesus on many occasions before the priests. It is not an easy situation to be in as many of us today know only too well, but one which weak men avoid at all costs. However, few blessings are so sweet to the lonely warrior for God, than to feel the Holy Spirit granting liberty of utterance & nobility of character as he stands surrounded by the ungodly. At such times the enemy trembles, or at the very least, is subdued. (Taken from the booklet 'The Sword of Goliath' — by Dr Peter Trumper) *I would suggest every Christian purchase this booklet; it stirs you up to want to serve the Lord Jesus Christ more & more, buy an extra copy for a friend & pass it on to them!* To obtain a copy write to Dr Peter Trumper at 'Wyclif', 42, The Pistyll, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 7SH.

Prayer Requests...

Please continue to pray for Donna regarding her arthritis, Dr Peter Trumper who has multiple sclerosis; the outreach at Hellier Street which should take place within the next 2 or 3 weeks; Pam (Donna's friend in Wales) who has cancer; this wicked country we live in, that men & women, boys & girls shall turn to the Lord in these last days; my new job, the church – that men shall be raised up to lead the sheep & contend for the faith; the youth we work with – that they will keep on the straight & narrow & not be distracted with the attractions of this evil world; AGAINST the flood of Islamic invasion into our country; for YOURSELF that we all shall become bolder & stronger Christians WILLING to serve & work for the Lord Jesus Christ more; Donna's mum & dad for strength, help & guidance.

Pause for Thought...

- 1) How could I improve my relationship with the Lord Jesus at present?
- 2) What more could I do for Him?
- 3) Could I give the Lord more of my time?
- 4) Am I helping as much as I could in the church or could I do more?
- 5) What have I sacrificed over the last month for the Lord? i.e. time, money etc.
- 6) Is there anyone I know that needs help & I could help them?
- 7) Write down 5 things you have learnt from the preaching you have heard over the last 4 weeks?

The NIV (plus ALL other modern 'Bible's') are SATANTIC counterfeits!

It's as simple as that! If you are NOT using the Authorised Version Bible you are NOT reading God's HOLY word! I suggest you send for details as soon as possible! I am amazed by the stubbornness of Christians who know the errors in these modern counterfeits but still refuse to give them up! Why I wonder? For some FREE information on this vital subject just drop us a line! Answer these two questions... Who is the Morning Star? Who fell from heaven? Now look up the answers in the NIV i.e. 2 Peter 1v19 & Isaiah 14v12. Very interesting! Did you know the NIV has 60,000 changes compared to the AV? Did you know the NIV is based on CORRUPT manuscripts? Do you care or are you a *shallow* Christian? If you use the NIV you have been DECEIVED!

Are YOU Backsliding in Your Christian Walk?

Just recently I have been surprised to find that many Christians who 'professed' to follow the Lord Jesus Christ once, are now back in the world & back doing their own thing! The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways... Pro 14v14. Many Christians would rather go shopping, play sport or go to car boot sales on Sunday's rather than go to church; they have LEFT their love for the Lord, for His people & for the word of God. Spiritual things appear way down on their agenda; the backslider is no more interested in reaching the lost & trying to save them from hell, they are just interested in THEMSELVES! Are you a backslider at present? Why? Don't you care anymore? Have you given up? It

amazes me to think how we treat the Lord Jesus Christ when He gave up everything to save us! Surely you can't give up on the One who loved YOU so much that He died for you; can you? Have you? Get right with Him now before it's too late? If you no longer attend church, GO to one this weekend, this week, but meet with God's people & read God's word! I find it hard to understand how Christians can give up their Christian walk so easily & then proceed to live for the devil! Were they saved in the first place? Get your life right with God today & stop living for yourself! Let us all get back on our knees & seek the Lord Jesus for His love, mercy & guidance throughout this life on earth. We all 'feel' like giving up at times but how can we ever walk away from the Lord Jesus Christ, HOW CAN WE?

Take Up Your Pen & Write...

Paul Bailey who is in HMP, Isle of Wight has asked if we would advertise his ministry in TfT! News. He has been saved nearly two years & runs a pen-friend ministry from prison. He has many contacts throughout the world & would be very encouraged to hear from anyone who is interested in writing letters to fellow Christians etc. For more information please contact Paul at (HV6 101) HMP Albany, Isle of Wight, PO30 5RS, UK.

Chris O'Conner - New Kid on the Block! (Well he is only 19!)

I have been much encouraged of late by Chris O'Conner a young man from the youth group we run, therefore I asked if he would write a brief article for this newsletter. The title I gave him was 'What the Lord Jesus Christ means to me.' So let us hear from Chris...

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Time for Truth! Information Sheet!

Enclosed are 2 TfT! Info sheets that sum up who we are & what we are about. If you know anyone who would be interested in our ministry please pass one on to them; many thanks! (If you would like more TfT! Info Sheets please let us know)

Please pray for 'T'

I had a great opportunity of witnessing to a 30 year old man at the badminton club I attend. He took a "You Asked The Question!" booklet & an 'Eternity' flyer. Please pray that he will get saved through this literature. He likes to be called 'T', I don't know his real name!

Good Quote! - 'There's no '<u>I'</u> in 'Team!''

Oh to be Pure! - Pure Heart, Pure Conscience, Pure Mind! - Are you Pure?

Pure – Free from mixture or contact with that which weakens, impairs or pollutes; clean, genuine. Free from moral defilement, innocent, chaste etc. – Webster's Dictionary.

Read the following Scriptures slowly & carefully...

Phil 4v8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

- 1 Tim 1v5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
- 1 Tim 3v9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a <u>pure conscience</u>.
- 1 Tim 4v12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- 1 Tim 5v22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: <u>keep thyself</u> <u>pure.</u>
- 2 Tim 2v22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- Jas 1v27 <u>Pure religion</u> and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
- Jas 3v17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 1 Pet 1v22 Seeing ye have <u>purified your souls</u> in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a <u>pure heart</u> fervently:
- 2 Pet 3v1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your <u>pure minds</u> by way of remembrance:
- 1 John 3v3 And every man that hath this hope in him <u>purifieth himself</u>, even as <u>he is pure.</u>

How pure are you? Do you live a life of purity? Are you keeping yourself unspotted from the world or do you entangle yourself with sin again & again? What is your Christian walk really like? I found the above verses very challenging & as I read them, I thought how far away I am from where I SHOULD BE in my walk & relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ – how about you?

The Heart — what is your heart like? Full of envy, jealousy & pride or is it pure? How do you treat your fellow brothers & sisters? And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: (Mat 15v16-20) Many Christians are great 'actors!' They act as if they are spiritual but when it comes to getting on with others in their own church, you can hardly tell they are Christians! Think about those who have left your own church; why have they left, for what reason? Christian, what is your heart REALLY like? Are you arrogant & always want your own way or are you willing to submit & allow others to have their way?

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (1 Sam 16v7)

The difference between the 'unpardonable sin,' & blasphemy of the Holy Ghost TODAY!

What is the UNPARDONABLE SIN?

As you know, there are different 'dispensations' in the Scriptures.

The 'unpardonable sin' in the dispensation which we are living in, is to REJECT the gospel & therefore REJECT salvation! If we do this we CANNOT be forgiven!

In regard to the 'unpardonable sin' & 'blasphemy of the Holy Ghost'...

Read IN CONTEXT Matthew 12v22-32...

Note verses...

Mt 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Note in v32 the sin is defined as 'speaking;' therefore the sin CANNOT be 'suicide, murder or divorce' as some claim!

The evangelistic 'equation' that this sin represents the 'final rejection' of the Holy Spirit in His convicting work, is deviation from truth! For many reject this work without speaking anything, & when they do speak they do not speak against the Holy Spirit, & when they do some have been saved later!

The verses Matthew 12v22-32, NEED to be interpreted alongside Mark 3v28-30...

In Mark 3v30 the Holy Spirit Himself 'defines' what this 'unpardonable sin' is...

Mr 3:28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 <u>But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:</u>

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

In Mark 3v30 it is saying that Jesus Christ HAS an unclean spirit!

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth showing His 'credentials' (John 2v23) as proof of Him being the Messiah & it occurs at the crisis of the kingdom-'QUESTION' (i.e. v28), it was then that the 'unpardonable sin' was committed! The signs, wonders & miracles were present then, & therefore this 'unpardonable sin' in regard to the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost could only be committed when Christ was on earth; it cannot be committed in our day i.e. the 'dispensation of grace.'

What do you & I look upon?

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Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. **Selah.** (Psalm 62v8)

When was the last time you *poured out* your heart to God?

'THE STANDARD; IT'S HERE!'

(The Advert Read in the 'Christian Marketplace' Magazine)

What another NEW Bible? You guessed it! 'The complete edition of the translation so accurate (here we go again!), yet so inspiring to read (my foot!), it literally sets the standard for generations to come (give us a break!). Twenty years in the making (what a waste of time!), the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSV) is the work of 100 scholars (WOW!) collaborating (apt word! - To co-operate willingly & traitorously with the ENEMY - according to Webster's dictionary!) on-line, in real time, with the benefit of the latest breakthroughs in Bible scholarship (WOW!). No other translation comes so close to faithfully representing the original language texts (unbelievable HOGWASH!). Look for the 'Holman Christian Standard Version' at your favourite bookstore or call John Ritchie Ltd... (I wouldn't bother!)' Yes another MONEY making racket from deceived 'Christians' who put scholarship above God's ability to PRESERVE His word PERFECT in the Authorised Version! (Read Mal 2v12 & Psalm 119v99!) This NEW CORRUPT 'Bible' may last a few years, and then it will DIE like the rest of these counterfeits! John Ritchie ought to know better, but then again we live in a day & age where MONEY talks, even among Christians! Don't get sucked in! Stay well clear of this COUNTERFEIT 'Bible' & stick to the PERFECT BOOK; the Authorised Version! For more information on the version issue please write to us!

Holland Business Trip!

Well I flew to Holland 25th August on a two day business trip to meet our suppliers for the company I'm working for. It was a pleasant trip & I am returning again for an international sales meeting in October. I must confess that I'm not a great lover of flying & just before setting off on our return flight the captain spoke via the speaker saying that the air conditioner wasn't working properly & then went on to say something about the left hand engine; we all looked at each other! Just as we took off someone screamed out 'Jesus Christ!'

Whether this was because he was calling upon the Lord or whether he was using the Lord's name as blasphemy I do not know, but I too was calling upon the Lord & He answered my prayer & brought me home safely to my beloved wife. We don't like being apart from each other & it was great to see her smiling face as she ran to meet me when I arrived. When I was above the clouds I thought yet again how awesome the Lord is & how little man is. One day YOU (& I) are going to meet The Lord Jesus Christ face to face; that my friends will be the BEST day, or the WORST day of your life depending upon whether you are saved or not!

Work Update!

So far so good! My boss seems a reasonable guy for a change; I hope he stays that way! Already I have had a couple of opportunities to talk to him about my Christian faith, please continue to pray for Mike. The Lord has already blessed me with some good initial orders. The area I cover is as follows... Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Birmingham, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Midlands, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, South Yorkshire & West Yorkshire! Quite an area! Many of the places I visit are beautiful. Mike has also asked whether I would be interested in covering the Channel Islands again. (Is the Pope catholic?)

One Sunday Gospel Meeting!

I had the pleasure of speaking at the Sunday gospel meeting at Hope Chapel recently. We involved some of the youth in song, reading the Scriptures & Joe gave his testimony. The Lord really blessed our time together & many I'm sure were challenged by the word of God. Please pray that the Lord will continue to convince & convict those who sit under gospel preaching week in & week out that they will soon come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

Jesus The I Am! – What Great Verses!

Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, <u>I am</u> with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Joh 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that <u>I am</u> he, ye shall die in your sins.

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Joh 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Joh 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Joh 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Joh 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Joh 15:5 <u>I am the vine</u>, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Joh 18:6 As soon then as he had said unto them, <u>I am he</u>, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Note Jesus said 'I am he' seven times in the book of John!

The New World Order! Colin has written an article regarding the New World Order, which I think you will find interesting. Unfortunately it was too long for our newsletter so if you want a copy please drop us a line & we'll post it out to you.

Please Pray!

For Peter Yates who has been ill much this year; Pam (Donna's friend in Wales) who desperately needs a touch of healing from the Lord; for Pastor Moses in South India that all his needs shall be met; for David Q in the Isle of Man for his tracting ministry; Joe O'Brien for his continued growth as a new Christian & Steve his brother who needs the Lord as his Saviour; for Adina & her family – her mother has passed away recently. Adina is a young girl from our Sunday Bible class who was doing really well in her growth with the Lord but sadly we haven't seen her for a few months now. Please continue to pray for Donna & her arthritis & her dad with his Parkinson's disease. Don't forget our USA friends in prison!

Materialism!

Read the following verses...

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: <u>for a man's life</u> <u>consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.</u>

- 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
- 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
- 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
- 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
- 22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
- 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.
- 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
- 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
- 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
- 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
- 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

I wonder how much needless time we spend worrying about money & possessions? If we only would trust the Lord more regarding these things I am sure we would have a lot more peace in this life & would be much more active & effective in evangelism. Now read the passages again & then read 1 Timothy 6v1-12. Are we too wrapped up with money & possessions?

ONLY 12 Boxes of "You Asked The Question!" Remaining!

We have ONLY 12 boxes (200 per box) of "You Asked The Question!" booklets remaining before we place our next order of 10,000. As previously stated these can be purchased at 30 pence each – i.e. COST PRICE! So if you are involved with evangelism & want a booklet that is straight down the line yet written out of love then this is the booklet for you! Postage at COST!

Beware Christadelphians are very 'active' at present! – If only Christians were!

I have noticed over the last 6 months that the Christadelphian CULT has been very active in 'evangelism'. One of their CULT assembly branches in Kings Heath has had a marquee erected seeking to entice people to come into their 'friendly' place with a large bold sign trying to reach the passers by. The Kidderminster branch has had a GRANT from the Wyre Forest District Council to run a Bible exhibition in the Town Hall. They then finish up with a concert which includes 'extracts' from Handel's Messiah! Notice it is ONLY extracts; they dare NOT include the parts that teach Jesus Christ came as GOD made manifest in the flesh etc. The Christadelphian CULT denies the deity of The Lord Jesus Christ; the existence of a literal Hell or Heaven etc. Their 'gospel' is a gospel of WORKS & NOT grace! If you would like further details on this CULT please write to me & I'll post you some information. John 8v24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

If YOU Don't Tell Them Who Will?

Are your neighbours Christians? Are your work colleagues Christians? Are your relatives Christians? If YOU don't give them the gospel WHO WILL? Let us all try that little bit harder, be that little bit bolder & try to reach these lost folk with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lovely Loving 'Christian' Kingston Bible Trust – Such 'Gracious Lovely' People! I Trow Not!

Due to my new job Donna sent the last TfT! Newsletter out (i.e. Issue unfortunately forgot to delete Malcolm Withell (Kingston Bible Trust) from our mailing list. He had requested to come off twice before due to me pointing out that he & his organisation did not have a FINAL **AUTHORITY!** Well he returned the newsletters we sent him & wrote a 'lovely Christian' message on the back of the envelope. It read... 'We have asked before for you to stop sending us your vitriolic, (meaning - derived from a vitriol. Corrosive, burning or caustic i.e. anything that is sharp or caustic as sarcasm!) unchristian, flippant, ridiculous drivel. Will you please therefore now stop sending us your vitriolic, unchristian, flippant, ridiculous drivel, as it goes straight into the bin. I wonder how many sincere, Bible-led Christians have been stumbled by the activities of you & your ilk (race, class or kind i.e. BIBLE BELIEVERS! Amen brother Amen!).' Now I'm only guessing but I think Malcolm 'really' doesn't want our newsletter anymore? Unfortunately Malcolm, who has NO FINAL AUTHORITY, is upset because he cannot point to God's Holy, PERFECT & Preserved Word & because of this is leading other blind people into a very deep & dark ditch! When you have NO FINAL AUTHORITY you start teaching erroneous doctrine like 'there is NO burning in Hell forever' etc. I do have one rope-ladder left from the previous batch of newsletters, which he is welcome to, if he wants it, but I do fear that pride has got the better of this deceived 'young' man! - 1 Pet 2v2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: He does write a nice letter though with some 'big' words; well done 'little' Malcolm you'll get there in the end, or will you? It's a bit of a joke him putting the words Bible & Trust next to each other in his 'organisations' title when they neither TRUST nor KNOW where THE Bible is; very apt! Keep reading Malcolm-baby & asking the Lord to guide you INTO the TRUTH - If you need any help just call! So long fella!

Interesting...

The Lord didn't choose one woman when He chose the 12 apostles; they were all men! Why?

Not one woman was used to record ANY book of the Bible! Why?

Bishops, elders, pastors & deacons are ALL men according to the Scriptures! Why? There are NO 'deaconesses' in the Scriptures!

<u>Question Time</u> – I would really like to read your answers to the following questions, <u>especially</u> questions 1, 2 & 6. *Please back up all answers with Scripture!*

- 1) Should a woman pray ALOUD in the church? (I've not heard a good answer to this one from anyone yet!)
- 2) Should a woman read the Scriptures ALOUD in the church?
- 3) What is wrong when a preacher states 'The Greek says' OR 'In the original it says...'
- 4) How many of each animal went on board Noah's ark & WHY?
- 5) What does 1 Cor 7v14 mean?
- 6) Is Abraham's Bosom empty today? If so what about Mat 27v52 i.e. 'many?' What about the rest? Don't bother trying to answer this one Barney! Devotion, devotion & more devotion how about some devotion?
- 7) What are the Urim and the Thummim? Exodus 28v30
- 8) Would you eat a cake that had a 'little' poison in it? Would you 'feed' upon a TV & keep one in your house that had 'MUCH' poison on it? How many Christians watch things they ought not? What have you seen recently that you know you would not watch had the Lord been sitting beside you?
- 9) Can you prove FROM THE SCRIPTURES that the 'Rapture' will be secret?
- 10) When was the last time you personally witnessed to someone?

The 'Panel'

Webster's dictionary definition – 'A small group of persons assembled for judging discussion etc.' As anyone who runs a newsletter will tell you, many people write in asking questions & seeking answers to all kinds of things. If you would be interested in answering some of the questions I get sent please let me know & I shall post you some out. I will try to print some of your answers in each newsletter. Pr 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Pr 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

A Challenge from Moscow!

'The gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same, it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful & you Christians are numbered by the millions. But if you remember the story of Gideon & his 300 men, you will understand I am right! We communists do not play with words. We are realists, & seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries & wages, we keep only that which is strictly necessary & we give the rest to propaganda purposes. To

propaganda we also consecrate all our free time & a part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time & hardly any money for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can you believe in the supreme value of the gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, & if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message, & we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our lives, in order that our cause shall triumph. But you Christians are afraid to soil your hands. – A Communist. (Thanks Mr Aiken!)

Your Local Member of Parliament!

Have you sent your local MP a gospel tract or booklet? Worth dropping him a line especially the way things are going on in society today! The gospel is our only hope! Do it today! Dr Richard Taylor MP responded saying "Dear Mr & Mrs Davis, Thank you for your letter & for a copy of the booklet you have published. I shall be interested to read it & am grateful to you for sending it. With best wishes."

A letter that touched my heart!

John Otoo from Ghana wrote 'I greet you at this hour in Christ Jesus & will appreciate to extend my greetings to all brethren you have been working with. In fact I have learnt a lot of the gospel through the books you published from friends & now I have determined to know you personally. For this will be most advantageous for me to ask questions that I do not understand. I once learnt from your tract entitled 'Who Cares?' & my soul was really touched. Through all this I learnt that Christ is always interceding for us. I am therefore appealing to you to send me some of the tracts & also some books if possible. May God grant you his wisdom & knowledge to increase in his work. I also hope it would be great to hear from you. Amen.' I was really blessed when reading John's letter & we have sent him some reading material & added him to our mailing list. If you would like to write to John & encourage him, his address is John Otto, PO BOX 90, Sekondi, Ghana. I'm sure he would love to receive letters & reading material from other Christians.

Discipleship Group!

My favourite meeting of all! Two & a half hours of interactive Bible study. We have character studies, role plays, question & answer sessions, topical studies etc. The youngsters love it & so do we! I'm sure some of our 14 year olds could hold a spiritual conversation with anyone! The students are tracting regularly & witnessing where they can i.e. school, college & work etc. We hold these meetings once a month on a Saturday evening; if you are 25 years or 'younger' & would be interested in attending please write to me.

NEW 'He Loves You!' Cards! (In yellow!)

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have taken delivery of another 10,000 'He Loves You!' tract cards. They are excellent quality & I have enclosed one in each newsletter! If you would like some please write & let us know. They are free of charge! Thank you Mark & Nena for producing these professional looking cards!

Hellier Street Tracting!

We have finally started our Gospel Hall. We took a team leaflets around the area. God will convict sinners of turn to Him for forgiveness. the guy on the end!



outreach at Hellier Street of 5 & distributed 750 gospel Please pray that the word of their need of the Saviour & By the way, Joe O'Brien is

Jack & Eddie

Well the 'boys' are still running riot & getting up to all kinds of mischief! I think Jack, who was born in the Midlands (*Barney country! – says it all doesn't it! – how about some 'devotion?'*) & is very 'street wise', has been teaching Eddie some right naughty tricks! Donna is forever chasing them up trees, through next doors hedge & occasionally over the roof! *Sometimes I wonder if it's Donna who is the trouble maker!*

Women Priests!

Recently I re-read a leaflet called 'Women Priests' by Graham Harrison; I thought it excellent & have sent off for a 100 copies. If you would like one free of charge please drop me a line. If you have women priests, deacons, elders, pastors, bishops etc. in your town (or church!) then this would be a good leaflet to post to them!

Stop Blaspheming Boss!

My boss, who is a 'Roman Catholic', used to 'blaspheme' considerably! I pulled him up on it & asked him why he kept taking the Lord's name in vain? I said if you have to use a name why not use 'your' Pope John Paul's? I heard him on the phone the other day to a customer & he went to blaspheme (& knew I was present) & said 'Oh Pope John Paul!' — I just smiled! Pray he gets saved & his wife!

What's Important to You?

This month we've spent quite a lot of time at trade shows. Twice we have been to the NEC & once to Olympia Hall down in London. We mixed with the business world & saw some sights! One evening we joined with another couple who own a business & went out to dinner. The woman was probably one of the foulest mouthed women I've ever heard & both seemed to be on the brink of alcoholism. introduced herself as having an affair with her boss at work & after him then splitting up with his wife & kids, moved in with her! Well you can picture the scene & it wasn't pretty; but how do you turn the conversation around? Donna & I had prayed that we would be good witnesses for the Lord & now we were in the 'thick of it' & we needed to shine the Light! opportunity arose & we grasped it! "So why don't you & Donna drink then?" Excellent! "Because we are Christians!" "But Christians drink!" "Well we believe Christians shouldn't!" (AND WE DO BELIEVE THAT WHOLEHEARTEDLY!!!) Then the guy went on about how he used to go to a Pentecostal church but couldn't get hold of

all that speaking in tongues etc. (I was with him there & thought about dear old Barney straight away! If only he would listen! If only he had the courage to come over & watch a video! Poor ol Barney!) Then the conversation started to get quite deep spiritually; differences between religions, what was right & wrong, the Bible, etc. I went straight for the heart! "It's all about sin!" I said! We are all sinners & we need our sins forgiven & it is ONLY the Lord Jesus Christ who can forgive our sins! My boss just sat there listening; so did this guy's 'partner!' We clearly gave the gospel & just left it with the Lord – may God save them! What a mess people get themselves into! A lady wrote to me recently saying that when I am back in FULL TIME ministry etc. I corrected her! I am in FULL TIME ministry & so are YOU! Our mission field is where we are! I'm a missionary in the business world; at present it is where the Lord has led me. I can't say I enjoy the business world but it is where the Lord would have us for the time being. If we don't reach these folk WHO WILL? Where is your mission field? Who are you trying to reach with the gospel?

What Are You Doing In Your Church?

How are you helping? What jobs do you do? Are you an encouragement to others? Do you offer your services/talents? When was the last time you invited the 'lonely' over for a meal? When was the last time you helped someone out financially without holding a grudge for the next 5 years! ("Well I gave them a gift of £40 once!" – Bully, bully! I bet that kept them going for years!) Let us learn to give & share as the Lord wants us to! What is your church spending the majority of its money on; literature for the lost; missionaries, or material items for image? If you're not very good at giving I suggest two things... 1) Read the Scriptures much more! 2) Listen to Keith Green's music – every song he ever wrote – that will stir your hearts up!

Tape Ministry- We're getting there Slowly!

Well I've completed one side of the next tape, I hope to complete the other very soon & then post them out. Thanks for your patience!

Not Many Friends?

At times in our Christian life we all feel as if we haven't many friends who really understand; who really care! But the Lord does – how wonderful that is! He cares for you & for me! I love the Lord Jesus Christ; I can't thank Him enough for loving a wretched sinner like myself! My wife & I want to serve Him the best we can; we want to give our lives to serve Him in every way possible. I let Him down so often but He always gets me back on my feet & back on the way – I love Him! I want to thank all of you who write to us encouraging us. I want to thank you for the letters that arrive just at the right time! I want to thank you for the materials you send; the booklets, articles, news, books, & tapes etc. Let us keep encouraging each other as this world comes to an end & as the Lord Jesus Christ comes for His church – NEVER GIVE UP – FIGHT ON WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT! If you love the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, if you love the word of God, you're our friend & we are yours – WE LOVE YOU!

Advice for the Young!

I'm now going to give a piece of advice to all those who shall be venturing out into the working world soon & I expect that 99.9% of those concerned will not take heed to this advice, but maybe one in a million will, & if so, it shall have been worth it! 'Don't seek a career, don't seek to earn lots of money; just seek to serve the Lord. Earn what is necessary for you to live on & give your entire life to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in every way you possibly can. Ask Him to lead & guide you in every decision you make & every road you walk down. DO NOT SEEK A CAREER; DO NOT SEEK RICHES OR FAME!' If you follow that small piece of advice you will know more peace & happiness than 99.9% of Christians will ever know! So often we get too wrapped up in the world i.e. work & careers, that we do not want to go back to 'humble beginnings' because of pride; therefore do NOT let pride get the upper hand! Stay humble & walk with the Lord. I am sorry if this goes against your teachers, your parents and your pastors etc. but it has been on my heart much of late – I pass it on to you & leave it with you – maybe someone will hear the call of God through this? Seek the Lord as to what is right, don't take my word, or anyone else's, SEEK THE LORD!

We're being brainwashed!

Just outside my office at work we have had some 'racking' put up to help out with the shortage of space. The lads in the warehouse have been working outside my office for the past week shifting stuff around & while doing so they were listening to their radio. The station they had on was Radio 1. I have never liked this station & after listening to it on & off for the past few days I now know why! It is laced with subliminal messages in the music they play; it is saturated with the DJ's sexual innuendos & sex is the theme that is running through this station constantly! Later on the DJ announced a song they were about to play from Marilyn Manson's album! That was it, I went outside & switched it off! I said to Donna that we are constantly being brainwashed by the media & music industry. No wonder we have so many sexual crimes etc. in this day & age. Radio 1 also promoted the 'gay' scene as normal; utter filth! I hope not one of you Christians out there listen to this satanic radio station! While in a shop today I heard a song saying that Jesus was a black man etc. Folks everywhere we go we are bombarded by Satan's devices! The only way to stay pure in this world of filth is to saturate yourself in the word of God & prayer!

GOD Wrote The Bible!

There is NO WAY that man could be author of the Scriptures, NO WAY! The Bible is constructed on a marvellous numeric design running through its every conceivable detail; that design could not have originated with man, nor have been carried out by man; that the numeric system on which it is built is similar to the mathematical schemes observed in nature in the heavens above, or in the earth around man. And that this numeric design insures its text against errors & interpolations (i.e. to alter, as a manuscript, by the insertion of new or unauthorised matter; corrupt). I.P.

Ivan Panin wrote a letter to the New York 'Sun' regarding the inspiration of the Scriptures – scientifically demonstrated... 'Sir, in today's Sun Mr W.R. Laughlin calls for a 'champion of orthodoxy' to step into the arena of the Sun & give him some FACTS! Here are some FACTS... 1) The first 17 verses of the NT contain the genealogy of Jesus Christ. The genealogy consists of 2 parts; verses 1-11 contain the genealogy from Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, to the captivity, when the Jews ceased to be an independent people. Verses 12-17 contain the genealogy from the captivity to the Christ. Let us examine the first part of this genealogy...

Its vocabulary has 49 words, or 7 sevens, of which 42, or 6 sevens, are nouns; & 7 are not nouns. Of the 42 nouns 35, or 5 sevens, are Proper names, & 7 are common nouns. Of the 35 proper names, 28, or 4 sevens, are male ancestors of Jesus, & 7 are not. The 49 words of the vocabulary are distributed alphabetically thus: Words under the first five letters of the Greek alphabet are 21 in number, or 3 sevens; under the second five letters, 14, or 2 sevens; under the next eleven letters, also 14, or 2 sevens. Again: These words have 266 letters, or 38 sevens; & these also are distributed alphabetically, not at random, but by sevens; thus words under the first three letters have 84 letters, 12 sevens; under the fourth letter, 7; under the fifth & sixth, 21, or 3 sevens; under the eighth, 70, or 10 sevens; under the tenth, eleventh, & twelfth, 21, or 3 sevens; under the thirteenth, 7; under the fifteenth to the twenty-first, 49 or 7 sevens; under the twenty-second, 7. It is thus clear that this part of the genealogy is constructed on an elaborate design of sevens.

Let us now turn to the genealogy as a whole. I will not weary your readers with recounting all the numerical phenomena displayed therein. Pages alone would exhaust them. I will point out only one feature. The Greeks had no figures, but used instead the letters of their alphabet. Their first letter stood for 1; their second for 2 etc. Every Greek word is thus an arithmetical sum obtained by adding the values of its letters. The vocabulary of the entire genealogy contains 72 words. If we write its numeric value against each of these 72 words, & add them, we obtain for their sum, 42,364, or 6,052 sevens; & these 6,052 sevens are distributed alphabetically, not at random, but by sevens.

It is thus clear that not only are the first eleven verses of this genealogy constructed on an elaborate design of sevens, but the entire genealogy is also thus constructed. One other feature: The 72 vocabulary words of this genealogy occur in 90 forms. If we add the numeric values of these 90 forms we get 54,075, or 7,725 sevens, with corresponding distribution into 7 alphabetical groups of sevens.

Let Mr Laughlin sit down & try to write some 300 words intelligently like this genealogy, & reproduce some numeric phenomena of equal or like design!'

What a Book! God wrote that Book & if you have an AUTHORISED VERSION in your hand you have a copy of that Book, PRESERVED PERFECT! If you don't, get one as fast as you can! You can have 100% confidence in the AV — it is THE WORD OF GOD! Like I said before, WHAT A BOOK!

Time to Fill In 'Your' Personal Survey...

How old are you?	Are you content at present?
When did you get saved?	Are you looking forward to the Lord's return?
How did you get saved?	Are you in the will of God?
Since you were saved what have you been doing for the Lord?	How do you know you are in the will of God at present?
What is your aim in life?	What are you plans for the future?
How many times have you read the Bible from cover to cover?	What touches your heart & why?
Who is your mentor & why?	What is hindering your Christian walk at present & why?
Who are you a mentor to?	On a scale of 1 – 10 (1 being the closest!) how close to the Lord are you?
Do you attend your church's Bible study? If not why not?	What is Love?
Do you attend your church's prayer meeting? If not why not?	Can you explain why so many Christians seem so cold towards reaching the lost souls of this world today?
Who did you last encourage & how?	How could you get to know the Lord better?

Backsliding?

Since the last newsletter, have you backslidden in your Christian walk? Do you know why? What are you doing to get back where you should be? Run to Him NOW! Many Christians I know around me have left their love for the Lord & His work; it's so sad! You know who you are; but why?

Thinking about Your Next Step?

Have you asked the Lord what to do? Have you asked the Lord where He wants you? Have you really? Pray that He will lead & guide you so you won't make a mistake! Don't rush! Seek Him! Read His word & ask Him to reveal what is right! Then, & only then, make your next move!

You will be held accountable!

If you are a Christian teacher/preacher & you do NOT preach & teach from the Authorised Version Bible i.e. THE WORD OF GOD, you are teaching error & you are a tool in the Devil's hand without even realising it!

Now think about that for a while & consider the following...

- 1) The total alterations in the wording of the NIV, with respect to the AV1611 are 5615 words omitted & 1090 words added! PSR
- 2) The NIV & ALL other Bible 'translations/versions' are based on CORRUPT manuscripts, which ALL attack vital doctrines found in the word of God!
- 3) There has NEVER been & NEVER will be a REVIVAL (which so many Pentecostals 'harp on' about in these last days!) based on a CORRUPT Bible! NO AV, NO REVIVAL! It's as simple as that! Finney & Sunday between them led 1,500,000 souls to Christ basing their preaching upon the AV! What NIV or other 'modern bible' preacher can you compare to these two men? The success Billy Graham had was when he based his preaching upon the AV; unfortunately his organisation has succumbed to satanic versions now therefore THE POWER HAS GONE!
- 4) Dr Peter Trumper writes... 'Reading the preface of the NIV... We are told that Anglican, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Brethren, Christian Reformed, Church of Christ, Evangelical Free, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Wesleyan & other churches helped to safeguard the translation from sectarian bias.' That is quite a cross section! And who are the 'other churches?' The TBS answered that question in their Quarterly Record... 'Advice was sought from Jewish, Roman Catholic & atheistic scholars, according to a news release by the publishers.' Attention must also be drawn to the fact, although the NIV professes to be an evangelical translation, the Greek text on which it is mainly based was not prepared by evangelical scholars but by the editors of the United Bible Societies (UBS) Greek New Testament. The UBS editors included several who deny the inerrancy of Holy Scriptures, working in co-operation with a Roman Catholic Cardinal, Carlo Martini. The soundness of a translation which relies upon such a source must be questioned by every one of the NIV's evangelical readers! (O BIBLIOS)

There is just so much we could say about these PERVERSION 'Bibles' but space limits us. If you would like more details please write. The evidence to this whole debate of Bible versions is overwhelming & if you use any other Bible other than the AV to preach & teach from, YOU HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN DECEIVED BY THE DEVIL BUT YOU ARE DECEIVING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING! YOU SHALL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE! God wrote ONE Book & promised to preserve it — I have a copy; do you?

Time for Truth! Welcomes King of the 'Zippers!'

Well I never would have believed it! The 'Zipper king' from Amblecote 'Pentecostal' church (one of Barney's friends!) has asked to go on the mailing list-boy, life's full of surprises! He does read from a CORRUPT PERVERSION but we are hoping that he will grow up soon & switch from his children's edition (i.e. NIV) & turn to the TWOEDGED SWORD (i.e. the AV). Welcome aboard 'Zipper man!' (Who killed Goliath Zipper man? – read 2 Sam 21v19)

DG Training Pays Off!

Chris & Joe from our DG have formed quite a team! Chris preached one Sunday night & Joe gave his testimony. Keep it going lads & keep encouraging each other in your walk with the Lord. Every time you meet why not read a chapter of the Scriptures together & then have a talk about what you've read. Perhaps you READER could find someone to read the Scriptures with each week/month? Joe is doing just great in his walk with the Lord. Chris is also growing all the time. (By the way Mr O'Brien I'm still waiting for my CD's!)

Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Mat 16v13)

- 1) Mary Baker Eddy (founder of Christian Science) said "You must recognise that Jesus is not God!"
- 2) Yasser Arafat (leader of the PLO) "Jesus was the first Palestinian fedayeen who carried his sword"
- 3) Paul Yonggi Cho (Pastor of the world's largest church Barney's is 2nd!) "You create the presence of Jesus with your mouth...He is bound by your lips & by your words...Remember that Christ is depending upon you & your spoken word to release His presence"
- 4) Benny Hinn (Barney's hero!) "Don't tell me you have Jesus. You ARE everything He was & everything He is & ever shall be..."
- 5) Mahatma Gandhi (Same hairstyle as Barney!) "I cannot say that Jesus was uniquely divine. He was as much God as Krishna, Rama, Mohammed or Zoroaster."
- 6) Louis Farrakkan (leader of the nation of Islam) "You don't have to look anywhere for Jesus. I represent Him...Who is Jesus, who is Elijah? Jesus & Elijah are one in the same...I am that Elijah that was to come & now is"
- 7) Joseph Smith (founder of Mormonism MORON!) "I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam...Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor Jesus ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such a work as I..."
- 8) John Lennon (DOUBLE MORON!) "We're more popular than Jesus now..."

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14v6)

Getting to the Root of the Matter!

I was on the road recently with the guy who installs merchandisers for us. He has travelled around the world, worked on oil-rigs, & is a designer/inventor; quite a character! He knows I'm a Christian & started to ask me questions about the Bible class we take. For the next hour we talked about spiritual things; the Bible, the gospel, the Lord dying as our sacrificial substitute, the lamb in the OT compared to The Lamb in the NT, the meaning of life, heaven, hell, creation, evolution & 'transitional' fossils! By the end he knew exactly where he would go if he died without having his sins forgiven. He was extremely open & honest in his questions & answers! I so enjoyed the conversation & at the end of the day he said that he had really enjoyed our talk & it had given him much to think about.

The Boss's Mother!

She is a self made millionaire & a right fiery character! I met her for the first time at the GLEE exhibition at the NEC; I'd been warned about her! I was introduced & I said 'Hello!' She said 'I hear you are religious!' What a start! For the next 2 minutes without drawing breath I gave her the gospel RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES! Later on she called me to the side & said she was a Roman Catholic & prayed to the saints. After another brief discussion I said she was completely wasting her time & needed to ask the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins, & in future, ONLY pray to Him! The next day she came into my office, closed the door & sat down; "I've kicked all the saints out & will ONLY pray to the Lord Jesus!' What an amazing comment to make; thank you Lord! Please pray for Mary that the Lord will save help her.

Friday Club Debate!

Recently at the Friday youth group we had a debate...'Does God exist, yes or no?' It was really profitable & both parties involved came up with some deep questions & excellent answers, often times backed up by Scripture!

Christianity v Every Religion / Cult!

With all the people, from various religions, sects & cults, we meet daily in our lives; the question that often comes up is 'What is the difference between Christianity & every other religion?' Well it all comes back to the question regarding SIN! How can I have my sins FORGIVEN? Do I have to WORK for my salvation? EVERY religion & cult in the world is working towards salvation; you must **DO** this or that to make it! But with Christianity, the Lord Jesus Christ has **DONE** it all to save us & all we have to 'do' is believe & trust what He said & did! He is the unspeakable gift which we either accept or reject. I cannot work or earn my place in heaven & I can not work to have my sins forgiven; I trust what the Lord did & rest upon it! These next few Scriptures will help clear up any questions you may have regarding this subject...

- 1) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8&9)
- 2) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3v5-7)
- 3) Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal 3v21-29)
- 4) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14v6)
- 5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Tim 2v5)

Donna's Outstanding Record!

She must be in the Guinness Book of Records by now? Yet 'again' she has reversed the car into a brick wall! I have lost count of how many times she has done this; surely she deserves a special prize? Does she do it for fun or is she testing what sort of character her husband is I ask myself? As usual I kept calm, walked over towards her & gazed into her lovely sparkling blue eyes... 'Don't worry my darling, accidents will happen; then I gave her a good smack in the kisser!'

Some Good Quotes Regarding SIN!

- 1) If we cover our sin, God will uncover it; if we uncover our sin TO GOD, He will cover it with His blood!
- 2) Sin must be dealt with in one of two ways PUNISHMENT or PARDON!
- 3) Do not blame God for the harvest when YOU do the sowing!
- 4) By yielding to temptation, one may lose in a moment what it took him a lifetime to gain!
- 5) Sin in a Christian's life makes a coward of him!
- 6) The lust of the flesh is a consuming desire TO DO. The lust of the eyes is a compelling urge TO HAVE. The pride of life is a constant thrust TO BE!
- 7) Christ died for sin; the believer dies to sin; the unbeliever dies IN SIN!

Why are churches 'dying?'

- 1) Lack of good leadership Where are the Spirit filled men that lead our churches today? Where are the men who put God FIRST? Where are the men who do not seek their own will but the Lord's? Where are the men who do NOT abuse the power given to them? (Read Ezekiel 34 + Jeremiah 3v15)
- 2) No vision Where is your church going; what are the aims & goals? What vision does your church have for the future? (Pro 29v18)
- 3) Corrupt Bible versions God is NOT the author of confusion & He wrote ONE Book so why do we have over 100 different versions all saying 'different' things & contradicting each other? (Ps 12v6+7) If any more 'preachers' slip through the net at Hellier Street, I'm going to fish somewhere else!!! (Did you catch that Bilko?)
- 4) Materialism Why do so many Christians love their possessions more than they do the word of God, the church & even the Lord? We are too well-off these days; we can't remember what it is like to go hungry or not to have a roof over our head. (Mark 8v36 + Col 3v1+2)
- 5) Lack of commitment We turn up when WE want to & do what WE want rather than being committed! (Col 3v17+23)
- 6) Lack of love for the Lord How much do we REALLY love the Lord Jesus Christ? How are we showing our love for the Lord? (John 21v15-17)
- 7) Lack of love for lost souls What are we doing to reach the lost; who have we tried to reach this last week/month/year? (Luke 19v10)
- 8) Pride ME, ME, ME! My way or NO way! Are we big headed? Are we arrogant? Are we trying to get one up on our brother or sister? Do we revel in their downfalls? How proud & arrogant are you; am I? How about letting someone else have their way for once? (Isa 14v12-15 + Pro 21v4 + Pro 8v13 + Ps 84v10 + Gal 6v3)
- 9) Shallowness No depth! Not grafted in the word of God! (Ps 119)
- 10) Selfishness always wanting your own way! (John 6v38)
- 11) Traditions of men We would rather do things the way we have always done them rather than the way the Scriptures teach! We don't want to offend anyone so we shall just carry on the way we have been! Are we like this or do we want truth above all else? (Mark 7v5,8,9,13 + Gal 1v14)
- 12) No interest in missionary work Who cares for those who have given up their secular work to go & serve the Lord overseas? Who cares for those who are serving the Lord in the preaching of the gospel, even in our own land? What missionary do YOU support PERSONALLY; what work are you financially contributing towards? (Pro 11v30)
- 13) Not giving We take but we don't give! What are you giving to the Lord & His work? Your time & energy, or is it all wrapped up IN THE WORLD? (2 Cor 9v7)

Have the above questions moved you at all or are you going to continue just as before — you couldn't care less? Do something different today; make a fresh start & DO SOMETHING FOR THE LORD! The above list is just a few reasons why I think churches are dying today!

Time is going so fast!

We can't believe how quickly this year has gone! The newsletters seem to come around so quickly; we hope you still enjoy them. We are always encouraged by YOUR letters & cards etc so please keep them coming. No matter where you are in the world, whatever situation you are in, keep witnessing for the Lord & sowing His seed everywhere you can. The Rapture is not too far away; let us keep running the race & doing good wherever possible; we are AMBASSADORS for the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth - 2 Cor 5v20. It is a privilege to be able to produce & distribute TfT! News & we thank the Lord for allowing us to do it. Let us continue to pray for each other as we seek to win the lost for the Lord. Keep up the great work! Your friends, John & Donna.

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A rare photo of me with hair!!!

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. (Pro 15v3)

I'M STAYING!

If you would like to continue to receive TfT! News please fill in the enclosed response form. We shall not be sending out TfT! News to those who do not return their form, with the exception of 'overseas' (i.e. outside of the UK!) If you have decided to come off the mailing list may we take this opportunity of thanking you for showing an interest in 'Time for Truth!'; we pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will continue to lead, guide & bless you. Those of you who are staying with us, we are probably in for a rough ride as the Lord's return approaches! Let us keep encouraging one another!

Please send all completed forms back to us at the above address
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Thanks!

The Big Picture!

David Norris, a staunch AV man, has written a book called 'The Big Picture.' Like 'O Biblios - The Book' (by Alan O'Reilly), this is another great book to add to your library. David Norris runs a ministry called 'AW' (Authentic Word) & I would suggest all TfT! readers write to him asking to be added to his mailing list. He'll certainly be a blessing to you. By the way if you haven't purchased O Biblios yet, you really are missing out on a blessing - order these 2 books TODAY! 1) 'Authentic Word' - PO BOX 22, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS12 4HR, England. 2) 'O Biblios' - can be obtained from The Covenant Publishing Ltd, for National Bible College, 121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL14 0HA. (Both addresses in UK)

Holland Again!

This time I stayed in a hunting lodge in a forest across the border in Germany; sounds picturesque doesn't it? What a lovely setting! I went for an international sales meeting with people representing the USA, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, etc. We represented England of course! One evening I had a 'seven' course meal! It was probably one of the fanciest (& yet the worst!) meals I've ever had! (Give me beans on toast any day!) I won't bore you with the details. On the whole I enjoyed the trip & my MD was a good laugh as usual. I did leave some tracts around including the train on which I travelled: I also had the chance to witness to the USA guy & a French lady. What amazed me was the whole meeting, even though many 'languages' were present, was in English! What a country we once were! What a country we are now!

Discipleship Group (DG) Holiday; Long Weekend Away!

For the 'full story' please see separate sheet; but what a weekend! Each day we had a 3 hour Bible study!!! Yes it was a holiday but the DG thrives on Bible studies! Each night the eight of us would all sit together in the lounge & open up our AV Bibles & away we would go! Our time was spent mostly in the Proverbs! On our last evening we had a question & answer session & this proved very profitable.

DG Tracting

We delivered another 500 gospel leaflets around Dudley before the Discipleship Group meeting. It was a great time of fellowship together. Please pray that souls will be saved! We have already had a response left on the mobile!

Work

Recently I was involved with interviewing a lady who shall be covering the South East region for the company. This is the first time I have had to run a sales team, please pray I do it well. We have also taken on an agent to cover the rural areas i.e. Devon & Cornwall; & shall be looking for a representative to cover North Yorkshire & 'above' shortly.

Pray, Pray, Pray!

For Stephen Scott-Pearson's wife who has recently undergone a brain tumour operation; pray for a full recovery! For Chris Richards (from the Protestant Alliance) as he travels the country preaching, teaching & lecturing; for Peter Yates, Eddie & Rose Geary for continued health & strength; Pam (Donna's friend in

Wales) who needs a touch from the Lord immediately; my dad who desperately needs the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour; William, the guy Joe, Chris & I witnessed to in Hereford on the DG holiday; pray for personal revival; pray too for our churches to really make an effort to reach the lost souls around them!

Newsletter Response!

Our best yet! THANK YOU to all those who wrote in! It is very encouraging knowing that 'TfT! News' *really* GETS READ! Thank you to all those who wrote encouraging letters, to those who wrote in answering the questions & to those who wrote in 'criticising;' we need all these types of letters!

TfT! Buys Church! -nearly!

While travelling recently Donna & I passed a beautiful country church which was up for sale. We thought what a great opportunity this would be of starting a work in this rural area. We 'dreamt' of having a 'Time for Truth!' HQ! It would be great for weekly/monthly meetings, conferences, training sessions, action weekends etc. We sent off for details; tempting? What do you reckon?

War against the AV!

More 'very strong' letters have come in against me & the stand I take in regard to the AV i.e. it being THE PERFECT & PRESERVED WORD OF GOD! I cannot believe how upset people get over this issue; they write ridiculous letters trying to prove error's in the word of God, *such buffoons!* Can't God give us His Book PERFECT? Who says He can't? If He is PERFECT why can't He give us His Book PERFECT? There is no logic in saying He can't, He is God! What 'little' people we are trying to prove GOD wrong! God originally gave His word to the human race PERFECT but now it has 'ERRORS' in it does it? Don't be ridiculous; God promised to preserve His word PERFECT & I have a copy in my hand – it is called THE AUTHORISED VERSION!

Time for Truth! APOLOGISES to King of the Zippers!

If only we had known! I met Zipper Man years ago at Barney's house. At that time we had a 'heated' discussion regarding the NIV & NKJV, so much so that I ended up dragging him off the sofa, pinning him to the floor & 'tickling' him until he admitted he was wrong! (That's the way to deal with all Bible correctors; with the exception of a certain few i.e. Penfold, The Kingston 'Bible Trust' etc; I would like to give them more than a 'tickle!') It must have worked as I recently had a letter from him stating that he was now an AV 'reader' PRAISE THE LORD! So if you know of anyone who reads a PERVERSION I suggest you do as I did! Well done Zipper Man we're proud of you! (Now all Zipper Man needs to do is come out from 'among them' (i.e. the charismaniacs!) & join a sound Biblical church i.e. one that does NOT preach & teach from the NIV! Oh no, do I see another apology coming on?) By the way Barney & Zipper Man, TONGUES HAVE CEASED! (Just thought I'd let you know!)

THE WORD for the Rich!

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (Mat 19v23+24) We have had 5,000 tract cards printed with appropriate Scripture texts on, aimed at the UNSAVED rich! If you would like some of these cards to distribute please drop us a line - they are FREE OF CHARGE! Too many people TRUST in their wealth as security today; they feel they need NOTHING or NO ONE, just MONEY! Let us distribute these cards everywhere including businesses, which are often neglected by Christians BUT 'targeted' by Jehovah's Witnesses! A sample is enclosed for you! For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4v12)

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. (Pro 8v8+9)

Sermon Number 9 - what a sermon!!!

Well I'm now on my 11th sermon in the Pastoral Epistles (I'm up to 1 Timothy Chapter 3); but it was number 9 that caused all the 'fireworks' & guess what text caused all the eruption? 1Tim 2v11+12 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. What a mess the church is in with regard to the woman's role! The world has had such an influence on the church & the devil has done his job well pushing the woman FORWARD & OUT OF PLACE as he did with Eve in the garden! If you're not sure about women preachers, teachers, 'deaconesses' etc, I suggest you write in requesting a copy of sermon number 9 as soon as possible! It will help clear up any confusion you may have as to women & the 'leadership' role in church. Let us stand upon the Bible rather than being a cowardly milk sop kind of Christian. Let us preach the truth in love, & stand upon the Bible as THE PERFECT, PRESERVED WORD OF GOD which is THE FINAL AUTHORITY! There is no such thing as a woman pastor, elder or deacon IN THE SCRIPTURES! Pentecostal teaching on this subject is as effective as a *chocolate kettle* & is as helpful as a *handbrake in a canoe!*

It is interesting to note the following FACTS from the Bible

- 1) Adam was FIRST formed THEN Eve!
- 2) Christ didn't choose one woman when He chose the 12 apostles, they were ALL men; even when Judas fell & was replaced, it was with a man & not a woman!
- 3) Not one woman was used to record any book of the Scriptures
- 4) Bishops, elders, pastors & deacons are ALL male roles according to Scripture!
- 5) There is no such thing as a 'deaconess' in the Scriptures!
- 6) There is NOT one woman preacher mentioned in the NT church according to the Scriptures!
- 7) Not one sermon preached in the Bible was preached by a woman!
- 8) In Acts 6v1-4 when the 12 apostles chose 7 people to take some of the burden from them so they could continue to give themselves to prayer & to the ministry of the word, they chose 7 MFN
- 9) Moses was told to gather 70 MEN And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. (Num 11v16+17)
- 10) Moses was told to send out MEN to spy out the land of Canaan Num 13v1-3 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <u>Send thou men</u>, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: <u>of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.</u> And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: <u>all those men were heads of the children of Israel.</u>
- 11) The serpent was in the garden before Adam but he never tried to deceive Adam, he went straight for the woman when she came onto the scene, why?
- 12) When the Bible talks about the gathering together of the saints i.e. in the church, the assembly, it always insists upon male leadership & that has never been a problem UNTIL this Laodicean Church Age!
- 13) God's chosen people, the nation of Israel, descended FROM Patriarchs & NOT Matriarchs they did NOT descend from Sarah, Rebecca & Rachel, they descended from Abraham, Isaac & Iacob
- 14) God established the Messianic line through Kings & NOT Queens
- 15) When God Almighty came into this world in the flesh He came as a MAN & NOT a woman
- 16) The Scriptures state plainly that the woman is a weaker vessel 1 Pet 3v7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.'

Note also in regard to the woman's SILENCE as quoted in 1 Tim 2v11+12...

1Co 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

The Bible commands WOMEN to be silent in the churches NOT MEN! That is a COMMANDMENT from the Lord! The Scriptures are PLAIN & CLEAR that a woman should not teach, speak or usurp authority over the man IN THE CHURCH GATHERING. They should not usurp authority over the man anywhere, including the home etc. Now that is a hard thing to take in for the carnal worldly woman, **BUT that is what God has stated in His word!** Some woman start jumping up & down because of this, BUT these are NOT godly or spiritual women otherwise they would want to OBEY the Scriptures. (For a complete copy of this sermon please write in requesting it)

The Coronation Bible (AV 1611)

Presented to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd; in Westminster Abbey on 3rd June 1953 with the words... 'Our gracious Queen: To keep your majesty ever mindful of The Law & the Gospel of God as the rule for the whole life & government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords.

Here is wisdom; this is the Royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God.' – Coronation Service. If only the Queen & this whole country would have SUBMITTED to THE BOOK & based EVERY decision upon it! How far we have strayed away from the Holy Scriptures! What awful judgement awaits this country, this world!

I've learnt a lot from sitting under Barney's 'ministry'!!!

- 1) Samson slew the Philistines with the axe of the apostles!
- 2) Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives & 700 porcupines
- 3) One day Barney asked his Sunday school class 'Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One of his 'brighter' girls replied 'Because most people are sleeping through your sermons!' (What a bright & discerning young lady she was!)
- 4) One Sunday evening a little boy from Barney's church came up to Barney after the service & said... 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money (Barney's eyes lit up as you can imagine!) 'Well thank you' Barney replied, 'But why?' The boy replied 'because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever heard!'' (Poor ol Barney!)

Update on Boss's Mother!

My boss said to me the other day that he had a message from his mother for me... 'She has still kicked out all the saints & is just praying to the Lord Jesus Christ!' We pray the Lord will lead, guide & save her if He hasn't already!

TfT! in Tobago, Trinidad!

Missionaries in Tobago have received a number of parcels containing TfT! tracts & booklets, via Park Lane Gospel Hall. They are distributing our literature out there & through their efforts we had our first letter from a young man wanting more information. We thank the Lord for this encouragement! We have now sent the young man a box full of Christian books & tracts, surface mail.

Time for Truth! Photo ministry!!!

In our booklet "You Asked The Question!" (Page 26), you will notice a photo of Richard Baxter. The Banner of Truth have republished one of Baxter's works called 'Dying Thoughts' & asked if they could use the photo we took of Richard Baxter's statue; which we agreed to. The Banner of Truth has sent us a complimentary copy of their book with our photo gracing its cover!

Another Revival in the Isle of Lewis?

300 "You Asked The Question!" booklets are now on the way to a church in the Isle of Lewis; pray that people shall be saved through reading it; & the church will be blessed in the work they do.

The Last Prayer in the Bible!

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord <u>lesus.</u> (Rev 22v20) Note the last prayer in the Bible is NOT for world peace, social justice, churches 'together' (*hear that Barney?*), economic security, save the environment, etc. One day all of the world's problems will be sorted but it will ONLY be when the Lord Jesus Christ returns!

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

'2004' GONE! Will '2005' be the year the Lord Jesus Christ returns?

Well, looking back was it a good year for you? What was your Christian walk like this year; have you grown closer to the Lord or have you gone backwards? Who did you try to reach with the gospel this year? What work did you do for the Lord? How much of the Bible did you read; all of it? If the Lord 'tarries' what changes will you make for 2005? Time goes so quickly; let us make every day count for the Lord! Col 3v23 **And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men**. Keep pressing on, not long left!

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Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. Ecc 7v29 (See also Rom 1v30)

How true this Scripture is! God made us 'upright' yet we are bent on sinning, we constantly rebel against His will & go our own way; we DESERVE to go to HELL! Mankind is always searching out inventions, mainly for evil purposes! Think how much money the world has spent in putting man on the moon, & for what reason? To try to prove there is no God! For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. (Rom 7v18) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (Rom 7v21-25) Isn't it time we repented of the sin in our lives & really started to walk a godly & pure life? What sins are we committing at present? Looking back over our life so far, what have we REALLY done FOR THE LORD?

The World & the Christian in 2005

What will this year bring I wonder; the Lord's return? Imagine that; it could be this year! You could be 'physically' standing & looking upon the Lord Jesus Christ very soon; spend some time thinking about that! How long must this present evil world continue before the Lord returns? It is SATURATED in filth & sin & not only that, but it is promoting such wicked & vile works that are so perverse I cannot even write about them. There are things going on in this sin sick world that are beyond belief, yet we are growing 'accustomed' to these wicked devices because we are being brainwashed by the media, especially the TV. The Christian spends very little time reading & studying the

Scriptures (maybe on a good day we'll read a couple of chapters!), therefore many of us are only 'lukewarm' in our walk & relationship with the Lord & we constant situation in a 'backsliding'. We don't even know what it is like to have a CLOSE walk with Jesus Christ! What a state to be in: yet some of us are in this state if we're honest; I said IF WE ARE HONEST! Do you & I want to change? REALLY want to get close to the Lord or do we just talk about it on occasions? We're good at 'talking' but very poor in living the Christian life EVER DAY! May God fire us all up this year (2005) to LIVE FOR HIM in EVERYTHING we do & LOVE HIM with every fibre of our being; may God HELP US ALL. Amen.

Another 1000 "You Asked The Question!" Booklets Distributed in Blackpool!

Brother Paul Singleton & his church are doing an excellent job shining the light of the glorious gospel of Christ up there in 'dark' Blackpool! *If you walk along the 'sea front' you would know what I mean!* Please pray for Paul & the work he does.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless their every effort to win lost souls for Him!

Tract Distribution in Las Vegas!

Brother Ed Morrison is distributing our tract cards 'He Loves You!', 'Who Cares?' & our latest tract, regarding 'MONEY' around Las Vegas! Please pray the Lord will bless these tracts & sinners shall be converted. We all ought to be distributing tracts around our CITIES, especially businesses; with this MONEY tract card! How about it? Send for some free of charge today!

Thanks for ALL Your Encouragement!

Thanks for sending the 'I'M STAYING!' response forms back! We appreciate so many of you standing with us in the work we do. We shall be changing the 'content' of 'TfT! News!' a little in 2005, as you will see. We would love to hear from you more often in regard to how you are doing & what work you are involved in, so please keep dropping us a line. Thank you to all those who send us gifts towards the work we do! For those of you who send us gifts from 'overseas' it would really help if you sent Sterling rather than a cheque or postal order in Dollars as we find them very difficult to convert with the bank or post office plus they use most of it up on charges! (Please don't be offended; we certainly do NOT covert or expect your gifts (*Except from Barney!*). We are grateful to the Lord for always meeting our needs & grateful to you if you're a part of it!)

Please Pray!

Bernard Avery who has undergone a heart operation & for his wife who has also had a rough time; Jack & Rhoda from Hill Top, especially Jack's health at present; please continue to pray for David Quilleash & Peter Yates for health & strength; for Dr Peter Ruckman & his constant workload; the same goes for brother James Knox. Please continue to pray for our friends in the USA prisons; for outreach work in ALL our churches; for Donna's arthritis (Please pray the Lord will take it away completely).

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD!

Discipleship Group (DG) Meal

Recently we took the DG for a meal at a Toby restaurant. Afterwards we all went to Stratford-upon-Avon for a walk & ended up distributing tracts through the letterboxes of the shopping centre! It was a great evening!

Work!

The Lord is certainly blessing me in my job; sales for the company have never been so high the boss told me, & he is extremely happy with the way things are going. By the way he has cut down his swearing & blasphemy 99%! Donna & I really like him & his wife, please pray that the Lord will save them.

More of 'Those' Questions...

- 1) What is the number one priority of the church?
- 2) Which Bible today is God's PERFECT & PRESERVED word?
- 3) If the 'original manuscripts', which were PERFECT of course, (yet no one living today has ever seen them!), no longer exist, where is the PERFECT word of God today? Very interesting don't you think? Has God taken the PERFECT word away? Has He hidden it from us?
- 4) What language is spoken in Heaven? Scripture backup!

How About Writing a Letter for a Change?

I would really appreciate it if a few of you would write to Mr Paul Bailey (HV6101) D2-18, HMP Albany-Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5RS, UK, who would love to hear from you; it would be a really good encouragement for him! If it wasn't for Susan, Paul said, he would never have come to know Jesus! Praise God for faithful sisters & brothers in the Lord who sow the seed of the word of God! Obviously Paul is in prison but he is a Christian on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ! Write & encourage him!

Another Great Quote Regarding the AV...

'Go by the Book. You have the Book. Read the Book, preach the Book, memorise the Book, love the Book, live by the Book, & die by the Book. The Book was given to you by God. Don't spit in His face with a lot of claptrap about the 'verbally inspired originals!'

Good old Ruckman! Have YOU got a copy of **THE BOOK**? 'Well I have an NIV' – I didn't say HALF a book with ERRORS in it!!!

The Pope's False Doctrine

'All heretics have continually failed in this one point; they do not rightly understand or know the article of justification. If we had not this article certain & clear, it would be impossible to criticise the Pope's false doctrine of indulgences & other abominable errors & vexations. If we only permit Christ to be our Saviour, then we have won, for He is the only girdle which clasps the whole body together, as St Paul excellently teaches.' - Martin Luther

The Film, 'Martin Luther'

Recently Donna & I watched the film 'Martin Luther', & what a film! What a stand he took, against the Pope & the Roman Catholic establishment; God really used this man! Boy we could do with a 'Luther' today? Luther kept being driven back to the Scriptures for answers; he When challenged he lived in them. studied the word of God & kept studying it. He was also a very HONEST man in his for the truth. search Christian brother/sister, STAND upon the word of God & KEEP standing upon it! If your friends, your fellow Christian's, even the church depart from the word of God, YOU STAND, & God stands with you!

The Bible on Cassette!

There is nothing better than reading the word of God! The next best thing would be listening to it! I am putting the book of Romans on cassette for myself to listen to in the car while driving; if you would like a copy please let me know. My voice is certainly NOT Shakespearian & no doubt I pronounce many words incorrectly but hopefully you'll understand most of it. If you suffer from insomnia my voice on this tape may help! What could be better than listening to the word of God while going to sleep??? It will also help you to remember Scripture! The quality of recording is excellent! Let me know if you are interested.

Tape Ministry Progressing - 'slowly!'

Well I'm actually catching up a little on the tape ministry; I'm now on sermon number 9 (Yes THAT dreaded sermon no 9!!!); the woman's role! I shall be sending out this sermon to those who have requested it already; if you haven't requested it yet, but want a copy, drop me a line! If you want to be added to our tape mailing list (the cassettes are sent out as & when we produce them, depending upon the work load!), again just drop us a line.

Chris O'Conner Has Some News!

Well he finally did it! What? Got a job? No! Gave up that ridiculous Psychology course that he should never have entered into? No! Stopped his idolatry of computer games? No, they are still an idol in his life! What then? HE GOT HITCHED! Chris O'Conner asked Mary Neale to marry him — and she said YES! (He must have caught her at a weak moment!) On a serious note—CONGRATULATIONS! To think of a couple of little Chris O'Conner's running around in the future brings tears to my eyes! (Will Joe O'Brien follow suit?)

Youth BBQ; in 'December'

Every time we have a BBQ at Hope Chapel the Lord blesses the weather! It was a good turnout with 25 youngsters coming & 120 sausages & burgers consumed! Thanks again to our international 'chefs' flown in from halfway across the world (Northfield actually!) especially for this occasion. Thanks also to Hope Chapel for supplying the food! It was a great evening full of fun & games, with a

gospel message to top it off at the end. Please continue to pray for these young ones. Unfortunately we have lost a girl called Amy who has decided that she does not want to become a Christian & follow the Lord Jesus; when she told me she was leaving she was shaking; pray that the Lord will save her! She's one of these girls that wear's black most of the time, leaning towards the darker side I believe.

What a GREAT Verse!

Rom 5v18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Adam messed things up really bad, but if it hadn't have been Adam it would have been you or me! But thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ! For if it was not for Him we were ALL doomed to a lost eternity in Hell! I am made righteous through the Lord Jesus Christ, I've done nothing to deserve it & I certainly cannot earn that righteousness through good works! It is a FREE gift to all those who put their trust solely in the Lord Jesus Christ for their sins forgiven! If you died today where would YOU go? If I died right NOW I would enter into the presence of the Lord because of what He has done for me! Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me! Are YOU saved? For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8+9) I saw a young man preach on the streets in Worcester recently & while he was preaching I stopped to listen & took note of the passers by. The reaction of the people was mainly abusive & mockery! I watched young & old alike ridicule this young man & I thought to myself; 'YOU'VE GOT IT! No matter what these 'ladies & gentlemen' (my foot!) may say, YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! You'll get your reward!' I was very encouraged by this young man & very depressed with the way this country has degenerated in its morals, manners & standards.

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CHANGE them; we LOVE them! It is GOD'S BOOK & we SUBMIT to it! If you read any other version than the AUTHORISED VERSION you have been DECEIVED; because the AV is God's PERFECT & PRESERVED BOOK! The NKJV, NIV, GNB, NASV, RSV, are CORRUPT COUNTERFEITS; read them at your peril! (We have much information regarding Bible versions & translations; write to us for further details)

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

1Tim 2v5

Christian's should NOT Drink or even 'Touch' alcohol! – It's as SIMPLE as that!

As I am working my way through the Pastoral Epistles verse by verse, I have now come to verse 3 of 1 Timothy chapter 3. 'Not given to wine...' This is yet another controversial among issue Christians. Yet the truth of the matter is that WE ALL do what WE want to do rather than what the Scriptures TEACH at times! Our 'Final Authority' should be the Scriptures, yet if we are honest it is really 'WHAT WE WANT TO DO' i.e. our 'SELF WILL,' that is our Final Authority! If you read the Scriptures HONESTLY without bias or prejudice, leaving them in their context, you would NEVER touch another drop of alcohol! Christians will make up any kind of an excuse to drink but the Bible is TOTALLY **AGAINST ALCOHOLIC** drink. For a fairly 'in-depth' study on this subject please write & request sermon number 12 in my series on the Pastoral Epistles (Its 24 pages long!). I certainly believe that Christian's should NOT drink alcohol even if it is ONLY at the breaking of bread service; alcohol is NOT of the Lord! Note:

UNLEAVENED bread was used (leaven i.e. 'yeast' is a type of sin in the Scriptures; always used in the NEGATIVE i.e. false doctrine!) therefore it is consistent for the WINE to UNFERMENTED (i.e. without yeast; without SIN). The bread representing the body of Christ & the wine the Blood of Christ: BOTH of which symbolise the Lord Jesus Christ 'SINLESS!' The wine used at the Last Supper, & when Jesus changed water into wine, was 'GRAPE JUICE', NEVER alcoholic! Deut 32v14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. Isa 65v8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, (i.e. GRAPE JUICE!) and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. Drinking alcohol is going against the clear teachings of Scripture & against the will of God! For a 'detailed' study on this subject get the book 'Bible Wines – Laws of Fermentation by William Patton.' (Ignore a couple of comments he *makes about the AV of course!)*

Christmas Day!

We had a quiet Christmas day at home with dad (who still needs to get saved!) We always get a call on Christmas Day from someone we least expect & this Christmas was no different; Terry, a recovering alcoholic whom we had met & helped at the Trinity Centre years ago, phoned us from his new home in Cornwall. He used to come to our meetings at the Birmingham City Mission & the Lord helped us to provide a place for Terry in a rehabilitation centre where he properly 'dried out!' He is doing well now. Terry professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ & we gave him a Bible & some other literature. He keeps in touch a couple of times a year with us wherever he goes. Please pray for Terry.

Incredible Power!

Just one tidal wave & over 250,000 dead – that is incredible power! Straight away people are blaming God for this devastation (they NEVER thank Him for the GOOD things but ALWAYS blame Him for the BAD – & they say we are hypocrites!); yes He allowed this devastation, maybe it is a judgement from Him, BUT He has continually held out His offer of salvation to anyone who would take it! 2 Pet 3v9 **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.** I am SURE we shall see more of these kinds of things happen to this earth & WE DESERVE what we get because we have turned our back on God & don't want Him interfering in our lives. God's judgement on sin IS COMING, turn to Him now BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! He is a God of LOVE but He is also a God of JUSTICE & JUDGEMENT – SIN SHALL BE PUNISHED – BE WARNED!

"You Asked The Question!" Booklets Given Out at Work!

Sometimes it seems harder to witness to the people you are closest to i.e. your family members & those you work with; but I knew the Lord wanted me to give a booklet to ALL those I work with in my new job; so I did! Please pray that through the word of God these lost souls will get saved! Already I have had an in-depth conversation with the warehouse manager (Matt) & his partner regarding sin, salvation, hell & heaven, faith & works & the word of God as our Final Authority. It was truly amazing

how open this Roman Catholic lady (the partner of the warehouse manager) was; she was really searching for answers. Matt is an excellent darts player & so after spending time witnessing to him & his partner I offered to give him a game - the second three darts he threw he scored 180 - I won't bore you with the final score, but just to say I don't think I'll choose darts as a sporting career! We spent a whole evening with Matt & his partner & it was great - he said to me that he had nearly finished reading my booklet! Please pray that Matt Lynn will get saved!

Fighting Against Error!

A lovely brother from Cheshire phoned me over the Christmas period to ask if I could get hold of 10 copies of a book I'd previously sent him, 'If The Foundations Be Destroyed – What does the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible have Against Jesus? – by Chick Salliby'. He realises now that the Authorised Version Bible is THE word of God & wants to share what he has found out with others. Praise God for this man who has looked into this issue of Bible versions HONESTLY & has realised that God has PRESERVED His word PERFECT! If only other Christians were as honest in regard to this subject.

If You Phone!

As most of you know, my dad lives with Donna & myself. I must point out to those of you that phone, dad is not a Christian & therefore you may receive a strange reception on occasions. I just thought I'd let you know. I would also like to point out that I have not returned some of your calls for the following reasons... 1) I have been out most of the time & by the time I get back it's usually too late to call. 2) Unless it is important or urgent I have tried to spend as much time as possible studying of late; once I get going on the phone I can easily talk for over an hour & at present I just can't afford to spend time doing that! — I beg your pardon for this but I have tried to get my priorities right! 3) Sometimes I do NOT get your messages for whatever reason i.e. dad hasn't written them down; the 1571 answerphone has played up etc. If you do need to speak with me please leave a message regarding what it is concerning, or drop me a line (that's usually the best way!) I would love to talk to more of you more often but working full-time from 8.00am — 6.30pm plus studying, preaching, preparing for DG, answering 'TfT! News' letters, & preparing the TfT! newsletter, plus trying to keep my wife happy on occasions, it is just not possible! Please bear with me for the time being; thanks for your patience.

Late One Night!

Recently Donna & I watched a Christian DVD called 'Late One Night!' – It was excellent; I would say it was one of the best Christian films I've seen & one of the most powerful in regard to the gospel presentation! A great evangelism tool especially for young folk; worth getting! We shall be showing it at the Friday Club & Bible Class.

DG Back On!

What a great night with the DG! 6.00pm – 9.30pm of interactive Bible studies, role play, character studies, & great fellowship & testimonies! Ruth, a young lady who is a school teacher also joined us from another church & fitted in great! If you ever visit Hope Chapel in Moseley be sure to look out for the NEW DG 'notice board!'

Letter from London!

A 21 year old girl from London has read our booklet "You Asked The Question!" (YATQ!) & wrote the following words... 'I read your booklet "YATQ!" & found it really interesting & straight forward; it raised some questions about myself & my salvation with God.' She then goes on to ask whether there are certain things that she needs to give up in order to follow the Lord. It is a great blessing to us to receive letters from people REALLY seeking the Lord. I shall be replying to her within the next few days.

LaToya the Lawyer!

At the DG we have a great group of people & they all have excellent talents & qualities, but I would just like to briefly mention one of them – LaToya the Lawyer! This young lady is only 15, but a very mature 15 year old! I asked the group to answer some questions so that we could put them on the new notice board at Hope Chapel; listen to some of LaToya's answers... Q. 'What do you enjoy most about the DG?' A. 'The thing I enjoy most about the DG is that every month we learn new things about the Scriptures...Many people would think that a three & a half hour Bible study would be very uninteresting & that we are all boring people, but the time goes by so quickly it seems as if we only have an hour!' (Now those of you pastors, elders, deacons, leaders & church members, take a leaf from LaToya's book & DON'T keep putting a time on how long the preacher should preach! Let God speak through his word for hours if He wants to! Some churches I've been to say things like 'Well we usually give 20 – 25 minutes for 'the word!' – and we want revival?') Q. 'What Bible do you use & why?' A. The KJV because it is the only Bible that is not corrupt i.e. verses missing & modifications. (Psalm 12v6&7) God has promised to preserve His word & the KJV is

it, there has never been a proven error found in the AV & there never will be! (Now how about that for an answer? This young lady knows what & where the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God is! What about YOU?) Q. 'Why & how do you give out tracts & witness?' A. 'The reason I give out tracts & witness to people is to tell them about Jesus so they can be saved!' 'What is the hardest part of your Christian walk & why?' A. 'The hardest part of my Christian walk is when I come back from Church/Friday Club or & the DG & go back into the world again. It's quite hard as people are so ungodly & unrighteous; you feel uncomfortable around them as you know you are different from them. – John 15v19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world Q. 'What is the most hateth you.' amazing thing you have found out about the Bible?' A. 'You can gain eternal life in heaven with Christ WITHOUT WORKING FOR IT!' - LaToya's words NOT MINE! LaToya has been a real blessing to me in her walk with the Lord Jesus Christ! (Only 15 years old folks!!!) Please pray for her & the rest of the DG! Pray that they ALL keep on the straight & narrow!

Interested in Books?

Due to moving offices from Kidderminster to Ludlow I have a few boxes of books that I just can't fit in at home unfortunately, otherwise I would keep them; therefore I am willing to let them go to a 'good home' (i.e. to be well used!!!); if you are interested please drop me a line & I'll send you the complete list — some excellent material! All free of charge but I would appreciate it if you would cover the cost of postage!

Psalm 118v8 - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Someone has sent me the following... Psalm 118v8 is the middle verse of the Bible! The Scriptures have 594 chapters before Psalm 118 & 594 chapters after Psalm 118. If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118 you get a total of 1188 chapters! It goes without saying that the MIDDLE verse of the entire Bible is so significant - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Another NEW Bible!

A new paraphrase of the NT called 'Good as New: A Radical Retelling of the Scriptures' takes some striking liberties with the text. Instead of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove at his baptism, Good as New says 'A pigeon flew down & perched on him. A voice from overhead was heard saying, That's my boy!' This project might have slipped into obscurity if it were not for a fond foreword from Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan

Williams – leader of the Church of England & 77 million Anglicans world-wide. But Good as New leaves out NT books the translator did not like, adds the Gospel of Thomas – rejected as bogus by early Christians - & alters Scriptures to suit modern tastes. For example, condemnations of homosexuality are deleted & the word 'wife' is changed to 'partner!' (Agape Press) Article supplied by Ron & Barbara Smith.

Update on Tape Ministry!

I have now put studies 1-10 regarding the first 2 chapters of 1 Timothy on cassette. The woman's role is covered from sermons 8-10 (more shall follow!); subjects covered are... 'Should a woman preach or teach in the church? The woman's role! Should women be bishops, pastors, elders or deacons? Deaconesses?' It's going to get 'hotter' folks!!!

Nelson Mwaba

Our friend Nelson (who is in a maximum security prison in Zambia) has written thanking us for sending toiletries etc, which he has received in good condition – praise the Lord. He mentioned in his last letter that he is not at all well & in hospital at present suffering from swelling to the arms & legs with a lot of pain in his bones – he has asked for prayer; so let's pray! I am sure he would love to hear from other Christians so please take the time to write him a letter & encourage him. Thanks. (His address is – Maximum Security Prison, PO BOX 80915, Kabwe, Zambia)

Meetings Coming Up!

We shall be holding a 'Film Night' (Christian Film) on February 12th & a 'reading' evening on February 19th. At the reading evening we shall all sit around with a coffee for 2 hours just reading the Bible aloud with a brief discussion of each chapter. On Saturday 12th March we shall be holding an 'Outreach' meeting & inviting anyone & everyone to come! It shall obviously be Gospel orientated & shall start at 6.00 pm & run until 9.30 pm! All these meeting will be held at Hope Chapel in Moseley; if you would like to come please drop me a line! Please pray for these extra meetings.

A Powerful Quote!

If you *really* believed in a hell you would do everything in your power to keep me (i.e. lost souls) from going there; if you *really* believed; but you don't because you don't believe in a hell!' Do WE believe in a hell? What are we doing to stop people from going there? What did we do yesterday to stop people from going to hell? Do we care? Are your next door neighbours saved? Have you tried to win them to the Lord? When was the last time you tracted your own street with the gospel? Why not do it TODAY before it's too late? If you don't reach these folks on your own doorstep who will?

Every Day Counts!

Don't waste time! Don't waste a day; try to win souls, get close to the Lord, ask Him to help you in your daily walk to love more, care more & work harder for Him! Manage your time well, be a good steward (Luke 12v42), switch off that TV & go for a walk regularly around your neighbourhood, leave tracts in phone boxes, through letterboxes; sow the seed of the word of God. DO SOMETHING for the Lord EVERYDAY! Keep in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ could return NOW! Every blessing to you all; don't forget to write us!



I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

Time for Truth News!

(John & Donna's Newsletter)

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Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Psalm 119v1-5

Adina Returns!

It is with great joy that Adina has returned to Sunday Bible class & the DG again. She has come through a lot recently, especially at such a young age. Please pray that she will grow closer to the Lord Jesus day by day; she's a lovely girl! Adina has already come to the 'extra' meetings i.e. Park Lane Outreach & Reading Evening – she's doing great!

DG & Park Lane Outreach Meeting!

Well on the 5th February we took the DG team to take an outreach meeting over at Park Lane in Aston Birmingham. It was a great evening with some great testimonies. We also interviewed Oscar ('Mr Universe' from Park Lane!) which went down really well. All who took part were excellent. I gave a gospel message at the end. If you are interested in a special 'outreach' meeting & would like us to run one for you at your church i.e. the DG to give testimonies, readings, songs etc. please contact us.

Are You Backsliding?

Are you closer to the Lord today than you were last month? If not why not; what is the reason? Are you still playing with sin? Are you harbouring an habitual sin that you alone (and God of course!) know about? Are you getting much from the word of God or is it a burden to read these days? Get on your knees where you are & confess that you're not what or where you should be & come back to the Lord; He loves you! Do you KNOW that you are in a state of backsliding? Hos 7v9 ...gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

Tape Ministry!

We're pressing on with the tapes! The next two studies are just about to be distributed! Plenty more are on the way! (Lord willing!) If you would like to be added to the FREE tape ministry mailing list just drop us a line. We send them out as frequent as possible i.e. one each month or thereabouts!

Two Great Keith Green Quotes!

- 1) 'I repent of ever having recorded one single song, & ever having performed one concert, if my music, & more importantly my life, has not provoked you into Godly jealousy or to sell out more completely to Jesus!
- 2) The only music minister to whom the Lord will say, "Well done, thy good & faithful servant," is the one whose life proves what their lyrics are saying, & to whom music is the least important part of their life. Glorifying the only worthy One has to be a minister's most important goal!

We're Moving On!

Donna & I have now left Hellier Street Gospel Hall after spending 20 months there in fellowship. I do not know what we shall be doing or where we shall be going! I would say that 'doctrinal differences' would be our main reason for leaving. I am sure the Lord will guide us into pastures new. We leave with no 'fall outs' with anyone, just differences in doctrine! Unfortunately when a church does NOT hold the Bible as being PERFECT & THE Final Authority, there will always be problems when a Bible believer attends! When elders believe that women can preach & teach it is certainly time to move on! We took a stand for the Lord but I do believe that 'the church' would rather serve traditions & opinions than submit to the word of God – Don't rock the boat! It is always sad moving on but I will not stay in a place where the Bible is not held to be PERFECT & men would rather serve traditions & opinions than obey the Scriptures. Until we get back to THE BOOK we shall NEVER see revival! Incidentally, over the last 400 years, there has NEVER been a revival based upon anything OTHER THAN THE AUTHORISED VERSION; NEVER! – Do you understand that?

More of 'Those' Questions!

- 1) If the hair is given for a covering, does the man have to shave his hair off when he prays? (1 Cor 11v1-16) Be careful here!
- 2) When does the soul begin i.e. become life; at what point?
- 3) Why is abortion wrong?

Tongues – a Heavenly Language?

1Cor 13v1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of <u>angels</u>... (Here the good of Penty's & Charismaniacs would say 'There it is, he spoke a heavenly language!'- buffoons!) Paul was caught up to the third heaven – 2 Cor 12v2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one <u>caught up to the third heaven</u>. 2 Co 12v4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and <u>heard unspeakable words</u>, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. So if the tongues 'crowd' (i.e. Penty's & Charismaniacs!) are speaking in a 'Heavenly language' they are VIOLATING THE SCRIPTURES – funny aint it what some people do Barney!

Bill, My Old School Caretaker!

Due to Donna's navigating we were running an hour late for an appointment; I wasn't overly impressed as you could imagine! Driving back home afterwards Donna asked if we had time to pop into the post office to send the overseas mail, so we did. Why do I tell you this? For this reason - God's timing is perfect! If Donna hadn't got us lost I would never have met Bill my old school caretaker standing outside the post office! I hadn't seen him to speak to for 16 years (at least!). He said he recognised me. He didn't look at all well & I asked if he was okay? He told me he had cancer & the first operation hadn't worked & he could no longer have another or any more chemotherapy; my heart sank, I could tell he was devastated. I pulled out a "You Asked The Question?" booklet, told him I had written it & asked (with all my heart!) that he would read it; he said yes! Please pray that God will save this man. There is NOTHING worse than facing death WITHOUT your sins FORGIVEN by the Lord Jesus Christ! This incident really had an impact on me – we must try to reach the lost BEFORE it's TOO LATE!

Please Pray!

For Tony How who has a benign tumour in his Pituitary gland; he has recently undergone an operation; for David Ainslie & his hearing problem; Donna & her arthritis; and Ayla (our niece) who has undergone a bowel operation & has needed 200 internal stitches! She is only 13 but has been very courageous throughout the ordeal.

Book Response!

Thanks for those who have responded to the book giveaway! If you haven't received them yet they are on their way to you!

Methodist, Church of England & Ecumenical 'Christians'

While out on the road the other day Donna & I dropped into a Methodist church that was advertising a coffee morning. It was an old fashioned church & when we entered in there were a handful of old ladies, later to be joined by a couple of men (who were also 'old ladies', if you get what I mean!). Well the coffee was good but the 'chit-chat' was unbelievable! One very 'opinionated' woman started off by saying that recently she had attended a 'Christian' spiritualist meeting where God spoke through a medium to her regarding a child dying on her ward (she was a nurse at the time!); & a child did die! She said that she was very openminded to this kind of thing now. I tried to start a conversation up about John Wesley & what a great work he did (trying to bring it round to the gospel!) but the lady I was speaking to acted like she'd only heard the name Wesley being mentioned in the church occasionally! A few minutes later, Donna & I were sitting at a table with about 8 folks including 2 'men'. If any of them were saved I would be very surprised; how sad, how tragic! The opinionated woman proceeded to tell me that her Church (C of E) was very heavily involved in Ecumenism & then went on to tell me that the pub across the road helped pay for the church lighting! (Now there's an idea Barney!) Boy what a mess! I couldn't believe my ears so I got up, got out my briefcase, took out 8 "You Asked The Question!" booklets & the same amount of 'Who Cares?' tracts & gave them out to each person. May God save them all! What a mess the 'church' is in today folks! Our mission field these days INCLUDES the 'church' - that's how bad things are!

Accidents All Round!

Well Donna increased her lead in the Guinness Book of Records for 'bumps' in the car; she reversed our car yet again into a bollard (yes the same car!) & then in my company car she decided to have a 'wing mirror fight' with an oncoming car – unfortunately she lost & the drivers wing mirror is now somewhere on the road to Ludlow! To top our accident week off, while I was playing badminton, my 'partner' decided to use my head as the shuttlecock & so I went up casualty with an inch cut to the top of my forehead; quite a lot of blood to say the least! The moral of the story! Don't let your wife drive & take up a less dangerous sport such as shark fishing or rock climbing!

Sumo Wrestling Church!

A 'reverend' (That's a joke to start with!) accompanied by his 'youth pastor' came to see us at Hope Chapel recently - nice enough guys! They said that they wanted to get the youth in the area together at their church (It always is!) on a regular basis for 'informal' meetings. They stressed that they were not looking to 'sheep steal' (I'm sure!) but only wanted to offer Christians a place to go. When I asked what kind of things they did, the 'youth pastor' replied that last month they hired out sumo wrestling costumes & had a sumo wrestling (I asked whether he competition!

knew Barney? But he said he didn't! Shame, because Barney loves that *kind of 'entertainment!'*) Don't talk to me about revival folks! haven't lost our way, WE'VE LOST **OUR MINDS!** At the DG we don't pretend to speak in tongues, we don't claim gifts for today that stopped with the apostles, we are dispensational, we love the word of God & we live in the **REAL world!** So all you tongue speaking charismaniacs, enjoy your fantasies, enjoy your sumo wrestling, enjoy your make pretend world & leave us CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS alone to get on with the job we are called to do i.e. WINNING SOULS for Jesus Christ! *Have a nice day!*

1 Pet 3v15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Col 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Letters!

Thanks to everyone who has written in response to the last newsletter – very encouraging. Thanks also to those who have encouraged us with regard to the tape ministry. I feel that with 'the church' going the way it is, & my stand on certain issues, I am being asked by fewer places to go & speak. I shall therefore continue to study my Bible & prepare sermons & put these onto cassette. These are mad times folks & the church is compromising like never before – I pray to God I won't!

Jack & Eddie!

Eddie is doing just great; happy & content; plenty of food & fresh air & playing with his ball; he loves life! But Jack & I had a fall out the other day for the 'second' time! This time there was no messing, HE JUST BIT ME! Only a small nip but he did draw blood so I had to go to the hospital yet again for a check up for tetanus!

Bible Reading Evening

13 of us gathered for a night Saturday Reading Evening at Hope Chapel; it started at 7.00 pm & finished at 9.00 pm. We began at the Gospel of John. We read the first chapter & then had a discussion about Everyone enjoyed it & so we will now hold a Bible Reading Evening on the last Saturday of every month. We also had some great fellowship around some pizza & chips!

Another Great Film!

Ten of us from the DG & Friday Club met together one evening recently at Hope Chapel & watched the film 'Flywheel'; it was excellent & I would recommend it. We had something to eat before showing the film & some great fellowship afterwards!

Fewer Places to Preach These Days!

The more you take a stand upon the word of God the fewer places you will have to preach at; so what is the answer? The answer is found in 2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. When doors close you need to throw yourself into the Scriptures & STUDY to show yourself approved unto God. It is a time of TAKING IN rather than giving out; it is a time to sit & learn

at the Master's feet listening to His voice. It is a time of preparation; He will open doors when the time is right, He will lead & guide you. Talking with a friend a while ago he told me that he was anxious no one was asking him to preach these days; I thought then that it would be good for him to spend more time in the word of God. He did, & soon the doors started to open again. If God never called me to preach again in any church, I would just study & keep on studying. He knows my hearts desire...to be in His will ALWAYS!

Team Outreach!

A team of seven of us went to the Shropshire town of Much Wenlock recently & distributed 300 "You Asked The Question!" booklets, 'Who Cares?' tracts & the 'He Loves You!' tract cards through letterboxes. We placed the three pieces of literature in an A5 envelope & printed the words 'HE'S COMING SOON!' on the front! Please pray that this literature will get read & that souls shall be saved!

'Problem Texts' by Dr. Peter Ruckman & 'The Answer Book' by Dr. Samuel C. Gipp A MUST; GET THEM!

Both these books are EXCELLENT & I would recommend EVERY Christian adding them to their library. These two books alone will help you answer 99% of questions Bible 'correctors' throw at you! Try **B. McCall Barbour** in Scotland first on **0131 225 4816**. If he doesn't stock them let me know & I'll give you some more addresses to try.

What Impresses You?

I wonder what sort of things impress you? These days it is mad to say it but if someone keeps their word it impresses me! Well each week (or when ever it happens!) I am making a point of someone who has impressed me! Over the last week or so I have nominated two folks from our youth group. One of them didn't have to be asked to do the washing up, she just did it so someone else didn't have to! The other one, a young man recently saved, made it a point of telling me what someone else had done so that certain individual would get the credit! Both of these people went out of their way to do something for someone else & NOT please themselves! **Well done Dionne & Joe!** What have YOU done for someone else this last week? I also want to point out one other young man who AMAZED me this last week! Liam O'Connor - I put to the DG their next task; write an article for the notice board, 'What love means to me?' (from a Scriptural point of view). Now note that this young man is just 13 years old & he is not a DG member yet! He wrote the following words... 'Love to me is God, God & let me think; oh that's it, God! The reason for this is because I have just realised I'm saved. Yep, I'm a Christian & proud of it; & the reason for this is that ever since I became a Christian I can't thank Him enough for what He has granted me! His love for me is & always will be eternal. So the least I could do is at the least give him some credit for what he has done. So he is the definition of love to me. I know that to non Christians that may not seem much but to all the other fellow Christians, they know what I'm talking about. So overall, love to me is God.'

Barney Has Taken The Challenge!

I have been asking Barney now for years to sit down with me & discuss the subject of 'Tongues!' He has been putting this off, running & hiding, changing the subject & totally ignoring me for about the same period of time. But finally he has agreed to watch a video with me & then just the two of us will have a 'little' discussion! (*That is if he doesn't 'chicken' out, & the signs aren't looking too promising over the last few days!*) Now don't get me wrong I have actually heard Barney speak in some kind of a tongue when we played tennis a few times; it was usually when he missed a shot or two. I asked him whether this was an earthly language or not but he never gave me an answer. (*I'm only joking folks; Barney is a good guy & we have been friends for many years.*) I am looking forward to speaking at his church again in 2009 (he lets me preach once every 10 years, I wonder why?)

Hope Chapel Outreach Evening!

On Saturday 12^{th} March – from 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm we shall be running an outreach meeting for the church. There will be refreshments to start, & after the meeting. The youth shall be participating in a number of ways. Invitations have been distributed. We are hoping for a good turnout. We leave the whole meeting in the Lord's hands.

Well Done Donna!

Well on 25th February Donna & I 'chalked up' 11 years of marriage bliss! Well Done Donna, we don't know how you did it; I hear you say!!! It has been a fantastic time & we really do thank the Lord Jesus for bringing us together. Gen 2v18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Donna is the best help meet I could ever ask for; Barney thinks she is my 'clone!'

Hope Chapel Youth Group Student of the Year 2004!

Of all the cups & prizes to be won in the world (i.e. the FA Cup, European Championship, Super Bowl etc.), this is the most prestigious! Congratulations to LaToya Harding for becoming Hope Chapel Youth Group Student of the Year! (2004) She has also been promoted to Team Leader alongside Chris O'Connor, who also has worked really well & shown good commitment over this last year; well done to you both.

Now comes the hard part, WORKING WITH ME!!!

Scripture OVER Tradition or Tradition OVER Scripture - Which?

Mt 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Mt 15:6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Mr 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Mr 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mr 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; Now don't get me wrong, some traditions are GOOD i.e. 2 Thes 2v15 & 2 Thes 3v6, but it is not just the Roman Catholic & Anglican church that put traditions ABOVE the word of God; many church denominations are doing the same i.e. A.O.G., Brethren, Baptists etc. We must stay with THE BOOK at all costs. We must have the Scriptures as our FINAL AUTHORITY on everything. Even if it means breaking traditions that our denomination has kept for years we must go with THE BOOK every time; OBEY the Scriptures, SUBMIT to the Scriptures & TAKE HEED to the Scriptures! What does the Bible say? Then do it! Just because someone in the leadership, who we respect, says we must do this or that, CHECK THEM OUT against the SCRIPTURES! If only the church would get back to submitting to & following the word of God we would see much more growth in our churches spiritually & numerically I'm sure. Just because our 'denomination' says its right does NOT mean it is right! What does the word of God say?

Struggling in Your Christian Walk?

I'll be honest, some days I feel really close to the Lord but 'many' days I don't; I am very erratic when it comes to 'feelings'; therefore we cannot trust or rely solely on our 'feelings!' Donna & I went to Eastbourne on business recently & on the listened to way down we COMPROMISE' - the life story of Keith Green (audio book). The number of people this man reached for the Lord Jesus Christ in just seven years was incredible.

His music is still touching thousands of people world wide. I was yet again so encouraged & challenged by Keith's life; I want to get as close to the Lord as possible & JUST DO HIS WILL! I would highly recommend you getting a copy of this audio book or the written version. There will be some things you won't agree with I'm sure but one thing you cannot deny is his zeal & love for the Lord Jesus Christ; I've never known anyone like him!

Can You Help?

We are looking to take the DG away for a week in the summer holidays! If you know of any places that could accommodate 10 people at a reasonable price would you please forward their details onto us. Last time we hired out a town house in Leominster but it was not the best of times as one of our members had to miss a days school, therefore we want the week to fall in the school summer holidays. A house would be preferred rather than caravans but we would look at any options. Donna is going through some holiday cottages at present, however if you can help with any information we would really appreciate it, thanks! We would like to stay fairly local if possible i.e. Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire or Staffordshire!

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

The Answer Book - Question Number 7 by Sam Gipp!

Question – If there is a perfect Bible in English, doesn't there also have to be a perfect Bible in French, German, and Japanese etc?

Answer – NO! God has always given His word to ONE people in ONE language to do ONE job; convert the world. The supposition that there must be a perfect translation in every language is erroneous & inconsistent with God's proven practice.

Explanation – This explanation comes in three parts: the OT, the NT & the entire Bible!

<u>One</u> – The OT – It is an accepted fact that, with the exception of some portions of Ezra & Daniel, the OT was written in Hebrew. It is also accepted that it was divinely given to the Jews. Thus God initiates His pattern of operation. He gave His words to ONE people in only ONE language. God apparently unintimidated by modern scholarship did not feel obligated to supply His words in Egyptian, Chaldian, Syrian, Ethiopian, or any other of the languages in use on the earth at the time the OT was written. The OT was given exclusively to the Jews. Anyone desiring the word of God would have to convert to Judaism. Ample provision was made for such occurrences.

<u>Two</u> – The NT – It is also an accepted fact that the NT was written in Greek. Koine Greek to be exact. Again, the Lord apparently saw no reason to inspire a perfect original in all the languages of the world extant at that time. Only this time, instead of giving His Book to a nation, such as Israel, He simply gave it to Christians who were told to go out & convert the world - Mat 28v19. His choice of Greek as the language of the NT was obvious in that it was the predominant language of the world at that time.

Three – The entire Bible – It is obvious that God now needed to get both His OT & His NT welded together in a language that was common to the world. Only English can be considered such a language. The English language had been developing for many centuries until the late sixteenth century. About that time it finally reached a state of excellence that no language on earth has ever attained. It would seem that God did the rest! He chose this perfect language for the consummation of His perfect Book. First England & later on the USA swept the globe as the most powerful nations on earth, establishing English in all the corners of the globe as either a primary or secondary language. Today nations who do not speak English must still teach English to many of their citizens. Even nations antagonistic to the West such as Russia & China must teach English to their business & military personnel. Thus in choosing English in which to combine His two Testaments, God chose the only language which the world would know. Just as He has shown in His choosing only ONE language for the OT & only ONE language for the NT, He continued that practice by combining those two testaments in only ONE language!

What On Earth Is Happening To The Church?

Why is the church full of 'church goers' doing their Christian duty, rather than Christians full of love & zeal to serve the Lord Jesus Christ out of a pure heart & who put Him FIRST in their lives? What kind of Christian are you? Does the Lord Jesus Christ have the pre-eminent position in your life; honestly? Are you daily living FOR Him or are you doing your own thing all the time. What kind of love & commitment are you showing to the Lord? Christian, there is such apathy (meaning a lack of concern, indifference, a lack of interest) towards the Lord. The world is full of this kind of spirit yet I see it prevalent in the church today; why? What has gone wrong? Are we so brainwashed by the TV & media that we have lost our desire & love for the Lord? Where is our passion, our commitment to serve the One who gave EVERYTHING to save us? It is time we sought the Lord afresh, got on our knees in prayer & stayed there until we feel that touch of God upon our lives again. Fast, pray & get serious with God; when was the last time you fasted? Do you really know the joy & peace that God gives, have you ever experienced it? Seek the Lord! Read the following verses prayerfully, Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hos 10v12. But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. De 4:29 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. 1Ch 16:10. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. 1Ch 16:11 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat, Ezr 6:21 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. Ps 34:10 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things. Pr 28:5 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: Ac 17:27 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Pr 8:17 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer 29:13 (<u>I would urge you to read Psalm 38 & then Psalm 51</u>)

He Loves You! - Response!

Our 'He Loves You!' tract card is being distributed around the area of Birmingham on a regular basis now: only this last week a young girl has written to us because she was given one of these tract cards (by LaToya one of our Team Leaders!), THANK YOU LORD! She wrote a lovely letter saying that she was the only Christian in her family & was finding things quite tough at the moment. She also asked if we could pray for her Nan who has cancer; so please pray. I think this young girl is a converted Hindu PRAISE GOD! Please pray that the Lord will strengthen & encourage her. I shall be writing to her shortly & inviting her to come along to our outreach meeting! If anyone has any literature or testimonies of converted Hindu's I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy, thanks!

Need Any Sweatshirts Printing, or Trophies Engraving?

If you do you may like to contact the following people who do an excellent & professional job. They have done work for us regarding the youth & its been top quality! They can be contacted at - <u>F.C. Sports</u>, 01562 630546 or 745543 for sweatshirts (speak to Fletch or Sharyn!) & <u>Robbie Dennison Trophies</u> - 01299 878929 (mobile 07779 453523) Speak to Steve Jones.

A Great Testimony to the Lord!

The Lord has REALLY blessed me in my job regarding sales for the company! Recently my boss said that in February (2005) I had broken all company records & achieved more sales in that month than anyone has achieved in the last 10 years! THE LORD increased the business for me in that month 150% which is incredible! I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing me so much in my job; I CANNOT do it without Him! It is a great testimony to the Lord as I 'try' to witness for Him through the success He gives me! Thank you to all those that pray for me in my employment!

Chess & Tracting!

Chris & Joe come over fairly regular for fellowship & we often have a few games of chess to 'stimulate' the mind, so to speak! This week was no exception; I played Chris 8 games (that shows you what sort of chess players we really are!) but as you know I don't like to boast when I win!!! BUT, in this instance I WOULD like to a little! To think that Chris is a 'university' student doing a psychology degree (a complete waste of time in my opinion but I won't say anything!) I

'HAMMERED' him 7-1. Next month I shall be entering the Russian Open where I shall be playing Vladdimeer Borishenko (*Nine times world champion!*) After chess Chris, Joe and I went tracting. It was a great evening! (*Did I hear someone say Barney plays chess? Oh please, he's only just learnt how to play scrabble!*)

'I go to Church', he said to me!

After hearing this man use many swear words while playing a game of badminton, we sat together afterwards & during our conversation, he said to me 'I also go to church, the Church of England down the road; I dress in a gown & carry the challis! We carried on our conversation & the subject of Bible study came up! 'Do you know, that's one book I just can't get into!" He said. He went on to say that an atheist woman at the school he teaches in asked him why he went to church! He told me that he just couldn't give an answer to her question! A church goer who is ON THE ROAD TO HELL! I gave him a "You Asked The Question!" booklet, which he promised to read & we would then talk again the following week! I believe there are thousands of people like this man in all denominations who go to church yet are ON THE ROAD TO HELL! The 'church' is also our MISSION FIELD! It would be good next time you & I get a leaflet through our doors regarding the Easter & Christmas services from the Church of England, to write to the 'vicar's & leaders' of those churches & ask them guestions like 'What must I do to be saved?' Or 'Where will I go when I die?' I suggest we ALL start trying to reach the leaders of these churches in our neighbourhood WITH THE GOSPEL! Start targeting them today! Write a letter or post a tract but lets reach everyone we can with the GOSPEL; for if we don't, HELL AWAITS THE LOST! We have a job to do, let's get going!

What Love Means To Me!

The next article the DG have produced is 'What love means to me!' They have written some tremendous words from their heart. If you would like a copy of these articles please let me know & I'll post you them! *Remember, when you read them, they are mainly teenagers!*

Testimony Time at the DG!

An extra four people joined us at the March DG; two of which were invited to give their testimony. Dave from Brierley Hill A.O.G. church, who we first met at the Trinity Centre in Birmingham, went first & was excellent. To think that this man was an alcoholic living on the streets in his 30's, a dabbler in drugs, & now he is married to a lovely girl, he is saved & going on great with the Lord; we really do thank the Lord for the change in Dave's

life! Next up was Victoria who has also come through a really tough time. She also has been addicted to drugs & was big time into the night club scene. The Lord has really brought her through & she also is going on great with the Lord. Her testimony was a great blessing, like Dave's, to us all! Please pray for both Victoria & Dave as they keep on pressing on for the Lord!

Acts 2v38 is NOT the Gospel Message for Today!

Many Christians make the mistake of preaching Acts 2v38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ve shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Read the verse carefully! According to the verse, without any 'interpretation', what must I DO to have my sins forgiven & what must I DO to receive the Holy Ghost? Repent, okay I'll go along with that, but what else? Be 'BAPTISED!' The verse SAYS that we must be BAPTISED for the remission of sins, & THEN we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost! Therefore this CANNOT be directed to me! If you believe it is, you are NOT rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2v15), you are taking this verse out of its context & trying to apply it to yourself for today! Peter was preaching; but look how Peter changed his message when preaching again in Acts 10v42-44 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. Note the same wording 'remission of sins'. BUT here, he is NOT saving be baptised for the remission of sins, he is saying BELIEVE! Something has changed folks! What do I have to do to have my sins forgiven TODAY? **BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ!** (Acts 16v31) What do I have to do to receive the Holy Spirit TODAY? BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ! (John 7v37-39, 1 Cor 12-14) There is a difference between Acts 2v38 & Eph 2v8-10, & a difference between a message to the House of Israel (Acts 2v36) & one to a Gentile sinner (Acts 16v30-31). Ruckman writes 'No matter what you do with the text, Acts 2v38 teaches that 'the gift of the Holy Ghost' is not available to man unless he had been baptised in water; & Acts 8v15+16 & Acts 10v44-47 show conclusively that this was a temporary setup in accordance with the truth revealed up to that time. To go on with this transitional passage through 19 centuries of church history, applying it to unsaved sinners as 'the plan of Salvation' or as 'obeying the gospel' (compare Rom 6v17, 16v26 & 10v16), is theological & spiritual INSANITY!' (What did YOU preach when you hit Acts 2v38 Barney?) Note: there is ONLY one gospel we preach TODAY, i.e. the death, burial & resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; without His shed Blood we cannot have our sins forgiven (1 Cor 15v1-4, Col 1v14 etc.) BUT, there is more than one 'gospel' in the word of God! Run through these verses & work them out! - Gal 3v8? Rev 14v6+7? Mat 4v23? Mat 9v35? Plus Paul & Peter's i.e. Gal 2v7! It's a DEEP Book folks!

Three Months into the Year Already!

What have we done for the Lord so far? Time is racing on; we need to make every day count for the Lord. Let us all spend more time reading & praying, get to know Him better. Keep sowing the word of God everywhere you can; always keep tracts on you ready to give out. How many people have we written to & encouraged so far this year? Why not write a letter today! Heard any good sermons on cassette of late; if so why not pass them on to someone else for a blessing; let us keep helping one another. Friends come & go, we need to keep encouraging each other because this present evil world (Gal 1v4) is getting darker & darker!

Think on these things!

If the Rapture happens next week, how will you live your remaining days on earth? What would you do differently? Who would you visit? What is stopping you from doing those things NOW? If the Rapture happened next week; it could! It could happen today! Think about that!

Those Nasty 'Thee's' & 'Thou's!'

The most common complaint raised by those who pick up an Authorised Version for the first time is the use of 'thee's,' 'thou's' & similar words. The reader is frightened by these unfamiliar terms &, all too often, flees for the supposed comfort of a modern 'PERVERSION'. The religious advertisers do not differ at all from secular advertisers, in that both will sacrifice their consciences & lie as often as necessary to make a profit. Thus, religious television & magazines are filled with sales pitches alleging that the modern language translations are easier to understand. To convince the reader of this supposed truth, they need only to point to a 'ye' or a 'thine' in the AV text, & the unsuspecting public is convinced. The whole problem, falsely so called, can be solved very simply! Follow closely. In modern English, if a man addresses fifty people he says, "I am glad you are here today." If he addresses one person he says, "I am glad you are here today." A reader, seeing only the statement, does not know if a plurality of listeners, or just one, is being addressed. In 1611, if King James had been addressing fifty-four translators he would have said, "I am glad you are here to day." If fifty-three had the day off & one came to visit, the monarch would have said, "I am glad to see thee to day." Simply stated, the Authorised Version makes a distinction between the second-person ('you') pronouns & adjectives relating to number. distinction is not available to the readers of any other English version. Where one sees the 't' an individual is being addressed. Where one sees a 'y' two or more persons are being addressed. The singular forms are - 'thou, thee, thy, thine.' The plural forms are 'ye, you, your, yours'. This five minute lesson in Elizabethan grammar opens up vast areas of truth in the AV which are closed to readers of today's English perversions! (Taken from James Knox's book, 'By Definition' – definitely worth adding to your bookshelf!)

ERRORS IN THE QURAN!

How many days of Creation?

When you add up all the days mentioned in Sura 41v9+10+12 the Quran says that it took God eight days to create the world (4 days + 2 days + 2 days = 8 days)

But according to the Bible it only took God 6 days!

Thus the Quran begins its contradiction of the Bible!

ALSO, in Sura 7v51 and 10v3 the Quran agrees with the Biblical account of only 6 days! IF 6 DAYS IS WRONG, THEN THE QURAN IN SURAS 7 AND 10 ARE WRONG!

IF 8 DAYS IS WRONG, THEN THE QURAN IN SURA 41 IS WRONG!

THIS IS A MISTAKE!

Noah, the Flood, and His Sons

According to the Bible, all 3 of Noah's sons went onto the Ark with him and were saved from the flood. (Gen 7v1+7+13)

Yet, the Quran in Sura 11v32-48 says that one of the sons refused to go into the ark and was drowned in the flood!

Sura 11v44 also claims that the ark came to rest on top of Mount Judi while the Bible

says Mount Ararat.

THESE CONTRADICTIONS CAN NOT BE CLEARER!

Mistakes about Abraham

The Quran makes many errors concerning Abraham...

The Quran says that Abraham's father's name was Azar, but the Bible says his name was Terah (Sura 6v74 / Gen 11v26)

He did not live and worship in the valley of Mecca (Sura 14v37) but in Hebron according to the Bible (Gen 13v18)

It was Isaac he went to sacrifice according to the Bible NOT Ismael which the Quran states. (Sura 37v100-112 / Gen 22)

Abraham had 2 sons NOT 8 as the Quran says.

He had 2 wives and not 3 as the Quran says

He did not build the Kabah, even the Quran says so in Sura 2v125-127

He was not thrown into a fire by Nimrod as the Quran claims in Suras 21v68-69 and 9v69 THIS LAST ERROR IS SERIOUS BECAUSE NIMROD LIVED MANY CENTURIES BEFORE ABRAHAM. HOW THEN DID NIMROD MANAGE TO THROW ABRAHAM INTO THE FIRE WHEN NIMROD HAD BEEN DEAD FOR CENTURIES?

Mistakes about Joseph

The Quran makes the mistake of saying that the man who bought Joseph, Jacob's son, was named Aziz (Sura 12v21ff) when his name was really Potiphar (Gen 37v36)

Note other mistakes of names...

Instead of Goliath the Quran says Jalut

Instead of Saul the Quran says Talut

Instead of Enoch the Ouran says Idris

Instead of Ezekiel the Quran says Dhu'l-Khifl

Instead of John the Baptist the Quran says Yahya

Instead of Jonah the Quran says Yunus etc.

Mistakes about Moses

It was not Pharoah's wife who adopted Moses as the Qran claims in Sura 28v8-9. It was actually Pharoah's daughter (Exo 2v5)

Noah's flood did not take place in Moses' day (Sura 7v136 compare 7v59)

The Quran says that Haman lived in Egypt during the time of Moses and worked for Pharoah building the tower of Babel (Suras 27v4-6, 28v38, 29v39, 40v23+24+36+37) But Haman actually lived in Persia and was in the service of King Ahasuerus. See the book of Esther for details.

Crucifixion was not used in the time of Pharoah although the Quran says so in Sura 7v124

Mistakes about Mary

Her father's name was not Imran (Sura 66v12)

She did not give birth to Jesus under a palm tree but in a stable (Sura 19v22 / Luke 2v1-20)

Muhammad clearly made up fraudulent speeches and miracles for her (Sura 19v23-26) Zacharias could not speak the entire time until his son was born, not just 3 days as the Quran claims! (Sura 19v10 / Luke 1v20)

The Ouran's Self-Contradictions...

The Quran contradicts itself in many ways. Since the Quran claims in Sura 39v23+28 to be free from all contradictions, just one contradiction is sufficient to show that it is not God's word!

We have already said the Quran gives 4 conflicting views in regard to Muhammad receiving the Quran...Sura 53v2-18 and Sura 81v19-24 that Allah personally appeared to Muhammad in the form of a man and that Muhammad saw and heard him.

This is later abandoned because we see in Sura 16v102 and Sura 26v192-194 we are told that Muhammad's call was issued by the 'holy spirit?'

We are not told who or what this holy spirit is!

The third different account of his original call is given in Sura 15v8 where we are told that the angels were the ones who came down to Muhammad and announced that Allah had called him to be a prophet.

But yet again this is later amended in Sura 2v97 so that it is only the angel Gabriel who issues the call to Muhammad and hands down the Quran to him.

The Quran differs on whether a day is a 100yrs or 50,000 years in God's sight (Sura 32v5, 70v4)

At first Muhammad told his followers to face Jerusalem in prayer. Then he told then since God was everywhere they could face any way they wanted. Then he changed his mind yet again and directed them to pray toward Mecca! (Sura 2v115, 2v144)

Who was the first to believe? Abraham or Moses (Sura 6v14 or 7v143?) you can't have two firsts!

Muhammad, although a prophet so called, did not foresee his own death.

There are NO ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS of the Quran! Due to Muhammad's unexpected and sudden death, there was made NO preparation for his writings to be taken down. Instead this was taken up by his followers. They wrote down what they could remember what he said. These recordings were written down on whatever was available at the time.

The Concise Encyclopaedia of Islam comments... 'The Koran was collected from the chance surfaces on which it had been inscribed: 'from pieces of papyrus, flat stones, palm leaves, shoulder blades and ribs of animals, pieces of leather, wooden boards, and the hearts of men" Even the internationally know Muslim scholar Mandudi admits that the Quran was originally recorded 'on leaves of date-palms, bark of trees, bones, etc.'

The strange materials on which the Quran was written are verified by all general reference works such as encyclopaedias and by the standard reference works of Islam.

When there was nothing around which could be written on, the attempt was made to memorise Muhammad's revelations as closely as possible. According to Mandudi, the task that confronted the followers of Muhammad after his unexpected death was to gather together the scattered sermons of Muhammad, some of which were written on biodegradable articles, and others which were not written down but committed only to memory.

This, of course, created great difficulties. Some of the tree bark crumbled or broke and some of the stones were lost. Worse yet, Ali Dashti notes that animals at times ate the palm leaves or mats on which the Suras had been recorded.

Some of those who were the only ones who remembered certain Suras died in battle before they had the opportunity to commit in writing what they had heard. The gathering together of material for the Quran lasted several years. Much confusion remained as the memory of one person did not match up or correspond with that of another.

Sinlessness

According to the NT, Jesus Christ lived a perfect and sinless life. (2 Cor 5v21, 1 John 3v5, Heb 4v15, Heb 9v14, 1 Pet 1v19) When His enemies came to accuse Jesus before Pilate and Herod, they had to invent charges because no one could find anything against Him.

But when we turn to the life of Muhammad, we find that he was a normal human being engaged in the same sins which affect all of us. He lied, cheated, lusted after women, failed to keep his word etc. He was neither perfect nor sinless.

Where in the Quran does it state that Muhammad was sinless?

In the Quran, Sura 18v110 Muhammad is commanded by Allah 'Say, I am but a man like yourselves.

Nowhere in the Quran is Muhammad said to be sinless. Instead, Allah tells Muhammad that he is no different than any other man.

Muslims who claim that Muhammad was sinless have failed to note Sura 40v55, where Allah told Muhammad to repent of his sins! Not only was Muhammad commanded to repent of his sins and to seek forgiveness, but he was also reminded of his past sins that Allah had already forgiven and of future sins which would need future forgiveness.

Muhammad was not sinless according to the Quran. He was just one more poor sinner in need of forgiveness and redemption.

Don't forget to write!!!



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O earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. Jer 22:29

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

'Christian' Exhibition in Northampton

'Unbelievable!' That is one word I would use to describe it! I was invited by Cambridge University Press (CUP) to attend & I went mainly to purchase 'discounted' AV Bibles from their stand, but also to have a look around at the other Christian resources! While looking at Bibles on the CUP stand I met an American man who was also looking at the Bibles. He asked what I thought to the RSV; here we go again I thought to myself! So I told him! He then proceeded to ask me about the NASV; so I told him! Then he said that Hank Hanegraaff (the Bible Answer Man on the radio in the USA - & that's a joke to say the least!) said that all Christians who believed the AV was perfect were 'kooks!' He said Hank Hanegraaff & John Ankerberg had held a debate with the AV 'perfectionist' group & 'eaten them alive' so to speak! I asked him if Ruckman was there & he said no; I then told him that if Ruckman wasn't there it wasn't worth having the debate! Ruckman is the number one leading authority on the AV in the world, in my opinion! I then asked what his 'hero' Hanegraaff's FINAL AUTHORITY was & what Bible DID God promise to preserve. He said that Hanegraaff said they were all much of a likeness!!! So I showed him a few verses that PROVE they are NOT all alike! By this time he was not a happy chappy to say the least! I asked where he was living & what his occupation was, just to be friendly, his reply was 'What's it to you?' I said 'What sort of answer was that!' From then on he ignored me & went on buying his RSV's etc. What a buffoon of the highest order! About par for the course in today's 'Christian' world! I never started a 'fight', I only answered the questions he put to me. You see his hero Hanegraaff & him have one thing in common, they don't know where THE BOOK is that God promised to preserve - what a mess so many Christian's are in these days! The rest of the exhibition was also a sad joke - stands selling 'holy socks' & puppets (Barney style!) others trying to cancel 'third world debt' etc. I doubt if there was a sound Christian among them, but I suppose I'm judging again! It was just another money making racket! Money, money, monev!!!

Outreach Evening

What a great evening! The Lord blessed us with 37 people turning up! There were testimonies, readings, music, a 'film' (some amazing actors & actresses) & the gospel message preached throughout the evening! We also had something to eat at the end! A number of non-saved people came & went away challenged! We had some great feedback & have been asked already if we would arrange another outreach evening! The Lord was so good to us; it was a real blessing! One young Roman Catholic guy who came said he was challenged & it gave him a lot to think about! He has since been to a couple of our Friday meeting's & even brought his girlfriend along! (See also FANTASTIC NEWS on page 7)

Read The Bible!

Another 'member' of the youth group has now completed reading the Bible i.e. from Genesis to Revelation! Have you read the whole Bible yet?

Reading Evening (April)

Thirteen of us met at Hope Chapel for our monthly reading evening; it starts at 6.00 pm & ends at 9.00 pm. We have sandwiches & drinks to start with & then at 6.30 pm we turn to the word of God! We read a chapter each & make very brief notes as we all read i.e. noting down a verse that stands out to us or one that is a challenge, a rebuke or an encouragement etc. We read 1 + 2 Thessalonians & finished up in Ephesians. We then went through the first 5 chapters of 1 Thessalonians & took note of what verses we all marked & why. It was a great evening! Some of these youngsters have a real love & hunger for the Scriptures; it really is wonderful to see. (Joe said when he got home he carried on reading his Bible until 3.00 am; God is certainly working in these young peoples lives!) Not one of these young people has ever complained or moaned about the AV as they all know it is THE WORD OF GOD, PERFECT & PRESERVED. Those 'Christians' who tell you to get a more 'modern' version of the Bible because it is easer to understand, read & remember are talking HOGWASH & SHEEP-DIP! I was never a good student academically at school, in fact I hated reading for many years & just concentrated on sport; the first book I ever read was 'Daisy the Cow!' (as far as I can remember!) & the 2nd book I read from cover to cover was THE BIBLE! If I can read, understand & remember the AV, SO CAN YOU! Don't be fooled by these idiots who tell you to get a more modern version of the Bible like the NIV, or NASV, or GNB etc. Stay with THE BOOK; THE AUTHORISED VERSION! (I'd put our 'Student of the Year!' up against any NIV Christian when it comes to reading, remembering & understanding the Scriptures!) Most NIV Christians I've met are very shallow when it comes to doctrine; I suppose it's because half their 'Bible' is missing! - see Mat 17v21, Mat 18v11, Mat 23v14, Mark 7v16, Mark 9v44, Mark 9v46, Mark 11v26, Mark 15v28, Luke 23v17, John 5v4, Acts 8v37, Acts 15v34, Acts 24v7, Acts 28v29, Rom 16v24, 1 John 5v7 for starters!)

Holland Trip

Well twice a year I fly to Holland on business with my boss; it is a good time together & very profitable for the company. We stay in a hunting lodge just inside the border of Germany, which is very picturesque. It is located in a wood by some lakes. Again we were treated to a real fancy seven course meal & again I didn't like it, as I'm such a basic eater i.e. I could live on beans on toast! But something quite amazing happened while we were eating! This time I sat alongside my boss & a new representative for the company in Holland; during the night (mainly due to the alcoholic drinks I feel) both men started to 'open up' & the subject of life & death came up! Since joining the company I haven't really had a chance to talk to the managing director about his soul; now came the opportunity I had been waiting for. I seized it & gave a very straight forward presentation of the gospel; I mentioned hell, sin, death, judgement & Christ alone as the ONLY mediator between God & men! I explained some differences about religion & Christianity also as both men are Roman Catholics. It really was an amazing time. I also felt the devil try to stop the conversation a few times interruptions occurred but the Lord over-ruled & it continued for some Even after, when we went outside & stood by the fire, the guy from Holland wanted to continue our conversation. Please pray that these two men shall be saved!

Enquiries from Around the World!

Recently we have received an enquiry for our newsletter & evangelism literature from Nepal. I don't know how they heard about TfT! but we thank the Lord that many folks from all around the world have shown an interest in our ministry.

DEATH!

I really dislike being away from Donna especially when I am flying to another country as I recently did. I often have very deep thoughts about 'What if I didn't return?' etc. We both thought along these lines. Now if the plane had crashed & I died, for me it would be wonderful, I'd be with the Lord Jesus! But for Donna it would be terrible. It made me think also, quite soberly, 'Am I ready to go?' what have I really done for the Lord in the last 16 years? Who had I reached with the gospel? What effect would it have on those around me if I did go? All these things kept coming to mind; I wonder if you ever think like that? It was a real challenge to me & I want it to shake me up to really live for the Saviour WHILE I CAN! It certainly was a deep experience for me personally & I do believe it was profitable. Death is an enemy, it's horrible & it is terrible for those you leave behind; make every day count in living for the Lord Jesus, do what you can for Him & enjoy every day walking with Him. I really do thank the Lord that HE conquered DEATH - Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15v12-26) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Cor 15v51-58) What great words, what comforting words for the Christian! If you are NOT a Christian, you have no hope. Read these words carefully & get saved TODAY!

PLEASE PRAY!

Nelson Mwaba who hasn't been well recently (I'm sure he would love to hear from YOU – Maximum Security Prison, PO BOX 80915, Kabwe, Zambia, C. Africa), Geoffrey Mwewa – (PO BOX 39152, Lusaka, Zambia, Central Africa) who is in prison & needs help with his family on the outside (*I think they need financial help also!*); Donna's friend Pam in Wales who needs a healing touch from God; Jack & Rhoda Lees; David Quilleash & Peters Yates (both for continued strength); Tim Furniss who has had many trials to go through of late!

What 'Kind' of Christian are YOU?

Many sinners who get saved do NOT become 'disciples' of the Lord; they get saved but they don't really live for the Lord or work for Him, they seem to be 'lukewarm' in their relationship with the Saviour. This is so sad! The Lord gave everything to save us & He wants us to walk close to Him throughout this life, yet many choose not to. What 'kind' of Christian are you? 1 John 3v16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 Cor 10v31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Col 3v17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col 3v23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

How have you lived for the Lord over the last week?

Why Tongues are **NOT** for Today! (Have I emphasised NOT, enough Barney?)

Well I'm amazed; Barney came over & watched the video he promised to do! Unfortunately, even after watching & hearing the truth he will continue walking in & teaching this error! He of course came up with NO argument but once you're IN error it is very hard for you to admit you were wrong & come OUT of the error! Pride of course has a lot to do with it plus the fact that you would have to stand against your denomination & their tradition; that is very hard to do! I made up my mind a long time ago that I would try to follow the word of God & put the word of God above everything, including tradition, friends & Bible teachers who I respect & often read & listen to. With Barney's error over this issue, & a few of you who have written in asking why I believe 'tongues' are NOT for today, I thought it would be good to produce a taped study on this subject. I was saved in an A.O.G. church in Stourport-on-Severn & I was brought up in those early years believing that 'tongues' were for today, although I NEVER spoke in them myself (I wanted to at the time & even went to 'waiting' meetings & stood in line when the big-named evangelist 'preyed' over me; & all that kind of rubbish! By the way I have spelt preyed correctly, for that is exactly what they do!) I have NEVER spoken in tongues, yet I was always open to this gift & prayed to the Lord that I would receive it! After leaving the Stourport A.O.G. church, I then attended Barney's church (also A.O.G.) for eight years (approx) & again sat under the 'teaching' of this gift & saw it supposedly in 'operation' (At times I thought the person 'exercising' the gift NEEDED an operation!) After leaving Barney's church I went to a small evangelical railway mission where 'tongues' were not taught or exercised but believed by a few of the members. After a while I sent away for some books & a video on the subject of 'tongues' to see 'the other side' of the teaching; this 'triggered off' my own personal study on the subject, & without a doubt I am now convinced 100% SCRIPTURALLY that 'tongues' are NOT for today! For a FREE copy of my study on 'Tongues' please drop me a line (Note - good Bible teachers I know, even friends of mine, will disagree with what I write, but I must obey the word of God rather than follow man, tradition or friends!)

Scientific Fairy Tales

When you read in school text books or when any 'scientist' says these words 'Millions of years ago...' think immediately these words... 'LONG AGO & FAR AWAY...' In other words a fairy tale is coming next! The earth is NOT Billions or millions of years old! For further reading purchase Kent Hovind or Ken Ham's books on Creation – they are excellent!

Begging 'Christians' - it ought NOT to be!

Ps 37v25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Christians have been given a bad name/reputation when it comes to the subject of money! The false prosperity preachers are always begging for money etc. & therefore we are then tarnished with the same brush by the world! God KNOWS our needs & knows what is best for us, His timing is perfect! Many Christians 'indirectly' ASK for money by saying things like 'We run our ministry by faith & rely on goodwill offerings!' (That's asking for money!) Listen, God supplies our NEEDS not our WANTS! Phi 4v19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now I know that at times we are often tested when it comes to financial support & often times we fail the test &, even though we want to stay 'spiritual' & not ask for money, we 'indirectly' ask! If God calls us to a work HE shall supply our needs! As Christians we are to TRUST in Him & NOT beg! I write this because every week I have begging letters from Christian organisations! The Birmingham City Mission have just sent me their latest newsletter & written these words... 'If our present level of regular income does not increase, we will be forced to consider downsizing some of our operations. Will you please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to help BCM in one of the following ways...1) If you don't already give on a regular basis, consider setting up a standing order. 2) If you already give on a regular basis, consider reviewing your contribution. 3) If you pay tax, please check whether you have completed a gift aid form. 4) To help sustain the Mission's work in the next generation, make out a legacy on behalf of BCM.' Now that is BEGGING! That is NOT trusting in the Lord for His provision but trying to tug on the old heart strings to get some more money in! Don't you think it would be better for some of these guys to go out & get IOBS & then financially support the work themselves? What happened to PRAYER? What 'organisations' are mentioned in the word of God? I believe God wants us to get jobs & pay our way & trust Him to bring in the extra money we need - am I wrong? Paul was a tent maker! Acts 18v1-3 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. Paul worked & preached! If Christians don't work in the factories, shops & offices etc. who will reach these people with the gospel! Let us not be lazy & get out there & work, earn a living & GIVE to the Lord & His work! 1 Co 4:12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Acts 20v33-35 - I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ve yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. 1Thes 2v9 - For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. 2 Thes 3v8 - Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: (Read also Romans 12) When Christians & Christian organisations start begging for money SOMETHING IS WRONG! Where in the Bible do you see Paul or Peter 'begging?'

DG Social!

We started off having breakfast in a riverside café in Bewdley & then drove to Ludlow to my works office where we had a couple of hours fun playing darts – needless to say, the boy's won!!! After Ludlow we drove to Newent in Gloucestershire to a Christian coffee/book shop where we all had a drink & then went for a walk round the village. After that we landed back at the 'ranch' at Hope Chapel. It was a great day!

Want a Blessing?

Write to the following Christians... (They would love to hear from you!)

- 1) John Otoo Bompeh Sec. Tech. School, PO BOX 0611, Takoradi, Ghana, W/A. A young man at school who is certainly committed to the Lord!
- 2) **Justice Mensah PO BOX 289, Sekondi W/R, Ghana W/F** An evangelist who is reaching the folks out there in villages in Ghana.
- 3) Don't forget our friends in the USA prisons! Addresses can be found in previous newsletters or write & request them!

The Two Primary Rules for Bible Study!

- 1) 1 Cor 2v12+13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 2) 2 Tim 2v15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <u>rightly dividing the word of truth.</u>

Now every false teaching & every spiritual misunderstanding in the world is the result of either of the above! In other words, when studying the Bible you must compare Scripture with Scripture & NOT take verses out of their context, & you MUST RIGHTLY DIVIDE the Scriptures; not every verse in the Bible is DOCTRINALLY directed towards the church! Heresy is TRUTH MISPLACED! (Tongue speakers walk in heresy!)

A Special Request!

I would really appreciate it if you could pray for Joe O'Brien, the guy who has recently become a Christian. He is looking for a job at present; it will be his first since leaving school. If anyone could help him find work in the Birmingham area please would you contact me? It is always tough finding work 'as a Christian' and especially when it's your first job! He is very keen to work & would be a great asset to any company. He is trustworthy, honest & reliable, I certainly would recommend him! He does not drive! The Lord wants His children to work!

TfT! Literature!

We continue to send many tracts & booklets out every month upon request. The tract card 'He Loves You!' is being left every week on buses, taxis & trains in Birmingham via the youth group at Hope Chapel. *What literature are you distributing?*

If Jesus Came TODAY!

If Jesus Christ returned TODAY, would you be ready? Would you be caught doing something you shouldn't be doing? Would you be happy with what you have achieved here on earth during your Christian walk? He COULD come TODAY!

The Trinity

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (1 John 5v7) The Godhead is another description of the Trinity & guess how many times the word 'Godhead' appears in the Scriptures? THREE times! (*Quite amazing don't you think!*) See Acts 17v29, Rom 1v20 & Col 2v9.

Work!

The Lord is continuing to bless Donna & myself in our secular employment. Orders are up & business is very good; the boss was so happy that he went out & bought himself a BMW M3! We just pray that in all things, we shall be a good witness for the Lord. Thank you again to all those who pray for us in our work & travels.

FANTASTIC NEWS!

Amy (Who recently left Friday Club!) has become a Christian! THANK YOU LORD [ESUS! The last message she heard from us at the Friday club was on Hell & we thought it would be the last time we would see her after telling us she was leaving! She then turned up at the outreach evening a few weeks later & shortly afterwards wrote me a letter with some questions! I sent her a letter back with a few tracts & couple of tapes on 'creation v evolution'. I'll let her tell the rest of her story in her own words! 'Before I became a Christian I guess you could say I was the kind of person that would lurk around in the shadows listening to Death Metal. I was into all sorts of the wrong thing, the occult, music, I guess you could go as far to say even the clothes I were wearing were wrong. Even though I knew about Christianity I carried on doing what I wanted to do. After a while I started to realise that maybe the occult was wrong & moved on looking for something else. I looked at virtually everything, apart from Islam...Didn't really like the idea of wearing a head scarf. I couldn't really find anything in other religions that really looked right. Until I started questioning Christianity again. I'd been learning about the Bible quite a lot from Friday club at Hope Chapel until I left. I carried on questioning through letters to John Davis. It took one reply & some tapes to realise that Christianity was right, John had sent me two tapes, one on evolution & the other which was named 'The Garden of Eden'. They both explained a lot to me & helped answer all of my questions & more. From then I prayed for my sins to be forgiven & became a Christian. I knew that becoming a Christian would mean making a lot of changes to my lifestyle. I've done this now but it meant getting rid of my music, a lot of the books I had on the occult & what I wear. I found doing this really difficult, its not all of a sudden I could stop liking the music I'm into. Ok getting rid of the books was easy I stopped reading them after I learnt everything I needed to know. I've now started to read the Bible, I'm finding it kind of difficult though, but I know that if I spend time working it all out I'll understand it better. Becoming a Christian is one of the best things I've ever done & has completely changed my view on life & helped me realise things that I would have before.' Now you can imagine what a huge encouragement, Amy becoming a Christian, was to Donna & I & to all at Hope Chapel; THANK YOU LORD!!! She is doing great & we have invited her to join the Discipleship Group & she shall be coming with us on the DG holiday in August! Please pray for Amy in her Christian walk.

Reformation Watchwords!

Three Latin phrases have come to represent watchwords of Reformation teaching...

- 1) **Sola fide FAITH ALONE!** This summarizes the Reformers conviction that the heart of the Gospel is justification by FAITH ALONE! See Rom 3v20-31, Rom 5v1, Eph 2v8+9
- 2) Sola gratia BY GRACE ALONE! See Rom 3v24, Titus 2v11
- 3) *Sola Scriptura* **SCRIPTURE ALONE!** The reformers view was that the Bible ALONE is the sourcebook for doctrine, thus eliminating tradition & the decisions & decrees of church councils & the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope! See 2 Tim 3v16. (If only all Christians would place the Scriptures above church traditions etc.)

Donna's Health!

I really do thank the Lord that Donna's arthritis has so called 'stabilised' but I would love to see it disappear! She is still in pain every day especially her wrists & hands; please would you continue to pray that the Lord will take this disease away & she will be restored to full health.

I Like These!

- 1. Regarding 'gossip' One tree can make a million matches; but one match can destroy a million trees!
- 2. Do right a thousand times, & you may not hear of it once; do wrong once, & you will hear of it a thousand times!
- 3. You will never learn faith in comfortable surroundings!
- 4. How you handle your problems by day determines how you sleep by night!
- 5. To be a manager, you have to start at the bottom NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 6. If you can't convince them, confuse them! (*Barney's doctrine!*)

Some Great Sayings of Bob Jones SR

Somewhere down the line a small booklet entitled 'Chapel sayings of Dr Bob Jones SR' came into my possession. I would like to share a few of these sayings from this wise man...

- 1) Finish the job!
- 2) Go as far as you can on the RIGHT road!
- 3) You can borrow brain but you cannot borrow character!
- 4) For a Christian, life is not divided into the secular & the sacred. To him all ground is holy ground, every bush a burning bush, & every place a temple of worship.
- 5) You may acquire knowledge, but you have to get WISDOM direct from God!
- 6) It is a SIN to do LESS than your best!
- 7) God is the same person yesterday, today, & forever; but in the drama of the ages, He plays many parts! (*Do you understand that Barney?*)
- 8) What you love & what you hate reveal what you are!
- 9) Heaven & Hell are in opposite directions, & no man can go both ways at the same time!
- 10) Jesus never taught men how to make a living; He taught men HOW TO LIVE!
- 11) Pride is the stone over which many people stumble!
- 12) A man who has no enemies is no good. You cannot move without producing friction.
- 13) Your character is what God knows you to be; your reputation is what men think you are!
- 14) Dying men have said, "I am sorry I have been an atheist, an infidel, an agnostic, a sceptic, or a sinner"; but NO MAN EVER SAID with his last breath, "I am sorry I have lived a Christian life!"
- 15) The Devil did not tempt Adam & Eve to steal, to lie, to kill, to commit adultery; he tempted them to live independent of God!
- 16) The drunkard in the ditch has gone to the dogs. According to the Bible, the self-righteous man who thinks he doesn't need God HAS GONE TO THE DEVIL!
- 17) A preacher who preaches an old sermon because he is TOO LAZY to make a new sermon is not fit to be a preacher; but a preacher who should repeat a sermon because the people need to hear it again is a coward & a betrayer of Jesus Christ if he does not repeat the sermon!
- 18) When I was 14 years old, I knelt by my dying mother's bed. She smiled at me through the death shadow on her face & said she was going Home. She asked me to meet her in Heaven, & I gave her my promise. Her body sleeps in a lonely cemetery in the state of Alabama. As I have sat by her grave & listened to a funeral dirge played by the wind in the pine trees nearby, I have said, 'Mother, I will see you again someday.' Some people say I am dreaming. If I am, don't wake me. If this world were all, I would want my Christian faith. My faith hangs a rainbow of hope over the dust of my loved ones & kindles a smile on the brow of my bereavement. This world is not all. There is a God. There is a Heaven. There is a Hell. I am playing a safe game. If there were only one world, I have already won. Since there is an afterlife, I win for two worlds. You don't have to take any chances with your soul. DON'T TAKE ANY!

Preaching at Zion!

It was my privilege to speak at the morning service at Zion Church of the Nazarene in Handsworth. The church has a very mixed congregation including many saved Asians. It was a lovely time of fellowship together & many of our TfT! newsletters, "You Asked The Question!" booklets & tracts were taken at the end of the service; a great encouragement!

DG Notice Board!

Well the DG have produced a number of articles for the notice board & it has created a lot of interest within & without the church! So much so that Tim Macleod (who left Hope Chapel a while back!) has returned & been 'snooping' around it I'm told (although he would hate to admit it! Yes little Timmy we caught you – when are you coming out to play?) How about coming to the Friday club again? We're all missing you! By the way what issues have you got???

The Lord's Protection!

Donna & I dropped off LaToya & her sister Lamara after Friday club recently & while passing a pub someone threw a bottle at the car & dented it quite badly. What was amazing was the fact that the bottle hit just below & in between the front & rear passenger windows; LaToya was sitting in the front & Lamara in the back! It could have been very nasty had the bottle come through the window - THE LORD PROTECTED US ALL! What a world folks when drunken yobs just think its fun to throw glass bottles at cars! This sick world is in for the shock of its life when Jesus Christ comes & sorts IT ALL OUT! ...Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. (Rev 22v20) For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. (Psa 91v11) The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD. (Prov 21v31) We're in SAFE HANDS! God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psa 46v1)

A Letter of Encouragement!

A lady has recently written to us... 'I have received all 12 studies on cassette. Thank you very much! I have enjoyed the one on 'women in the church' the most. I'm glad to say that God has worked on my heart in a way that now I can agree with what the Bible says. I could not go back to a church where women 'lead' nor are pastors. I'm now interested to hear your study on 'Tongues.' Thanks again for your ministry. It strengthens me, & convicts me very much.' - Now here is a woman who wants to please God rather than men! Here is a spiritual lady who is seeking to serve God & put His word above all else. I am sure the Lord will bless this lady for her honesty & commitment towards Him. Thank you for writing S____, I was very encouraged!

My Mum Has Died!

On the 19th April my sister's husband (I didn't even know she was married!) called me on my works mobile to tell me that my mum had died two weeks ago, the 5th April 2005. I hadn't seen my mum for over 10 years since she divorced my dad. Only a month ago I tried to make contact with her by calling up her best friend to try to find out where she was. I left my business card with my work's mobile on. Her best friend passed on my details to my mum, but she didn't call. Then 'out of the blue' this phone call came, to tell me of her death & that she had stated that she did not want me to attend her funeral. I have never suffered bereavement before especially someone so directly 'close' to me. I cannot explain fully, the feelings I am going through. I sent some Christian literature to her once after the divorce but her solicitor said I was not to send anymore as she wasn't interested. Only the Lord knows how she died & where she is now; it breaks my heart to think of the horrific consequences of rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour - if she did? I wonder if I shall ever see her again. If any of you who have read this have fallen out with ANYONE in your family, I URGE you to visit them & make up with them before it's too late. I have regrets which I will have to deal with, but the Lord will help me through I know. Death is so final for the unbeliever. I had a great childhood & upbringing but as soon as I became a Christian both my parents became very 'anti-Christian' & wanted nothing to do with the Lord or His word. What rejection the Lord suffers! To think that both my mum & my dad (and every one of us) shall stand before the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of judgement! **Death is NOT the end!**

When were the NT Books written? (AD)

Mat 52-56	1 Cor 57	1 Thes 52	Heb 64-68	3 John 90-98
Mark 50-55	2 Cor 57	2 Thes 53	Jam 44-49	Jude 65-68
Luke 56-60	Gal 58	1 Tim 65-67	1 Pet 62-64	Rev 91-96
John 90-100	Eph 62-63	2 Tim 67-68	2 Pet 64-68	
Acts 63	Phil 62-63	Titus 65-67	1 John 90-98	
Rom 58	Col 62-63	Phile 62-63	2 John 90-98	

Please let me know if you have any further information regarding the dating of the Books of the Bible! If anyone has a list of the dates of the OT Books I'd like to see it!

Biblical Election/Predestination by Peter Paul Ventura

Those who teach that in eternity past, God elected/predestinated individuals to heaven, or hell, teach a twisted false doctrine in light of 1 Tim 2v3+4 - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. God would have all men saved! (John 3v16) For a good understanding of biblical election/predestination, we shall read 1 Pet 1v2 - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. In this verse we find:-

- 1) The basis for election God's foreknowledge:
- 2) The means of election through sanctification of the Spirit;
- 3) Time of election obedience & sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture (1 Cor 2v13), we find, the basis for election is God's foreknowledge. A person is elected/predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, not heaven or hell (Rom 8v28+29). The means of election, is through sanctification of the Spirit (2 Thes 2v13+14). A person hears the gospel, believes, & is then sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Time of election – 'unto obedience & sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ' (1 Pet 1v2), when you get saved, God applies that Blood to you (Heb 9v16-22, Rev 1v5) ...and washed us from our sins in his own blood, (Acts 20v28)) Election/Predestination occurs at salvation. A person is not predestinated to salvation. A person is elect/predestinated to be conformed unto the image of Jesus Christ (Rom 8v28-29, 1 John 3v2). God predestinated groups, not individuals. The only individual who is God's elect, is Jesus Christ (Isa 42v1). Israel as a nation is elect (Isa 45v4). The Church which is the Body of Christ is elect Eph 1v4 - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world... 'Us' - corporate. When God said "Jacob have I loved, but **Esau have I hated.**" (Rom 9v13), God was not speaking of individuals, but nations – 'two nations' (Gen 25v23) "Jacob have I loved", not the individual, but the nation that would come forth from Jacob, Israel. The most simplistic way to understand election/predestination is God said in Isa 42v1 - Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Jesus Christ is God's Elect. Thus when I get saved, I am then in Christ Jesus. When did I get in Christ Jesus? When I was saved! Jesus is God's elect, & the very moment I got saved I am in Christ & became elect/predestinated to be conformed into the image of Christ Jesus (Rom 8v28+29). God did not elect individuals to go to heaven or hell, in eternity past. Had God done so, humans would not have free will to choose eternity with God, or eternity separated from God. There could have been no freewill offering (Lev 22v18, Num 15v3, Ezra 8v28). Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve;" (Josh 24v15) Have you chosen Jesus Christ, or will you spend eternity separated from God? Jesus said - ... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3v3).

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My apologies to Peter for not including this article in either of the last two newsletters as promised!

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. Psalm 27v10

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. (Psalm 68v5&6)

Recommended Reading!

The Chemistry of the Blood by M.R. DeHaan M.D. – Excellent! – Why is the virgin birth so important? Where is Christ's Blood today? What type of Blood was/is it? *This book will be such a blessing to you!*

Dr R.A. Torrey's Story (Taken from 'The Gospel Standard')

One of the mightiest soul winners I ever knew was Colonel Clarke of Chicago. He would work at his business six days every week that he might keep his mission open seven nights every week. And every night in the week, the year around, five or six hundred men would gather in that mission hall. It was a motley crowd; drunkards, thieves, pick-pockets, gamblers & everything that was hopeless. I used to go & hear Colonel Clarke talk & he seemed to me to be one of the dullest talkers I ever heard in my life. He would ramble along & yet these five or six hundred men would lean over & listen spellbound while Colonel Clarke talked in his prosy way. Some of the greatest preachers in Chicago used to go down to help Colonel Clarke but the men would not listen to them as they did to Colonel Clarke. When he was speaking, they would lean over & listen & be converted by the score. I could not understand it. I studied it & wondered what the secret of it was. Why did these men listen with such interest, & why were they so greatly moved by such prosy talking? I found the secret! It was because they knew Colonel Clarke loved them, & nothing conquers like love! The tears were very near the surface with Colonel Clarke! Once in the early days of the mission, when he had been weeping a great deal over these men, he got ashamed of his tears. He steeled his heart & tried to stop his crying, & succeeded, but he lost his power. He saw that his power was gone & he went to God & prayed, 'Oh God, give me back my tears,' & God gave him back his tears, & gave him wonderful power, miraculous power over those men! He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. (Ps 126v6)

Money & The Business World!

- 1) There are only two times in a man's life when he should not speculate; when he can afford it, & when he can't! Mark Twain
- 2) I've been in trouble all my life; I've done the most unutterable rubbish, all because of money. I didn't need it...the lure of the zeros was simply too great! Richard Burton
- 3) Make money & the whole world will conspire to call you a gentleman! Mark Twain
- 4) Money is like manure. If you spread it around, it does a lot of good, but if you pile it up in one place, it stinks! (*Take a bath Barney!!!*)
- 5) For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8v36
- 6) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Mat 6v19-21)
- 7) Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. $Pro\ 11v4+28$

The Election! Who will run our country?

I've never had so much junk mail! The Conservatives, Labour & Liberal Democrats bombarded us with literature telling us why we should elect them to run our country! When a guy stands up to put the AV back in our schools, along with prayer & Christian education, when a guy stands up & says that the Bible is against sodomy, prostitution, drugs & alcohol, when a guy stands up & says that we should run our country on Biblical principles, then he'll get my vote! Until then it seems the god of this world (2 Cor 4v4) is having a field day & the puppets in the government are falling right into his hands! My boss told me that he was fined once because he mentioned on the telephone about a woman sowing on a button, as if it was the woman's role. The woman he was speaking to took him to court & he was fined! With political correctness (which is satanic!) & all the other 'positive' junk we are being bombarded with by the rulers & the media I honestly believe that this country, this world, is shot & it is only a matter of time before horrific judgements from God start to fall! Beware & get your life right with the Lord Jesus Christ BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!

The Trinity!

As you all should know by now, the DG members are not Christians who just 'go to church', they are Christians who try to reach the lost souls of this dying world & they stand & contend for the faith everywhere they can! Jude 1v3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Now recently Chris has been involved in a debate with Muslims, atheists, lecturers at his University & a Hebrew scholar from Cambridge University; & guess what subject they arrived at, the word of God - inspiration & preservation! Chris stood well & fought his corner. He also debated on the subject of 'eternal security!' LaToya (our other Team Leader!) has also been having a debate across the internet with a woman in the USA on the doctrine of the Trinity; so I thought I would include a few notes regarding this doctrine in this issue... It has been said that the doctrine of the Trinity is a Roman Catholic invention – which is just pure unadulterated 'sheep-dip!' Let us start by looking up some Scriptural EVIDENCE regarding the Trinity in the word of God, the Authorised Version (If you have an NIV I suggest you throw it away as it will do you no good at all in relation to this doctrine! I mean, why bother reading an NIV 'Bible' which was based upon the same set of manuscripts as the JW 'New World Translation?' I know of a few REBELLIOUS Christians who will not get rid of their NIV even though they know the truth regarding it! In fact Joe Hayden from the OAM got one of our DG members to read from it the other week - THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!!!) Before starting let me make it perfectly clear YET AGAIN; the Authorised Version of the Bible is the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God & all other translations are satanic counterfeits i.e. NIV, GNB, RSV, RV, NASB, NKIV etc.

THE TRINITY - Look up the following verses....

	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Everlasting/Eternal	Rom 16v26, Deut 33v27 Ps 90v2	Micah 5v2, Rev 1v8	Heb 9v14,
Omnipresent	Jer 23v24	Mat 18v20, Mat 28v20 Eph 1v23	Ps 139v7-10
Omnipotent	Jer 32v17, 1 Chron 29v11+12	Mat 28v18, John 5v21-23	Rom 15v13+19, Luke 1v35
Omniscient	1 John 3v20 Job 42v2	John 21v17, John 16v30	1 Cor 2v10+11,
Called God	Gen 1v1	John 20v28	Acts 5v3+4
In Creation	Gen 1v1 Mal 2v10	Col 1v14-16, John 1v3+10	Job 26v13, Job 33v4 Ps 104v30
Raised Jesus	Gal 1v1, Rom 10v9, Col 2v12, Acts 2v24	John 2v19-21, John 10v17+18	Rom 8v11, 1 Pet 3v18
Lives in the believer	1 John 4v12	John 14v20	John 14v17

The Trinity – One God yet THREE separate persons... Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (Deut 6v4) Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (Isa 44v6) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. (Isa 44v8) I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: (Isa 45v5)

The Father is God – 1 Cor 8v6, Eph 4v4-6
The Son is God – John 1v1-5 + 14, John 10v30-33, John 20v28, Heb 1v6-8, Phil2v9-11
The Holy Spirit is God – Acts 5v3-4, 2 Cor 3v17

More than 60 Bible passages mention the three Persons together – Mat 3v16+17, Mat 28v19, 2 Cor 13v14, Eph 4v4-6, Titus 3v4-6, John 3v34+35, John 14v26, John 15v26, John 16v13-15, Rom 14v17+18, Rom 15 v13-17, Rom 15v30, 1 Cor 6v11+17-19, 1 Cor 12v4-6, 2 Cor 1v21+22, 2 Cor 3v4-6, Gal 2v21-3v2, Gal 4v6, Eph 2v18, Eph 3v11-17, Eph 5 v18-20, Col 1v6-8, 1 Thes 1v1-5, 1 Thes 4v2+8, 1 Thes 5v19+19, 2 Thes 3v5, Heb 9v14, 1 Pet 1v2, 1 John 3v23+24, 1 John 4v13+14, Jude 20v21. Again this is a huge subject & we can't do it justice in just a few words; but there is certainly enough Scripture quoted above to prove the doctrine of the Trinity!

Letter from Kathmandu!

We had a very encouraging letter recently from a missionary in Kathmandu; he writes... Your newsletter is very bold & just exactly what we need in this age. I would love to receive every edition of it. In fact, I so much enjoyed the articles that I read the entire newsletter on the day I received it. Very good stand on the KJV issue, well done! Little bit about myself, just so that we can know each other better when we correspond. I was born in Nepal & at the age of 19, I went to England for further studies. I studied a year in London & went down South to Bournemouth University, where I studied for a year & a half. While I was at university, two men knocked on my door & invited me to the church, which at first I refused & later decided to go. To cut a long story short, after a while I got saved & realised my calling as a preacher. So, I quit university & trained under my pastor (Steve Dickens) for sometime & came back to Nepal as a missionary a year & half ago. (Did you hear that Chris O'Connor?) I am still studying, Lord willing, forever as there is just so much to learn. We still have a very small ministry & at times it's hard because of the government restrictions & Maoists problems outside the capital city. What a great letter! Please pray for brother Prakash!

Why 1 John 5v7+8 Should Be In The Bible; also known as The 'Johannine Comma' <u>PART</u> ONE

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 1John 5v7+8. Note in v6 – water, blood, Spirit; v7 Father, Word, Holy Ghost; v8 Spirit, water, blood - Observe the three threes in three verses! Just as God's word is TRUTH (John 17v17), so the Holy Spirit is TRUTH (v6). The total 'witnesses' to the deity & humanity of Christ are six; three 'upstairs' (v7) & three 'downstairs' (v8). The ones 'upstairs' will deal with the 'Son of God' & the ones 'downstairs' will deal with the 'Son of man.' Note Isa 9v6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: Regarding the 'Johannine Comma', there are seven authoritative witnesses for the King James text before AD 500 & three of them are before the Council of Nicaea (AD 325) (For a condensed summary on the Johannine Comma get the book 1 John 5v7 (1980) from the Bible Baptist Bookstore 1130 Jo Jo Road, Pensacola, FL 32514, USA). 1 John 5v7, from a King James Bible will be found in Old Syriac versions (AD 150), Old Latin versions (AD 180), Cyprian's writings (AD 250), the writings of Priscillian & Pithanasius (AD 350), at the Council of Carthage (AD 415), Jerome's works (AD 450), Fulgentius' quotations (AD 510), four different Waldensian Bibles (AD 600 - AD 1400), a minuscule Greek manuscript (number 88), & manuscript 61 (AD 1519). The last Greek manuscript (61) has affinities with the Old Syriac of AD 150 - 180, but no Syriac version was known in Europe until AD 1552 (Moses Mardin). From WHAT did manuscript 61 come from? It has four chapters in Mark that have 'coincidences' with the Old Syriac of AD 180 & the Old Itala of the same date. Two other Greek manuscripts contain the verse: one in its text (Codex Wianburgensis); the other (Codex 88) has it in the marginal notes. The verse shows up in four anti-Catholic Bibles, but it will be found to have been removed from PRO-Catholic Bibles like the RV, ASV, NASV & yes you guessed it the NIV – New International Version! (Taken from the General Epistles by Ruckman – excellent!)

Reading Evening! (May)

Thirteen of us gathered at Hope Chapel recently on a Saturday to spend some 'quality time' just reading the Scriptures & then briefly talking about what stood out to us in what we read. We read the first 10 chapters of Mark. It really is a profitable & enjoyable time. It is open to all but we do emphasise that this meeting is for Christian's who really do LOVE the word of God; if you would like further details drop me a line. The reading evening is held once a month.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Prov 18v24

Why 1 John 5v7+8 Should Be In The Bible; also known as The 'Johannine Comma' PART TWO

The next set of 'extracts' are taken from the Trinitarian Bible Society's booklet 'Why 1 John 5v7+8 is in the Bible.' Manuscript 61 was the first Greek manuscript discovered which contained the passage. It is NOT the earliest manuscript containing the passage; it was the FIRST manuscript found which contained the passage. The oldest known citation of the Johannine Comma is in a 4th Century Latin treatise entitled 'Liber apologeticus'. Edward Hills says 'The first undisputed citations of the Johannine Comma occur in the writing of two 4th Century Spanish bishops...In the 5th Century the Johannine Comma was quoted by several orthodox African writers to defend the doctrine of the Trinity against the gainsaying of the Vandals, who... were fanatically attached to the Arian heresy.' (From Websters 1828 Dictionary - A'RIAN, a. Pertaining to Arius, a presbyter of the church of Alexandria, in the fourth century; or to his doctrines. - A'RIAN, n. One who adheres to the doctrines of Arius, who held Christ to be a created being, inferior to God the father in nature and dignity, though the first and noblest of all created beings; and also that the Holy Spirit is not God, but created by the power of the Son.) Evidence for the early existence of the Johannine Comma is found in the Latin versions & in the writings of The Latin Church Fathers. Among these is Cyprian (c 250) & Cassiodorus (480-570), as well as an Old Latin manuscript of the 5th or 6th Century, & in the Speculum, a treatise which contains an Old Latin text. It is also found in the great mass of the later Vulgate manuscripts & in the Clementine edition of the Vulgate. Erasmus omitted the Johannine Comma from the 1st edition (1516) of his printed Greek NT, but restored it in his 3rd edition (1522). According to Hills, Erasmus reinserted the passage 'on the basis of manuscript 61, which was later supported by the presence of the verse in Codex Ravianus, in the margin of 88, & in 629.' Edward Hills in his book 'The King James Version Defended' gives ample evidence that the passage was in use well before the 15th Century! He also writes... 'In the first place, how did the Johannine Comma originate if it be not genuine, & how did it come to be interpolated (IN'TERPOLATED, pp. Inserted or added to the original.) into the Latin NT text?' There is just so much more I could write but time & space does not allow! If you want to study this further I would suggest you get Edward F. Hills' book 'The King James Version Defended' & especially regarding the study on the Johannine Comma read pages 209-213

A Blessing from Blackpool!

A lady from Blackpool has recently written to me & I thought I would include one of her paragraphs in our newsletter as I thought it was very apt for today... 'I find I am more & more troubled by many believers' lack of Bible knowledge in these perilous times. What is even more troubling is that some believers do not appear to 'want' to know the Scriptures or to be under its fundamental exposition, & for those who do there seems to be so few that are equipped to teach them. This is a completely unnecessary condition to be in for any believer, for no-one in this land of ours needs to be in the dark about the word of God. The ignorance of the word in the pew & especially the pulpit amazes me. One would think that someone would not dare to attempt to teach a subject he knows very little of. After all, if our child's biology teacher for instance, knew almost nothing about biology we would certainly have something to say about it! Yet I see that exact same problem in the church today. Men who apparently know so little of the word are allowed to be the 'pastors & teachers' of the flock. It is therefore no wonder that we have the total misrepresentation of Christ & the Scriptures in the 'love, love' mentality of a great number of professing Christians & their weak portrayal of the Saviour. Of course, the NIV etc. has helped enormously in promoting these errors, but The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof? Jer 5v31'

Pioneer Missionary Adoniram Judson - 1788-1850

Judson is known & respected in Myanmar as a devoted servant of God whose sacrifice & suffering paved the way for tremendous advances of the gospel. He spent 38 years in Myanmar! A Whole missionary movement followed him. In 1950, one hundred years after Judson's death, the church in Myanmar numbered some 200,000 Christians. Now, after 50 more years, there are about 4 million believers, or 9% of the total population. Born in Massachusetts, Judson became a brilliant student. As a young man he showed little interest in the gospel, but was convicted of his need for salvation when a young man in the room next to him died overnight. After studying at Andover Seminary, he felt a strong sense of call to become a missionary. Arriving in Calcutta a few years later, he & his wife were met by English missionary William Carey, but were forbidden by the British authorities to remain, as they feared unrest among the local people. The Judson's finally arrived in Rangoon (Yangon) in 1813, a dingy, squalid shanty town which suffered from frequent epidemics of cholera & other tropical diseases; Rangoon was dominated by Buddhist worship. It was six years before Judson won his first convert. He tried to get approval from the king for his work, but official religious toleration was never forthcoming. Rather, the Christians had to face opposition. The British were at this time making inroads into Burma, steadily colonizing the country. In 1824 Judson was thrown into prison on suspicion of being a British spy, because, in the absence of banks, his financial support from America was found to have been transmitted through the English Baptist Mission in Calcutta. Without the persistence & love of his first wife, Ann, Judson may not have survived the terrible prison torture. As a young missionary enduring many privations, Judson exclaimed, 'I will not leave Burma, until the cross is planted here forever!' By taking up his own cross, Judson succeeded in planting the gospel in Myanmar. His son, Edward, later said of him, 'Suffering & success go together. If you are succeeding without suffering, it is because others before you have suffered; if you are suffering without succeeding, it is that others after you may succeed. Judson survived incredible odds, outliving two of his three wives & five children. He carried on despite all his suffering in order to lay the foundation for others to build upon.' *Ever thought about becoming a missionary?*

Many bodies of the saints which slept arose...

Read Matthew 27v51-53... And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

QUESTIONS...

- 1) Verse 52 says 'many' bodies of the saints which slept arose! What happened to the rest of the saints? Or did ALL of them arise?
- 2) Is Abraham's bosom empty?

ANSWER...

This is without doubt one of the hardest passages to explain!

Among those who have tried to explain these verses, the following explanations have been produced...

- 1) The bodies came up & lived a while & then died again (as Lazarus)
- 2) The bodies came up & then after a few hours were caught up to heaven (like Moses, who was taken up *after* being buried)
- 3) The bodies were not literal but only spiritual, & went on up with the Lord Jesus at His ascension (Eph 4v8-11)
- 4) The bodies were literal, but returned to the grave to come up later with Jesus at the resurrection.
- 5) The bodies did not come up UNTIL the resurrection of Christ & then went up to heaven with Him.

All of the suggested answers have their problems!

In the first case, what is the point of a dozen repetitions of Lazarus, & why did not ALL of the OT saints come up, & why did they just go into Jerusalem? (Some of them – Adam, Noah, Shem & others, died more than 200 miles from Jerusalem!)

In the second case why were only a FEW bodies caught up? If ALL were not caught up,

why not, & when will they go up?

In the third case, the bodies have to be literal, for it is said that they SLEPT, & nowhere in the Bible are 'spirits' or 'souls' ever spoken of as 'SLEEPING'. *The body is what 'sleeps'* (Acts 7v59-60 / 1 Thes 5v9-10).

In the fourth case, the interpretation is nonsensical for we are told that the bodies did not come out until 'after his resurrection' (Mat 27v53). Why would they die again between Matthew 28 & Acts 1? There would be no purpose in them appearing in the first place.

In the fifth case, we have the most logical explanation; but it leaves two problems still starkly standing – why did not ALL the bodies come up, & since all did not, then when do the rest of them come up?

Reviewing what the Holy Spirit has revealed about the first resurrection, several things are clear even if all the details of Matthew 27v50-54 are not clear.

One – the first resurrection comes in THREE instalments...

- 1) OT saints (Mat 27v53), typified by the Feast of the First-Fruits (1 Cor 15v21-23, Deut 16v16)
- 2) NT saints (1 Thes 4, 1 Cor 15v50-63), typified by the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost Deut 16v16, 1 Cor 15v21-23)
- 3) Tribulation saints (Mat 24, Rev 11), typified by the Feast of Tabernacles (Deut 16v16, 1 Cor 15v21-23)

It is certainly improbable that OT saints will go up in the Rapture of the Body of Christ (Dispensational – i.e. the differences between the Body & the Kingdom, Israel & the Church, the Christian & the Jew)

This would make OT saints come up at the post-tribulation Rapture & Resurrection of Isaiah 26v18-21, Ezekiel 37v 1-17, Mat 24v29-31, & Psalms 50v1-6.

If they come up at the Rapture of the church, then a very peculiar situation will arise, for they will be resurrected as Lazarus, to go into the Tribulation on earth in Palestine. *No OT saint was 'born-again'* & none were given glorified bodies, & none are said to be 'like Christ' in the resurrection; contrary to the promises of the Christian (Phil 3v20-21, 1 John 3v1-3), the OT saints retain their male & female distinctions & their separate identity, in the resurrection.

The remaining OT saints, therefore (that did NOT come up at Christ's resuurection), have three future opportunities...

- 1) At the Rapture of the church
- 2) At the post-tribulation Rapture
- 3) At the last Judgement (White Throne Judgement Rev 20)

Choice two is the most likely, but it cannot be proved from the Scripture. If it is chosen, another more knotty problem arises than this one. It is, 'when do the saved from Adam to Moses come up?' Moses to Christ can be the reference to saints who went 'into the holy city,' as Jerusalem is Mosaic & connected with the occupation of Palestine, by Israel, under the Mosaic law; but, where is Adam & when does he come up?

No one knows, but the Scripture, & no one has been in the word enough to come up with the answer!

'Many bodies of the saints' indicates that there are more to come up. WHEN, is the question. Of the many that came up, there is no way to tell whether they represent the dispensations between Abraham & Moses, or between Moses & Calvary, or BOTH.

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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil 1:21

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Phil 1:23

The Incomparable Christ!

More than 1900 years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty & was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, & had neither training nor formal education. In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, & hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine & made no charge for His service. He never wrote a book, & yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, & yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined. He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students. He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; & yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms & surrender without a shot fired. He never practiced psychiatry, & yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far & near. Once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning & multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage & respect to Him. The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece & Rome have come & gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, & theologians have come & gone; but the name of this Man abounds more & more. Though time has spread more than 1900 years between the people of this generation & the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, & the grave could not hold Him. He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, & feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord & Saviour JESUS.

We are either going to be forever with Him, or forever without Him.

It's your choice!

The Bible Banned From Hospitals Now!

The UK is 'shot through!' People on their death beds, often times with no hope, occasionally turn to the Bible as a 'last resort!' What better places are there to have copies of the word of God? But now they are banning them from hospitals! We are so near to the end that's all I can say! Shortly Christ will come! The Tribulation will be horrific! The church, the Bride of

Christ won't be there to witness the judgements that will fall, thank God! Are YOU saved? Is your family? Pray, pray, pray! Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: - (Amos 8v11)

NIV or AV

(Satanic counterfeit or THE WORD OF GOD?)

'Butter knife' or TWOEDGED SWORD?

(Which one would you choose for a weapon?)

So you think there isn't much difference between the NIV & the AV do you? If you have an NIV, for once in your life, (speaking to my stubborn 'friends!') look up the following verses in your NIV & compare them with the AV & then say that there are no differences between these Bibles! (Try any modern version!)

- 1) **Psa 10v4&5** prosperous or grievous?
- 2) Ecc 8v10 receive praise in the city or forgotten in the city?
- 3) Col 2v18 has seen or has NOT seen?
- 4) **Isa 9v1** honour Galilee or grievously afflict Galilee?
- 5) **Isa 9v3** increased their joy or NOT increased the joy?
- 6) **Prov 26v22** choice morsels or wounds?
- 7) Hos 11v12 Judah is unruly against God or ruleth with God?
- 8) **Prov 25v23** brings rain or driveth away rain?
- 9) **Psa 55v18** oppose me or with me?
- 10) See also verses such as **Dan 3v25**, **Mat 5v22** (note 'without a cause!' *Did Jesus sin?*), **James 5v16** (confess your 'faults' or 'SINS' to each other?), **Micah 5v2** (Jesus came from 'ancient times' like the JW's teach or from 'everlasting'?) **Col 1v14** (How are we redeemed by what? What is missing in this verse?)
- 11) Who killed Goliath? 2 Sam 21v19
- 12) What about missing verses? Mat 17v21, 18v11, 23v14, Mark 7v16, 9v44+46, 11v26, 15v28, Luke 17v36, 23v17, John 5v4, Acts 8v37, 15v34, 24v7, 28v29, Rom 16v24, 1 John 5v7
- 13) Who is the Morning Star? Rev 22v16. Who fell from heaven? Isa 14v12!!!
- 14) Have a look at **1 Cor 6v9** in the NIV If a person 'offends' a homosexual (i.e. 'homosexual offender' see NIV passage!), he or she will not enter the kingdom of God!
- 15) Is it hard to enter the kingdom of God? The NIV says it is, see **Mark 10v24**. Now compare it with the AV!

Total opposites! How about that! So where do we go from here? **One of them is WRONG!** They both claim to be the Holy Bible but one of them is totally opposite, compared to the other, on these verses – one of them is wrong!

The NIV is based upon a Greek text which is a CORRUPT text devised by the Gnostic (GNOSTIC, n. nostic. [L. gnosticus; Gr. to know.] - The Gnostics were a sect of philosophers that arose in the first ages of christianity, who pretended they were the only men who had a true knowledge of the christian religion. They formed for themselves a system of theology, agreeable to the philosophy of Pythagoras and Plato, to which they accommodated their interpretations of scripture. They held that all natures, intelligible, intellectual and material, are derived by successive emanations from the infinite fountain of deity. These emanations they called oeons. These doctrines were derived from the oriental philosophy.) philosophers of Alexandria, Egypt, chief of whom was Origen (184-254 AD) The NIV is a satanic counterfeit which omits or distorts genuine Scriptures or impugn (To oppose; to attack by words or arguments; to contradict.) them by means of equivocal (Being of doubtful signification; that may be understood in different senses; capable of a double interpretation; ambiguous; as equivocal words, terms or senses. Men may be misled in their opinions by the use of equivocal terms. 2. Doubtful; ambiguous; susceptible of different constructions; not decided.) marginal notes.

The NIV repeatedly matches that of the Roman Catholic Douay Rheims & Jerusalem bibles & the New World Translation of the Jehovah's Witnesses. However, this is to be expected, given that the basic Greek text of the NIV is largely that of the Alexandrian manuscripts particularly Vaticanus (B) & Sinaiticus (Aleph), which are in turn the basis for Jerome's Roman Catholic Latin Vulgate!

The total alterations in the wording of the NIV, with respect to the AV 1611 are 5615 words OMITTED & 1090 words ADDED (Bible Believer's Bulletin May 1993). Note what the BIBLE says... Deut 4v2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Re 22v18+19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Pro 30v5+6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Who dares to add, take away, change or 'correct' THE WORD OF GOD?

DO YOU?

There are 2 lines of bibles, 2 lines of Greek manuscripts, 2 lines of church history, and 2 lines of men! Of each of these 2 lines, one is honouring to God, one is not! Of each of these 2 lines, one is honoured BY God, one is not!

Now you have seen the facts, what are you going to do with your NIV? Still use it? For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee... 1 Sam 15v23 Get rid of your NIV 'PER-version' & get a copy of...

THE WORD OF GOD i.e. the AUTHORISED VERSION BIBLE!

'Eternity' Flyers Sent Out To Tobago!

Two boxes of 'Eternity' flyers will shortly be shipped out to Tobago; please pray that souls shall be challenged & saved through this literature!

Team Leaders Day Out!

Donna & I took Chris & LaTova out to Weston-Super-Mare as a thank you for all their support & commitment to the work at Hope Chapel. It was a really enjovable time. We played lots of games but BEST of all was the competition Chris, LaToya (who was the reigning champion!) & I had at netball! The machines' 'record' was 37 points in 30 seconds! LaTova started & threw a 38 (I won't mention mine or Chris' score as that isn't important YET!!!), she then threw again & gained another 38 points!!!

Very good LaToya! By this stage Chris was nowhere to be seen - I think he thought he received points for NOT getting the ball through the hoop! Well after 'messing around' I decided to teach this young lady a lesson & shot a 40 - way to go cowboy, I hear you say! LaToya took defeat well after bursting into tears & throwing a tantrum! (Only joking - she's a good sport really!!) It was a great laugh! Chris did manage to win the air hockey & 'non-stop' also the talking competition! We shall have to do it again some time!

Hope Chapel Gospel Service!

Chris O'Connor led the meeting, Joe & LaToya gave their testimonies & Sheleen, Dionne, Simone, LaToya & Lamara sang & played instruments. The Lord blessed the evening & I'm sure many were touched by all that was done for Him. Les, a man who hadn't given his testimony for years, was encouraged to give it again, which he did & Eddie Turner gave the gospel at the end.

Please Pray!

For Victoria who is a little confused at present regarding JW teaching! Her son is going out with a JW & they are having some influence on Victoria. I have sent her a lot of information on the JW's recently to help her take a stand against this cult! If you have any other helpful information on the JW cult please would you send me some, thanks!

Kings Heath Outreach!

Ten of the Hope Chapel youth group turned up for the King's Heath outreach! We started from the church & walked up the high street (a very busy shopping area!) giving out tracts & continued for quite some way before turning around & heading back! We split up into two teams i.e. five each side of the road. We 'tracted' every house we came to along with every shop & pub in the street plus hundred's were given out to shoppers & passers by. We entered into a few conversations also & the whole area was saturated with the word of God! We spent two hours out before returning to the church for something to eat & drink! A tattooist also had a tract & a few tracts were put through the Christadelphians, the Masonic lodge, Chinese herbalists plus a lot of Muslim shops! A very high percentage of people took the tracts with very few refusals 'to our amazement', which we really do thank the Lord for. Much prayer had gone up the previous week especially for this outreach! Amy was in her element! Don't forget it is only recently she was saved, & although she (in fact most if not ALL of us) were very nervous she seemed bold approaching people. At one stage she 'skipped' up to two police officers & handed the huge officer a tract to which he replied "Are you saying that I need this?" Amy replied "Yes!" He took it, smiled & started to read it! We all enjoyed the day & were so thankful to the Lord for all His help & strength! Please pray that souls shall be saved through this work! I can't ever remember having such a good response from people accepting the literature. (One Christian we met said to one of our team members "I'm already washed in the blood! Don't forget to smile when you give out tracts!" - You always get one 'simpleton' who wants to ADD something to the work! They won't get out there themselves but they will tell you how you ought to do it!)

From 'Rep' to Management!

I have now recruited three sales representatives to work for me; one of which was a guy who I used to work with at my previous company. This is my first time at sales management! Please pray that all goes well as this is quite a challenge! The Lord has really blessed us in the job we do, I can't thank Him enough!

What Would You Like To Be Remembered For ...?

...also, what would you like your epitaph to say? This was our recent DG article! LaToya said she would like hers to read... 'I was just a nobody telling anybody about Somebody who could save everybody!' – Not bad for a 15 year old I'd say!

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev 20v15)

Discipleship Group (DG)

Another great time around the word of God! Amy is doing very well & enjoying the meetings. We did a few role plays of what could happen while giving out tracts on the streets as some of these young ones have never participated in this kind of work before. It was very profitable & a great help for the Kings Heath outreach! Some played the part of...

- No thank you I'm not interested!
- I don't like to have 'religion' forced down my throat!
- A JW & an 'intellectual' evolutionist!
- A very argumentative person!
- A very 'wishy washy' Christian who says we are doing more harm than good & that we should be more concerned about cancelling third world debt & feeding the poor!
- An atheist!
- Someone who has been rejected from birth & had many awful things happen to them!
- 'Religious' but NOT saved!
- A Satanist / Goth!
- A plain old fashioned idiot who just wants to waste your time!

These were just a few of the incidents we went through together! I think Joe thought he was rehearsing for a part in a film or something – if we distributed Oscars, he would receive one! It was a great evening! We finished up studying about the holiness & fear of God! Very challenging & convicting! (We have now introduced an incentive scheme i.e. first to complete articles etc. gain points; the more effort & commitment, the more points, & as a reward we shall take the top 3 out – so DG make sure you do your 'homework!')

More Lies & More Deception!

If you receive the 'Christian Marketplace' magazine you will be aware of just how bad things are getting! In the latest issue Codex Sinaiticus (one of the CORRUPT Greek texts underlying the NIV & all modern versions of the bible - the other prominent one is Codex B Vaticanus!) is now being newly promoted around the Codex Sinaiticus (Aleph) was found in a trash pile in St. Catherine's monastery near Mt. Sinai in 1844 by Tischendorf. It omits Gen 23v19-24v46, Num 5v27-7v20, 1 Chron 9v27-19v17, Exodus, Joshua, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Judges, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Mark 16v9-20, John 7v53-8v12. It also adds the Shepherd of Hermes & Epistle of Barnabus to the New Testament Text! Codex SINaiticus & VATICANus disagree with each other over 3000 times in the Gospels ALONE!!! Dean Burgon writes... 'The impurity of the Texts exhibited by Codices B & Aleph is not a matter of opinion but a matter of fact. These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence.' He goes on to say that they are by far the FOULEST Texts that have ever seen the light! THE NIV IS BASED UPON THESE TEXTS! The NIV is a **SATANIC counterfeit** of the TRUE WORD OF GOD! (I cannot recommend highly enough the book by Alan O'Reilly titled "O BIBLIOS" -THE BOOK - Every Christian should read this book!) Also mentioned in the 'Christian Marketplace' magazine was a section on Bibles... The Global Bible for children, NRSV, HCSV, GNB, CEV, TNIV, NLT - in other words 'EVERYTHING' BUT the AV - Authorised Version! It's a downward spiral folks!

LaToya's Baptism!

A lovely service! On 10/7/05 LaToya, one of our team leaders, was baptised at Hope Chapel. Over 50 attended the service & the Lord really blessed us. LaToya has been attending the church since she was 4 years old so this was a big encouragement to all. I was privileged to preach the gospel at the service.

Amazing Testimony (Sent in by Eddie & Rose Geary)

A few weeks before September 11th 2001, my wife & I found out that we were going to have our first child. My wife planned a trip out to California to visit her sister. On the way to the airport we prayed that God would grant my wife a safe trip to be with her sister. Shortly after I said 'Amen' there was a loud bang & the car shook violently. I found that I had blown a tyre. I replaced the tyre as quickly as I could but we still missed her flight & we returned home very disappointed. Once we were home I received a call from my father in New York. He was a retired fire fighter. He asked what my wife's flight number was but I explained that we had missed it. He told me that her flight number was the very one that had crashed into the southern tower of the World Trade Centre. I was too shocked to speak. My father had more news for me; he was going to help & do something, anything, at the Trade Centre even though he was retired. "This is not something I can just sit by; I have to do something" he said. I was concerned for his safety but more concerned because he had never given his life to Christ. After a brief debate, I knew his mind was made up. Before he got off the telephone he said, "Take good care of my grandchild." Those were the last words I ever heard him say. He died while helping in the rescue effort. My joy that my prayer for the safety of my wife had been answered quickly became anger. Anger at God, at my father & at myself. It went on for nearly two years, blaming God for taking my father away. My son would never know his grandfather. My father had never accepted Christ & I never got to say 'Goodbye.' Then one night there was a knock at the door. We were not expecting anyone & when I went to the door there was an unknown couple with a small child. The man asked if my father's name was Jake Matthews. I told him it was & he grabbed my hand & said, "I never got the chance to meet your father but it is an honour to meet his son!" He explained to me that his wife had worked in the World Trade Centre & had been caught inside after the attack. She was pregnant & had been caught in the debris. He then explained that my father had been the one who found & freed her. My eyes filled with tears as I thought of my father giving his life for these people. He then said, "There is something else you need to know." His wife then told me that as my father worked to free her, she spoke to him & was able to lead him to Christ. I began to sob upon hearing this marvellous news. When their baby boy was born, they named him Jacob Matthew in honour of the man who gave his life so that mother & child might live.

When a man seeks for the truth he finds it!

Rom 2v7+8 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath...Jer 29v13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Are you searching for the truth? John 14v6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (Note...Read Romans 1 & 2 to see how God deals with the heathen who have NOT heard the gospel.) Where the heathen follow their conscience (Rom 2v15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another), it leads them straight to Jesus Christ, exactly as the law was a schoolmaster for a Jew (Gal 3v24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.). God knows the heart (Rom 2v15), & when the heart of any man turns to Him, he is 'accepted with Him' (Acts 10v35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.) in the sense that God will give that man an opportunity to receive Christ.) By Dr Ruckman.

We were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God!

Pro 28v1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. Phil 1v14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. 1 Th 2v2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. Donna & I had stopped off for a cup of tea at a roadside 'trucker's café' recently. After we arrived so did 7 lorry drivers in their vehicles. While we sat & drank our tea we watched them all queue up to receive their food & drink. As we sat there for a while I felt the Lord wanted me to go & give them all a booklet; the spirit was willing but the flesh was very weak! I wrestled with my conscience for a while (how pathetic!) before picking up 7 "You Asked The Question!" booklets. A quick prayer asking God to give me boldness to give these out, I headed their way! Every single one of them took it!!! I had to knock on the cab door of the last one I needed to give out as he had already gone back to his lorry! He had arms like a gorilla & tattoos all over him - he opened the door & I asked if I could give him something to read as he sat there; he replied yes! A small battle was won that day for me & I journeyed on thanking God for all his help. Donna said she also had felt that we should have given them a booklet. May God grant us all boldness to give out tracts.

Prisoners of Hope - by James Knox

Brother James has been kind enough to send us a few copies of his latest CD which we would like to offer free to those who would like a copy – just drop us a line. All but one song has been written by him – well worth a listen to! Thanks for thinking of us Brother James! So pleased you chose a Keith Green song also!

Can You Believe It!

A booklet that is being distributed by the Walsall NHS (Edited by Susan Love – Walsall Primary Care Trust) to teenagers aged 13 -16 was given to one of Victoria's children recently, she passed it to myself to see what they are teaching kids these days. It says in one section the following...

'When are you ready to have sex? – There is no absolute right age to start having sex. What matters is whether it is the right time for you. What age do you have to be? In Great Britain it is against the law for a boy to have sexual intercourse with a girl who is under 16. It is currently also against the law for two boys to have sex together before they are both 16 years of age. There is no law against two girls having sex together at any age.'

We are living in a sex crazed country! Our CHILDREN are being FED with sexual thoughts through the TV, advertisements, magazines, 'sex education' at schools, booklets like this one from the NHS etc. What on earth has gone wrong? Where has the teaching of purity, holiness & sanctification gone? You are MAD to let your children have a TV in their bedroom! Young Christian listen & take note... God is against sex BEFORE marriage! You should NOT have any involvement in any kind of sexual activity until you are married – IT IS SIN before marriage! Keep holy & pure for the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have made mistakes confess them to the Lord & live a clean, pure, sanctified & holy life from NOW on!

Reading Evening!

It was another great evening around the word of God. We read the first three chapters of the book of Philippians & talked about the verses that stood out to us. We really like these reading evenings & get a lot out of them!

Sunday School Outing!

The double-decker bus turned up on time & we were all off to St Nicholas Park in Warwick! It has good facilities for young & old alike but for the boys all we needed was some grass for our annual football match! After a couple of hours playing we found ourselves down 22 - 29 BUT we were definitely COMING BACK when our opposition decided 'enough was enough!' - I think they were getting scared! So we left it at that & decided to have a game of cricket & then to top it off, another game of football with some 'strangers!' (Our previous opposition couldn't take another game, but you know the Davis' we keep soldiering on & NEVER GIVE UP!!!)

Ruckman's Bible Version Videos – EXCELLENT!

What a study! Seven of us (5 who are between 15 & 20 years old!) turned up at Hope Chapel one Saturday recently to watch a 3 hour video session on Bible versions presented by Dr Ruckman. We watched the first one & a half hours study then had a break for half an hour, before returning for the second study. We met at 9.00 am to do this & in the afternoon we relaxed a little. It was a great time of learning & fellowship. I would recommend every Christian to watch these videos! What is your FINAL AUTHORITY?

Keith Green's Journal!

I regret not having kept a diary or journal, especially since getting saved i.e. 4th May 1989. I tried it for a few months but it never lasted. I like to read parts from journals; (John Wesley's is excellent!) you often see the truth in a man when he writes; you get to know the man a little more & see that he also went through the same things you & I go through. I picked up Keith Green's book 'Make My Life A Prayer' (Harvest House Publishers) recently & read a few of his journal entries. He died on July 28th 1982 with two of his children, Bethany & Josiah. I want to include one of his journal entries that really challenged me & blessed me... January 17th 1982 – I, Keith Green, have three natural born children - Josiah David, Bethany Grace, & Rebekah Joy - & one adopted daughter, Dawn. My wife Melody & I love & serve Jesus, & we need to accept ourselves & quit being condemned. I am very far from the way I know I should be, but I also know that God loves me & has been so patient with me. I am so miserable most of the time & yet God has provided & blessed me with so much – just like Solomon - & now I know that it's my job to learn to accept it & use it for His glory. I am so 'religioned' out. I am so weary of the struggle. My weight is steadily on the rise. My prayer life is, as usual, very weak. My desires, as usual, are still lofty. It all seems like an endless merry-go-round. Yet I know there's an end to it all - death & judgement. If I were judged now, I would be judged a failure in my eyes masquerading as a great man of God, running a great ministry. Yes, I have found much approval in men's eyes, but what about God's eyes? It seems He accepts me & loves me! I know He is not impressed with my works any more than He was with Solomon's. But I think He likes my heart. And if I will be judged on the motive & intent of my heart, then I'm okay. For out of a good heart must come good fruit. O Lord help me to accept myself as I am. Or help me change. I can't stand being this way & hating myself. I am so unhappy & uncontrolled! - Keith Green may not have got all his doctrine right (but who out there has!), but his heart was full of love for the Saviour & in reaching the lost souls of this world with the gospel. This man has been a great blessing & inspiration to me many times. I hope this journal entry has been a blessing to you also. He was one of the most honest men I have ever read about.

Should a Christian drink Alcohol?

Finally I have put this study onto cassette! It is 'jam-packed' with Scriptural references & IF you *make it to the end* you will KNOW that it is WRONG for a Christian to 'touch' a drop of alcohol ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES! I apologise upfront for speaking so fast on this cassette (especially side 2) but I wanted to include as much information as possible! This tape will be an 'eye-opener' to many who listen to it! It even touches upon what the FORBIDDEN fruit in the Garden of Eden was (thanks to Dr Ruckman!) I have been asked recently whether these tapes may be copied & passed on; the answer of course is YES! If the church you attend uses alcoholic wine in the Breaking of Bread service, I suggest you give your elders a copy of this tape! If you would like a free copy please drop us a line requesting one. (The 'Tongues' study is near completion & the tape will be produced shortly; request a copy now! *Poor ol Barney!*)

The Next 20,000 'He Loves Youl' Tract Cards Have Arrived!

We have nearly finished the last 10,000. Some of our youth group are distributing these on a regular basis plus some of you folks who are on our mailing list are also using these tract cards. They are being left on buses, in phone boxes, posted through letterboxes, posted in 'junk-mail' pre-paid envelopes, left in café's, restaurants, shops, library's, colleges & schools, doctor's surgeries etc. If you would like some to distribute please drop us a line. They are FREE of charge; let us all make a concerted effort to reach the lost souls of this world with the word of God BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Please Note an Error in TfT! Newsletter Issue 25!

It has been pointed out by Peter Ventura that I stated that the Book of Revelation was written in 68-70 A.D. when it was actually written between **91 A.D. – 96 A.D.** My apologies for this! (I don't think Peter Ruckman gets enough credit where it is due! Many people have 'borrowed' his words & not given him the credit! You're doing a great job Dr Ruckman!) If you find any further errors in any of our newsletters please point them out to us! (Please don't write saying the AV has errors or that tongues are still used today as these are NOT errors! drift The Catch mvBarney!) significance of the dating Revelation... 'The Book of Revelation was written between 91 A.D. & 96

A.D. during the reign of Domitian, the Roman Emperor, not Nero. The date of the writing is very important. If the book was written during the reign of Nero, it was written before the destruction of Jerusalem. If it was written before the destruction of Jerusalem, then the events in the book that take place can be applied to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Thereby, they can be said to have no future application to the 20th century! Those that teach this heresy, i.e. Roman Catholics & Protestants etc. are very anxious to prove that book was written before 70 A.D. since otherwise, the description of Rome in Revelation 17 & 18 must be applied to Papal Roman, instead of Pagan Rome!' (Taken from Ruckman's commentary on Revelation)

Another Crash!

Well with the amount of miles we do I suppose it is to be expected! It was that same old scenario where the guy at the roundabout went to pull away & then stopped just as I was coming onto it! I hit him but there wasn't too much damage to either vehicle, thank the Lord, & no one was injured! Thanks again to all of you who pray for us on our travels!

Team Leaders 2nd Day Out!

...and what a day! I thought about taking Chris & LaToya to Oxford & showing them a little 'culture'; perhaps a walk around the city admiring the architecture, a visit to the museums, a ride on the open top bus & even a river boat trip, but no! LaToya & Chris 'schemed' together & said they wanted to go to Drayton Manor Theme Park (delinquents!). So I agreed, like a buffoon! I had to 'save face' so to speak, & keep up my 'street cred!' So we went on the first horrific ride; a roller coaster that seemed to go faster than the speed of sound!



(Notice the look of TERROR!)

After much prayer (instant & deep!) thanking the Lord for preserving my life, we then went on the next HORRIFIC ride! By this time I asked how many more were worse than the last one, & LaToya told me... 'Just one – the Apocalypse!!!' What a name! So the end of the scary rides was near, just the Apocalypse to conquer! We all sat in our seats situated at the bottom of this unbelievably high tower; the safety harnesses were engaged & then we were pulled up by pulleys to the TOP of the tower. Once we arrived at the top the ride paused for a couple of seconds so we could site see (& the sites were incredible seeing we were probably 20 times higher than any tree or building around!) & then the dreaded noise came – the release hook!!! Down we plummeted at the 'SPEED OF LIGHT' until it slowed up towards the bottom! Terrifying would be an understatement! I had to ask myself this question just before it DROPPED... 'Am I totally insane or was it just a moment of weakness!'



(Can you see the tears in Chris & LaToya's eyes?)

I must say though (as you can see from the photos!) that Chris & LaToya were MORE petrified than myself, or Donna. I couldn't tell you how many times I heard them scream & shout, in fact at one stage I even saw tears in Chris' eyes (poor little fella!) Oh well the so called 'bold & brave' team leaders certainly showed their TRUE colours, YELLOW being the predominant colour! It was another lesson in humility for them both! The moral to this story, especially for Chris & LaToya is this, 'Don't bite off more than you can chew & when it comes to the Davis', don't bite at all!' I believe to this day, Chris is still recovering from shock & only last week did he stop shaking! Once recovered the evening approached & we went to Stratford-upon-Avon for a meal, & then LaToya & I had a 'fight' in the park! (Paul also wrestled 'wild animals'!!!)

'You Asked The Question!' off to Trinidad!

A Doctor in Trinidad has requested some copies of our booklet "You Asked The Question!" She writes... I recently read the booklet & it is very well done. I gave away the copy I had today, & would like to have more with which to reach the unsaved with the Christian Gospel.' We have added her to our mailing list & sent the literature she requested. It is amazing to think where these contacts come from. Donna & I looked on the map where Trinidad & Tobago are & were amazed to think that TfT! is known out there. Thank you Lord!

Witnessing to one of my new reps!

I had a great opportunity to speak about the Lord Jesus, the word of God, salvation, hell & heaven, judgement etc. to the new rep I've just taken on. He is an avid reader & is very open to the gospel *for a change*. I have given him three Kent Hovind tapes on Creation v Evolution & the Big Bang etc, which he has listened to a number of times already & wants to discuss soon. He also accepted an AV Bible & some tracts including one on hell! Please pray for John! Recently Donna & I joined him on his boat on the Thames; we actually stayed the night on it! It was great fun! He & his wife are a lovely couple & Donna & I look forward to getting to know them better in the near future.

Correspondence in France!

We have made contact with a lovely lady called Pamela in France, via correspondence. She said that it was worse in France than England in regard to the state of the country & the gospel! She is witnessing over there to French & English alike. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless her & give her fruits for her labour. Her letters are always beautifully handwritten! Great writing to you Pamela – keep up the good work!

First Year Gone Already at Work!

I have now been with my present employer for just over a year; it has really flown by. Both he & I are very happy the way things have gone & I can only thank & praise the Lord for giving me this job & blessing me so much in it. I know I've said it before, but I could never achieve the results I do without the Lord's blessing & help. The Lord has also allowed Donna & I to work full time together which has been just great!

Another Defeat for Barney!

Poor of Barney took on the AV kid from Kidderminster at tennis twice over the last few weeks, & TWICE received a lesson, not only in tennis but also in humility! It really does do the Pentecostals good to get a hammering once in a while; it tends to bring them back down to earth rather than all that 'floating & spouting' they do so often. I've never seen such a mood after defeat; it was a good experience for me to see!

Donna's Arthritis!

Please could you continually pray for Donna & her arthritis as she has struggled with it of late. Again if anyone has any information that you think could help please let us know. We shall be looking at allergy tests & a test that breaks down a sample of her blood shortly; hopefully this will show if there is a certain food she needs to stay off etc.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1Th 2:13

DG Holiday!!!







What a holiday; & I mean, 'What a holiday!!!' Nine of us stayed in a house deep in the middle of the countryside in Bromyard, Herefordshire. It was so peaceful; you couldn't hear or see a car for miles, just fields. It was one week of great fun & fellowship! We had good Bible studies plus some guizzes on subjects we had covered since the DG began. The rest of the time was taken up with games including darts, chess, and 'water war!' (Only to be expected, the girls got drowned twice!!!), cricket, rounders, etc. There was a trophy each day for the winner & a cup for the overall weekly champion, which Latoya won (it sits nicely with her 'Student of the year" trophy she won last year!) We stayed up everyday until 1.00 am (which was much earlier than last year!) but on the last day we did allow folks to stay up later & in the end five of us called it a day at 4.30 am!!! (The other 4 couldn't handle the pace especially Joe who is now Amy's 'puppet!') Everyone managed to get down for breakfast at 8.30 am (there was a penalty & forfeit if you were late plus a loss of points!) I would say without doubt it was the best holiday for fun & relaxation we've had yet; everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There are many stories to tell (& many of the DG members are dreading this newsletter!), but I shall withhold for the time being (maybe next time!) The DG notice board is covered with photos from the holiday for anyone interested! Donna did so well yet again with the food; (no one went down with food poisoning!) LaToya REALLY came out of her shell & sang a couple of solos & produced a great poem! Sheleen & Dionne put on an excellent display of 'voices' & song i.e. 'Saw your face on the telly - did you get all the pizza? Chris was his normal confident self & even got Mary to sing a duet with him one evening! The puppet didn't take part in much of the 'entertainment!'







DG Holiday 2005 'Champion'

It's NOT Going To Get ANY Better!

Think about the world we live in just for a moment! Think about what things WE are allowing to go on in this filthy world! Promoting sodomy, tolerance of all religions, pornography, violence, Satanism, drugs, alcohol etc. We are being brainwashed by the TV & media; we are used to the most obscene, grotesque, perverted images popping up on our TV screens today; WE ARE USED TO IT! Imagine if John Wesley was allowed to be brought back to walk in this world today – he wouldn't believe how depraved we have become & what debauchery is going on! It is darker than ever folks & it's getting DARKER day by day! It is time every Christian really got serious about their walk with God & lived a clean, holy, pure & sanctified life (WITHOUT TV & a daily newspaper!) – but we won't will we? Why? Because we just LOVE sin to much, we love pleasing our flesh TOO MUCH! We don't REALLY know what it is like to walk IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD! This world is full of superficial, worldly, liberal & lukewarm Christians today! Are you one? Read the sermons of Robert M. McCheyne & see how he lived, dying at the age of just 29! How much do you REALLY hate the SIN in your own life? This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Gal 5v16 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4v4

'Tornado' Hits Birmingham!

It's just unheard of! A tornado which lasted around 30 seconds took off many house & shop roofs, overturned cars, & even uprooted trees! Thankfully no one died although there were some casualties. Incredible power! We had tracted the area recently & it made me think that this was a wake up call to those people! Of all the places it could have hit! Get ready for more 'strange & weird' weather!

What language is spoken in Heaven?

Knox writes... Every time in our Bible that the words spoken in heaven are identified linguistically, the language is said to be Hebrew! Ruckman writes... 'In the Bible, the tongue of angels is Hebrew. When the Lord Jesus spoke from heaven to Paul in Acts 9, Acts 26v14, He spoke in Hebrew. The Holy Spirit teaches us to call God 'Abba' (Rom 8v15, Gal 4v6); that's Aramaic. When the citizens of heaven rejoice over the destruction of Babylon, they cry 'Alleluia'; that's Hebrew (Rev 19v1-6). Why wouldn't Hebrew be the language of heaven?'

London Bombings!

How do you stop suicide 'terrorist' bombers? If they believe that what lies ahead of them after death is paradise, how can you deter them? What we need to preach about these days is HELL! Tell the world that unless they are saved & have their sins forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ THEY ARE DOOMED TO HELL! HELL FIRE is the deterrent! So 'pastor, bishop, elder, shepherd', when was the last time you preached on HELL? You are a 'watchman' for the people; are you warning them of the dangers of rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Enquiries Are Still Coming In!

More enquiries for our booklet "You Asked The Question!" have recently been sent to us. One lady wrote 'A friend gave me a copy of "You Asked The Question!" which is a really good & comprehensive booklet. I would be grateful if you could send me a dozen copies, also a list of any other leaflets.' Another lady has ordered another 50. We are running low now so if you want some please get your orders in as soon as possible. The price is still AT COST i.e. 30 pence each!

How Long Left Before The Rapture?

It is true we do not know the future date, day nor hour of the 'rapture' but we KNOW how things are 'gearing-up' towards that notable day... In regard to the state of man inside & outside of the church – 2 Tim 3:1-8 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. Note also these following words... 1 Thes 5:1-11 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. We are living in the LAST of the last days! We should be expecting the return of Jesus Christ ANYTIME! Sadly the church is just like Keith Green sung about, 'Asleep in the light;' let us all live as if the Lord Jesus Christ could return TODAY!!! He may!

Question Time!

- 1) What & where is the heart?
- 2) What is the LIFE within a person?
- 3) Prove, from the Scriptures, that Jesus Christ IS God!
- 4) Capital punishment is it right or wrong?
- 5) How can you get 'deeper' with the Lord; how can you know Him better?
- 6) What sins am I committing in life & am I really bothered about them enough to get rid of them? How much do I love the Lord Jesus Christ & want to please Him?
- 7) What is wrong with the church I attend? WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
- 8) What have you done today for the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 9) What have you done today to try to save a soul FROM HELL?
- 10) How many tracts have you given out today? Have you tracted your street?

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2 Tim 3v1)

The Scriptures & Prophecy...

Now there were 25 specific predictions made by the Old Testament Prophets bearing on the betrayal, trial, death and burial of Jesus. These were uttered by different prophets during the period from B.C. 1000 to B.C. 500, yet they were all literally fulfilled in 24 hours in one person. According to the Law of "Compound Probabilities" there was one chance in 33,554,432 that these 25 predictions would be fulfilled as prophesied. If one prophet should make several predictions as to some one event, he might by collusion with others bring it to pass, but when a number of prophets, distributed over several centuries, give detailed and specific predictions as to some event, the charge of collusion cannot be sustained. It is a fact that there were 109 predictions literally fulfilled at Christ's First Advent in the flesh. Apply the Law of "Compound Probabilities" to this number, and the chance was only one in BILLIONS that they would be fulfilled in one person.

The FACT of the Second Coming – Jesus Christ IS Coming SOON!

- 1) **The testimony of Jesus Himself** Mat 16v27, Mat 25v31+32, John 14v2+3, John 21v22
- 2) The testimony of Heavenly Beings Acts 1v10+11
- 3) The testimony of the Apostles Paul Phil 3v20+21, Titus 2v13, Heb 9v28. James – Jam 5v7. Peter – 2 Pet 1v16. Jude – Jude 14+15. John – 1 John 2v28, Rev 1v7
- 4) The testimony of the Lord's Supper 1 Cor 11v26
- 5) One verse in every 30 in the New Testament refers to Christ's Second Coming!

The NEED for the hour!

America (& England!!!) needs in every town, city, neighbourhood, village & hamlet, what she used to have – somebody who stands behind the pulpit on Sunday who KNOWS GOD. They may not like him, but they won't cross him. They may hate him, but they won't touch him because everybody in town knows he is God's man. – Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Do you know a man like this?

Pens to write with in your Bible!

If you are like me & like to make notes in your Bible i.e. in the wide-margin & underline the Scripture texts, then you may have found out already that ball-point/biro pens soak through after time & mess up the pages; you've also found out that pencil & highlighter also do not do the job satisfactory! This being the case, the best pens I've found to do the job properly are Staedtler 005 black &

ZIG 'millennium' 005 red, blue & green. They are excellent quality, do not fade over time & they're also waterproof! They cost around £2.30 each. I have recently bought quite a few as I've found them quite hard to obtain on occasions. If you would like one or two please send the correct amount & I'll post them off to you. If you do find some yourself make sure they are 005 & NOT 0.5.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded,

lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (2 Tim 3v2-4)

The Sabbath

The command to observe the Sabbath was given to Israel EXCLUSIVELY. It was not given to the Gentiles. It was given to Israel as a SIGN - Ex 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. Eze 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. Eze 20:19-21 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God. Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. The Sabbath Day then belongs to the Jews alone & is NOT binding on the Gentiles (the world), or on the Church (Christians). Nowhere in the Bible do you find God finding fault with any nation or people, except the Jewish nation, for not observing the Sabbath. If this be true, then the 'Sabbath' does NOT belong to the Church, & is NOT to be observed by Christians, for the 'Sabbath Day' is a part of 'The Law' & Christians are NOT under 'Law', but under 'Grace'. Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Gal 4:9-11 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: (David Jebson from the Chester City Mission was always trying to get the church back under the Law regarding the Sabbath so were the other 'half wits' that followed him!!!) It is a noteworthy fact that the whole of the 'Ten Commandments' (Exo 20v1-17) are re-affirmed in the New Testament, except the 'FOURTH Commandment' regarding the Sabbath - Rom 13v8-10, Eph 6v1+2, James 5v12, 1 John 5v21. Why this omission if the Law of the 'Sabbath' is still in force? After the resurrection, Christ & His Disciples NEVER met on the 'Sabbath' but on the 'FIRST DAY of the week.' John 20v1+19, Acts 20v7, 1 Cor 16v2. It is true that they went into the Jewish Synagogues on the Sabbath, but not to worship, but that they might have opportunity to preach the Gospel. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal 5v1

Interview with LaToya! (Student of the Year 2004 & reigning DG Champion!)

Name & age?

LaToya, 15 years old (16 on 24th September!)

What job / career would you like?

I am not sure as yet!

Favourite food, kind of music (groups etc.), sport, place you've visited & holiday?

I don't have a favourite food. While doing homework or during the time that I am revising I listen to classical music, however, I do not usually listen to music. I enjoy all sports, ranging from netball, hockey, and football to tennis and rounders. The one that I am most involved with is netball, however I enjoy them all. The place that I have found the most interesting and the most enjoyable is Florida; looking around Orlando and Miami. My favourite holiday so far is of course the last DG holiday which was wild!

Any ambitions?

My ambitions at present are to get closer to the Lord (on fire for the Lord), & read the Bible more, increasing in knowledge & witness to more people. One of my ambitions, not spiritually speaking, is to finish my education & achieve high grades.

Your funniest moment (or one of them?)

One of my funniest moments, well embarrassing, happened on the bus while coming home from school. My sister, Lamara, & I were getting off the bus & walking down the aisle when the bus started to move again. We both weren't holding onto the handle so I reached out to grab the bar; however Lamara grabbed onto me to stop herself from falling! I lost my balance & fell onto this woman & her pram!!!

Favourite verse / passage in the Scriptures?

I love many passages in the Scriptures & couldn't possibly choose one ultimate verse because I have more than one. After learning John 3v16 in Sunday School I remember trying to learn Psalm 23 which is one that I like as well as Isaiah 53.

Saved when & how?

I was saved in 1999 when I was 9/10. I had heard the gospel message & the life of Christ a lot throughout the time that I was at Sunday School. I was attending an Easter holiday club throughout the holiday & a week later after hearing that Jesus died for me I accepted Jesus as my Lord & Saviour.

What made you become a Christian?

Hearing the Bible so much is one reason why I became a Christian as I was so interested. As 2 Cor 4v4 says...lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Another reason is hearing, learning & being taught that Jesus loved me so much that he would die for me even though I don't deserve it.

Thoughts on life before & after becoming a Christian?

Before I became a Christian my thoughts on life were that you are born, go to school, live your life as best you can, job etc. & then you die! Strangely enough I still believed in heaven & that heaven existed however I believed that you went to heaven not through faith but by works, which I now know after becoming a Christian is incorrect. As a Christian my thoughts on life are that our reason for life is to have a relationship with Christ & we live because of Him as well as for Him.

Saddest moment of your life so far?

My saddest moment in my life so far was when my grandad passed away, which I suppose should be one of my happiest moments because I know that he is spending eternity with Christ.

Biggest problem with people today?

Their minds are blinded by sin. Once blinded by sin they do/say/think what they want to, to please themselves or others & not God which is not just seen in people of the world but in us Christians too. If sin wasn't pleasurable then we would not do it. Many people enjoy power & authority & forget what their FINAL AUTHORITY is!

Thoughts on education?

Education to me is not crucial; however I believe that you should do as best you can in your education. I have learnt while at Friday club, that 'education without salvation is damnation', so to me education is not as important as I used to think it was.

What things impress you?

Seeing people live for Christ because Christ is their life impresses me & it always spurs me on to do better in my life & walk with Christ. Hearing that people have achieved their goals or have done something that they thought they couldn't do also impresses me.

What people have inspired you?

My parents, Sunday school teachers, the apostle Paul & many martyrs that we have studied in the Discipleship Group who simply loved Christ & tried to save as many people as they could.

How honest are you?

I would say that I am quite honest. I would own up to something if I did something wrong instead of getting others in trouble, I try not to lie. I would say that I am 97% honest, but if I said that I never lie, I would be lying to you!

What disappoints you?

Seeing that other Christians or I myself are backsliding disappoints me, or not being ambassadors for the Lord as well as they/I can be.

Advice to your readers?

Christians – live for Christ 24/7. He is our yesterday, today & forever & loves you. Read the Word, study, learn & witness till the end. Non-Christians – GET SAVED!

Who is the best looking guy, Johnny Depp or Johnny Davis?

Johnny Davis BY FAR!!! 14 out of 10!!!

Closing comments!

The girls ALWAYS beat the boys... remember that!

The Hen & Hog!

A conversation took place between a hen & a hog when they passed a church & observed the subject of the pastor's sermon: 'How can we help the poor?' After a moment's reflection, the hen said, 'I know what we can do! We can give them a ham & egg breakfast!' The hog protested, saying 'The breakfast would be only a contribution for you; but for me it would mean total commitment!' (Which one are you, hen or hog?)

Hurricane Katrina!

Incredible power, incredible devastation! Yet another wake up call for this world to turn back to God their Creator; yet will they? It seems that no matter what happens, men will not turn to God in repentance crying out for mercy, forgiveness & help – how mad they are! This will also happen in the Tribulation! Rev 16v1-16 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Tape ministry!

I haven't forgotten about it & I would still love to put out more tapes; Lord willing I will pick up from where I left off in Timothy soon; that is after I have produced the one on 'tongues' first!

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Lu 12v4+5

When an opportunity to witness comes – TAKE IT!

The first game of badminton started & my partner & I were already losing! Suddenly our opposition both decided to go for the shuttle when the one got there first & struck it hitting his partner straight in the eye! He was a powerful guy so when he lay upon the floor holding his hands over his face we were all guite surprised; I mean how much damage can a plastic shuttle-cock do? He got up & I asked him to let us have a look at his eye; instantly we could tell it was serious i.e. internal bleeding. He said that he couldn't see anything out of his injured eye so I rushed him to Kidderminster Hospital. We sat there for a good while before he was examined; we were then told that he needed to be seen by an eye specialist at Worcester Hospital, so off we went. While travelling the 20 miles to Worcester our conversation took a 'spiritual turn!' He confessed that he was a 'confirmed atheist' & because of his scientific background & his 'logical & rational' upbringing, he had no room for 'faith!' Like I heard recently, you have to be EDUCATED OUT of believing in God & how true this was in this man's life! So I seized upon this opportunity & explained how I became a Christian & why. I thank the Lord for helping me! Like anybody, Tim, was very anxious & said that he feared the worst i.e. losing the sight in his eye. When we arrived at the hospital we went straight into an examination room where we met the eye specialist. He did some tests on Tim & said that there was a lot of internal bleeding in the eye therefore he couldn't see right to the back of it. He said that it should be okay but he must put drops in his eye 7 times a day & return for further examinations/treatment. When we were leaving, in the lift, Tim turned to me & said "Its times like these that you want to say a prayer!" True again! We call upon God when WE NEED HIM & when WE WANT HIM; how sad. Please pray that Tim will get saved! Since then I have spoken to him & his sight is improving. Let us all pray that we make the most of every opportunity that is given to us.

Some good quotes...

It is easier & better to build boys than to repair men!

I have suffered through many a dull & tedious sermon, but no sermon is poor or long when the preacher is showing me the beauty of Jesus – A.W. Tozer.

Some people think a 30 minute sermon is too long, so they substitute it with a 300-column Sunday paper!

When I have any money, I get rid of it as quickly as possible, lest it find a way into my heart – John Wesley (Note NOT Barney!!!)

What is leadership? – Leadership is NOT making all the decisions; leadership is seeing to it that the right person is making the right decisions!

Letters / Correspondence

Recently we have received some lovely letters... More letters from students & young people are arriving from Sekondi in Ghana requesting Bibles, booklets & tracts; a lovely letter from Pastor Moses in South India with photos of the work he is doing out there; we have also had a number of letters from men in prison in Zambia & the USA. At present we are a little behind on replies (as usual!) but will catch up (Lord willing) as soon as possible, I have a number of letters to write. May I thank all of you who write to us, it really is a great encouragement & it is a blessing knowing that other Christians out there around the world are thinking, praying & involved in similar situations! Please keep the letters, notes & cards coming! During September I shall be spending 2 long weekends (7 days in total) at the NEC in Birmingham for shows regarding work & after these I shall be flying again to Holland for the 'twice yearly' sales meeting, please pray for me on my travels. Once I return I'll start replying to your letters.

When was the last time YOU wrote a letter of encouragement to someone?

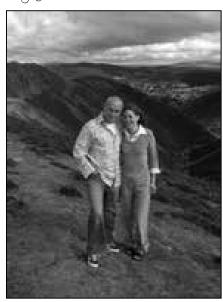
I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

(Rev 3v15-17)

Do You Support or Know of Any Sound (i.e. AV Bible Believing) Christian Missionaries? If you do, would you let me have their addresses & pass on any details about the work they are involved in. I would like to start a missionary section in TfT! & help these folks if possible. I look forward to receiving the information.

Recommended Reading...

Read any good books lately? Please let us know so we can encourage other Christians to read them. I would be very interested to know the best books you have read that could be recommended to give to NON-Christians i.e. ones that are really good in getting the Gospel message across. I am also interested if you've watched any good Christian videos or heard any good sermons on cassette or MP3.



Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

You CANNOT Work Your Way To Heaven – I hope YOU understand that! For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8+9) If you think that by clean living, DOING GOOD & being honest will get you to Heaven YOU WILL LAND UP IN HELL when you die! You CANNOT work or earn your salvation! Christ has DONE it all – we CANNOT add anything to the work HE HAS DONE! We are SAVED by GRACE through FAITH & NOT BY WORKS!!! There are so many people who think that when they stand before God He will weigh their good works against their bad, & if the good outweighs the bad, then they shall enter heaven. THIS IS A LIE FROM THE DEVIL! It is ONLY by faith in the FINISHED work of the Lord Jesus Christ i.e. His atonement, His shed Blood & the sacrifice of Himself for our sins; can we enter the gates of Heaven. If you could earn your salvation why did Christ die? You CANNOT! Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5) So many people will land up in HELL because they tried to work & earn their way to Heaven & YOU CAN'T!





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Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

(Deut 16v17)

"Unless I am convicted by Scripture & plain reason – I do not accept the authority of popes & councils for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot & I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God. Amen" – Martin Luther

Discipleship Group (DG)

We're just a small group of Christian's who meet once a month to study the word of God & encourage each other to walk closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our latest meeting was on the 12th November from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm. We started with a questionnaire, then went on to complete our regular 'personal survey, mentor update & Bible reading plan' sheets. After this we have a brief chat about was has happened recently regard to our Christian walk, the church, witnessing i.e. any news to report? Then we have a section where two or three folk will give us a brief study on a certain subject or usually on a character i.e. John Wesley; this time it was on the Amersham martyrs & a booklet by A.W. Tozer called 'The menace of the religious movie.' After this we move onto a section called UNDER PRESSURE! Here we all choose (by vote) a person who takes a seat up the front where I turn on the pressure with a bombardment of questions challenging their faith, & questioning why they have got it right & ALL other religions/cults have got it wrong. The chosen person 'fights back' with his/her SWORD i.e. the AV Bible! This is an intense time but the youngsters certainly stand their ground & have become very confident in answering this 'bully!' After this we have a role play which consists of another set of challenging questions! The next item on the agenda is to set their homework i.e. this time it was to produce a study on the following 'I love the Lord Jesus because...' - this then is displayed on the DG notice board. After this we read a chapter of the Bible (we are going through Acts at present) & have a brief study. Then there is a coffee break & straight after we launch into our main study which usually lasts for 1 / 2 hours. If I didn't stop these students they would carry on all night! It really is a great time of fellowship together & we all love to read & study the word of God.

The Return of Jesus Christ!

A talk/lecture took place on Friday 14th October 2005 in Kidderminster Town Hall on 'The Return of Jesus Christ.' Unfortunately I couldn't make it but I did write to the organisation that ran it, twice, requesting literature! On the 17th November I received their reply! I photocopied the information they sent to me & passed it on to some of the DG & a couple of other folks to have a look at & prepare a 'case study' to find out whether this 'organisation' was 'friend or foe!' It was a good exercise for all of us to look at their doctrine & compare it to the word of God. We then met to discuss what they believed! Unfortunately they turned out to be 'cultish!' *Write for further details!*

Donna's Arthritis – Update

We went for an allergy test recently to see if that would illuminate anything in Donna's diet that could be causing problems. It highlighted that she should cut down a little on chocolate, coffee, tea, garlic, coke, egg & the red currant family. How accurate this test is we can't say but it's worth a go!

Tongues – Are They For Today?

At last I have finally completed this study & have put it onto cassette. If you would like a free copy please drop us a line. Already we have had quite a few folks asking for a copy of this study – there is a lot of confusion in the church regarding this issue! I have just started this study with the DG!

Another Apology!

With regard to LaToya's interview in Issue 26 there was a mistake! It should have read thus... Johnny Davis BY FAR 16 out of 10!!! My apology for this LaToya!

Yehlex Badminton Bonanza

WOW! LaToya had 5 weeks to prepare that's all! I did push her quite hard in our training sessions & she coped very well. I introduced her to a badminton club I attend & she took to it like a duck to water! We entered the competition & couldn't believe that we reached THE FINAL! Unfortunately we lost to our

Chinese competitors, but did walk away with a silver medal! We were as shocked as anyone & really do thank the Lord for blessing us.

Holiday!



Donna managed to drag me away again (she's getting quite good at this now!) & took me to Knighton, Powys, which is on the Shropshire / Wales border. It was a picturesque setting & we stayed in a Canadian log cabin which was just superb. LaToya, Chris & Mary stayed with us for the first couple of nights & then went home & we stayed for another 5 days. It was an incredible time. I managed to take the

computer & catch up on my letters the one day, & then I studied for the next few days,

which was just great. We watched a few old black & white movies (Deana Durbin) & just relaxed. There was a 'hot tub' outside (something neither, Donna or I, had ever been in before) & we went in it most evenings. On the last evening we got in about 11.30 pm on a clear star-lit night, it was amazing!

Wanted by the Police!

We send out lots of literature & letters weekly; sometimes to folks who haven't requested anything but somehow we have received a publication or piece of literature from them! Well, recently an 'elderly' lady phoned our house (while we were on holiday; & spoke to my dad unfortunately!) crying & complaining that we had sent her some Christian literature (*I can't remember her or what* we sent) & said that she was going to call the police! Well she did, & now they are trying to get in touch with me over this incident! What a nightmare! I haven't spoken to them as yet because I don't know where they are calling from & dad never received a contact name or number. Please pray that this situation will get sorted & that this lady will realise that without the Lord Jesus Christ you have NO HOPE! (I haven't ruled out that it could be a hoax!)

Bible Distribution!

We have had a request from 10 people wanting AV Bibles recently which we have sent out. It is great to know that there are still people around the world who WANT the word of God.

'Mailing List' Keeps Growing!

It has been great to see folks being added to the TfT! mailing list. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our newsletter, please let me have their address & we'll add them to it. Recently two ladies from Bedfordshire, who have just been added, have requested information on the 'version' issue! Their eyes have been opened to the errors of the NIV!

The Church's Death! (By James Knox)

- 1) A Church is in danger of death when it begins to worship its own past, when it lives on its memories instead of finding a challenge in its hopes, when it is taken up with its traditions more than its ideals.
- 2) A church is in danger of death when it is concerned with forms more than with life. There are churches which are more concerned with correct ritual than they are with living vitality. The prelude, the opening hymn, the choir number, the announcements, the collection, the three points & a poem sermon, & out at the stroke of 11.00 am! It's all so perfect, so well planned, so precise, so horribly DEAD!
- 3) A church is in danger of death when it loves systems more than it loves Jesus Christ. There are churches where an infringement of the constitution is the most deadly of sins & where the church manual stands on a par with, & often above, the Bible!
- 4) A church is in danger of death when it is concerned with the material more than with the spiritual. When the church becomes a social club, or an activity centre, it is finished!

'Doing' Christians!

James 1v23+24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. The Rushworth Literature Enterprise is an organisation that sends out Christian literature all around the world to poor

people, especially pastors; this includes AV Bibles! If you are interested in this work I would suggest you write to them requesting details at... **2 Dimple Lane, Crich, Near Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5BQ.** Let us all be doers of the word & NOT hearers only! We should all get behind this kind of work!

Tract Distribution!

Please pray for Mo, a lady in Essex, who, along with a friend, is distributing 50 of our tract 'Who Cares?' every week around her area. They have made some good 'contacts on the doors' & a couple have showed an interest in attending church! *This is very encouraging news!* If you would also like tracts to distribute, free of charge, please write & request some today!

Changes!

It is very interesting to note word changes i.e. how 'modern' language has altered the true meaning of words or distorted them i.e. Psychology...

- 1) **PSYCHOL'OGY**, n. [Gr. soul, and discourse.] A discourse or treatise on the **human soul**; or the doctrine of the nature and properties of the **soul**. (Taken from Webster's 1828 dictionary)
- 2) <u>Psychology</u> The science of the <u>human mind</u> in any of its aspects, operations, powers or functions. (Taken from the <u>New International</u> Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary)

How do we know we are living in the LAST days?

Rev 3v14-17 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: We KNOW we are living in the Last Days because we are IN the 'dispensational' Laodicean period, where the universal church is LUKE WARM! The church is in an apostate condition! Once the church stood upon the word of God as its FINAL AUTHORITY; it stood upon the doctrines of salvation by faith ALONE (i.e. without works!), but now so many 'Christians' teach & preach a 'social' gospel, one that feeds the poor & cancels third world debt! The Anglican 'gospel' is a gospel of works; justifying yourself before God by the works YOU do! (Read Eph 2v8+9). The church today has quit preaching about HELL as the eternal destination of the Christ rejecting sinner! The church has forsaken the path of sanctification, being separate from the world; now the church brings the world into the gospel & into its services i.e. do anything just to get the people to come! Where are the REAL Bible teachers of our day; WHERE ARE THEY? Where can we go to hear SCRIPTURAL TRUTH & sound words from the preacher's lips? When was the last time you sat under the ministry of a God ordained preacher & felt pinned to your seat because of the conviction of your sin – God was speaking DIRECTLY to you it seemed? WHERE ARE THE SOUND PREACHERS TODAY? WHERE ARE THE MEN OF GOD TODAY? The church is FULL of smooth talking, trendy showmen who love to be up the front spouting off, tickling the ears of the listeners; they LOVE to ENTERTAIN; but where are the PREACHERS of THE BOOK, where have they gone? What has your preacher, pastor, teacher, elder etc. taught YOU over the last 6 months from the word of God? Has he encouraged you to search the Scriptures further & deeper; what kind of messages have you been listening to of late? Truly we are living IN the last days; a day where the church IS luke-warm & apostate! AND, daily, thousands of souls GO TO HELL! Let us get serious with God & get back to where He wants us to be; let us all seek Him & ask the Lord to help us live according to His word & do His will! We are living in the time where the church is the wealthiest it has ever been materially, BUT it is the POOREST it has ever been spiritually. Have you left your first love? Have you lost your zeal to really live for the Lord; are you backsliding? Get on your knees & come back to the One who loved you so much that He gave EVERYTHING to save you, our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ – repent & come back to Him NOW!

Rep Wants More Creation v Evolution Tapes!

One of my reps called me before the sales meeting recently requesting 'lots more tapes' on Creation v Evolution as he found them very interesting! I have sent him some more Kent Hovind, Ken Ham & Dr Ruckman tapes; please keep praying that this man will get saved soon! If any of you have other really good tapes on Creation v Evolution please would you let me have a copy, many thanks!

Printer in Liquidation!

Recently I tried to contact the printer that produces our booklet "You Asked The Question!" only to be told they had gone into liquidation in April this year. This was a large commercial printer that used to print the catalogue for Oxford University, & other such prestigious organisations; thus we were shocked to hear the news. I have contacted one guy who worked there to see if we could get the 'plates' for our booklet & tracts. If not we shall have to start all over again to find a suitable printer to print our Christian literature. We shall try to keep the costs down as low as possible. We'll keep you posted! We have also sent off samples of what we want printing, to 17 'Christian' printers (the names I took from the UK Christian Handbook); we shall see what they can come up with regarding quality & cost. If anyone has any other ideas regarding this situation we'd be delighted to hear from you!

Letter Writing!

I have taken on two members of our DG to help me out with some letter writing; Sheleen & Mary will be responding to appropriate letters for me to help lighten the load on occasions! So if you receive a letter from one of these young ladies, please encourage them by writing back! If you would also like to join 'the team' writing letters to Christians all around the world please let me know.

Jack & Eddie!

They are both doing great & send their regards to all of you!

Christmas Is Here Again!

Well another Christmas is upon us! The last few weeks of 'build up' towards it are usually mad & chaotic; people rushing everywhere buying 'stuff' they don't really need & can't really afford! Then the day after Christmas Day, Tesco is FULL of people, 'buying' again! What a mad world full of mad people! We have nearly two weeks off this year & hopefully we shall have a quiet one together. I shall try to get some good solid studying done & try to put a few sermons on cassette. It should be a time where we ALL spend some 'quality' time praying, reading & meditating upon our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. (2 Cor 8v9) To think of what He left to come to this sin sick world to die for our sins is more wonderful than words can tell! Don't you

think its about time we told Him how much we love Him & thank Him for EVERYTHING He has done for us? May this Christmas time be a lovely time spent with your family & friends, but most importantly, with the Saviour! For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa 9v6) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2v11) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Mat 1v21) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4v12)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Rom 10v9)

Who are the TWO Witnesses?

They are Moses & Elijah!

- 1) Bother were on the Mount of Transfiguration!
- 2) James & John wanted their place & couldn't get it!
- 3) The last TWO men in the OT mentioned with the Lord Moses & Elijah (Mal 4)
- 4) Moses & Elijah both went up to heaven in the same place (Mount Nebo)
- 5) Both crossed Jordan where Christ was baptized (Moses sent Joshua)
- 6) Both fasted 40 days & 40 nights
- 7) All 3 on Mount Horeb/Sinai
- 8) They both destroy men with fire (2 Kings 1 / Num 15)
- 9) Moses represents the Law Elijah Prophets
- 10) Rev 11v5
- 11) James 5v17 42 months / 3 years 6 months
- 12) Exodus 3-15 ALL future!
- 13) Zech 4v2 keep going...v6...v11 Mount of Transfiguration
- 14) 1 Kings 17v1
- 15) Exodus 34v5

THEGOSPEL

I'm a sinner –For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Ro 3v23)

Death is a result of sin - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 6v23)

I need a Saviour - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2v11)

I can't save myself – For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2:8+9)

ONLY Blood can wash away my sin – In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Col 1v14) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1v7) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (1 Peter 1v18+19)

There is ONLY ONE Mediator - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Tim 2v5)

God loved me so much - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3v16)

It's all about His death, burial & resurrection - Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

(1 Cor 15v1+3+4)

Christ is the ONLY WAY - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14v6)

Are YOU saved? - And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16v31)

Without Him? - He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3v18) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3v36) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Psa 9v17)

Everything to gain - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Co 2v9)

So what are you waiting for? Get saved TODAY; NOW!

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Jesus saith unto him, I am <u>the way</u>, <u>the truth</u>, and <u>the life</u>: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14v6)

What a great verse! What a clear/plain verse! Jesus said that He was THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE; there is no one else who could ever say that, NO ONE! Three absolutes; no indefinite articles! There is ONLY ONE WAY to God the Father & ONLY ONE WAY to Heaven, & it is THROUGH the Lord Jesus Christ. Any 'other' way will lead you to HELL! How clear a teaching can you get? So no matter what religion or cult you 'pick' if it doesn't lead you TO & THROUGH the Lord Jesus Christ you will die IN your sins & land up in Hell; you have been warned. There is ONLY ONE WAY to God, to Heaven, & to have your sins forgiven & it is through the Lord Jesus Christ!

Are you a... Roman Catholic Muslim Hindu Buddhist Jehovah's Witness Mormon Spiritualist Christadelphian

Or any one of a thousand others!!!

If you haven't asked JESUS CHRIST to forgive your sin & come & save you, you're NOT saved; for HE ALONE is the ONLY ONE who can save you!

Read also what JESUS said about Himself...

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, <u>I am the Son of God.</u> (Mat 27v43)

And Jesus said unto them, <u>I am the bread of life</u>: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (John 6v35)

<u>I am the living bread</u> which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6v51)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, <u>I am the light of the world</u>: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8v12)

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, <u>I am the door</u> of the sheep. (John 10v7)

<u>I am the door</u>: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (John 10v9)

<u>I am the good shepherd</u>: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (John 10v11)

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (John 10v36)

Jesus said unto her, <u>I am the resurrection</u>, and <u>the life</u>: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: (John 11v25)

Jesus saith unto him, <u>I am the way</u>, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14v6)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (John 15v1)

The Lord Jesus Christ is my Saviour; my Lord, & He is my BEST Friend! I love Him & I cannot thank Him enough for saving me; I don't deserve His love & I CANNOT earn a place in Heaven! He has done IT ALL; He shed His precious, incorruptible BLOOD to save me. It is the ONLY 'substance' that can wash away my sin, my filth - In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Col 1v14) I'm trusting in Christ ALL THE WAY; what about you, what are you trusting in?

"Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God or the Messiah!" said a Methodist!

Recently, a man who was a Methodist said to me, "Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God or the Messiah!" Scripture soon answered his statement!

- 1) The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. <u>Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.</u> (John 4v25+26)
- 2) But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. (Mark 14v61+62)
- 3) Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. (John 9v35-38)
- 4) When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Mat 16v13-17)
- 5) And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation (Luke 2v25-30) Simeon saw the Messiah, the Christ! See also John 20v31.
- 6) Even the devils recognised Him And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. (Luke 4v41)
- 7) One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. (John 1v40+41)
- 8) But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: (Acts 9v22+23)

How much more evidence do you want? Lazy Christians, who don't study or *even read* the word of God, often open their mouths without thinking! Jesus Christ was not only the Messiah, the Son of God, <u>HE WAS GOD!</u> And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: <u>God was manifest in the flesh</u>, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (1 Tim 3v16) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1v1) Jesus Christ IS GOD!

The Famous Five in Warwick!

Chris, Mary, LaToya, Donna & I spent a 'solid' hour & a half tracting in Warwick; we must have distributed well over 500 tracts around the main road into Warwick (i.e. near to Warwick Castle). Please pray that the word of God will penetrate these peoples lives! After this we went back to the church & discussed in depth the letter we received from 'Ecclesia of Christ' regarding the 'Return of Jesus Christ!' It was a great day spent together!

Another New Year!

The mayhem of Christmas is over & now its back to reality; I wonder what this year will bring; I wonder if we shall see this year through? Will the rapture happen? Are we ready for the Lord Jesus Christ's return? Will we ever be? What plans have vou made for 2006? Is the Lord included IN them; did you make them without consulting Him first? I hope & pray that this year will be the best year yet of walking close to the Lord. Let us love Him deeper than ever & let us serve Him in everything we do. So often Christians when they get together talk about everything other than the Lord, yet He is the One who we really ought to be LIVING for. 1 Cor 10v31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Col 3v17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col 3v23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Maybe it is time to seek the Lord for a change in your life i.e. work, college, church etc. NOW is the time to break that habitual sin & really start living for the Lord! When was the last time you tried to reach someone with the gospel to

stop them from going to hell; do you care enough? Let us all seek God for more zeal & compassion to win souls for Him. May this year be a year where we look to change for the better i.e. get rid of our arrogance, our pride, our backbiting & criticising; let us love & encourage each other in the Lord! May 2006 be the best year we have ever had for reading the word of God & prayer. Let us read the whole of the Bible in 2006; every word now that would be a great achievement! When was the last time you read the whole Bible; have you ever read it all the way through? How about making 2006 a missionary year? Why not choose a missionary out there on the front line & SUPPORT them in prayer & financially? How much money do we send to missionaries, if ever; & if we do is it out of what is left each month or is it sacrificial giving? May 2006 be a great year for letter writing! When was the last time you wrote a letter to encourage someone. There is just SO MUCH to do & so little time; I pray that 2006 will be the best year yet of loving & serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Most Christians I meet are 'lukewarm', what about YOU? What difference are you making to those around you?

THE END of "You Asked The Question!" - Or is it?

Well there are 35,000 copies of "You Asked The Question!" out there all around the world. We have had some amazing letters back in response to the booklet & I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing it so much. Since the printer we used has now gone into liquidation, we are seeking a NEW 'printer' but it all depends on set up costs etc. I have written to a number of Christian printers & already most of them are just too expensive. I am perusing 3 of them & shall know more soon. We leave it with the Lord. Just recently I have written another Gospel orientated booklet but much more brief & straight to the point. We are praying that we can set this up & running soon with a printer also. Please keep praying for this work. In these last days we want to reach as many sinners with the gospel as quickly as we can & we need literature that will, 'TELL IT LIKE IT IS!' I hope this booklet will be widely used for that purpose. I shall be selling them at cost when I get them printed so please feel free to order as few or as many as you like. Watch this space!

The Destination of TfT News!

Every issue, when we are putting *your* address labels on the envelopes to send out TfT News! we always look to see where this newsletter is going! Here are some of the places...46 go to the USA! 60 go to Amsterdam! Over 50 go to Ireland (Northern & Southern); TfT News! is also sent out to India, Tobago & Trinidad, West Indies, Kathmandu, Nepal, France, Zambia & Ghana, Africa, Singapore, New Zealand, Germany, & the good old UK! We are amazed at where some of the letters come from & how people have found out about us! To think it all started in March 2001 because a few folk wanted to know what we were up to so they could pray for us. It has been such a blessing & we cannot thank the Lord enough to allow us to continue in this ministry. PLEASE keep the letters coming; **it's GREAT to hear from you all!**

Ministry on TAPE!

We now have a number of ministry tapes, *preached by myself*, all good quality recordings, which we would like to make available to our readers. If you would like any of the following tapes, free of charge, please write & request which ones you want! Subjects are as follows...

- 1) Evangelism soul-winning & witnessing (contains great ideas on how to reach the lost, also includes a little humour!) Preached while we were ministering at the Chester City Mission (CCM)
- 2) The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ Some amazing facts! 'Where is the Blood of Christ today? What type of Blood did He have?' You may be amazed! John Macarthur wouldn't like this tape!
- 3) My Final Authority Bible Versions; the AV is PERFECT! Straight down the line preaching why I believe the AV is God's word, & the ONLY Bible to read! All other versions are CORRUPT! This will open your eyes if you think all Bible's are the same! If you or any of your friends read any other Bible other than the AV, you should listen to this tape & then pass it on!
- 4) Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth! Why Christians CANNOT apply EVERY verse to themselves DOCTRINALLY! The Scriptures are written to the Jew, Gentile & the Church of God! Most, if not all, heresies come from NOT being able to rightly divide the word of truth!
- 5) The Pastoral Epistles; Studies in the book of Timothy 13 Studies so far on 7 tapes! Subjects covered are... the HORRIBLE doctrine of Calvinsim! Are there apostles TODAY? What to wear! How to preach! The woman's role ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE; i.e. can a woman preach & teach in the church? Can a woman lead or take a position of authority in the church? Qualifications of a bishop, pastor, elder & deacon! Should a Christian drink ALCOHOL? (This set of tapes is Barney's nightmare!)
- 6) Tongues Are they for today? An in-depth study on why tongues are NOT for today! If you are confused about this subject these tapes will certainly help you. Answers are given FROM the word of God & every passage on tongues is dealt with on these two cassettes.

The Rapture from a Pre-millennial Stand - by Peter Paul Ventura USA

1 Thes 4v16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. - 'Wherefore comfort one another with these words.' - These words are supposed to comfort the saved in Christ Jesus. Yet I have heard these same words used by those who lack spiritual understanding, & those who cannot rightly divide the word of truth (KJV 1611 AV), as a source of great contention & strife (1 Cor 3v1-3). The confusion (which is not of God, 1 Cor 14v33) which causes so much contention surrounds the timing of the 'Rapture'. Although the word 'Rapture' does not appear in Scripture, the word means to catch away, or to snatch up. Thus, when Paul said 'Caught up together', Paul is indeed speaking of a Rapture. Confusion & heretical teachings come into focus when the timing of the rapture of the Church Age Saints is misunderstood. There is clearly more than one rapture in Scripture. The rapture of the Church Age Saints must not be confused with the rapture of Israel as a nation. Moreover, Matthew 24v29-31 speaks of a rapture of God's elect at the end of the tribulation. This is the same rapture Hosea gives prophecy of. Hosea states: I (Jesus) will go and return to my place (Heaven, till they (Nation of Israel) acknowledge their offence (The Cross, and seek my (Jesus) face: in their affliction (Tribulation) they will seek me early. (See Deut 4v29-31) Come, (Israel speaking), and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn (Tribulation), and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days (2 Pet 3v8) (The Age of Grace) will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight (Mat 24v29-31). Hosea 5v15 - 6v1+2. Hosea is speaking of the rapture of the Nation of Israel at the end of the Tribulation. People are teaching heresy, because they cannot rightly divide the word of God (2 Tim 2v15). This confusion surrounds the 'trump of God'. When one rightly divides the word of God/Truth, comparing Scripture with Scripture (1 Cor 2v13), one can find these words in regard to the rapture of the church age saints: 'In a moment (the smallest particle of time), in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, & the dead shall be raised incorruptible, & we shall be changed.' (1 Cor 15v52). This confusion is in the twisting of Scripture to make the 'last trump' the same as the last of the seven trumpet judgements in Revelation 8-11, which it is not! First of all, the last trump is the very last sound of a note blown from a trumpet. Secondly, 1 Thes 4v16, nor, 1 Cor 15v52 say anything about an angel blowing any trumpet. However, Paul does say the trump of God! In Revelation the blowing of the trumpets are done by angels. Paul taught clearly that, Christians are saved from the 'wrath' to come (1 Thes 1v10). In the Tribulation there is poured out on the earth, the wrath of the Lamb (Rev 6v12-17), the wrath of the devil (Rev 12v12-17), & the wrath of God (Rev 15v1+ Rev 16v1-21). One of the best pictures of the rapture of the church age saints is found in Rev 4v1-2. In Rev 2-3 you find the 7 churches which are of a certainty doctrinally tribulation, but therein is also found the spiritual application of the church age. At the end of the church age, Rev 4v1 ... a door was opened in heaven: & the first voice I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither.... A rapture! And then where is John? Before the throne of God (Rev 4v2). You don't find the word church used again in Revelation until chapter 22! No study of the Scriptures can be exhaustive, however, I will share yet another picture of the rapture of the church age saints. In the Song of Solomon we find these words: 'The voice of my beloved! Behold he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, & said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, & come away.' (S of S 2v8-10). This is a picture of Jesus Christ coming for His church age saints. When Jesus comes for the church age saints, no one but the saved will see Jesus. We are caught up in the clouds with Jesus. However, when Jesus comes back for the Nation of Israel, the 2nd Advent, which is called by the apostle Peter, the Revelation of Jesus Christ: 'Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober & hope to the end (Mat 24v13 end of Trib., or life during Trib) for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ' – 1 Peter 1v13. Things that are different are not the same. When Jesus Christ comes for the church age saints, no one but the raptured church age saints will see Jesus. But, when Jesus Christ comes at the end of the Tribulation, (Mat 24v29-31), everyone will see Jesus. 'Behold, he cometh with clouds; & every eye shall see him, & they also which pierced him: & all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.' - Rev 1v7 see also Zec 12v10, Isa 40v5 & 52v10. The resurrection of the church age saints is called by John, the 'first resurrection'. Rev 20v4-6. But, included in the first resurrection are not only the church age saints, but the Tribulation saints too! You ask how is that. Well, in John 5v29 Jesus Christ spoke of two separate resurrections. One is the resurrection of life, & the other, is the resurrection of damnation, which John calls in Rev 20 v14-15 the second death. The resurrection of life which Jesus Christ spoke of in John 5v29 has three distinct parts. Paul writes about the first resurrection in 1 Cor 15v23-24. 'But everyman in his own order: Christ the firstfruits (Mat 27v52-53) (Jesus Christ & those OT saints)'; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (The church age saints – 1 Thes 4v13-18). Then cometh the end (the Trib. Saints – nation of Israel – Mat 24v36-42)' The resurrection of life, & the resurrection of Damnation are separated by 1000 years – Rev 20v4-7. If you can't understand that the resurrection of life has three parts, you will get the church age rapture of the saints all screwed up. If you understand Rev 11, you will understand premillennialism. Thus the rapture of the church age saints takes place before the tribulation. I hope & pray that this short article will cause you to search the Scriptures for yourself as you continue to grow in Christ Jesus.

Question Time!

- 1) Prove from Scripture that the soul is ETERNAL! Eze 18v4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. (See also Eze 18v20) Cults use this verse to prove that the soul is NOT eternal!
- 2) Show one verse from Scripture that states we go to Heaven when we die!
- 3) Hell is the grave *OR* is it? Prove it from Scripture to say otherwise!

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. (Proverbs 6v16-19)

Donna's Health!

Please continue to pray for Donna. We went back to the hospital recently to see the specialist & all they want to do is put her on even stronger drugs; the next one up would be one they give to cancer patients. We are just praying for God to heal her, or if she has to 'keep' rheumatoid arthritis, for God not to let it get any worse & give her the strength she needs day by day! We leave it with the Lord Jesus & I have committed her to Him, for His will to be done; He knows what is best for both of us.

Christian's who 'fall away!'

Recently I've been pondering on how many Christians I know who have *given up* the fight & gone back into the world; Its quite a few I can tell you! If you are a backsliden Christian, you know where you should be but you have decided to follow your self-will rather than God's will; how sad that is! You couldn't tell that some of the 'Christians' I know were ever saved & walked the Christian path! We all fall at times & I believe we all backslide at times, BUT, if you ever loved God you will still FIGHT ON & want to live for Him! What is your own Christian walk like right now? Are you cold towards God & the Scriptures? What has stolen your heart away? Come back to the Lord right now & make a fresh start!

The JW who washed our car!

Usually we put the car through a car-wash but this time we decided to pay a little extra & take it to a guy up the road who cleans it for you, inside & out! We left it with him & returned an hour later to collect it. He said to Donna & I that we seemed 'different' (I hope he meant it as a compliment!) so we told him we were Christians! He then proceeded to tell us that he was a JW! The Bible's came OUT! The AV versus his NWT!!! He was a smashing chap & we spoke for about half an hour before his boss turned up! He said that he would like to continue our talk together & so we invited him round anytime; he gave us his number & we said we would contact him to arrange a meeting. Please pray for Jeremy. His background is

that he is definitely searching the meaning & purpose to it all. He has tried studying with the Mormon's; he has been involved with Buddhism & now he has been attending the 'Kingdom Hall' for about 4 years! He has Chrones disease (Not to sure about the spelling!) & he has more scars on his body than I have hairs on my head! He has had many operations, some life saving; once he nearly cut his leg off in a chain saw accident! This guy needs to be saved! By the way, the job he did on the car was excellent & he also showed complete honesty when he found a packet of sweets under the seat! impressed me also with his zeal & knowledge for his cult; much more than most Christians show towards their 'faith'!

Information Regarding the JW's!

This information is taken from **Dennis Lloyd's** excellent book '**Doctrines of Devils'**.

What is a cult? 1) A cult is a religious movement! 2) A cult enlists the support of the Bible; 3) A cult misses the heart of Christianity 4) A cult distorts the truth 5) A cult adds later revelations 6) A cult displaces a fundamental tenant of the faith with a secondary point. There is a way of recognising a cult – **bring it to the light**; i.e. **the word of God!**

Some of the DAMNABLE Doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses!

- 1) Their denial of the Trinity
- 2) Their denial of the Deity of Christ
- 3) Their denial of the personality of the Holy Spirit
 - 4) Their denial that man has an eternal soul
- 5) Their denial of hell as an everlasting place of punishment
 - 6) Their denial of the blood atonement of Jesus Christ
- 7) Their denial of the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ
 - 8) Their denial that salvation is by grace alone
 - 9) Their denial of salvation outside their organisation
- 10) Their denial of the born again experience only 144,000 go to heaven
 - 11) They believe unbelievers are annihilated
 - 12) Their denial of the bodily, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - 13) They believe that Jesus Christ is the Arch Angel Michael

Man in West Bromwich Gets SAVED!

Praise God for a man in West Bromwich who has recently become a Christian! He wrote to me... 'Just thought I'd write a few lines to tell you I have found Christ! Some good things have happened inside me like feeling happier & at peace. I feel free, new & a weight taken off my shoulders! What great news this is! I have written back to him & sent him some Christian literature which he requested. Remember when you were saved & the how it felt? What a wonderful letter to receive; what great news to hear in the midst of all this darkness in the land. Thank you Lord!

Some good quotes!

- 1) The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage!!!
- 2) Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there! (*Barney is like confetti blown all over the place!*)
- 3) A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him! (Barney has just completed building a block of flats!!!)
- 4) Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope!
- 5) A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.A., or a Ph.D. Unfortunately they don't have a J.O.B. *Education without salvation IS damnation!*

Guess what Jack & Eddie got for Christmas?





THANK YOU!

To all those who have written to us recently! Just before Christmas we received on one day over 20 pieces of mail. We would also like to thank those of you who send in Christian literature i.e. books, leaflets, articles etc. all of which are very interesting & encouraging! In a world where not many Christians are united 'IN TRUTH' we appreciate the few of you who stand with us & encourage us. Thank you also to those of you who sent us cards for Christmas!

Letter writing!

Well we're on our way; Sheleen & Mary have already written to a couple of you so please send them a reply back when you receive their letters. I have also had a request from a man who wants to be added to the 'TfT! Letter Writing Team' so look out for his letters to. I myself have sent out quite a few over the Christmas period so they should be arriving anytime now! It is great keeping in touch & we really appreciate your fellowship. Thank you also to those of you who have written for the first time!

Echoes Missionary Magazine

Eddie & Rose Geary recently sent me Echoes missionary magazine. It is packed with missionaries out there on the front line; I would highly recommend receiving this magazine on a regular basis & even consider supporting these dedicated Christian workers! Write to Echoes of Service, 124 Wells Road, Bath, England, BA2 3AH or call them on 01225 310893.

Living Words of Dying Christians!

As previously stated I would recommend 'The Reformer' magazine to all Christians (even though the organisation is predominately Calvinistic); it is a good magazine they put out! In the Jan/Feb issue on page 10 & 11 they had some of the dying words spoken by Christians who perished in England around the time of the Reformation. Here are some of those quotes...

Bishop Latimer – to Bishop Ridley, going before him to the stake: "We shall light such a candle by God's grace in England this day, as trust shall never be put out again." To whom Bishop Ridley replied: "Be of good heart, brother, for God will either assuage the fury of the flame, or else strengthen us to abide it."

Bishop Latimer – when they were about to set fire to him & Bishop Ridley, with an amiable countenance, said these words: "God is faithful, which doth not suffer us to be tempted above our strength."

Thomas Bilney – "I know by sense & philosophy that fire is hot & burning painful, but by faith I know it shall only waste the stubble of my body, & purge my spirit of its corruption."

John Bradford – embracing the reeds & faggots (bundles of sticks), said: "Straight is the way, & narrow is the gate, & few that find it." And speaking to his fellow-martyr: "Be of good comfort, brother, for we shall have a merry supper with the Lord this night; if there be a way to Heaven on horseback or in fiery chariots, this is it."

John Lambert - "None but Christ, none but Christ."

Baynam – "Behold, you papists that look for miracles, I feel no more pain in the fire than if I were in a bed of down, it is as sweet to me as a bed of roses."

Bishop Farrar – to a knight's son bemoaning his death: "If you see me stir in the fire, trust not my doctrine." And so he stood holding up his stumps till one, Garvell, struck him down with a staff.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. (Psalm 48v14)

The words of these men are incredible; we truly serve a LIVING God & how wonderful the above verse is. May all of us Christians take heart & stand whenever & wherever we are called to do so.

God help us!

Summary of Life

ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE, born in Édinburgh, 21st May 1813. Educated at High School & University there; gained distinction in his classes; Professor Wilson awarded him the poetry prize. Studied theology under Dr Chalmers. Licensed by the Presbytery of Annan in 1835. Preached his first sermon in Ruthwell Church. Assistant for ten months to the Rev. John Bonar at Larbert. Ordained to St. Peter's Church, Dundee, on 24th November, 1836. Appointed in 1839, one of a deputation to visit Palestine, for the purpose of promoting a mission to the Jews. On his return to Dundee threw himself heart & soul into revival work in that town. Visited the north of Ireland twice, & imparted to the churches there a strong spiritual impulse. Went on an evangelistic tour to the north-east of Scotland, from which he returned much fatigued to his work in Dundee. Seized a few days after with typhus fever. Died 25th March, 1843. A man of God!

I've DONE Twelve Years!

Well on February 25th 2006 Donna & I will have been married for twelve years; we can't believe how quickly time has gone. We met at Emmanuel Church in Stourport-on-Severn. I'd just got saved & Donna was very much involved in the church. We started going out together & then one day I gave her a Bible study on marriage before popping the question!!! (That's the way to do it – get em grounded in the word first!!!) For our honeymoon we flew to Rome & gave out chick tracts in the Vatican – boy do I know how to treat a girl! Since being together, like many of you I'm sure, we could write a book as to what has happened; the people we have met & the places we have visited. We now travel around 50,000 miles together each year! It has been an amazing 12 years & I can't thank the Lord enough for blessing me with Donna. (I have removed the last couple of sentences in the newsletter I'll give to her!). (PS - Donna is one of three sisters, & I got the one who can't cook!)

We pray that the Lord will open up more doors for us in 2006 to serve Him! Thank you for your prayers!

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Our guard dogs!

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

(John 3v18-21)

DOYOUWANT TO STAY ON OUR MAILING LIST FOR 2006P

If you want to stay on our mailing list for the next 12 months please would you fill in the response form & post it back to us **as soon as possible**. If we don't receive your reply we will obviously take it that you no longer want to receive 'TfT News!' & we will remove your name from our mailing list. If you would like to make any comments or criticisms regarding our newsletter please write them on the response form! Many thanks!

Team Leader Held Up At Gun-Point!

(The last newsletter went to print before I could include the following story!) Well Chris O'Connor (One of our Team Leaders & only 21 years old!) was quite a 'hero' recently! He was opening up the shop where he works & 3 guys jumped out on him & held him up at gun-point, placing the gun at the back of his head! Chris said he knew that it wasn't his time & was quite calm about the whole situation! I must say I was impressed how well he took it & we thank the Lord Jesus for taking care of Chris in this ordeal! What a world we live in!

PLEASE NOTE!

We tried sending our newsletter to...Robert White #300258 at CCI in the USA

Donald Bailey #307655-NB6 at CCI in the USA

But they were refused! Please advise!

What do YOU do on Sundays?

Recently I have heard FROM Christians 'themselves' what they do rather than go to church on Sundays i.e.... bingo, car boot sale, sport, work, stay at home because of the family, computer's, play stations, etc. How sad it is that LUKEWARM Christians would rather DO these things than worship the Lord & read His word. What a state to get into & to think YOU will stand before JESUS CHRIST very soon & have to give account of your life to Him! What a mess some Christians are in; there is nothing worse than BACKSLIDING!!! Are YOU a Christmas & Easter Christian or are you a 'regular' church attender i.e. 'more than TWICE a year!' Let us get serious folks before it's too late – what's up with Christians these days?

2006 A New Year! - Bit late I know!!!

Chris, LaToya, Mary, Donna & I saw the New Year in by reading 1 Thessalonians chapters 1-5 & having a brief study on them. We then prayed together that the Lord would guide us all throughout the coming year. For Donna & I, 2005 was a good year; we pray that the Lord will direct our paths & every decision we make in 2006.

WARNING - This issue of TFT News WILL upset some of you!

Recommended Reading!

Our dear friend Leonard White has recently sent me the 'Last Trumpet Newsletter' & after reading it I would suggest you add yourself to their mailing list! The newsletter is straight down the line & quite shocking as to how bad things really are! The address to write to is...Last Trumpet Ministries, PO BOX 806, Beaver DAM, WI 53916.

Want any 'back issues' of TfT News?

If you would like any back copies of TfT News! please drop us a line requesting which ones. We are only able to print as far back as issue 18 i.e. March – April 2004.

Give us a smile!!!

A dog goes into a hardware store & says "I'd like a job please!" The hardware store owner says "We don't hire dogs, why don't you go & join the circus?" The dog replies "What would the circus want with a plumber?"

"You Asked The Question!"

We thank the Lord that our booklet "You Asked The Question!" has been 'saved!' We were worried that it would have to cease but the Lord has certainly wrought a small miracle in retrieving it. I won't bore you with the story but it is amazing how we managed to get hold of the "You Asked The Question!" disk! So now we have just put in our next order with our NEW Christian printer for 10,000 copies. We have also managed to keep the price per booklet under 30 pence! If you are able to pay 28p each please do; if you are NOT able but would still like some, just drop us a line! (Postage AT COST!)

Letter Writing!

Again I've fallen behind *badly* – SORRY! I'll catch up as soon as I can; please be patient! For some reason the Ghana letters have started pouring in again, with over 40 coming in the last couple of months!

Congratulations on your 'marriage' – *I trow not!*

Donna & I were waiting for our appointment with the garden centre manager; he was talking with two elderly women at the time. He is about our age! After he finished talking he came across to meet us & apologised for keeping us. He said that the two women were regular visitors to the garden centre & had just come in to congratulate him. I said "What

for?" & he replied that he was getting married next Tuesday! I congratulated him & asked him what his wife worked as? He replied "Well actually, it's my husband!" Donna & I just kept silent! He couldn't look at me in the eye & tell me that, he had to look down! What a world we're living in! Can you believe how bad it's getting?

Reading Evening!

10 of us turned up for our monthly reading evening. We had chip 'butty's' & a drink before starting. Then, (after washing our hands!!!), we turned to 1 Peter & read chapters 1 & 2. After this we discussed what we had read for about 2 hours! This meeting starts at 6.30 pm but 7 of us met up at 2.00 & went tracting around the area. We gave out "You Asked The Question!" booklets, 'He Loves You!' cards & an invitation from Hope Chapel. It was a day well spent for our Lord.

Prayer Requests!

Please pray for Alec Brackett (Things That Matter) who writes 'A bad accident happened to me last October. An elderly friend was getting her shopping out of the boot of my car & a sudden violent gust of wind hit the boot door so that it was about to crash down on her head. I was just in the right position to whip out my left hand to catch it but the consequence for me was quite bad... It was an instinctive action, but the effort of restraining such a big, heavy

door was to much for my ancient frame & it tore the top of the left bicep right off the bone. The result is that, apart from being painful, the upper left arm is now totally out of action. I've been referred for an operation at the local hospital but they tell me there is a six month waiting list. In the meantime, dosed up with painkillers, it hangs useless beside my body. The lower arm & the hand still function without much pain but it is a real handicap!' If anyone can help Alec at

all or you just want to write & encourage him, he can be contacted at THINGS THAT MATTER, PO BOX 27 Urmston, Manchester, M41 6LT.

Please also pray for Mary Ainslie who has recently had a knee replacement; (we are hoping she will be back with us as soon as possible as she has made the final of the annual church 'tossing the caber' competition – she actually won

it last year; rumours had it that she practiced throwing her husband over next doors fence!)

Please also remember in your prayers... Dave Messer & his mother, Donna's dad who is really suffering with Parkinson's Disease (if anyone has any information regarding this disease we'd really appreciate it!)

'Waymarks' Newsletter!

We receive a number of newsletters, one of which is Waymarks by Ron Smith. I have, & still do, recommend that you add yourself to his mailing list. In issue 43 he has written an interesting article regarding 'The Brethren.' Now although I was saved in a Pentecostal church I do NOT class myself as a Pentecostal & although I help out & attend a Brethren church I do NOT class myself as a member of the Brethren church; I am a BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN! In previous issues of TfT! I have pointed out some of the ERRORS in the Pentecostal & Charismatic churches i.e. tongues etc. In this issue I wanted to quote a few things from Ron Smith's Waymarks that I thought were interesting regarding 'The Brethren Assemblies'... he writes...

What is wrong with the Brethren? – by Ron Smith (Waymarks)

(There is nothing wrong with New Testament 'church' teaching)

- 1) They have a false rallying cry It is "We gather to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." The Brethren have produced a number of works defending this slogan. One such work is 'Gathering unto His name' by N. Crawford & was published in 1985 by 'Truth & Tidings,' an American Brethren magazine. There is no Scripture calling believers to gather unto His name. The phrase is an invention of the Exclusive Brethren. It is found in the hymn 'Gathered to Thy name Lord Jesus,' written by C. Anne Wellesley, a member of the Exclusive Brethren. The hymn is retained in Penfold's 'Gospel Hymn Book.' This phrase is built on a mutilation of scripture - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Mat 18v20) There are some who make a play of the first 'in.' They want to make it read 'unto my name' on the grounds that the preposition 'eis' may be translated 'unto.' J N Darby appears to be the first (& only translator, that I can find) who makes this change. The change was made in order to promote an ecclesiastical system. The system became known as Exclusive Brethrenism & is now as much a false cult as any can be. 'Unto' is an archaic word & has been replaced almost entirely by 'to' (not 'in') in modern language... 'Eis' is translated by many English prepositions; to, into, in, throughout, for, unto, by, at, among, against, upon, toward, on concerning. 'In' is used at least 70 times, so we may deduce there is no reason at all why it should not be 'in' in Mat 18v20.
- 2) They have a false Bible In early days emphasis was given to Darby's New Translation. It was the bible of the Brethren. Few could explain why they considered it to be superior to the AV Bible. Also high regard was given to the RV for reasons which appear obscure; this version quickly became obsolete. Now the NKJB & the NIV are given prominence & the AV is decried publicly by almost all those engaged in public preaching. The rejection of the AV Bible has led to much false teaching e.g. the false translation of 2 Thes 2v2.
- 3) They have a false government Assemblies are ruled by an oversight compromising several brethren. As most assemblies are small the control is often in the hands of one man. Historically oversights (this term indicating a collective oversight is not found in Scripture) have been self perpetuating. From time to time brethren are invited to join the oversight. There is of course no Scripture for this procedure. Those invited are not selected because of their labours among saints in shepherding & teaching; rather because they will uphold the views of those already ruling. The main exercise of oversights is to get the members to conform to their decrees. There has always been a degree of interference in the personal lives of the members. Members are taught to show unquestioning loyalty to the leaders. Their decisions may not be challenged or even questioned. If an oversight exists it must be recognised as ordained of God. We assume by this that Diotrophese was God's chosen man. The oversight must be obeyed implicitly

- whether they are seen to be wrong by all or not. This is cultism!
- 4) They have a false class of teachers. They will not separate from evil Undiscerning secretaries will invite men to preach because their names have appeared on the circuit cards & other assemblies have accepted them. So a secretary not holding to the errors of Calvinism invites a man to preach who holds to a limited atonement, because he is a leading Brethren teacher! Preachers from liberal assemblies are not barred from the platforms of more conservative assemblies, particularly if they can draw a crowd. None of the public men are prepared to name a bible they can trust implicitly as the word of God from cover to cover. But they do nevertheless claim to be authorities on what is Scripture & use the Critical Text to form their own circle of clerisy. The ordinary believer cannot know what is Scripture & what is gloss so they must approach the men of authority, who themselves have drawn from the polluted wells of infidelity.
- 5) They have no pastors The only place where pastors are mentioned in the NT is 'And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.' (Eph 4v11) A pastor literally means a shepherd. It denotes the shepherd care of the elder or overseer. Brethren do not recognise pastors, because they think by implication it shows one man to be in charge, which they claim is a characteristic of apostate Christendom. They ignore the fact that most assemblies are each in the control of one man!
- 6) They have false terms for fellowship In many assemblies there are no conditions laid down for fellowship other than that a person requesting fellowship is a baptised believer. Some assemblies require a letter of commendation & as long as one is presented a person will be accepted. Their home assembly, if it exists, may be unsound doctrinally. The personal doctrines & practices of the person requesting fellowship may be unscriptural but this is of no consequence if they can produce a letter.
- 7) They use the unscriptural term 'The Assemblies' Use of the term 'The Assemblies' sets a denominational boundary. It is used instead of speaking of local churches, to define a religious system, & to differentiate themselves from all others. They argue that they are not a denomination, which they are, to all observers. It is insisted that the word church has connotations that suggests it means no more than the building. (It is interesting to note that the word 'assembly' occurs only 5 times in the NT where as the word 'church/churches' occurs 114)

Now as I said at the start, I am a BIBLE BELIEVER; I am NOT Brethren or Pentecostal. I do not like tags & denominations. I am in contact with many folks from all kinds of different denominations through TfT News! I have included this article above from Ron Smith because I have seen from experience what he has stated here. Let us all beware of the RUT we can get into following men & traditions rather than THE WORD OF GOD!

(Ron Smith attends a 'gospel hall' in New Bradwell)

Knowledge Puffeth Up – 1 Cor 8v1

As Christians we must be very careful not to get big-headed & try to gain 'one-up-man-ship' on other Christians just because we know more than they do about the Bible. Many of my so called 'friends' have fallen into this trap. Even folks I've taught have taken the knowledge & used it wrongly & become big-headed & arrogant, & it is a sad thing to witness. As Christians we should walk in humility throughout our lives thanking GOD for all that He allows us to learn! One thing I try to do with our DG (Discipleship Group) is to 'nip-in-the-bud' any arrogance or pride I may see; as they will tell you I'm sure. I love to learn about the Bible & I love to teach the Bible to those that want to learn & are not arrogant or proud. Most of us Christians have learnt what we have from OTHER Christians yet we seldom give our 'teachers' the credit & try to make out that WE are the 'clever' ones! God reveals His truth to those who are humble & want to learn; those who are in SUBJECTION to His word & will use the knowledge He gives correctly. I cannot tell you how many Christians I have known & even worked with who have fallen into the 'KNOW IT ALL' syndrome & have become very arrogant with their Scripture knowledge. I hope & pray it does not happen to you! Many of the letters I receive are written by those seeking the deeper things, humble Christians wanting to know more; BUT there are some letters I receive from Christians who are just wanting to SHOW OFF or try to catch you out – as many of you know by now, I have NO TIME for attention seekers or arrogant Christians! BE CAREFUL & BE AWARE that YOU do not fall into this trap! I have cut myself off a number of times from those that have decided to go down that route! I thank God for Christian Bible teachers such as Dr Ruckman, Clarence Larkin, Brother James, & numerous others whom I have learnt so much from. God has blessed these men because they were, & are, humble BEFORE God & sat at His feet, submitted to His word, WANTING TO LEARN! Because of this God blessed & taught them! I too WANT TO LEARN from The Lord Jesus Christ – I will NEVER 'correct or change' the Bible (ONLY IDIOTS DO!); I seek a closer walk with the Lord asking Him to lead, guide, teach & enable me to be what He wants me to be. If all doors close, SO BE IT; if opportunities arise 'Thy will be done' – I am in His hands & I love Him.

Old Scientific Discoveries! - By J Melton

The Bible always runs a few thousand years ahead of 'science.' Notice the following facts that were revealed in the Bible long before man discovered them with telescopes, microscopes & scuba divers!

No actual 'moon light' Job 25v5 Light travels Job 38v19

Stars cannot be counted Gen 15v5 & 22v17 Cosmic light Gen 1v3 & Psa 74v16

Empty place in the North
Earth suspended in space
Entropy increases
Sound waves from stars
Pleiades star cluster
Sea mounts
Job 26v7
Psa 102v25-27
Job 38v7
Job 38v31
Jonah 2v3-6

Sea springs Job 38v16 & Prov 8v28

Submarine canyons
Ocean currents
Earth not flat
Running water more sanitary
Circumcision on the 8th day
Electric telephone & TV

Sam 22v16
Psa 8v8
Isa 40v22
Lev 15v13
Gen 17v10-12
Job 38v35

'Big Brother' Keeps on Watching!

It was interesting to read in the Evangelical Times this month the following article... Road Surveillance - 'The movement of all vehicles on Britain's roads may soon be photographed & recorded on a new national surveillance system with a network of cameras that can automatically read every passing number plate. The plan is to build a huge database of vehicle movements so that the police & security services can analyse any journey a driver has made over several vears. Thousands of existing CCTV cameras are being converted to read number plates automatically night & day, to provide 24/7 coverage of all motorways & main roads, as well as towns, cities, ports & petrol-station forecourts. By next year a central database installed alongside the

Police National Computer in Hendon, North London, will store the details of 35 million number-plate 'reads' per day, growing to 100 million. These will include time, date & precise location, with camera sites monitored by global positioning Senior police officers have satellites. described the surveillance network as possibly the biggest advance in the technology of crime detection & prevention the introduction of fingerprinting. But others concerned about civil liberties will be worried that the movements of millions of law-abiding people will soon be routinely recorded & kept on a central computer database for years.' - JESUS IS COMING SOON!

When a ship is in the sea, all is well. When the sea is in the ship, it is a disaster. When the church is in the world, all is well. When the world is in the church, shipwreck is certain!

Special Prayer Requests!

Please pray for Heather & Evelyn from Hope Chapel who are in desperate need for a touch of healing from the Lord.

Work Update!

It is sad that I have had to lose one of the reps I had working for me. He was the one to whom I had some great conversations with about the Lord. He was diagnosed as having diabetes & has had his driving licence taken away from him because of it. I still keep in touch & we shall hopefully see him again.

'IT'S YOUR CHOICE!' - ...AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

This is the title of our NEW booklet. We haven't had a quote for the printing as yet but I shall let you know costs as soon as possible. 'IT'S YOUR CHOICE' is a short, straight to the point, gospel orientated booklet. It will be approximately 10 pages in length BUT will certainly get the message of the gospel across. I recommend you send a copy to EVERY person you know, anonymously if you have to, but let us get this GOSPEL message out to the masses! I have written it to reach the lost – we do NOT make a penny from it & you will be able to buy them at the COST we get them for. If you can't afford to buy them you can have some FREE. My prayer for this booklet is that it shall REALLY challenge & convict sinners of their sin & they shall then SEEK the Saviour for FORGIVENESS – before it's too late!

There is NO 'waffle' in it - Simply the GOSPEL!

TWO 'Converted' FROM the Youth 'Bible' & NIV (Nutty 'Idiots' Version!), TO the AV! Chris brought a 21 year old friend of his to the Friday Club at Hope Chapel. He is a Christian BUT a modern version man who is 'ecumenical' – right up my street! After calling him 'pope' for most of the evening, plus ripping his so called bible (comic!) to shreds, in a 'friendly manner' of course, Chris' friend went out & bought himself an AV... praise the Lord! He took it all very well & I was impressed with his 'wanting to learn & open attitude!' – Not many like him around. We shall see how far he wants to go in the future! Another younger guy (only 15) has now 'woken up & smelt the coffee' after I had been 'giving him some stick' about Bible versions for a while. He asked if I would get him a Bible. He is from a Pentecostal background but has the potential to become a good student of the word – again it depends on how far he wants to go regarding SOUND doctrine rather than church tradition or man made 'doctrine!' Please pray for Victor (21) & Peter (15)!

June 6th 2006 - i.e. 06/06/06!!!

A newsletter sent to me recently included the following article... (*I haven't checked this out myselft*) On June 6th 2006, a major movie is to be released called 'The Beast.' The movie is being produced by Jeremiah Farwell & was written & is being directed by Brian Flemming. It will be distributed by VIVID films. Not only is the movie to be released on 06/06/06, but it was carefully timed so that it would take exactly 666 days to make. The movie is about a Christian high-school student named Danielle, whose father is a biblical scholar who discovers 'proof positive' that Jesus Christ never existed. The plot centres around the abduction of this scholar by fanatical Christians to keep people from finding out that Jesus Christ did not exist. One witch recently spoke out & said 'Finally, a film that proves Jesus Christ never existed; I can't wait!'

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Rom 14v11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. Phil 2v10

The PROBLEMS with the NEW Scofield Reference Bible!

Though the editorial committee of the 1967 New Scofield Reference Bible, claimed their work was 'not a new translation of the Hebrew & Greek texts,' they still re-translated 'world' (where it was translated from 'aion') with 'age' (except in 1 Cor 8v13 + Eph 3v21). These changes are completely unnecessary (as are thousands in the 1967 New Scofield), & reveal the misleading nature of modern scholarship. (By the way, how could C.I. Scofield be the 'editor' of the New Scofield Reference Bible when he had been DEAD forty-six years? The title page claims he is the editor!!!) Someone is NOT telling the truth & trying to deceive us! Why? For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith... (1 Tim 6v10)

'Chip' Implants!

Well micro-chips are now being implanted into human beings in the USA, I heard on the news recently! I didn't catch the entire 'story' but it is something else that points to the 'One World Government / New World Order!' We are being watched constantly & we are being 'monitored.' Not long now till our Lord Jesus comes I'm sure; are YOU ready for His return?

Come Lord Jesus!

'Modern Day' Christianity!

Well, we took Chris, LaToya & Mary to a Pentecostal church recently as they had never been to one before; we thought it would give them a good insight into what happens in this type of church. After an hour & a quarter of songs, a few prayers & some drama the 'speaker' got up! (Note I said 'speaker' & NOT preacher because he certainly is NOT a preacher!) He called himself (on more than one occasion!) a 'professional minister' (I very nearly lost the plot & fell out of my pew laughing; it was well held on my part I can tell you!) Well, he turned out to be 'par for the course,' i.e. a normal Pentecostal 'entertainer!' He thought he was good, the congregation thought he was good, the Pastor thought he was good, but as usual, 'Bigoted Johnny D' thought he was very weak & shallow! After 'pouring it on' for 40 minutes he then gave an 'alter call;' specific at first (they usually are!), but after no one responded, the 'general backsliding plea to return,' came out - again no one responded as he wanted, i.e. put your 'danny' in the air & I (the 'professional minister') will pray for you!!! Obviously he wasn't 'professional' enough! As usual a 'modern Bible PERVERSION' man was allowed into the pulpit! When will the leaders of our churches understand that PERVERSIONS are SATANIC! A Canadian team also took part in the service & they were also as weak, with the exception of a touching testimony from one young lad. The drama which they did was just 'milk-sop' (most is!!) They are supposed to be on tour to different countries 'witnessing' for the Lord – If they offend anyone on their travels because of the word of God I'll be amazed! - Rom 9v33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Gal 5v11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. 1 Pet 2v8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. Luke 6v22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake, John 7v7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. John 15v18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 1 John 3v13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. I asked what Chris, LaToya & Mary thought to the meeting BEFORE I said anything; they confirmed my own thoughts! When will Pentecostals realise that EMOTION is NOT always SPIRITUAL! I was pleased to report there were NO tongues DONE!!! - Maybe next time! (No names, no 'pack drill' - catch my drift brother?)

Whatever happened to PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE BIBLE?

(Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? Gal 4v16)

Now Get This: Now Get This!

I KNOW I can be offensive!

I KNOW I upset some of you!

I KNOW I don't say things the 'Christian way' on 'occasions!'

BUT...I will do all I can NOT to compromise the truth of God's word; I will do all in my power to speak FREELY as I see it, even if it means losing some of you as 'friends!'

If you don't like what you read come off the mailing list!

If I'm WRONG, tell me, BUT back it up by SCRIPTURE!!!

I am not out to win friends; the majority of this world WILL go to HELL; we need to wake up & try to STOP THEM from going there! This 'lovey-dovey-kissy-wissy-pukey-pukey' kind of 'preaching' i.e., 'try & please everyone' mentality, is nothing more than 'Hollywood Show-biz,' & while it continues, the **MASSES** ARE STILL ON THE ROAD TO HELL!!!

MORE Prayer Requests...

Please pray for David Q, Bram & June & THIS LAND OF OURS! Also pray that God will raise up MEN who will NOT compromise the truth of God's word BUT will stand firm leading, feeding, & PROTECTING the sheep!

Sad News!

Donna's friend Pam who lived in Wales went to be with the Lord on 15th January 2006. She was a lovely Christian who is now with her Saviour. Please pray for the family especially at this time.

Teaching our children from a SATANIC PERVERSION!

Joe Hayden from the Open Air Mission is STILL teaching the children from Hope Chapel FROM the NIV perversion! Why I ask myself? Doesn't he realise the difference in 'Bibles?' I think he does, as a few people have spoken to him about this issue before! Could it be stubbornness, rebellion or PRIDE as to why he won't change? Mr Hayden threw a 'wobbly' over the comments I made about him in a previous newsletter; I think he'll throw an even BIGGER one this time! As long as he teaches from the NIV (which is a counterfeit of the TRUE word of God) & continues to teach the children of Hope Chapel, I shall CONTINUE to point out his ERROR & he, no doubt, will continue to have his 'Wobblies!' The Authorised Version Bible is THE TRUE WORD OF GOD! I suggest Mr Hayden looks into this subject for himself! My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. James 3v1 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 1 Peter 5v3. As preachers & teachers WE shall stand before God & give account for what we have TAUGHT & PREACHED!!!

Let us be EXAMPLES to our hearers!

'Tongues' Response!

Recently I received two letters, both from women, stating my stand on the 'tongues' issue is wrong & that they both speak in this 'wonderful' language which is a gift from God! It is OBVIOUS that BOTH do NOT 'STUDY' their 'Bibles' & just ACCEPT what their 'preacher' or church teaches! May God give us ALL 'discernment' especially in these last days where DECEPTION is everywhere including the church! I have never met or spoken with so many SHALLOW Christians as I have with those who are IN the Pentecostal & Charismatic churches! For some reason they just do NOT study their Bibles & LOVE the 'milk' rather than the STRONG MEAT! How sad! - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim 2v15

DG HOMEWORK!

For the next Discipleship Group I set the following homework...

- 1) Produce an article on something that is close to your heart
- 2) Produce an article that PROVES FROM THE SCRIPTURES that once you are SAVED you CANNOT lose your salvation
 - 3) Produce an article that PROVES FROM THE SCRIPTURES that Jesus Christ IS God
 - 4) Going as DEEP as you can write a short work about YOUR relationship with Jesus Christ5) Write down 20 things that amaze you
 - 6) Write down what you think is THE most important WORD (just ONE word!)
 - 7) Write down 10 facts about Islam!

What would YOUR answers be?

Church on Sunday!

The Sunday after we visited the Pentecostal church, we took Chris, LaToya & Mary to a Baptist church in Birmingham. It is part of their learning about other churches & denominations & how they operate. This particular church used predominately the NIV but really 'anything goes' there! They get around 120 people to the morning service & ONLY 20 to the evening service. The prayer meeting is also poorly attended they said! Again it was an eye opener for 'the team!' We shall be trying a couple more in the future, so beware; it could be 'your' church we turn up at!

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Curb that 'wagging' tongue of yours dear!

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. (Proverbs 16v1-9)

Our 30th Newsletter!

Well here it is, our 30th TfT newsletter! *Has anyone out there collected them ALL*? I'd be interested to know! In fact, I'll send a special gift to anyone who has collected ALL 30; write & let me know. We thank the Lord Jesus for allowing us to continue with this ministry; we have met some lovely folks through correspondence. Please keep the letters & enquiries coming. Thanks to all of you who have stayed with us this far! We look forward to hearing from you.

Christians Who 'Fall Away' - Backsliders!

Why is it that you get saved but then over time you *fall away* from the Lord, you walk away from Him – *you backslide! How sad this is!* I know a number of Christians who started out great; they were full of zeal & passion to follow the Lord. Then, after a while, I come in contact with them again & find they have stopped reading their Bible, they no longer pray neither fellowship with other Christians or go to church. They have LEFT their FIRST LOVE! (Rev 2v4) *But why do we so often see this?*

- 1) Perhaps they were NEVER saved in the first place & just 'pretended' to become a Christian! It can happen, I've seen it! In this case the Gospel needs to be presented again to them pointing out that if they die IN their sins HELL is their *reward!* They need to see the LOVE of the Lord Jesus & what He did to save them!
- 2) They never got GROUNDED in the word of God therefore NEVER received that love & hunger FOR the word of God SO MANY churches today just do NOT preach the word of God, or they water it down! The 'minister' does NOT FEED the sheep but instead he just gives them nice little stories, illustrations & continues to 'tickle their ears'. The 'preacher' today does NOT study for himself therefore he has nothing NEW to bring just the same old 'moth -eaten' sermon which bores the listeners rigid! When was the last time you left church under conviction or you left church thinking God was REALLY in the preaching tonight? Amos 8v11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
- 3) They just didn't LOVE the Lord very much it's unbelievable to witness this but again it is true! To think what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us & we do NOTHING in return but moan, grumble, backbite, murmur etc. etc.! We are lazy & we don't seek to WORK for the One who loved us & gave EVERYTHING to save us; we just sit on our backsides DOING NOTHING & watching the people around us walk/run their way to HELL FIRE we just sit there watching!
- 4) They love their SIN TOO MUCH to change! They will NOT give up their SINS because they love DOING them & living a pure & holy life is just too much & too 'boring!' They do NOT want to LIVE for God; oh sure they want their 'ticket to heaven' but they also want the pleasures of the world, & the two are immiscible! 1 John 2v15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. James 4v4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy

- of God. Rom 12v2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 2 Tim 4v10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world... I know of Christians who will NOT give up their sins even though they KNOW they are living in rebellion/disobedience to the Lord *this I can't understand!* Get rid of your sins, do it today & LIVE RIGHT from now on!
- 5) LACK OF ENCOURAGEMENT When was the last time you were encouraged by fellow Christians? Too often church can be very COLD, unloving, uninviting, boring, set in their ways & traditions, 'clicky', DEAD!!!
- 6) Filling their time with anything & everything BUT the Lord Mark 8v36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? How many Christians love the pleasures of this world MORE than living for the Lord?
- 7) NO FEAR of GOD! Rom 3v18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. Who cares about the consequences of sin anymore? just do it, it doesn't matter, you'll get away with it! NO YOU WON'T! Heb 9v27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

It disappoints & saddens me greatly to receive letters from some of you saying that you are not walking as you should & have drifted back into the world. May the Lord's love draw you back to Him again — before He returns!

A WARNING to 'Ministers'

There are just SO MANY things I would really like to study in the Bible & SO MANY things I want to write about, but working 5 days a week from 7.30 am - 6.30 pm (on average!) I just haven't the time sadly to say! One 'book' I would like to write would be called 'Warning to Ministers!' Some of what I would say is as follows... For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Pet 4v17 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. James 3v1 – As a 'Minister' you have responsibilities & you will be judged accordingly! For example - 1) If you do NOT use the AV & allow Satanic 'perversions' such as the NKJV or NIV etc into the pulpit for all to hear you are NOT pleasing God! 2) If you do NOT preach ALL the counsel of God Acts 20v27 but instead just 'tickle' the ears of your hearers you are going against God! 2 Tim 4v3 3) When was the last time you warned your hearers about the horrors of Hell & the Judgment of God? When was the last time you sought God for a message rather than just preach one YOU wanted to preach? How often do you pray really seeking God to speak to you & your hearers? 4) Are you living RIGHT or preaching as a hypocrite? 5) Do you love the preeminence TOO MUCH to let go & allow someone else to preach or teach? 6) How much time do you spend STUDYING the Bible each day/week? 2 Tim 2v15. 7) How often do you 'correct' or 'change' the word of God? Do you realise that you are getting people to DOUBT the word of God & put their trust in YOU instead? Psalm 118v8. 8) Do you preach 'ritualism & tradition' above or 'on par' with the Scriptures? 9) Do you seek a reputation rather than be the man that God wants you to be? Phil 2v7. 10) Are you 'fleecing' the sheep rather than FEEDING them? 11) What kind of EXAMPLE are you to your hearers? John 13v15, 1 Pet 2v21, 1 Pet 5v3. 12) Are you too 'attached' to MONEY? 1 Tim 3v3+8, Titus 1v7+11, 1 Pet 5v2. 13) Do you REALLY 'know' the Lord or just about Him? 14) Do you take a stand where you should? Acts 5v29 15) What is your motive as to why you want to be a minister/elder, pastor, deacon etc. Has God really called you or is it self will you are there? 16) Are you unskilled in the word? Heb 5v13 17) Do you seek popularity, fame & fortune rather than the heart of God? 18) Are you RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH or are you teaching heresy i.e. tongues for today, God has finished with the Jews etc? 19) Have you a real LOVE for the lost sinners of this world or are you just going through the motions? 20) What is your prayer life like?

These are just a few thoughts I would really like to look at in regard to the 'ministry'. I find them challenging to myself more than anyone! If you are leading the sheep take note of the above & search your heart before God. We have a responsibility!

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Cor 11v13-15

The BIBLE v the Charismatic / Pentecostal...

A friend of mine writes... The first reason why I am not a 'Charismatic' is because I spend a lot of time reading the Bible; I take it to mean what it says & say what it means. For example, when I read that the apostolic 'signs' (2 Cor 12v12) are signs given to Jewish apostles (Mark 16v12-20) because 'the Jews require a sign' (1 Cor 1v22), I believe what I read. When I find these 'signs' manifest in the book of The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2v43), I assume they are there because they were said to follow the ministry of the Jewish Apostles (Mark 16v17-20). When I learn that the nation of Israel begins with 'signs' (Deut 4v34), & the first time the word shows up (Exod 4v9) it shows up with the first leader of the Jews as a nation (Exod 4), & I note that the Jewish Sabbath was a 'sign' given to Israel (Ezek 20v2) at Mt. Sinai (Neh 9v14), I know where I am, theologically speaking, when dealing with Gentile Christians who claim to have the Jewish apostolic SIGNS given to Israel. I am dealing with LIARS! Rev 2v2 says they are LIARS!

So we have seen, since the days of the Bethel Bible College (Topeka, Kansas, 1900) & the Azusa Street Mission (Los Angeles, 1905), a steady string of 'spirit filled' liars, 'tonguespeaking' liars, 'promise keeping' liars, 'seed-faith' liars, 'divine-healing' liars, 'devil-binding' liars, plus thousands of just plain Charismatic liars! A few of their 'mentors' would be... Aimee Semple McPherson, A.A. Allen, William Branham, Oral Roberts, T.L. Osborne, Benny Hinn, Marilyn Hickey, Jimmy Swaggart, Jimmy & Tammy Bakker, Kathyrn Kuhlman, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland etc.. After observing them, reading after them, listening to them, & talking with their converts, I am convinced that they are the most anti-scriptural, powerless, fruitless professing Christians inside the Body of Christ, with the possible exceptions of Calvinists & Hyper-Dispensationalists, although both of those dead-head groups can quote a great deal more Scripture than the Charismatics can! All Charismatics are Scripturally bankrupt when it comes to doctrine (1 Tim 4v6, 13, 16). From its inception (1900), to its present state of emotional-humanism (2006), the entire movement rejected THE TRUTH (John 17v17) & refused to hear it (John 8v40-44). I know WHO has the 'sign gifts' (1 Cor 12v7-10), WHY they have them (1 Cor 1v22), & WHO they were for (Exod 4). I KNOW that YOU don't have them, & neither does your preacher or your pastor or your evangelist. I know that if they profess to have them then they are LIARS (Rev 2v2). Here is a typical Assembly of God nut, claiming he has been given the apostolic gift of 'HEALING.' The proof text for this will be Mark 16v17+18. It is listed as an apostolic sign given to Jewish apostles (2 Cor 12v12). Every man who has the 'gift of healing' is a pork-abstaining, Sabbath-observing, temple-worshipping, BEARDED, circumcised JEW: like Paul. converts of these apostles, up until Acts chapter 28, can be given some of these 'sign gifts.' This is apparent from 1 Cor 12v7-10. But this transaction only follows the CONVERTS who are converted under an apostle. Notice the wording of Mark 16v20 that no Charismatic pays any attention to at all. Now, notice how the Holy Ghost, the Author of Scripture - the very one these fake apostles talk about so much! - told you that the greatest healer in the NT outside of Jesus Christ Himself (Paul, Acts 19v12) COULDN'T HEAL A SICK CAT AFTER Acts chapter 28. After Acts 28, Paul recommends MEDICINE for Timothy & leaves Trophimus SICK at Miletum (see 1 Tim 5v23 & 2 Tim 4v20). No charismatic can walk on water; not one of them can pull a man out of a grave after he has been dead & buried for four days. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.' No Charismatic has ever produced medical evidence (x-rays, doctor's signatures etc.) that he ever replaced an ear that was cut off (John 18v10), restored sight to someone born blind (John 9v6+7), or caused anyone who was genuinely crippled for life (Acts 3v2) to LEAP & RUN (Acts 3v8+9). Every 'FAKER' who ever professed to have done the above, or anything LIKE it, gave the same testimony. The 'disease' or 'cancer' was INTERNAL, & no one could see it! - I am NOT a Charismatic or Pentecostal BECAUSE I READ & STUDY THE BIBLE! Taken from Dr Ruckman's Book 'Why I am NOT a Charismatic!' (I suggest you order some copies & start passing them out!)

Take EVERY Opportunity!

It is unbelievable where & when the Lord calls us to witness! There I was in Holland in the best hotel in Enschlede in the middle of an 'eight' course meal when the subject of conversation turned onto 'how can 'intellectual' people become terrorists & fly planes into buildings?' I waited for my chance & then put forward the fact of HELL after death! From then on the conversation really took a serious tone. I was able to present the Gospel & talk about 'ONLY ONE WAY' through Christ! The guy from Belgium said I was scaring him & the guy from Sweden said I was fanatical about what I believed! Amen & Amen! Let us pray they get SAVED!

It's Your Choice!

Well enclosed is a complimentary copy of our NEW booklet 'It's Your Choice!' I haven't seen personally, a booklet that is as DIRECT regarding the GOSPEL as this one! Donna & I are praying that it shall be widely distributed & used to bring sinners to the Saviour.

"You Asked The Question!"

Thank you Lord! 10,000 "You Asked The Question!" booklets have now arrived! Please place your orders as soon as you can; don't forget they are only 28p each (*i.e. the cost WE buy them at from the printer!*). Why not put one through every door down your street? If you cannot afford them but would like some please write & request how many you NEED & we will do our best to meet your request.

Our Next Visit was to a Methodist Church - unbelievable!

Once again the 'famous five' tried another church on a Sunday evening, for educational purposes! About forty elderly folk were there; a 'lay' preacher was leading & preaching! NOT ONE person we could see brought a Bible! The lay preacher NEVER read from his Bible but instead preached from the hymn 'Be thou my vision...' He did quote from the Apocrypha plus 'Oscar Wilde' - & it was WILD I can tell you! I tried so hard before the service to be open, unbiased, encouraging, open-minded & to give the church & preacher a chance; BUT HOW CAN YOU when you experience such DROSS? I sat there honestly thinking

'what on earth has gone wrong; don't ANY of these people GET IT?' One man (I won't say 'brother' because I'm really not sure!) came up to me afterwards & said, regarding the preacher, "He's quite an amazing man!" I replied "You don't have to tell me that!!!" – He didn't get THAT either! I dare not start to write what I really feel regarding this whole situation of 'church' & 'Christians' because I think I'd offend 99% OF CHRISTIANS! – It's a mess folks, a real mess! Most churches are so far ASTRAY from the Scriptures it is unbelievable! What is your church like regarding teaching the Scriptures, the word of God?

Hockley Pentecostal Church!

Severn of us visited Hockley Pentecostal Church recently for our continued look at 'other' churches & how they function / operate etc. Don't forget that some of our young folk have only seen the 'Brethren' side of things! Well this church was once renowned for big congregations but sadly, like so many churches today, numbers have dwindled. From hundreds to about 60 in the evening (when we were there)! It is run by a couple who BOTH class themselves as 'pastors!' - Mistake number 1. The meeting was led by the lady 'pastor', the 'worship' was led by the lady 'pastor' & the 'preaching' was done by a visiting LADY 'bible teacher' at the AOG Bible College! Can it get any worse??? Tongues were in operation i.e. people were praying & worshipping IN tongues!!! It really was a sad affair. It was sad to think that these people (out of the 60 only a handful were 'men') are really trying to do what they think is right but they are so UNSCRIPTURAL it is incredible! Modern versions, women 'ministers', showmanship & overall, a church that is far from SOUND! If God is going to BLESS (like the Pentecostals keep going on about!) He will bless the preaching of His word (The Authorized Version ONLY), He will bless MEN preachers who STAND upon His word & will NOT compromise! The UK AOG Bible college wanted us all to give some money each month to help fund there new development which included a Leisure Centre!!! I wonder if John Wesley ever asked for money for a venture like that! It is very interesting to note that the woman 'preacher' said we must SEEK THE POSITIVE & not the negative, God doesn't want us to be NEGATIVE - Only last week I received Dr Ruckman's new book 'The Power of NEGATIVE Thinking!' I suggest EVERY Christian buys a copy & then once you have read it SEND IT TO A PENTECOSTAL PASTOR!!!

'Who Cares?' Now Available AGAIN!

We have now received 10,000 copies from the printer of our 'Who Cares?' tract. If you would like some they are 5 pence each; but again, if you cannot afford them please just write & request what you need & we will do our best to meet your requirement!

Mailing List Response Forms!

I thought we would lose quite a few from our mailing list especially regarding the content of the last issue! However I was also encouraged by how many response forms were returned & how many EXTRA copies folk wanted PLUS many of you asked for friends & family to be included on our mailing list. It seems every time we lose some folk the Lord adds MORE! Perhaps a lesson is to be learnt here! **\$TAND for the TRUTH & let GOD DO THE RE\$T!**

God's Protection!

We woke up one Saturday morning to find that our car (company car) had a flat tyre. After calling the AA out we found that the suspension coil had broken & pierced the tyre! The night before we were driving some of the DG back to the church. Thank you Lord for EVERY journey of safety! Thank you to those who continually pray for us on our travels!

Easter Weekend!

Donna & I had both Friday & Monday off from work this Easter. On the Sunday afternoon we took 4 of the DG members to Stratford Upon Avon & did some tracting in the town centre. Well over 300 tracts were given out with hardly any 'rejection!' We thank the Lord for this encouraging time.

Prayer Requests...

Gladys Colwell from Brierley Hill AOG Church who has had a heart attack; Victoria who is finding the Christian walk very difficult at present; Mike Harper who is recovering from a stroke; Pastor Cyril Baker who is constantly fighting illness; Donna's dad with Parkinson's Disease & her mother who looks after him; Dave Messer who needs a touch from the Lord!

The 'Leaders' of Our Country

What if every Christian STOOD UP for what IS RIGHT; I wonder what a difference we would make? But as usual it is the 'very' minority who DO ANYTHING! How about you & I getting a list of all the leaders i.e. MP's, Peers & Lord's etc. & write them a letter in regard to the state of our country & the reason for it i.e. turning their back upon God & His word! Include a Gospel booklet or tract? Then let us pray that God will save these folks! England is shot through it seems BUT we must NEVER GIVE UP in trying to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. You can obtain a list of 'Leaders' from the 'Christian Institute.' Let us STOP thinking about 'doing' something & start DOING something!

What are your plans for the rest of the year?

Have you made any? Does The Lord approve of them? Have you asked Him for guidance in your decisions?

Some More Good Quotes!

Men who conquer go in for attack – Spurgeon
The tavern-keeper is the only businessman who is ashamed of his best customer!
A drunk is the past tense of a drink!

He who works the oars seldom rocks the boat! Sign at the entrance of a large manufacturing plant reads...

IF YOU ARE LIKE A WHEELBARROW – GOING NO FARTHER THAN YOU ARE PUSHED-YOU NEED NOT APPLY FOR WORK HERE!

Discipleship Group (DG)

We had a great study around the word of God at the last DG meeting; much ground was covered! On June the 3rd we shall be holding an OPEN DG meeting & inviting other youngsters to come along for the experience. There are a few young folk at Hope Chapel who really would like to join the DG but at present they are not quite ready for it. We hope that by coming to this open DG meeting they will 'knuckle down' & show some real commitment to Bible study & maturity in their Christian walk!

Issue Number 7 Found!

I was looking through some old disks the other day & I came across TfT! News 'issue 7'. Issue 18 is as far back as we can go so this was a pleasant surprise. Although it is obviously out of date there are still a few very interesting articles including one on 'tongues' etc. If you would like a copy (or more than one!) please drop us a line!

'Men Don't Want To Study The Bible!' - He said!

A guy who came on one of the training weeks (Action Weeks!) at Chester City Mission we ran when we were there, called me recently for a chat; it was great to hear from him. He is now married & has a 'little one' on the way! He is continuing in his Christian walk, which is great to hear, & said that he had recently started up a men's meeting to study the Bible. He phoned me to tell me that 'the men' were NOT really interested in the word of God & therefore studying it. I could tell he was saddened & disappointed with this situation. To be quite honest & 'FRANK' with you; there are not very many Christians AT ALL, who REALLY do want to study the Bible! Most of the Christians I meet are very shallow when it comes to Bible study & they certainly do not have a desire to STUDY IT! - **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** (2 Tim 2v15) We are told to STUDY to shew THYSELF approved unto God! What sort of Bible study are you involved in. How do YOU study the Bible? What are YOU learning each week? Could you take a blank sheet of paper & list 10 NEW things you learnt about the word of God over this last month? Why don't Christians want to study the Bible?

Flying!

What a mad week!! Recently Donna & I had to fly to Edinburgh on business: we got to Birmingham Airport for 5.30 am. Our appointment in Edinburgh was 11.00 am, which we made. The mad thing is, we were back HOME for 5.30 pm! The next day I flew to Holland for our twice yearly sales meeting. I still don't like flying much but I thank the Lord for bringing me back safe & sound! I've got to go to Holland again in June!

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST!!!

Nick, (a guy I used to work with in sales at my previous company); his wife has just had a brain tumour (malignant) operation! She desperately needs a touch from our Lord Jesus. Nick recently had a heart attack himself! He is only in his late forties! They have two children. I had the chance to witness to Nick when I went to visit him in hospital & he read my booklet "You Asked The Question!" while in there. He is from a strong Roman Catholic background! Please pray that they both seek the Lord for salvation & that The Lord will restore them to full health! He was very willing for us to pray!

Happy 17th Birthday!!!

Well on May 4th I was '17 years old' in my Christian life! What an amazing 17 years they have been too! I could write 'books' on what has happened in those years! I cannot thank the Lord Jesus Christ enough for saving me; for washing ALL my sins clean away. Becoming a Christian has been the BEST thing that has EVER happened to me & these last 17 years have certainly been exciting. I just can't believe how quick they have gone. As I look back I also realise how much time I have wasted when I could & should have been studying the Bible; DON'T WASTE TIME like I have, GET INTO THE BIBLE, & live it!

Can YOU answer the following questions... I'm NOT interested in your 'opinions!'

- 1. According to the Scriptures WHEN are you married?
- 2. According to the Scriptures HOW are you married?
- 3. According to the Scriptures what are the grounds for divorce?

Thank You!

Again Donna & I would like to thank all those who pray regularly for us. Thank you also to those who write encouraging us in the ministry the Lord has given to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to lead & guide us in HIS perfect will. Time is going so fast & there is so much work to be done. Let us keep helping one another along the way...





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And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for <u>DOCTRINE</u>, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim 3:15-17)

Once you are SAVED you CANNOT LOSE your SALVATION! - Part 1

Just recently I had a talk with a lady from Manchester who believed that a 'backsliding Christian', who did NOT repent of his 'current' sins, would go to HELL! She believed that a Christian could lose their salvation! Of course this is nonsense & a Christian in THIS 'dispensation', as one preacher put it, 'could not go to hell even if he wanted to!' The problem was that she was getting confused with breaking 'fellowship' with the Lord & losing your salvation. If you have a child & that child wrongs you, no matter what they have done against you, they are still your son or daughter! Once you are a child of God & adopted into His family (Gal 4v5, Eph 1v5) you are His son FOREVER. If you could work or earn your salvation then YES you could lose it; but you & I have DONE NOTHING in ourselves to gain or obtain salvation - Christ Jesus has DONE it ALL & there is NOTHING we can ADD to what HE HAS DONE at Calvary by shedding His incorruptible Blood to save us! Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace: 1 John 1:6+7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. Now this lady thought that because I believed once you are saved you are saved **forever**, that it gives you a licence to sin; but a Christian will try his utmost to live a life of holiness & purity, & walk in the Spirit of God (Gal 5v16) obeying the will of God! Yet Christians DO mess up & can even go as far as losing there 'testimony' & turning their back upon God YET they are still SAVED, & will go to the Heavenly Jerusalem when they die! By still sinning (deliberately or ignorantly) God may punish us here on earth i.e. Heb 12:5-7 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? We may also LOSE rewards at the Judgement Seat of Christ...1 Co 3:11-15 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. So the backslider may suffer loss but he is still SAVED because it is the Lord Jesus Christ who has SAVED him through His BLOOD; we have done nothing to EARN our salvation

or WORK for it! Eph 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Note should walk in them but not all Christians do – some backslide & live for themselves rather than the Lord!) Christians who teach that you can lose your salvation often live in bondage constantly worrying about losing their salvation i.e. 'Have I lost it yet? When did I lose it? How can I get it back? Have I got it back?' It becomes 'salvation' based upon WORKS!!! There is no liberty in this kind of a relationship – Gal 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. 2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Those that say you CAN lose your salvation are getting their 'dispensations' mixed up & CANNOT rightly divide the word of truth! Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <u>rightly dividing the word of truth.</u> 2 Tim 2:15 So the 'lady from Manchester' could NOT rightly divide the word of truth! It's either the BIBLE as your Final Authority or your opinions!

Some excellent verses from the Scriptures that PROVE once we are saved we are saved for ETERNITY & CANNOT lose our salvation (note NOT fellowship!) are as follows...

- 1) John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Once you are a 'sheep' you CANNOT PERISH! You are saved FOREVER & CANNOT lose your salvation! Eternal life means 'ETERNAL' life!
- 2) John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. You ARE PASSED FROM death unto life no going back!
- 3) Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby <u>ye are sealed</u> unto the day of redemption. The Christian is SEALED & God's seal CANNOT be broken! (see also John 14v16 the Comforter abides with you, the Christian, FOREVER!)
- 4) 1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. We may KNOW that we have eternal life!
- 5) And hath raised us up together, and made us <u>sit together in heavenly places</u> in Christ Jesus: Eph 2:6 Spiritually speaking we ARE in Heaven already! The *lose your salvation crowd'* would have us 'in & out' of Heaven like a yoyo!
- 6) For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, <u>hath any inheritance</u> in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Eph 5:5. Note lose our 'inheritance NOT our salvation!'

Now don't get me wrong, the Bible DOES teach that you CAN LOSE your salvation BUT certainly NOT in this DISPENSATION i.e. the Body of Christ up until the Rapture!

What I have found yet again when 'discussing' doctrine with Christians, is that too often they try to interpret the Scriptures on the basis of their views & opinions rather than take the Scriptures, the word of God, as their FINAL AUTHORITY!

Once you are SAVED you CANNOT LOSE your SALVATION! - Part 2

Again this subject came up in one of our youth meetings & a guy (from a Pentecostal Church you might have guessed!) pointed to John 15v1-6 as a proof text that you CAN lose your salvation! Let us briefly deal with the passage...John 15:1-6 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. Now some Christians believe that a born again believer i.e. someone who is IN Christ can be CUT OUT of Christ & go to Hell i.e. using verse 6 as a proof text! Now note that not one disciple was IN Christ at that time! Not one of them was 'abiding IN Christ' & He was NOT 'abiding' in any of them i.e. until the Comforter was come - John 14:16+17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Now the Lord is THAT Spirit - 2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 'That Spirit' IS The Lord. 'Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:' Note also regarding John 15v6 - No 'angels' burn anyone in the fire (as in Mat 13v39+40). 'Men' gather these 'branches' & burn them! Many Christians alive now (probably 80% plus) & for the last 20 centuries, have been 'IN Christ' with the Holy Spirit 'abiding' in them (John 15v5), but they did NOT bring forth 'much fruit!' Ruckman writes... 'You see, when you study the Scriptures by comparing Scripture with Scripture, you don't find any NT Christian since AD 70 'losing his salvation' anywhere. It is simply an 'illustration' likening His eleven disciples to branches extending from Him. He is the 'VINE'. This is NOT the equivalent of 'the church' being His 'Body' (read 1 Cor 12v13-27). After Pentecost, believers are 'bone of His bone & flesh of His flesh' (Eph 5), not appendages stuck on to Him as branches are stuck on a tree. Notice that the word 'abide' here is the one used in John 14v16. It is a reference to a permanent place of fellowship, not just someone who 'comes & goes'. Note, further, that the 'branch' is cast forth (v6) 'AS' a branch. It can be doctrinally aimed at an UNSAVED man who has never been in fellowship with Christ & so is not a real 'branch'. The illustration CANNOT be applied to a Christian doctrinally, for TWO possibilities are in the passage: if you are 'IN Christ' you are bearing fruit & abiding & getting your prayers answered (v7), & if you are NOT bearing fruit & NOT getting your prayers answered you were NEVER 'In Him' in the first place. As we have said before, this does NOT match the 'IN Christ' passages in the Pauline Epistles that deal with the BODY of Christ!'

So John 15v1-6 DOCTRINALLY is NOT aimed at the BODY of Christ it is aimed at the apostles BEFORE Christ was crucified & BEFORE the BODY of Christ was 'formed' i.e. became an 'organism' in Acts 2. Ruckman again regarding Acts 2... 'When Peter preaches, the local church is present & has been present since Mat 10v1-3. This local church now becomes an organism through a life-giving, activating power in the PERSON of the Holy Ghost, & its entire membership is regenerated. Until v41, every one of its members were baptised 'for the remission of sins' by John the Baptist, under the law (Luke 16v16). No one in the group could have known anything about Christ's indwelling Gentiles (Col 1v27), or the 'one Spirit' of 1 Cor 12v13, or the Jew-Gentile body - And this is why nothing about these matters is 'RECORDED!'

Once you are SAVED you CANNOT LOSE your SALVATION! - Part 3

While 'discussing' about ETERNAL SECURITY with a Christian recently, I was given 1 Cor 9v22-27 again as a proof text that 'backsliding Christians' would GO TO HELL when they die if they did not repent of their 'backsliding!' 1Co 9:22-27 **To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I**

do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. The word 'castaway' was the HELL-FIRE text given! But again, not being able to 'rightly divide the word of truth' (2 Tim 2v15) gets you into all sorts of problems! First of all this passage has NOTHING at all to do with SALVATION! It is to do with your Christian walk & the WORK you DO! Paul was 'free' (v1) both physically & spiritually yet regarding the gospel he made himself a slave to both Jews & Gentiles (v19). He said in Romans 1v14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians. Paul made himself a 'slave' (spiritually) to reach ALL men for Jesus Christ. Paul often, when he entered a city, went to the Jew first (Rom 1v16). He would then go into the synagogue & preach to his 'kinsmen' i.e. Jews (Acts 13v5 + 14-44, Acts 14v1, Acts 17v1-2+10+17, Acts 18v4). Paul wanted to see the Jews saved so badly (Rom 10v1) that he once consented to go to the temple & purify himself & shave his head to show the Jews that he kept the Law (Acts 21v20-24). Paul had no problem whatsoever to go to the Gentiles, in front of the Jews, when the Jews had rejected the gospel (Acts 13v42-48, Acts 18v4-6, Act 28v17-31.) He laid no claims of the Law upon his Gentile converts (Acts 15v1-2), except those stipulations laid down by the apostles & elders in Jerusalem (Acts 15v19-22, Acts 21v25) – that is what he is saying in 1 Cor 9v21!

1 Cor 9v22 – WITHOUT 'compromising' your faith/belief act/become like the person you're trying to reach i.e. if you are dealing with someone with some class/culture, act like a gentleman! Be sympathetic towards the Jew, the Roman Catholic, JW etc. 'bend' but DON'T compromise to sin or NOT stand your ground when you know you SHOULD! And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. (v23)

1 Cor 9v24 – Paul likens the Christian life to a race (compare Phil 3v13+14, Heb 12v1+2). YOU are to run to WIN, not to show off to the spectators or 'entertain' them – RUN to WIN! Many Christians today, in regard to the 'crucified life' (Gal 2v20) & 'self denial/sanctification', are NOT running TO WIN! Track athletes run to win; they do not get in each others way or in each others lane. They run in their OWN lane looking towards the finishing line (Heb 12v2) not towards the ground or the crowd! Christians are always getting in someone else's lane! YOU have your lane & I have mine! Run YOUR race & keep LOOKING UNTO JESUS! (He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. Ecc 11v4)

1 Cor 9v25 – DON'T drink, smoke or do/participate in anything where it will HINDER (Gal 5v7) your walk with the Lord! If you are going to MASTER the thing, you have to be temperate in your habits! (TEM'PERATE - Moderate; not excessive; as temperate heat; a temperate climate; temperate air.

- 1. Moderate in the indulgence of the appetites and passions; as temperate in eating and drinking; temperate in pleasures; temperate in speech.
 - Be sober and temperate, and you will be healthy.
 - 2. Cool; calm; not marked with passion; not violent; as a temperate discourse or address; temperate language.
 - 3. Free from ardent passion.)

The reward for the 'temperate' athlete is a corruptible crown, but in the Christian 'race' it is an INCORRUPTIBLE crown – 1 Pet 1:4 **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you**...

1 Cor 9v26 – In running you have to be certain of the course. You don't weave all over the track. We read in Phil 3v14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. A boxer doesn't enter the ring & start throwing punches everywhere & anywhere, he aims his blows towards the target!

1 Cor 9v27 – We should die to the FLESH daily & walk IN THE SPIRIT (Gal 5v16) keeping our body under control & in subjection! Do not fulfil the lusts of the flesh!

Finally to 1 Cor 9v27 – (CASTAWAY - Rejected; useless; of no value worthless) In other words, if you haven't kept your body, your flesh under control, if you have fulfilled your own desires rather than the Lord's, if you have followed your own will rather than do the will of Jesus Christ you are good for nothing! Ps 127:1 **Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it...** This says NOTHING of being cast into HELL FIRE or losing your salvation! It is talking about the Christian WALK/LIFE! Regarding v27 – The idea is that the body can get out of hand i.e. lust, fornication, laziness, compromise, etc. What is your relationship like with the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you LIVING FOR HIM or for yourself? *Are YOU a castaway?*

Once you are SAVED you CANNOT LOSE your SALVATION! - Part 4

By now you should be convinced BY SCRIPTURE that you CANNOT lose your salvation! If not, YOU are NOT a Bible believer! A great passage on eternal security is Rom 8v35-39. Dr Ruckman writes Verse 35 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?...' Paul then lists 7 possibilities... shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? NO! If anyone could have been separated 'from the love of Christ' by those things, Paul was a prime candidate. He went through all of those things & more! 'For I am persuaded...' (v38). Paul has been convinced of what he is about to say. He is certain of it! Concerning the subject of eternal security , the companion verse to this passage is 2 Tim 1v12... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. His persuasion is that NOTHING & NO ONE is 'able to separate us from the love of God...'. As he did in verse 35, he listed 7 seven things. Here in verses 38-39, he lists 10 things, some of them natural & some of them super-natural. If you are IN God's love, YOU ARE SAVED! The 'love of God' is 'IN Christ Jesus our Lord'. If you aren't IN 'the love of God'. If you aren't IN 'the love of God' you are LOST! Since eternal security is one of the main themes of Romans 8, I want to give 7 reasons why the salvation of the believer IS SECURE...

- 1) The believer is eternally secure because of the *election of the Father*. The Lord elected anyone who was in Christ to get home to Heaven. Once a sinner gets IN Christ, his journey IS complete. There is no doctrine of 'un-election' or 'dis-election!'
- 2) The union of the believer with Jesus Christ guarantees his salvation. If you're IN Christ, you CAN'T go to Hell, because you are part of Jesus Christ, & no part of Christ will ever go to Hell 'again!'
- 3) Eternal life is a FREE gift. You did NOTHING to earn it, & you can do NOTHING to lose it.
- 4) The intercession of Jesus Christ for us means we can NEVER lose our salvation! You have the greatest Prayer Warrior in the universe praying for you!
- 5) You are eternally secure because you are 'kept by the power of God' (1 Pet 1v5). You are kept by the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead!
- 6) Your security is based on the righteousness of a sinless man, not on your goodness! You have the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. It isn't yours to lose! You could make the biggest mess you ever saw, & it wouldn't affect the righteousness of Christ at all. Like David, you might have to have the joy of your salvation restored (Ps 51v12), but your salvation went NOWHERE!
- 7) Finally, God's eternal purpose means that when everything men think could ever take your salvation away has been forgotten in eternity (Isa 65v17, Rev 21v4), God will gather everything in Christ to Himself (Eph 1v10). Jesus Christ & the Father keep us to fulfil the purpose of God the Son when He prayed... 'And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.' John 17v11-12+24

Now the ONLY way YOU are going to MISS Heaven is if you are NOT saved; that's the ONLY way! As CHRISTIANS we should NEVER worry about going to Hell; it CAN'T happen if we are SAVED by the BLOOD of CHRIST!

Do you know of anyone else who would benefit by receiving our newsletter? (TfT News!) If so please fill in the enclosed form with their details and return it to us; we will then add them to our mailing list.

The Holy Spirit is a PERSON! 'HE' is NOT an 'active force' like the cults teach!

- 1) The Holy Spirit is the THIRD member of the Godhead!
- 2) The Scriptures use 'personal pronouns' in referring to the Holy Spirit John 15v26, John 16v8+13+14 i.e. 'HE'.
- 3) The Holy Spirit is a PERSON for He possesses certain characteristics...
 - ❖ Will power − 1 Cor 12v11
 - ❖ Intelligence Neh 9v20, Rom 8v27
 - \star Knowledge 1 Cor 2v10-12
 - ❖ Power Acts 1v8
 - ❖ Capacity for love Rom 15v30
 - ❖ Capacity for grief Eph 4v30
- 4) The Holy Spirit does things that only a 'person' can do...
 - ❖ He searches the deep things of God − 1 Cor 2v10
 - ❖ He speaks Rev 2v7
 - ❖ He can cry out Gal 4v6
 - ❖ He intercedes Rom 8v26
 - ❖ He testifies John 15v26
 - He teaches John 14v26, John 16v12-14
 - ❖ He leads & directs Rom 8v14
 - ❖ He commands Acts 16v6+7
 - ❖ He calls men to work & gives them tasks Acts 13v2, Acts 20v28
 - ❖ He proceeds on the mission to which He is sent John 15v26
- 5) The Holy Spirit has been assigned a definite office He is the Comforter John 14v16
- 6) The Holy Spirit has emotions...
 - ❖ He can be grieved Isa 63v10
 - ❖ He can be insulted Heb 10v29
 - ❖ He can be lied to Acts 5v3
 - ❖ He can be blasphemed Mat 12v31+32
- 7) The Holy Spirit is a PERSON because He possesses all the necessary qualities of intellect, emotion, will, knowledge & actions!

'ANOTHER' Bible Corrector Slips Through The Net at Hope Chapel!

Ken Buckler from Tipton was asked to speak at the evening Gospel service recently at Hope Chapel. There is a sign on the pulpit asking ALL preachers to read from the Authorised Version! Obviously the rule doesn't apply to dear old Ken!!! So we all sat under another load of 'drivel!' Why we let things like this happen in our churches I just can't understand! IF I were a 'leader' I wouldn't allow ANYBODY to read or preach from anything BUT an AUTHORIZED VERSION – but that's one reason why I am NOT a leader!

'It's Your Choice' & "You Asked The Question!" Responses!

We have had a great response so far regarding orders for our literature, especially our booklet 'It's Your Choice!' We are praying that the Lord will use this booklet to save lost souls. I was also aware that many bookshops would not order this booklet because it uses the AUTHORIZED VERSION! One book shop has already sent us a note back saying they would only stock it if we used the NIV or NKJV because they are 'easier to understand!' *Needless to say I wrote back to the Muppets!* If you know of ANYONE that might benefit from our literature please let us know. David, one of the elders from Hope Chapel, purchased 200 to distribute to every house down his street; have you tracted your street yet? Over 3000 have been sent out already!

What is the Lord saying to YOU at this time?

Coal Basket Bible - taken from 'the Evangelist May 2006'

The Story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read my Bible just like you but I don't understand it, & what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?" The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove & said, "Take this coal basket down to the river & bring back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed & said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," & sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, & he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want, a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," & he went out to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got very far. The boy scooped the water & ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!" "So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket & for the first time he realised that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out. That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out & slowly transform us into the image of His Son." - Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (John 17v17) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. (John 15v3) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word... (Eph 5v26) How often do you 'wash' IN the word of God?

Keep Going - Not Long Left...

The judgement we face as saved sinners will determine the QUALITY (1 Cor 3v13) of our battles; not the number of our encampment. The QUALITY of Paul's 'good fight' & ministry was (& still is) beyond criticism or improvement. He preached & taught the word (Acts 20v27, 28v31) & left the results to God, the Holy Spirit. This is the ministry a Christian minister is supposed to follow (1 Tim 5v17), & a faithful 'fellow soldier' (Phil 2v25) will obey his Supreme Commander – Forward! 'The Acts of the Tribulation Saints' (Dan 11) are yet future; 'The Acts of the Church Fathers'& 'The Acts of the Reformers' are behind us. Those of us who have gone to work in the vineyard at 5.45 pm have been promised the same reward as the Apostles (Mat 20v12) who enlisted at 6.00 am & carried out the book of 'The Acts of the Apostles'. Our job is clear. We are to harvest before the shades of night fall, & in the last few minutes of 'gathering grapes' we should not waste too much time observing the wind or the clouds (Ecc 11v4+5). While Communism & Catholicism cluster in thunderheads on the horizon our duty is clear; we are working for the Master (Eph 6v9) in His vineyard (Mat 21v28), & He who causes the seed to bear fruit after its kind (Gen 1v11+12) controls the elements (Mat 14v32). We do not have to compromise on Evolution to please the Communists, & we do not have to compromise on Manuscript Evidence to please the Catholics. Our Rock is not 'their rock' (Deut 32v31), our Vine is not 'their vine' (Deut 32v32), & our Holy Bible is not - nor ever shall be - the leavened corruption of Alexandria, Egypt. Our Bible is the 'living word of the living God,' & it will be just as infallible & immovable after the disintegration of the Solar System as it was the day that God delivered it to the church who KEPT it (Rev 3v8). 'This is the way; walk ye in it!'

Taken from Dr Ruckman's commentary on the Book of Acts.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8v36

'OPEN' Discipleship Group!







Sixteen gathered for our first ever 'OPEN' DG meeting! We invited those from the church who had showed an interest in getting on this 'course!' They seemed to really enjoy themselves. We covered much ground as usual including the 'abortion' issue. We spent much time reading the Scriptures & discussing what we had read. There was an open time for questions, which proved very worthwhile. We also had the 'role play' & 'under pressure' sections!







We also spent some time comparing the NIV with the AV & showing how the NIV is a satanic counterfeit of the TRUE word of God! Overall, it was a great night around the Scriptures! We shall be holding another one of these kind of meetings in the future, Lord willing. (The two 'elderly' folk in the picture were two old dears we found throwing stones at the church windows! We promised them that they could have some free food if they stopped damaging the building! Quite a nice couple really!)







Literature Distribution!

We recently sent 2,500 'Who Cares?' tracts & 180 "You Asked The Question!" booklets, to a lady in Essex who is actively involved in evangelism in her church. We also had a request from a minister in Lichfield who saw our 'Who Cares?' tract at a church he preaches at. Again, if you would like some Gospel literature to distribute please just write in & request some.

Good Old Barney!!!

Well I couldn't believe my ears! Barney phoned to confirm that tennis was on for Saturday; he also said that today he had a 'fight' with another AOG pastor over the version issue i.e. Barney standing up for the AV – did you hear that folks!!! So I dedicate the following article to my dear old FRIEND Barney to pass on to his Bible 'correcting' friend! Way to go Barney; keep it up fella!

To the Bible 'CORRECTOR' who doesn't believe that Acts 8v37 should be in the Bible! - But he DOES believe 'Tongues' are for today!!!

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8v37

As they say, 'idiots' are a dime a dozen! (Idiot - A natural fool or fool from his birth; a human being in form, but destitute of reason)

First of all the Bible 'corrector' will say that this verse wasn't in the originals, (which HE has never seen as they no longer exist!), or he'll say that this verse is not in the earliest manuscripts (he probably doesn't even know the difference in manuscripts & probably can't even read Greek nor Hebrew!) Yet we are to take HIS word for it & believe what HE says! God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar... Rom 3:4

Acts 8v37 has been removed from the Revised Version (1881), The American Standard Version, the New International Version plus many other so called 'bibles!'

Acts 8v37 is quoted by the Church Fathers more than 100 years BEFORE Vaticanus or Sinaiticus were written! (*i.e. the TEXT'S that the NIV etc. are based upon!!!*) The verse has been taken out of A, B, C, H, L, & P & papyrus 45 & 74, & some Byzantine manuscripts that Origen & Euseebius fiddled with between 250 & 350 A.D.

We have evidence of the Authorized Version reading in 225 A.D. (Cyprian), in 190 A.D. (Irenaeus) & 370 A.D. (Pacian): Tertullian, Ambrose, & Augustine are familiar with it.

Those who first threw Acts 8v37 out were P45 & P74, followed by the Cult (Sinaiticus, Vaticanus, 'C', the Sahidic, & the Bohairic; & then the Harclean & Peshitta Syriac, after Origen messed with them). It is also missing from cursives 049, 056, 0142, 436, 326, 1241, 1505, 2127, 181, 81, 88 & several others.

To offset this vast array of African scholarship produced by half-baked apostates, we have the verse, in whole or in part, in the works of Irenaeus (190 A.D.), Tertullian (200 A.D.) Cyprian (225 A.D.), Pacian (370 A.D.), Ambrose, uncial manuscript E, Old Latin manuscripts, Old Syriac manuscripts, plus the Armenian & Georgian translations. It is also found in cursive 629... (from) the dates of the Church Fathers listed above, we find the verse being quoted 100 – 200 years BEFORE Sinaiticus or Vaticanus were written!

Acts 8v37 has an unbroken chain of testimony from Old Latin (2nd Century) to the present time! *Unfortunately pastor 'Nutcase' from Dudley Christian Fellowship puts 'scholarship' above The Word of God!* We are NOT that foolish!

(Taken from 'O BIBLIOS'- THE BOOK by Alan O'Reilly Every Christian should have a copy of this book in his library!)

'Picking Teams' - I hope all 'Team Leaders' will take note of this poem!

When we pick teams in the playground Whatever the game might be, There's always somebody left till last And usually it's me!

I stand there looking hopeful And tapping myself on the chest, But the captains pick the others first, Starting, of course with the best!

Maybe if teams were sometimes picked Starting with the worst, Once in his life a boy like me Could end up being first!

(I shall be watching my own team leaders very carefully in future!)

Have you ordered any copies of 'It's Your Choice!' yet to give away? If not place your order today!!! (See enclosed order form)

Are YOU Persecuted?

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim 3:12 – The more 'godly' you LIVE the more persecution you will suffer, it's as simple as that. This is why most Christians do NOT suffer; they LIVE a life of compromise trying to get on with EVERYBODY & NOT standing for the Lord when they KNOW they should – most Christians are like that! There are very few Christians who really love the Lord Jesus Christ enough to stand up for Him in this world, very few. We are lukewarm Christians living in the day where the 'church' is generally lukewarm. We are neither HOT nor cold! We have left our first love & instead serve ourselves FIRST & then the Lord. We are men pleasers rather than God pleasers! Oh sure, we're great 'talkers' telling folks (even ourselves) what we ARE going to do, but we NEVER do it! Here in the UK most of us know NOTHING about persecution; we can't even open our mouths to stand up & witness for the Lord at work, school, college even IN our 'churches!' – can you believe what kind of people we are! Where has our love gone; did we ever really love the Lord that much to LIVE for Him in every part & area of our lives? Where are the faithful Christians today? I wonder how the Lord feels looking down on such a godless world full of people that mostly care only for themselves? Heart-breaking! Are you going to change, am I?

What are <u>YOU</u> doing to reach the HELL-bound sinners in <u>YOUR</u> neighbourhood with the Gospel? They live down <u>YOUR</u> street – are <u>YOU</u> letting them walk right into Hell without trying to STOP them? <u>YOU</u> have a responsibility!

Have <u>YOU</u> ever 'tracted' <u>YOUR</u> area? If <u>YOU</u> don't WHO will?

Christians who DON'T Believe the Bible!

What kind of Christian are you if you do not put your complete trust in the written word of God? What kind of Christian are you if you think that God could NOT preserve His word PERFECT for today? God has only ever written ONE BOOK & He then gave it to the human race to read, study & live by. Most people read anything BUT the Bible yet the Bible is THE BOOK that tells us EVERYTHING we NEED to know. How many times have you read the Bible, 10, 20, 30+ times or have you NEVER read it yet? If you do not trust the word of God, the Authorized Version Bible, 100%, WITHOUT error, then you do NOT have a Final Authority to turn to – think about that for a while!

Match Point 'TWICE' for Barney!

Barney told me that he hasn't beaten me at tennis for two years now; I didn't think it was that long! So his chance came on our recent meeting when he started off by winning the first set quite comfortably! He also went 5-4 up in the 2nd set & had 2 match points. But alas, this 'AV, Jack Russell' spirited young fellow (ME that is!), just dug in really deep & fought back; I mean, come on, a 'Pentecostal' beating a BIBLE BELIEVER, it just doesn't happen. Fight back, that I did! I took the set to even things out at 1 set all. Next the 'decider'! We were 5 all, the tension was high, back & forth the ball went, when I saw my opportunity & seized the moment! He tried to play it a little clever & lob one very high but it landed mid court. I let the ball bounce & then struck it with such 'AV Bible Believing force' it nearly broke poor Barney's strings & took the racket out of his hand! He stood there just staring, thinking 'I just can't break that little fella!' He sure couldn't! By this time he was mad, & I mean MAD! He said in his so called 'dominating pastor's voice'... "I WANT another set!" 'Okay hotshot', I thought (or something similar!), so we played ANOTHER for Barney's sake. Poor old Barney! He went down quicker than a 'lead balloon' – 6-1. So the final score was 1 set to poor old Barney & 3 sets to the 'AV Kid!'

The Last Days are Evil Days!

Recently I have put another sermon (very fitting for 2006) onto cassette. It is called 'the Last Days are Evil Days!' If you would like a copy, free of charge, please drop us a line.

Lay hands suddenly on no man!

1 Tim 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man... How many times have you found yourself in a mess because you 'laid hands suddenly on someone!' You thought they were the right person at the time but you found out later they WEREN'T! It happens often in churches; not many people are actively involved in the church so when someone comes along who shows interest & zeal to do some 'work' whether its mundane i.e. cleaning, giving lifts etc. or evangelism, reaching the lost with the gospel, visitation, preaching etc. we tend to 'jump' on them because they have shown the slightest of interest. This can cause great problems in a church. Many a church has split because the WRONG person was put in the WRONG position. Be very careful when someone NEW turns up at church & wants to get involved with 'everything'; be very careful when that NEW person starts throwing around compliments about you & then goes on trying to advise you how THEY can help improve things in the church! The Devil certainly uses Christians & Christian 'plants' (if you catch my drift!) to cause division & split churches; I have seen this happen on a number of occasions. Just beware of jumping on someone right away. Let them settle in & PROVE themselves before you make any rash / hasty decisions. Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 1 Thes 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Tim 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

More Flights!

During June I had to fly again to Edinburgh & then Holland. I still don't like flying & even less when I'm away from Donna! But all worked out & the Lord blessed the journeys. Donna was able to fly with me to Edinburgh which was really nice; a lovely city for architecture!

Correspondence...

We have had some interesting letters of late. One young man from university wanted to know more about where Jesus went after He died, where Hell is; & 'Tongues' – are they for today?

Note NEW change to mailed out copies of 'Time for Truth News!' (TfTN!)

Starting with this issue of TfT News! we shall be sending out ONLY ONE copy per person! Therefore, if you usually receive multiple copies, from this issue, YOU will only receive ONE copy from now on! The reason for this is to help us speed up getting the copies out i.e. weighing multiple copies is very time consuming. If you usually pass on the extra copies to friends etc. please fill in the enclosed form with their addresses written on in full (i.e. including postcode) & we shall mail them a copy direct! Sorry for any inconvenience this causes but it will really help us speed things up.

Has man *really* walked ON the Moon?

While on holiday I watched a documentary on whether man really did go to the moon; it was very interesting indeed. What follows is a summary of why MAN has NEVER set foot ON the Moon – you draw your own conclusions...

- 1. In all of the photos & films shown regarding the Moon, STARS never seem to be present!
- 2. There is no air on the Moon yet the American flag was waving IN THE WIND?
- 3. No blast crater was under the rocket ship when it landed. (10,000 pounds of blast would have left some sort of crater!)
- 4. 10 astronauts died mysteriously; probably to keep things quiet & not let the secret out!
- 5. The race to the Moon was FAKED because it was a space race between Russia & the USA & Russia had already put 'Sputnik' (a satellite launched on October 4th 1957) into space & there was concern about nuclear weapons being used FROM this satellite!
- 6. You could hear the astronauts talk from the space-ship yet a running rocket of that size produces 140/150 decibels making it IMPOSSIBLE to hear any voice?
- 7. July 20th 1969 was the date of landing on the Moon yet many believe it was filmed in Area 51 of the Nevada desert. From satellite pictures you can see craters similar to that of the Moon in area 51 of the desert!
- 8. The rocket blast of landing/taking off, onto & from the Moon, would have dispersed the

POWDER/DUST far away yet footprints near the space-craft can clearly be seen!

- 9. It was all a Government cover-up!
- 10. The photos were 'faked' most, if not all of the *important* ones, were very 'grainy' & you couldn't see the necessary detail!
- 11. Gravity on the Moon is one sixth of the earths. When you double the speed of the film of the astronauts running it's as if they are walking normal according to 'earths' gravity!
- 12. If you double the speed of the space vehicle it looks as if it is moving normal speed as if ON EARTH!
- 13. In order to survive the radiation that the space craft would have to go through to get to the Moon you would need a 6 foot thick LEAD shielding to protect the crew! Think about the protection you have just for an X-Ray! They were only protected by thin aluminium!
- 14. The temperature on the Moon ranges from 250 degrees below 0 to 250 degrees above 0. The space suits could not cope with this.
- 15. Russian astronauts have stated that NO man has ever walked on the Moon!
- 16. While on the Moon you could see shadows cast in different directions showing MORE THAN ONE light source i.e. artificial lighting. When you expected to see a silhouette of the space craft because the sun was BEHIND it, you could see the front of the craft lit up as well with 'United States' written across it!

I just thought the above information was very interesting. If we haven't walked on the Moon & yet we have been LIED to, to say that we *have* walked on the Moon, I wonder what else WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO ABOUT???

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Ps 118:8 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar... Rom 3:4

Church for sale!





Often times when Donna & I are travelling around the UK we see churches up for sale just like this one. Depending upon space etc. I may include a few pictures of some in future newsletters for your interest! How sad it is. We see so many that are either derelict or being used as carpet/furniture warehouses etc.

Only in England...

- ...Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance!
- ...Do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front!
- ...Do banks leave both doors open & chain the pens to the counters!
- ...Do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries & a DIET coke!
- ...Do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive & lock up our junk & lawn mower in the garage!

Seven funny one-liners!

- © It's lonely at the top; but you do eat better!
- © No one is listening until you make a mistake!
- © Always remember you are unique; just like everyone else!
- Why is 'abbreviation' such a long word?
- © The word 'gullible' isn't in the dictionary!
- © If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- © I didn't used to finish sentences but now I...

Gospel to Councillors!

A list of 43 councillors (*including their addresses*) appeared in our local paper recently. *What an opportunity!* Needless to say we wrote out 43 envelopes & posted them all a copy of our new booklet 'It's Your Choice!' *Pray they get saved!*

Does the Trinitarian Bible Society have the most 'miserable' staff in the world?

They do a great work but every time I make contact with them their staff are more 'sour' than a lemon! Some Christian organisations are so miserable & cold it's no wonder 'the world' doesn't want to go to church & mix with *people like these; neither do I.* So when you next speak to them (if you do) ask, *the women especially,* whether they *sucked on a lemon for breakfast!!!* (Miserable lot!)

Harrogate Show!

Donna & I spent four days on a stand at the Harrogate Gift Fare recently. There was a team of five of us & each evening we ate out together. One particular evening we were joined by two women, one of them was a customer who had met the other lady While we were eating out, Muriel (the friend of our customer!) in her hotel. mentioned that she had just come back from Uganda with her church. Noticing she had an Irish accent & lived in Northern Ireland I presumed she was a Roman Catholic; I couldn't have been further wrong! She started witnessing about the Lord & took a stand when challenged about her belief & other religions - she was great! I joined in & so the three of us i.e. Muriel, Donna & I united! I could see the others at the table were a little uncomfortable & so after a while they went for a cigarette just to get away I think. One of my reps stayed & got both barrels from Muriel! It was a great time of witnessing for our Lord & fellowship with Muriel. She hardly ever goes out in the evening she said but felt it was right that evening! I gave her a couple of the booklets & have already sent her some TfT! newsletters. Hopefully we shall keep in touch!

Worcestershire County Council

On the 10th of July I had a letter from a lady from Worcestershire County Council which read... 'I am a mental health support worker based in Kidderminster. I have a client who lives in Bewdley who is troubled at the moment... ...She received a leaflet through her door with your name on it & asked me to write to you on her behalf. She is asking if you would visit her to talk about her problems, & reassure her. She would like me to support her at such a meeting. If you agree to see her, please could you contact me to make arrangements.' We have often gone tracting before badminton recently & so this was quite an encouragement. Unfortunately the day I should have gone I was ill so Barney stood in for me. He took the opportunity to witness to both ladies & give them the gospel as well as praying with them. I have also sent them some more Christian literature.

Wesley Owen / Send The Light (STL) Christian Bookshops Say NO!

We were very disappointed but not *really* surprised that Wesley Owen/STL turned down stocking our booklet 'It's Your choice!' They gave a feeble excuse that it would get lost in their 'vast' range of other titles. The next time you visit a Wesley Owen bookshop you have a look at what kind of 'Gospel' booklets they stock. In fact have a good look at what kind of QUALITY they stock in regard to DOCTRINE! See for yourself! You could then ask the manager to stock 'It's Your Choice!'

Worship - by A.W. Tozer

Tozer writes... 'There are today many millions of people who hold right opinions, probably more than ever before in the history of the church. Yet I wonder if there was ever a time when true spiritual worship was at a lower ebb. To great sections of the church, that strange & foreign thing called the 'program'. This word has been borrowed from the stage & applied with sad wisdom to the type of public service which now passes for worship among us.'

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4v24

Nightmare!

Recently I had an awful nightmare that my dad, who is still not a Christian, died & went to Hell. In this nightmare I was sobbing uncontrollably wishing I had done more to try & reach him. I just wanted to share that small incident with you. We have left a Bible by the telephone & 'It's Your Choice!' booklets around the house; we pray that he will read something while we are out. Please keep praying for my dad that he will get saved, my sister also. In fact, NEVER stop praying for your own family members who are not saved YET! Let us pray for one another, & our families, & do what we can while we have the time.

Christadelphian Bible Exhibition!

The Christadelphian CULT held one of their bible exhibitions in Birmingham recently. I wasn't around but suggested that Chris (one of our team leaders) pay them a visit to see what sort of false teachings they had on display etc. Chris, Mary & Tim spent 3 hours there debating & taking a stand against their false doctrines!

Discipleship Group Holiday!

Well it's that time again when the DG spend a week together in a hired house way out in the country. We are all looking forward to it & no doubt there shall be some stories appearing in the next issue of TfT News! Watch this space. Will LaToya be the 'DG Champion' again this year?

How much time do you spend 'winning souls for Jesus Christ?'

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

(Proverbs 11v30)

News from the boys...

Well this heat wave has lasted for quite some time now & Jack & Eddie have really made the most out of *their own* 'paddling pool'. Often times Eddie will just climb in & lay down cooling himself off after a run; while Jack seizes upon the opportunity of 'pinching' his ball or bone! They are both doing great!

Missionary Work?

Ever thought about becoming a missionary or participating in some missionary work? Many Christians today only want to 'serve' the Lord in 'their own way' i.e. where & when it suits them; not many are interested in giving up their time & money to serve the Lord WHERE HE WANTS THEM TO GO! Why not pray & ask the Lord whether He could use you on the mission field. I hear so many Christians say that they'll get a job & then they will change the place where they work for the Lord; I've never met one yet who stood their ground where & when they should in their work place! GO where GOD calls you, home or abroad BUT GO!

Question Time...

When did the 'Body of Christ', the 'church' START? (Col 1v18)
Was John the Baptist IN the Body of Christ?
Were the apostles IN the Body of Christ?

Recommended Reading...

Recently I picked up a book by David W. Daniels called 'Did the Catholic Church Give Us the Bible?' I would recommend every Christian read it for a brief outline on how we received God's Holy Word 'The Authorized Version!' It truly is a miracle indeed!





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Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51v1-10)

When was the last time you read Psalm 51 & Psalm 38 & sorted out the SIN in your daily life?

Time for Truth! 'Information Sheet'

Enclosed in this issue is our latest 'Time for Truth Information Sheet!' It explains a little of what we are about, what we believe & what God has called us to.

Responses to 'It's Your Choice!'

It was quite incredible how many orders we received for our NEW booklet 'It's Your Choice!' Over 5000 copies went in the first few weeks. We pray that people who read it will get saved! May the Lord save souls through this booklet! We have less than 1600 left out of the 10,000 we had printed initially! We have already ordered our next 10,000! Have you ordered yet?

Christians who WON'T stock or even use, 'It's Your Choice!'

We have also had many Christians who will NOT stock our NEW booklet 'It's Your Choice!' either because it uses the AV 'ONLY,' it talks about HELL, or it's too 'direct' in its approach. Sadly many Christians are only 'lukewarm' when it comes to doctrine, 'contending for the faith' & reaching the LOST!

My Job!

Recently one of the reps who works for me asked if he could have a copy of 'It's Your Choice!'; this is so out of character for him! Please pray that he will realise he needs his sins forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT BOOK IN THE BIBLE ARE YOU 'STUDYING' AT THE MOMENT?

Warning!

Our friend Alan O'Reilly said that 'TfT News!' ought to carry the following warning... CONTENTS COULD SERIOUSLY IMROVE YOUR SPIRITURAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IF TAKEN WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR HESITATION REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES!

I like it!

Team Leaders Day Out - 'Boating' on the Thames!







During August, Donna, LaToya & I (*Chris couldn't make it*) went to visit a guy I used to work with. He lives on a boat on the Thames near London. We spent the day with him & his wife. It was a fantastic time. We hope to be joining John & his lovely wife Naomi again soon! John is a great 'debater' & so we had a good talk about 'spiritual' things, so much so, that Naomi is now reading the Bible along with some other 'spiritual' books; pray she finds the truth!

Recommended Reading from our friend James Knox in the USA!

'A Testimony Founded For Ever' by James Sightler. It shows the historical record of how the Plymouth Brethren were responsible for the RV! I haven't a copy as yet but will try to obtain one!

In Kidderminster we don't suffer from moles in the garden, we suffer from crocodiles & hippos! But Jack & Eddie know how to deal with the problem!!!





"Look Eddie it won't bite!"

'I hope you're right Jack or I'm a gonna!"

Dad sent the photograph of Eddie, here on the right, to the Daily Mail who printed it in their paper on Wednesday 20th September – page 54. Have a look at it for yourself!

The RSV is 'easier' to understand than the AV - I TROW NOT!!!

Job 6v6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg? (AV) Compare the text with the RSV! (Job 6v6 Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the slime of the purslane? (RSV)) White of an egg OR 'slime of the purslane?' – Just beautiful!

Germany!

Well I had to go to a show in Cologne Germany for 3 days in September. Quite boring on the whole yet I did have some great laughs with my boss! I also had the chance to witness to two men, one a German & the other an American; in fact the German I felt was under conviction when I left him. The last time I met him we talked about Martin Luther! Pray they both get saved!

Big Brother IS Watching!

The government has admitted that secret monitoring devices have been hidden beneath our roads for several years in readiness for the surveillance of a wide range of activities. Most are designed to raise revenue, with high-tech electronic equipment already buried that will be able to identify individual vehicles & charge them for road usage per mile! (Taken from the Birmingham Metro News) Thank you to David Ainslie for supplying this article.

Pentecostal power versus BIBLE BELIEVING POWER!

Poor ol' Barney! Once again he tried his hand at taking on the AV kid from Kidderminster at tennis! Not quite a 'whitewash' but VERY close; FIVE sets to his ONE! Not only that, but he laughed at me when I was 'losing' in one game (*in fact the 'only' game!*) so what happened next? You guessed it, while running for the ball he lost his footing, fell over & slid about 8 feet on concrete cutting his arm & grazing his leg!!! *Poor ol' Barney!* Now I did everything in my power not to laugh but I just couldn't help it; sorry Barney but it was ANOTHER lesson in humility for you son! (You ought to be a genius now with all the lessons you're getting!!!)

It's not what you've got; it's WHO you've got to share it with! - Donna Davis.

Richard Baxter

Baxter, Richard (November 12, 1615 - December 8, 1691), was an English nonconformist chaplain and scholar. In his work, Poetical Fragments - Love Breathing Thanks and Praise, 1681, Richard Baxter wrote:

'I preached as never sure to preach again, And as a dying man to dying men'

The Banjo King of Cumbria!

How could YOU offend me??? I'm the one who usually offends 'everyone!' It was great to hear your musical voice again & we hope to come up & see you before the rapture; remember 'banjo Queen' NO meat this time!!! Keep up the tracting!!!

Hospital Ministry!

Mr C in Dorset who is disabled, ministers the gospel in the hospital he attends; he writes 'Many thanks for the leaflets 'Eternity!' which have just arrived... Today I used 42 in our local hospital oncology department. They were warmly received by staff & patients. Because I am disabled I am able to reach patients, simply because I know what they are going through. The Lord enables me to speak to them on a one to one basis, they see my spinal disability & realise I have a tumour in my lung besides other problems, & they realise God gives the strength sufficient for the day... Therefore they are receptive to receive the material from 'one of their own' as a dear lady said! The precious Lord could heal me & many pray for this healing but I pray rather the Lord use me for His glory & the salvation of souls.' Donna & I were very encouraged by this letter & shall support Mr & Mrs C with free literature where we can. Please pray for them!

Computer BLOW OUT!

I much prefer 'pen & ink' rather than the 'latest technology' & here's why! My computer started to make some strange noises while it was in the middle of printing issue 31. Now don't get me wrong, our computer & printer does get a 'hammering' so when it 'died' we did say to one another that it 'finished well!' So looking in the local newspaper I came

across a computer 'doctor.' He said that the fan had burnt out along with the mother-board & the key-board? So it was 'fixable' praise the Lord, & **none of my documents were lost**. The only things we lost were the software packages such as Bible concordances etc. *So all is well again!*

Money tract card NOW available again!

10,000 tract cards regarding the subject of money have just been delivered; if you would like some free of charge just drop us a line. Why not send one marked... 'For the attention of the Managing Director' to every company you pass i.e. industrial estates or post them to the companies in the Yellow Pages!

Apology to Hope Chapel Elders & Members!

You may recall in my last letter that I was unhappy (to say the least!) with Ken Buckler reading & preaching from the NIV at a recent Hope Chapel gospel service! I must state & make it clear that I was NOT speaking on behalf of the members /congregation /eldership of Hope Chapel; some of them didn't mind the Bible 'per-version!' When I write anything with the name Hope Chapel 'associated', it does NOT mean the members or eldership of Hope Chapel agree with me. I am ONLY 'associated' with them in regard to running the youth, & preaching on occasions. I am NOT a member of 'their church' (as they also remind me on occasions); BUT I AM a MEMBER of 'THE CHURCH' i.e. the 'Body of Christ!' I need to make this clear as the eldership at Hope Chapel were not happy with the remarks I made about Ken Buckler. You will be happy to know Ken that the eldership at Hope Chapel are 'batting' for you; unfortunately I am NOT! (If someone would be so kind as to send me Ken Buckler's address I shall personally write to him; I usually send a copy of the newsletter to all those I disagree with & have mentioned/quoted, but unfortunately I did not have Ken Buckler's address at the time!) Due to Hope Chapel 'allowing' modern Bible 'per-versions' into the pulpit, Donna & I will no longer be attending their gospel service. God will NOT bless satanic counterfeits of the word of God! There has NEVER been a revival since the Authorized Version was produced, that was based upon anything other than the Authorized Version – I wish Christians would get that! Like I have stated in previous newsletters, the more you stand upon the word of God the harder it is, even IN the church & among Christians! Donna & I shall continue to stand upon God's Holy Word, the AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE – what about you?

What is SIN?

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3v4)

A 'few' SINS would be...

- To feel a secret pride or success
- To feel an important or independent spirit
- To feel bitter on what someone has told you about the success of another
- A hard, sarcastic unyielding spirit
- A touchy, bitter sensitive spirit
- To say & do things to attract attention to yourself
- A constant complaining or desire to quit trying to do right
- Unnatural abusive acts to self or others
- A deceitful or evasive spirit that seeks to create false impressions
- To pick flaws & criticise when set aside unnoticed
- It is lust when wandering eyes
- A shrinking or shirking from duty & responsibilities
- A tendency to retaliate when crossed
- Uncleanness in thought
- Unthankful & unappreciative attitude
- Always seeking personal gain
- Is putting on a false or exaggerated humility
- Straining at the truth

These are ONLY a few sins that we need to watch out for in our daily lives!



Well the week away on the DG holiday in Bromyard was just great; it was a good time of relaxing & a great time of fellowship. The DG holiday is certainly a highlight each year. If the Lord tarries & we are still here in 2007, we hope to go for two weeks back to back! This year each of the team led a separate morning 'devotion' which was very beneficial to all of us. We also delivered over 300 'It's Your Choice!' booklets in the town where we were staying.

More Outreach!

We are planning some more tracting days shortly where we shall distribute our literature in towns & villages. Has your area been 'tracted' with the gospel yet? We are also contemplating about setting up a stand at an agricultural show i.e. Malvern?

Personal Challenge...

What areas in your Christian life aren't you happy with at the moment & why? What is your relationship like with the Lord? What is stopping you getting closer to Him?

John Wesley!

John Wesley (June 17, 1703-March 2, 1791), was an evangelist and religious leader who founded the Methodist denomination. While students at Oxford University, he and his brother Charles formed a scholarly Christian group called, the "Holy Club." The Wesleys were close friends with George Whitefield, the renowned preacher of the American Great Awakening. In 1738, the Wesleys set sail from England to Georgia to serve as missionaries. During the tumultuous voyage at sea, they observed the faith of the Moravian Christians. There was awakened within them a desire for a more intimate relationship with God, eventually leading them to faith in Christ. Together with George Whitefield, John and Charles Wesley were among the most influential ministers of the 1700's.

In his journal, John Wesley wrote:

On shipboard, however, I was again active in outward works: where it pleased God, of his free mercy, to give me twenty-six of the Moravian brethren for companions, who endeavoured to shew me a more excellent way. But I understood it not at first. I was too learned and too wise; so that it seemed foolishness unto me. And I continued...trusting in that righteousness whereby no flesh can be justified. All the time I was at Savannah I was thus beating the air. Being ignorant of the righteousness of Christ, which, by a living faith in Him bringeth salvation to every one that believeth, I sought to establish my own righteousness, and so laboured in the fire all my days.

On my return to England, January 1738, being in imminent danger of death, and very uneasy on that account, I was strongly convinced that the cause of uneasiness was unbelief, and that the gaining a true, living faith was the one thing needful for me....So that when Peter Boehler, whom God prepared for me as soon as I came to London, affirmed of true faith in Christ...that it has those two fruits inseparably attending it, "Dominion over sin, and constant peace, from a sense of forgiveness," I was quite amazed, and looked upon it as a new Gospel....

In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a Society in Aldersgate-Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ...

I felt my heart strangely warmed.

I felt I did trust in Christ; Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

On June 11, 1739, in his Journal, John Wesley wrote:

'I look upon the world as my parish'

John Wesley wrote as his Rule:

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

The Bloke's Bible!

Just listen to this... 'A hard-hitting challenging & 'down-to-earth' retelling of certain Bible stories & truths especially for men. Running parallel to the Bible stories is a tale of an ordinary man who goes to the pub. Book cover is designed to look like a pint of Guinness.' I get all kinds of material sent to me; all kinds of 'Christian' magazines etc. This particular one called 'SELECT' was advertising the above Bible by Dave Hopwood. I really believe that MOST Christians haven't a clue as to what Satan is doing in this world & how he is deceiving the church especially the Charismatic & Pentecostal churches! Luke 21v8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Don't forget to write!



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Isaiah 53

- 1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
 - 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

If YOU don't reach the lost souls WHERE YOU ARE, WHO will?

'It's Your Choice!' Booklets

Well, 10,000 went quicker than we could have ever imagined. The next 10,000 have just arrived; so if you are thinking about ordering please do so before they all go again. The orders have already started coming in!

Correspondence!

Many of the letters we have received recently have been in regard to our NEW booklet 'It's Your Choice!' which seems to have been well received by most. Thank you to all of you who write regularly encouraging us in the work we do; please keep the letters coming, there are not many of you around these days; 'the church' is very cold!

Donna's Health!

Well, her arthritis has caused quite a few problems of late! Her knee was twice the size it should be so they had to drain it & then give her **two** steroid injections. The doctor said that he took more than a 'can of coke' worth of fluid from her knee. She is also back on the prescribed drugs. Please pray that it stabilizes again.

Overseas Orders!

Would all those who are ordering our booklets/tracts, outside of the UK, please send payment IN **STERLING** rather than Dollars i.e. 'postal orders' etc. as it is such a problem to bank the money transfers! Thank you for your help here.

Please pray for...

Nick (an old work colleague) who has recently lost his wife because of a brain tumour; he has two teenage daughters; Mary Ainslie who has to undergo her second knee replacement; Tim MacLeod who has had 3 operations on his shoulder; Rhoda who has recently lost her husband, also Muriel in NI who has lost her father; SOULS TO BE SAVED – down your street & mine! Please also pray for Chris who is looking for a career change after giving up teaching; pray he makes the right decisions!

'Deep' Questions Needing 'Deep' Answers!

If you died right now where would you go?

What have you done with your life so far?

Who have you pleased by the way you have lived?

What do you regret?

How much of your life involves the Lord Jesus Christ?

Are you doing what God wants you to do or are you living for yourself?

List down the 10 most important things in your life?

List 5 things you do not care about?

For someone contemplating suicide what would you say to them?

Do you really understand what is going on in this life & why?

What are your ambitions?

HOW do you know what you're doing is right?

Hay on Wye - the book capital of the world!

Hay on Wye is a small town in Herefordshire 'full' of book-shops. It boasts the largest second hand bookshop in the world. Donna, LaToya & I went for a few hours recently after our car was serviced. We spent some time just walking around dropping here & there into book-shops & cafes. The one thing that really stood out to me was how large the section on the occult in each shop was. Hundreds of books on the occult were situated at the FRONT (as you walked in) of every book-shop we entered. It is another sign of the times in which we are living in today. We took over twenty of our booklets 'It's Your Choice!' & "You Asked The Question!" & scattered them throughout the occult sections! Pray that those interested in the occult will find the TRUTH instead.

The Past!

Donna & I sat up the other night talking about what we had been through especially regarding the Christian work & the churches we have been involved in through ministry of preaching etc. I keep a book, including dates & places, of where I have preached & on what subject. We used to visit over 30 different churches preaching; now we visit very few. We asked ourselves why & what has changed? Some of the churches we helped at have moved on; new people have come in, & we were no longer needed. Some of the churches (perhaps most) didn't like the 'straight-down-the-line' kind of preaching that I'm called to! They didn't like us mentioning Hell, 'judgement' or the 'version issue'. Looking back over the years I sometimes preached over fifty times a year in different services, now we seldom visit other places. Our ministry has certainly changed from the Trinity Centre, Birmingham City Mission, Salvation Army Hostel work & Chester City Mission. We are now more involved with a few of the youth at Hope Chapel who we have spent the last five years inputting into their lives through Friday night meetings, Sunday Bible Class, 'Discipleship Group,' 'Reading Evenings' & outreach work through tracting etc. I must say that while talking with Donna I did feel a little saddened as to how the church, generally, has fallen so far from the truth of the Bible. We have seen so many just drift away & backslide back into the world again. Even in the short time I have been saved we have seen quite a lot, but as each year passes we have noticed that Bible Believing Christians are getting harder to find. We have had many letters from you saying that you are also in this kind of

a situation. Your church doesn't teach & preach solely from the AV, they compromise just to get folk in, use gimmicks instead of preaching the word & have watered down doctrines in order not to offend those that do come! Today the church is taken up with 'everything' other than reaching the lost with the gospel of our Lord lesus Christ. The church is arguing among its 'members' about the smallest of things & therefore missing the 'big' picture of a dying world needing the Saviour. We have Christians who go out of their way, wasting their time, trying to find 'mistakes' in the Bible, wasting their time fighting over their 'pet' doctrines (which they took from their favourite authors) & instead of doing what they should be doing, the Devil has them where he wants them & they can't see it. Most weeks I receive a letter from someone who is not happy either with something I have said or written. Every month I get a letter from someone who wants to tell me what I am doing wrong! It is quite amazing how upset people get & over what reasons! Donna & I also discussed our newsletter 'Time for Truth News!' again. Is it sending the right message to you all; are we too negative; should we be more positive? But as I went through the UKCB (United Kingdom Christian Handbook) the other day I saw thousands of Christian organisations' trying to do something for God yet I see the church in the United Kingdom very ineffective in most ways, being honest. So what has gone wrong folks; why are we in the state we're in? Is there any way we can pull things round & really make an impact in the lives of the people around us? I think first of all before anything, before we try to put things right in the church etc. we NEED to get our own lives RIGHT with God! That means we need to depart FROM SIN; the sin in our daily lives; the 'sin which doth so easily beset us' (Heb 12v1). Are you & I living a clean & pure life before the Lord; have we really asked the Lord to help us live a HOLY life before Him or are we still playing 'in & with' the world? Until we are right with God we will NOT have any effect on the people around us! Another thing I thought of while Donna & I were discussing the past was this...what are we doing with what the Lord has given us? I thank God that He has allowed Donna & I to work together 'full-time' & earn money that we can use to put into the ministry. I thank God that we no longer have to rely on Christians or churches for 'support.' God has blessed us with a job whereby we can finance the Lord's work including the literature we produce. Over 40,000 "You Asked The Question!" booklets are out there in the world; over 10,000 'It's Your Choice!' booklets; over 15,000 'Who Cares?' tracts, 10,000 'Eternity!' flyers; 20,000 'He Loves You!' tract cards & 15,000 money tract cards! I say this NOT to boast but to show an example that none of this literature could have been produced without GOD providing the money to do it through the jobs He has allowed us to have. Most Christians I know are very tight with their money; they pour it into the things of the world rather than the things of God i.e. reaching the lost with the gospel. We certainly don't want 'your' money & we certainly are NOT begging for gifts as many so called 'Christian' organisations are! We trust God for what He gives us, we work hard in what we do & we try our best to do what HE wants us to do! Where we can we try to support those who are less fortunate than us but we cannot meet the demands alone! What are YOU doing with what God has given you; building up riches on earth? Time is going so quickly & there is a great need for all of us to DO more for the Lord, BUT, if you don't KNOW the Lord Jesus Christ very well i.e. you don't LOVE Him enough, you will NOT work for Him or DO what He calls you to do! Please take this as a personal challenge (before time runs out) & get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as you can & DO MORE to reach the lost souls of this world in every way possible! I challenge you again; HAVE YOU PUT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH EVERY DOOR DOWN YOUR STREET? If you did, over 500 streets in the UK would receive the gospel. Why not do it this week before you 'forget' or before you change your mind OR before the Devil gets you involved with everything BUT the gospel? I finish with this, life is very short & we have only one chance to make an impact on the people around us. All of us could do more if we really wanted to. We could all distribute 10 tracts a day before we get home or before we settle down in the evening. We all could try harder to talk to someone when we get the chance to witness. We could all do more couldn't we? Donna & I thank the Lord for the years we have spent so far in serving Him together; we shall continue to pray to do His will; please continue to pray for us, thanks! The main *preaching* I do now is through this newsletter I guess!

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:

Proverbs 14v14

A few suggestions where to leave tracts!

In library books On buses, trains, taxis

On the table in restaurants, cafes & service stations also in garages etc

Telephone boxes

Through letterboxes of houses & businesses
Post tracts back in the FREE junk mail envelopes you receive
Shopping trolleys
Park benches

Under windscreen wipers or through sunroofs of cars (but be careful not to get caught!)

Canteens at work, notice boards at college (again be very careful here!)

(If you have any other good ideas about where to leave tracts please write & let me know & I shall put them in the next newsletter!)

Why NO Revival!

There will be NO 'worldwide' revival on this earth before the Lord returns; *every dispensation ends in apostasy & failure! (If you think there WILL be, you are certainly NOT a student of the word of God!)* But there may be 'pockets' of revival all around the earth! **But why aren't our churches seeing the blessing they once did?** Why aren't more people getting saved? OR, are YOU one of these 'crazy' people that think we are seeing revival, *or will see it* before the Rapture? Here are a few reasons why I think we are NOT seeing the blessing we should see in our churches...

• Satan has entered our churches through modern Bible PER-versions – Enough has been said for now about this subject BUT, I will state again that God will NOT bless satanic counterfeits of the word of God; if you or your church use anything other than the AV, I wouldn't *expect* a blessing! *I await your lovely letters in response to that statement!* (BEFORE you do write, how about researching the subject first – or are YOU too lazy, or you believe everything you hear NOT to bother?)

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- Worldliness/materialism in the church Have you looked around recently at the churches in your town? How much is being spent on the BUILDING rather than EVANGELISM? We are too rich in our country; we are too concerned about what we look like rather than pouring our energies into reaching the lost with the Gospel! Where does the money in your church GO?
- Unholy living How are you living OUTSIDE of church? What TV programmes are you watching; what music are you listening to; what preparation do you make BEFORE coming to the prayer meeting (if you go that is) or to the Bible study (if you go) or the Sunday meetings? *A quick read of the papers first*; & you expect a blessing? How 'prepared' are YOU when going to church? What is your own relationship like with the Lord at present?
- A place of 'entertainment' rather than worship You like the 'band,' the music, the singers, the songs, the drums! The church is so geared up trying to please the 'young' with trendy music & gimmicks that they don't even know what worship is these days let alone HOW to worship! Do you know the difference between 'soul-ish' music & 'spiritual' music? Do you recognise it when you hear it?
- Fighting & bickering over the smallest of matters Has your church seen a split over recent years? What was it over; the colour of the carpet or wallpaper, some brothers pet doctrine such as the head covering or was it over a more serious subject like 'she is sitting in my seat!' Where is the UNITY in the church today? How can you have unity when there is so much discord among us; we all want our own way, we know best; either do it my way or I'm leaving! Is this your attitude? When was the last time YOU backed down & let someone else have their own way for the sake of the LORD?
- Using the pulpit as a place to give opinions rather than preach the word The pulpit is to be used to PREACH THE WORD from & NOTHING else! It is not a place to air your views or harp on about your pet doctrines. It is NOT a place to embarrass, punish or 'tell off' a certain individual! It is a place where you preach what the Lord has

given to you; come to think about it, when was the last time the Lord gave you something to preach rather than YOU preaching what YOU wanted to? I wonder how many preachers seek the Lord to find out what HE wants them to speak! Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. (Jon 3v2) And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. (1 Sam 3v17-19)

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- Reluctance in GIVING! I won't mention by name the church that I have attended in the past, but I had discussions with the eldership over the subject of 'giving' a gift to visiting speakers. The elder said to me that he thought it okay to just give them £5 or £10 if they were coming a distance to preach! I wonder how the 'elder' would have felt if he was 'living by faith' IN the ministry? I 'bet' those preachers would queue up to preach at his church knowing they were going to get a 'fiver' afterwards to help support their family & pay their bills! How much a week could YOU live on? I KNOW it's NOT about money! I KNOW it's NOT about how much you get as a gift; but I also know the following Scriptures... Mt 10:10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. Lu 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 1Ti 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. When the preacher comes to your church what blessing do you give him? Have you thought about how he is going to pay his bills? Do you care? Does your eldership? Think about blessing the preacher next time he comes; if he uses the NIV give him £2.50 & tell him to get the bus home & DON'T BOTHER COMING BACK!!! (Give us a smile folks!) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; **not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.** (2 Cor 9v7)
- Rebellion Are you rebellious towards the word of God, the pastor/elder, other people, authority etc.

- No Bible teachers There is definitely a very short supply of good, fundamental, Bible believing, sound doctrine, 'dispensational' Bible teachers in our churches. I cannot remember the last time I heard a good Bible teacher IN church; the best ones I have heard are usually on cassette tape!
- Love of the world! Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2v15 You would rather join in with the world than with the church?
- Cold hearted towards the Lord & towards Christians! Do you really know what love is?

'Mother-in-laws'; come on give us a smile!

- ✓ A mother-in-law is the bark from the family tree!
- ✓ My mother-in-law has come round to our house at Christmas seven years running. This year we're having a change; we're going to let her in!
- ✓ I haven't spoken to my mother-in-law for 18 months; well, I don't like to interrupt her!
- ✓ My mother-in-law talks so much last summer her tongue got sunburnt!
- ✓ We now have a mother-in-law sandwich; cold shoulder with salty tongue!

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Pro 27v15

Some Legendary Quotations 'Good & Bad'...

 'Power tends to corrupt, & absolute power corrupts absolutely' - Acton, First Baron (1834-1902) ☆ ☆

- 'You know life...it's rather like opening a tin of sardines. We are all of us looking for the key.' Alan Bennett (English, stage, film & television dramatist; actor & diarist) If anyone knows where this man lives I would ask you to try & reach him with the Gospel or send me his address & I will try!
- → 'We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They
 get run over!' Aneurin Bevan (1897-1960)
- We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities...still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.' Charles Darwin (1809-1882) Think of what damage this 'man' ('chimp') has done!!! So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen 1v27
- 'It is well known, that among the blind the one-eyed man is king!' Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)
- 'The broad mass of a people...falls victim to a big lie more easily than to a small one!' - Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) - (Mein Kampf, My Struggle - 1925) BE WARNED!
- LET THERE BE NO VIOLENCE IN RELIGION!' ('Koran' chapter 2) Oh please!

The nonsense of 'Evolution' – taught as FACT!



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I took this photo while in a museum on holiday in Wales. The sign says the following... 'Trilobites – Trilobites were one of the most successful animal groups of the Palaeozoic Era (542-245 million years ago)', & their skeletons can be found commonly in a large number of localities throughout Wales & the borders. Although they look rather like woodlice, they are actually more closely related to 'horseshoe crabs' (or xiphosurans, to use a less misleading name). What we see as fossils are only parts of the armoured outer skeleton, which was made of the mineral calcite. Like all arthropods (e.g. insects, crustaceans, spiders), trilobites grew by moulting their skeleton, so a single individual could produce many fossils during its life.'

Witnessing / Reaching the LOST at school!

LaToya has been sowing the seed i.e. 'the gospel' in the school she attends for some time now. Recently one of her friends to whom she has been trying to reach has just got SAVED! She now attends a church & shall be visiting us at Friday Club shortly. LaToya talks with her regularly at school about Christian things. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for this soul He has saved.

Good Christian Literature!

I realise that some of you use our literature, & we really appreciate you doing this; we have also been put in contact recently with another Christian literature supplier. I think I am right in saying that they only supply the AV text also! If you would like to contact them you can reach them at... 'Light & Life Literature', 119 Sherwood Street, Warsop, Nottingham, NG20 0JU, England, 01623 842380. They do send out samples & a catalogue upon request.

Church!?

What to do & where to go? Donna & I continually pray that the Lord will just lead & guide us as to where He would have us. It is sad what has happened at Hope Chapel regarding their Gospel service & the permission of modern Bible per-versions, but like the majority of churches today, some would rather please MAN than God. I appreciate one of the elders standing with us on this issue. I still can't believe that Christians who believe the word of God is PERFECT & PRESERVED in the AV are the 'perpetrators!' WE say what WE believe i.e. that the word of God is INERRANT (i.e. without error!); if you ask us to give you a copy of the INERRANT word of God WE would give you the Authorized Version Bible! 'THEY' (i.e. hypocrites!) will say that THEY to believe the word of God is INERRANT but when you ask THEM to give you a copy of the INERRANT word of God THEY DON'T HAVE ONE TO GIVE - they are hypocrites! They start running around shouting 'in the originals' etc. yet they have NEVER seen the originals; & if you do NOT have a copy of the INERRANT word of God FOR TODAY -YOU do NOT have a FINAL AUTHORITY to stand upon in ALL matters of faith & practice! One 'preacher' who attends Hope Chapel believes just that!!! When I wrote to him asking him to give me a copy of the word of God WITHOUT ERROR guess what... he never replied; funny isn't it – what Christians say & what they REALLY believe! So regarding church we shall continue to pray & seek God for His will!

What do you hate?

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. Ps 101:3

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
Ps 119:104

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. Ps 119:113

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. Ps 119:128

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love. Ps 119:163

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? Ps 139:21

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Ps 139:22

Holiday in Knighton!

Well Donna booked up the log cabin in Knighton again for a week's holiday. It was really peaceful. We mainly stayed in & relaxed, read our Bibles, watched a couple of DVD's & ate! Barney travelled over for a few hours on the first day just to get a quick lesson on how to play chess. He went down 5-1 to no surprise & kept blaming his losses on 'I can't tell the difference in the pieces!' Funny how everyone else in the world can! Donna & I also made good use of the hot-tub in the evenings watching the stars & listening to the sheep & cows. It was probably the most relaxing holiday I've ever had. We ventured out a couple of times, once to Llandrindod Wells & once to Newtown. We also delivered 300 'It's Your Choice!' booklets through letterboxes. We are thinking (Lord willing that is) about booking another week up at Christmas or even moving the DG holiday to Knighton next year?

The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.

Proverbs 21:31
Who or what are you trusting in for your safety?

The internal enemies of the New Testament local churches are...

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...Jealousy (1 Cor 3v3), the desire for vengeance (1 Cor 6v1-6), false apostles who profess to be Charismatics (2 Cor 11v1-13), ambitious church Leaders (3 John 9), teachers of false doctrine (Matt 13v33), religious sacramentalists (Matt 23v1-33), religious leaders who make 'the word of God of none effect' by 'tradition' (Mark 7v1-13 + Col 2v8), puffed up egotists who think that science is of equal authority to the Bible (1 Tim 6v20), ambitious would-be millionaires (1 Tim 6v17), who think 'that gain is godliness' (1 Tim 6v5), schismatics who want to get the pulpit for themselves (Acts 20v30), pious, professing Christians (Matt 24v5), who profess to represent Jesus Christ (2 Cor 11v10-14 + Matt 7v15), & educated 'asses' who think that the sun rose & set on Greek scholarship (1 Cor 1-3)' – Taken from Dr Ruckman's book on Church History – A MUST!!! This quote from Ruckman is so true in most aspects, if not all, in every church I've seen; how sad. Pride is a KILLER!

Please would you send me Thomas Hooks & Leo Spences' 'NUMBER' at the CCI as their newsletter was rejected & came back to us the last time; thanks!

Just like YOUR church; I trow not!

If we are to believe the historians of early church history, the first real Christian witnesses were fanatics in the exact sense of the word. One writer has stated that they committed the crime of bringing Jesus Christ out of the Temple & scattering Him all over the neighbourhood. They lived like sheep, they prayed like saints, they preached like lions, & they died like flies! – *Also taken from Dr Ruckman's book on Church History! (NOT for the faint hearted by the way!)*

We are survivors! ~ For those born BEFORE 1940...

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split-atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before dish-washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors, or young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word. Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the terminus. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coalhouse, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a fond mother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice-cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a generation gap today... BUT

By the grace of God... we have survived!

(This article was passed on to me by David Ainsley & was taken from the November 2006 SAGA magazine.)

Martin Luther

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Luther, Martin (November 10, 1483-February 18, 1546), was the leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and was renowned for his enduring literary contribution of translating the Bible into the German language. He became an Augustinian friar and in 1507 was ordained. In 1510 he visited Rome, where he was shocked by the worldliness. He received his doctorate of divinity and in 1512 was appointed professor of philosophy at the University of Wittenberg, where he was promoted to the position of district vicar.

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Martin Luther preached daily, and grew immensely popular through his exposition of the Holy Scriptures in the common language. After objecting to the methods Johann Tetzel employed to sell indulgences, Luther posted for debate his 95 Theses, October 31, 1517. He was fiercely attacked, especially by Johann Eck. On April 18, 1521, when the 21 year old Emperor Charles V summoned him to Diet of Worms to renounce his views, Martin Luther stated: 'Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen.'

Declared an outlaw, Martin Luther was protected by Frederick III of Saxony in the Wartburg castle. There he translated the New Testament into the German language in just six months. He attempted to be a moderate, opposing the Peasant's War and resisting the more progressive elements of reformation. In 1525 he married a former nun and together they had six children.

Among his many works, Martin Luther wrote...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the word of God must become corrupt.

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that one point.

Where there are no Christians, or perverse and false Christians, it would be well for the authorities to allow them, like heathens, to put away their wives, and to take others, in order that they may not, with their discordant lives, have two hells, both here and there. But let them know that by their divorce they cease to be Christians, and become heathens, and are in the state of damnation.

In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in his death, he is a sacrifice, satisfying our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest.

'Evensong' at St Paul's Cathedral!

While visiting London recently with two friends we were invited to 'Evensong' at St Paul's Cathedral. The place itself was an amazing 'piece' of architecture, incredible in fact, but the service was pure 'religion' if you get my meaning? Robes, chants, the 'Apocrypha' etc. I watched as the masses of 'religious' people who were trusting in 'works' to get them to Heaven (I speculate but I believe accurately) sang the hymns, 'chanted' the prayers & read 'the word!' I was amazed as everyone read together the 'Apostles Creed'... 'I Believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven & earth: & in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, & buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, & sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick & the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic (universal NOT Roman, but still an unfortunate choice of a word) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.' How about that? But do the people go because they enjoy the service or because they REALLY believe what they are reading & participating in? I fear that the majority just do NOT understand & 'religion' has blinded them. Many folks shall go to HELL even though they have gone to church all their life – *think about that for a while!*

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27v4-6

Radio 4 & John Humphrys!

9.00am John On October 31st at Humphrys started a series of three (I think it's only three) radio programmes regarding proof that there is a God. He is interviewing three leaders from three different religions, Christian, Jewish, & Islamic. The one I heard today was his interview with Rowan Williams head of the Church of England. John Humphrys is a journalist & has travelled extensively covering all kinds of things including wars etc. He said that he was brought up believing in God but due to all the suffering he has seen in the world he cannot reconcile a God of love to what he has seen. He was looking for answers, to the questions he raised, from Rowan Williams. Now think for a moment that this 'leader' of the Church of England has prime time on national radio reaching the masses (i.e. millions of people), so what answers did he give to the reasons for all the suffering etc. Simply, he did not! He was asked all kinds of things regarding God & why he believed in Him; how did he know there is a God, where does an 'unbeliever' go AFTER death etc. Only once (I recall) did Rowan Williams refer

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to the Scriptures (a modern perversion of course!) to answer the questions put forward to him. When John Humphrys asked him about where he would go if he died an unbeliever Rowan Williams 'ducked' the question & said that he would probably get other chances AFTER death to be reconciled to God!!! I cannot tell you how angry I was listening to this broadcast & seeing this ridiculous 'leader' of the Church falling & failing at EVERY hurdle! He gave NO answers, NO Scriptures & NO GOSPEL to the world. He is totally 'unqualified' to lead any kind of church & to be absolutely honest & frank with you, I am amazed if the guy is even SAVED, & I mean that! It was THE worst 'stand' I have ever heard for the truth; I don't think Williams even knows the truth. I have sent John Humphrys some of our literature plus an Authorized Version Bible; I sent it to Radio 4, BBC House, The British Broadcasting Company, LONDON. I also sent a covering note! Pray it gets there. Rowan 'Atkinson' probably knows more of the Bible than Rowan Williams does & they are both idiots!

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Seven things TO DO during one of Barney's sermons - to help you stay awake!

- 1) See how many words you can make out of the word Methuselah
- 2) Pass a note to someone called Bernie, but first make sure there is no one called Bernie in the congregation!
- 3) Start from the back of the church & try to crawl all the way to the front, under the pews, without being noticed!
- 4) Shout a loud 'Amen!' at the conclusion of a sentence that isn't particularly inspiring!
- 5) Once Barney begins his sermon, set the alarm on your watch to beep after 20 minutes... & every 5 minutes thereafter until he has finished!
- 6) Though you are sleepy, loudly applaud Barney at the conclusion of his sermon. He'll think he made a vivid impact on your life. As an exercise of Christian charity, keep the real reason to yourself!
- 7) If the sermon is 'droning' on far too long, take things into your own hands for a quick finish *Pretend to pass out; slump unconscious onto the aisle floor!*

"You Asked The Question!" Booklet in Blackpool!

While in my days at school there was a guy called Kevin who was a Christian. He used to witness to the high school students but often received some hassle & abuse; he took a brave stand & this impressed me even though I was not a Christian at this time. Well the years passed when suddenly out of the blue, last week Kevin called me. He said that he had 'backslidden' for the last 20 years but 3 weeks ago someone in Blackpool gave him a "You Asked The Question!" booklet & he recognised my name on the front & looked me up. He said that he read the booklet & it helped to encourage him on his Christian walk again. He has now started to attend church & re-dedicated his life back to the Lord. Please pray for him for God to strengthen him. His mother sadly has cancer so please pray for her also! This was a great encouragement to Donna & I regarding the continual distribution of Christian literature.

Tracting Challenge!

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Could you give out 3 tracts a day? If you & I did (i.e. everyone on our mailing list, 500 approx) that would mean that each day 1500 tracts were distributed, each month 46,500 were distributed & each year 558,000 were distributed! All because YOU & I gave out just 3 tracts a day! Let us start by doing it the day you receive this newsletter!

November Discipleship Group (DG)

The Lord Jesus Christ spent most of His time inputting into the lives of the 12 apostles. Each of them had their own character; one was very outspoken & opinionated, one was jealous, one was very loving, etc. Well, at the DG I only have six people to deal with (more joining shortly though) & like the apostles, they too have their own characters & personalities; one is... I won't go there because they will all try to work out who I'm talking about! But just to say this, like everyone, we all have our problems, within ourselves, our families, our work/college/school & within the church. We try to keep as close to the Lord as possible, encouraging each other to do the same & to DO the best we can wherever & whenever. Now during the November DG I felt for the first time that some of us were not where we should be i.e. some were 'backsliding'; so I felt the Lord lay it on my heart to challenge this & 'fire' us all up again. It seemed to work & most, if not all, agreed that things were a little tough at present & their relationship with the Lord was cold or warm but NOT 'hot!' We had an open time talking about backsliding & problems we face as a Christian. I also targeted the 'roleplay' & the 'under-pressure' sections on backsliding. It was quite a hard hitting meeting & although at the end it was quite a sober atmosphere, there was light at the end of the tunnel 'God's Light' & we were all back walking IN IT again! Pray for the DG please; – Chris, LaToya, Dionne, Sheleen, Mary & Donna. We have five other possible 'candidates' who are interested in joining the DG but it is in the Lord's hands at present. The DG is specifically targeted at going 'deeper' with the Lord & with His word & focusing on LIVING 100% for Him at all times. There has also been in the past a time of 'pruning' i.e. three have shown that they really don't want to walk close to the Lord, therefore they have left us. We all try to keep ourselves in check seeking the Lord Jesus Christ's will for our lives. We are all serious about our relationship with the Lord, very serious in fact; above all else! We strive for a deeper, closer walk with God.

Pray for the Shetland Islands!

As far as I can remember I don't think we have sent out any of our literature to the Shetland Islands; so it was very encouraging to receive our first order there. A shipment of 'It's Your Choice!' booklets has been sent to these Islands. A lovely Christian man (83 years old!) called, requesting some. I asked him how many people lived on the Shetlands & he told me 22,000. Please pray that God will bring salvation to these people!

Remember the 'Minus to Plus' booklet?

Years ago Reinhard 'Bonkers' wrote a booklet called 'Minus to Plus' & tried to post one (via the postal service) to every home in the UK. The idea was excellent, the booklet wasn't very good (although well produced) & many folks never received one; although MILLIONS did! I would love to do the same but use Christians to deliver them instead of the Post Office! Imagine if every Bible believing 'soul winning' church got behind this idea & met in their churches to pray every Saturday & then a team from the church went out posting 'It's Your Choice!' through EVERY home in their village, town or city! I am sure God would bless our efforts to win souls for Him. Imagine if EVERY home in the UK received the gospel through their doors – people would have NO excuse on Judgement Day! If you would like to take up this challenge & deliver 'It's Your Choice!' IN YOUR AREA they cost me just 15p each; you can have them for the same price I pay my printer! Perhaps if enough were ordered I could go back to him seeking an even cheaper price? 100 booklets would cost just £15 (plus postage) – what did you spend your last £15 on of late; the Gospel?

MARY – Mediatrix or NOT? – By Peter Paul Ventura

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Tim 2v5) - ONE mediator between God & men; NOT two, NOT three & NOT Mary! Every Christian must agree (those of us who believe the Bible), Mary is a blessed woman (Luke 1v28+26). When Jesus addressed Mary as 'woman' (John 2v4), no doubt Jesus was referring to Gen 3v15. Indeed Mary is blessed. In such a short article, all of the reasons why Mary CANNOT be a mediatrix can not be addressed. However, the following two reasons will suffice. First of all, as blessed as the angel Gabriel said Mary is, Mary admitted the need for a Saviour. Mary said, "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." (Luke 1v47). Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, who came to be the propitiation for our sins (John 1v1+2+14, 1 Tim 3v16, 1 John 5v20, Rom 3v25, 1 John 2v2)... Which brings us to the second reason: Only a man can mediate between a man & a man. A man cannot mediate between a man & a dog, or a man & a cow! Jesus Christ is the divine God-man. Only a man can mediate between man & man. How much more of a mediator is the God-man, Christ Jesus who mediates between God & man (Heb 7v22-25). Mary, although blessed, was not God manifest in the flesh. Mary was a sinner who needed a Saviour (Luke 1v47). As a wise preacher once said, "Imagine a criminal defendant standing before a judge, whispering to his lawyer, 'Its all right, I'll get off, because I know the judge's mother!'" So, let me ask you, who are you putting your trust in to mediate for you? Mary can't save you! So I ask you, do you know Jesus Christ the ONLY mediator who can save you from an eternal damnation in the lake of fire the final destination of ALL unsaved sinners, even those who trusted Mary to save them? The question is, Do you KNOW Jesus Christ? Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? Listen friend, you may be indifferent now, but you won't be after you are dead! There are two dates on a tombstone, the date you were born & the date you died! Now you are going to be dead a lot longer than you lived. Friend, don't you think you ought to KNOW where you are going to spend all of eternity? For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3v16) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Rom 10v9+10) Why die IN your sins?

Don't forget our friends in prison!

Why not drop them a line or send them a card for Christmas; *How about sending them a book to read?*

Remember to quote their number!

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If I have missed anyone off this list I am REALLY SORRY; please would you forward their details!

From LaToya's Pen...

2 Timothy 3v1-2 says, 'Thus know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy'.

Over the last 2 years I have constantly read and heard sermons on this passage over and over again. 'The Last Days.' Some preachers talk about the last days as if it means nothing to them; the words seem to roll off their tongues so easily; so insincerely, while others seem to speak so faithfully from their hearts but later do we all too easily forget about it? I know I do!

I just can't seem to understand how bad the world is! I have it so easy - I just cannot understand! We/I talk about it all the time, about how evil the present world is and how the Rapture is creeping upon us when we aren't even ready for it! But really we are only kidding ourselves if we don't mean what we say! John has mentioned recently at Friday Club that going back 30-50 years ago, murder used to be on the front page, sprawled across television, and talked about for weeks on end because it was just so shocking. However what we see now is apathy; people aren't bothered about such crimes as they have gotten so used to hearing about it, they no longer are shocked by it. What shocks you?

I have to catch the bus every day to and from school and the language and blasphemy used in peoples conversation is horrific! What I hear and see nowadays has almost become *part of* my 'daily routine,' I've become so used to it I don't seem to be shocked or sometimes even unsettled by it!

The world has forgotten how to blush! Have you?

If we mean what we say and really do think the last days are upon us, doesn't that mean that we have little time left? Little time to save the remaining unsaved of our families, friends and those around us.

'This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth.'-Keith Green. What are we doing sitting down, relaxing and entertaining ourselves? I do not and cannot fully understand the extent of hell and if I did or even tried to I would be DOING more to reach the lost. My thoughts, attitude and motives are all wrong and the Lord doesn't want that for me, He doesn't want it for any of us! Let us continue to say and DO the right things for the Lord Jesus. He gave everything for us...

'If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.' - C.T. Studd

Want any 'back-issues' of Time for Truth News?

We can print off 'back-issue' copies of TfT News! As far back as issue 18; so if you would like previous copies please drop us a line!

Add your name to this mailing list!

'cetf'- 'Contending earnestly for the faith' – 83 Retford Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, S13 9LB (Tel - 0114 269 9554) – Although I do not agree with everything they write about, it is worth adding your name to their mailing list & reading for yourself some of the things that are happening in 'the Pentecostal & Charismatic' churches; it also has some good articles about what the government is trying to bring in regarding new Bills & Laws!

Trinidad & Tobago!

Please pray for Vera McDougall out there in Trinidad & Tobago! We have sent out more of our literature to her than any other place so far. Pray that those who receive the booklets, tracts & leaflets shall be SAVED! You're doing a great job out there Vera – Keep it going; not long left till the Rapture! WIN SOULS!

Kent Hovind in Jail???

Recently I have been told that Kent Hovind has gone to jail in the USA. I don't know the facts & I haven't an update on the situation as I am not on the internet! If anyone could print off the details & forward them on to me, I would appreciate it. Let us pray for brother Kent as he does a marvellous work fighting for Creation against Evolution!

The NEW UK Christian Handbook is out now - call 020 8294 1989 to order your copy!

This England!

For those of you that would like to know more about England I would recommend subscribing to 'This England' magazine. Personally I think it is one of the best produced magazines (regarding presentation that is) I've seen.

Contact them at PO BOX 52, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1YQ, England.

A Frightening Dream!

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I awoke recently in a cold sweat & very anxious; I dreamt that the Rapture was happening & when I stood before the Lord Jesus Christ, face to face, I immediately realised that I had NOT done what I should have done, with the time given to me while I was on earth! I was sobbing uncontrollably, wishing I had DONE MORE to reach the lost souls around me WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE! It was horrible I can tell you! I pray that we are ALL doing what we should be doing in reaching the lost; what good are you doing in getting the GOSPEL out in your neighbourhood? Let us NOT waste time but use it wisely while we have the chance! You & I only get ONE 'life' here to reach the sinners with the Gospel; DAILY folks are dying & going to HELL – are YOU just watching them?

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Local & International Evangelist George Miller & the Gospel!

Donna & I were coming home from Ludlow recently & passing through Cleobury Mortimer we noticed a sign saying 'International Evangelist George Miller here tonight!' We both thought it good to go & hear him & to see how other Christians are trying to reach sinners! Ninety people (approx) gathered to hear this evangelist, most from local churches, I think. The meeting started off with two 'secular' songs; 'Blue suede shoes' was the first, can you believe it!!! Then after everyone had eaten (as food was provided) three more 'secular' songs were sung, which were even worse than the first two, & that's saying something! Then George got up (after two Christian songs were sung) to This he did 'straight-down-the-line'; the kind of 'old give the Gospel message. fashioned' type we used to hear. He spoke on the cross of Christ; he spoke about Hell, Judgement, Sin & the Blood of Christ as the ONLY hope of cleansing from sin, & Christ as the ONLY hope of salvation, i.e. NOT of works! He was excellent! He gave an 'appeal' & two young men responded in coming to Christ! If only Christians would understand that 'gimmicks' only hinder the work - PREACH CHRIST & HIM **CRUCIFIED!**

2007 - The Year of the Rapture?

Or is it! Of course we can't put a date on WHEN the Lord Jesus Christ shall return, BUT, how much longer can it go on for? This country of ours, this world, is sinking faster than ever, RACING towards Judgement! I am waiting for my Saviour to come & get me out of this mess; but I realise until then, I have a job to do – WIN SOULS for The Lord!

...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1v3



Note the fence in the picture! We have had to put up a new fence in the garden, because Jack & Eddie kept jumping it!



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I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

(John 9v4)

The Lord IS coming back, SOON!

2007 The Year of the RAPTURE?

It could be! Now I realise that we are not told in Scripture the day of the Rapture, nor the hour:

Matt 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matt 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matt 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matt 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Matt 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

But we are told to recognise the seasons...

1 Thes 5v1-9 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (Read 1 Thes 4v13-18)

Once the Rapture has happened your work on earth is finished! You will not be able to witness, sow the seed of the word of God, preach the Gospel or try to save your friends & family from going to HELL any longer – **your work on earth is FINISHED!** Now think, ponder & meditate on that for a while & note down the consequences of you going & those left behind!

'Night' IS coming! 'Judgment' IS coming! The Tribulation IS coming! 'Hell on earth' IS coming for those left behind! YOU are salt & light in this dark world NOW! What are you doing with the light of the GOSPEL, which is the ANSWER & SOLUTION to the world's problems? 2 Cor 4v4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them

which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. We all have a responsibility regarding the gospel message & getting it out to the lost souls of this world! If you are reading this newsletter YOUR work on earth has NOT finished; YOU have a responsibility to reach the lost, but what are you really doing with your time? I would urge you to make one final push in these last days to try to save the lost! Lave tracts EVERYWHERE; sturate your own areas with the Scriptures. Do your best to talk to those around you about the Lord. Let them see the Lord Jesus Christ IN you! Do everything in your power to STOP people going to Hell by pointing them to the Lord Jesus Christ. TIME really is running ou! 2007 really may be the year the Lord returns; let us have no regrets in the amount of work we have done for our Saviour in trying to reach sinners with the Gospel. I cannot put it any plainer or urge you enough to work for Him before time is up! If you don't try to save souls, who will?

Church History... broken down into seven periods of time...

1) Ephesus – Rev 2v1 (Apostolic Period) i.e. first local New Testament church called out in Mat 10 & ending somewhere around AD 90 with the death of the last apostel.

2) Smyrna – Rev 2v1s (AD 30–AD 325)

3) Pergamos – Rev 2v1s (AD 360–AD 3000)

4) Thyatira – Rev 2v1s (AD 300–AD 3000)

5) Surdis – Rev 3v1 (AD 1000 – AD 1000)

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7) Landicea – Rev 3v1 (AD 1000 – AD 1000)

9) Philadelphia – Rev 3v1 (AD 1000 – AD 1000)

10) Landicea – Rev 3v1 (AD 1000 – AD 1000)

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13) Surdis – Rev 3v1 (AD 1000 – AD 1000)

14) Thyatira – Rev 2v1s (AD 300 – AD 20072993929) – maybe! We are IN this last period fishes & we are coming to the end of it – are YOU nearly to meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

Do we have God's word or don't we?

No one claims to have a painting that contains the work of Rembrandt! They either hav

NEW Printer!

Recently we had to buy a new printer to run 'alongside' our old one due to the amount of pages we now print; some issues we have to print over 6000 pages!!! This time we were advised to purchase a laser printer as these are a lot cheaper to run, although the initial outlay is more expensive. We added over 50 names to our mailing list for issue 33; with each issue we usually see an increase. Please continue to pray for us as we put out 'Time for Truth News!'

Car Crash!

Coming back one Friday evening recently, *just gone midnight*, someone ran into our car in Birmingham! Nobody was hurt thank the Lord, but it is always a shock. Now we have the pain & frustration of insurance companies & car *dealers* for quotes etc. to sort out! We thank the Lord again for His protection. The car needs a new passenger door!

Where are the REAL Christians? - Are YOU a real Christian? - Eph 6v6

To YOU, what does 'living for God' mean; going to church; not swearing; living a fairly 'clean' life? How about *doing* your Christian 'duties': is that LIVING for God? Do you KNOW what God wants from you? What about these...Dying to self! (Gal 2v20) Walking in obedience! (1 Pet 1v14) Earnestly contending for the faith! (Jude 3) Pray without ceasing (1 Thes5v17) Witnessing! (Prov 11v30) Redeeming the time! (Eph 5v16) – *What do you do with your time? Do you have any 'spare' time?* What about a HOLY life! (1 Pet 1v16 + 1 Thes 5v22) Are you LOOKING for the return of Christ? (2 Tim 4v8) Preach the word! (2 Tim 4v2) Are you content? (1 Tim 6v6) So with just these few 'pointers', are you *really* LIVING FOR GOD? Are you a *real* Christian or are you a hypocrite like so many today? **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ** (2 Cor 5v20) *Are you?*

'It's Your Choice!' (1)

Please continue to pray that the Christian literature we put out will penetrate sinner's lives. Recently a lady ordered her second batch of one thousand 'It's Your Choice!' booklets down in Devon. Please pray for Mrs M & the work she is doing sowing the seed of the word of God.

Hope Chapel Youth!

Well numbers have dwindled over recent weeks; one has left us to go to university, one has had 2 weeks in the USA, & a few of the youngsters are 'erratic' i.e. they come when they *feel* like coming! I must say that even though it has been a little disappointing because of the numbers, we still get our faithful few who enjoy the fellowship, studies & games! Lord willing for 2007, the team leaders are having more of an active role in leading & running the Friday Club & for trying to bring in new folks. They have organised a leaflet, & are targeting an area for delivering it. They have re-arranged the schedule & the way the club will run; including video nights, a time for discussion & debate, role-plays & under pressure sections etc. They are doing a good job; please pray for Chris & LaToya!

Reading Evening!

Nine of us gathered around God's word for our monthly reading evening. We had a visitor with us this time from Zimbabwe who brought along his 'Amplified Version' (BIG mistake!). I showed him some of the ERRORS in it & gave him an AV to use. On the way home while dropping him off, he said that he was amazed about the different versions & that he would look into it. I sent him a lot of material to get him started. While explaining that in the NIV the translators had removed the Blood of Christ in Col 1v14 OUT OF THE TEXT; one young man thought it clever to keep shouting out 'Well it's at the bottom of the page!' a number of times. I stated to him that it was NOT 'IN' the text of the Bible! Unfortunately this young man, who has a lot of 'potential', is a little too arrogant for his own good & rather than listen & learn, he wants to go out of his way to argue, debate & find 'errors' in The Book. This is one reason why he has NOT been invited onto the DG as yet – he must mature a lot more first! I hope he shall take note of his error when he reads this article!

The Amplified PER-Version!

Those who make use of this version would be well advised not to regard it as a reliable guide to the 'original' text. The version is partly translation, partly paraphrase, & partly commentary, & the translators themselves acknowledge that it is not exact or literal! I suggest you compare the following verses in the Amplified Version to those in the AUTHORIZED VERSION – Mat 1v25, Mat 6v13+18+25, Mat 8v29, Mat 9v14, Mat 11v19, Mat 12v47, Mat 15v8, Mat 16v2+3, Mat 16v20, Mat 17v21, Mat 18v11, Mat 18v35, Mat 19v9+20, Mat 20v7+16+22, Mat 21v44, Mat 23v14, Mat 25v13+31, Mat 26v17, Mat 27v24+35, Mat 28v9+20 etc. And that is just in the book of Matthew!!! Check out these verses also... Mark 11v26, Mark 15v28, Luke 17v36, Luke 23v17.

Poverty!

Over 1.3 billion people worldwide are in absolute poverty, living on 50 pence a day! Of this number 70% are women. Half the world – over 3 billion people – live on less than £1 a day. **Twenty four thousand people die daily from hunger.** Children below five make up three-quarters of this number. (Taken from Evangelical Times Nov 2006) – What can WE do? Twenty four thousand die daily & go WHERE?

Kent Hovind Update!

Thank you to those who sent us details regarding Brother Hovind & his situation. I am very saddened by what has happened & I just do not understand how he got himself into this terrible situation - For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1Tim 6v10

Let us pray that good will somehow come out of it!

It's Your Choice! (2)

One of the first responses we had from our last newsletter was a very encouraging letter from a couple in NI who are doing a great work out there trying to reach the lost! They ordered 'another' 1200 booklets for distribution!

The next cassette is ready at last!

If you would like a FREE copy of 2 sermons *relevant* for today's church, please drop us a line & I shall post you the cassette. Side A is talking about 'Living in these LAST DAYS!' & side B is 'What the Bible says about itself!' – I'm sure you will find them both challenging & encouraging! (Once you have listened to the sermons please pass the tape on to someone else who you think might benefit from the ministry! All our tapes may be freely copied!) Some of you I know have already received this cassette! If you haven't, I have some ready to be sent out so just let us know if you want one!

More churches closing than opening!

I know I keep going on about it, but you would be amazed if you came out with Donna & I for a week as we drive all around England on business! We see dozens of churches closed & up for sale! Whoever owns them would rather sell the building for a 'profit' than give it away to Christians who would like to try & keep the church going or even start a new work; it is so sad – IT IS TERRIBLE!

What time is it for you in 2007?

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. Ecc 3v1-8

Encouraged by your letters!

Again we would like to thank those of you who have written encouraging us in the Lord's work. We also appreciate your honesty, as some of you have written that you to are in a similar situation regarding 'church!' It is quite amazing how many have said you are experiencing similar problems in your own fellowships/churches! Another letter we received from a man this month said that he had bought a copy of 'It's Your Choice!' in Ashburnham Christian Book-shop & went on to say "...I have been blessed reading your booklet & I thought of my family living in different parts of the world; they are not saved & I believe this booklet has the truth they should know. I want to send out copies to them for Christmas...I would like to order 24 copies..." — What an encouraging letter to receive!

10th Anniversary for Time for Truth!

Well, we set up 'Time for Truth!' in 1997. Since then we cannot begin to tell you how many people we have come into contact with; *it has been incredible!* Our mailing list has grown with each issue of our newsletter 'TfT News!' We cannot thank the Lord enough for blessing us so much; it is an absolute pleasure to serve Him. Each month we are in contact with Christians from all around the world, it's very interesting & good to know that there are folks who are in similar situations to us; *quite comforting in fact!* We pray that 2007 will be a great year in our walk with the Lord & a great year of sowing the seed of the word of God in this sinful world. The Lord willing, we shall continue to combat 'error' in the church & fight against modern Bible PER-versions! Thank you to those who stand with us – **let us NEVER give up the fight!** Our major 'thrust' will be getting the word of God out & we shall be concentrating on producing some more literature i.e. booklets & tracts. If you have any suggestions please write & let us know.

Medical Missionary News! (MMN)

I picked up a copy of MMN recently (November Issue) & read it *all* the way through; it was very thought provoking & challenging – again, I would recommend you add your name to their mailing list & look at the work of this organisation. I have only seen this one issue so I can't comment on how 'sound' they are regarding the Bible OR doctrine. Medical Missionary News, Unit 1, Victory Close, Fulmar Way, Wickford Business Park, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8YW. Tel – 01268 765266. (I have also seen the DVD they have produced, which again is very challenging!)

Holland Again!

This time Donna was able to join me in my twice-yearly trip over to Holland for the sales meeting. There were 36 of us present from all around the world; it was quite interesting overall. Coming back we took the train to the airport in Amsterdam but was told when we arrived that a bird

had hit the plane we were to fly on at 500 mph & made such an impact that the rear wing needed to be replaced!!! We sat for over 5 hours before we could then board another aircraft to fly back to Birmingham; it was quite an adventure!

'Who Cares?' Tract!

We have just re-ordered another 10,000 of our 'Who Cares?' tract. They work out at 4p each approx. so if you would like some please place your orders now. They are usually delivered in 4 boxes to us; so if you want a box of 2500 tracts it will only cost £100 plus postage; but please feel free to order as few as you like.

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: Proverbs 14v14

What if you have NO 'Absolutes!'

ABSOLUTE - Complete in itself; positive; as an absolute declaration; Existing independent of any other cause, as God is absolute; Unlimited by extraneous power or control, as an absolute government or prince; Not relative, as absolute space.

ABSOLUTELY- Completely, wholly, as a thing is absolutely unintelligible; Without restriction or limitation; as God reigns absolutely; Without condition, as God does not forgive absolutely, but upon condition of faith and repentance; **ABSOLUTENESS** - Independence, completeness in itself; Despotic authority, or that which is subject to no extraneous restriction, or control.

NO absolutes means NO objective standard: therefore NO FINAL AUTHORITY! – If this is the case, children are 36% more likely to lie to their parents; 48% more likely to cheat on an exam & 74% more likely to watch MTV daily!!! With NO absolutes you are two times more likely to hurt someone, watch pornography & get drunk! With NO absolutes you are many times more likely to steal, use illegal drugs & attempt suicide! YOU & I NEED 'absolutes,' we NEED a FINAL AUTHORITY on ALL matters! That 'authority' is THE BIBLE; THE WORD OF GOD! It's NOT about being 'relative!' You & I NEED to know what is right & what is wrong & it is the Bible that tells us! Opinions & being 'relative' have nothing to do with TRUTH!



Although we are strictly 'creationists,' Donna & I thought you might like to see a snap of us when we were young!

Good looking little fella's weren't we!!!

Why does 'the church' meet on Sunday i.e. the first day of the week?

Read the following Scriptures - Exo 12v16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. Acts 2v1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. John 20v1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 1 Cor 16v1+2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. Acts 20v7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

How very sad!

A true story! A man loved his wife. She loved to help her husband in his writing career. But she became ill with cancer and was confined to bed. Though he loved her dearly, he was so busy writing that he rarely found time to stay at her bedside. The day of her burial it rained and the mud was deep. After the funeral, he returned home, deeply shaken. He went into his wife's bedroom, sat down on a chair beside her bed, realizing he had not spent enough time with her in her illness. From the bedside table he picked up her diary and began to read. One line smote his heart: "Yesterday he spent an hour with me and it was like being in heaven. I love him so." He turned the page and this time his heart was broken, for she had written, "I have listened all day to hear his steps in the hall, but now it is late and I guess he won't come today." He threw the diary to the floor and rushed back to the cemetery in the rain. Friends found him face down in the mud at the newly made grave. He was weeping, saying over and over, "If I had only known! If I had only known!" What is your relationship like with your husband/wife? What is your relationship like with the Saviour? Makes you think doesn't it!

The Gospel Service!

Most of the time the majority of the congregation are already saved! I wonder how many preachers who preach in churches are actively involved in reaching sinners OUTSIDE of church? 'Godly' men will live outside the pulpit the same way they professes to live in the pulpit; but do they? So much of church funds are spent on 'itinerant' ministry i.e. bringing a 'preacher' in to preach rather than using the men already inside the church. One thing I have noticed in most of the churches I have attended is that consistency of Bible teaching & preaching is nearly non-existent

due to so many different preachers 'being called in!' Who in your own congregation actually studies the word of God & is able to preach? Are you? I think it good that visiting speakers do come from time to time, but NOT 'all' the time! Men inside your own churches need to grow & mature & the only way they can do this is by studying & really getting into the word of God. For the next three months why not ask some of the men in your church to prepare a series of Bible studies i.e. that will run for a month (once a week)?

Getting the word OUT!

What missionaries are you supporting? How are you reaching your own neighbourhood? How many people have you reached in the village, town or city where YOU live? *Or, aren't you bothered enough to care?* Every Christian should at least sow tracts in their area where they live; AT LEAST!

Team Leaders Day Out!

Donna, Chris, LaToya & I again visited our friends John & Naomi on their boat! As you may recall, the last time we visited them we had a great opportunity to talk about the Lord & ended up sending a Bible & some material on Creationism. This time we spent most of the day going through the notes Naomi had made while reading the Bible! She has nearly completed it! It was an amazing time together in which we really do thank the Lord for helping us. Pray that both John & Naomi will get saved soon; they really are a lovely couple.

Quad Biking!

My boss treated the men in the company to an afternoon of quad biking just before Christmas, which was great fun! Can you guess which one I am in the photo? (Two men could not make it unfortunately due to ill health!)



After this we all met back at work for our, now annual, darts tournament, which I was 'fortunate' to win! Overall, it was a great wind-down towards Christmas! During the evening, we all went out for the company Christmas meal!

Question Time!

Who is the Angel of the Lord?
Is there a number pattern in the Authorized Version Bible?
Is it Scriptural to celebrate Birthdays?
What is the mark of the Beast?
What happened to the Garden of Eden?
What is the difference between 'Reformed Theology' & 'Dispensationalism?'
Will the Antichrist be Roman or Jewish? (Scripture?)
How many tracts have YOU given out so far this month?
When was the last time you spoke to someone about the Saviour?

Prayer Requests...

Pat & Joy, my aunt & uncle who are both experiencing problems with their health; Betsy's daughter who needs a touch from the Lord; Mr Danson-Smith for continued strength as he serves the Lord; Raymond & his wife who are searching for the truth in NI; Donna with her continual problems of arthritis; the Gospel tape, that it really has an impact!

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Phil 4v6)



Hey Mr JW!

Jehovah Witnesses — Charles Taza: Rossell founded a bible study group in 1870
where he rejected such doctrines as the Trinity, the Deity of Christ. Christ's physical
resurrection & return & the reality of Hell. They take their name from Isu 434-10. If
Jehovah is the name that God would have us use today, why is it not found in the
entire New Testamen? While God's people are called by several names such as
konn of God', believers', Christians', they are NEVER once referred to as Lehoval's
Witnesses' If this is THE name God's peoples should be called, why is it NOT
mentioned once in the Scriptures especially the New Testament?

New GOSPEL cussettle tape for 2007!

Again, it is something I've wanted to do for a while now; produce a gospel cassette
that can be widely used in reaching the lost. It has a very stractive & eye catching
cover! It answers four of the deepest questions known to man. "What is the meaning
of life? Where did we come from? Where do we go when we die? What is the
purpose to it all? This tape is straight-down-the-line, as honest as you can get & ful
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And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

(Genesis 6v5) Nothing has changed!!!

Discipleship Group (DG)

The Lord really blessed our January to join us; one was LaToya's friend really well. The other person was could tell that Barney was 'blown times he kept saying 'WOW, that's explain that what he had just believers who, not only read & study BOOK says! No doubt those of you in information taken from the DG sermons! (If it's interesting IT'S OURS!)



DG! We had invited two other people Nikki, who was a lovely girl & fitted in none other than Barney himself! You away' by it all with the amount of incredible; I never knew that!' I tried to experienced was a group of Bible the Bible, but BELIEVE what THE Barney's church will see much of the filtering through into Barney's

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Prayer Requests!

Please pray for James (our nephew) who has Tinnitus; Mary Ainslie who is still recovering from her knee replacement & Dionne who would value your prayers at this time. Also, Eddie & Rose Geary who need a touch from the Lord; Evelyn from Hope Chapel who has had cancer return to her liver; Alex who is undergoing treatment at hospital & Helen his wife as they look after one another. Please also remember Heather, from Hope Chapel, who needs a healing touch from the Lord Jesus; Rhoda who continues to feel the loss of her husband Jack; Donna's dad who has been through a really rough patch with his Parkinson's disease & for her mum for continued strength.

Gospel tape 'LIFE!' opens doors!

Well over 200 have been sent out so far! One of the first letters we had back was so encouraging: an elder of a Gospel Hall in Devon asked if I would go & speak at the church twice this year, one occasion being their Harvest Festival! We have since written back and booked to go in May, along with the DG who will sing & give their testimonies etc.

We are really looking forward to this opportunity and pray that other doors shall open!

'T' - The guy at the Badminton Club

Recently I have had some good conversations regarding the Lord Jesus Christ & the meaning of life, with a guy at badminton called T. He has been very open & honest & we have discussed in some depth the Scriptures. He has had the 'LIFE' Gospel tape, a book on creation versus evolution & he also asked for an AV Bible, which we gave him! Please pray that he will seek the Lord with all his heart; it's not enough to know about the Lord! Rom

10v9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. One occasion when we met we stayed up until 1.15 am talking about the Lord & the Scriptures; T left asking how & what he should pray! He has already read the book of John & has now started the book of Romans!

The FEAR to speak!

One of the problems Christians face today is the fear to speak up i.e. standing against Muslims etc. 'speaking the TRUTH!' The laws being passed today are making it harder & harder to speak openly & voice even what the Scriptures say! Every Christian should be praying for the governments & leaders around the world that they shall get saved & make the right decisions! Recently LaToya & Nikki were taking a stand against Sodomy in class at their school; sadly most of their classmates were against what they were standing for.

Friday Club!

The Lord has really blessed us over recent weeks regarding our Friday night meetings. We get between 10-18 young folk each week. Some NEW folks have started coming also! Usually the DG members stay after 'club' for a time of fellowship etc. Nikki brought her guitar one week & sang us a number of Christian songs; her playing & voice were EXCELLENT!

One booklet turns into FORTY THOUSAND!

We received an amazing letter from India on 24th January 2007 "Your wonderful booklet "You Asked The Question!" is in my hands! I myself decided to translate this booklet into our own mother tongue 'TELUGU' & to publish forty (40) thousand copies. I will publish on good bonded paper for free distribution in our Andhra Pradesh state. I request you that I may kindly be permitted. Thank you very much. I will publish all the pictures in the book! Your prayers & prayerful co-operation is requested. I am pastor, evangelist & also private medical practitioner. Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ is my personal Saviour, my Lord & my King. We are feeding 20 orphan children & also 25 poor lepers. I will send the group photos for your information. I am doing the Lord's Holy Gospel service among the poor people. Please pray. We seek your deep prayers, your earnest prayers to win the dying souls for the Lord in these last & final days."

Now how about that for an encouraging letter! We were so blessed & so excited to receive Paul's letter. We sent him a copy of "You Asked The Question!" booklet on CD along with some other materials that will help out in the work he is doing.

Please pray that many souls shall be saved through this work.

What 'fruit' are YOU bearing?

The word `fruit' the NT incorporates many things. In the parable of the sower & in the parable of the wheat & the tares in Mat 13, the fruit is obviously souls being saved. In Rom 6v22, the fruit is the personal righteousness & holiness of a Christian. In Rom 15v28, the fruit is giving, in the context, giving to poor saints (Rom 15v26). In Gal 5v22 'the fruit of the Spirit', is various character traits which we should allow the Holy Spirit to bring forth in our lives. Finally, in Heb

13v15, you have 'the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name'. these are fruits that Christians should bear in their lives. pattern which Jesus set down in John 15 is 'fruit' (John 15v2), 'more fruit' (John 15v2), & 'much fruit' (John 15v5). Every Christian should strive to bear as much fruit as he possibly He is to allow the Lord to remove those things which hinder his fruit-bearing. What fruit are YOU bearing? (Taken from Dr Ruckman's book on Romans)

WHEN ARE YOU SAVED?

You are saved the moment you quit trusting your own righteousness to get you to Heaven, & start trusting the righteousness of JESUS CHRIST!

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor 5v21)

Reading Evening!

Eleven of us turned up at our monthly Bible Reading Evening to sit, read & discuss the Scriptures in some depth. We started at 6.00 pm & had something to eat together; then we commenced the meeting at 6.45 pm & finished at 10.00 pm. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time & we all profited from it. There is nothing better to me than sitting down & reading the Scriptures & then discussing them.

Tracting then Church!

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Donna, LaToya & I went tracting one Sunday evening recently in Upton-on-Severn. Afterwards we popped into the Baptist Church for the evening meeting. It was a beautiful place & the facilities were excellent. We were told the church is usually full in the mornings (seating about 100 approx), but the evening we went, there were only 13 people present. The service was led by a Welshman, who read from the NIV! To top it off, the message was weaker than 'Donna's gravy', & my guess was that he doesn't fully understand the importance of preaching on sin, judgement & Hell! It was yet again, a nice little social service for nice little social people – it wasn't the place for Bible Believers!

Another Christian has NO Final Authority!

Recently I have come across a guy called Malcolm Bowden. He was 'recommended' to me & has authored books such as 'The Rise of the Evolution Fraud' & 'Ape-Men - Fact or Fallacy?' He is obviously a clever man & well read I dare say, but like so many Christians today he has fallen into the trap of NOT having a Final Authority! Bowden does NOT trust ONE book 100% 'without error!' I spoke with him on the phone the other day & the subject of 'Bible versions' came up. I asked what Bible he used & he told me that he used the NKJV, KJV & NIV! I asked him which one was the right one as they all differ & disagree with each other? He told me to read them all & then I would have to sort it out myself!!! I couldn't believe what I was hearing! I asked him what the main thrust of his ministry was i.e. was it the errors of evolution? He said that he had completed that & now his main thrust was; NOW GET THIS..., 'Biblical counselling; but which Bible?' I nearly fell off my chair! I went on to ask him the following question... If God wrote a book & promised to preserve it, where is it today? He said "In the originals!" I said "What good is that to me? Why would God give His word perfect in the beginning but allow errors in it TODAY?" He said "Let me ask you a question...Did you know that Erasmus changed the Greek Text 2 or 3 times?" I said "You are evading the question!" He said "I evade nothing!" Unfortunately Mr Bowden would not answer any other questions I put forward & wanted to get off the phone as quickly as he could. He told me that he had researched the subject & people had sent him lots of books including Gail Riplinger's etc. & he was happy with his research! I think this man is a little too arrogant for his own good & he will NOT listen or discuss the issue in a rational manner. He kept asking me to look at his web-site! He is sending me some of his material, which I have requested; I have sent him a copy of this newsletter! So Mr Bowden, I would like to know YOUR answers to the following questions...

- 1) Did God write a Book?
- 2) Did He promise to preserve His words?
- 3) If so where are they?
- 4) If you say 'In the original manuscripts, how do you KNOW having NEVER seen them?'
- 5) What Book can we trust today seeing as all versions differ from each other in places & even contradict one another?
- 6) Are you saying that we CANNOT trust a single Book today as God's word, PERFECT?
- 7) If God's word is in ALL or some versions, how do I know what is right & what is wrong?
- 8) How does Malcolm Bowden decide what is right in the Scriptures & what is WRONG?
- 9) What is Malcolm Bowden's 'final authority?' I'll answer that one for you...

Malcolm Bowden does NOT have a Final Authority, because Malcolm Bowden has been deceived like so many Christians these days in thinking that God CANNOT preserve His word PERFECT... but He can create EVERYTHING from NOTHING of course, right Malcolm!

(Watch out for a man who does NOT have a **Final Authority**!)

FREE CD's!

Brother James Knox from the USA has recently sent us his latest CD. It is Scripture put to music! It is very professionally produced & if you would like a FREE copy please drop us a line requesting one. (NO Barney you can't have them ALL!)

Doctor's & Hospital again for Donna!

Arthritis is certainly having a go at Donna again of late. There have been times where because of the pain she has not been able to sleep; so we went to the doctor's & he gave her another steroid injection. Then her appointment with the Specialist came round & both the specialist & doctor want to put her on a cancer drug, which is more aggressive than the one she is already on! As stated before in previous newsletters, I have very little faith in the medical 'industry' & we just pray that the Lord will guide us into what is right & what to do. Please continue to pray for Donna; she hardly ever complains & is such an inspiration to me & many others I know.

Thanks for the 'Good News!'

I would like to thank Donald from the Good News Fellowship for all the encouraging notes you send! Thanks for standing with us!

THE IMPRINT OF THE GODHEAD IN THE UNIVERSE!

The significance of 'THREE'...

	FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT
Man	Soul	Body	Spirit
	Childhood	Manhood	Maturity
Family	Man	Woman	Child
Reality	Space	Matter	Time
Space	Length	Width	Depth
Time	Past	Present	Future
Matter	Liquid	Solid	Gas
Kingdoms	Animal	Vegetable	Mineral
Continents	Asia	Europe	Africa
The Americas	North	Central	South
Education	Lower	Middle	High
Location	Land	Sea	Air
Astronomy	Sun	Moon	Stars
Height	Тор	Middle	Bottom
Music	Harmony	Rhythm	Melody
Musical Note	Pitch	Volume	Duration
Offices	Bishops	Elders	Deacons
Races	Japheth	Ham	Shem
Bible Languages	Hebrew	Syriac (Aramaic)	Greek
Bible Writers	Fathers	Prophets	Apostles
Old Testament	Law	Prophets	Writings (Psalms)
New Testament	Gospels	Acts	Epistles
Conditions	Hell	Earth	Heaven
Mt. of Transfiguration	Peter	James	John
Electricity	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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'What is the meaning of Life?' NOW on CD!

If you would like a FREE copy of my talk 'What is the meaning of Life?' ON CD, please drop us a line & we shall send you one. Please feel free to copy & distribute this CD EVERYWHERE! We have asked a company in London to give us a quote to produce 1000 of these CD's to give away. We shall target service stations i.e. leave them under car windscreen wipers so that the owners can play them on their journey. We have also bought the 'Farmers Weekly' magazine & shall target some agricultural addresses, as people in this line of work very often cannot get off their farms to go to church. Please pray for this work that many shall listen to this Gospel message & get SAVED! The CD costs us 38p (pence) each to buy plus the printed insert & postage (23p), therefore we are charging **60p per CD** after the first FREE one. As I previously stated, you are most welcome to copy it as much as you like to distribute.

Police 'Again!!!'

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I received the following letter on the 20th February... 'Dear Sir, I received in the post last Saturday a second lot of unsolicited religious material. North Walsham Police have advised me to inform you that under the Data Protection Act you must advise me within 7 days who you have sold my name & address to, & to kindly desist from sending any further material, otherwise I have no alternative but to pursue this matter further.' The letter came from a lady in Norfolk! I don't know how she received our literature but we do pray she will get saved through it!

Lady in Redditch SAVED?

The lady writes... 'Thank you so much! Since I read this booklet my life is changed. I am afraid, because I am a sinner & I want to go to Heaven; I don't want to go to Hell. I want God to forgive me of all my sins; I want to be saved & be a good Christian. I accept the word of God in my life & I believe in Jesus' name. Please remember me in your prayers. (Please, am not English, so I hope you understand what I am trying to say.)'

What an encouragement this letter was to us! Please pray for 'J'.

Can You Help?

I'm looking for a 'paperback' (note 'paperback' NOT hardback!) **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance!** If you have a spare one or if you can purchase one please forward it on to me with the invoice; I'll send payment as soon as I receive it. Thank you for your help. (The book number is ISBN 0-8010-8108-4)

More encouragement!

We came home recently to find an order from a man in Dorset for 6000 (six thousand!) 'It's Your Choice!' booklets! What a great encouragement this was to us. Donna had only mentioned a few days earlier that we hadn't had many orders over the last few weeks. Also, another

order came in from Vera in Trinidad & Tobago for 260 'It's Your Choice!' booklets. The Lord has really encouraged us of late with the distribution of our Christian material. Thank you to all of you who pray for this work. Please pray that souls shall be saved as this literature is given out.

Up-date on quote for our 'LIFE' CD duplicated!

I looked up in the UK 'Christian' Handbook 2007/2008 for companies that specialise in this field. It's amazing how the quotes varied! The cheapest we could get them for was 38p per CD – total cost £380. We have now ordered them; so if you would like some to distribute please fill in the enclosed order form. One 'Christian' company wanted to charge us 87p per CD! I think many 'Christian' businesses have forgotten about 'ministry' & reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel: they are too wrapped up in making money!

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Tim 6v10

Note: NEW 'order form' enclosed!

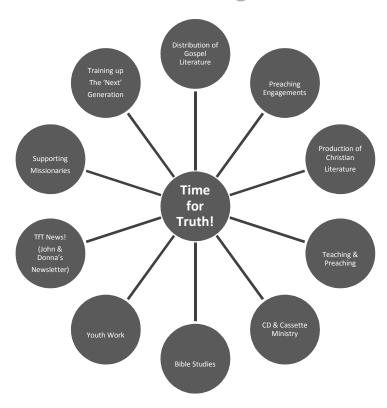
Laminated Gospel Text Cards!

Betsy Parker, a friend of ours for some years now, produces some lovely laminated Gospel text cards which are excellent quality. If you would like to receive some please let me know & I'll forward them on to you. She asks no charge for them but I know how expensive sending out literature is so I think it would be good & right to help Betsy out with *at least* the cost of carriage. It would be good if some of you would like to write & encourage this lady in her work down in Dorchester. Please write requesting Betsy's address.

Victory over sin!

In the heart of each Christian there is a throne & a cross. When you are on the throne, Christ is on the cross. When you are on the cross, Christ is on the throne! The closer you get to God the FURTHER you get from sin! If you do what God wants, you DON'T sin!

Some of the work the Lord has given Donna & I to do...



What work has the Lord given you?

Friday Night 'Boxing!'

Over the last few weeks at our Friday Youth meeting, a man has been joining us who is in his thirties. He started off by listening & keeping quiet, but over the last couple of weeks he has started to 'challenge' what I'm teaching (which is fine), & what the Bible SAYS (which is NOT fine!) He doesn't believe you go straight to Heaven when you die; he doesn't believe that Jesus went to Hell; he doesn't believe that Abraham's Bosom is Paradise etc. etc. Now the guy is quite arrogant & argumentative & VERY stubborn! As there are young people present & can be easily influenced, I thought it was about time that 'Mr Stubborn' was put in his place! So last week I arose to the challenge, shall we say, & entered the 'boxing ring!' After 12 rounds & 12 KNOCKOUTS i.e. one 'knockout' each round!!! 'Mr Arrogant / Mr Stubborn' had realised it was NOT his

night! Now I will sit down & reason / discuss the Scriptures with anyone in a civilised manner, but when jumped-up, arrogant 'know-alls' keep arguing & debating, just for the sake of it; in other words, they are just trying to gain something over you, I rise to the challenge & bring out the CANNONS! My friend Dr Ruckman is often accused of being too abrasive at times, but I tell you this, the person on the end of his 'caning' DESERVES what they get! If you change the Bible to suit yourself you DESERVE all that you get & I do NOT feel sorry for you at all. Either believe THE BOOK & 'submit' to it or 'run & hide', because when that SWORD is unsheathed & let loose, you better keep your pretty little head DOWN!!! Not all the 'clowns' are in the circus as we found out with the guy that turned up!

Wherewill your neighbour spendlaterning?

March Discipleship Group (DG)

We started at 5.00pm & finished at 9.30pm. We covered a lot of ground, including a short study on Romans 6 & three quarters of an hour on 'Who is The Angel of The Lord?' We had our

usual 'role-play & under called 'Take Your Stand!' This is part on the street giving out people approach him i.e. a teenager, a sweet old lady who her to Heaven, a witch, bereavement etc. Mary took good training for all of us as we

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pressure' PLUS a new section where a Christian 'acts out' the literature & 6 different types of 'time waster', a troublesome believes in 'good-works' to get someone who has had a her 'stana' & did very well! This is shall, Lord willing, be going to

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the Malvern Show & put up a Gospel literature stand & distribute free tracts & booklets etc. The DG's 'book of the month' during March is Exodus, & the DG homework is...

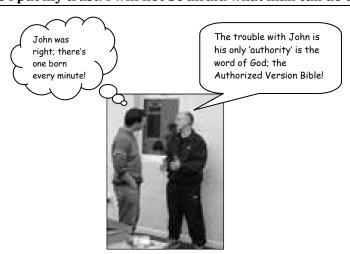
- A study on the Holy Spirit (ONLY from the Scriptures!)
- Write an article on...The person I'd like to meet most...other than the Lord!
- Write an article on...The Christian life should be...

It was a great night around the word of God. We also had time for some fun & games; The DG agree, you can't beat this meeting for learning & enjoyment.

Responses!

You can guarantee when you are doing the Lord's work, & He is blessing what you are doing, that there will be 'retaliation' from the enemy! Of late, we have had some very abusive, nasty & hateful messages left on our answer phone. It always shakes you up a little to start with, but we know that the Lord Jesus Christ takes care of us & leads us through every step of this life. We have just finished a Bible study on Psalm 56 in our Bible Class on Sundays. One of the verses we looked at was...Ps 56v11...

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.



Barney in discussion with Chris one of our Team Leaders!

LIFE or DEATH?

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. It is interesting to note that LIFE occurs 409 times in the Bible & DEATH occurs 342. JESUS occurs 942 times while the Devil occurs 57 times!

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (Revelation 2v1-4) Have you left your first love?

If only we were content!

With the TV & Radio, plus all the other media sources, being content in a world that keeps telling us 'we need this & we need that', is hard! But what does Scripture tell us? Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. Phil 4v11+12 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. Prov 30v8+9 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb 13v5 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let **us be therewith content.** 1Tim 6v6-8. Most Christians today have too much; they spend their time on 'things' rather than doing the will of God. The more you have the more you've got to worry about! The more you have in material wealth & worldly possessions, the more time you spend on the upkeep of them. I remember one Christian said to me once that he didn't like Christians having their own caravan as it encouraged them to get away & spend more time on holidays rather than in the church; I knew what he meant! Now don't get me wrong, I'm NOT saying Christians shouldn't have caravans, but I think we ALL need to keep ourselves in check as to what we HAVE or OWN, what we NEED & what TIME we spend 'doing' the things that WE want to do rather than what the Lord wants us to do. We would not worry half as much in life if we would just be content with what the Lord has given us & seek HIS will above all else. We are too rich here in England. Most of us have never experienced poverty or starvation, & yet most of us do not use the 'wealth' we have FOR THE LORD! Everything you have & 'own' has been given to you by the Lord...Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1v17.

How many tracts have you given out this month?

What are you GIVING BACK to the Lord?
What are you really 'doing' for the Lord with your life?
Why not start something NEW for Him TODAY?
It really is later than we think!

spent on getting the GOSPEL out to lost

sinners?

The difference between the 'Rapture' & the 'Revelation'

In 1 Cor 15v51+52, it is in a moment, the twinkling of an eye; it is a mystery, it is NOT 'cometh with clouds & every eye shall see Him' - Rev 1v7. These TWO Comings are different. When Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He appeared ONLY to 'saved' people. Not one 'unsaved' person ever saw His birth or His resurrection! The first time Jesus Christ came He appeared privately, secretly, alone at night to His chosen 'disciples', in a manger: He appeared to the shepherds, His mother & Joseph. The SECOND time He comes (i.e. the Rapture) He will appear privately, in a mystery, in the twinkling of an eye, & catch away SAVED people only! The first time He came, He appeared 'publicly' THIRTY years AFTER His birth, at the ministry of John the Baptist, to His enemies; at the SECOND Coming He will appear publicly, openly to His enemies, SEVEN years AFTER the Rapture, SEVEN years AFTER His private appearance! The Rapture & the Second Coming i.e. the Revelation are NOT the same! The next great event the Christian should be looking for is the Return of Jesus Christ at the Rapture! Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ - Titus 2v13 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1Th 4v14-18

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To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. (Jer 6v10)

Do YOU have delight in the word of God? How much time do YOU spend IN the word of God?

And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

(Jer 23v36) Modern Bible 'Per-versions!!!'

Bible to Peers!

During May, Donna & I sent a Bible plus some Christian literature (It's Your Choice! etc.) to 18 Peers in the House of Lords! Please pray that they shall read the material & cry out to God for Salvation! We also wrote out some specific Bible texts on an A4 sheet & enclosed it in the padded envelope! The Scriptures we wrote out were... 2 Cor 5v21, Psalm 33v12, Psalm 144v15, John 3v16, Psalm 9v17 & John 14v6. The Peers we wrote to were as follows...*Please pray for them*

Lord Ashley Lord Biffen Lady Boothroyd Lord Bishop Lord Hodgson Lady Howe **Lord Jordan** Lord Kingsland Lady Knight **Lord Methuen Lord Morris Lord Plumb Lady Seccombe** Lord Shrewsbury & Waterford **Lord Taylor** Lord Willoughby de Broke Lord Walker **Lord Tombs**

(Lady Seccombe has already replied by sending her Bible back (but kept the other literature) with the following note...Dear Mr Davis, Thank you for your Bible. Actually, I have Bibles at home & so feel someone's need is greater than mine.)

What are we living for?

Every day we wake up & go about our daily business. We are all very busy I'm sure; but how much of each day do we really spend in fellowship with the Lord Jesus? How much of the day do we spend getting to know Him? I wonder what is more important to us, our family, job or 'career' or our relationship with Jesus Christ?

Philosopher's Corner...

- ➤ Socialism You have two cows & give one to your neighbour!
- Communism You have two cows; the government takes both & gives you the milk!
- Fascism You have two cows; the government takes both & sells you the milk!
- ➤ Nazism You have two cows; the government takes both & shoots you!
- ➤ Bureaucratism You have two cows; the government takes both, shoots one, milks the other & throws the milk away!
- ➤ Capitalism You have two cows; you sell one & buy a bull!

Millionaire Gets the GOSPEL!

Donna & I, on business, went to visit a 'self-made' millionaire recently. He is a great guy & quite a character. He had heard that I was 'religious' through my previous boss, & apologized for swearing in front of me the last time we met. Well to cut a long story short, Donna & I, once we got through 'the business', gave him our two booklets 'It's Your Choice!' & "You Asked The Question!" He gladly took them & opened up quite a lot. He told us that he found church quite boring the times he had gone, but did admit that even though he wants for nothing there was still a 'hole' in his life, an emptiness he just couldn't fill. Now that was quite amazing, as we had not preempted the conversation at all; he was just speaking openly & honestly! This proves again that wealth & prosperity are NOT the answers to man's search for the 'meaning of life!' For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8v36

Give us a smile!

- This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot!
- Barney should go far; & the sooner he starts, the better!
- If brains were taxed, he would get a rebate!
- In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, & said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife!"
- Barney got all excited last week when he read the words 'Stop, Drop & Roll' in a church magazine; he thought it was advertising a new book on the Holy Spirit! When he finished the article he realized it was advertising 'fire safety signs!!!' Poor of Barney!
- Signs that you are a Pentecostal/Charismatic Your closet is divided into two sections; clothes that are appropriate for 'falling' & those that are not!

Thank You for 'Strong's!'

I would like to thank Dave Messer from Brierley Hill for giving me his copy of 'Strong's Concordance' in paperback. It was exactly what I was looking for! Thank you for your kindness Dave! Perhaps you could teach Barney about giving 'FREELY?'

The Christian Institute (CI)

Do something by supporting this Christian organization (CI)! I suggest every Christian on our mailing list writes & asks the CI to be added to their FREE mailing list. Once you receive their literature you will know some of the things that are going on behind the scenes regarding the government & what they are trying to do in regard to Christian freedom etc! Write to them TODAY!

'Little' Sarah's Testimony!

Sarah came up into the Bible Class & Friday Club over two years ago. She was quite a handful I was told regarding her behaviour! When I first met her I laid down the rules & told her I would ban her if she played me up! She had a ban (always carry out your threat!) & also had a couple of close 'misses!' But she learned quickly & started showing an interest in the Scriptures. People would tell me that they couldn't believe the change they saw in her. I'll let this little 'EX-trouble-maker' tell her story... 'At the age of 13, on Tuesday 4th April, I became a Christian. My life was changed for good! I enjoy being a Christian, & yes it is hard at times but I'm having a good go! I love it when I see other people come to know the Lord in depth. My life before wasn't as bad as some people's, but I did smoke for 8 months at the age of 12. & was quite rebellious. I also had a disgusting mouth & each sentence had swear words in it. I am now ashamed to think of what I was like! I started going to church about 10 years ago. My leaders today are John & Donna Davis. They help non-believers find a new road to be on, & with other Christians, they inspire us to be more enthusiastic about our Christian life. I now have some amazing friends & they have helped me a lot with my life. I love giving out tracts & showing people how good life can be! I am now 14 years old & living the right way for God & I am trying to help others change & become Christians. Thank you for reading my testimony. I hope you are trying to change peoples lives for the better too. God bless you. Sarah.' Now how about that? It makes all the hard times worth it doesn't it! To think of all the times you have tried to bring people to Christ & they seem to come so far but just stop short! Here is one young girl who stepped over the line & gave her life to Jesus Christ. I cannot tell you what an encouragement Sarah is to us, especially the DG members. In fact she has progressed so far that we have invited her onto the DG. She came to her first one during the month of April, & has also had her parents permission to come with us on the DG holiday in August. Please pray for Sarah that she shall be a good witness at school & everywhere she goes.

LIFE CD's are getting out there!

We often try to leave a 'LIFE' CD under the windscreen wiper on a car where possible! Please pray that the owners will listen to it & hear the Gospel message as they drive!

THE 'DISCIPLESHIP GROUP' TEAM









April Discipleship Group!

Both 'little' Sarah & 'big' (tall!) DG! It was another great time visitors enjoyed themselves & we occurrence! Both Sarah's are August! (1217 tracts were given



Sarah joined us for our monthly around God's word. Both new hope they shall make it a regular joining us on the DG holiday in out in March by the DG members!)

May Discipleship Group!

Both Sarah's came again to the DG. our studies & found it very the 'Role Play', 'Under Pressure' & someone stands at the front passing others pass by acting the role of interested, someone argumentative month of April the DG gave out Please continue to pray for this members. We are all looking forward



We looked at Romans 8 in one of profitable. We also continued with 'Take Your Stand' – which is where out Christian literature while the 'cults', or a millionaire, someone not etc. It is good training! During the nearly 1500 tracts in their locality. literature distribution & for the DG

members. We are all looking forward to the meeting we shall be taking in Barnstaple.

Urgent Prayer!

Please pray earnestly for the following people...

- > Juan Marcano (Efrain Mojica's son) who has been shot, (in the USA). Pray too for Efrain's wife to be saved!
- Please continue to pray for Heather at Hope Chapel who desperately needs a healing touch from the Lord.

The ERRORS of Islam; the ERRORS in the Koran/Quran!

According to the Quran itself, who wrote it?

Muslims believe that the Quran, their sacred book, came down from Heaven & was given to Mohammed as a book or sheets in stages! The book itself claims in many verses that it was actually 'sent down' from Allah (Surah 3:3, Surah 4:105, Surah 4:113, Surah 31:21, Surah 42:17, Surah 76:23). BUT if we are to take the Quran itself to determine its authorship from its claims, we cannot come out with a definite answer. For example...

- Surah 26:192-194 & Surah 16:102 say Mohammed received the Quran from 'the Holy Spirit'
- ➤ BUT, in Surah 53:2-18 & Surah 81:19-24, we read that it was the 'one Mighty in Power' himself that personally delivered the inspiration to Mohammed, & that Mohammed saw him!
- ➤ BUT, elsewhere we read again that it was the angel Gabriel who brought the Quran down to Mohammed's heart by Allah's will (Surah 2:97)
- BUT, in Surah 15:8, we are made to know that it wasn't really Allah himself or Gabriel or the Holy Spirit, but actually 'angels' (plural)!

Now if I were a Muslim reading all this 'stuff' in the Quran I'd be CONFUSED! If you can't get the 'foundation' right how can you 'build' a religion on a book with ERRORS in it???

Please note that Evelyn went to be with her Saviour on 6^{th} May 2007. It is a very sad time for the ones who are left but Evelyn is now in Heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ – NOTHING is better than that!

Distribution of Literature!

Chris & Mary recently distributed 300 'It's Your Choice!' booklets in Learnington Spa & another 100 in Birmingham. Last week we were encouraged with two orders each requesting 200 'It's Your Choice!' LaToya, Sheleen & Dionne also went out tracting together & delivered over 300 'Who Cares?' tracts. Please continue to pray that souls shall be saved as the literature goes out!

Pentecostal & Charismatic 'prophets!!!'

After reading the following verses I couldn't help associating them with some of the 'clowns' in the Pentecostal & Charismatic circus!... Eze 13:1-8 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. To think of all the people I have heard say 'Thus saith the Lord!', 'The Lord told me!', 'The Lord SHOWED me a vision!' etc. Those verses in Ezekiel are very powerful & hard hitting! READ THEM you Pentecostal / Charismatic 'apostles & prophets!!!' Rev 2v2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: Deut 18v19-22 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him. How plain can you get? Remember, 'SIGN-gifts' have ceased! Do you know the difference in the gifts the Lord gives?

'Pope' abolishes state of 'limbo!' - How nice of him!

The 800-year-old concept of limbo, in which un-baptized babies who die are said to be stuck between Heaven & Hell, has been abolished by the Pope: so it read in the 'Metro' newspaper! So just because the Pope says it no longer exists IT NO LONGER EXISTS – how nice! The fact that Scripture mentions nothing of 'Limbo' or Purgatory is another story! When will Roman Catholics ever check the Scriptures to see if their 'leaders' are telling them the truth: & what about you CHRISTIANS; do you check the Scriptures YOURSELF to see if the man in the pulpit is preaching the truth? Many a liar & deceiver has entered the pulpit – remember that! (Acts 17v11)

Mail-shot to Farmers!

We have now started sending our 'It's Your Choice!' booklet plus the 'LIFE' CD to farmers around our local area. If you look in the Yellow Pages you will find hundreds of farmers listed! Farmers work seven days a week & often times cannot leave their farms to go to church – so how will they hear the Gospel? Why not start a mail-shot to the farmers in your own locality?

NEW Venture!

Please pray for Donna & I as we seek our next 'venture/work' for the Lord! Already we have had confirmed a NEW booklet 'title', which we hope to be starting soon! In fact it was quite amazing how the title came to us: I was driving & said to Donna I'm thinking about writing another booklet. She said that she had been thinking of a title for a new booklet only a few days before. When she told me the title she was thinking of I couldn't believe it; I too was thinking of exactly the same!!! Now that was quite amazing, seeing as Donna could have chosen ANYTHING!

The 'motives' for altering the Authorized Version text are...

- > The love of honour!
- ➤ The fear of man!
- ➤ The praise of man!
- Self-righteous pride!
- Intellectual egotism!
- > Resentment of authority!
- Pro-Roman Catholic tendencies!

Which 'one' is your excuse for changing the Authorized Version Text?

Barney's Tennis Triumph!

It was one set all as Barney & I entered the third set (usually we play four sets but Barney was 'winning' therefore he said we are only playing three!), he was playing well, & bless his little cotton socks, he went on to win the match two sets to my one! Now as soon as he won he gave a momentous 'yippee' which lasted around three minutes; & why not, seeing he hasn't won a match for **three years**, he was entitled to his moment of glory! I felt very happy for him & wished him all the best for the future! Well done Barney, we are all proud of you! I must state here & now, IN WRITING, that IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN BEFORE THE RAPTURE! Sorry Barney!

On Sat 12th May I regained my title! Poor ol Barney!

Friday Club is

It has been very encouraging of late as we have seen the numbers of those coming to Friday Club rise to around 20 each week! We usually have an hour of games / sports & then an hour of Bible study. We are also trying to get the more mature Christians actively involved in taking some of these Bible studies. Every study we have is solely based upon the AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE! These youngsters have NO problem understanding THE BOOK, so how come many 'adults' in churches use the excuse that the AV is just too 'out-of-date' & can't be understood as much as the NIV (or any other PER-version!). Perhaps we should send our youth group to explain / expound the Scriptures!!!

Failure to Stand!

Too many leaders/preachers/teachers etc. FAIL to stand upon the word of God. They would rather please their 'followers' & 'members' rather than upset them by standing upon the Scriptures. Many pastors & leaders I know will compromise the Scriptures for an easy life. If the Lord has called you into ministry He has called YOU to STAND upon the word of God as your Final Authority! If people hate you for it, if people reject you for it, & if people say all manner of things against you because of your stand – IT DOES NOT MATTER! I know of very few Christian men in leadership who put TRUTH FIRST! You & I shall be judged for what we did with the responsibilities & resources the Lord gave to us. Pleasing men & women has NOTHING to do with anything! Standing upon God's word, His Truth, is EVERYTHING! Many Pastors try to work things out in their churches by opinions & ideas rather than using the Sword of the Spirit. Many a Pastor has left the ministry because he couldn't take 'the people' & the problems any more! Stand upon that BOOK no matter what the cost! Keep taking EVERYTHING back to that BOOK & make sure that you are living in the Scriptures daily, so when it comes to making decisions & sorting out problems, God will lead & guide you through His word! The answer is THE BOOK! Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.



- ➤ AV Info It was encouraging to get a letter requesting info on the AV, which we sent out immediately! Like we have said so many times now, the AV is GOD'S BOOK & it is THE BOOK that HE wants us to read & study; anything else is inferior!
- ➤ Who Cares? Someone on our mailing list has just ordered 3000 'Who Cares!' tracts to distribute!
- → 'T' is still coming to the Friday Club when he can, & is enjoying it. He is reading the
 Bible every day & hopes to complete all of it. Pray he gets saved before it's too late!
- > Thank you for those of you who have sent Donna details regarding arthritis!
- ➤ New Life Newspaper The AOG put out a newspaper called 'NEW LIFE.' It is very weak & poor. The testimonies are often to do with 'healing' & all of the other 'stuff' you would expect from the Pentecostals. Anything but the TRUTH i.e. 'Tell it like it is!' Not much talk about SIN, Judgment, Hell or the Wrath of God! Just nice little stories for nice little social people! In issue 158 (April 2007) they even had the 'Alpha course' in a pub where the beer & wine were flowing! The overtone of the paper is 'health, wealth & prosperity' how far the Pentecostals are from the TRUTH of God's word!
- ➤ Bishop rejects 'anti-gay' claims A gay man was turned down from a job with the Church of England but ONLY because he was NOT 'married' to his lover, a bishop said. The 41 year old has claimed unlawful discrimination after he was refused the role of youth worker! (This clipping came from the Metro News but I can't be bothered to 'report' on it any further as it is just SICK man! This country of ours is SHOT-THROUGH morally!)
- > YOU ARE being watched! Britain has 4.2 million CCTV cameras, with 300,000 NEW ones fitted every year! The average person in the 'city' will be recorded over 300 times a day! There are 6000 speed cameras covering British roads, including 2,500 mobile speed cameras! More than 27 million store cards are circulating in the UK. These cards hold details of all a shopper purchases, available to companies, & the police, should they want to seize them! 'Google' stores ISP's & key-words from 10 billion search requests made each month & can hold the details indefinitely! You are being monitored on the Internet with every site you visit! Every time you use your mobile the call is logged & a pinpoint location of where you are can be recorded. Switch on Sky TV & your Sky box logs what you are watching!
- A lady wrote to us after receiving a copy of the 'LIFE' cassette asking for extra copies to pass on to her family members!
- Have you ever wondered what Jesus wrote on the ground in John 8v6? It was probably the verse from Deut 22v22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel. Where was the MAN? The scribes & Pharisees were breaking the Law by NOT bringing the MAN also! That is why they ALL left; they were convicted because of THAT verse in Deut 22v22. When Jesus was tempted by the Devil what did He do? IT IS WRITTEN... He used the sword of the word of God!
- ➤ Note from Loughborough Sheleen (one of our DG members) is constantly giving out tracts & posting them through doors around the university. Recently we received a letter from a lady who had received one of the tracts Sheleen had distributed stating that it was greatly appreciated!
- ➤ Keith Green CD's Chris has managed to get hold of a few Keith Green CD's for under £3.00 each. If you would like one please write & let me know. The CD is called Keith Green 'The Early Years'. For me, his music is the most powerful & challenging Christian music I've ever heard. You cannot listen to it without feeling convicted & getting up & doing more for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Don't forget to write soon!

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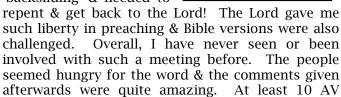
WE 'landed' on Wednesday 30th May at approximately one o'clock. We were greeted by Eric Milton on his 'quad-bike!' (Just to point out that he is 77 years old – *quite a guy, I tell you!*) The first hour was spent setting up the literature table & running through the songs once more. We then followed Eric back to his house & were introduced to some of his lovely family (who had spent most of the morning I'm sure, preparing food for us!) We ate like 'kings' & slept like babies – all was just perfect. At five o'clock we

walked to the church & spent the next couple of hours running through the busy schedule i.e. songs, testimonies, readings etc. At seven o'clock folks started arriving;

& by 7.30 pm, the start of the meeting, around 65 people had taken their seats. The audio recording was very professionally set up by Alan & the video recording was done by a nice guy from the Prophetic Witness. We were introduced & the meeting was then handed over to us. The Lord Jesus Christ blessed us SO MUCH! The singing was excellent by the girls & Chris, & the testimonies were a sincere challenge to us all. The Lord really helped me deliver a straight down the line Gospel message – many



were challenged including a couple of Christians who spoke to me & said that they were 'backsliding' & needed to



Bibles were taken, many tracts, booklets & cassettes were also given away. Many

folks after the meeting 'signed-up' to go on our 'TfT News!' mailing list. Already they have started asking for copies of the video/DVD to hand out to friends & family. Whatever good came out of that meeting & shall CONTINUE to come out of it, is 100% OF THE LORD! He moved in a way that night, which I have personally never seen or experienced before. Eric & Phyllis, & all the other folks who were involved with 'feeding, watering & housing' the DG were SO KIND & hospitable & the 'church'



was very welcoming & friendly; again, more than I have ever experienced before. The sermon was targeted mainly at lost sinners in need of the Saviour, but emphasis was also made to Christians & what commitment we give to the Lord in our daily lives. After the service, most of the congregation stayed for refreshments, & I mean 'REFRESHMENTS'; not your average stale 'limp' biscuit, but sandwiches, quiche, cakes etc. The DG took it in turns to stand at the literature tables answering any questions & providing literature to enquirers who came. Some folks came up after the service checking whether they had the 'right' Bible or not & if not could they have an AV!

It could only happen to Connor!!!

One 'unmy' story to finish with... On the way home we decided to stop for a break at Burnham-on-Sea for an hour. After walking through the small town we headed for a cup of tea at a sea-side cafe. As we were walking past a tall building, Chris & I being in the lead, I stopped to do my shoe-lace up, therefore preventing the girls who were behind, from passing. Chris continued, & now wished he hadrit 4 sea-gall almost & fired, & with a well calculated direct hit (& I mean DIRECT!!!) Chris turned to all of us, covered head to toe (or a least HEADI) & said 'That's NOT finney! 'We tried to explain that he was right & it wasn't funny it was 'IffystreRICA!' but he just couldn't get it. Donna & Mary walked him to Somerfield & bought him some shampoo & then we didn't see him for 15 minutes after he'd entered the gent's toilet! At one stage we thought LaToya would need oxygen as she couldn't breathe from Bushing so much! This is the third time this year that a bird has left an 'impression' ON Chris! (Seeing he got a 'first 'in Psychology I suppose he is trying to figure it all out!) I did say to Chris that I wouldn't mention it or let anyone see the photo of him after his 37th hair-wash, so please don't show him this newsletter!

Sturday Tracting!

Chris. Mary, LaToya, Dionne, Donna & I spent a couple of hours in Tenbury Wells on Sa



It's still NOT funny!

The following table makes an amazing study if you look up each reference, & ponder on what you are reading, comparing the mind with the heart! Heart occurs **767** times in the Scriptures; Mind occurs **92** times in the Scriptures! (Below are only some of the NT references!)

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Heart	Mind					
(99 ref. in NT)	(54 ref. in NT)					
Pure in heart – Mat 5v8 / 2 Tim 2v22	Right mind – Mark 5v15					
Adultery in the heart – Mat 5v28	Doubtful mind – Luke 12v29					
What you love – Mat 6v21	Ready mind – Acts 17v11					
A lowly heart – Mat 11v29	Humble mind – Acts 20v19					
Speech determined by your heart – Mat 12v34	Reprobate mind – Rom 1v28					
Understand with your heart – Mat 13v15	Law of the mind – Rom 7v23					
Cold, shallow & distant heart – Mat 15v8	Carnal mind – Rom 8v7					
Defiled heart – Mat 15v18	Renewing of your mind – Rom 12v2					
What is IN the heart? – Mat 15v19	Same mind (united) – Rom 12v16 / 1 Cor 1v10					
How much do you love? – Mat 22v37	Fervent mind – 2 Cor 7v7					
A hard heart – Mark 6v52	Willing mind – 2 Cor 8v12					
An honest & good heart – Luke 8v15	Forwardness / zealous mind – 2 Cor 9v2					
'Thoughts' of the heart – Luke 9v47	Spirit of your mind – Eph 4v23					
A peaceful or troubled heart? – John 14v1	Lowly mind – Phil 2v3					
A rejoicing heart – John 16v22	Earthly mind – Phil 3v19					
Convicted (pricked) heart! – Acts 2v37	Fleshly mind – Col 2v18					
Singleness (united) of heart – Acts 2v46	Humble mind – Col 3v12					
Cut to the heart – Acts 5v33	Sound mind – 2 Tim 1v7					
Compassionate / caring heart – Acts 7v23	Defiled mind – Titus 1v15					
A heart not right! – Acts 8v21	God's law in the mind – Heb 8v10					
A believing heart – Acts 8v37 / Rom 10v9&10	Loins of your mind – 1 Pet 1v13					
God's heart – Acts 13v22	Ready mind – 1 Pet 5v2					
Breaking heart – Acts 21v13	Wise mind – Rev 17v9					
Hard & impenitent heart – Rom 2v5	Λ ,					
Obedient heart – Rom 6v17						
Sorrowful / sad heart – Rom 9v2						
Your heart's desire – Rom 10v1						
Anguish & afflicted heart – 2 Cor 2v4	And he answering said,					
Earnest caring heart – 2 Cor 8v16	Thou shalt love the					
Grateful & giving heart – 2 Cor 9v7	Lord thy God with all					
Blinded heart – Eph 4v18	thy heart, and with all					
Erring / wayward heart – Heb 3v10	thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with					
Evil & unbelieving heart – Heb 3v12	all thy mind; and thy					
Discerning heart – Heb 4v12	neighbour as thyself.					
Deceived heart – James 1v26	Luke 10v27					
The hidden man of the heart – 1 Pet 3v4						
A covetous heart – 2 Pet 2v14						
Condemned heart – 1 John 3v20						

Man gets saved in Bolton!

We had a lovely letter recently from a man in Bolton who had come across our booklet "You Asked The Question!" After reading it he writes... 'Thank you for writing & publishing such an informative & awakening booklet. I John, am a person who has only recently been enlightened, or converted may be the correct term. I have never read or picked up a Bible, or even been a Church 'goer', but luckily or more through God's will, acquired one of your booklets. Being small yet comprehensive, it was less daunting & much easier to attempt than would be picking up a Bible at this stage.' He goes on to ask for extra copies for his family members. We also sent him an AV Bible plus some other material that will be of help.

I cannot thank the Lord enough for encouragement such as this!

Give us a smile!

- Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!
- 'Classic.' A book which people praise & don't read!
- ➤ Don't let schooling interfere with your education!
- ➤ I have been complimented many times & they always embarrass me; I always feel they have not said enough!
- ➤ It is better to keep your mouth closed & let people think you are a fool than to open it & remove all doubt!
- It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog!
- ➤ The most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know & then STOP!
- ▶ Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause & reflect!
- ► I saw this recently on a T-shirt! Teenagers Tired of being harassed, by your stupid parents? ACT NOW! Move out, get a job & pay your own bills, while you still know everything!
- Dad. A man with pictures in his wallet where his money used to be!

'Religious' light-bulb Jokes!

I thought a couple of these were quite good, you can guess which ones!!!

- ➤ How many 'Charismatics' does it take to change a light-bulb? One, since his hands are already in the air!
- ➤ How many 'Calvinists' does it take to change a light-bulb? None! It has already been 'predestined' as to when the light will come on!
- ➤ How many 'Brethren' does it take to change a light-bulb? CHANGE???!!!
- How many 'Pentecostals' does it take to change a light-bulb? Ten, one to change it & nine to bind the spirit of darkness!
- ➤ How many 'Roman Catholics' does it take to change a light-bulb? None: Candles only!

➤ How many JW's does it take to change a light-bulb? Three. One to screw in the bulb, & two to knock on your door & ask if you have seen the light?

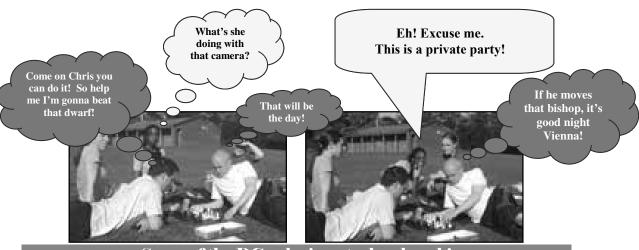
My students still have to 'endure' the NIV PER-VERSION on occasions!

I'm told that the discipline isn't particularly good at Dyke House, & worse than that, the kids sit under teaching from 'teachers/preachers' (I use the term loosely!) using the NIV PER-VERSION! Yet again the young folk I teach (the majority of them!) took their AV's (I did hear that a couple 'chickened-out' & took their PER-VERSION instead!) When will Christians realize that the NIV & ALL modern translations are SATANIC? Joe Hayden, yet again, preached from the NIV I'm told. He is becoming quite a feature in 'TfT News!' Every time my students sit under ministry from the NIV or any other modern PER-VERSION please be ASSURED that I shall NAME those that teach them! If you would like to talk to me about this then call me anytime – you KNOW my number & you KNOW where I am! We have too many cowards in the pulpit these days rather than MEN! If you haven't got what it takes to stand upon the word of God, GET OUT OF THE PULPIT!!! Where are the MEN today? If you want conclusive EVIDENCE regarding modern Bible PER-VERSIONS please write to me & I will guide you to the right books!

NEW Tracts!

Enclosed are our two NEW postcard sized tracts; 'He Loves You' & 'When do you become a Christian?' We have had 30,000 of each produced so please feel free to order as few or as many as you need. We try to produce all of our literature, top quality, but at the lowest prices i.e. COST price. Please let us know what you think about them; it's always good to get some feedback!

KEEP SOWING THE SEED OF THE WORD OF GOD EVERYWHERE!



Some of the DG relaxing at a local park!

Dionne & Sheleen get baptized!

On Sunday 17th June 2007, Sheleen & Dionne were baptized. Unfortunately neither Donna nor I could make this service as we were working in London. I'm told it was a good meeting! These two girls have come a long way in their Christian walk & both are much in love with our Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ. They love to serve Him & are constantly witnessing wherever they go. They have wanted to get baptized for a while now to show their love & dedication to the Lord! Well done girls! Keep pressing on!

Malvern Show!

Nine of us visited the 'Three Counties Show' in Malvern during June, mainly to see whether it would be worth putting a stand up to give out Christian literature etc. There were a couple of Christian 'witnesses' present. We stopped in at the Christadelphians to find out what they were up to! They had a large marquee & were serving free tea etc. There was literature placed on EVERY table for people to read while having a drink. As soon as we were seated a Christadelphian joined us to ask whether we had read any of the literature! We were all ready for him & 'battle' commenced! Chris led the way with some very sound doctrinal questions which really *rocked their boat* & the man fumbled around all over the place trying to get off the subject of hell, the resurrection, where you go when you die etc. Then he started to get a little arrogant & obnoxious so I thought I'd join in the fight; it wasn't pretty, especially when we got onto Bible versions. He wanted Chris' address & we wanted his! Needless to say we walked out with his address & he has already received a *boat load of material* explaining the ERROR of his ways!

We have already made contact with the show organizers for the next event!

June Discipleship Group!

What a great meeting! This time there were 12 of us including 'Barney!' We all had a profitable time in the Scriptures & I'm sure we all benefited from the 'Take Your Stand!' & 'Under Pressure!' sections! LaToya & Mary were incredible at their memory passages & both 'little & big' Sarah took many notes! We also carried on our study in Romans 8. The DG work hard at what they do & the homework they hand in each month gets better each time. These meetings really do help us get more of a love for the Scriptures & a continued closer walk with the Lord!

Gospel to Farmers!

We are still slowly working through the Yellow Pages trying to reach farmers with the Gospel. We are sending out an 'It's Your Choice!' booklet plus the 'LIFE' CD. Please continue to pray that these men & women will get saved! Luke 8:5-8 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Customer gets the Gospel!

While Donna & I were visiting one of our customer's recently, the subject of church came up! The person we were talking to said that when her dad died she had visited a spirmsals/medium to try to contact him. I said to her that it was pointies because all abe would have made contact with was a 'familiar' spirit – see Deuteronomy 18. Donna & I were able to put for the Gospel to the can be able to the form of the recent with the seed of the composition of the form of the composition of the composition of the form of the composition of the form of the composition of the c

Precious Seed advertises 'It's Your Choice!' BUT...

In the May issue (volume 62, Number 2) of Precious Seed' magazine, we were encouraged to see our hooket advertised on the inside cover. However, like many Christians tuday who say something is good' BUT...' (There is always a BUT). Trecious Seed' also fell into this critical trap! The fact that they quote from many different modern PR-versions of the Bible is beside the point, but someone was not happy that I used the word 'SUBSTITUTE' in my booklet regarding the Lord Jesus Christ!

What does 'substitute' mean? Well according to Oxford's Concise Dictionary it means... Substitute - apressor or thing acting or serving in place of another. Oseron. Middle English (denoting a deputy or delegate), from Lain substitute, substituer 'put in place of another. Oseron. Middle English (denoting a deputy or delegate), from Lain substitute, substituer 'put in place of another. Oseron. Proceeding to Webster's Dictionary (1828) it means...Substitute - To put in the place of another. According to Webster's Dictionary (1828) it means...Substitute - To put in the place of another.

Substitute- One person put in the place of another to answer the same purpose. A person may be a substitute with full powers to set for another in an office. Representatives in legislation are the substitutes of their constituents. The orthodox creed of Christians is that Christ dies as the substitute of sinners. Obviously the person from 'Precious Seed' overlooked the many Scriptures that back-up my reason for using the word 'substitute' in a contract of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 1 Pet 2.24 Who his own self bare Our Sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. Isa 53.44 Surely he habb borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteen him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened n

Question Time...

- How do you know that the 'Seven Year Tribulation' will be SEVEN years?
- Did Jesus become our 'substitute?'
- If all the different Bible versions differ from one another WHICH ONE is RIGHT? How do you KNOW???????
- What is the Lord calling you to DO?
- What are you DOING with the gifts the Lord has given you?
- Are you wasting time or **Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.** Eph 5v16

Numbers in Scripture – Biblical Numerics!

The number SIX is the number of MAN!

- 1) Man was created on the SIXTH day Gen 1v27+31
- 2) Rev 13v18 says that 666 is the number of a man!
- 3) The Bible has 66 books & it was written for MAN!
- 4) Gen 6 has the word MAN in it SIX times!
- 5) Gal 6 has the word MAN in it SIX times!
- 6) 2 Chron 6 has the word MAN in it SIX times!
- 7) The following are interesting facts about the book of Joshua...
 - It is the SIXTH book
 - It is the first book named after a MAN
 - Joshua has SIX letters
 - It has 24 chapters (4x6)
 - 'MEN' is found SIX times in chapter SIX
 - Israel marched around Jericho SIX days in chapter SIX
 - 'MAN' is found SIX times in chapter SIX & 30 times (5x6) in the whole book

- 8) The following are interesting facts about Romans...
 - It is the SIXTH book in the NT
 - Romans has SIX letters
 - > The name 'RoMANs' has 'MAN' in it!
 - 'MAN' is the SIXTH word in Rom 6v6
 - 'MAN' is the SIXTH word in a verse SIX times in Romans! The SIXTH time is in Rom 6v6; the others are... Romans 2v1, 2v3, 2v6, 3v28, 5v7
 - It has 16 chapters & teaches us how a 'Gentile' (number of a Gentile is 10) MAN (man's number is 6) can be made just before God!
- 9) The number, as it stands by itself (i.e. NOT 'sixth'), occurs for the first time in Gen 7v6 where Noah is 600 (100x6) years old when the flood comes!
- 10) Later in the Bible we find 600 MEN a very common expression for some reason!
- 11) Solomon, as a type of the Antichrist, has his throne with SIX steps & SIX lions on one side & SIX lions on the other side making 666
- 12) In Ezra 2v13 we see 666

- 13) In 2 Chron 9v13 we see 666
- 14) In Rev 13v18 we see 666
- 15) As it has been said, Solomon is a type of the Antichrist; so what do we read in 1 Kings 10v14? 666

On 30th June some of us got together at the reading evening & went through a two hour study on Biblical Numerics i.e. the relevance of numbers in Scripture – it was fascinating!

Our Friend Peter Ruckman!

As you BIBLE BELIEVERS well know. Peter Ruckman has fought his the AV & its PERFECTION for many, many years now. He is one mar the BIBLE & if you have got the courage to stick around with him long learn so much. He challenges your thinking & backs up everything Most of the people I've 'heard' bach-mouthing this man are either J (because of his knowledge – they're just too lazy to study as he has c sorry but that is what I've found! No one can ever say that he gets y word of God; HE GETS YOU TO BELIEVE I'TI England is as bad as a finding TRUE BIBLE BELIEVERS. We are a nation that has lost our vo man here in any position of authority (& I mean AT THE TOP!) will TRUTH, the WORD OF GOD! Most Christian men I know ARE 'weak' right' environment they shout & ball' a lot. but NOT where & when around your own churches; predominately they're full of women w scattered here & there! We are not targeting MEN these days; we would 'softer-touch', & I'm not at all being derogatory here! Many leaders and with 'numbers' rather than trying to reach MEN FOR CHRISTI. We activities i.e. munns & toddlers' coffee mornings' kids clubs', tuncheon I'm NOT just blaming the leaders of our churches! WE, on the front it rubbing shoulders everyday with men & women of the world, should be I with the Gospel. If you work in a factory, warehouse, in transport, in docks, in the forces etc. YOU (& I) should be REACHING the 'MEN women – STAND UP & & EC COUNTED! Religion is every effeminate the why we find a lot of SODOMITES connected with the church! (2 Kin brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the hous where the women wove hangings for the grove. – How's that for ar OF SCRIPTURE!!) Why do I say all this? Because RUCKMAN is a targets MEN! That is why a lot of 'effeminate' Christians can't take hi him. The Lord Jesus Christ wants to reach MEN, women, boys & gits, But how are the MEN going to be reached if WE, who are on the FRC trying to REACH them? 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Most Christian men I know ARE 'weak' (oh sure in the 'right' environment they 'shout & ball' a lot, but NOT where & when it counts!) Look around your own churches; predominately they're full of women with a few 'men' scattered here & there! We are not targeting MEN these days; we would rather go for the 'softer-touch', & I'm not at all being derogatory here! Many leaders are too concerned with 'numbers' rather than trying to reach MEN FOR CHRIST! We would rather run activities i.e. 'mums & toddlers' 'coffee mornings' 'kids clubs', 'luncheon clubs' etc. BUT, I'm NOT just blaming the leaders of our churches! WE, on the front line, WE, who are rubbing shoulders everyday with men & women of the world, should be REACHING them with the Gospel. If you work in a factory, warehouse, in transport, in an office, on the docks, in the forces etc. YOU (& I) should be REACHING the 'MEN', as well as the women - STAND UP & BE COUNTED! Religion is very effeminate these days; that is why we find a lot of SODOMITES connected with the church! (2 Kings 23v7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. - How's that for an incredible verse OF SCRIPTURE!!!) Why do I say all this? Because RUCKMAN is a man's man who targets MEN! That is why a lot of 'effeminate' Christians can't take him & 'bad-mouth' him. The Lord Jesus Christ wants to reach MEN, women, boys & girls, with the Gospel! But how are the MEN going to be reached if WE, who are on the FRONT LINE, aren't trying to REACH them? I know of NO man who has done more in my own lifetime to try & reach MEN with the word of God, than Peter Ruckman! I think it is time we all looked at our own lives & judged OURSELVES rather than pointing at others & criticizing them. YOU & I will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ to give account of OUR OWN LIVES; ALONE, remember that! Peter Ruckman is now EIGHTY-FIVE years old; he has gone through some poor health of late but is now almost fighting fit again! Please pray for him & his health, especially his eyesight. I have never met the man or spoken to him, but we have corresponded on a number of occasions & I class him as a friend. If you are on the 'front-line' he is the kind of guy you would want next to you! Like anyone who believes the AV to be PERFECT, I have been called a 'Ruckmanite!' I'm sure this term is quite a compliment for Dr Ruckman & it doesn't bother me at all! Before I'd even heard of Dr Ruckman, I had enough faith to believe that God could PRESERVE His word PERFECT & He did so in the AV. When I heard about Peter Ruckman & his belief in the AV being PERFECT, I enquired about the man! When I read his literature regarding the preservation of the Authorized Version it confirmed all I had thought & gave me enough ammunition to stand my ground! (as some of you have found out!) Paul said on at least four occasions that we should follow him (i.e. Paul, -2 Thes 3v7+9, 1 Cor 4v16, 1 Cor 11v1) Why? Because he was following the Lord Jesus Christ! There is nothing wrong with following a man WHO IS FOLLOWING THE LORD! Nobody agrees with anybody 100% but I must confess that I agree with Peter Ruckman as a Bible teacher / preacher more than most I've ever heard! Keep it going 'Ruckers' not long left till our Leader &

Not one person I know, or I've had any contact with, who has ever admitted that there is an 'error' in the Authorized Version Bible, has ever said that they learnt it FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT – NOT ONE! I wonder what kind of a 'MAN' they are following?

DON'T KNOW WHAT LINE OF WORK TO GO INTO? HAVE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE 'OCCUPATIONS IN SCRIPTURE!'

Baker	Gen 40v1	Mason	2 Kings 12v12
Barber	Ezek 5v1	Military men	Acts 10v1
Boat builder	1 Kings 9v26	Molder	Exod 32v4
Brazier	Gen 4v22	Musician	2 Sam 6v5
Brick maker	Gen 11v3	Needle-worker	Exod 26v36
Butler	Gen 40v2	Painter	Jer 22v14
Carpenter	2 Sam 5v11	Porter	2 Sam 18v26
Caulker	Ezek 27v9	Potter	Isa 64v8
Confectioner	1 Sam 8v13	Refiner	Mal 3v3
Cook	1 Sam 8v13	Seamstress	Ezek 13v18
Coppersmith	2 Tim 4v14	Silversmith	Acts 19v24
Draftsman	Ezek 4v1	Smelter	Job 28v1+2
Druggist	Exod 30v25+35	Smith	1 Sam 13v19
Dyer	Exod 25v5	Spinner	Exod 35v25
Embalmer	Gen 50v3	Stonecutter	Exod 31v5
Embroiderer	Exod 28v39	Tailor	Exod 39v1
Engraver	Exod 28v11	Tanner	Acts 9v43
Fisherman	Mat 4v18	Tax collector	Mat 9v9
Fuller	2 Kings 18v17	Tentmaker	Acts 18v3
Gardener	Jer 29v5	Weaver	Exod 28v32
Goldsmith	2 Chron 2v7	Worker in metal	Exod 31v3+4
Jeweler	Exod 28v17~21	Etc.	Etc.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. Pro 3v5-7

CHRIS & MARY GET MARRIED!

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris & Mary who were married on 7th July 2007! They are totally suited together & I am sure will be a blessing to one another in their married life. Please remember them in your prayers! We have known Chris & Mary for

approximately six years considerably in the Lord. marriage is putting the EVERY decision; it's not books or attending seminars!!! Both Chris & daily they are tracting & They are also very active





& both have grown
The key to a successful
Lord Jesus Christ FIRST in
reading James Dobson
Pentecostal marriage
Mary are faithful workers &
witnessing for the Lord.
in the church they attend

(Hope Chapel) helping to run the children's work. Chris works in a 'special needs' school & Mary is seeking to work with children but at present is the 'bagel queen of Birmingham!' They are both very hard workers! Chris (along with LaToya) is one of our 'Team Leaders' (although he never wears his 'Team Leader's top!')

As THE END is drawing even closer to the return of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, we would urge every Christian (everywhere) to make sure you are living a clean, holy life before the Lord & to try to reach the lost souls around you with the Gospel. Let us keep close to the Lord, worshipping Him, praying to Him & reading His word! Very soon we are going to see Him face to face...WHAT A DAY!

The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh (Song of Sol 2v8)

The Lord bless you all

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And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

(In order for the DG members to have breakfast on the DG holiday they had to recite word perfect these verses - **Romans 12v2+9-12**. Needless to say some of them didn't eat for a while; BUT ALL of them tucked in to their breakfasts the following day!)

Rain, Rain, Rain!

What amazing sites we have seen during June & July! Donna & I have flooding in England before. Whole not just 'B' & 'C' roads, but 'A' roads Many houses were washed away, believe! Thank you to all of you Freak of 'nature' or God's I wonder?



on the roads especially never seen such roads under water, & & even motorways! IN ENGLAND can you who pray for our safety! Judgement? What next

DVD Distribution!

We had one thousands copies made of the Gospel service we took at Lovacott Gospel Hall in May & already over 500 have been distributed all around the world. We pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will save souls through this DVD!

J at Harrogate!

Recently we met a girl while at a show in Harrogate. She is quite an amazing character & even though only 23 years of age, she is a very streetwise & mature young lady in her own way. Unfortunately she is far from the Lord & very much INTO the world i.e. music, dance & 'philosophy', but I did have some really good talks with her & already she has received the 'Gospel' DVD & a Bible! We text each other fairly regular. We hope & pray she will

get saved soon! One thing she said to me while in Harrogate was that there were NO 'absolutes!' I replied by asking her to tell me something she thought was WRONG; she replied 'murder!' I said that I thought murder was OK, so where do we go now; who is RIGHT? You see, we must have a common denominator, a standard, something that we can refer to & live by, & it is THE WORD OF GOD - that is the FINAL AUTHORITY on ALL matters!

The 'Trophy' Man!

Alan, the man who we buy all our DG trophies from, poured out his heart a little to us when we went to collect our last batch. He asked why we were buying all these trophies & what they were for! He then proceeded to say how bad this world was getting in regard to youth & some of the concerns he had regarding his daughter etc. We were able to tell him the gospel & he willingly took an AV Bible, our CD - 'LIFE' & DVD - 'The Gospel' plus a couple of tracts. Please pray that he will get saved. He seemed very friendly & open to the Lord.

Letter / Correspondence!

We've had some interesting letters of late. At least 10 letters have been enquiries for our literature, more from the USA again. Here are a few exerts from some of them...

➤ I received two copies of your booklet 'You Asked The Question!' today...it's a brilliant tool for the unsaved & I would very much like more copies! (Llandudno)

- ➤ I read an article in the BBB stating that you produced some of the finest tract work material around, please send samples... (USA)
- Please can you forward the booklets 'It's Your Choice!' & 'You Asked The Question!' also do you have a sample of tracts you can send? (Colchester)
- A friend has told me something of your work & commitment to the word of God (AV), & it thrills my heart to know that there are others out there who are fully trusting in the accurate translation of the Holy Scriptures. I would like to see some of the literature you have produced, especially the evangelistic booklet & anything on Bible versions. (Saundersfoot)
- ➤ PSR highly recommends your Bible tracts. I would like to request samples for a probable order for our local church. I would be willing to place a large order, possible several thousand, depending on price, shipping etc. (USA)
- A pastor from a church in London (with 200 members in his congregation) has played the DVD to his church & also written to me asking a number of questions such as, 'All your Bible references are from the King James Bible; why do you use this version only?' Another one was 'Do you believe in the Rapture?'

Please keep the letters coming & by all means pass on our details to those you think would benefit from our ministry! Some of you are now in regular correspondence with our DG members Mary & LaToya. Both girls are doing an excellent 'ministry' & I hope you are encouraged as much as they are!

Monk in Stratford!

While Donna was getting a coffee I was approached by a 'monk' who started up the conversation by saying "You look chilled!" I had my new 'Matalan jacket' on so I responded with "I am!" He then said that he was a monk & he was collecting on behalf of underprivileged children. I told him I was a Christian & asked him where he was going when he died. He said that he hoped it would be heaven. I asked him how he hoped to get there! He said "By doing good works" I then proceeded to give him the Gospel & told him he'd go to HELL if he hadn't confessed his sins to Jesus Christ & asked Him to forgive him! He started backing off & I asked him why? He didn't answer! At this point Donna returned & I asked her to give me a £1 to give to his children's project on the basis that he would take some literature from me; he did! Pray he gets saved! How many others are WORKING their way to HELL I wonder???

Donna's Steroid Drip!

Well we went to the hospital so Donna could receive a steroid through an intravenous drip. This lasted a few hours & then we returned home. Since having it she has noticed NO change whatsoever. For the past three weeks she has come off ALL her medication to see what will happen i.e. whether she really needs it or not. Please pray for her at this time.

Question Time - I look forward to your answers backed up by Scripture!

- 1) Who hardened Pharaoh's heart in Exodus?
- 2) In Acts 2v42+46 the 'breaking of bread'; is it talking about the service held in churches often called 'the breaking of bread or Lord's supper' usually held weekly on Sunday mornings, *or is it talking about something quite different?*
- 3) What are demons or devils?
- 4) Was Moses told to strike the rock or speak to the rock?

DG HOUDAY!

TWO weeks in sunny Herefordshire (Bromyard); & what a fantastic time we all had. Nine of us went including the two NEW DG members 'big' & 'little' Sarah! I don't think anyone went to bed before 12.30 am & some even stayed up until 5.30 one morning, it was wild man! Each day we had breakfast together at either 8.30 am or 9.00 am. Every morning we had a devotional time where each member took a turn in reading the Scriptures & then passing on a thought or two. After this came the games! They ranged from running races, water fights, darts, board games, table tennis etc. to the fastest team who could complete the 1000 piece jigsaw! We also went for walks in the beautiful countryside & one Sunday we all went to the village church for a family service. The service was led by the 'vicar' & it was just terrible (only to be expected sadly to say). He read just ONE verse from a 'PERVERSION' & then preached about shaking hands with each other. There were only eleven of 'them' plus nine of us! Not one Bible was in sight among the members & the first remark the vicar made when we all turned up with our TWO EDGED SWORD was "So you're all church-goers I see!" It went from bad to worse! Nice enough people but the meeting was pure drivel! On a serious note I was very saddened by what I saw; the Anglican Church is 'shot to bits' & will not recover I fear.

As usual there were trophies, medals & prizes to win each day, with the overall winner at the end of the two weeks becoming the 2007 DG Champion. LaToya who has won it for the last three years didn't disappoint & regained the title again this year, but she was pushed hard right to the finishing line by Chris! Each night a DG member was interviewed by the rest, which was great fun. There was also a Bible reading competition which again LaToya won, reading through Exodus & making headway into Leviticus! We also delivered 400 'It's Your Choice' booklets in Ludlow.



Above are a few of the photos we took. Some of the girls kept a daily diary to remind us of the great time we all had together, plus we took over two hours of videos. Everyone won something & all enjoyed themselves tremendously; it was the best holiday we've had! If the Lord hasn't returned by next year we shall book up another two weeks at the same place.

Yet another Christian who has NO FINAL AUTHORITY & doesn't know WHERE the word of God is TODAY!!!

A brethren man in Cheltenham (from a Gospel Hall in Cheltenham) called wanting to order 1000 'Who Cares?' tracts. I called him back, took the order & we exchanged pleasantries i.e. 'How are you, how is the church doing etc.' A few moments into the call he said that he had watched the DVD & would like to book me to speak next year. All was going great UNTIL he said that he thought I was too extreme in my view regarding the Authorized Version Bible i.e. I believe it to be PERFECT & WITHOUT error! I told him why I believed it - God has written a book & promised to PRESERVE it - Psa 12v6+7. He said ONLY the original manuscripts were perfect & inspired; the AV was translated by sinful men! I told him that God wrote the ORIGINAL manuscripts through SINFUL MEN - why couldn't he PRESERVE His word PERFECT through sinful men; who says he can't? He couldn't get it, didn't get it & wouldn't get it. He then went on to tell me that the AV had errors in it! I told him he was WRONG! I asked him where is the word of God TODAY, which God PROMISED to PRESERVE? His answer! Now get this, as this is an elder of a Brethren 'assembly' that teaches the 'BIBLE', "In the FIVE versions on my shelf!!!" he said! Now do you understand the STUPIDITY of that statement! (Think about it for a while!) What is this man's final authority? He HASN'T GOT **ONE!!!** As ALL FIVE versions on his shelf disagree with each other, WHICH ONE IS RIGHT? His answer, "ALL of them!!!" He said that the Holy Spirit guides him to what is right & wrong! He then went on to tell me that eminent (respected and distinguished within a particular sphere. notable; outstanding – Oxford Dictionary) men in his assembly 'study' the Bible & these 'eminent' (his word NOT mine!) men explain that in other versions it sometimes gives a better & more accurate reading! In other words these eminent (his word NOT mine!) men decide what is RIGHT & should be IN the Authorized Version & what is 'WRONG' & shouldn't - under the leading & guidance of the Holy Spirit, OF COURSE! He then went on to have the audacity to say that I was an extremist & was acting like a cult thinking I'm right all the time – what a nice 'Christian' man!!! (I won't embarrass my 'brother' by naming him at this point!) He doesn't look in the mirror much I'd say! He can't see the wood for the trees poor fellow! His eminent (his word NOT mine!) friends in the assembly, decide what is right & wrong (Sounds a bit like the Jehovah's Witness Watchtower Society to me! - Bit 'cultish' would you say i.e. THEY decide what is right & what is wrong: VERY 'cultish!') So if YOU want to know what should or shouldn't be in the Authorized Version, YOU MUST sit under these eminent (his word NOT mine!) men - because according to this deceived Christian, THEY are THE Final **Authority!** (Smell a rat???) What a mess 'Christians' get themselves into these days by NOT submitting to ONE BOOK, ONE FINAL AUTHORITY; i.e. THE WORD OF GOD! He then wheeled-out the Brethren IDOL, John Darby, & asked "Well what about John Darby's Version, has this got errors in it?" A true Brethren Darbyite!!! I tried NOT to laugh: I won't bore you as to what I said, but the word 'thousands' did appear! I tried to explain to this VERY ARROGANT man about the two lines of manuscripts & that Textus Receptus etc... His answer... "Textus what???" The time had come to 'sing our closing hymn' before this deceived 'shallow' Christian blew his clutch plate (as good old Ruckers says!) It was just too much for him & he wanted to hold on to his Brethren TRADITIONS rather than submit to ONE BOOK! He hung up on me in disgust trying to get the last word in & hoped he wouldn't appear Oh dear!!! This man is another SIGN OF THE TIMES -APOSTASY!!! (The abandonment or renunciation of a belief or principle) - In other words, 'men' (& I use the term loosely!) are NO longer standing upon THE BOOK like they once did. Now they SIT upon 'many books' compromising the truth to suit

themselves! They say things like 'The word BISHOP' shouldn't be in the Scriptures

(like my Christian 'brother' in Cheltenham said!) Of course he has checked out the Greek manuscripts to PROVE his argument — or has he??? Instead, he wants us to believe what HE says & his eminent (his word NOT mine!) assembly 'members!' I ask you, what can be more ARROGANT than trying to correct God's word!!! You see I have a copy of the INERRANT word of God; IN ONE BOOK, IN ONE VOLUME, IN MY HAND, he doesn't!!! And he called ME arrogant!!!

Listen you AV Bible 'corrector & rejecter', be a man for a change & follow these questions through...

- 1) Did God write a Book?
- 2) Did He promise to PRESERVE it for TODAY?
- 3) If He did WHERE is it TODAY? seeing that the ORIGINAL manuscripts no longer exist!
- 4) If YOU haven't got the PERFECT INERRANT (incapable of being wrong!) word of God TODAY (in ONE BOOK!) What is YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY on ALL matters of faith & practice? Where do you turn to for guidance; ALL 200 Bible versions on the market which one man???
- 5) Who, what or where does it say that God hasn't PRESERVED His word PERFECT today? So why do YOU say He can't??? Come on man answer the question!!!
- 6) What good are the PERFECT original's, that only lasted for a short while before wearing out & disintegrating, if we haven't got the PERFECT PRESERVED word of God for TODAY! We need it more today than ever before! It WAS 'perfect' but now it's NOT! Who would be arrogant enough to say that! Does that sound like something GOD would do? Who are YOU trying to fool, & WHY, I ask myself?
- 7) What study & research have YOU done on this subject; or are you just regurgitating some other Bible corrector? *Birds of a feather flock together!*

Like the Bible corrector from Cheltenham, if you have been deceived into thinking that God cannot preserve His word PERFECT in ONE book for TODAY, I suggest you do some research on the subject & write to me for a suggested book list to read! It is ALL about AUTHORITY these days & most Christians I know will NOT come under the AUTHORITY of the word of God; most of them do NOT even know WHERE it is, can you believe! The more I learn about the Brethren the more I think that they are becoming like the Roman Catholic Church in regard to putting men & traditions ABOVE or on par with the word of God. If you, your pastor, elder, BISHOP (for my 'friend' in Cheltenham!) deacon, 'POPE' etc. stand contrary to the word of God, the AUTHORIZED VERSION, then YOU & this bunch of Bible correctors ought to ask God for forgiveness, repent & submit to THE BOOK before all LIGHT is gone! THAT BOOK, the Authorized Version, is THE word of God PERFECT & PRESERVED for TODAY - ALL others have errors in them! I'm accused of being arrogant, why, because I take a stand on the AV being PERFECT & I WILL NOT RECANT!!! My arrogance has nothing on this man in Cheltenham believe you me! I get sick & tired of shallow Christian's trying to 'correct' God's word. I don't care if 499 come off my mailing list, out of the 500 already on it, because of the stand I take. Do your homework & see Satan's devices in regard to Bible translations & versions! I teach my Bible Class, Friday Club & Discipleship Group that the Authorized Version Bible is the PERFECT PRESERVED word of God TODAY - INERRANT! youngsters & soul-winning Christians who strive for the DEEPER life with the Lord Jesus Christ live according to THE BOOK! Not one of these students is 'dumb' enough to correct THE BOOK & not one of them puts man above THE BOOK! I suggest you 'eminent' (his word NOT mine!) men start listening to BIBLE BELIEVERS & NOT Bible 'CORRECTORS!' The Holy Spirit has NEVER shown YOU ONE single 'error' in the Authorized Version - no matter what YOU say!!! Remember...

Not all the clowns are in the circus! *Have a nice day!* (By the way; I don't think I'll be preaching in Cheltenham for a while!!!)

The Dollar (\$) Bill & the NUMBER 13...

(Remember our study on the number 13 in issue 13 of 'TfT News!')

Take a look at your DOLLAR (\$) bill...

>	Count the 'ONES'	(count the 'lettered'	ones & the 'numerical'

ones) = $26 (2 \times 13) 13$ each side can you believe!!!

The eagle has 13 stars
The eagle has 13 stripes

The eagle has 13 arrows in his left claw
The eagle has 13 leaves in his right claw

Note the words in the eagles mouth...E PLURIBUS UNUM –

13 letters!!!

There are 13 layers on the pyramid

The Latin inscription 'ANNUIT COEPTIS' has 13 letters

On the 'upside down V' under the scales on the front of the

Dollar bill there are 13 stars!

The Bible says... 1 Tim 6v10 For the love of money is the root of all evil:

Very interesting don't you think!

The Antichrist will be associated with the numbers 13 & 6!!!

More interesting stuff on the number 13...

It is clearly associated with REBELLION! - Gen 14:4 **Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and** <u>in the thirteenth year they rebelled.</u> This is the first reference to THIRTEEN in the Bible!

- 1) Gen 13v13... But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. (Note 13 words!)
- 2) In Gen 13 Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom!
- 3) REBELLION is found in...Gen 13v13, Mark 13v13, Ezek 13v13 & Rev 13v13
- 4) Deut 13 contains the rules for a false prophet whose miracles come to pass. In Rev 13v13, the false prophet of the Tribulation period causes fire to come down out of heaven in the sight of men, a miracle that comes to pass! Since both Deut 13 & Rev 13 have 18 verses, Deut 13 is the key to interpreting Rev 13 (note 18=6+6+6)
- 5) Deut 13v13 contains the first reference to the 'sons of Belial'
- 6) 1 Kings 13 relates the account of a REBELLIOUS prophet. Verse 26 (2x13) gives the reason for his apostasy REBELLION against the word of the Lord!
- 7) 2 Sam 13 tells the account of Amnon, son of David, who raped his sister, Tamar. The chapter has 39 verses (3x13)
- 8) REBELLION is the 26th word (2x13) in Ezra 4v19
- 9) Rev 17v5 has 13 words in block capitals... MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- 10) Mark 7v21+22 lists 13 things that proceed out of an evil heart!
- 11) John 13v26 (13 + 2x13) says, Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Judas Iscariot has 13 letters!
- 12) Psa 55v13 contains a prophecy about Judas... But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. It has 13 words!
- 13) Job 26v13 (2x13 +13) says... By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.
- 14) 666 is associated with the number 13 2 Chron 9v13, Ezra 2v13, Rev 13v18
- 15) Nimrod is the 13th from Adam (Gen 10v6-8)
- 16) Gal 3v13... (3 X 13 = 39) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: CURSE is the last word in the OT (the OT has 39 books i.e. 3x13)
- 17) The word 'dragon' is mentioned 13 times in Revelation
- 18) Satan turns up in Mark 1v13

- 20) Gen 3v13 the woman rebels against God & then blames the serpent!
 21) Gen 12v13 a prophet of God is asking his wife to lie! Note there are 26
- 21) Gen 12v13 a prophet of God is asking his wife to lie! Note there are 26 words in this verse (2x13)

- 22) Leviticus 13 This entire chapter deals with leprosy & the leper. Those who had leprosy were considered 'unclean'. They had to live 'away' from society, they were outcasts! The word leprosy occurs 39 times in Scripture (3 x 13)
- 23) 1 Chron 10v13 Here is the record of the death of Saul which contains information about his rebellion against the word of the Lord & his counsel from a witch. Note it contains 39 words (3 x 13)
- 24) Job 24v13 Considering that rebellion is connected to the number 13 it should be of no surprise that the word rebel is located in the 13th verse; it also just happens to be the 6th word!
- 25) Psalm 55v13 This Messianic Psalm speaks of the traitor Judas Iscariot (13 letters!)
- 26) Prov 13v13 people who rebel / despise the word of God!
- 27) Ezek 23v13 There are 13 words in this verse describing the defilement of the Holy City, Jerusalem!
- 28) Mat 13v19 First time the phrase 'the wicked one' occurs! 'Wicked one' occurs a total of 6 times in Scripture!
- 29) Luke 13v16 a woman bound for 18 years (6+6+6)
- 30) There were 12 chosen apostles! Judas is always associated as number 12 in the lists. In Heb 3v1 we are told Jesus is 'the Apostle' therefore Judas moves down to number 13
- 31) John 13v27 Notice in this verse, Satan is mentioned entering a man & he does it in a sentence of 18 words (6+6+6). The phrase 'Satan entered' is NOT used anywhere else in the Bible!
- 32) 1 Chron 21v1 The first time the word 'Satan' appears in the Bible is in the 13th book of the Bible! The next time it occurs is in the 6th verse of the first chapter of the 18th (6+6+6) book of the Bible i.e. Job 1v6
- 33) Isa 13v1 This is the first mention of 'Babylon' in the book of Isaiah, chapter 13. Note Babylon occurs 13 times in Isaiah!
- 34) Mat 26v6 It is the 26th chapter (2 x 13), it is the 6th verse! The verse contains 13 words & it's about a leper! Note 'Simon the leper' contains 13 letters!

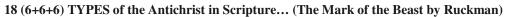
35) Rev 12v3 – Dragon, the 13th word in this verse; it also occurs 13 times in the book of Revelation!

WHAT A BOOK THE AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE IS!

What is a 'BISHOP?'...

The word 'bishop' occurs 6 times in Scripture. In 1 Tim 3v1-7...the passage deals with the qualifications of a 'bishop,' called an overseer in Acts 20v28, & called a pastor by modern Baptists. All three titles apply to a shepherd (more exactly, an 'under-shepherd') of a flock (see 1 Pet 5v1-4). A pastor or bishop is an ordained 'elder' (Phil 1v1, Acts 14v23, 1 Tim 5v17) whose 'rule-ship' is SPIRITUAL (1 Tim 5v17, Heb 13v17). There are NO 'archbishops' in the New Testament! Such a title would be blasphemy, as it would lay claim to an honour that Jesus Christ did not claim for Himself; Jesus Christ was a 'BISHOP' (1 Pet 2v25), not an 'ARCH-bishop' (I hope my 'brother' in Cheltenham & his 'eminent' (his word NOT mine!) elders got that!) If a pope is above an arch-bishop, he is a double-damned proselyte (see Mat 23v15 for the EXACT wording) who claims to be two steps 'up the ladder' from the Second Person of the Godhead! The ... OFFICE of a bishop' is an official position in the local church according to SCRIPTURE! Women NEVER hold such positions. All of the ELDERS are male, all of the BISHOPS are male, all of the APOSTLES are male & all of the DEACONS are male! (Good old Ruckers!) Remember a word in the Bible can have different meanings i.e. 'elect', 'damnation & condemnation!' The Roman Catholic & Anglican Church have distorted the word 'Bishop' & that is why my 'brother' in Cheltenham wants to get rid of it from the AV sorry, IT STAYS!!!





Cain – in type, the 'seed of the serpent' born 'of that wicked one' (1 John 3v12), who had a MARK which signified a murderer!

Nimrod – his name means 'the rebel', the 13^{th} from Adam & a builder of an integrated United Nations to glorify man. He is a Hamite, whose seed had a divine curse on it, as Cain. 'Nimrod' also has a root derivation (the deriving of something from a source or origin. The formation of a word from another word or from a root in the same or another language) of LEOPARD (Gen 10 + 11)

Pharaoh – the one who persecuted Israel (compare Rev 12v1-12), & is called a DRAGON (Eze 29v3), see Rev 12v1-4. Plagues come on him – Rev 11v4-7 & he says 'I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go!' Exo 5v2

Balak – the man who tries to eliminate Israel, winds up corrupting Israel with BAAL worship (Num 22-25). His prophet is BALAAM, thus making a 'trinity' – Father-Baal, Son-Balak, Unclean Spirit-Balaam (Rev 16v13). Baal is our word 'bull' or 'OX' (there's that X again!)

Sisera – a Gentile king who is defeated at Megiddo (Rev 16v16), which is the Armageddon of Revelation. 'The stars in their courses' fight from heaven against him (Jud 5v19+20, Rev 19, & the man who fights him is said to be a type of Jesus Christ (Jud 5v12, Eph 4v4-10). Sisera is killed by a blow on the head (Gen 3v15, Jud 5v26, Rev 12v3, Rev 13v1+3)

Abimelech – the man is a rebel (Jud 9) who is killed by a blow on the head (Rom 16v20, Hab 3v13)

Absalom – this 'father of peace' obtains the kingdom peaceably, by flatteries (2 Sam 15v2-6), Dan 8v25, 11v24. He rebels against David, a type of Christ. He is perfect in beauty (2 Sam 14v25, 26, Ezek 28v15) & is hairy (compare Esau) & hangs (Gal 3v13, Mat 27v15) & has a memorial built to himself (2 Sam 18v18, Rev 13v14+15)

Saul – he is demon possessed, a rebel against God, a usurper of the priest's office, a popular idol, a hater of David (type of Christ) & a tall man (2 Thes 2v2-6, Rev 13v3-6)

Goliath – a tall man. He is killed by a wound in the head. Goliath comes from Hamitic background, exactly as Nimrod, Balak & Pharaoh (Note Gen 10v6+14). He has SIX pieces of armour (1 Sam 17v4-7) & he is killed by David!

Ahab – he is a wicked prince of Israel (Ezek 21v25-27) & marries a Phoenician Baal-worshipper (1 Kings 16v31). He is opposed by the herald of the Second Advent, Elijah! Ahab has priests who wear vestments & come from the apostate tribe of Dan, who called the priest 'Father' (Jud 17v1-3+5+7-13, 18v1+6+14-25+28-31, + 2 Kings 10v22). These priests hold services at 11-12 on the day of the sun-god, 'Sunday' & worship Baal by penitential (feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong. A person who repents of their sins. (in the Roman Catholic Church) a person who confesses their sins to a priest and submits to the penance that he imposes) acts of self-mutilation (1 Kings 18v17+27+28). They honour the 'Queen of Heaven' with wafers (Jer 44v14+19+25) – hello ROME!

Jeroboam – he is a wicked prince of Israel (Ezek 21v25-27) who worships Baal with the golden calves which men are to KISS (1 Kings 12v25-33, Hos 13v2, 1 Kings 19v18) (Note; remember how you sign love & kisses, with an XXX!!! There's those XXX's again!) Jeroboam, as the Antichrist, had a bad arm (Zech 11v16+17 – note the IDOL, 1 Kings 13v4)

Nabel – he is an enemy of David &, as was Herod, is killed by God (1 Sam 25v36-38). His answer is identical to Pharaoh's except the word 'David' is inserted for 'Lord' (1 Sam 25v10, Exo 5v2)

Sennacherib – an enemy of Israel who is struck by the angel of the Lord, as was Herod (Acts 12v22+23, 2 Kings 19v16+35). He attacks Jerusalem, goes away & returns, exactly as Titus in 70AD, exactly as Saul chased David in 1 Sam 24 + 26, & as the Antichrist will do in Mat 24, thus giving those in Judea opportunity to 'flee to the mountains' (Mat 24v16, Psa 11v1)

Nebuchadnezzar – he builds an image (Rev 13, Dan 3). The image is 60x6x6 (Dan 3v1, Rev 13v18). He persecutes the Jewish remnant (Dan 3v16-18) using SEVEN as the ration (Dan 3v19). There are SIX instruments of music involved in idol worship, & it says SIX times that 'he set it up' (Dan 3v1+2+3+5+7). He is king of Babylon, & this is the last form of government on the earth at the Second Coming – Rev 17 – MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT – Nebuchadnezzar, as Pharaoh, is called a DRAGON (Jer 51v34, Rev 12v1-4)

Haman – he is called an 'adversary' which is the meaning of the word 'Satan' (Esther 7v6). He persecutes the Jew, as Pharaoh & the Antichrist (Rev 12v17) & hangs, as Judas & Absalom (Esther 7v10, Deut 21v23, Col 3v13)

Solomon – his number is 666 (2 Chro 9v13 & SIX lions are on SIX steps on one side, & SIX on the other (2 Chron 9v18+19). He is king over Israel & a type of Christ up to the paragraph mark in 2 Chron 9v13, BUT from here on, he changes exactly as the Antichrist changes in the middle of the Tribulation to the 'Son of Perdition' & breaks his covenant with the Jews (Dan 9v27)

Herod – he usurps God's voice (VOX in Latin), & is slain for not giving God the glory (Acts 12v22+23, Rev 19v20)

Judas – He hangs, as Haman & Absalom. He is against the Lord Jesus. He is a devil (John 6v70+71). He goes to his own place, as Absalom (2 Sam 18v18, Acts 1v25). He comes in the name of Christ, as a Biblebeliever & follows in Christ's steps for 42 months!

Personal Note...

Yet again 'TfT News!' will offend many of you. Believe it or not I do NOT go out of my way to try to offend or cause division among Christians, BUT, whenever you stand for the TRUTH, division will occur & I make no apology for that. Every issue some Christians want to come off the mailing list (we have lost hundreds) but every issue the Lord adds NEW folks! I am not trying to be 'somebody' & I do NOT seek any kind of 'fame' etc. I am a HELL-DESERVING sinner, saved by the grace of God & I want to get to know the Lord Jesus Christ the best I possibly can & serve Him. I have failed Him numerous times & I hate it; but He forgives & helps me back on my way again. I will do everything I can to live a life pleasing to Him & try to reach the lost souls everywhere I can with the Gospel. The Lord has given me a wife who is totally supportive & together we shall continue to put out 'TfT News!' & distribute Christian literature as widely as we can. For those of you who have stayed with us this far, we are amazed, & we thank you for your love & support. We love the word of God (the Authorized Version) & we pray that God shall continue to reveal his word to us in our studies. We have been very blessed with whom the Lord has brought us into contact with in regard to studying the Scriptures. We look to Him for the future & pray that He shall lead & guide us in every decision we make. Only the Lord Jesus Christ knows what good is being done regarding the sowing of His word. We are called to sow the seed of the word of God everywhere! The Lord has really blessed us in the literature we have produced. We continue to seek Him for our I realise more & more, because of the stand I take regarding the PERFECTION of the Authorized Version Bible (plus my bad attitude towards Bible CORRECTORS!) that my chances of preaching in churches now is very seldom; I have made my bed & now I must lie in it! I used to dream of being a great preacher / teacher / evangelist & conference speaker, when I was first saved, now I realise that most 'great preachers / teachers / evangelists & conference speakers' have to PLEASE the people they are speaking to - I made a decision years back that I would NOT give the people what they wanted to hear, I would preach the TRUTH the best I could NO MATTER WHO IT OFFENDED! There is always a cost & a price to pay! What God calls you to do, DO

Meditate on the following Scriptures...note the words in RED...

Jonah 3:2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. 1 Sam 3:18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. 1 Ki 22:14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. Jer 19:2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, John 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. Jer 1:7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Num 22:38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. Isa 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Chron 18:7+12+13 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak. Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Gal 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 1 Thes 2:4+5 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: 1 Cor 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Flattering Words – what the Scripture says!

Job 32:21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

Job 32:22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

Psa 12:2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

Ps 12:3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

Pro 7:21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

Pro 26:28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

1 Thes 2:5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

Please Pray for...

- Prisoners overseas
- > Dave Messer, his mother & brother
- The DG as some of them will have to shortly choose which university to go to
- > 'Big & little' Sarah as they grow in their Christian walk with the Lord
- ➤ Mary O'Connor who is having trouble with her knees & Barney as his leg is playing him up
- ➤ That we shall all live a life pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ!

A few FACTS about Angels ...

- 1) ONE angel killed 185,000 soldiers in one night 2 Kings 19v35
- 2) ONE angel slew 70,000 Israelites following David's sin 2 Sam 24
- 3) Every angel in the Bible is MALE they are NOT 'sexless!' Gen 19+20. Rev 21
- 4) There are NO angels with wings! Heb 13v2 'entertained angels UNAWARES!!!'
- 5) Every angel in the Bible is an 'appearance' but not every angel shows up as a 'messenger!'
- 6) Michael the archangel stands as a prince Dan 12v1
- 7) Angels are immortal Luke 20v35+26
- 8) The only angels that died like men (Ps 82) were the ones that kept not their first estate Jude 6
- 9) The angels in Mat 22v30 did not leave their first estate; they were said to be the angels 'in heaven'. By misuse of these two words, scholars have erected the ridiculous doctrine that angels are sexless & that 'marriage is unknown among angels,' which of course is nonsense It is certainly NOT unknown among FALLEN angels 2 Pet 2, Jude, Gen 6, Ps 82, Job 1, Job 38
- 10) Angels seem to be innumerable Rev 5v11. Jesus could have called for 12 legions of angels in Mat 26v53
- 11) In 2 Kings 6v17, Elijah saw the mountain was full of chariots of fire round about Elisha!
- 12) Some angels are yet to FALL (Rev 12) yet the angels that fell in the past & sinned are the ones who showed up in Gen 6 & cohabitated with women on the earth!





TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!

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That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10v9

David from Dorset - a GREAT encouragement!

David wrote back on his response form the following... 'Very impressed with your material & continue to use the CD 'LIFE' which I have reproduced 1000 copies & placed in nursing homes, hospitals (Poole Hospital ASKED for 100) when going in for my Chemo treatment. When I had my MRI scan I had the CD playing & staff requested a copy! I am now talking to 4 radiographers about salvation truths. One has started attending Gospel meetings.' David has 'photocopied our tract 'When do you become a Christian?' 600 times & distributed them!' As soon as I received his response form with his letter, I called to thank him for his encouragement. I also said that we would send him a box of tracts etc. Please pray for David as his health is not good at all, yet he keeps battling on trying to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. A challenge to us all I'm sure! He is one guy who has never complained about the 'negativity' or tone of our newsletters, he has never said that I need to stop attacking the 'brethren' & show more love to everyone; he has got on with the job in hand i.e. trying to win lost souls in this sin-sick world for the Lord Jesus Christ! Makes you wonder about those that just keep grumbling, complaining & murmuring about me not showing love to everyone doesn't it; I wonder if these 'cream-puffs' are soul-winners themselves!

Marta from Mexico gets SAVED!

(Marta is the nearest to you in the photo!)

Four years ago (while at my previous company) I was out on a sales call with our Mexican supplier Marta. We spent most of the day together & I had the chance to share the Gospel with her. Unknown to myself at that time, she was on a 'spiritual' search in life, she later told me! Marta was very open & receptive to the Gospel & asked many questions. She also took some Christian literature from me. Marta was brought up a Roman Catholic but had ventured into Buddhism & Taoism etc. To cut a long (yet amazing!) story short, our meeting

really did get her thinking. she met another guy who talked about our meeting in she now needed to make a the Lord Jesus Christ & reject Him & go her own way! decision to receive Jesus years later (i.e. 16th Sept Birmingham & she ran to tell



When she got back to Mexico also witnessed to her & they England. He explained that decision; to either believe on receive Him as her Saviour or Praise God she made the Christ as her Saviour! Four 2007) I met her at the NEC in Donna & I that she had

become a Christian! We met up with her a week later when she unfolded the whole story of how she became a Christian. Marta's conversion from Roman Catholicism to Biblical Christianity has been a great encouragement to us. Four years ago I bought her an AV Bible in Spanish (from the Trinitarian Bible Society) which she has read ever since! She now attends church weekly & also goes to a Bible study twice a week!

We shall continue, Lord willing, to keep in contact with her.

The time is coming; the time IS here! - 2 Tim 4... 1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: What an amazing statement Paul has declared here! There is coming a time (v3+4) when Christians will NOT endure SOUND doctrine! We are IN this time period in 2007 folks! This passage has been called Paul's 'last will & testament!' What is YOUR 'last will & testament?' What 'legacy' are YOU going to leave behind? In the first FIVE verses of 1 Tim 4 there are THREE sets of 'THREES' that describe some The first three charges are involved in the command to 'PREACH THE WORD' (v2) Reprove \triangleright Rebuke Exhort DOCTRINE!' (v3+4) They will 'heap to themselves teachers' They shall turn away...FROM THE TRUTH! They 'shall be turned unto fables!' The third charge is 'WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS' (v5) 'Endure afflictions' 'Do the work of an evangelist' 'Make full proof of thy ministry'

The second three charges describe what is meant by 'THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND

So Paul warned us all those years ago (in the apostolic period) that there is coming a time when CHRISTIANS will NOT endure sound doctrine. What about the church you attend; what are you really learning there? When was the last time YOU took notes through the sermon; - was it worth the paper you were writing on? When was the last time you heard about 'rightly dividing the word of truth' (2 Tim 2v15) & how the Scriptures are NOT all directed towards the Christian DOCTRINALLY? There is so much talk in the world today about healthy eating; watch what you eat, make sure you get a balanced diet etc. But what about your 'spiritual' diet; what are you feeding on each week, milk or STEAK, or is it all 'junk-food'? How much have you 'grown' in the last year? Isn't it about time you started to really get INTO the word of God & FEAST on the word, rather than rely on your pastor, elder or visiting speaker?

October DG!

A real 'soul-searching' meeting this was! We were all challenged to walk closer to the Lord & let Him lead & guide us in every decision for the future. We all also realized that we MUST do more to reach the lost souls of this world! Worldliness, materialism & 'career-mindedness' is a killer to really LIVING for the Lord & seeking HIS WILL, no matter what anyone says! A life pleasing to God should be your NUMBER ONE priority Christian!

Two very *interesting* verses for you to ponder on...

Luke 16v8 - for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of

Luke 16v15 - And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Issue 38 Response Forms Returned! Well even though there has been a postal strike & some of the 'response forms' are still filtering through, we knew we would lose quite a lot of folk from our mailing list this time around! Most leave because they say they don't like the 'tone' in which I write i.e. I DON'T show love (they say), I DON'T edify the brethren (they say), I'm too aggressive (they say) & it

✓ Would like to receive your newsletters, they are so encouraging! - Pembrokeshire, Wales

goes on & on. It's funny because the people who LOVE TRUTH seem to receive a blessing from the newsletters, strange isn't it! Here are some comments received via the response

- ✓ This newsletter has been commended by others! It would be nice to see 'TfT News!' more widespread. To see it on newsagent counters at 20p per copy for instance! Why not purchase your own printing press John? Isle of Man
- ✓ Thank you, thank you! Your magazine is a great encouragement for me! Australia!
- ✓ I'm grateful for your magazine which is excellent! PS Thank you for your booklets & your cassettes. Most of the booklets have gone out to English speaking people here. My friend has gratefully taken the cassettes & I think one has been sent to her sister. France!
- √ Thank you for your ministry! USA

forms...Thank you for your encouragement!

- ✓ I enjoy your most welcome letters USA
- ✓ Very interesting! Rochdale, England
- ✓ Just to let you know we are completely with you on your stand for the good old AV. One man said you are a very brave man to stand out so clearly against a lot of opposition Milton Keynes, England
- ✓ Thanks for the DVD, just great. Keep up the good work! Watford, Herts.
- ✓ Your 'TfT News!' always gives me something to look forward to! Bolton, Lancs.
- ✓ Thank you for your literature. It has been so useful for the church Harrow, Middlesex
- ✓ Thanks for the latest newsletter & DVD which you sent. Good news, I have brought an Authorized Version Bible! – Worcs.
- ✓ We love your work everything you send us we check with the Bible it has helped us to understand many things clearly. It took us weeks to study your Scriptures on 'tongues' & once again (John 8v31b-32) made us free! We copy your CD & have sent it to Malaysia & Spain as well as giving it to our friends here. Be encouraged & keep up the good work. Fight the good fight! God bless you & God bless your work! Southampton
- ✓ Press on! USA

When Should You Break Bread?

It has been brought to my attention recently that a Christian should only break bread when they have been BAPTIZED! I can NOT find any Scripture that backs this up, CAN YOU? I would be interested to hear some of your thoughts regarding this. If a saved sinner comes in to the Sunday morning meeting wanting to break bread, on what authority dare you say that he CAN'T? (From the Scriptures please – I care NOT for TRADITIONS of MEN!) I asked Barney's thoughts on this regarding his own church & he said that he would *allow* anyone to break bread as long as they were saved! (He did *push the boat out* a little further than most but I won't include it as you may think he is a bit of a... *we'll leave it there!*) Note again the 'breaking of bread' in Acts 2 & be VERY careful here! I still find it amazing that MEN act & judge upon TRADITIONS rather than come under the authority of God's word! How many times did Jesus say "It is written!"

What does THE BIBLE say...

The Christian Institute!

As I have mentioned in a couple of previous 'TfT!' newsletters, I would recommend EVERY Christian putting their name on the mailing list for 'The Christian Institute!' They let you know what is going on in regard to the laws of the land, the Government, & what is happening behind the scenes! Their address is as follows...The Christian Institute, Wilberforce House, 4 Park Road, Gosforth Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8DG – 0191 281 5664 – Get their latest newsletter & see for yourself what is happening!

For what???

Too many 'Christian' parents put too much emphasis on education for their children; they pressurise them into 'further & higher' education, university etc. even pushing / pressurising them into 'subjects' & 'courses' they do NOT want to do! Have you ever considered that the Lord Jesus Christ may NOT want YOU to go to university; how's that for a thought? A balance is needed! Too many 'Christian' parents would rather see their children do well in this worldly, secular, GODLESS society, earning lots of money & owning a large house (with 'status' & all that RUBBISH!), than see their children walk close to the Lord not regarding MATERIAL wealth or possessions! And do you know the MAD thing about all this; some of these youngsters who DO put the Lord Jesus Christ first & want to please HIM above all others, are 'ostracized' by their own 'Christian' family!!! Now DON'T get me wrong, DON'T misjudge me & DON'T quote me as saying something that I HAVEN'T, I believe 'education' is important, but it certainly is NOT 'everything' & it is certainly NOT what many Christian families make it out to be! Mark Twain said... 'Don't let schooling interfere with your education!' There is a lot of truth in that! So get the best education you can, but also remember these two words...FOR WHAT? Mat 6v33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and **all these things shall be added unto you.** If you are a Christian parent reading this, ask yourself one question... 'Is it the Lord's will or MY OWN SELFISH WILL that I want for my children?'

(Before you make judgement on others, what is your own Christian life like?) Rom 14v12 **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

Extra DG Training!

As you can see from the photo I am now training some of the DG members how to deal

with Pentecostal & speaking' Christians! bag 'Barney!' If you 'fighters' to come & sort 'Pentecostals can negotiate a good will be the AOG at received seven letters lady in Llandudno: once Barney's church I think she really needs some their next stop will be?



Charismatic 'tongue-We have named the punch-would like to hire the out any problems regarding Charismatics' I'm sure we deal! I think their first stop Brierley Hill! I have recently from a 'tongue-speaking' the duo have finished at I'll send them to this lady, sorting out! I wonder where

Tennis Champion 2007???

It is with great joy to tell you that I held onto my 'Beat the Pentecostal at Everything'

title, which of course included was on Saturday October 13th. pulled out all the stops & beat next set & I pushed Barney to Did Barney stop there, NO! sure?" "Yes, now get on with another year beating Barney 'poor ol Barney!" – I love it!



tennis! Our last game of the season I went one set up winning 6-3. Barney me 6-0 the second set! It was all on the his Pentecostal limits; beating him 6-3. Another set he cried! "Barney, are you it!" - HE LOST 6-3! So there we have it, & another year of lessons in humility for

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28v13

When were you last under conviction from the preaching?

CONVICTION = The act of convincing, or compelling one to admit the truth of a charge; the act of convincing of sin or sinfulness; the state of being convinced or convicted by conscience; the state of being sensible of guilt; as, the convictions of a sinner may be temporary, or lasting and efficacious. By conviction, a sinner is brought to repentance. Men often sin against the conviction of their own consciences.

The act of convincing of error; confutation; the act of compelling one to acknowledge his error, or the truth of what is alleged; as, the conviction of a heretic may induce him to abandon his errors.

(Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

When was the last time you sat under the preaching of the word of God & found yourself under conviction? When was the last time you heard a preacher 'preach' with the anointing of the Holy Spirit on his message? If it has been a while ask yourself WHY? What has happened to these Spirit filled ministers that preached all the counsel of God? (Acts 20v27) Where have they gone? What 'kind' of ministry do you sit under each week? Does the Sunday TRADITIONAL Gospel meeting pour out the same thing week in, week out? Who says there has to be a 'Gospel service' EVERY Sunday evening? A man of God preaching each week will adapt to any situation & bring in the Gospel where & when it is needed; but you can't GROW spiritually living on the Gospel message! Are YOU studying your Bible at HOME or do you just rely on the Bible study at church each week? What time do YOU put in SEARCHING the Scriptures? If the church YOU attend is LIFELESS / DEAD ask yourself WHY??? What has gone wrong? Would the church rather hold onto TRADITIONS (i.e. 'we've always done it this way!') rather than be led by the Scriptures & the Holy Spirit? Where did it all go wrong & WHY? I CANNOT understand churches & church members that would rather just let things carry on the way they have been for years just because of traditions, KNOWING that the church they attend is no longer 'alive!' You KNOW what I mean! Yes you do, YES YOU DO! So what is the answer? How many churches & 'works', have been stifled & eventually died because men will NOT let go! How many leaders should have stepped down years ago & passed on the 'mantle', yet because of PRIDE they choke the work / church to DEATH? There has to be a balance, I understand that, yet I have seen a number of churches die & finally close because of the reasons I've just mentioned. Many churches, once the old folks have gone on to glory, are often taken over by Pentecostals, Charismatics or cults WANTING THE BUILDING! If you are in leadership consider the NEXT STEP – what is it? What does THE LORD want? Who will carry on the work?

Tract Distribution!

Please continue to pray as often as you can for the literature that is given out. The DG are delivering around 2000 tracts per month in the area of Birmingham. May God save souls through this work!

Question Time!

- 1) How will a person get saved IN the Tribulation?
- 2) What is wrong with the NKJV? What ERRORS does it contain?
- 3) Who will MISS the Rapture?
- 4) When are you sanctified?
- 5) Where in the OT does it speak about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 6) Is B17 a cure for Cancer?

Please Pray!

For Rebecca Davies who has gone out to Ghana to do missionary work for a year; Mr Aikman who is not at all well; ALL the DG members as they make decisions for university etc. A friend at work whose dad has just been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Orders for Literature!

We have recently sent booklets, tracts, CD's & DVD's to Scotland, the USA & we have had an enquiry from York for materials to use in 'door to door' work. We have also sent more literature to Wellingborough. A man from Leicester has written thanking us for distributing the 'LIFE' CD around his area. He has enquired for more information.

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. Proverbs 27v20

Postage Costs!

For those of you who order our literature, outside the UK, please be aware that the postage costs to send literature overseas is 'astronomical!' We have no copyright on any of our materials & therefore give anyone the permission to copy them; **but please produce them verbatim & do not change the Authorized Version text!** By doing this you may find it works out cheaper for you in the long run, especially if you are ordering & distributing vast quantities of our tracts & booklets. If you do copy any of our literature please would you send us a copy, thanks!

Bike Time!

Maybe I'm 'mad' but I've motorbike! Please safety as we ride this that they can be doesn't have to use a HOME, He could take me Anyway, hopefully I have last accident I had. It is of November! The picture getting! (Can someone let



purchased another continue to pray for our machine! I understand dangerous but God motorbike to take me home while I SLEEP! learnt my lesson from the being delivered at the end shows the one we are John Maxwell know!!!)

Jack & Eddie!

Can you believe Eddie is now SEVEN & Jack is SIX! Both are doing great & are full of energy. We always receive a very warm welcome from them every time we arrive home!

November DG!

What a meeting; our last one in 2007! We started at 5.00 pm with some food (rolls etc.) & then got straight into it by filling in our 'personal survey'. After this we were given the 'book of the month' we would be reading in November, which was Acts. It was then time for 'update on life in general' – what is happening in the DG members lives? Mary's missionary spot came next – who she is writing to & what responses she's had. Then it was onto our study – Rom 11. How any Christian thinks that God has finished with Israel is MAD; God has NOT finished with Israel! You are a very SHALLOW student of the word to think he has! Another ERROR/HERESY is to think that the Church has replaced Israel We read through this – it HASN'T! chapter & got a lot out of it! We LOVE the word of God! Our study was followed by the 'role-play', Pressure' & 'Take Your Stand!' - It was very challenging & the whole meeting finished around 10.15 pm! May God continue to bless these youngsters & keep them IN the word walking closely with the Saviour 24/7. It is an honour learning about the Lord, following Him, working & living for Him. Pray that this NEVER love will decrease **BUT INCREASE!**

CHRISTMAS!

I may say it each year but I REALLY mean it; I didn't think we would see Christmas 2007 (& we may not!). I thought we would be in Glory by now, but God is a God of love & mercy & He is not willing that any should perish (**The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance**. 2 Pet 3v9). Thank the Lord there is still a little time left for sinners to get saved!

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Proverbs 30v5+6 Salvation in a Hair Salon! you for doing so! Arthur P. the Video man! word of God out – you have really been a blessing! **Heather Goes to Heaven!** saved soon! NO GRIT!

What a great encouragement it was to receive a gift from a guy in the USA asking for

booklets & tracts etc. to use in his hair-salon, he has already had our DVD! Brother John S. leaves our literature on tables for customers to read before having their hair cut! He has been on our mailing list for 'TfT News!' for some time now & every time he writes he blesses our hearts! Keep witnessing & testifying for the Lord Jesus, brother John; He will richly bless

The video recording for the Gospel DVD (Barnstaple) was taken by a man called Arthur. Recently he wrote to us a very encouraging letter. Thank you Arthur for taping the meeting – from it nearly 1000 Gospel DVD's have gone out all around the world. What a great team, in the Lord's work, some Christians make! Thanks for helping us to get the

On the morning of 6th November 2007, Heather went to be with her Saviour. She was a faithful servant to the Lord & to Hope Chapel where she attended. She leaves behind her husband & her son who is only 10 years old. Please pray for her family as they come to terms with their loss. Heather taught the Sunday School for many years; her daily work was as a doctor ministering to the sick herself. She will leave a great gap in the work she was involved with. I believe her husband is a Roman Catholic so please pray that he will get

Recently we had returned to us the material we sent out regarding Bible versions, with NO note & NO explanation! What a pussycat Christian! I KNOW who sent it! I won't embarrass HIM but if you read the last 'TfT News!' you could guess who it is! This Christian will NOT stand for the TRUTH of God's word, but instead he will just follow man & tradition! People like this are a 'dime-a-dozen' & that is why the church today is so shallow & weak, full of 'namby-pamby' Christians who know very little about the word of God; they just act out their false 'humility' deceiving everyone around them BUT BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS, & the Lord of course!!!

How about the Gospel for Christmas?

Have you ordered any booklets or tracts for Christmas to give out to relatives, colleagues, friends, even enemies? If you are sending out cards etc. what a great opportunity for enclosing a booklet or tract! If you would like to order some, please fill in the order form & return it to us asap & we will despatch your order within two days so you get the literature in time for posting! Have ALL your family members received the Gospel? If not why not send EVERYONE a card with a tract in this Christmas - go through your address book posting the Gospel to EVERYONE; & then pray, pray, pray that the Lord will save souls before it's too late! Do it today, don't waste anymore time! If you can't afford any tracts or booklets, don't worry, just let us know how many you NEED & we shall do our best to send them to you! Also, if you are attending hospitals, nursing homes etc. to take a carol service, why not take along some literature to give out?

Who have you written to lately?

Don't forget to write letters to those who may not receive much mail this Christmas i.e. prisoners & the older folk etc. It would be lovely for them to receive a letter knowing that you are thinking & praying for them! Christmas can be a very lonely time for some folks!

Have you a heart that really loves the Lord?

Daily we are in a fight with the flesh; we win some battles & lose others. If you are really trying to live a holy life for the Lord Jesus Christ, you know it's a fight & it's going to be tough! Today's world is saturated in 'filth', everywhere you turn there is something you just don't want to see or hear, but it's there. We need today, more than ever before, to saturate ourselves IN the word of God - Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (John 17v17) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. (John 15v3) By LIVING IN that Book & walking with the Lord through every experience you face, you will live a CLEAN & HOLY life! It has NOTHING to do with signs, wonders, miracles, tongues, healings, prosperity etc. Your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is what matters; (you may be rich or poor - it has NOTHING to do with your relationship with Jesus Christ - YOU NEED HIM!) I know of very few Christians who are really trying to live a life pleasing to the Lord, very few! I don't understand why they don't want a closer walk with Him, a deeper walk with Him; they seem satisfied with what they have got, well I'M NOT! I want to get as close to the Lord Jesus as I can. I want to know what He wants of me & from me, I want to know where & what I should be doing DAILY, & I want to WORSHIP Him for Who He is, GOD! I have submitted to Him & given my life to Him. If He wants to take me home then so be it; if He can use me still & further His work through me, in this crooked & perverse generation, then I want to be used of Him. I love Him & I know that HE **KNOWS** what is best for me. There is no excuse for NOT seeking or obeying TRUTH. So many Christians exaggerate, bend the rules & compromise rather than FOLLOW the TRUTH - I do NOT want to do that. I have failed the Lord so many times in the past & I still do sadly to say; I cannot thank Him enough for His love & mercy towards me. I do believe that it is a very lonely road, with few friends, for the Bible Believer who really wants to LIVE & please the Lord Jesus Christ.

How are you finding it, any different? I would love to hear from you.

IF WE SEE 2008 WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP FOR THE LORD?

THE RAPTURE!

1 Thes 4:13-18 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. - This is the 2nd greatest passage in the NT regarding the Rapture; the first is found in 1 Cor 15v51-54. Other passages that speak of the Rapture are... 1 John 3v1-3, Phil 3v20+21, Rom 8v21-24, John 11v24-26, Rev 4v1+2.

Many Christians do NOT understand the Rapture & therefore DENY its teaching in the Scriptures. They believe in the Second Coming of Christ but NOT in the Rapture, yet the Rapture is connected with the Second Coming (Second Advent) BUT it is DIFFERENT!

- 1) Neither the resurrection of the dead or the Second Advent are 'mysteries' in the Bible. They are both clearly mentioned centuries BEFORE Christ 'shows up' Job 19v25-27 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. Ecc 12v14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Also Ezek 37.
- 2) The Rapture IS a MYSTERY 1 Cor 15v51 **Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,** UNREVEALED till AFTER Pentecost!
- 3) The local churches & the Body of Christ are LUKEWARM at the end of the Church Age preceding the Rapture; they are NOT lukewarm at the end of the Tribulation the Body of Christ is NOT EVEN THERE Rev 7v9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; also Rev 3v10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep

thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 4) At the Advent, Christ 'lands' ON THE GROUND - Zec 14v4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. At the Rapture He comes in the AIR & does NOT TOUCH THE GROUND! - 1 Thes 4v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 5) At the Rapture there is no change in Satan's position: he doesn't get locked up in any 'pit' as he does at the Advent! There are no changes in NATURE at the Rapture. By the time of the Second Advent, nearly two-thirds of the world has been destroyed on both land & sea (Rev chapters 6-18) 6) At the Rapture, Christ doesn't judge any Jews or any nations (as in Joel 2, Hosea 2, Jer 25, Matt 25). At the Advent, He judges the entire world... Matt 25v31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: Ps 47v8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Ps 96v10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice 13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. Isa 60v12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. None of His enemies are killed at the Rapture; more than 200,000,000 are killed at His Advent -Isa 63, Rev 9, Luke 19v27 So as you can see, there are DIFFERENCES between the Rapture & the Second Coming! It has been said by some Christians (i.e. the 'Reformed' lot who follow the teachings of Luther, Calvin, Dabney, Hodge, Gill etc.) that the Rapture was 'invented' or 'started' by Darby, Scofield or Bullinger; yet the Rapture of the Body of Christ was taught more than 1,500 years ago! It appears in the writings of Ephraem the Syrian... 'For all the saints & the elect of God are gathered PRIOR to the Tribulation that is to come & are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins!' Now how about that! That was a 'Premillennial Baptist Pre-Tribulation Rapture' letter from the 6th century AD ascribed to Ephraem Syrus (306 to 373 AD). It was from a sermon on 'The Last Times, the Antichrist, & the End of the World' & it is cited in a footnote in Alexander's Byzantine Tradition, 1985, page 210. Remember 'T'??? Well out of the blue 'T' popped over to return some DVD's we had lent him. He is now going to an Elim church weekly & has attended seven sessions of an Alpha course, he told us! He also said that he attended 'meditation' classes! Although he is a little mixed up & misguided at present, he is still seeking & I feel that he is not too far away from committing his life to the Lord Jesus Christ! Keep praying for him! For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. Ecclesiastes 5v3

Orders coming in / literature going out!

A lady in France has re-ordered some more booklets to distribute over there. We have sent information on all kinds of different things, including 'eternal security' to a guy in Manchester, & today I had a letter from a Bible CORRECTOR in Brierley Hill who is telling me there are errors in the AV! What a 'life' some Christians have; *trying* to find errors in the word of God – I mean how STUPID can you get? So we sent some information regarding the versions to this 'man!' After that I had to order more stock of books on Bible versions to distribute – we send a lot of this kind of material out! If you have any spare 'good' books on the version issue please send them to me so we can pass them on!

Reading the Bible...

Every verse in the Bible has 3 applications!

1) Historical – it happened in history

- 2) **Doctrinal** every verse is aimed at a specific person, for a specific reason, to teach a specific truth
- 3) Inspirational every verse has a spiritual application which can be used to correct or instruct people 2 Tim 3v16+17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Are you 'Spirit FILLED?'

Have you ever noticed how many times Paul talks about the Lord Jesus Christ? Read his letters & count how many times he talks about the Lord Jesus! Paul is a Spirit FILLED man! A Spirit FILLED man talks about Jesus Christ all the time NOT the Holy Spirit – did you get that Mr Pentecostal / Charismatic? John 16v13+14 - Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. So remember that the next time you hear some babbling Pentecostal raving on about the Holy Spirit this & the Holy Spirit that & how they need to speak in a heavenly language, how they need the SIGN-gifts of the Spirit etc. etc. A person who is always talking about the Holy Spirit is NOT Spirit FILLED – tongues or NO tongues!!!

Why I am NOT a Calvinistic TULIP Sniffer!

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TULIP	TULIP	FOR	AGAINST	Comments	
Т	Total Depravity	Eph 2v1-4 Has NOTHING to do with the 'will'	Ezra 7v13+15+16 Mat 23v37 Exo 35v5+21+29	Total depravity doesn't affect responsibility – John 3v36, Isa 45v19, Luke 17v1	
U	Unconditional Election	Eph 1v4 Rom 9v15+21	1 Pet 1v2 Rom 8v29 Eph 1v4 'in him' Luke 10v42	Election is conditioned on FOREKNOWLEDGE!	
L	Limited Atonement	John 10v11	1 Tim 2v4+6 2 Pet 3v9 2 Pet 2v1 Heb 10	Did Christ die for the 'elect' against their WILL?	
I	Irresistible Grace	Acts 13v48 Eph 2v1-4	Acts 7v51 Mat 23 Mat 12 Gen 6 + Rom 9		
P	Perseverance /Predestination of the saints	Eph 1v5		Predestination is ONLY applicable to someone who has received Christ i.e. after he has been 'born again!'	

Don't forget to write soon; it would be great to hear from you!



Fancy a ride Johnny Maxwell?

TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!

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For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

2008!!!

For us 2007 was more of an average year than a really good one. I didn't feel we achieved much for the Lord during that year. Donna & I are praying that 2008 will not only be a year where we can really grow IN the Lord but a year of giving Him 100% commitment! Time is surely running out & there is just so much work to be done for the Lord, so many souls to reach! Let us all make a concerted effort winning souls for the Lord before it's too late!

Shouldn't we make it our number one priority?

Barney's 'friend' writes to me!

Barney recently had a run in with a guy who classes himself as a 'textual critic!' Barney was *kind enough* to pass him on to me! I have written THREE letters so far & also passed his letters on to a friend of mine who is an expert in the field of Bible versions/manuscripts etc. This 'textual critic' is a fully fledged I _ I _ T!!! (You can fill in the missing letters!) He is a VERY arrogant man (*they always are!*) & he keeps trying to 'prove' that there are errors in the AV – *what a wasted life!* There isn't much that tends to 'rile' me BUT Bible REJECTORS & CORRECTORS DO! They *really* do! This 'pink & fluffy' 'Christian' is the sort of 'man' (& I use the term 'man' VERY loosely!) who is as much use to the church or to the Lord *as a 'chocolate fireguard!*' These type of Christians do more harm than good & are walking on very 'dangerous' ground with the Lord! Take heed to the warnings in the word of God about altering ONE 'jot or tittle' – you are mad if you mess with THAT BOOK! Like my friend Dr Ruckman says... 'Mess with the Book & God will mess with your brains!'

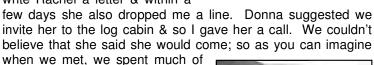
Canadian Log Cabin Break!

Eight of us went away for a couple of days break at the end of December to the log cabin near Knighton in Powys, Wales. We love visiting this place & it was a great time of relaxation! What also made it special was a dear friend of mine whom I hadn't seen for over 25

was a dear friend of mine whom I hadn't seen for over 25 years came to join us! I first met Rachel at the Judo club in Oakley when I was seven years old!!! We have kept in touch



over the years with letters & recently I had come across a photo of us at the Judo club aged about nine! I decided to write Rachel a letter & within a



the time talking about the 'good old days!' It was a fabulous time & Rachel fitted in perfectly with the DG! At one point during the evening there, Rachel mentioned that she still remembered some of the Judo moves we used to do! I stood up & asked her to show me! She came at me faster than a 'Hayabusa' & knocked me to the floor! Everyone was laughing including Rachel! We were very thankful that she had spent the last ten years as a qualified nurse!!! We shall now keep in touch much



more regularly – she has promised to come & visit me in hospital seeing as she was the one that put me there!!!



Recently I have been in contact with an arrogant 'Christian' who uses the NKJV! I think it is about time that I did another article regarding this CORRUPT SATANIC COUNTERFEIT! So here goes...(Info taken from the Trinitarian Bible Society's leaflet 'What today's Christian needs to know about the NKJV! (*The 'sarcasm' is ALL mine!!!*)

- 1) The NKJV is NOT an updated AV! Instead it is a highly-edited NEW translation which is theologically & philosophically inconsistent with the AV!
- 2) There have been several editions of the NKJV issues by the Thomas Nelson Publishers. The NT was copyrighted in 1979, with the entire Bible copyrighted in 1982 & 1990. The UK edition (first named 'The Revised Authorized Version') was issued in 1982 & is now published by the British & Foreign Bible Society (also known as the Bible Society), which is a member of the United Bible Societies. There have been literally thousands of changes in the TEXT of the NKJV during the intervening years. (But of course 'Baby-Pete' (Barney's 'friend!') can't grasp that he thinks it's perfect, the looney!!!) The TEXT has been continually revised since 1982 & thousand's of changes have been made! These changes were made even though there was not a copyright issued during the years from 1982-1990.
- The Second Personal Pronoun The NKJV does NOT differentiate between 'you' singular & 'you' plural! This distinction IS used in the AV by using 'thee', 'thou' & 'thine' to designate 'you' singular & 'ye', 'you' & 'your' for 'you' plural! The NKJV translators were mistaken as to why the AV translators used THEE & THOU in their work! The NKJV publishers state that 'Readers of the AV will immediately be struck by the absence of several pronouns: THEE, THOU & YE are replaced by the simple 'you', while 'your' & 'yours' are substituted for THY & THINE as applicable. THEE, THOU, THY & THINE were once forms of address to express a special relationship to human as well as divine persons. These pronouns are no longer part of our language.' However, they were not used extensively in everyday language during the 16th & 17th centuries either, as can be seen from the works of Shakespeare. Also, one wonders what distinction the NKIV translators had in mind with reference to 'human as well as divine persons?' It is evident that they did NOT know why the AV used these pronouns & their accompanying verb forms. Since there are at least 14,665 occurrences of the singular pronoun in 10,479 verses in the AV, the possibility exists of numerous opportunities for misinterpretation & misapplication! If differences between these pronouns are NOT noted, problems with interpretation can occur! Note the following example... Luke 22v31+32 in the NKJV - And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren. From the pronouns used in the NKJV one would be led to believe that both verses are referring ONLY to Simon Peter. Satan desires Simon & wants to sift him as wheat! Note carefully the shift of pronouns as shown ACCURATELY in the AV - Luke 22v31+32 - And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. In v31, Jesus is telling Simon that Satan desires to have 'you' (the disciples) to sift as wheat. Jesus then tells Simon that he has prayed for him individually. Thus the AV is more ACCURATE (PERFECT!!!) & preserves the particularity of the intercession of the Lord Jesus!
- 4) It is not uncommon for modern readers of Scripture to assume that 'you' is singular whenever used. By failing to distinguish between THEE & YOU, the NKJV translators contribute to this misinterpretation of the Scriptures! This problem is seen in the way in which many interpret Isa 7vl4... In the NKJV it reads... Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. In both the NKJV & the AV the pronoun used is YOU; it is assumed by some that the word YOU is singular, thus referring to King Ahaz ALONE! Since the NKJV translators make NO distinction between the singular & plural forms of YOU, this might be safe assumption for the reader of the NKJV. However, if it had been singular in the Hebrew, the AV translators would have used THEE! Since the AV has YOU in this verse, it is apparent that the sign is given to MORE THAN ONE PERSON, to the house of

- David, as mentioned in v13. However, since the NKJV does NOT make this distinction, it is difficult for the reader of this verse in the NKJV to avoid misinterpreting the pronoun & thinking that this YOU is King Ahaz ALONE!!! (Further examples of interpretation problems created by the NKJV's lack of distinction between pronouns can be found in 1 Kings 9v5+6, Matt 5v39, Matt 6v4-7, Matt 1lv23+24, Matt 18v9-11, Mark 14v37+38, Luke 9v41, Luke 17v21, John 14v9-11, 1 Cor 3v16+17, 1 Cor 6v19+20, Phil 2v5 etc.)
- 5) Replacement of Pronouns with Nouns In a number of instances, the NKJV replaces the Hebrew pronouns with nouns! Three such occurances are Gen 29v30 & Gen 30v29, in which 'he' is replaced with the name 'Jacob'; & 2 Kings 6v18, in which 'they' is replaced with 'the Syrians!' Although this reduces the ambiguity of the passage, it is NOT consistent with the Hebrew. If words need to be added to enhance clarity, they MUST be printed in ITALIC TYPE to indicate that they are NOT in the original texts! (You see the NKJV is NOT honest in its translation!!!)
- 6) INCORRECT Translations in the NKJV Old Testament The NKJV also contains readings which are, simply, INCORRECT; examples of these are... Isa 53v9, in which the Hebrew reading is 'And he made his grave with the wicked' & the NKJV reading is 'And they made His grave with the wicked', with a marginal note that 'they' is 'Lit. he or He'. This is ERROR!!! Compare also Jer 34v14, Hos 10v5, Micah 7v19, Zech 9v17 THESE ARE ERRORS IN THE NKJV!!! God's word does NOT contain any 'errors' it is INERRANT i.e. the AUTHORIZED VERSION! For almost every word in Hebrew there are several valid translations in English. One Hebrew word can be translated 'glorify' (Ps 22v23), 'grievous' (Gen 18v20), 'hardened' (Exo 9v7), 'heavy' (1 Sam 4v18), 'honour' (Exo 20v12), 'much' (Exo 12v38), 'rich' (Gen 13v2), & 'thick' (Exo 19v16).
- 7) Omissions FROM The Textus Receptus Although the NKJV translators used the Textus Receptus Greek NT, for unknown reasons they OMITTED numerous words from the NKJV! Compare the following verses with the AUTHORIZED VERSION (THE WORD OF GOD!)... Matt 5v37, Mark 2v21, Luke 1v35, John 15v13, John 19v16, John 20v27, Acts 2v42, Acts 5v24, Acts 7v2, Acts 1lv11, Acts 13v38, Acts 16v24, Acts 16v37, Acts 22v1, 2 Cor 8v10, 1 Thes 1v1, Heb 1v6, 1 Pet 1v8, 2 John v6, Rev 22v12 These words are found IN the Greek & IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION!!!
- 8) Unnecessary Changes in the NT Compare the following verses which have been changed FROM the Textus Receptus & the AV... Matt 27v6, Luke 4v29, 1 Cor 7v13, Heb 2v16
- 9) The NKJV 'additions' WITHOUT *Italics*! Occasionally a word or words will need to be added to a translation of the Scriptures in order to provide the reader with the clarity necessary to make the passage understandable. This is common in ALL translations! The translators of the AV, however, also saw the need for SHOWING the reader (*i.e. they were HONEST*!) where such words were added! Thus, they sought to place added words in italic type! The NKJV translators followed this tradition in the main, but on numerous occasions failed to do so WITHOUT explanation (DISHONEST!!!) See... Mark 9v18, Rom 7v5, Rom 13v9, 2 Cor 11v29 etc.

Now I've had 'baby-Pete' from the Midlands write to me stating that THE GREEK is 'perfect' & the AV is NOT; he has said that the NKJV is 'perfect' & ALL Bibles translated from the Textus Receptus are 'perfect' yet they ALL DIFFER from one another! This 'man' is a very shallow student of the word & he does NOT know where the SCRIPTURES are that God PROMISED TO PRESERVE (Psa 12v6+7). Now I get idiots like him writing to me often times though NONE of them have a PERFECT FINAL AUTHORITY yet they want US (Bible Believers!) to give up our PERFECT AUTHORIZED VERSION for one of their SATANIC COUNTERFEITS! Are they so deceived that there is no hope for them or are they just full of PRIDE & ARROGANCE like baby-Pete, who has nothing better to do with his WASTED LIFE than to TRY & find fault with the WORD OF GOD the AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE! 'Christians' like baby-Pete from the Midlands are an embarrassment to Bible Believers; they do NO good at all & think they are Bible 'critics' or as baby-Pete calls himself 'Textual-critic' when they are really just a FULLY FLEDGED IDIOT with a CAPITAL 'I'. Nothing gets me more riled than a Bible REJECTOR OR CORRECTOR! I LOVE the way Ruckman handles these 'babies' & I thank God that He has raised up MEN like Ruckman, Knox, Gipp, O'Reilly & ALL BIBLE BELIEVERS!!! If YOU read any other version other than the AUTHORIZED VERSION YOU are reading a SATANIC COUNTERFEIT OF THE TRUE WORD OF GOD!!! YOU have been DECEIVED!!! Does it not bother you?

It's amazing who you meet!

Donna & I sent the last newsletter (Issue 39) out from a post-office in Oakham in Leicestershire. While I was sitting down at a table putting the stamps on the envelopes an elderly lady approached the table to sit down & fill some forms in. I gave her my seat & sat at the corner of the table. We exchanged pleasantries & during our conversation I asked what job she used to do? She told me that she was the lady who designed & put into production 'Paddington Bear!' How about that! We then spoke about her children; her daughter is a lawyer in London & her son, now get this, is none other than Jeremy Clarkson from the TV series 'Top Gear!' Here I am speaking to Jeremy Clarkson's MUM!!! As I left I gave her two 'LIFE' CD's, one for her & one for her son Jeremy to listen to. Pray they both get saved! You just never know who the Lord leads you to, so keep witnessing everywhere you can!

The New King James (NKJV)

- PART TWO

- Evangelist 'Lester Roloff' said... "The bible does NOT need to be re-written but re-read!" AMEN!!! There is NOTHING in the NKJV that makes anything NEW or CLEARER that is not found in the word of God the AV! The words 'thee', 'thou', 'thy' & 'thine' are OUT so it no longer matches our hymn books! When was the last time you sang 'How Great YOU ARE!' instead of 'How Great Thou Art?'
- 2) NO 'differences' baby-Pete, well let's have a look at just a few... Let's NOT be lazy (like MOST Christians!) compare the following verses in the AV & NKJV & SEE the DIFFERENCES... Gen 1v21, Matt 12v40, Gen 2v7, Gen 2v13, Gen 3v5, Gen 22v8, 1 Kings 10v28, Dan 3v25, Zech 11v17, Matt 2v4, Matt 20v20, John 1v3, John 4v24, Acts 12v4, Acts 4v13, Acts 17v22, 2 Cor 2v17, Gal 2v20, Phil 3v8, 1 Tim 6v10, 1 Tim 6v20, 2 Tim 2v15, Jude 1v15 etc. etc. How ya doin baby-Pete??? Touch of the 'dribbles?'

The NKJV is NOT the word of God; The AUTHORIZED VERSION IS THE PERFECT PRESERVED WORD OF GOD!

When I pray I sin! When I preach, I sin! My very repentance needs to be repented of, & my tears need washing in the blood of Christ.

(Bishop Berkeley)

NEW Team Leader!

We have appointed Dionne as our third has shown such zeal, willingness & very sensitive to situations, honest & helping Donna (because of her arthritis) or when we are away. Dionne is always enthusiastic. She is a shining She has worked VERY hard in her DG improving every time! I would sum up thoughtful & committed! Welcome to have THREE excellent leaders, thank the Lord!



Team Leader! Over the last year Dionne commitment to serve the Lord! She is very caring; often times she is found in the kitchen & with other jobs at church committed to ALL the meetings & is example to all Christian girls & women. homework & the quality of her work is Dionne's qualities as... honest, caring, the Leadership Team DD!!! Donna & I

(Chris just needs to get rid of his addiction to computer games STILL - will he EVER GROW UP?)

The New King James (NKJV)

NKJV omits the word 'Lord' 66 times!
NKJV omits the word 'God' 51 times!
NKJV omits the word 'heaven' 50 times!
NKJV omits the word 'repent' 44 times!
NKJV omits the word 'blood' 23 times!
NKJV omits the word 'hell' 22 times!
NKJV omits the word 'JEHOVAH' entirely!
NKJV omits the word 'new testament'

- PART THREE

entirely!
NKJV omits the word 'damnation' entirely!
NKJV omits the word 'devils' entirely!
NKJV ignored the AV & Greek Textus
Receptus over 1,200 times!
NKJV replaced the AV & Hebrew (ben
Chayyim) with the CORRUPT Stuttgart
edition (ben Asher) Old Testament!

Letter from Mr C!

A man who received a 'He Loves You!' tract card through his letterbox in Birmingham wrote to me the following... 'I suspect you're anticipating me being interested in your imaginary lord who you & countless others are deluded into believing loves us. If you think some supreme entity is going to choose to reveal himself to the authors of the bible you need to seek professional help! He goes on & on! I wrote back to him a loving yet firm letter & gave him the Gospel 'straight-down-the-line!' I also gave him my two booklets plus an AV Bible! Pray he gets saved! I have heard nothing since!

The New King James (NKJV)

THE NKIV IS 'EASIER' TO UNDERSTAND!!! (MY FOOT!!!)

Verse	Hard word NKJV	Easy word AV
2 Cor 5v2	Habitation	House
Ecc 2v3	Gratify Give	
Isa 28v1+4	Verdant Fat	
Isa 34v6	Overflowing	Fat
lsa 13v12	Mortal	Man
Psa 43v1	Vindicate	Judge
Rom 14v13	Resolve	Judge
Josh 22v24	Descendants	Children
John 6v7	Denarrii	Pennyworth
Acts 17v22	The Areopagus	Mars' Hill
Eze 31v4	Rivulets	Little rivers
1 Kings 10v28	Keva Linen Yar	
1 Sam 13v21	Pim	File
John 18v28	Praetorium	Judgment Hall
Isa 2v16	Sloops	Pictures
Lam 5v3	Waif	Fatherless
Acts 27v17	Syrtis Sands Quicksand	
Job 2v10	Adversity Evil	
1 Sam 16v14	Distressing Evil	
Jer 19v3	Catastrophe Evil	
2 Kings 22v16	Calamity	Evil
Matt 20v2	A Denarius	A Penny

'O BIBLIOS - THE BOOK!'

I have advertised Alan O'Reilly's book 'O BIBLIOS – THE BOOK' in previous issues of 'TFT NEWS!' but I would like to highlight again just how good this book is! I would recommend EVERY Christian has a copy on their shelf!!! You can purchase this book by calling 01388 835753. The cost is £12 each & worth every penny! I have recently bought 10 of them to use with Bible CORRECTORS & REJECTORS! It's a fight out there folks; we are in a battle! Let us keep fighting until our Captain returns to collect us! Are YOU in the battle???

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph 4:22-24

Tracting!

The DG (Discipleship Group) distributed over 25,000 tracts during 2007; that's nearly 500 a WEEK – praise the Lord! There are only seven members of the DG & three of them are still at school, one full-time at university, one who works full-time & two who work part-time, one of which is also doing a university Masters! Don't tell me YOU don't get time to distribute tracts! If the DG can find the time so can YOU! Please continue to pray that the Lord will water, bless & save souls! I thank God that all 25,000 tracts distributed were taken from the AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE!!!



The NKJV DEMOTES Jesus Christ!

Verse	NKJV	AV
Luke 13v8	Sir	Lord
Matt 18v26	Master	Lord
Matt 20v20	Kneeling down	Worshipping him
Gen 22v8	Provide for himself	Provide himself a lamb
John 8v35	A son	The Son
Matt 8v19	Teacher	Master
Matt 19v16	Good Teacher	Good Master
Matt 22v16	Teacher	Master
Matt 23v8	Teacher	Master
Matt 23v10	Teacher	Master

Lady at Phone Shop!

While changing Donna's phone we were able to witness a little to the manager of the shop. She said that she thought we were Christians the time before??? Her partner has just been diagnosed with cancer! We were able to give her the 'LIFE' CD which she said she would listen to on her way home in the car! Please pray for this lady & her husband that they both come to know the Saviour, her mother is a Christian!

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (1 Pet 1v18+19)



The NKJV COPIES the Jehovah Witness Bible (NWT)

Verse	NKJV	AV
Acts 3v13	His Servant Jesus	His Son Jesus
Acts 3v26	His Servant Jesus	His Son Jesus
Acts 4v27	Holy Servant Jesus	Holy child Jesus
Acts 4v30	Holy Servant Jesus	Holy child Jesus
Col 1v15	The firstborn over all creation	The firstborn of every
		creature
Mark 2v15	OMITTED	Jesus
Heb 4v8	Joshua	Jesus
Acts 7v45	Joshua Jesus	

Rapture comes to Lovacott!

Well, with great excitement the DG set off to spend the day with Eric & Phylis Milton and our friends at Lovacott. We wanted to surprise the folk so arrived unannounced! (last time they went to such a lot of 'trouble' feeding us and putting us up for the night, that we didn't want to cause them any work this time - so we all packed up our lunches!) Mr Milton made us smile as he saw us outside the church and from a distance thought we were J.W's!!! However he saw John and was put at ease! We joined the folk for the morning service and spent the afternoon at Eric & Phylis'. We were asked to take the evening service so were able to share with them by singing and reading and John spurred us all on by preaching on the Rapture!

Have I fooled you Lord? - By Peter Paul Ventura

2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Ps 100:5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Study requires discipline – a root of the word disciple: Truth as defined by the Bible is, God's word!

Thus, study of God's word will help you to be approved unto God, & not be ashamed, And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28. A workman - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 15:58. A 'workman' who 'studies' the 'truth' will be able to rightly divide the word of truth, & be approved unto God. Amen! The question I once had to ask myself was 'Are you learning the trade, or the tricks of the trade?' Now you must ask yourself this question & answer it honestly. Another word for trade is 'vocation'. The apostle Paul admonished the Christian to '...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' Eph 4v1. A person who is only learning the tricks of the trade / vocation studies to be an excellent test taker. They can pass the test on paper, but didn't LEARN the lesson! Another sign of a person learning the tricks of the trade is, when he reads a study lesson he doesn't look in the Bible & read each Scripture quoted in the lesson. This person will be ashamed before the Lord. It just so happens, teachers, pastors & authors sometimes misquote verses, passages, words & citations. A person who is only learning the tricks of the trade / vocation, is too lazy to look up words in a dictionary or concordance, & continues to read on anyway without a full understanding. A person who is only learning the tricks of the trade / vocation accepts whatever anyone teaches, & does not open the Bible to see if what he is taught is TRUE - Scripture! A person who is only learning the tricks of the trade / vocation will teach others to do the same, & has an excuse for why he does it! The perfect example of a person who only wants to learn the tricks of the trade / vocation, is 'Simon the sorcerer'. Peter the apostle said to Simon the trade trickster... Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Acts 8:21. Now I ask you; Are you learning the trade / vocation wherewith ye are called? Or, are you learning the tricks of the trade / vocation? You can fool the pastor, deacon & brethren, but you CANNOT fool God! Study to show thyself approved unto God! But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. Num 32:23 (If you have any comments regarding this article, please write to Peter Paul Ventura #83492-NB6 at Cheshire Correctional Institution, 900 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410-1698, USA)

Man who delivered our 'Hayabusa!'

We were able to give the guy who delivered our motorbike the 'LIFE' CD. He said that he was a 'lapsed' Christian! He was going to listen to the CD on the way to his next call! The bike is amazing! Already I have taken Donna, LaToya, Dionne, Rachel, Donna's sister & 'MY BOSS' on the back! Unfortunately the weather hasn't been good; therefore we haven't ridden many miles as yet. It takes 1600 miles at different 'revs' (i.e. you can't take it above 5500 revs for the first 600 miles & then not above 8000 revs for the next 1000 miles!) just to run it in; for those of you who are interested in bikes!!!









Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.



 Check the following verses out in the NKJV & the AV & see the differences... Acts 17v29 (Demotes the Trinity!), 1 Cor 1v18 & 2 Cor 2v15 (teaches a 'WORKS' salvation!)

2) Look at Rev 13v16 in regard to the 'Mark of the Beast!' – ON or IN???

More HARD words in the NKJV...

Verse	NKJV	AV	
Acts 18v12	Proconsul	Deputy	
Acts 19v38	Proconsuls	Deputies	
Acts 21v20	Myriads	Thousands	
Acts 21v34	Ascertain	Know	
Acts 27v30	Skiff	Boat	

3) Check these verses out also comparing them in the NKJV with the AV & SEE the DIFFERENCES...1 Tim 6v10, 2 Cor 2v17, Rom 1v18, Rom 1v25, 1 Tim 6v20, 1 Tim 6v5, 2 Cor 2v10, 1 Cor 1v22, 2 Tim 2v15, Acts 17v16, Acts 17v22, 2 Cor 5v17, Phil 2v7, Acts 4v27, 1 Thes 5v22, 1 Cor 10v28, Matt 20v20, James 5v16, 2 Thes 2v7 etc. – 'baby-Pete' thinks the NKJV is PERFECT – what a superficial 'Christian'?

The NKJV is a 'Rat's nest!' – I'll stick with the word of God thank you, PERFECTLY PRESERVED IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE!

Straight-talk from Ruckman!

Regarding the book of Job, Ruckman writes... 'It is appropriate that the first & oldest real 'book' ever written should deal with this situation, for pain & suffering are the common lot in life. And even where the privation (a state in which essentials such as food and warmth are lacking) & the agony do not reach the peak that Job experiences, still disease, suffering, privation, bereavement, tears, misunderstandings, rebuke, worry, anguish, pain, & death are the common lot of man (Job 14v1+2) This world is still 'a vale of tears,' & science & education have done nothing – ABSOLUTELY NOTHING – to convert it into anything else. The intellectual schmucks who talk about the 'advancements in medicine' & 'scientific technology' all forget to tell you that pain killers & hospital care & specialized treatment are luxuries that less than 2% of the world's population can afford! Neither science nor education has improved man's general lot more than by giving him a few pieces of junk to play with that he did not have in the 18th Century!!!'

Mormons (Morons!) vs Discipleship Group!

Chris (one of my Team Leaders) recently met a couple of Mormons & after talking with them for a while challenged them to a debate. The DG all gathered together for the challenge on Thursday 27th December. While spending a couple of hours studying/reading up on this CULT I couldn't believe what a 'childish' deception Mormons have embraced; Morons more like!!! This CULT is certainly EVIL as was the founder member Joseph Smith & his next in line Brigham Young; both charlatans of the highest order! I would recommend the following books, to get you started, regarding CULTS... 'The Kingdom of the Cults' by Walter Martin & 'Understanding the Cults' by Josh McDowell & Don Stewart. BUT NOTE, when reading these books watch out for changes to the AV! So there we were, food prepared, tables set up; we had all researched our subject & now we were just waiting for the Morons! Alas, 6' o'clock came & went & the Morons never turned up! Chris phoned the guy who was supposed to be coming (with friends) & he told Chris that he had been transferred to another district & wouldn't be able to meet up. He said he could send a couple of other Morons instead, but only for an hour: BUT, we would have to collect them & then take them back again-MORONS! To cut a long story short Chris & Mary drove over to the house where these two Morons were staying & gave them the video which we had all watched previously called 'DNA v the Book of Moron' (This video is excellent & I would highly recommend it!) They were also given a list of ERRORS & contradictions in the Book of Moron & Chris told them to prepare a case & we would meet up at a later date & discuss the matter! I'll keep you posted but I wouldn't hold your breath as the information we gave to the Morons will shake them to the core if they watch/read it! I cannot believe how such a childish CULT which is based upon lies & deceit can grow so fast & become so lucrative; it's incredible! If you ever have dealings with the Morons the following information may be of some help to you!

The Book of Moron	THE HOLY BIBLE (AV)
Salvation by grace & WORKS - 2 Nephi 25v23	Salvation by GRACE ALONE - Eph 2v8+9
Jesus born at Jerusalem - Alma 7v10	Jesus born at Bethlehem - Matt 2v1
Three DAYS of darkness at the Crucifixion -	Three HOURS of darkness at the Crucifixion -
Helaman 14v27	Luke 23v44
GOD has flesh & bones like a man -	GOD is a SPIRIT - John 4v24
D&C 130v22	
Believers were called 'Christians' BEFORE	First called Christians at Antioch – Acts 11v26
Christ (70BC) - Alma 46v15	
Mormonism teaches a 2 nd chance AFTER death	AFTER death is judgement - Heb 9v27
- D&C 76v106-112 & v88-99	Hell is everlasting – Rev 21v8, Matt 13v24-43

A few contradictions in their own MORON literature...

Book of Moron	Doctrines & Covenants (D&C) / Pearl of Great Price (PofGP)
One God – Alma 11v28+29+44, Nephi 31v21,	Plural Gods – D&C 121v32, 132v18-20+37
Mormon 7v7, 3 Nephi 11v27, Mosiah 15v3-5	
God is Unchangeable - Mormon 9v9+19,	God has progressed - D&C 132v18-20
Moroni 8v12+18, 2 Nephi 27v23, Alma 31v17	
God is a Spirit - Alma 34v36	God has a body i.e. flesh - D&C 130v22
God dwells in the heart - Alma 34v36	God doesn't dwell in the heart - D&C 130v3
Creation - One God - 2 Nephi 2v14, Jacob 4v9	Creation - Plural gods - PofGP Abraham 4-5
God cannot lie - Ether 3v12, 2 Nephi 9v34	God commands lying - PofGP Abraham 2v22-
	25
God's word is unchangeable - Alma 41v8	God's word can change - D&C 56v4-5
No pre-existence of Man – Jacob 4v9,	Man pre-existed – D&C 93v23+29-33,
Alma 18v28+34-36	PofGP Abraham 3v18+21-23
Death seals man's fate - Mosiah 2v36-39,	Chance after death - D&C 76v106 -112+88-
Alma 34v32-35	99
Saved without baptism - Moroni 8v22+23	Baptism for the dead - D&C 128v5+17+18
2 Nephi 9v25+26, Mosiah 15v24-27	
Murder can be forgiven - 3 Nephi 30v2	Murder cannot be forgiven - D&C 42v18
Polygamy condemned – Jacob 1v15, 2v24,	Polygamy commanded - D&C 132v1+37-
3v5, Mosiah 11v2	39+61

Other interesting info. regarding the Morons...

- 1) The Book of Moron contains at least 25,000 words from the Authorized Version! In fact, VERBATIM quotations, some of considerable length, have caused the Morons no end of embarrassment for many years Plagiarism!!! Check out the following (you'll be amazed!) The comparison of Moroni chapter 10 with 1 Cor 12v1-11, 2 Nephi 14 with Isaiah 4, 2 Nephi 12 with Isaiah 2. The book of Mosiah chapter 14 is a reproduction of Isaiah 53!!! 3 Nephi 13v1-18 copies Matt 6v1-23!!! Poor ol Joe Smith couldn't make up his own 'idiot' version, he had to steal from the WORD OF GOD the AUTHORIZED VERSION! What a 'plank' (3 by 2!!!) Joe-baby was! (I know another baby-'plank' from Brierley Hill & it's NOT Barney believe it or not!!!)
- 2) From the 1830 edition of the Book of Moron up until the present day, this so called 'most correct of any book on earth' has undergone OVER 3000 changes *that's wild man!!!*
- 3) No Book of Mormon cities have ever been located!
- 4) No Book of Mormon names have been found in New World inscriptions.
- 5) No genuine inscriptions have been found in HEBREW in America!
- 6) No genuine inscriptions have been found in America in Egyptian or anything similar to Egyptian, which could correspond to Joseph Smith's 'reformed Egyptian.'
- 7) No ancient copies of the Book of Mormon 'scriptures' have been found.
- 8) No ancient inscriptions of any kind in America which indicate that the ancient inhabitants had Hebrew or Christian beliefs have been found – see the video/DVD 'DNA vs the Book of Mormon' (Excellent!)
- 9) NO mention in the Book of Mormon persons, nations, or places have been found.
- 10) No artefact of any kind which demonstrates the Book of Mormon is true, has been found.

The Holy Supper & the Roman Mass – taken from Jan/Feb issue of The Reformer Magazine...

In an attempt to arrest the spread of Gospel preaching, the Arch-bishop induced Henry IV to pass this Act for the Burning of Heretics, "that they were to be burnt on a high place before the people!" This first martyr who was burned under it was William Sautrey, the rector of a London church. "He was a good man," says Foxe, "& a faithful priest, & these two charges were laid against him, first, that he will not worship the Cross on which Christ suffered, but only Christ who suffered on the Cross, & secondly, that after pronouncing the sacramental words of the body of Christ, the bread remaineth of the same nature as it was before, neither doth it cease to be bread." For that he was burned - the first martyr burned at the stake in Smithfield. Shortly afterwards, in 1409, a humble man, a disciple of Wycliffe, John Badby was brought before the Bishop of Worcester for saying that bread consecrated by the priest was still bread & the Sacrament of the Altar was of less estimation than the humblest man there present. They brought him to St Paul's, & before the Arch-bishops he maintained his simple testimony that the bread was hallowed bread, but in no sense, as the Arch-bishop contended, was it the body of Christ. He was taken away to be burned. When bound on the stake, & the wood heaped up around him, for the last time the Mass was brought & one inclination of his head to it would have saved his life, but he persisted in his assertion that it was hallowed bread & NOT the body of Christ. So they lit the fire & it began to curl up around him. The young prince, afterwards Henry V, who stood looking on him with a number of his companions to witness the spectacle, was so moved when he saw the man's body touched by the flames that he told the executioner to put the flame out, & drawing near to the martyr, said "I will give you three-pence a day as long as you shall live if you will recant!" But the sufferer thanked him & said he dare not; so they lit the fire again & it soon reduced him to ashes, on which Foxe says, "Thus did this valiant champion of Christ, neglecting the prince's fair words, not without a great & most cruel battle, but with much greater triumph of victory, perfect his testimony & martyrdom in the fire!" What MEN these were!!! Today we have idiots calling themselves 'Textual Critics' who go around changing, distorting, 'correcting' the word of God; in fact doing ANYTHING THEY WANT TO rather than SUBMIT & STAND UPON the Authority of a HOLY GOD & His HOLY WORD! Where are the MEN today???

The History of the English Bible – taken from The Reformer Magazine

One of the earliest translated portions of which we read was that of the Venerable Bede in the 7th Century. Wycliffe's translation of the Latin Vulgate appeared in 1382. Invention became the handmaid of revelation; for not until discovery of printing could the Bible ever have been a popular book. The first printed portion of the Bible was Tyndale's New Testament, printed in Antwerp in 1526, which edition 'More & Fisher' bought up & burnt publicly! Tyndale improved this edition, & reprinted it in 1530, when it was again confiscated by order of the Star Chamber. The first completed Bible was published by Miles Coverdale, in 1535. A new edition appeared in 1537, & was known by the name of Matthew's Bible. Cranmer's Great Bible appeared in 1540, & was set up in the churches, with the royal sanction. This Bible was suppressed in 1543, through the influence of the Papal party. The Bishop's Bible appeared in 1568, & the present AUTHORIZED VERSION in 1611.

I call God to record against the day we shall appear before our Lord Jesus, to give a reckoning of our doings, that I never altered one syllable of God's word against my conscience, nor would do this day, if all that is in earth, whether it be honour, pleasure or riches, might be given me.

(William Tyndale)

Do you understand the importance of the following...

The Bible is a lost book in Britain today. It has little influence on national life any more...We have to admit that we are NOT seeing souls converted in great numbers. It does not matter where you go. Go to Wales, to Scotland, or to England here. Few are being converted in these days. Where are the days when the Bible was being blessed to the conversion of thousands & ten thousands? ...The problem is here. This book is NOT being read so as to bring light to bear upon men's lives. Therefore the tragedy is that men are not being converted to Christ. Could any curse in this life be greater? Could any judgment be more awful than this? (*Taken from an address by M.J. Roberts published in the TBS Quarterly Oct – Dec 1994 – brought to my attention by my friend Alan O'Reilly – Let us all take heed to this warning & DO something about it!*)

Another reason why I am NOT 'Brethren!'

I have never liked the term 'Brethren' for a 'denomination,' it sounds CULTISH! I also like the word CHURCH much more than I do 'Assembly!' 'The Assembly' sounds CULTISH! (In the NEW Testament the words 'church & churches' occurs 115 times – the words 'assembly' & 'assemblies' occurs just 5 times!!! - INTERESTING!!!) I think the 'safest' name for a 'denomination' today is Baptist, yet most Baptist churches I've attended have been very UNSOUND! Church is a nightmare today I'm sad to say! I recently read two pamphlets/booklets – Exclusive Brethren (& these ARE CULTISH!) by the Reachout Trust & 'Aspects of Some Exclusive Doctrines!' by Michael Browne. BOTH I would recommend to you for an eye-opener! What am I? I am a BIBLE BELIEVING 'non-denominational' Christian; I'M A CHRISTIAN – that is it!!!

Misunderstood

We also received a letter from a lovely couple with the following words...'What I am going to write to you is not easy for me to do, but it is sent to you in love because I want the very best for you. We value the way that you stand by the truth of God's word, but, beloved, there are times when you state what you have done, especially when you win at games & so seem to exalt yourself. If you could refrain from doing that it would be much better. One woman told me that she was going to give up having your newsletter because 'you thought too much of yourself!" I was told once that if I ever wrote a book about 'myself' (i.e. an autobiography) it should be entitled 'Misunderstood!' I think that is a good title! I am misunderstood at times (like we all are I'm sure!) You say something one way & another person takes it the other way! You cannot please everyone & I have no intention to try! Now regarding my

sporting 'achievements' I will say this... as far as I can remember in 'TfT News!' I only boast when I beat Barney! Now Barney is a dear friend of mine whom I have known for nearly 20 years. He himself when he beats me (which is hardly ever - sorry, there I go again!) puts the flags out shall we say! It is all very good banter & it is all done with 'tongue in cheek!' I hope the couple who wrote to me can see a little clearer now! In LIFE I have NOTHING to boast of except the Lord Jesus Christ & what HE has DONE for me! He is my ALL, my EVERYTHING! In REALITY I am a Hell deserving VILE-SINNER, saved by the grace & mercy of God - I realize that, I really do! I boast when having a little 'fun' with someone OR I boast when I have beaten a very ARROGANT person at ANYTHING – quite a mixed bag aren't I! You'll get used to me in time!!!

Thank you for your concern!!!

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev 20v15)

Question Time...

- What missionaries are you personally supporting in 2008?
- 2) Did the saints in Matt 27 that arose from the dead have their resurrected bodies?
- 3) Why is cremation WRONG?
- 4) What is the greatest sign TODAY showing us that we really are LIVING in the LAST of the last days? I would welcome all letters answering this question. If you are a 'preacher or teacher,' send me YOUR sermon on 'signs of the last days!'
- 5) Who wrote the book of Job?

Some 'funny' one liner's!

- 1) Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have any film!
- Some people are kind, polite, & sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews!
- 3) People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road & the back of the church!
- 4) It's not who wins or loses, it's who keeps score!

Number patterns in Scripture...

In Hebrew & Greek, every letter, word, sentence, & passage has a definite numeric value or sum. The Hebrews & Greeks did not use figures such as 1, 2, 3 or 4 to count numeric value. Rather, they used the letters of their alphabet. For example, if a Hebrew or Greek wanted to write '1' he would write the first letter of the alphabet. If he wanted to write '2' he would write down the second letter of the alphabet etc.

Each letter in the Hebrew & Greek alphabet stands for a certain number; every letter is a number, as well as a letter.

Since each letter has a numeric value, each word, phrase, or sentence has a sum total. The numeric sum of a word is obtained by adding the values of the various letters in that particular word, phrase, or sentence.

The most important word in the Bible is the name 'Jesus'. In Greek, Jesus is spelled 'I-E-S-O-U-S.' I = 10, E = 8, S = 200, O = 70, U = 400, S = 200. If we add these numbers, we find the numerical value of 'Jesus' is 888.



NINE occurs 49 times in Scripture! NINE is connected with fruitfulness!

NINE also may have some connection with 'covenants'

- 1) There are NINE 'fruits' of the Spirit (Gal 5v22+23 Note Galatians is the NINTH book & v22+23 added up = NINE i.e. 2+2+2+3); Galatians has NINE letters!
- Gen 9v9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
- 3) Abraham is ninety-nine when God makes a covenant with him & he was ninetynine when Sarah conceived Isaac (the first FRUIT of her womb!) Sarah was NINETY (Gen 17v1+17)
- 4) NINE is the period of gestation (the process of carrying or being carried in the womb between conception and birth.) i.e. NINE months for women in producing 'fruit.'
- 5) Holy Bible has NINE letters
- 6) KING JAMES has NINE letters!
- 7) AV 1611 = NINE added up!
- 8) 1611 divided by NINE = 179 i.e. ONE (1) PERFECT (7) book that bears FRUIT (9)

There is no book on earth like the AV1611 holy bible!!!

Jersey & Guernsey trip...

One of the 'territories' I am now covering for work is Jersey & Guernsey! Donna & I flew out there on the 15th January & arrived back on my birthday (i.e. the 18th January). It was a profitable time both for work & 'witnessing' for the Lord. The Lord blessed us with some

good orders & while we came into contact with which was a guy from drifting to different places years old!) & had spent the told us that he had not parents but his Nan so badly beaten up by 'a kept blaspheming so I took



travelling around the Islands some 'characters!' One of Birmingham who had been throughout his life, (he is 30 last year in Guernsey! He been brought up by his instead. Six years ago he was gang' that he nearly died. He my opportunity & spoke to

him about the Lord. He accepted the LIFE CD & DVD plus a booklet which he promised to 'watch & read!' Pray for this man that he comes to know the Lord. He doesn't really have any aims or goals in life; he's just a 'drifter' like so many young folks today! Coming back, the plane we were to fly on had TWO technical faults! They had to fly a part in from Jersey to Guernsey & fit it before we could take off!!! We arrived back in Birmingham THREE hours later than we should have & were waiting over 4 hours at the airport!

Brief introduction to the book of ROMANS...

The book of Romans is THE doctrinal book on salvation in the NT; its theme is justification by FAITH! The Reformation came in with the emphasis on justification by FAITH. The book of Romans teaches that a man is saved by GRACE through FAITH plus NOTHING! The book of Galatians teaches that a man is KEPT SAVED by GRACE through FAITH plus NOTHING! Martin Luther's two favourite epistles were Romans & Galatians – he called Galatians his 'Katie' (his wife's name!). The book of Romans is written around 58AD. The 'key-term' that occurs more in this book than any other book in the Bible is OF GOD – it occurs in 70 verses, such as...

Rom 1:1 the gospel of God Rom 3:18 no fear of God Rom 9:11 the purpose of God Rom 1:4 the Son of God Rom 3:23 the glory of God; Rom 10:2 a zeal of God Rom 1:7 beloved of God Rom 10:17 the word of God. Rom 3:25 the forbearance of Rom 11:4 the answer of God Rom 1:10 the will of God Rom 1:16 the power of God Rom 4:20 the promise of God Rom 11:22 the goodness and Rom 1:17 the righteousness of Rom 5:5 the love of God severity of God Rom 5:15 the grace of God Rom 11:29 calling of God God Rom 1:18 the wrath of God Rom 6:23 the gift of God Rom 11:33 knowledge of God Rom 1:19 known of God Rom 12:1 by the mercies of Rom 7:22 the law of God Rom 1:25 the truth of God Rom 8:9 the Spirit of God God Rom 1:30 haters of God, Rom 8:16 the children of God: Rom 13:2 the ordinance of God Rom 1:32 the judgment of God Rom 8:17 heirs of God Rom 13:4 the minister of God Rom 8:19 the sons of God. Rom 14:17 the kingdom of Rom 2:4 the goodness of God Rom 2:24 the name of God Rom 8:34 the right hand of God Rom 3:2 the oracles of God. Rom 14:20 the work of God God Rom 3:3 the faith of God Rom 9:4 the service of God

The book of Romans is the foundation for all NT doctrines that deal with NT SALVATION in this present age. It is fittingly titled ROMANS since Rome is the last world empire in Daniel 2 that is mentioned before the SECOND COMING of Christ – Dan 2v40-45.

TfT! readership keeps on growing!

It was very encouraging during January to receive letters from people wanting to be ADDED to our mailing list! 'TfT News!' is quite a hard-hitting & controversial newsletter, therefore we often receive letters from Christians wanting to come OFF our mailing list (*I offend too many people I'm told!*). So when we get letters from Christians wanting to be ADDED to our mailing list I thank the Lord!!! God willing, I shall do all I can, NEVER to compromise the TRUTH, no matter who it offends!

FOURTEEN Years of Marriage!!!

Well on February 25th 2008 Donna & I shall have been married FOURTEEN years! We would like to thank all of those 'lovely Christians' who said that it wouldn't work! Right from the start of our relationship we had people in the church who kept warning Donna NOT to go out with this guy! The pastor, elders & deacons all said we were NOT right for one another – I LOVE IT!!! I love it when God says one thing & puny man says another! The Lord Jesus Christ brought us together & KEEPS us together! You wouldn't believe how many people have tried to interfere in our relationship; especially

at the start! I remember wedding day, Lord, you have please be in the CENTRE of Donna & I have SO MUCH to for! I've even had 'Christian go on a marriage course (one told me that has now been herself!) Listen, my wife will Lord Jesus Christ; & I will Lord Jesus Christ; & I will Lord Jesus Christ from her successful marriage works. & say's that before we met



saying to myself on our brought us together, now our relationship ALWAYS! thank the Lord Jesus Christ women' tell me that I should of these feminist women who married THREE times ALWAYS come second to the ALWAYS come second to the side! That is how a Barney calls Donna a 'clone' she used to have a brain of

her own! (He means NO harm by this – it's all in good fun!) Donna & I would very much like to say THANK YOU to all of you who pray for us. Often times I have found myself in difficult situations & Donna has always been there by my side supporting me & encouraging me; she is the BEST wife a man could ever ask for & I cannot thank the Lord Jesus Christ enough for allowing us to share our life together! We shall endeavour to continue to seek the Lord's will & love & worship Him until He comes to take us home!

HE LOVES YOU!

As you know, Donna has to go for regular blood tests because of her arthritis; while waiting to see the nurse she noticed our post-card-size 'HE LOVES YOU!' leaflet on one of the notice boards – thank you Lord! To think that hundreds of people a day have the opportunity of reading this leaflet is incredible. Keep sowing the seed of the word of God EVERYWHERE you go! Often times we leave booklets & leaflets in the hospitals & doctors surgeries we attend! It is good because the people waiting often pick something up to read!

What do I lack in life? By LaToya Harding (DG Team Leader; aged 18 years)

The whole purpose and meaning of life is to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ but what kind of relationship am I striving for? Living a clean and holy life is not as easy as saying it and life in itself is full of trials and tribulations to counteract this goal and without the Lord in control it would be far worse! At times we can't see where we are being led or whether the end of our trials are near, but for the Christian, when we sit alone in the deepest and darkest valleys it is in those moments where we closely examine our walk and relationship with the Lord and not to mention realise how far or close we are to Him.

What I lack is reliance and trust in the Lord. I have committed my life to Him yet so often I take over and re-gain control of my life. It is one thing surrendering to someone but another to retain yourself and compromise. Instead of letting the Lord make my decisions for me, I can often make them myself and ask the Lord to bless them. If I relied on Him and trusted in Him 100% then my worry and frets would be replaced by peace- 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.' - John 14v27. Taking things in my own stride is not what the Lord wants from me or any one of us. When the Lord has pre-eminence I have peace knowing that He controls my life and that I am living in His will which is my safest dwelling place. There is no necessary 'material possession' that I lack in life, thank you Lord! I have so much to be thankful for in life there is not much I should be complaining about. There is a vast difference between what you want and what you need and I have all that I need for the Scriptures say, 'And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.' - I Timothy 6v8. Are you content in life? I believe that a lot of it boils down to the fact that I do not love the Lord enough and I need to continue to live as He would have me to live on earth - even more so in these last days. The Bible says that we are to follow in the Lord's footsteps and live as He did for we are 'ambassadors for Christ'- II Corinthians 5v20 - yet how many Christians today are obedient unto this? I lack the love that Christ had for His Father and furthermore I lack the obedience and compassion that was at the forefront of His ministry. The world is getting worse and we don't need a degree or any scientist to tell us this, just look at what the Bible says! The world today is described as:

"This adulterous and sinful generation." – Mark 8v38
"This wicked generation." – Matthew 12v45
"This present evil world." – Galatians 1v4
'A crooked and perverse nation." – Philippians 2v15

What I lack is the boldness, strength and faith that I am capable of. I can do so much more for the Lord and what I need is to keep the reality of hell and the destruction of this world in mind wherever I go and whatever I do. Even if opportunities of witnessing do not arise, I need to realise more that I can make my own opportunities too. In addition to this, I sometimes lack the ability to push myself forwards rather than someone else pushing me. The Bible is so plentifully given in many places and in others people can't even obtain a copy as it costs them their lives! Even though I read the Bible daily I need to spend so much more time in the Scriptures! I need to continue to keep striving for a deeper and closer relationship with the Lord. What I lack in life comes all down to my relationship with the Lord. There is no need for me to be lacking anything in life if I continue to walk closer and deeper with Him day by day! What are you lacking?

Please pray for...

More opportunities & openings for all of us to reach sinners with the Gospel; more boldness & courage to seize those opportunities & step out in faith to **preach** the Gospel; for friends & family members to get SAVED before it's too late! Pray that more churches & individual Christians will start distributing Christian literature around their areas! Pray that God will SAVE souls & give us fruit for our labours! Pray that we shall NEVER give up sowing the seed & trying to reach the lost!

Mixing with the famous!

While at the NEC Show for work, in the evening eight of us went to a 'posh' restaurant in Birmingham. Parked outside was a Silver Shadow Rolls Royce with the number plate AV 1 (I thought is Ruckman here???) Sitting opposite me on another table was none other than Doug Ellis who sold Aston Villa football club for £80 million! We caught eyes & he lifted up his glass to acknowledge me. After he had finished eating he came across to me, put his hand on my shoulder & asked where I was from! We had a quick little chat & then he was escorted to his Rolls Royce & off he went. I found out that he eats in the same restaurant every Tuesday so I have parcelled up a couple of booklets & a Bible, enclosed with a note & posted it off to him. It's amazing who you meet!!!

Finally T gets SAVED!!!

Well T popped round the other night to return some Christian DVD's we had lent him. He stopped for 3 hours & told us that he was now saved & attending church each week. He is already struggling with the modern Bible versions being forced upon him at his church plus the 'leaders' are trying to get him to speak in tongues!!! Boy what a mess churches are in! T told me that one of the churches he attended (Elim I think!) had a 'fire-tunnel' where all the congregation was made to run under it i.e. people put there arms in the air while the rest ran under their arms! PATHETIC with a capital P!!! Pentecostals & Charismatics are 'buffoons on roller skates!' I've met some idiots in my time & most of them I have found to be Pentecostal / Charismatic!!! At least T is saved; that's the main thing! We had a good study on Bible versions & on 'Tongues!' He asked me to recommend a church to go to – I CAN'T!!! How sad is that! I told him to take the best & leave the rubbish, BUT, whatever he does GET INTO THAT BOOK, the AV Bible & STAY THERE! That is the only answer I could give him!

Letter to Rowan Williams!

At the end of every DG we always choose a person to write to. Then all eight of us post a letter to that particular person. Usually it is to a Christian. This time we thought it about time we wrote a letter to Rowan Williams the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, seeing he is in such a mess these days & knows as much about the Scriptures as Rowan Atkinson the comedian! We shall see whether we receive a reply!

Watch this space!

Pro 21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

Ps 38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

 $Ps\ 38:18$ For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. $Ps\ 51:2$ Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Pet 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin;

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

ALMOST is NOT good enough!

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (Acts 26:28) How sad a case this is! How close some people get yet they DON'T make it for whatever reason! I know of so many people who talk about 'Christianity'; their spiritual journey through life; their 'wanting-to-do-what's-right' syndrome; I will become a Christian BUT NOT YET...etc. etc. Friends, the TRUTH is this... If YOU do NOT become a Christian, if YOU do NOT get SAVED, if YOU do NOT ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive you of YOUR SINS, YOU shall die IN your sins & go to HELL for EVER & EVER & EVER & EVER & EVER & EVER & EVER... There is NO escape in HELL! There is NO second chance like the Mormons teach! There is no MERCY in Hell! YOU can repent & confess your sins to Jesus Christ NOW & receive HIM as your LORD & SAVIOUR NOW (For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Rom 1v16-18): don't leave it a moment longer! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ repent & turn FROM your sin UNTO God & ask HIM to forgive you NOW!!! It breaks my heart to think that some folks I have spoken to about the Lord, about salvation, about HELL, still have NOT asked Jesus Christ to FORGIVE them!

I URGE you to turn to the Lord before time runs out! If we can help in anyway call or write to us, but sort your life out NOW!

ONETHOUSAND

The word THOUSAND occurs six times in Rev 20 indicating that there is a 6,000 year span of time, before the seventh day Millennial Sabbath rest of the Lord Jesus Christ, when He returns to the earth to set up His kingdom!

It has been said that the word THOUSAND, where it occurs, is the division that divides off the ages. The ages are divided off into periods of ONE THOUSAND years each, & these periods are roughly, as found in your Bible...

- 1st from the time of Adam down about the year 3,000 BC
- 2nd the next period would come down about the year 2,000 BC which would be right after the Flood around 2,300 BC
- 3rd you could date the time of Abraham right on the 2,000 BC mark!
- 4^{th} The founding of the temple by Solomon would be right on the mark at 1,000 BC
- 5th The middle of the Dark Ages at the Crusades would be at 1,000 AD
- 6th the Second Advent in the fall (September or October) at the Feast of Tabernacles when the Lord Jesus is coming to set up His Millennial kingdom on this earth in 2007?
- 2 Pet 3v8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Don't forget to write! If only you could cook!



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What a 'perfect' couple!

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

If only you

had hair!

(2 Cor 12v15)

Tracting in Hereford!

Four of us (Donna, Dionne, LaToya & I) are now tracting Sunday afternoons; it is a good opportunity as people seem to have more time on Sunday's to sit & read, they are not rushing around so much! So we decided to distribute about 600 pieces of literature in Hereford. This included 'It's Your Choice!' & 'You Asked The Question!' booklets, 'When Do You Become A Christian?' tract cards & some DVD's & CD's! We not only targeted houses but businesses also. We posted some literature through nearly every business on the Rotherwas Industrial Estate. So far we have heard nothing but please continue to pray that this literature will be read & souls shall get saved! (Does anyone know anything about the Brethren Church on the Rotherwas Industrial Estate? Is it 'exclusive?')

'Who Cares?' still going strong!

One lady from Leicester writes '...the Lord has laid on my heart for all our ladies (in the church) to distribute tracts. At present we are in need of 500 tracts to distribute; 'Who Cares?' was brought to my attention!' Someone from Small Heath in Birmingham also ordered 500 'Who Cares?' tracts! We also had enquiries for our booklet 'You Asked The Question!' plus other literature from both Wiltshire & Devon.

Church 'Mail-shot!'

Recently we sent out sample tracts & booklets to 400 churches; 29 of the letters came back to us stating that the church is 'NO LONGER THERE!' How sad this is! It was also disappointing that only ONE church responded & ordered some tracts! Is your church involved in evangelism/outreach? Are YOU?

'Another' Christian who has NO Final Authority!

A man from Cowdenbeath has recently written to me asking for himself & four others, to be taken off our mailing list for 'TfT News!' Guess for what reasons? You guessed it... 1) because he doesn't like what I say about 'the Brethren' & 2) he believes that the AV has 'errors' in it! Now this man, who has NO Final Authority, is saying like all other 'Bible-correctors' that the AV is good but not PERFECT! Here we go yet again! Nothing seems to stir Christians up so much as saying that the BIBLE (AV) is PERFECT! Is it any wonder why we have so many shallow 'effeminate' Christians in our churches? Where are the MEN today who stand upon the word of God no matter what? Needless to say he hasn't written back with answers to ANY of the questions I put to him – wimp!!!

KJV Baptist Church in Philippines! (Not over here but in the Philippines!!!)

It was an encouragement to hear from a KJV Bible believing church based in the Philippines! We have added them to our mailing list & sent some sample literature over to their pastor. It is great to know that all around the world there are AV Bible believers holding fast to the word of God & preaching the TRUTH to lost souls!

Pray that God will bless this church!

Christian Resource Exhibition!

A MONEY-making racket!!! It is unbelievable how little GOOD stuff you can find at these exhibitions. Luke 16v13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. I really wonder who these 'Christians' are serving – is it just a business, a source of income for them? Being completely honest, the 'exhibition' was pathetic & no different from a worldly/secular exhibition. It was packed with women & men in 'dog-collars' strutting their stuff up the aisles, full of themselves! There were competitions available where you could win a car etc. — unbelievable!!! If the Rapture had happened while we were there I guess quite a few would have wondered why a MASSIVE thunder storm had suddenly come — those of you who understand the Rapture get that!!! If you have nothing better to do when one of these events is on, I would still recommend that you wash your car or take the dog out!!! (I found one AV Bible at the whole 'show'!!!)

March DG!

It was very encouraging to see Donna's sister Paula & her husband Mark visit us for our monthly DG. As usual, it was quite a fast & intense 4 hours of Bible study, 'role play', 'take your stand', reading of the Scriptures & discussing certain issues & topics! 'Tongues & healings' reared its head again! It was a challenging time for all of us to continue to develop our relationship with the Lord & get to know Him better through His word!

Thomas from Watford!

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We send our newsletter to a man from Watford who has now been on the mailing list for some time. He has a heart for reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He preaches in the open-air regularly & sends our tracts, CD's & DVD's etc. all over the world. Recently we sent him a box full of literature. Some of the places he has sent the LIFE CD, Gospel DVD & booklets are as follows... to the Principal at an English speaking school in Bahrain, Bangkok, Paris, Singapore, Portugal, Heidelberg, Hong Kong, Brussels – Belgium, Nairobi – Kenya, Hamburg – Germany, Shanghai – China etc. He has also sent out many pieces of literature to schools in England! Please pray for Thomas; he is doing a great work. Wherever this man goes he sows the seed of the word of God! May God raise up others like him that spend their time seeking souls for Jesus!

Keep it up Thomas & thank you for all your encouragement & support!

I read this & it made me smile!
'Communism' - Communism is giving everyone an equal share of what everyone unequally produced!

Baby-Pete the Bible REJECTOR & CORRECTOR!

Well baby-Pete has thrown his rattle out of his pram, kicked his dollies down the stairs & is now hiding under his bed – what a 'man!' This Bible 'corrector' has 'told' me there are errors in the AV but after receiving my friend (Alan O'Reilly's) response, baby-Pete has just blown his gasket & 'done a runner!' He CANNOT answer a BIBLE BELIEVER; he now sends our letters back to us without even opening them – like I said, what a 'man!' I thought about sending him a new dummy next time but knowing him he'd only stick it in his ear by mistake! Bible 'correctors' really are BIG-babies!!! Baby-Pete needs to be weaned off the NKJV (i.e. milk!) & get onto the strong meat of the AUTHORIZED VERSION! Thank you SO MUCH Alan for all your help regarding this issue. No doubt we shall be calling on your services again in the near future; hope you don't mind!

NEW Tracts!

Watch this space for some NEW tracts coming out! We are re-designing 'Eternity' & calling it 'Life THEN Eternity!' & putting it into booklet format! We are also making the 'Money' tract card postcard size & renaming it 'For what shall it profit...', Also at the printers is our NEW idea for leaving a 'tip' after a meal – a tract card called 'TIP', a NEW 'Bike' tract, called 'For Bikers!' (It had to come), plus a NEW tract called 'Millions Disappear?' This is a total of 5 NEW tracts to add to your collection!

Please write to us if you would be interested in seeing samples!

Half-Term Break!

Seven of us from the DG plus Rachel from Bedfordshire went away for four days & three nights to the house we hire in Bromyard! It was a great time together & a break that we all needed. As usual, medals were to be won & the DG Champion cup was also up for grabs! Like 'normal' LaToya proved herself again by regaining her title! She will have to go through it all again in August for two whole weeks of fun & studies etc.













The Evangelical Times

A 'Reformed' newspaper that is often very dry at times! I receive it because I like to see what the *Tve got it ALL right'* bunch are saying! Often times they use modern perversions & cannot rightly divide the word of Truth because they are NOT dispensationalists! However, on the whole it can be useful & interesting! I see that Jebson (from our Chester City Mission days) is writing another article – that guy is full of HIMSELF!!! I'll leave it there!

Unthankfulness - Another great sign of the times!

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 2 Tim 3v2 I am noticing more & more of late as we approach the Rapture, that people are just so UNTHANKFUL! I don't just mean lost sinners, I mean Christians too! A good verse for the church to LIVE by would be Luke 6v35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Also Rom 12v20+21 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. When was the last time YOU said thank you?

Anyone know what's happened to John Victor Stavola???

We have been in contact with this Christian over the past year but now all our letters are being returned to us stating that there is no access to his premises! If anyone knows where or how we can reach him please let us know! Has he gone away?





Theology from the Frontine 2007. He has completed classroom study which the word, preservation of the Christian (Church history, colls, local Exodus, Daniel & twenty six Well dome Peter from all of us at the PCT.

WINNING THE FAMOUS!!

'Big' Sarah who became a Christian last year has really started reaching the lost souls: last month she distributed 785 tracts out tracts personally addressed to the sending when Do You Became A contrained to the ministry, that they are also shall be made a profession of faith in the ministry that 'big' Sarah is doing get through & souls shall be played against each other, but that is when she realizes football is a MAN'S GAMEII! Keep up the great work you 'Busa-habel' (She loves going on the Hayabusal!)

For the kingdom of God is within you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of have received Christ as Savium have been translated SPRITHIALLY for this kingdom of his dear Son: (Cal 19/33) Blessed be the God and archer of the Houry Christian of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God swithin you. (Jules 17/23) According to these two verses, the Kingdom of God who have received Christs as Savium have been translated SPRITHIALLY into this kingdom. Who have received C

Kingdom of HEAVEN!

Most Christians today do NOT spend time 'studying' their Bibles; I would go as far as saying that MOST Christians today do NOT even read their Bibles during the week!!! (Do YOU read the Scriptures DAILY?) So when it comes to DOCTRINE, most Christians CANNOT rightly divide the word of truth! Like I have said previously, unless you read the Scriptures 'DISPENSATIONALLY' you will land up teaching all kinds of FALSE doctrine e.g. Calvinism, 'Tongues' are for today, 'Healing' is the same TODAY as it was in Jesus' day etc. With this thought in mind, let us touch upon another misunderstood subject; the Kingdom of Heaven! The Kingdom of Heaven is NOT the same as the Kingdom of God, just as God & Heaven are NOT the same!!! God is SPIRITUAL (God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4v24) whereas Heaven is God's PHYSICAL creation (In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen 1v1) (By the way if YOUR Bible says 'heavens' plural in Gen 1v1 you have a CORRUPT BibleIII). The Kingdom of God is a SPIRITUAL kingdom, whereas the Kingdom of Heaven is a LITERAL, PHYSICAL kingdom! They are NOT the same!!! God gave Adam dominion over this kingdom in Gen 1v28. It's an earthly kingdom, but it is God's will for it to be run 'AS IT IS IN HEAVEN' (Matt 6v10). As the Old Testament continues, we find God appointing different men over this physical kingdom (Noah, Abraham, David, Solomon etc.) The Kingdom of Heaven departed in Jeremiah 22 when God swore that no descendant of Coniah would prosper sitting upon the throne of David. This ushered in the 'times of the Gentiles' (Luke 21v24) with the Babylonian captivity. Then came the kingdoms of the Medes & Persians, then the Greeks, then the Romans. According to Luke 4v6, Satan is in charge of these worldly kingdoms, & he gives them to whosoever he wishes - 2 Cor 4v4 says that he is the 'god of this world!' Then came God's KING, the Lord Jesus Christ, the KING of the Jews! The Jews knew that God had promised them a kingdom (Gen 49v10, Isa 2v1-5, Isa 49v5-13, Ps 2, Jer 23v5, Luke 1v30-33 etc.) John the Baptist & Jesus both preached that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand (Matt 3v2, Matt 4v17), but the Jews REJECTED their KING & chose a GENTILE king instead (John 19v15). Therefore the Kingdom was NOT restored to Israel. After the resurrection, the disciples asked Jesus if He was now going to restore the Kingdom to Israel (i.e. a LITERAL, PHYSICAL, VISIBLE Kingdom - the Kingdom of Heaven!) & Jesus answered... When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. (Acts 1v6+7) They were NOT asking Him to restore the SPIRITUAL Kingdom of God (Rom 14v17), for they never had it to start with! They had NEVER been born-again by the Spirit of God! They wanted THEIR Kingdom back – the literal, physical Kingdom of Heaven! Now when Jesus returns the Kingdom of God & the Kingdom of Heaven will actually become ONE, but we must not make the mistake thinking they are 'one' NOW!!! They are NOT the same NOW!!! One of them is SPIRITUAL & one of them is PHYSICAL!

Muriel & Betsy!

Two ladies from Devon produce some EXCELLENT Christian material i.e. tract cards, booklets, calendars etc. They do a wonderful work of getting the word of God OUT, mainly through tracting & mailing out literature! I am SO ENCOURAGED by these two ladies & the work they do - PRAY FOR THEM - Betsy & Muriel!

They are a great encouragement to us & the DG!

Open Air Mission COPIES Time for Truth! - Nearly!!!

It really made me smile when I saw the latest Open Air Mission (OAM) magazine (April – June 2008). Have a look at it! The title on the front is 'For the Truth' & now they are producing the same size magazine as our Booklets 'You Asked The Question!' & 'It's Your Choice!' Now me & the OAM are not really 'close' shall we say (although I really do admire the work they do) as NOT ONE OF THE MISSIONARIES/EVANGELISTS believes the AV Bible is PERFECT & ALL of them give out Bible PERVERTED tracts i.e. NKJV etc! Now Alan Greenbank (a few years ago) didn't even want to discuss the matter & didn't care about it at all when I spoke to him. He even sent back ALL the information I sent to him the FOLLOWING DAY, can you believe! To think what this 'organization' COULD BE if it based EVERYTHING they did upon the AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE! Very sad isn't it, but that's the problem with PROUD & arrogant Christians who are Bible correctors! Greenbank is like all the rest when it comes to STANDING upon THE WORD OF GOD...

HE DOESN'T!

Nice looking magazine though!!!









HAY-A-'BUSA'!!!

Well our Suzuki' Hayabusa' is all run in now, first service completed! The DG girls have been queeting up to ride' pillion' on it – they love it! The Lord has blessed us with some good weather & so I have been able to take boman LaTloya. Dionne & Sig. Sarah for some rides! Now that I can 'red-dline' it I AM WAITING FOR BARNEY & of course JOHNNY MAXWELL!!

**CAN'T WAIT to take them out!!!*

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What do you DO with WHAT you learn?

I Cor &ct ...Knowledge puffeth up, but charity ediffieth. What are you doing with the knowledge you are gaining from cading, studying & sitting under teachers that TRACH you THE BIBLE? I have ment many Christians (mainly MRN) who use their Bible-knowledge to get known-man-ship with other Christians!! How pathetic! Tou should be using all you that the control would have you with rather than try & get-one-up & grove you know more than some other Christian! I personally know quite a few Christian men who are just plain old fishelmood BIG-HEADS! They love the upitut & being 'up-there' in front of the people lording it over them just like the Nicolaitans (flew 'y15). James 3v1 My brethren, be not many musters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. Grow up & boxone a nature Christian and the we hall receive the greater condemnation. Grow up & boxone a nature Christian and the we hall receive the description of the people lording it over them; it has been dead in the state of the people lording it over the theory. It follows a people of the condendation of the people lording it is not that are of that, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe. But strong meat belonges to them that are of full alge, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Now this is FUNNY!*

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Financial Instability!
The coming CRASH of CASH – it's nearly here! Was Barry Smith right after all? Well there is certainly some weind stuff going on in the financial sector! HUGE banks going into 'Injudation', Governments pouning BILLIONS into them to try & keep them afloat! Troublesome times ahead! What are you doing with the money the Lord has GIVEN you, hoarding it up for a' rainy-day? Why not put it to use by spending it on GETTING THE WORD OF GOD OUT to sinners!!!

NOTE NEW ORDER FOR ON THE NEW THE STEAM OF THE SWITH US WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MERSE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GRORE ANY OF OUR LITERATURE PLASE FILL IN THE ORDER FORM & SEND IT BACKTOUS.

Reading Evening
A greet night of gathering around the word of God reading it & studying it! This month we read the book of Liphesians' & Colospans' We looked at Liph 1915 in some depth — it was a roolly crocurring time together in God word? Not one State concrete among ust!

Time the Lord gives me!

From the moment I wake up in the morning to the moment I go to sleep at night I am conscious that the Lord is with me & I try to pray to Him as much as possible, thanking Him for every blessing, & for helping me through LIFE! I love the Lord Leaus Christ above an applied that the control of the study of the control of the study of

April Discipleship Group! (DG)

Another great 'session' of 'activity' based around the word of God! We started the meeting by reading Rev 3 & making some notes on it, this was followed by the DG filling in their 'personal

survey' sheets & then was Luke! After this we previous week! We then in Eph 1v1-14 followed an update on their lives This is where 1 person is keeps you on your toes & an answer to every man



being given the 'book of the month' to read which wrote down 3 things we did for the Lord during the had a small study on the 7 spiritual blessings found by a look at what sin is! Once everyone had given we commenced our NEW section called 'Hot Seat!' chosen & everyone else can ask them a question! It like the Scripture says... be ready always to give that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in

you with meekness and fear: 1 Peter 3v15. Next we had our missionary spot with Mary, who updated us as to who she is in correspondence with etc. Homework was then given out followed

by another study, this time on Romans 15. During over 2500 tracts, booklets, CD's & DVD's etc. were *Extra* homework was also given out including a 21v21 for the DG notice board! Towards the end of started a brief study on James chapter one. By to close with a word of prayer! We did stop for studies! These meetings are a real source of



the month of March given out by the DG! study on Proverbs the meeting we also 10.15 pm we *decided* some food in between blessing & afterwards

we all feel fired up to really concentrate on LIVING for the Lord Jesus Christ! Please continue to pray for the DG! Donna's sister Paula & her husband Mark joined us for the second time which was very encouraging!

Some good quotes...

- 1) The only place where success comes before work is IN THE DICTIONARY!
- 2) A child who does not hear about religion at his mother's knee is not likely to hear about it at any other *joint!*
- 3) Eagles don't flock you've got to find them one at a time!
- 4) Friends last longer the less they are USED!!! (I know that feeling!)
- 5) If you want to make enemies, try to change something!
- 6) Evolution is a fairytale for 'grown-ups!'
- 7) Men who conquer go in for attack Spurgeon!!!
- 8) Why is the church full of 'namby-pamby-Christian-'men'?' Barney!!!!!!!

PROOF that the Bible IS THE WORD of GOD!

The Bible is unlike ALL other 'sacred books' in that it bases its 'authenticity' & 'authority' on PROPHECY! ALL other 'sacred books' contain NO predictions as to the future! If their authors had attempted to foretell future events, their NON-fulfillment would discredit their writings & they would be classed as LIARS & FRAUDSTERS! Fulfilled prophecy is stronger evidence for the INSPIRATION & 'authenticity' of the Scriptures than miracles! Prophecy is NOT a 'haphazard guess,' nor a 'probability' made up on uncertain data, PROPHECY is 'HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE!' Two-thirds of the Scriptures are Prophetic, either in type, symbol, or direct statement; & more than one-half of the OT prophecies, & nearly all of the NT, points to events that are FUTURE! It was because the religious leaders of Christ's day were NOT students of the Prophetic Scriptures that they failed to recognize Him when He came! This is also true of Christians TODAY who do NOT study Prophecy – they too, will NOT be ready for the Lord's RETURN at the Rapture! The 'requirements' for a GENUINE PREDICTION i.e. 'Prophecy' are FIVE in number...

- 1) It must have been made known PRIOR to its fulfillment!
- 2) It must be beyond all human foresight!
- 3) It must give 'details' SPECIFIC!
- 4) A sufficient time must elapse between its publication & fulfillment to exclude the prophet, or any interested party, from fulfilling it!
- 5) There must be a clear & evident fulfillment of the prophecy!

There were many specific predictions made by the OT prophets regarding the betrayal, trial, death & burial of the Lord Jesus. These were uttered by different prophets during the period from 1000 BC to 500 BC, yet they were all literally fulfilled in 24 HOURS in ONE person! Like I say, there is NO book like the BIBLE! It has been said that there were 109 predictions LITERALLY fulfilled at Christ's FIRST Advent in the flesh! One verse in every 30 in the NT refers to Christ's Second Coming! There are 20 times as many references in the OT to Christ's Second Coming as there are to His First Coming!

Prophecies Fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ...

Prophecies Fulfilled by	the Lord Jesus Christ
le would be born of a woman	His miracles would not be believed Isa 53v1, John 12v37+38
le would be from the line of Abraham en 12v3+7, 17v7, Rom 9v5, Gal 3v16	His friend would betray Him for 30 pieces of silver Ps 41v9, 55v12-14, Zech 11v12+13, Matt 26v14+16+21-25
le would be from the tribe of Judah en 49v10, Heb 7v14, Rev 5v5	He would be a man of sorrows Isa 53v3, Matt 26v37+38
le would be from the house of David	He would be forsaken by His disciples
Sam 7v12+13, Luke 1v31-33, Rom 1v3 le would be born of a virgin	Zech 13v7, Matt 26v31+56 He would be scourged & spat upon
sa 7v14, Matt 1v22+23	Isa 50v6, Matt 26v67, 27v26
Ie would be given the throne of David Sam 7v11+12, Ps 132v11, Isa 9v6+7, 16v5, Jer 3v5, Luke 1v31+32	His 'price' money would be used to buy a potters field Jer 18v1-4, 19v1-4, Zech 11v12+13, Matt 27v9+10
this throne would be an eternal throne an 2v44, 7v14+27, Micah 4v7, Luke 1v33	He would be crucified between two thieves Isa 53v12, Matt 27v38, Mark 15v27+28, Luke 22v37
le would be called Emmanuel sa 7v14, Matt 1v23	He would be given vinegar to drink Ps 69v21, Matt 27v34+48, John 19v28-30
le would have a 'forerunner'	He hands & His feet would be pierced
sa 40v3-5, Mal 3v1, Matt 3v1-3, Luke 1v76-78, uke 3v3-6	Ps 22v16, Zech 12v10, Mark 15v25, John 19v34+37, 20v25-27
Ie would be born in Bethlehem Iicah 5v2, Matt 2v5+6, Luke 2v4-6	His garments would be parted & lots cast for them Ps 22v18, Luke 23v34, John 19v23+24
le would be worshipped by wise men &	He would be surrounded & ridiculed by His
resented with gifts Ps 72v10, Isa 60v3+6+9, Matt 2v11	enemies Ps 22v7+8, Matt 27v39-44, Mark 15v29-32
le would be in Egypt for a season	He would thirst
Jum 24v8, Hos 11v1, Matt 2v15 Iis birthplace would suffer a massacre of	Ps 22v15, John 19v28 He would commend His Spirit to the Father
nfants Jer 31v15, Matt 2v17+18	Ps 31v5, Luke 23v46
le would be called a Nazarene sa 11v1, Matt 2v23	His bones would not be broken Exo 12v46, Num 9v12, Ps 34v20, John 19v33-36
le would be zealous for the Father	He would be stared at in death
s 69v9, 119v139, John 6v37-40 Le would be filled with God's Spirit	Zech 12v10, Matt 27v36, John 19v37 He would be buried with the rich
s 45v7, Isa 11v2, 61v1+2, Luke 4v18+19	Isa 53v9, Matt 27v57-60
le would heal many sa 53v4, Matt 8v16+17	He would be raised from the dead Ps 16v10, Matt 28v2-7
le would deal gently with the Gentiles	He would ascend
sa 9v1+2, 42v1-3, Matt 4v13-16, 12v17-21 le would speak in parables	Ps 24v7-10, Mark 16v19, Luke 24v51 He would become a greater high priest than
sa 6v9+10, Matt 13v10-15	Aaron Ps 110v4, Heb 5v4-6+10, 7v11-28
le would be rejected by His own s 69v8, Isa 53v3, John 1v11, 7v5	He would be seated at God's right hand Ps 110v1, Matt 22v44, Heb 10v12+13
le would make a triumphal entry into	He would become a smiting sceptre
erusalem Zech 9v9, Matt 21v4+5 Ie would be praised by little children	Num 24v17, Dan 2v44+45, Rev 19v15 He would rule the heathen
s 8v2, Matt 21v16	Ps 2v8, Rev 2v27
le would be the rejected cornerstone is 118v22+23, Matt 21v42	Now YOU tell me what other 'book' in the world can do what the Bible does in regard to PROPHECY? What a Book the AV 1611 is!
	tters, so please keep them coming! while why not drop us a line?
Keep close to the L	ord! John & Donna
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Prov 9v1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

That ROCK is sure, safe, perfect & secure – it is THE foundation to build upon!

Matt 7v24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

1 Cor 3v11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

(Deut 32v31 For their rock is not as our Rock...)

The Holy Spirit has **SEVEN** manifestations!

Isa 11v1-3 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

WELCOME BACK!!!

We would like to welcome back to our readership Joe Hayden & JP from the Open Air Mission! Both were caught reading our newsletter while visiting Hope Chapel! Pity they don't take heed to it!!! "Nice to have you back boys; you are welcome to have it sent direct to your homes if that is easier, rather than having to have a *sneaky peek here* & there when you come to the Church"???!!!!

Tracting in Rubery!

Donna, LaToya, Dionne & I went tracting in Rubery recently. We distributed 500 pieces of Christian literature including booklets, tracts & DVD's! An hour after returning home, we had a phone-call from a guy who had sat & watched the Gospel DVD & said that it had been a real blessing to him. He was also a Christian but was struggling to find a 'sound' church around his area. He asked for some literature & also to go on our TfT mailing list! Recently he visited us at Hope Chapel!

Boating on the Thames!

LaToya, Dionne, Rachel, Donna & I recently went to visit our friends John & Naomi on their boat near Marlow. It was a great day out & we had some really good discussions as usual! We are hoping to go away for a few days later on in the year with John & Naomi to the log cabin in Powys! *Pray they both get saved!*

NEW literature update!

Well I hope you like the NEW literature enclosed with this newsletter; I would really appreciate any feed back on it! If you would like to order some just fill in the order form & return it back to us! If you know of any other Christians that might benefit from our tracts etc. please let us have their addresses & we can post samples out to them!

April Reading Evening!

Because we have had a few new people join us for the Reading Evenings of late, I thought it would be beneficial for us to start a series of studies on the book of Timothy; the reason being, it would be

good to study some doctrine We started off with an then went on verse by verse. The with a break in between. It was sister) & Mark her husband learn the Scriptures & have been We were also joined by another we are looking at in all our Timothy at the Reading Evening,



regarding the 'local-church!' introduction to Timothy & study lasted for about two hours great to see Paula (Donna's again. Both seem really keen to a great encouragement to all. new lady called Jane. The books meetings are as follows... Exodus at the Sunday Bible

Class, Romans & Revelation at the Discipleship Group & at the Friday Club we are going through all the back issues of 'TfT News!' & picking out all the doctrinal parts with an emphasis on the GOSPEL! It has been such a blessing to see these young folk zealous for the word of God!

Literature Distribution!

Again it has been encouraging to see orders coming in for our literature. Many tracts & booklets are being delivered in Nottinghamshire at present! We hope that the NEW Bike tract will be used widely with Bikers including race *meetings* & the TT (Isle of Man) – if you go to any of these *meetings* let us know & we can send you some to pass out!

Question Time!

Where is Satan AT PRESENT?
Who were the 'sons of god' in Gen 6?
Is the 'continental drift theory' true?
Who wrote the book of Acts & how do you KNOW?

Dionne's Driving Test!

Well at last Dee-Dee has passed her driving test – way to go girl! Now ALL of the DG drive! It's quite incredible how we have seen these young folk 'grow up' over the last seven years & now they ALL drive cars! It really is amazing how quickly time goes by! Dionne has saved up & bought herself a little 'Matiz' called 'Matty!' Please pray for her safety on the roads!



'Barge' Christians!

A Christian couple from Plymouth have sold up everything & bought a barge! They have called it Genesis & they intend to cruise around the UK witnessing everywhere they go. They recently contacted us & asked for our literature to pass out as they travel! Sounds a great ministry to me! They said that they really found our literature & newsletter informative & their eyes have been opened to Bible PER-VERSIONS! Please pray for this couple! The barge is pictured on page 10!!!

Passport CHIP!

We had to renew our passports during May. On their return, we were informed they now carry an electronic CHIP!!! Quite amazing don't you think!!!

Just another sign of the END-TIMES!

May Discipleship Group! (DG)

Another great meeting with plenty of 'action' & studies!

If you would be interested in attending one of these meetings drop us a line!

We may run another 'open' DG soon!

Chester City Mission Reunion!!!

One of the guys who came to the CCM 'Action Weeks' & has kept in touch over the years, invited us down to his home recently. It was good to meet up with Karl, Joanne & Hannah. They have a lovely place down south! May the Lord continue to lead & guide this family into reaching the LOST SOULS around them with the Gospel! Thank you for having us!

Please pray for...

Yvonne Saunders who has recently had a heart attack Donna's uncle Rod who has undergone surgery for bladder cancer

Who the Lord leads you to!

Donna & I stopped off at a café in Tetbury (Glos) for some breakfast! The owner was serving, as his chef was on holiday. We found out that he also owns a gym as he used to be an international sportsman in hockey & the 400m & 800m running team! We struck up a good conversation, even getting onto motorbikes, in which he told us his daughter who rides motorbikes came off hers & nearly died. She now has an 18 inch plate inside her 'holding her together!' – She still rides!!! This man was certainly a character & we enjoyed our conversation together! As we parted I said to him the following... "Carl, you are a man who has accomplished quite a lot in life. You have travelled the world & seen many things; you have even experienced 'life & death' situations! You said you are looking for a new challenge; I want to give you one! Read this booklet (You Asked The Question!) & write to me letting me know what you think! I'm a Christian & I would be very interested to know your thoughts on this!' He told me he would; so we shook hands & parted company! He did mention that he was a Buddhist! Please pray for Carl that he gets saved!

Secret Policeman!!!

I took one of our team leaders out on the Hayabusa a few weeks ago; we ended up in Stratford-upon-Avon! When we got there a 'six-foot-three-inch' guy came up to me & started talking about the bike - he said that he had just ordered one! After revealing to this guy I had broken the speed limit 'ONCE' already on the bike he then went on to tell me he was a POLICEMAN!!! I smiled & so did he!!! After a while (in fact it was within seconds!!!) we



got onto 'church' & he said he was a Christian (backslidden!!!) & he used to play the guitar in a church 'band' years ago! I could tell he wanted to talk so I bought him a



coffee, we sat down & he went on to tell me his 'problems!' He wasn't at peace at all in his life & found Christians were very 'superficial' - I told him I did too, but that was NOT his problem! He had CLOSED the BOOK that God had written & therefore he had shut God out of his life! We had a great conversation & I gave him quite a lot to think about! He did imply that he may pop over to Hope Chapel to pay me a visit (I hope it is NOT to arrest me for my 'honesty!!!' I'm sure he 'clocked' my number-plate!)

The Mormons!!!

Two Mormons were walking past our house just as we were arriving home the other night. As we got out of the car our neighbour, who had stopped to talk to them, shouted for me to come across, so I did! I started by explaining to them some of the differences between Christians & Mormons! They went on to say that the Bible had errors in it & so did the Book

of Mormon, but God allowed God I serve doesn't make a BOOK WITHOUT ERROR! different lines of manuscripts newsletter showing the literature! I asked them to then come back to me; they very open & both thought



for this!!! I told them that the mistakes & He has given me I explained briefly about the & then Donna handed me the Mormon errors in their OWN take it & have a look at it & took it! Neither of them were they knew best, as always! I

just pray that something will 'rock their *sinking* boat!' (The photo is the actual occasion, as Donna went upstairs & took it after she had fetched me the newsletter!) By the way, they were out doing 'missionary work' & when I challenged them on the Bible, they both confessed that they were NOT carrying one!!! *Speaks volumes doesn't it!!!*

Miles Witherford's NEW booklet!

Miles Witherford who is an AOG minister from Bromsgrove has recently produced a NEW Gospel booklet, using the same printer that we do, Tyndale Press. His front cover is black (so is "You Asked The Question!"); his front cover has a picture of the earth/world from space

(so does "You Asked Interesting isn't it!!! always BEHIND Bible EVERYTHING!!! I had it & it seems okay 'chickens-out' from TRUE nature of that he uses the NKJV throughout - a won't bless a PER-'ministers' realise that promised



The Question!") Pentecostals are believers a quick look through except when he telling people the HELL!!! I also noticed Satanic counterfeit BIG mistake!!! God version!!! When will God wrote ONE BOOK PRESERVE that Book

PERFECT – And of course you find it ONLY in the AUTHORIZED VERSION!

I also noticed that his booklet costs £1.50, ours is only 28p!!!

So for £150 you would get 100 of his booklets & 535 of ours!!!

Take your pick! It's all about MOTIVES!

The WORLD is my parish!

I believe it was John Wesley who uttered those words, yet today churches from all denominations get so upset if you 'fish' in their waters!!! Most of them are NOT even 'fishing' & many of them don't know how to 'fish!' Bible believing Christians will always be in the MINORITY & NOT welcome in MOST churches today! Remember that!!!

It could only happen when Barney's around!!!

After tennis with Barney (which incidentally I WON two sets to one, but who's boasting), we took a ride on the Hayabusa! Coming back a BLACK-CAT ran out & hit the bike so hard that it cracked the fairing in three places! I do not know if the cat survived sadly to say! The Lord surely took care of us both – in fact it was quite incredible how it all happened, quite surreal really! Like I have said many times, I just trust in the Lord daily for my EVERY need!





Discipleship Group! (DG) I have been very encouraged to see Mark & Paula attending the DG, among other meetings we hold. They are showing a keenness to read, study & learn the word of God. We pray that they shall continue



& not fall away like so many do these days!

EVERY Christian should be rooted & grounded IN THE WORD OF GOD!!!

with their zeal for the TRUTH

Hell is YOUR destination!

If you think that by going to church you are going to Heaven – you will go to HELL! If you think that reading your Bible on occasions qualifies you to go to Heaven - you will go to HELL!

If you think that by doing 'good' things i.e. helping people & giving your money to 'good' causes will get you to Heaven - you will go to HELL!

If you think that you can EARN your way to Heaven YOU are mistaken! If you think you can WORK your way to Heaven YOU are mistaken!

HELL will be your destination!

To think that after all your 'good' works you will go to HELL when you die is quite amazing! The ONLY way of going to Heaven when you die is by having your SINS forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ! There is NO other way! I hope you understand that!

Ephesians 2v8+9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Titus 3v5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

2 Timothy 1v9 **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling,** not according to our works,

Colossians 1v14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

1 Timothy 1v15 **This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation,** that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;

There is NOTHING more important in this life than having your sins forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ! I hope you have asked Him to forgive you of all your sins, if not...

HELL will be your destination!

PS – Hey Christian by believing in Hell, what are YOU doing to STOP people going there?



Think about that!

Ps 9v17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Ps 11v63 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Ps 139v8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

Prov 15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

Isa 14v15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Matt 10v28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matt 23v33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Luke 12v5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Luke 16v23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3v16

NEW Literature!	Brief Description
Life Then Eternity Booklet 14p	This booklet has something for everyone! From love & the family to evolution v creation!
For What Shall It Profit Tract 5p	A great eye-catching post card regarding money & the dangers of LOVING it! A must for those of you who know people like this & for tracting wealthy areas. It would also be a good tract to use in businesses & for tracting industrial estates too!
May I leave a TIP? Tract 5p	If you go out for meals this is the tract for you! Leave some spare change in the space provided on the tract & you nearly guarantee that the receiver shall also turn over the tract for a further tip!!!
For Bikers! Tract (in booklet format) 7p	If you know of any bikers or you pass a motorbike shop – this is a great little tract (full colour) to arouse interest! It has some photographs of my Hayabusa (the fastest production bike ever made) & bikers will recognise this bike immediately! If you visit race meetings make sure you take some with you to distribute!

TO ORDER JUST FILL IN THE ORDER FORM & POST IT BACK!

Holland Trip!

As most of you know by now, I have to visit Holland twice a year on business. It is a trip I do NOT enjoy as I don't like leaving Donna, neither do I enjoy the sinful atmosphere that surrounds the trip. I spend most of the time with 'godless' people who care NOT for my Lord Jesus Christ neither for His word! It is a tough time & I am always glad when I return home! Sin abounds in Holland as it does here in England – this truly is an evil generation!

Tracting in Glasgow!

We have now sent booklets, DVD's & tracts to a man who ordered some in Glasgow. Please pray that souls shall be saved in this hard area! Scotland I'm told, is harder towards the Gospel than England! It was very encouraging to receive an order from this place & to hear of evangelism meetings. See page 8 for a full report!!!

Trying to reach your unsaved family members!

A lady from Worcestershire wrote to us after being given our booklet 'It's Your Choice!' She wanted to purchase some to give to her children & grand-children. What have you done to reach your family for the Lord Jesus Christ? Keep praying that our loved ones who are NOT saved will come to Christ before it's too late!

Division in the Church!

1 Cor 1v10-13 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Isn't it sad that there are splits & divisions in churches everywhere you look? But why? Most of the 'differences' seem small & 'petty'; yet there are so many! What have you fallen out over recently; was it worth it?

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom 12v18

Barrhead Gospel Hall - Scotland

During the first two weeks of June special Gospel meetings were conducted in the local community centre in the Auchenback area of the town. The speakers responsible for the meetings each night were Martin Hunter (Kilwinning) & Norman Coulter (Newtownstewart Northern Ireland) leaflets were printed showing a photograph of the community centre with the heading 'Reaching Others in the Community'. Over two thousand leaflets/tracts were distributed. Both Martin & Norman were faithful in knocking doors & extending personal invitations to the meetings with many long conversations taking place at the doors. Norman was invited into an elderly couple's house & spent some time speaking of the love of God & the need of a Saviour. Many conversations were conducted in the street & many showed an interest on a one-to-one basis. Children from the community attended each night & were able to recite John 3v16 by the end of the meetings. Some children were prohibited by their parents from coming into the meetings & stood outside the community centre each night. These children received booklets & were told of the need of a Saviour in the street. Most felt that the hand of God was on the meetings & with children being prevented from coming indicated that Satan was at work & ready to snatch away the good seed the minute it was sown. Please pray that some seed was deeply sown in good ground. Two teenage boys attended on two occasions & did show some interest. One lady of forty years of age from the community attended once a week & was happy to have supper with some of God's people after the meeting. The brother of one of the sisters attended on one occasion & left saying he had been given something to think about, unfortunately his wife was ill at the time & he was unable to come back. Much prayer is requested for him. Neighbours of a brother & sister in the assembly attended with their two sons & although the father is an elder in the Church of Scotland & the mother related to people in the assemblies would appear to be unsaved. One of their sons has made a profession of salvation. One young man was spoken to in the street & seemed to be interested in his eternal destination. Unfortunately he had to work each night when the meetings were being conducted but was given a Bible & invited to come to the Gospel Hall any Sunday evening. Much prayer is also requested for him. All meetings were greatly supported by local Brethren & various assemblies. Your tracts were given out at the Gospel campaign along with many others & were greatly appreciated. Yours in our soon coming Lord Jesus Christ. J.C. Alexander. (Please pray that God will continue to save souls following on from this Gospel campaign!)

Eric Milton's Testimony!

Recently our dear friend Eric sent us a tape of his life-story-testimony. It was a wonderful encouragement to hear how God called him & has used him all these years & is still using him! Eric is a great character & his lovely wife Phyllis make a lovely couple. They serve the Lord faithfully in Lovacott & are a tremendous witness where they live. Please pray that the Lord shall continue to bless them & the church they attend!

NEW Keith Green materials OUT NOW!

Although his doctrine wasn't always RIGHT (is anyone's?), his passion, ACTION & love for lost souls was!!! A CD & DVD called 'Special Edition – Keith Green – The Live Experience' has just come out (May 2008); it is worth getting. It also has an hour's documentary on the life story of Keith Green. You cannot watch this & NOT have a passion to get out there & start 'FISHING' for lost souls! I would recommend every Christian listens to the music of Keith Green!

Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

Psalm 149v5+6

(The Pentecostals have forgotten the two edged sword & the Brethren have forgotten how to praise!!!)

Far Forest Baptist Church!

Six of us from the DG turned up at Far Forest Baptist Church one Sunday evening recently; we had driven past the place for years! Straight away the meeting was 'led' by a woman & the preacher 'preached' from the NIV - they tried to give us all one as we went in!!! After the service we stopped for a cup of coffee & a chat. I deliberately said to myself that I was NOT going to start any 'trouble' OR get into any 'debate' (rightly or wrongly); I just wanted us all to attend the meeting & meet with some Christians afterwards. After sitting down a guy came up to us, Donna actually, & started asking questions like 'Where are you from, what 'denomination' etc.' Donna gave the relevant answers, but then this man proceeded to ask some strange questions like 'Does your denomination major on a specific doctrine?' I listened & watched as this man tried very hard to get a 'debate/discussion' going! I cut in & asked a couple of probing questions such as 'What do you do for a living?' He said that he was a Christian author! As soon as he said that I realised it was Roy Livesey! I know about this man! He like many is a Bible CORRECTOR i.e. he does not believe that the AV is the PERFECT PRESERVED word of God! He is NOT dispensational, far from it, more reformed & he is into all kinds of 'conspiracy theories!' He's the type of Christian who goes looking for a fight! I had the opportunity of dealing with him or letting him go! To my amazement (& maybe yours also) I let him go! Sometimes you just get sick & tired of causing 'trouble' & it seems everywhere I go I DO cause trouble; mostly JUSTIFIED I might add, seeing there is SO MUCH corruption IN the church these days! I'll leave Livesey for another time - WHEN I AM READY!!!

The Local Church...

Eph 1v22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. Col lvl8 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 1 Cor 12v27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. The first church in the Bible had eight members! The word church means 'a called out assembly', so the first real church in the Bible was Noah & his family! They are CALLED OUT of the world's system that is under the condemnation & wrath of God. This is what a church is! A church is CALLED OUT of the world's system; it is isolated & separated from the world's system. Many a church has gone wrong by linking up WITH the world in 'community projects' etc. We are CALLED OUT of the world & even though we are IN it we are NOT 'OF' the world (John 17v1l+16), Christian's 'should be' separate from the world & live a life of holiness & purity for the Lord; we should NOT compromise with the world or be a friend of it! The 'church' is an assembly of people CALLED OUT from the world's system to testify to something! Noah was CALLED OUT to testify that his 'age' was about to be drowned – 2 Pet 2v5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; Noah was a preacher of righteousness! Another church in the Bible is called the church in the wilderness (Acts 7v38) & obviously refers to the nation of Israel. Israel is CALLED OUT of the world's system (Egypt) to testify to the truth that there is only one living & true God who is the Creator & Sustainer of life & is holy & will not tolerate sin. Israel is a local church with about 2 million members - that's some congregation! Now the local church is very important; every Christian has a part to play in it; it is the body of Christ... Read all of 1 Cor 12 - Rom 12v4-8 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. We all should know our calling & place in the local church & function accordingly. Doing this will bring harmony but trying to function in somebody else's role will cause discord & division! What's your ministry / calling???

Witnessing to Hindus at London Show!

Donna & I attend five shows a year (approx) in our current line of work i.e. the garden gift trade! While down in London during June, our stand was next to two 40 year old Hindu ladies who were very wealthy & very 'talented' – both speaking three languages! I had a great opportunity of telling them both the Gospel! I ended up by saying to them that if they do not have their sins forgiven by the Lord Jesus Christ they shall go to Hell when they die. Both had had brief encounters with the Scriptures before but both believed in reincarnation sadly to say. It was a very profitable time & I thank the Lord that He gave me the opportunity to speak to these ladies. In a show FULL of superficial things & superficial people, it is WONDERFUL to share the GOSPEL with someone – this *really* blessed Donna & I!

GREAT Encouragement - thank you Lord!

Coming home from the show I always look forward to the post; this time we had three days worth! Before opening it I asked the Lord for some 'encouragement!' What about this for a lovely encouraging letter... Dear John & Donna, thank you so much for the materials you sent us. The various leaflets & booklets you sent are invaluable & have been an amazing revelation to John & I. ...We had no idea the extent of Satan's deception & corruption using 'perversions' of the word of God. We are really grateful to you for the book 'O Biblios' as it is a real eye-opener & particularly revealing; we are so thankful to God for showing us the Truth through your ministry. We are so glad that 'the scales have fallen from our eyes' & we are telling others as & when we can. I really did think the NKJV was just a more easy to read version of the AV/KJV, how subtle a deception is

that! ...I had no idea that us in such a way & for so have been truly shocked by thankful to have found you time, just before we set off barge this Christian couple & preach the Gospel all would like to request some as they are such good tools



the enemy was attacking long (saved in 1964), I all the differences & so at Time for Truth at this on 'Genesis' (this is the have had made to travel around the UK!) ...I more booklets from you, to use for witnessing, we

are on the move, so we need to leave things behind for people to browse & reflect on once we've talked to them. ...I have at last worked out how to copy the disks (i.e. 'LIFE' CD & Gospel DVD) on the computer so I'm grateful to you for your permission to do that. ... 'B' is the president of the 'bikers' club so if you have the tracts 'For Bikers' printed by now we shall be pleased to have some of those. 'It's Your Choice!' is brilliant, very easy to read, to the point & with a real sense of urgency, a wonderful booklet to give out. ...We can't thank the Lord enough for the Truth He has revealed to us through you. ...In our travels maybe one day we will meet you & you can join us on our boat. God bless you all in Time for Truth! C & J. What an encouraging letter to receive; we can't thank the Lord enough for people like this who are LIVING the Gospel & witnessing / testifying for our Lord Jesus Christ! May the Lord continue to bless this couple as they seek to reach the lost souls of this world with the Gospel!

July DG!

Sarah was able to join us from the start for this months Discipleship Group, & what a great time we all had around the Scriptures! Everyone presented their relevant study & we all benefited from the research that was done! These meetings are such a blessing. We just need to put everything we learn into practice! May God help us!

NO 'urgency' among Christians!

What is it among Christians these days? There seems NO urgency to get the word of God out; NO urgency to win souls for the Lord; NO urgency in trying to save the lost from HELL!!! Why not? Why have so many Christians gone to sleep as the world perishes & races towards its JUDGEMENT? Time is running OUT; what are YOU doing to reach the lost souls of this world with the Gospel? What are YOU doing to reach your NEIGHBOUR with the Gospel? 2 Cor 6v2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) So let's get to it TODAY – give out some tracts, post some through letterboxes or have a conversation with someone in regard to the Gospel, BUT DO SOMETHING!!! (Keith Green sung a song 'Asleep in the Light' – that's the church folks!!!) What is your church DOING in regard to Evangelism?

'Inspector Morse' writes to John & Donna!

Colin Dexter, the author of Inspector Morse, came to Ludlow Sunday 22nd June to read one of his novels & have a question & answer session. Mr Dexter is a graduate of Cambridge University but now lives in Oxford. Not only is he a famous writer/author, he is quite a character with a brilliant mind & excellent wit I'm told. I have felt 'burdened' for some time to get the Gospel to this man & I had my chance when he came to Ludlow. Unfortunately I was working down in London the day he was coming so the day before, Donna & I along with LaToya & Dionne sat down & wrote a letter to him, packaged up a Bible with a couple of booklets & the 'Answers Book' on creation v evolution, & then drove to Ludlow to drop this parcel off! The 'Assembly-Rooms' where he was to attend was closed, so we dropped it through the letterbox on the wall hoping someone would open it up on the Sunday & give Colin Dexter the package! We also slipped a note under the door stating that there was a parcel for Mr Dexter in the post-box & could someone please give it to him! Well, on Saturday 28th June, we received a handwritten letter from none other than Colin Dexter himself with an article he had written to the Church of England stating his beliefs... It reads thus... Dear Brother, Thank you for your interest in my immortal soul! Alas, I have spent many hours talking to such strange sects as the JW's & Mormons, & the like. I can spend no more! I enclose an article I recently wrote to the local Church of England church. I state my views as succinctly as I can. Mr Dexter goes on but because of space I shall just include a few excerpts from his article... In short I am an atheist, albeit a high-church atheist, with a great love of many aspects of the Christian heritage: church architecture; the sight of candles; the smell of incense; the Methodist Hymnal; the King James Bible (sadly abandoned these days in spite of its poetic memorability); the church music of Byrd, Tallis, Purcell, & the rest. Since this is so, I am occasionally vaguely confident that if your god exists, & if he is half as loving & compassionate as you proclaim him to be, I shall not be thrust everlastingly into outer darkness. Whence then my fall from (potential) prospects of some idyllic after-life? In my mid twenties I began to have serious doubts about most of the things I had been taught, in school & in church, especially, about heaven & hell – all of it bound up with firm & inexorable biblical doctrine of lost & found, sheep & goats, saved & damned - a doctrine unequivocally enunciated not only by that fellow Paul, with his obsession with 'sin', but also by Jesus himself as reported (maybe misleadingly?) in the gospels. It suddenly occurred to me what a wicked & crippling belief it was that some of us will be off into the fire & brimstone, while some few of us will be sunning ourselves contentedly in paradise – all depending upon whether at some stage in out terrestrial lives we had been or had not been 'converted'. Intellectually, I found all this wholly unacceptable, ♦ I can no longer believe in any afterlife. I was very surprised to receive a letter from Mr Dexter, but I was also saddened by his thoughts & beliefs. I am now in the process of responding to him & a letter shall be sent to him sometime this week. Please pray that this man, who is a total success in the world's eyes, shall put away all the 'baggage' he has collected over the years from all 'sects & cults', & come to the TRUTH of the GOSPEL found ONLY in our Lord Jesus Christ! Pray he gets saved before it's too late!

June DG Meeting!

Another FULL meeting!!! Ten of us gathered for our regular monthly Discipleship Group. We started off with a reading & study of Revelation chapter 5; then everyone focused on their 'Personal Survey' – a questionnaire about their love & commitment to the Lord! The book of the month in June to read is Jonah! LaToya was presented with the NEW Keith Green CD & DVD for reading his biography the quickest! Everyone was given a chosen subject to prepare a study on & then present it at the July DG; they were as follows...

Paula Thomas Cranmer

Mark Where did Cain get his wife?

Tox Any article out of The Reformer (Jan/Feb 2007)

Dee Dee William Tyndale

Donna Any article out of The Reformer (March/April 2007)

Chris The Geneva Exiles

Sheleen Any article out of The Reformer (May/June 2007)

Mary The Marian Martyrs
Sarah Got away with it again!!!

After the studies were given out we then had an update on life in general with everyone. The 'Hot Seat' followed - this is where we are allowed to ask just ONE question to the chosen person - it could be about anything (1 Pet 3v15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:) The 'missionary secretary' (Mary) then gave us an update as to who & what was happening out there in the world with the letters she had received! Mark then took on the role of 'interviewer' & gave LaToya a 'grilling' in the Role Play (He even picked on me at one point - a BIG mistake!!! It has been noted down & SHALL be used in evidence AGAINST him!!!) After collecting last months homework we then were told who we were all going to write to during June & it happened to be Mark! After this I gave an update on the 'printer' & the NEW tracts situation then I continued on by reading aloud some of the letters I had received during the month! Then we all turned to the word of God again & read the first chapter of 1 Corinthians followed by a brief study on it! We all went around in turn saying what book we were reading alongside our Bible - Mary told us she was reading 'Josephus' - work that one out!!! There are just some people I don't get!!! Over 3000 tracts were given out during May by the DG & much prayer needs to be given to this as an ongoing follow up! Chris was then 'grilled' by Mark in the 'Under Pressure' section & this was followed by the announcing of the June homework - 'As a Christian, I see my family as...' The article for the DG notice board was 'How you became a Christian - how & when?' No body 'confessed' to learning anything NEW in their own studies (which is worrying!!!) unless they have an ulterior motive!!! (Catch my drift!!! Acts 20v20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,) then towards the end of our meeting we had the section 'Take Your Stand' which is where the chosen person i.e. Dee Dee had to stand for her faith against all kinds of different people from different backgrounds! She did well! It was a very profitable evening! Some of our DG members shall be going to University come September so I'm trying to 'impart' as much truth from the word of God as possible into them to take with them. It's a whole new world out there for some of them when it comes to the worldliness of University; please pray for them!





It would be great to hear from as many of you as possible especially in regard to the NEW literature! If you get time please drop us a line. Again, if you do know of others who would benefit from our ministry i.e. Christian literature OR / AND 'Time for Truth

News!' please let us know their addresses & we shall send some samples to them. Keep sowing the word of God EVERYWHERE you can & pray that God shall save souls in these very LAST of the last days!

John & Donna



Hope you like our new outfits! Notice the 'AV 1611 SWORD!'

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Heb $4\,v12$ For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Ps $149\,v$ 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; Rev $1\,v16$ And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Desert Man!

Donna & I were having some lunch in a café recently when an elderly gentleman came & sat next to us; we started talking about 'life' & what he had done with his life up until now. He told us that he was born in Kenya & fought over there in the army; he was a

lieutenant. He has travelled Sahara & twice crossing the interesting character & I said to book; he had beaten me to it & of a novel! I mentioned to him that week Colin Dexter wrote to us; he asked him whether he was a had been going to the Church of when they started the 'ordination joining the Roman Catholics! I'd



extensively, twice crossing the Atlantic! He was a very him that he ought to write a said he was on the last chapter we were Christians & only last was quite impressed with that. I Christian & he told me that he England for over 50 years but of women' he thought about be surprised if he was saved!

We were able to give him some of our literature which he said he would read. We also used our 'tip' tract for the first time in the café. The waitress had a boyfriend who was a 'biker' so we were able to give her our 'bikers-tract!' It was a very encouraging time!

A Letter Received...please pray!

Please put me back on your mailing list for your newsletter. I enjoy reading it. Please pray for me & my family. I am 53 years old & was diagnosed with a cancer brain tumour in June. I have had 2 operations. I am taking chemotherapy & radiation. I have 6 children & a wife all at home. Thank you, Gary Stone, a Bible believer in Ohio. Let us all join in our prayers across the world asking God to meet Gary's need, may God bless & help this man & his family.

Harrogate Show!

Donna & I spent 4 days & 3 nights in Harrogate with the company we work for at a garden giftware show. As we were sitting down on the stand I showed my boss the 'bike-tract, money tract & Life Then Eternity!' booklet! He read through some of the Scriptures before putting them down! We have a large Bible open in our office & often when he comes in he looks at where it's opened & reads a verse aloud. Pray that he shall get saved!

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Response From 'TfT News! Issue 42'

The day after our 'mailing' we received 4 responses to our newsletter! We have also had a request from a famous 'bikers-café' in London (Ace Café - over 1000 bikers go every Friday!) for 500 'bike-tracts'; a man in Dorset ordered 500 pieces of literature & our dear friend Eric Milton also ordered some of our NEW literature – it was a great start & Donna & I were very encouraged by this! Another motorcycle shop in Torquay has also requested tracts to display inside their shop; 1000 'He Loves You!' & 1000 'For What Shall It Profit...' tract cards have been sent to Watford, Herts.; A third motorcycle shop in Surrey also ordered some 'bike-tracts' (500) to distribute among bikers! The guy giving them out has only been a Christian six months – how great is the zeal of a new 'convert!' He is giving out the bike tract with every MOT certificate! A couple from NI ordered 350 'Life Then Eternity' booklets while a lady in France also has requested some more literature!

The Pastor/elder's WIFE!!!

What an important role this is! Often times I have found that 'the pastor/elder's wife'

thinks she is also THE PASTOR/ELDER!!! I haven't met many that conduct themselves in the 'proper' manner shall we say! But then again, some of the 'great' men in history had 'dragons' of a wife i.e. John Wesley! If you are a pastor/elder's wife reading this (fair play to you for getting this far!) I wonder how supportive YOU are & what a help-meet YOU really are to your husband? I can't thank the Lord Jesus Christ enough for giving me such a supportive wife as Donna; I can't do half the stuff I do without Donna's help & backup!



(I love you so much Donna; sorry for the times I play you up!!!)

Literature Distribution!

LaToya, Dionne, Sheleen, Donna & I distributed 500 tracts, booklets & CD's etc. in Pershore town recently. Please pray that souls shall be SAVED! So far this year the DG have given out over 17,000 tracts, booklets, CD's & DVD's – this seed of the word of God really does need to be followed up & watered WITH PRAYER – please continue to pray for our literature distribution! Donna & Dionne were also able to have a conversation with a guy who refused to take one of our tracts!

Letter Writing!

Here is an excerpt from a letter we recently received...

Dear John & Donna, Warm greetings in the eternal ever precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks for all the literature that you sent. It has been most useful especially the booklets 'You Asked The Question!' 'It's Your Choice!' & 'Life Then Eternity!' The first two booklets I shared out with two evangelists, one of them stayed with us during our recent gospel campaign. Your kindness in giving will be rewarded in eternity.

We really do appreciate all your letters, so please keep them coming!

Barney orders!!!

Talk about 'signs & wonders!!!' Well my Pentecostal friend finally put pen to paper & ordered some of our literature; can you believe it! I was so shocked that I 'picked, packed & delivered it' before the ink was dry on his order form!!! You see you never know with Barney (James 1v8!!!) When we got to his church, he even carried two of the boxes inside; incredible! Maybe after 'Joan Clemson' has given some of MY literature out, he will re-order??? Well done mate, I'm proud of you!

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Update on Colin Dexter!

Well Mr Dexter would have received my letter w/c 21st July! I shall keep you updated if he responds. Here are a *few excerpts* from my letter to Colin Dexter... *Dear Mr Dexter, I was surprised, encouraged & honoured to receive a reply from yourself in regard to the letter I sent to you whilst you were visiting Ludlow, thank you! I do NOT want to become a nuisance to you in any way BUT I feel compelled to write to you again responding to some of the points raised in your letter. Where am I coming from? – Mr Dexter, I AM a Bible Believing Christian; I base my life on the Authorized King James Bible! I believe it to be PERFECT & without error – the ONLY book in the world that is! (I was pleased to read that you love this book too!) I trust noone 100% except the Lord Jesus Christ & His written word i.e. THE word of God, The Bible! I have been reading & studying this Book since May 1989 & without doubt, I believe it to be perfectly preserved as God intended. Ps 12v6+7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. The main reasons why the Bible is TRUE & ALL other 'religious holy books' are false is because of the following...*

1) Prophecy – No book dare do what the Bible does in regard to prophetic verses; whether it be about the Lord Jesus Christ, Israel becoming a nation again, future events, the last days etc. (See chart below on just a few of the prophecies fulfilled in regard to the Lord Jesus Christ!)

Take a look at just one verse, Gen 22v8, & compare it to any of the 200 different versions of the Bible! Every other Bible version (modern or old) misses what the AV 'shows'... God will provide HIMSELF a lamb... In other words, it is a verse that is prophesying that Jesus Christ (God in the flesh – 1 Tim 3v16) would give Himself 'a lamb' as a sacrifice for mankind! Now see part of the fulfillment of that verse in what John said in John 1v29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1v36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! The LAMB was sacrificed on Calvary's cross!

This kind of thing is found throughout the Scriptures – GOD wrote that book!

You will NOT find prophecy in any other 'holy-book' like as you find in the Scriptures!

- 2) Number patterns No MAN could have authored the Scriptures! Study the works of the mathematician Ivan Panin etc. I have included a few items in regard to Biblical numerics for your interest.
- 3) NOTHING has been disproved in the Authorized Version; NOTHING!!! This book is incredible!

So, I am saying this Mr Dexter, I TRUST that AV (Authorized Version) Bible! I am NOT like these cults & religious sects that CHANGE the word of God to suit their man-made doctrines i.e. the Roman Catholics & purgatory, the JW's & Christadelphians & 'annihilation,' the Mormons & 'faith & works' to get saved etc.

All these false cults & religions change, distort, add or take away from THE word of God to teach heresy! My faith & trust is IN God alone & His word. Now to you!

I would NEVER be able to 'convince' you what is right & what is wrong; I cannot – the Scriptures say...

- 1 Corinthians 2v9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I will NEVER change the word of God to suit, I submit to it, & when I can't understand something from it I just pray & wait for God to reveal it to me. There are thousands of things I don't understand about That Book but I believe it to be true & like Mark Twain said... 'It's not the things about the Bible I don't understand that worry me, it's the things I DO understand that worry me!' There's a lot of truth in that!

The previous literature I sent you reveals the way of Salvation i.e. to keep you from going to Hell – I believe in Hell because the Bible teaches it! Just because you & I cannot fully comprehend something i.e. even the teaching regarding Hell, doesn't mean it is not true! I do NOT want you to go there; I felt very strongly about writing to you, probably more so than anyone else before – I know not why, except maybe the Lord Himself is speaking to you!

I certainly do NOT want to offend you in any way, but I really do want you to please consider what I have said & read the literature I have sent. I have no ulterior motive, I'm not trying to do or be anything; I am ONLY trying to show you how much the Lord Jesus Christ LOVES Colin Dexter & wants to save him!

You touched upon many things in your letter & I could write pages trying to answer them (I have tried to answer a few of them briefly below), but the most important thing is the Gospel i.e. The Lord Jesus Christ took Colin Dexter's & John Davis' sins & died for us, in our place, so that we don't have to go to Hell but have a place in eternity in Heaven with the Lord & billions of Christians who have put their faith & trust in the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE.

PLEASE read the material enclosed; keep the book 'O Biblios' with my compliments & thank you again so much Mr Dexter for taking the time to write to me. Like I have said previously, I would be happy corresponding with you or meeting up for a coffee & a 'chat,' no pressure at all. Every blessing; John Davis; Bible Believing Christian – that's all!

Adventures from the Genesis Barge!

John & Chris (our friends who are ministering on their barge everywhere they go!) recently wrote to us the following... '... One of the things we have done, in obedience to Him, is to take off all the PER-versions of His word from this boat! We realised through prayer, & indeed reading the literature that you sent us, that this boat was called 'Genesis' to witness that we believe God's word, from the very beginning. We only want His inspired word on His vessel!!! We felt really convicted of the need to do that; a bit difficult with one or two new Bibles that we recently bought before we were in touch with you! But, we now are 'relieved' of all that is not His truth. Thanks very much for all your help & materials for our witness. PS. As I was about to go & post this to you, a young man delivered some things to our boat - the Lord had obviously appointed for us to meet him, as we shared a tremendous witness with him & his heart & mind was already prepared - ready to hear what we said - he did not rush away & was really touched by the Lord, as we shared many aspects with him. He went away with some of your materials & an AV Bible, a book on creation & a broad smile on his face! I missed the post but praise God, not His appointment for this young guy! You're doing a great work John & Chris, keep it going! Please continue to pray for this couple as they travel & witness for our Lord Jesus Christ

Letter to the Gideons!

Recently I sent the book 'O BIBLIOS' to the Gideon Head Office & asked them to read the book & let me know their thoughts! The Gideons USED TO DO A GREAT WORK in distributing the AV Scriptures everywhere! Now, sadly to say, they distribute Bible PER-versions everywhere — i.e. COUNTERFEITS of the TRUE WORD of God! The week after sending my letter the Gideon's wrote back the following note... 'Dear John, Thank you for your recent note & for sending us a copy of 'O BIBLIOS.' Our Executive Director, lain Mair, is away this week at our International Convention in America. However I will make sure he sees your note & the book on his return.' Let us see what lain Mair has to say when he reads the book; if he reads the book!

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Plagiarize or Plagiarism / Plagiarism verb - take (the work or an idea of someone else) and pass it off as one's own. (ORIGIN - C18 (earlier (C17) as plagiarism): from Latin plagiarius 'kidnapper'.) EVERY preacher does it! Often times I have taken Ruckman's, Larkin's, Knox's, Scofield's etc. (too many to mention!) material & used it! These are brilliant men, great Bible teachers & God has revealed to them insight it seems He hasn't revealed to others! I often give credit to where I've found the stuff but I also FORGET (oftentimes) to give credit where it is due! I am interested in TRUTH & no matter where it comes from I want it, take it, preach it & try to LIVE it! There are too many preachers that think too highly of themselves & seek a 'reputation' - the men quoted above are NOT like that, they are Bible believers who serve God by studying His word - most men I KNOW don't do that, everything BUT!!! At the end of the day, the Lord Jesus Christ is TRUTH (John 14v6) & all TRUTH comes from Him alone! Let us continue to preach, teach & live THE TRUTH no matter how we got it & give credit, bless & encourage those to whom we received it from! I love to sit under great Bible studies & great Bible teachers; I don't know many in England I'll be honest, but if you find one, stay with him & learn all you can! As one preacher once said... 'Learn all you can & CAN all you learn!' Keep those 'cross-reference-note-taking-wide-margin-AV-Bibles-going' - don't stop! A HUGE THANK YOU to those Bible teachers who are constantly reading, seeking & studying the Scriptures, the word of God - you have all been such a GREAT help, blessing &

UPDATE on the Gideons!

Well they 'responded' & it shows what type of a 'man' Iain Mair IS... 'Further to my previous letter I have now had opportunity of leaving the book you sent (O BIBLIOS) to us with Iain. Although Iain will look through it & thanks you for sending it to us, he has asked me to let you know that it is not the practice of The Gideons International in the British Isles to comment on other publications! What a PATHETIC response! What a 'MAN'; more like a gutless wonder! They just keep spewing out their SATANIC PERversions all over the world with no thought of the consequences! They are in for a shock when they stand before the Lord Jesus Christ at the Judgement! The Gideons have got the 'network' but they haven't got the sense of a brass monkey!!! Par for the course these days!

encouragement to me! The Lord has led me to some 'great' men!

August DG!

Another quality meeting! We started off by reading Revelation chapter seven & then the personal survey sheets were given out along with the book of the month which happened to be I & 2 Peter. After Mark took the hot seat, Sheleen stood her ground on the role play! The homework was collected & then came our news & letters slot; here we read an article out about Todd Bentley & how he is fleecing the sheep & kicking old ladies in the face & then calling it a revival – total idiot! Our main study was on I Corinthians chapter three & we looked at the natural man, carnal Christian & spiritual Christian – which one are YOU? 3040 tracts, booklets, CD's & DVD's were given out by the DG during the month of July! The under pressure section was taken by Paula & LaToya was on the receiving end! After the August homework was distributed the article for the DG notice board was mentioned 'This is my legacy; this is what I want to be remembered for...' Dionne (who kept telling people the time because she has a new watch!) took part in the take your stand section! It was a fun packed meeting full of learning & we all took a lot from it!

Question Time!

- 1) WHEN does LIFE begin?
- 2) WHEN is a person DEAD? Absent from the body; WHEN?
- 3) Can a woman pray ALOUD in church? Scriptural backup!
- 4) Can a woman read ALOUD in church? Scripture backup!
- 5) Can a woman give her testimony in church? Scripture backup!
- 6) How do we know that Job is the oldest book in the world?

Hey Christian, is this YOU?

The Christian is told 'be not conformed to this world' because the apostle calls it an 'evil world' (Gal 1v1), & John says that it 'passeth away' (1 John 2). The 'positive view' is out of the question, & this means that a REAL Bible believer will either be ridiculed, opposed, persecuted, hated, reviled, despised, or killed; no matter what country he lives in, & no matter which century he lives in. The attitude of the world towards the separated believer is: 'He is an odd ball. He is negative. He is an enemy of mankind. He is antisocial. He opposes peace & progress. He is an isolationist – a dangerous reactionary!' These are the charges brought against Jeremiah (Jer 37v13), the Lord Jesus (Luke 23v1+2), Simon Peter & John (Acts 5v28), the apostle Paul (Acts 24v5) & every great evangelist & missionary who ever lived! So what about YOU?

Bible Exhibition!

When I have an 'office day' at work, Donna & I usually pop into Ludlow at lunchtime for a sandwich & an iced bun! Today was no exception, so in we went! While tucking into her egg-salad-sandwich Donna noticed a trailer with a sign up saying Bible exhibition this way, pointing towards the college, so we followed the sign. Immediately you could tell it was the Christadelphians (Bible Believers get a feel for it!) I decided to play an interested enquirer! One of the guys in the 'Bible section' was trying to speak to people about the Bible & start conversations up like "What an amazing book the Bible is!" etc. As I was approaching him I asked "With so many different versions present, which one can I trust, which ONE is the most accurate?" He said "Probably the RSV!" But I said "What about all the contradictions in the DIFFERENT versions?" He said that there weren't any, so I took him to Isaiah 9v3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. I told him to look in his RSV, NIV, GNB, NKJV etc. He did & was taken back, but went on to say that the Bible was nearly perfect! I said that I couldn't serve 'a god' that was NEARLY perfect or who gave mankind a book that was NEARLY perfect! He told me to go home & read the Bible, so I asked him which one? He said any! I stood & chatted with him for half-an-hour asking searching questions loud enough for those around me to hear! An Anglican lady came over & said that she to was struggling with the questions I was asking. I asked them both if they were SAVED & from what! Neither of them believed in a literal HELL! I told them that if the GRAVE was the FINAL end i.e. no Hell, then there is no point for me to join them as I was satisfied with my portion in life as it was! Neither of them had an answer! The lady told me to go & get angry with God & seek the answers I was looking for - as it was plain I wasn't getting any from being at this exhibition! Both of these people had NO assurance of salvation, they said that you couldn't KNOW (I don't suppose either knew 1 John 5v13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.) Another sad case of people following organisations, cults, false religions & MAN! Another sad case of so called 'Christians' having NO FINAL AUTHORITY! And some of you wonder why I keep harping on about a FINAL AUTHORITY!!! Well time was up & the Christadelphian offered me a Bible to take with me; I asked him what version & he told me an AV, so I took it! I also took some information with their address on it so I can drop them a line! I will say this though, it was a very professional exhibition with all kinds of Bibles, up-to-date technology, very clear displays & well supported - I wonder what 'OUR' displays are like i.e. the Open Air Mission in comparison! I would recommend you going to see their display for yourself, not just for nosiness, but to gather information & learn a little bit about what this CULT believes!

John & Donna's Holiday, a.k.a. the DG Holiday!!!

Our best yet!!! This year the following people descended on Pencombe near Bromyard...LaToya, Dionne, Sheleen, Sarah, Mark, Paula, Donna & I. It was action packed as usual PLUS a load of Bible studies & daily devotions. We also broke bread together. This holiday certainly was the most relaxing, exciting & entertaining we have had thus far! We took over five hours of photos & videos! The 'entertainment' evening was incredible; Mark established himself as an amazing singer when he sang a song with his wife Paula; he also gave LaToya a good run every day in regard to DG points, prizes & trophies! LaToya didn't disappoint though, winning the first week DG trophy & the overall 'coveted' DG CHAMPION CUP (Sorry Betsy, but this girl is just too competitive!!!) Sarah was pleased to receive the DG trophy for week two! Each person in turn had a go at the morning devotion after breakfast, which proved very profitable. Before anyone could eat they had to learn the following verses word perfect...Rom 3v23, Psa 12v6+7, Rom 6v23, Rom 10v9, Eph 2v8+9,

Col 1v14, 1 Tim 3v16, 2 Tim There were also extra points gained EXTRA verses... 2 Cor 4v17+18, Tim 4v1-7 – Just in case you were hungry!!! Each day was full of from water fights, darts, pool, golf, face-painting etc. There



3v16+17, Rev 22v18-20. for memorizing the following 2 Cor 13v5, Col 3v1+2, 2 wondering, no one went games, competitions ranging drawing/art, table tennis, was also a reading

competition starting from Psalm 1 – within the two weeks Mark read up to Psalm 119, only to be 'pipped-at-the-post' by LaToya who managed to read up to Proverbs 2 (A true champion, & so competitive – sorry again Betsy!!!) On average everyone went to bed between 12 & 2.00 am & we all met most mornings at 8.45 am in the lounge for our breakfast TEXTS!!! Before leaving we all cleaned the house from top to bottom as a good witness for the Lord. During our stay the first week, our neighbours were 12 Christians from a Pentecostal church – they didn't want much to do with us though – so we put a few booklets & tracts through their door which they then reciprocated the next day with their own literature! I had a quick skim through it & it was along the lines of 'You've got the Devil beat & therefore sickness should not enter your body, you should live in perfect health all the time etc. etc.' – the usual tosh!!! Time out was taken on the holiday to take the team 'tracting' local areas! One day over 600 tracts & booklets were distributed around Bromyard. We also went ten-pin bowling; once just 3 of us, then again on Dionne's 21st 'birthday,' which was great fun! Also on the holiday we met a few people that we were able to share the gospel with, which was very encouraging as they all listened well & took some literature! During the two weeks another FOUR motorbike shops/café's responded to our mail-shot & requested tracts to place in their premises; they were from...Scarborough, London-Colney in Herts, Helmsley in North Yorkshire & Great Oxenden in Leics. We have since sent them over 2500 tracts & booklets free-of-charge to distribute among 'bikers' etc. Please pray for this work as it is one of the best responses we have ever had for our literature. Before going away we also sent out a mail-shot to a few selected Christian book-shops etc. – since coming back we have had about five responses all of which have stated that they will NOT carry our booklets!!! (I suppose there isn't enough money in it for them!!!) Donna as usual looked after everyone in regards to feeding us along with Paula who helped cook. Everyone 'mucked-in' - we had no lazy people this time around!!! I think everyone would give this holiday a 10 out of 10 & Lord willing, we shall be going next year if the Rapture hasn't happened in the meantime! (I hope it has!!!) Thank you to all of you who prayed for us while we were away!









NEW 'Target' for Tracts!

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While visiting Hereford with Donna in July, we walked passed a funeral directors! It made me stop & think that the people who work in these places are dealing with DEATH situations on a daily basis - I wonder what they think in regard to life AFTER death. I thought that it would be a good opportunity for distributing tracts! Why not look in your local directory under funeral directors & start mailing out some tracts - we shall be sending out our booklet 'LIFE THEN ETERNITY!' Why not join us?

Through receiving a 'He Loves You!' tract card!!!

A man from Barnstaple has written to us recently the following letter... Dear Mr Davis, please can you forward me a) Your Bible Study material, b) any details of any study courses you may have, c) information of where I might find Bible study courses, should you not be able to provide such materials. I look forward to hearing from you soon. What an encouraging letter to receive. This man responded after receiving a 'He Loves You!' tract card! This should encourage us all to keep sowing the seed of the word of God everywhere we go!

'It's Your Choice!' Update!

Just to let you know that the next 10,000 'It's Your Choice!' booklets have just arrived! The cost of paper has gone up therefore this booklet has increased from 15p to 17p each — still a bargain! What else can you get for 17p these days; & still Christian bookshops won't stock them, not to mention the majority of churches we mail shot also???

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The Lord Jesus Christ & the Pope Contrasted!				
Christ wore a crown of thorns	The Pope wears a crown of jewels			
Christ carried on His shoulders the Cross	The Pope is carried on the shoulders of his			
	servants in splendour!			
Christ declared the laws of His kingdom &	The Pope tramples them under-foot &			
urged His followers to do the same	substitutes his own in their stead			
Christ sent the Holy Spirit to be His Vicar	The Pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ			
on earth	on earth			
Christ is the Head of the Church	The Pope claims to be the Head			
Christ taught that sin should be confessed	The Pope teaches that sin should be			
to God	confessed to the priests			
Christ taught that He alone is the Saviour	The Pope teaches that the Church is the			
	Saviour			
Christ taught that there was but one	The Pope teaches that there are many			
Mediator between God and man.	mediators between God and man.			
(1 Tim 2v5)				
Christ taught that salvation was by grace	The Pope teaches that salvation is by			
	works			
Christ claimed infallibility for Himself and	The Pope claims infallibility for himself in			
the Word of God alone	matters of faith and morals			
Christ had no place to lay His head	The Pope lives in a magnificent palace			
	surrounded by wealth			
Christ gave his Gospel free to all	The Pope sells his masses and other			
	favours			
Christ said: "Call no man your father	The Pope commands all to call him 'Holy			
upon the earth: for one is your Father,	Father', and his priests feel insulted if			
which is in heaven" (Matt 23v9)	persons do not address them as 'Father'			
Christ was poor and lowly	The Pope's wealth is immense			
Christ washed His disciples' feet, thus	The Pope presents his foot to be kissed and			
manifesting a spirit of humility worthy of	requires genuflections and kneeling from			
emulation by His followers	those who have audiences with him			
Christ taught His followers to pray to God	The Pope teaches his followers to pray to			
through Him	the Virgin Mary			

Car Boots!

One of our team leaders LaToya a.k.a. 'Tox' suggested that it would be good to do some tracting at car boots! We thought it was a great idea & so we have ordered two folding tables & eight chairs to take the DG team (& friends) & set up a stand with all our literature on it. We will distribute the literature free-of-charge to passers by. We shall let you know how well it goes as we are planning to do one within the next four weeks.

Want a good film to watch?

Recently we watched the film 'Oliver Cromwell' (Starring Richard Harris & Alec Guiness) – it was excellent! Gone are those days sadly to say, when we had Godly leaders to rule & run our country such as Cromwell! This film will 'fire-you-up' to want to serve the Lord in a deeper way & to get out there & take a stand against the wickedness we are experiencing in our land today! *You'll love it!*

How about this for a 'T-shirt'

There are millions of T-shirts with awful things on them today i.e. rock-band blasphemies, swearing, satanic symbols & pictures etc. I thought that it would be a good idea to print one that just said these words...

'HELL - is a literal physical place! Are YOU going there?'

Hope Chapel an 'AV' Church - MY FOOT!!!

Yet again I was told that on Wednesday 3rd September the 'speaker' read from a terrible CORRUPT 'PER-version' of the word of God!!! And the eldership *wonder* why we do

NOT 'join' the church!!! I teach the youth of Hope Chapel from the PURE word of God – THEY believe it & realise that the AV is WITHOUT ERROR! I encourage them to attend & support the meetings & the church itself as much as possible, *yet what happens*, they have to sit under idiots that read from modern versions & attempt to 'correct' the TRUE word of God! And the eldership *moan & complain* when I



'attack' them in TfT News!!! (They'll be moaning about this issue I guarantee it!) Don't pretend to be an AV Bible Believing church IF YOU ARE NOT ONE! Tell the truth & stand by your convictions – I DO, no matter what you think of me!!! I shall still encourage



the youth to support the church in everyway possible, but believe you me, my patience is wearing thin when it comes to BIBLE CORRECTORS!!! Hope Chapel have got some of the most committed youth (& I mean committed to the Lord Jesus Christ & LIVING for Him) that I have ever seen. These youngsters spend hours, & I mean HOURS, reading the

Scriptures, praying & giving out tracts – every church would be

blessed to have a youth group such as this. It is pointless for them to be taught one week that the word of God (AV) is God's word PRESERVED PERFECT, & then the next to sit under a Bible PER-version!!!



Meditate & chew on that one for a few years!

The Bible - outdated - MY OTHER FOOT!!!

Luke 17v30... Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Luke was written around 65 AD & he spoke about day & night being AT THE SAME TIME i.e. the earth was round NOT flat! It took scientists until the 16th Century to discover the earth was round!!! Isaiah 40v22... It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: Isaiah knew the earth was round 700 BC!!! Here is another scientific fact FROM THE SCRIPTURES...Job 26v7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. Today, satellites now take pictures from space proving the Bible is TRUE – Job was written 3500 years ago!!!

What a Book God has written - have you read it lately?

Waterstones Bookshop refuses to stock our booklets!

They wrote... 'Thanks for sending your literature. Unfortunately we won't be able to stock them as we haven't got the facility for the format of the booklets! I wonder!!!

Modern Talk in an 'arthait' Book!

All my life long!	Gen 48b15
Milk teeth!	Gen 49b12
Booty!	Aum 31b32
Every man for himself!	Aum 31b53
Apple of his eye!	Deut 32v10
Fast asleep!	Judg 4v21
Post Office!	Esther 8010
Hair on my 'neck' stood up!	Joh 4615
Escaped with the skin of my teeth!	Job 19620
My darling!	39sa 22v20
At their wits end!	∄ 9sa 107v27
Evil eye!	Prov 23v6
'A little bird told me!'	Ecc 10v20
A drop of a bucket!	Isa 40v15
Eye to eye!	Isa 52v8
Rise & shine!	Isa 60v1
Grapes set my teeth on edge!	Jer 31v29
Handwriting on the wall!	D an 5v5
Knees knock together!	D an 5 v 6
Blind leading the blind	Matt 15v14
Half dead!	Luke 10v30
In the mean time!	Luke 12v1
Safe & sound!	Luke 15v27
High time!	Rom 13v11
Beware of dogs	3 9hil 3b2
Old wives fables	1 Tim 4v7

Give us a smile!

- 1) Complete set of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. £500 or nearest offer. No longer needed; got married last month. *Wife knows everything!*
- 2) Comedian in the 'early-days'... I wouldn't have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me!
- 3) Teacher "Give me a sentence starting with the letter I" Pupil "I is..." Teacher "No, you must always say 'I am'." Pupil "All right, I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."
- 4) A sign of 'maturity' you wonder how you could be over the hill, when you don't even remember being on top of it!

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: Prov 17v22

'A coffin in Egypt!'

The book of Genesis starts with God (Gen 1v1) & ends with 'a coffin in Egypt' – quite a contrast don't you think! You ought to ponder on that for a while! Without the next

book i.e. Exodus, 'the book of this earth would lay silent forever future, NO everlasting life!!! (And is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 1 offer you in the end is 'a coffin in others, you work like crazy can; you spend that money on self gratification & you reap what



Redemption,' the graveyards of i.e. NO hope of resurrection, NO **if Christ be not raised, your faith** Cor 15v17) All this world has to Egypt!' You give your life serving earning as much money as you superficial worldly pleasures for *in the end*?..a **coffin in Egypt!**

Without any purpose in life, without knowing the TRUE meaning of life, is it any wonder why so many people turn to drink or drugs to drown their sorrows! This life is full of sadness & sorrows yet the Christian, the PILGRIM, who is just passing through on his way to his Heavenly home, is the ONLY person who understands the meaning & purpose to it all, & even through all the sadness & sorrow this life throws at us, we can have JOY IN THE LORD! (...the joy of the LORD is your strength. Neh 8v10) There is no better life than being a Christian! Heb 11v8-13 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Heb 13v14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. What have you got to look forward to, 'a coffin in Egypt' or a 'continuing city to come?'

Compare Zechariah 13v6 with ANY other version & see the DIFFERENCE!!! Zech 13v6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Now have a look at the table below & don't be so stupid to think that all Bibles are the same when they clearly are NOT!!!

Authorized Version (AV 1611)	Wounds in thine hands		
New King James (NKJV) PER-version	Wounds between your arms		
New International PER-version	Wounds on your body		
Amplified PER-version	Wounds on your breast		
New American Standard (NASV)	Wounds between your arms		
Revised Standard PER-version (RSV)	Wounds on your back		
Revised PER-version (RV)	Wounds between thine arms		
The Living (DEAD) Bible	Scars on your chest and back		
New World Translation (JW Bible)	Wounds (on your person) between your		
	hands		
The Jerusalem Bible	Wounds on your body		
The Message Bible	Black eye!!!		

What Bible is used in your church??? What Bible do YOU use!!!

A quote from the book...

'THE PROTECTOR - Oliver Cromwell' by J.H. Merle D'Aubigne

As Dr. Bastwick ascended the scaffold on which he was to suffer mutilation, his wife rushed up to him, & kissed the ears he was about to lose. Upon her husband's exhorting her not to be frightened, she made answer: "Farewell my dearest, be of good comfort: I am nothing dismayed." The surrounding crowd manifested their sympathy by loud acclamations. On descending from the scaffold he drew from his ear the sponge soaked with his blood, &, holding it up to the people, exclaimed: "Blessed be my God, who hath counted me worthy, & of His mighty power hath enabled me to suffer anything for His sake; & as I have now lost some of my blood, so am I ready & willing to spill every drop that is in my veins in this cause, for which I now have suffered: which is, for maintaining the truth of God, & the honour of my king against popish usurpations. Let God be glorified, & let the king live forever." - Such were the acts of Charles I - acts that filled Oliver Cromwell's soul with horror & anguish! I have found the life story of Oliver Cromwell amazing; well worth getting a copy!

The Boy Martyr of Brentwood (Essex Protestant Council)

In the morning of 26th March 1555, the whole of Brentwood town was in a state of excitement. Many people had gathered in the street. Why those priests, friars, monks & other dignitaries of the Roman Church? Why those soldiers with bows & spears & other weapons? They had assembled to see a young citizen of Brentwood - William Hunter by name, suffer death by burning. What awful crime had he done to deserve such dire punishment? Some months before he had dared to read the word of God! In the chapel he was seen reading the Bible by a servant of the Bishop named Atwell. "Why meddlest thou with the Bible?" He angrily enquired. The youth made the modest & courteous reply that 'he read it to his comfort.' Atwell retorted, "If you do not turn, you & many other heretics will broil for your opinions." William Hunter – fearing to implicate his parents & home in the doom which seemed to await him - fled from the town. Returning after a brief time he was at once seized & thrown into prison. Bishop of London, endeavoured to persuade him to recant by the offer of a sum of money & a position in his household. The reply given by the young martyr may well serve as an example to us in these days of compromise & indifference. "My lord," said he, "If you cannot persuade my conscience by the Scripture, I cannot

turn from God for the love of the world, for I count all things but loss in comparison with the love of Christ." After his trial by the Bishop of London he was taken back to Brentwood, & as there was no prison in the town, was guarded by constables in the Swan Inn. There his mother saw him & to her, William said, "For a little pain I shall receive a crown of life & may you not be glad for that?" His mother answered saying that she thanked God her son was such a champion for Christ. On the morning of his death his father broke through the crowd saying, "God be with thee, son William," to which he replied, "Be of good comfort, father, we shall meet again where we shall rejoice together." While he was chained to the stake, a pardon was offered if he would recant. This he refused & amidst jeers, threats & taunts, the flames leaped around him. He exclaimed mid the fires, "I am not afraid Lord! Lord! Receive my spirit!" He then prayed, "Son of God shine upon me," & immediately the sun broke through the dark clouds & the light shone full upon his face. It was as though God gave him an outward & visible sign that prayer was heard in heaven, his dwelling place. Soon his head bowed in the smoke & William Hunter, but nineteen years of age, yielded his life for the Truth & sealed it with his blood, but the trumpet sounded for him on the other side!

The 'thing' in Geneva!

Well this 'thing' cost over £5 billion; that is £5,000 MILLION! It is a 'scientificinstrument/experiment' to prove that God does NOT exist - that's what they are trying to prove! 'Scientists' - TOTAL idiots as usual! Like someone has so aptly said 'A 100 years ago the preachers were saying that the world was coming to an end & the scientists were laughing at them. Now the scientists say that the world is coming to an end & the preachers are laughing at them!' I hardly hear of a 'preacher' these days that believes we are living on the brink of the Rapture! Things are NOT getting better; we are NOT trying to 'bring in the kingdom'; there will be NO great revival BEFORE the Rapture - it's going to get worse & worse until the Lord 'shows up!' You would do well to get that reality check! When was the last time you heard a sermon on the Lord's Return? Spending all that money has proved what? People who are trying to prove God does not exist are lunatics (Lunatic - a person who is mentally ill. An extremely foolish person. ORIGIN -Middle English: from Old French lunatique, from late Latin lunaticus, from Latin luna 'moon' (from the belief that changes of the moon caused intermittent insanity)), no matter how qualified they are! What a total waste of money, time & resources! To think what could have been done with £5 BILLION!

An idle mind is the Devil's workshop!

If you are NOT busy for the Lord GET busy for the Lord! Every day we all ought to be working, serving the Lord in our daily lives. So many Christians are just 'part-timers' they work & serve the Lord when they want to rather than yielding their whole lives to Him in obedience! What have you been doing for the Lord lately? 1 Cor 10v31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Col 3v17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col 3v23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Log Cabin Break!

Donna & I were joined by LaToya, Dionne, Sheleen, John & Naomi in September for a break at the Knighton Log Cabin. We were encouraged that John & Naomi came, seeing as they are not Christians. Naomi was the lady mentioned previously in earlier newsletters who started to read the Bible last year & managed to get two thirds through it! Unfortunately she still professes that she doesn't believe in Jesus Christ as God or the Son of God, but we had some great conversations & she & John are quite open to



the Gospel & spiritual things. We all pray that both of them get saved before it's too late. We spoke about the end times i.e. the Rapture, Tribulation & Millennium etc. They have NO EXCUSE now not to get SAVED FROM HELL! It's THEIR choice!!! Just like it's yours!

Please pray for...

LaToya, Sarah & Simone as they start University. For Pastor Cyril Baker who is not at all well at present. Donna's parents as her dad, who has Parkinson's Disease, has just been diagnosed with Osteoarthritis. Luke one of my sales reps., whose dad recently died with cancer; & for all the tracts & booklets that have been given out recently.

Another request for tracts!

A man from a hotel in Leicester spoke to Donna last week stating that he would have no objection in stocking & displaying our 'bike-tracts' in his hotel reception & restaurant, as he gets lots of bikers turn up each week! It has been amazing how many thousands of 'bike-tracts' have gone out already & how many have been sent to NON-Christian places!!!



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What makes sense?

When it comes to questions such as 'How did we get here; why are we here; where do we go when we die?' etc., it is ONLY Christianity, ONLY the Scriptures that makes any sense whatsoever! Dawkins & Hawkins are FOOLS! When science talks about millions & billions of years IT ISN'T science! GOD is the answer to every problem man has! Turning to the Lord Jesus Christ is THE ANSWER to everything! If you don't get that it's because you have been blinded by the Devil (2 Cor 4v4). The Rapture is going to solve EVERY problem I have! If YOU are NOT saved at the Rapture YOUR problems will just BEGIN! There are MILLIONS of people TODAY who are on the road to a LOST eternity in HELL FIRE – what are YOU doing trying to stop them? Time really IS running out! How many tracts have you given out today? How many are you GOING TO GIVE OUT today?

Sneaky Readers!!!

YES we still get 'em!!! Recently we heard that an elders wife was asking where our newsletter was (a copy is usually left on the back notice board in Hope Chapel!) as her & her husband are NOT on the mailing list anymore! They like to sneak around reading it as long as they DON'T get caught; I mean they dare NOT associate themselves with US as people might think they LIKE us or AGREE with us!!! There are so many 'coward-type' Christians out there, so many 'gutless-wonders' that dare NOT take a stand on ANYTHING!!! This time we pinned up 'TfT News!' in the usual place on the notice board, but left pages 2-18 BLANK – with the exception of a few words on page 2 that said thus... 'HELLO 'sneaky-reader!' Were you looking for anything special? Did you know that you can have a copy of 'TfT News!' sent DIRECTLY to your home!!! All you have to do is request one – ah, but you daren't dare you; otherwise people might think you like it or agree with us! – It's a tough old world out there aint it! Enjoy the blank pages!!!'

To the world YOU are just a NUMBER (0123456789)					
You are RECOGNISED by the following NUMBERS					
National Insurance no.	Employee no.	Order no.	Death certificate no.		
Bank Account no.	Candidate no. (Exams)	Donor card no.	Marriage licence no.		
Car Registration no.	PIN no.	Library card no.	Top-up cards no.		
Driving Licence no.	National Health no.	Store number (i.e. Tesco)	IN/Assurance no.		
Passport no.	House no.	Birth date	Voting card no.		
Tax no.	Telephone no.	Account no.	Serial no.		
Credit Card no.	Membership / clubs	Birth certificate no.	Transport pass no.		

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

'The Black Bond!'

While Donna & I were dropping our car off at a garage in Worcester, we popped into the SPCK bookshop. There we met with a man calling himself 'The Black Bond!' He was quite a character! He was very welcoming & made us a coffee as we sat down for a chat. He told us a few of the heartaches he had gone through in his life & how he had become a Christian six years ago. His heart is to reach the lost & he does so through 'rap-music!' Where he is situated is a good 'mission-field.' We left him quite a few booklets, tracts, CD's & DVD's to give out to those he comes into contact with. He was a great guy with a passion to reach the lost souls of this world. Pray for him that the Lord will guide & direct him in every decision he makes. We have added him to our mailing list & hopefully shall meet up again with him soon!

Thank You Brother James!

Brother James has sent us some more of his materials (i.e. CD's Δ books) which have been a great blessing! We have passed some onto others who will also benefit from his ministry! Please keep them coming Brother James Δ thank you for all your help Δ encouragement!

Thank You Alan O'Reilly!

I would also like to thank Alan O'Reilly yet again for all the work δ effort he puts in to helping us here at 'Time for Truth!' You have also been a great blessing to us δ I shall be in contact with you again soon!

Gail Owens Testimony!

I would recommend you writing to 'Defending the Faith Ministries' & requesting Gail Owens testimony; it truly is remarkable & the Lord will bless it to many I'm sure. Nigel Owens, Gail's husband, is Pastor of the Mount Carmel Revival Centre in Ballymoney in Ireland; he is doing a great work over there & is taking a stand on the AV! Keep up the great work Nigel! Write requesting details of their ministry... 'Defending the Faith Ministries,' 3 Hebron Heights, Finvoy, Ballymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK, BT53 7LQ.

'Time for Truth!' goes to GOA, INDIA!

We received the following letter from a Pastor in Goa, India.. 'Dear Brother John, Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for sending me your newsletters & your booklets & tracts. It was a real blessing going through the pages of your materials. I would be glad to order some of your booklets & tracts but cannot afford to do so. But I would like to request you help me out by sending me a few tracts & booklets to distribute in Goa, India, only if it is possible for you to do so.' This is not your usual 'begging' letter, but instead a Pastor over the other side of the world wanting help in getting the gospel out! We have since sent him a gift plus some Christian booklets, tracts, CD's & DVD's to help & encourage him! Please pray for Pastor Roch in the work he is doing, trying to reach lost souls of this world with the Gospel!

Our Friend David Ouilleash!

Recently we received a lovely letter from our friend David Quilleash on the Isle of Man, who said that he is using the tracts we sent him, & will specifically use the 'motorbike' tract among those who attend the bike races i.e. the 'TT Race!' Pray for David as his health hasn't been too good of late. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen him as he seeks to do His will!

Bookshop in Rugby wants AV material!

A manager from a Christian bookshop in Rugby has received some of our booklets & tracts from a recent mail-shot. He called us in regard to the AV Bible & why we ONLY use this particular version. We had a lovely chat on the phone & this man seemed sincere & open in the questions he was asking! We sent him Alan O'Reilly's book 'O BIBLIOS' plus some other great material on the subject! May the Lord use it to help others who are looking for the TRUE & PURE word of God! The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Psalm 12v6+7

Does this convict YOU?

If you wonder why we are in the mess we are in today, it is because 95% of the saved people in the USA & Europe have already yielded! Some of them think that because they are connected with some Christian work that they haven't quit. But that association becomes a relief to them; i.e., they relieve themselves of the responsibility of the Christian life because they are associated in a work where someone else does the Bible reading, someone else does the praying, someone else does the witnessing. They are able to hide out in the crowd, see? The truth of the matter is that many Christians get tired of 'fighting the good fight!' They want to find a place of ease where they are not in a continual battle to do right. They just want to rest! The average Christian wants to get in a church where everyone smiles at him & shakes his hand. He wants to sit down in a pew & enjoy the message & then get up & go home feeling good about himself! When he gets home, he just wants to plop himself down in front of the TV & enjoy his home, his family, & a good living. That is what the saved people in ENGLAND want, & the Devil will do everything he can to see that they get that! But that is not the way the Christian life is supposed to be. I know that it isn't fun to witness all the time. You get cussed at. You have 'doors' slammed in your face. You're treated like dirt. I mean, who likes all of that? So instead of taking ridicule for the Saviour, Christians try to conduct themselves so those things don't happen. It's called 'having a good testimony.' It is not a testimony for the Saviour; it is a good 'reputation' for the saint - one that is above contempt & scorn! What you end up with is a bunch of Christians with 'good testimonies' that never speak up for Jesus Christ & never take a beating for Him, verbal or otherwise. They are perfect blanks to the world, & the world doesn't pay any attention to them at all. The world marches right past Christians like that...

... & straight INTO HELL FIRE!!!

Quite a challenge don't you think?

Vision Book!

Prov 29v18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: - As always, we at 'Time for Truth!' are always seeking the Lord's will & His guidance in every part of our lives. Two of our team leaders, along with Donna & I, have recently started a 'vision-book,' i.e. as we are praying & seeking God for our next step, we are noting down things of significance e.g. more ideas for reaching the lost etc. It is a great way of encouraging one another & pushing each other onwards & upwards! We are noting down our aims & goals for the Lord & asking Him to help us make the right decisions; NOT things that WE want to do, but what HE wants us to do. When we meet up we shall be discussing some of the things we have written down. There is NOTHING better in this life than serving the Lord & walking close to Him. Both LaToya & Dionne are enjoying the challenge of the Christian life & long to please our Saviour in ALL THINGS! To think LaToya is just 19 years old & Dionne 21 is quite incredible regarding their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ! Ecc 11v9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Ecc 12v1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 1 Tim 4v12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. The Lord has encouraged Donna & I tremendously regarding these youngsters.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 3v15

Team Leaders visit Bromsgrove Baptist Church!

LaToya writes... 'After tracting one Sunday evening, Dionne & I attended Bromsgrove Baptist Church where yet again was another church with female preachers, weak messages & corrupt Satanic Bible PER-versions! The service in itself lasted for just over an hour in which five songs were sung, & after a time of prayer & reading from the NIV, a 20 minute message on strength was given by a woman preacher, & I use the term 'message' very loosely! There was no doctrine taught, no mention of Hell for the unsaved & no Gospel presented properly. Instead, it was replaced with 'tranquillity' music to bring peace to the soul which they played from a classical CD!!! One woman afterwards said that it was an encouraging message & service!!! What more can be said! Churches these days are shot-to-bits; asleep in the light! Luke 18v8 ... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?'

Bishops Castle - a 'lovely' village!!!!!!

Well we took the DG & John & Naomi to a lovely quaint village called Bishops Castle for a few hours while we were on our last holiday. I saw a bookshop there so I took the team in to

have a look. It was only a very small village so the eight of us We scanned around looking for which we were disappointed in again it wasn't a 'Christian' amazement there was a LARGE - IN A SMALL, QUAINT, RURAL



small bookshop in a very 'packed it out' so to speak! Christian books & Bibles finding very few, but then bookshop; BUT. to section on 'gay & lesbianism' VILLAGE!!! Again it just sums

up how bad things are getting even in England's village life! Here in the photo you can see the DG team leaders, LaToya & Dionne placing tracts among these books that are an abomination IN GOD'S EYES!!!

Remember Martha?

In Issue 39 of 'Time for Truth News!' we told you about Martha, a lady I worked with for a brief time a few years back. We said that she became a Christian from a Roman Catholic background! Well Martha visits England once a year to go to the trade show at the NEC. As always she comes to visit Donna & I like she did this year. We had a great conversation & discussed how she is doing in her Christian walk. She said that she is doing well & is now trying to reach the lost souls where she is in Mexico! Keep praying for Martha that the Lord will lead & guide her in every decision she makes & that He will give her boldness to step out & share her testimony with other Roman Catholics!



Another Idea for reaching the LOST!

With news of banks crashing & unbelievers talking about a one-world government & the New World Order, surely we MUST do all we can to reach the 'masses!' After looking on the back of our car park ticket we rang 'adsonticketsLtd' to enquire about placing an 'advert.' We were told it would cost £1260 for 180,000 tickets, (180,000 being the minimum - that's less than 1p per ticket & think how many souls you can reach!!!) with us choosing an



area. However we were informed that special rates could be offered if we didn't designate an area and didn't mind what area was targeted (depending on what availability they had left!) Where the area was would determine how long the advert would run for, i.e. town/city – 4 weeks to 6 months. Why not approach your church & display a Scripture with your church services on 180,000 car park tickets? What an outreach that would be!

For further details please contact the company direct – **adsonticketsLtd**, 01482 679608, www.adsontickets.com.

So there we have it, another 'bumper' issue of 'TFT News!' for you. Why not drop us a line sometime? It would be great to hear from you! Keep winning souls for the Lord!

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There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, 0 how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

Prov 30v11-14

Well it was bound to happen I suppose!

Time for Truth! & Hope Chapel finally part after seven years! I was called before the eldership on 19th October after the morning service, to give 'account' of the articles I had written in 'TfT News!' i.e. Issue 43) the sneaky reader article, & 2) 'Hope Chapel an AV church MY FOOT!' article! By their 'tone' from the start, & their stubbornness, we were NOT going to see eye-to-eye! They wouldn't budge a bit & neither would I, especially when it came to EXPOSING Bible correctors & PUBLICIZING them in TfT News! They also wanted to put restrictions on the DG meeting saying that 'anyone' could turn up (we had just kicked out a couple due to their lack of commitment, selfishness & un-Christian attitude to the other members which they weren't happy about - in fact the eldership see this couple as 'spiritual,' what more can I say? Mat 15v14). But the eldership were not having any of it (fair play to them!) & wanted to dictate 'the terms' i.e. I can continue if... - I submit to everything they say - ARE THEY MAD? It was evident that it just wasn't going to work. The guy in the 'middle' (I won't mention names so not to embarrass anyone - he knows who he is!) who did most of the talking, I saw in a different light! He was very stubborn, he didn't admit he was at all in the wrong on ANYTHING, (couldn't see the wood for the trees comes to mind!) & at times was very arrogant & 'mocking!' Qualities for an elder I TROW NOT!!! They said they were not at all happy with me mentioning them in my newsletter & it had to STOP! Well of course they weren't / aren't happy, & of course IT WON'T STOP as long as I hear that this 'so called' AV Church is still allowing PER-versions into the pulpit! When one of the elders inferred that the AV issue wasn't that important, I just sat back & thought, 'the boy just don't get it does he!' That was probably the final nail in the 'coffin!' One of the most incredible things said to me in this 40 minute ordeal was the fact that it was pointed out that 'WE' USE 'THEIR' facilities!!! I could hardly get my breath!!! What do they expect? I was called in to teach the youth! Every time we were at church it was to TEACH THE YOUTH! Should we have done this outside on the car park? I also heard on occasions, comments about the heating & bills!!! This did annoy me somewhat! It was going from bad to worse! Towards the end of this 'meeting' one of the elders stated he still wanted to receive 'TfT News!' & so he shall; BUT ALL OF THEM shall have a copy of THIS issue!!! A sad end to a seven year input into these youngsters lives, but I'm sure the Lord has something else in store for us just around the corner! We leave it with the Lord – HIS will be done! Pray for us! I would like to finish by stating this... I have NO animosity towards any of the three elders in charge at Hope Chapel! I DO think that they are wrong on quite a few things, some 'doctrinal' & some 'traditional!' I don't 'hate' any of them; I dislike the way they handle some situations & I feel that they do NOT understand the salient problems within their own fellowship, seeing as THEY oftentimes CAUSE some of these problems! (The doctrine of the Nicolaitans comes to mind!!!) I do HATE the PER-versions they STILL allow into the pulpit! They have NEVER understood me (because they have not spent enough time with me – two of the elders in particular I have hardly EVER seen to talk to in SEVEN YEARS!!!) OR understood WHAT I stand for i.e. God PRESERVING His word PERFECT in the Authorized Version! Two out of the three elders haven't even TRIED to understand the situation, which speaks volumes to me! I appreciated my time there & I taught the youngsters from the PURE Scriptures: many of whom have now left & gone their own ways i.e. university etc. I now hand them back over to the Lord for His keeping & protection, as this shepherd has done all he could to love & protect them. I would suggest that the Hope Chapel eldership evaluate their OWN lives & stop pointing the finger without UNDERSTANDING or KNOWLEDGE! They need to seek the Lord for themselves, & ask Him, HOW TO OVERSEE A CHURCH! They are too full of themselves thinking they have got it right WHEN THEY HAVEN'T! I shall be accounted for what I have done & SO SHALL THEY!!! To be told that the Lord isn't blessing me because of my actions is quite a statement to live with - remember that 'overseers!' My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. James 3v1

Car Crash!

During the 1st week of October, Donna & I witnessed a car crash where the car which was oncoming went up the grass verge & landed on its roof about 25 feet from us! I rushed out & managed to pull the lady driver from her car. We called the ambulance & within a few minutes they came along with the police. The lady wasn't badly hurt but did have to go to hospital! Again it made us realise how precious life really is & what is a priority! We spend hours every day driving around the country & we thank the Lord for the safety He gives!

Response from Issue 43!

Well it started off a quiet month in regard to responses to 'TfT News! – Issue 43' – where were you all? Don't tell me; you were all worried about your savings being left in the 'stable' banks! (Ps 20v7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.) We try to make 'TfT News!' challenging, as one preacher put it... I try to comfort the afflicted & afflict the comforted! It is truly amazing how many Christians pick up on the 'negatives' & NEVER comment on ANY of the positives; but then again Christians LOVE to point the finger!!! So here is the FINAL 'TfT News!' for 2008! We hope it shall be a challenge to you as always, but seasoned with some encouraging & comforting articles! Bon appétit!!!

Badminton Club!

Dionne, LaToya & myself have now joined a NEW badminton club which we attend every Tuesday; while we play badminton, Donna is using the internet facility in the leisure centre, researching & completing her DG homework etc. She then comes to watch us for an hour at the end. It has been a great chance to wear our 'Time for Truth!' T-shirts & sweat-shirts, with 'Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,' written on the back of them. We have already had a conversation with a guy there about life after death, & he willingly took some literature from us. Please pray that folk shall be challenged as they 'clearly' see the Scriptures each week!

Sending Christmas Cards?

If you are sending Christmas cards why not enclose a tract in each one? This is a good time to include something spiritual among the pagan festivities! When was the last time your relations heard or read the GOSPEL message? They are YOUR responsibility!

Bike Tract!

At present it seems that the 'bike-tract' we produced is the most popular! We have sent out thousands all over the country & a few around the world! It is well worth carrying a few of these tracts with you everywhere you go. Nearly every 'biker' we have met has accepted it willingly & it's not just bikers who are attracted to them. They have been used to reach 'old & young' alike! These tracts have been left in restaurants, doctors surgeries etc. They are only 7p each!



Anonymous response from Plymouth!

Whoever is using our tracts down in Plymouth, keep it going! Someone has written... 'To Whom it may concern, You should 'check out' who you send your correspondence to, they may be able to quote the bible as well as you & may work hard in order to support a family & many good causes you do not know about. You may unwittingly cause offence!' – Like Tozer said 'If you don't make people sad, glad or mad with your preaching GIVE IT UP!' This response is just another indication to me that we need to KEEP SOWING THE SEED OF THE WORD OF GOD EVERYWHERE! Well done to you, whoever you are, that distributed tracts around the Plymouth area!

I'd like to know!

We first started printing our tracts & booklets to distribute ourselves, but many who received a copy also wanted to start distributing them around their own areas. Now we put our address on ALL our materials so that the 'receiver' has a point of contact if he wants to write etc. Some of you of late have requested having more space to put your own address (i.e. your local church etc.) on them. I was just wondering whether you would like us to create more space on each tract / booklet for you to do this? Those of you who use our literature & those of you that WOULD use our literature if this be the case, would you drop us a line agreeing or disagreeing with this idea! We could always REMOVE our address totally if this would help you! We shall do all we can to get the word of God into the hands of sinners & if by removing our address can get more of you using our tracts in your own areas PLEASE LET US KNOW for the next print run! Thanks for your help here!

October Discipleship Group! (DG)

The DG was originally set up in July 2003, to gather together young people who wanted to *really* get closer to the Lord Jesus Christ & dedicate their time in studying the word of God, the Authorized Version Bible. We have had some people leave the DG & we have had some people join us over the years. These meetings have really had an impact on us all. On a normal month we get around 8/10 people that come. It is on an invitation basis as we want people who are totally committed to following & serving the Lord Jesus. October's DG was another very challenging meeting where we all evaluated our relationship with the Lord & pondered on our love for the One who gave everything to save us!

Are YOU ready for the COMING CRASH OF CASH?

I remember hearing Barry Smith talk about this kind of thing years ago! He wasn't right on a lot of things maybe (but who is EXCEPT Barney!) but he certainly warned us about the current climate! So what are you doing about it? What can you do? Get deeper into the word of God than you have ever done before, read it as often as you can asking the Lord to lead, guide & teach you! Get on your knees asking the Lord to help you through every decision you make & stay close to Him. If ever there was a time to get rid of the sin in your life & get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ IT'S NOW!!! Stop messing around & get serious with the Lord Jesus Christ – before it's too late!

Order for literature!

It was encouraging to receive an order from Ebenezer Evangelical Church in Airdrie; pray that souls shall be saved as they sow the seed of the word of God! We had another enquiry from a NT Church of God in Small Heath, Birmingham, who ended up ordering 'Who Cares?' & 'For Bikers' tracts! Thomas in Hertfordshire also ordered more tracts!



Money Tract in Newsagents!

Donna & I placed our 'money-tract-card' in a newsagents in Frodsham, Cheshire for 3 months (Oct-Dec) for just £2. Why not visit your local newsagent & ask if you can place a tract in the window for a few months? Think how many people would read the word of God via this

method! We also placed the 'money-tract-card' in the newsagents in Bewdley for 3 months. We went over to see if it had been displayed & it had! It looked great & was in a very prominent position for all to see!



Pray that souls shall be challenged by the Scriptures!

Church in Nero's Coffee Bar!!!

Well the 'churches-together' in Kidderminster have decided to have a church service once a month in Nero's coffee bar! The chosen subject for the first 'service' is 'How green are you?' It is led by a woman 'vicar' – naturally! Any 'gimmick' rather than take the Gospel to SINNERS! (Mind you Nero's do serve a great latte!)

Is it just me or is TIME speeding up?

What on earth is happening to the days? It's as if time is just flying by! As each week passes what are we accomplishing as Christians? What are we *really* doing for the Lord Jesus Christ? Let us have no regrets friends, let us be DOERS of the word & NOT hearers only! Do something TODAY!

Reserving the right to refuse!

Occasionally I decide to take someone off our mailing list! Recently I have removed a couple (C & M) who have decided that 'their way is the best way' & have isolated themselves from other members of the DG! I feel as if they just can't take the strong meat delivered & therefore, for their own good, & the good of the other DG members, I have stopped sending 'TfT News!' to them. As you all know, you have got to be fairly 'grown-up' to receive a publication such as this - catch my drift!!! Pray for C & M, that they mature & start to act like 'natural' people again; considering one is at University just sums up my thoughts on worldly-education! But hey-ho, as long as you've got your health!!! - As the saying goes!!! Like sweets - the world is full of 'allsorts' that's what makes it interesting! Keep the faith brother / sister! No doubt you can gain a copy somewhere else!!!

The Oxford Movement!

The Oxford Movement, or Tractarianism, was an affiliation of High Church Anglicans, most of whom were members of the University of Oxford, who sought to demonstrate that the Church of England was a direct descendent of the Christian Church established by the Apostles. It was known as the 'Tractarian Movement' after its series of publications 'Tracts for the Times' (1833-1841) – *I'm guessing that this is where we got our word TRACT from???*

Donna's Health!

Please continue to pray for Donna & her arthritis as she has been struggling again of late. Every day she is waking up stiff & in pain. It seems to take longer these days for it to wear off. We would really appreciate your prayers regarding this.

It's not only little Mexicans we cater for!

Sophia, a *little* Chinese lady has also joined us on Friday's & some Sunday's (up until December when she returns back to China). We have



bought her a Bible in Chinese & she reads it aloud in all the meetings – 'language' is incredible! We have preached the Gospel to her on a number of occasions & she has listened well. She also asks questions & gets



involved with all the activities. Martha (our Mexican friend) brought her to us as she works with her at my

previous company. The youth is really international now!

Here is an interesting study!

What words occur ONLY ONCE in the Bible?

Outreach at Studley Car Boot!

I can't tell you all what an amazing time of outreach & witnessing this was! On Sunday 12th October, Donna, LaToya, Dionne & myself got up at 6.00 am & arrived at the Studley Car Boot Sale for 7.15 am. We arrived in two cars due to all the literature we were taking along with chairs & tables! We set up & were ready to meet all who came by 7.30 am! It is an extremely busy 'car-boot' with thousands of visitors turning up. We entered into a number of conversations, gave the Gospel many times, gave out over 600 pieces of literature including tracts, booklets, & CD's etc. We also gave out a number of AV Bibles! It was one of the most encouraging times of evangelism we have had for quite a while! Dee & Toy really enjoyed themselves & were able to put into practice their skills they had acquired from the DG

training 'Take Your Stand!' very well & challenged a lot There just isn't enough space happened & all the here are a few excerpts from you to remember in your spoke about 'mother earth' & towards the Gospel, BUT we Sikh — had a great



They handled themselves of people with the Gospel! to write down all that conversations we had but conversations we had for prayers... Ronnie – who was quite hardened gave it to him! 'Coolie' a conversation with us &

also took an 'It's Your Choice!' booklet: Peter (a wine merchant) came back 3 times to challenge us! A man who had had a motor-bike crash - we were able to spend quality time with him & he accepted the literature & listened well to the Gospel message: Toya had a great conversation with a man regarding the 'Trinity!' I had a great conversation with a man (see photo overleaf) who ended up taking literature plus an AV Bible – he even offered to buy us all a coffee! A nurse visited us asking if she could take a wide range of literature to put in their 'spiritual' room at her local hospital – amazing! She took booklets, tracts & CD's! A man walked by & I tried to talk with him but he said that he was a 'heathen' - I 'challenged' him & gave him a bit of banter & not long later he came back asking 'What about other religions?' I was able to share with him the Gospel & he went away saying 'I'll think about that!' One guy said to me right at the start... "Why aren't you at church!!!" (He must have been Brethren!!!) I said to him "Because people like you don't go to church so people like us have to come & find you!!!" It was really exciting & encouraging! Again, it's a ministry I think EVERY church should get involved with, & at least send a team from the church to set up a literature table (a team of 4 or 6 would be perfect) at your local car-boot! It is also a great way of advertising your church! I tell you now, you will be amazed at the response you'll get! Try it! I have included a few photos that hopefully might encourage you to have a go! We also met later on to evaluate all that we did & see how we could improve i.e. better 'signage' etc.

In Principle... those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: Mat 22v10 GO GET 'EM!!!

Rom 3v23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Rom 6v23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 14v6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 3v16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Car Boot Photos



































Another Amazing Film to Watch!

'The Hiding Place' starring Julie Harris & Jeannette Clift! The true story of Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom - This lady was truly remarkable, an inspiration to every Christian. After watching this film you don't think too much of 'material-possessions!' After what these Christians went through. During the time in Ravensbruck concentration camp these Christians only had their faith, the Lord's love & hope to hold onto. Now they are with their Saviour & we shall soon be joining them. What an amazing hope we have also!

Tracts to Las Vegas!

Pray for Brother Ed Morrison who has recently ordered 2000 tracts to be distributed around Las Vegas! It is quite incredible where these tracts get to! I know of two people who have recently just come back from holidays in Las Vegas - they both said it was one of the most amazing places they have been to. Amazing in the sense of 'worldly / materialistic grandeur!' Our mansion in Glory / Heaven will outshine Las Vegas a trillion times, don't you worry!

Literature Distribution!

More booklets & tracts have been sent out; some have gone to Warminster in Wiltshire; more 'money-tracts' to Watford – please keep watering THE SEED with your prayers!

Time & effort - but for what?

What do you spend most of your time & effort on? Work; family; pleasure? We pour most of our time into 'things' that will NOT stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ! 1 Cor 3v9-15 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. The FIRE shall test every motive you had; what you did for YOU & what you did for the Lord! Isn't it about time you started LIVING for Him in EVERY area of your life? Perhaps you already do?

Funeral Directors!

Donna & LaToya have been posting out our 'Life Then Eternity!' booklets to funeral directors. They have mainly concentrated on The Midlands, Worcestershire, Birmingham & London. The following covering letter was enclosed with the booklet... 'Dear Sir, Enclosed is a booklet that addresses the facts of 'life then eternity!' Death is inevitable; it affects each & every one of us in some way, shape or form. It can happen at any time, any place & as we all know, at any age; it is heartbreaking for those family members & friends that are left behind. Please read the enclosed booklet & if you would like some to display I would be happy to supply these free of charge; just drop us a line or give us a call. Yours Sincerely, John Davis'

Reaching the Elderly!

How important this is: many of these folk are on the brink of eternity! What are we doing in trying to reach them? When was the last time you gave a tract or booklet to an elderly person? When was the last time you visited a nursing home or hospice? Do you know where your local hospice or nursing home is? Don't you think we should be doing SOMETHING to reach the aged persons BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! Why not approach them & ask if you can take a weekly or monthly service?

So how has the last three months been for you? What have you accomplished FOR THE LORD in the last 12 weeks? Stop & think about that for a while! Time is certainly running out & the Rapture is at hand. The world is in chaos & NOBODY understands what is happening apart from the Lord & Bible believing Christians who are reading & studying their Bibles! THEY KNOW that we are gearing up towards the END & very soon the Lord Jesus Christ shall come & take us out of this mess & home to Glory! Are you looking forward to THE DAY?



Some people 'think' (& that's a joke in itself!!!) that Jesus' Blood was just normal human blood like yours & mine! NO IT WASN'T!!!

Acts 20v28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. God's Blood!!!

God's Blood is INCORRUPTIBLE (not subject to death or decay; everlasting!!!) – 1 Pet 1v18+19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with (something that is INCORRUPTIBLE) the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Lev 17v11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Heb 9v8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

- 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;
- 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.
- 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
- 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
- 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

If Jesus' Blood was LOST at the Cross & NOT preserved & presented in the temple in Heaven, of which the temple on earth is but a type, then redemption remains forever unaccomplished. The Day of Atonement would not have been fulfilled, finalised & finished!

The Lord Jesus Christ's Blood is on the Mercy Seat in Heaven RIGHT NOW as you are reading this article!

Heb 9v23-25 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into

the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

As the high priest passed through the tabernacle to present in the Holiest of All the blood of the atonement & sprinkle it on the mercy seat, so our Great High Priest, Jesus the Son of God, passed through the heavens to the holy place of God & there presented Himself & sprinkled the mercy seat of Jehovah's eternal throne with His own INCORRUPTIBLE Blood! Without His INCORRUPTIBLE Blood He could not have passed through & reached the throne. It is by this same INCORRUPTIBLE Blood that we have access to the throne of God - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (Heb 10v19+20)

Heb 12v22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. Here we see in these verses SEVEN (the number of perfection & completion) 'personalities' mentioned IN Heaven - & what is the last one... the blood of sprinkling...

NOTE...

You cannot sprinkle blood that has congealed! You cannot sprinkle blood that has perished! You cannot sprinkle blood that is lost! You cannot sprinkle blood that has corrupted! You cannot sprinkle blood that is extinct!

If Christ's Blood had not been preserved & sprinkled on the Mercy Seat of the Triune Jehovah in no way could sinners be reconciled to God!

Rev 7v14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

A Future verse in regard to the Tribulation! If the Blood of Christ has perished how can they wash their robes IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB? – It HAS NOT perished!

If YOU 'think' (& that's a joke in itself!) or 'believe' that the Blood of Christ is LOST forever i.e. it perished at the cross of Calvary, then YOU ARE A HERETIC!!!

1 John 5v7+8 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. The three witnesses are real! How could the BLOOD be a witness if it were lost?

Maybe when you sing hymns such as... 'There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins,' or 'There is power in the blood,' or 'Are you washed in the blood,' you will think more deeply about the great cost it was to the Lamb of God! ...without shedding of blood is no remission. (Heb 9v22)

Apathy among Christians!

Speaking to author Michael de Semlyen recently (All roads lead to Rome!), he said that the majority of Christians today are apathetic towards reaching the lost! Apathy means - lack of interest or enthusiasm. Its origin is from French apathie, via Latin from Greek apatheia, from apathes 'without feeling'. This is so true! Most Christians are really not that bothered about souls going to Hell! As long as they can watch their favourite TV show, eat & sleep well & continue to entertain themselves, they just couldn't care less as to what happens to the surrounding people in the world! Oh sure many of them GO TO CHURCH, but FOR WHAT? I am amazed as to how things are just declining so rapidly, I really am. Most Christians I know MAJOR on church attendance & don't give a 'hoot' about LOST SOULS! Who is going to Hell IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, IN YOUR LIFE???

Our 'Little-Mexican' Friend!

Martha from Mexico has been over here in England for the last few months due to her work. Being a Christian she wanted to meet up & come to some of the meetings we hold at Hope Chapel. Therefore we have taken her to the Friday Youth Club & also the Sunday Bible Class & the DG! She has loved it. A guy she works with here in England is also a 'Christian' but a raving-charismaniac!!! I know who





he is as I used to work in the same company as him! He has taken Martha to his church meetings: I asked what they did in them & she told me that they sing for a long time & 'worship' for a long time, but they don't PREACH THE WORD much! Par for the course these days! Martha loves the word of God & was very encouraged by the amount of time we spent in it each meeting. She also translated & read it in Spanish for us from the Spanish Bible we bought her over 4 years ago! Please pray for Martha in her walk with the Lord & for her witnessing to family & friends.

Another very encouraging letter!

'Dear Brother John, I received the parcel & was very happy for the amount of tracts & books & CD's that you posted to me. Indeed it's a great help to me to reach out to the lost. Thank you. Thank you again for asking all the readers of TfT to pray for me, it brought tears to my eyes as I read the newsletter where my letter to you was attested. Such things humble me, & encourage, me to serve the Lord more effectively. I believe this year is going to be great to me in the ministries because so many Christians will pray for me. Thank you. Pray that I may be a man after God's own heart. Praying for you, your wife & the DG' If you have the time please write to Pastor Lordson Roch & encourage him in the work he is doing! His address is... Grace & Truth Baptist Church, H. No. 215/71, Opp. Nandanvan Appt. II, Bellavista Waddo, Sangolda, Bardez, Goa, India. (e-mail lordson_ar@yahoo.cOo.in Contact No.:9923653124)

You're doing a great work brother Lordson, keep it going!

'David & Victoria' (NOT Beckham - although they are a better looking couple!!!)

Victoria, her husband David, & their daughter Jordan came to one of our Sunday morning services recently. It was great to see them! Victoria is still keeping close to the Lord & reading her Bible. Keep praying for this family that the Lord will guide all her children throughout this 'mad' world! Jordan, who is 11 years old, is trying her hardest to read a chapter of the Bible every day. Both David & Victoria are a lovely couple & have a lot of potential to serve the Lord; may He show them His will for their lives, so they can get out there & reach lost souls!

Donna's Sister Finally Gives Birth!!!

Well if she hadn't have given birth the poor girl would have exploded – she was MASSIVE!!! We thank God for the safe arrival of Darci Dorothy Hull; Born on Thursday 9th October, at 7.26 pm weighing 8 lb 9 oz. God is so good! Already she is being read the Scriptures (AV of course NOT some 'baby-bible' like the NIV or NKJV!) & taken to church! She really is a little princess, *just like her dad!!!*



Lord open & close doors according to THY WILL we pray!

The same day we left Hope Chapel a door opened for us to hire out a village hall about 5 minutes from where we live. We have booked it for every Friday (7.00pm-12.00pm) Every Sunday morning (9.00am-1.00pm) & once a month on a Saturday for the Discipleship Group. We are praying about starting up a church where there is NO witness in the area except Roman Catholic! We would appreciate your prayers also regarding this as we ONLY want to do what the Lord would have us do! We have also rented out a cottage in the village as a kind of 'ministry' house so that we can work within the village itself. It is exciting times aired on caution, if you understand what I mean. Sometimes I 'feel' as if we should JUST GO FOR IT & if it works it works, & if it doesn't, well, at least we had a go & tried to win souls in a seemingly 'untouched' area. We shall keep you posted as to what happens. The facility we have hired out is excellent & well able to cater for over 100 people. It is less than 15 years old & meets all our requirements at present. We have already got a lectern/pulpit, a dry-wipe marker board & an 'A-board' to advertise if & when the Lord leads us! It seems to be coming together very well. We are leaving it in the Lord's hands asking Him to lead & guide us in every decision we have to make. We have done a deal with the landlord & he has reduced our monthly rent by £100 for the cottage, which was quite amazing! We are now in the process of furnishing the house from a local 'network-resourcecentre.'

Contact Nigel & Gail Owens!

This couple are doing a great work in Ballymoney Northern Ireland! They produce some great literature, CD's & DVD's including some excellent 'testimonies' of Roman Catholics coming to Christ & MORE! They are 100% Authorized Version & I would highly recommend that you support them if you can! They can be contacted at Mount Carmel Revival Centre, 3 Hebron Heights, Ballymoney, BT53 7LQ Tel – 028 295 72009. Nigel is also a good speaker & I'm sure would be willing to come & preach at your church; like I said in a previous newsletter, his wife has an amazing testimony – why not book them up as a ministry-team? Send for their latest catalogue! They have also recently set up a childminding business.

The Number EIGHT (8)

EIGHT occurs 80 times in Scripture!

EIGHT is the number of NEW BEGINNINGS.

The EIGHTH note begins a NEW scale.

The EIGHTH day starts a NEW week!

EIGHT persons were saved from the Flood, & they started a NEW human population on the earth – (1 Pet 3v20)

The EIGHTH dispensation will bring NEW heavens & a NEW earth.

Israel observed seven feasts, the seventh being the Feast of Tabernacles which pictures the Millennial reign of Christ. The EIGHTH day after the feast was a Sabbath (Lev 23v39), typical of the NEW heavens & NEW earth which appear after the Millennium.

When it comes to 'begging' for money the Pentecostal's are EXCELLENT!!!

Only this week a friend of Barney's, (I won't mention his name YET but I have known him for a few years now!) said to him, referring to me, that I ought to sell my bike & give the money to the poor! I was in the car when Barney was talking to him so I took the phone & asked the guy 'Do you own your house?' (I know he does & it is worth over £250,000!!!) He straight away knew where I was coming from & said 'That's NOT the point!!!' Oh yes it was!!! Ain't people 'queer!' Especially those Pentecostal's that are ALWAYS POINTING THE FINGER at others - i.e. DON'T do as I do, DO as I SAY!!! I said to this 'Bible-Corrector' (he uses modern PERVERSIONS - par for the course!) 'Sell your house & give the money to the poor & then live in RENTED accommodation!!!' He didn't want to talk after that! The Lord said... For ye have the poor with you always... Mark 14v7.

Now I believe we SHOULD help the poor in everyway we can, but I do get a little fed up, to say the least with Pentecostal's who point the finger NOT realising that they are the biggest HYPOCRITES around!!! I also noticed that in Billy Graham's 'Decision' magazine (which is only 24 pages) FIVE pages was talking about MONEY!!! That is 21% for you 'Economist-Pentecostal's!!!' 2 Cor 9v7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. I believe EVERY Christian should give AS MUCH AS HE CAN to the Lord's work & MORE!!! But don't let idiot Pentecostal's TELL YOU TO! Obey the Lord NOT the SIGN-SEEKING Pentecostal's!!! Next time he brings it up I'll tell you who it is – that'll keep his head down for a while!!!

Michael the 'door-fitter!'

We needed a door taking off & re-fitting in 'Cromwell's Cottage or Pilgrim's Cottage or the Bible Believer's Cottage or the AV 1611 Cottage etc – we haven't decided on a name for it as yet!' We called out a local man called Michael who came & did the job, very well I might add! Before he left we entered into a DEEP discussion about the Lord Jesus Christ! He sat for over half an hour discussing the 'issues of life' & Biblical doctrine! It was truly amazing! He had obviously had some JW, Mormon & RC background but we put him straight according to the Scriptures. He willing accepted our literature & went away challenged. We also invited him to church on Sunday! Pray for him!

Extra Prayer Requests...

Please pray for Pastor Stanford Nyamathanga who has recently lost his father (15th October 2008) & now his brother is ill. If you would like to write & encourage this man PLEASE DO SO! His address is... **Pastor Stanford Nyamathanga, PO BOX 51734, Limbe, Malawi, Central Africa**. I am sure he would love to receive a few letters from England etc.

Work is very tough at present!

Due to the global 'credit-crunch' work has been very hard of late. As most of you know, Donna & I sell garden giftware into garden centres etc. & the sales have been a lot harder to gain of late due to people not spending plus 'footfall' is well down in most garden centres. Unfortunately the company has had to make a couple of redundancies in the warehouse, plus some folks have had to go on a four day week until things pick up again. Please continue to pray that the company 'survives' this global recession & that our jobs will be safe throughout this time. Much of the money the Lord allows us to earn is poured back into the Christian 'ministry' of reaching lost souls for the Lord; *may it continue!* I wouldn't like to look for another job as Donna & I have been working full-time together now for over four years. Donna's arthritis would also restrict her in certain areas gaining another job. We are in the Lord's hands...& that's the safest place we could be! Everyone in the company has now taken a voluntary 10% decrease in their salaries to help the company!

Sunday Service!

After the Sunday service (9th Nov) we all came back to our house for something to eat. Although we never saw anyone come to the meeting from the village after our leaflet-drop, we were encouraged that one guy who lives a few doors away from us dropped in to see us & promised he would come to church when not working. He said he would also bring his brother!



Tape Ministry BACK ON!

have you DONE for HIM?

I have 'created' a 'study' in our rented house that is very quiet; therefore I shall be able to produce sermons on cassette again, & then certain ones, I shall put onto CD for wide distribution i.e. Gospel messages & other messages relevant for TODAY'S world!!! If you are interested in receiving these let me know & I shall add you to the list! They are free of charge!

A very interesting & 'powerful' little booklet!

Nigel Owen's recently sent me a booklet called "A tale of two trains! It is a great little booklet to use in reaching the lost – it 'grips' you & gets you thinking. If you would like one, free of charge, I suggest you write to the author... **Donald Wilson, End Time Ministries, 3 Oakwood, Kilfera, Kilkenny, Republic of Ireland**.

IF A MAN DOES NOT RULE HIS HOUSE HE WILL RUIN IT!!!

This SIN sick EVIL & PERVERTED world we are living in!!!

I cannot believe what I have been hearing on the news of late: 'children' murdering each other; more 'children' committing suicide than ever before; 'mothers' stabbing their own 'children' & BABIES to death; parents torturing THEIR OWN CHILDREN!!! What kind of 'HELL-on-earth' is going on??? The answer is this (which NO politician gets it seems!) - take God OUT & the DEVIL will take His place! The music industry is run by the DEVIL!!! MUSIC is destroying many young folks these days! Bands sing about violence, sex, drugs, fornication, adultery, rebelling against authority i.e. GOD etc. Children are soaking this 'satanic' rubbish up & behaving like animals, in fact WORSE than animals! 'Children' wander the streets looking for trouble: war veterans are being attacked & robbed by teenagers! Teenagers are trying sex at 13 & 14 years old! TV is brainwashing these youngsters & they are emulating what THEY SEE & still leaders of government & churches DO NOT SEE THE CONNECTION!!! Governmental 'systems & schemes' are put in to place to try & stop what is happening, yet things ARE GETTING WORSE i.e. more lies, more deception, more DEATHS, more drugs, more abortions, more sexual diseases etc. etc. WITHOUT Christ there is NO HOPE!!! WITHOUT God in your life THERE IS NO HOPE!!! So what does our country do? Kick God out of the schools & replace Him with the Devil i.e. evolution! Teach the children about sex at an EARLY AGE to get them 'interested' (THEY would say to 'educate' them of course!); teach SODOMY as just another kind of 'life-style!' How bad will it get? A lot worse is to come! What are Christians DOING about it? NOT MUCH!!! Just going to church & DOING their Christian 'duties' - they dare not OFFEND anyone therefore THEY do NOT speak! They do NOT write letters! They do NOT give our tracts & sow the seed of the word of God all around their neighbourhood! They do NOT dispel darkness with the light of the Gospel (Mat 5v14 Mat 6v22 Luke 11v34 John 8v12 John 9v5 Acts 13v47 Rom 2v19 2 Cor 4v4 2 Cor 4v6) -Christians DON'T DO MUCH!!! What are YOU doing? We are living in some of the most PERVERSE times EVER, sick, totally SICK!!! Christians who talk about a worldwide revival to 'usher-in-the-kingdom' are IDIOTS with a CAPITAL 'I.' So, the challenge... I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day (NOW): the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9v4 There is SO MUCH work that needs to be done, SO MANY souls that need to be saved! The word of God needs to be SOWN everywhere you can to dispel the darkness! Christian, YOU have a responsibility! Don't sit back thinking someone else is doing the work - get

Never give up working for the Lord, NEVER!

on with the job in hand! One day YOU shall stand before God & give an account of your life TO HIM! What

Oaks Community Church



Oaks Community Church Meets in Oaks Community Hall Worcester Road, Harvington Nr Kidderminster Worcs. DY10 4NS Sunday 10.30am - 12.00am Friday (16+) 7.30pm - 9.30pm



From an 'acorn' - Oaks Community Church opens in Harvington!

Well here is the latest UPDATE... We held our FIRST service on Sunday 26th October! **Oaks Community Church** in Harvington is now up & running & in the Lord's hands. We have also produced an '**Oaks Community Church**' monthly newsletter that shall be going out to every home in the village encouraging the folks to come to church. Our literature has also been distributed to every home. We are interested in getting the word of God out & reaching SOULS for the Lord. We are not interested in building a large church just for the sake of numbers! I would rather have 10 faithful & committed Christians serving the Lord as a team rather than 100 lukewarm 'Christians' who have NO zeal to serve our Lord & reach the lost souls of this world. If God gives us an increase, great, if not, we shall still faithfully preach from His word (AV of course) & distribute Christian literature everywhere we can. Please pray for this work.

Here are a few photos taken from our Friday night & Sunday morning meetings...









We have also hired out a house in Harvington to be in the centre of the village, see photo below. We have kitted-it-out with mostly second hand furniture from a local resource centre & a Christian charity in Dudley. (Acts 28v30 **And Paul dwelt two**

whole years in his own that came in unto him,) get to know & try to save have put out our first to drop in for a tea/coffee. see how things go. I could have dropped into place for sale / To Let) & I can't come together. I hope &



hired house, and received all We hope from this that we can our 'neighbours.' Already we monthly newsletter inviting folks It is only on a temporary basis to write a book as to how things (i.e. it was the ONLY house up believe how quickly things have pray we are making the right

move & obeying the Lord's will. If not, I pray He shall bless us in saving souls anyway (see the life of Paul in the Scriptures). It has been quite an intense time of late & we are all seeking the will of God every day.

The greatest 'imitator' of Jesus Christ is found in Rev 12v9 And the great <u>dragon</u> was cast out, <u>that old serpent</u>, called <u>the Devil</u>, and <u>Satan</u>, which deceiveth the whole world...

Note...

- 1) Jesus is the '**King of Kings**' (Rev 19v16) Satan is '**king over all the children of pride.**' (Job 41v34)
- 2) Jesus is the angel of God / Angel of the Lord see Gal 4v14 'but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.', Satan appears as an 'angel of light' (2 Cor 11v11-14)
- 3) 'God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.' (1 John 1v5) Satan appears as an angel 'of LIGHT' (2 Cor 11v11-14)
- 4) Jesus is 'God...manifest in the flesh' (1 Tim 3v16) Satan is the 'god' of THIS world (2 Cor 4v4)
- 5) Christ has a bride, who is a city (Rev 21v9) Satan has a bride who is a city (Rev 17v1-9)
- 6) Jesus cites Scripture in conflict (Luke 4v1-12) Satan cites Scripture in conflict (Luke 4v12)
- 7) Christ preaches 42 months (Luke 3v23, John 2v13, John 5v1, John 6v4, John 12v1). The Beast preaches 42 months (Rev 13v5)
- 8) Christ means 'Anointed' (Messiah) Acts 4v26, Ps 2v2. Satan is 'anointed' as a 'christ' (Eze 28v14, Mat 24v5)
- 9) God desires worship (John 4v23-26). Satan desires worship (Mat 4v8-10)

The main dwelling place of the great counterfeiter is NOT in night clubs, bars, sex clubs etc. It is IN RELIGION i.e. church leaders, Bible translation committees, heads of denominations, vicars, bishops, priests, popes etc.

Satan's job, as revealed in Scripture, is to counterfeit by imitation (see Mat 13v23-30 +36-42)

THE END Of 2008!

Quite incredible as to how this year has ended up isn't it? I wonder how many of us 'predicted' it would happen like this. Global recession, banks going bust, unemployment higher than for years etc! 'Doom & gloom' seems to be everywhere! But the BEST is yet to come! Very soon our names shall be called & off we shall go — HOME at last! Are you ready for the Rapture? Have you done all you should have done? Have you fulfilled the Lord's will for your life? If you haven't, you had better start before it's too late: time is certainly running out.

- 2 Tim 4v1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- v2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- v3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- v4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- v5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- v6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- v7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- v8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

 Are you really living for the Lord?

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Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor 10v31

Sunday Morning DVD!



Each Sunday some of us meet at 9.00 am to watch a 'creation v evolution' DVD. We sit down with a cup of tea at the back of the church, watching the DVD & taking notes. Last week we watched 'Ape Men, Missing Links & The Bible' — it was very informative. We learnt that...



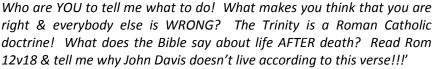
- 1) 'Lucy' i.e. Australopithecus the skeleton found had NO foot bones yet in the museum it HAS human foot bones!
- 2) Ardipithecus Kadabba the 'toe-bone' (*they say*) proves this creature walked on two legs! Yet the toe bone was found 10 miles away from the other parts of the skeleton! There is also a date difference of 600,000 years (*approx!!!*)

If you would like to join us any Sunday just give us a call! After we have watched the DVD, we have another cup of tea & then get ready for the morning service which starts at 10.30 am.

November DG at NEW premises!

Starting at the NEW time of 7.00 pm & running on till way past 10.00 pm, our first DG meeting took place in Oaks Community Church! Karl from Bournemouth came up to join us, stayed overnight & joined us for church on Sunday also. It was another very encouraging & challenging meeting.

Karl 'braved' the 'Take Your Stand!' & I think was quite taken back by it all, especially when he had to deal with Mark's 'Oscar-winning-performance!' We continued our study in 1 Corinthians but also read from Revelation 10. On the Sunday afterwards we were all challenged by the continuation of our study in 1 Corinthians 6. Overall, both meetings 'fired-us-up' to keep on going, no matter what happens, & stay close to the Lord Jesus Christ & TRUST HIM FOR EVERYTHING! The homework given out for November included the following... 'What can I offer to Oaks Community Church? Read the book of Mark! My vision for Oaks Community Church is...' The 'Under Pressure' section included the following questions/statements... 'I just CAN'T believe in God! I DON'T believe in God!





This is the 44th TfT Newsletter!

It is amazing to think that this is our 44th newsletter! God has been SO GOOD to us & we can't tell you how much we thank Him for allowing us to serve Him. We shall continue to stand upon THE AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE as THE word of God, PERFECTLY PRESERVED WITHOUT ERROR, no matter what 'friends' we lose along the way! NO ONE is going to take THIS BOOK from us: the Devil has tried & FAILED, so you have **NO CHANCE**, so quit trying if you are a Bible 'corrector!' We again would urge you to 'get out there' & try to win souls for the Lord before it's too late. Also, get as close to the Lord Jesus as you can & STAY THERE till the end – which is NOT far away! Please continue to send in your letters & comments, plus any news you may have; it is always good to hear from you.

Every blessing... John & Donna

Don't worry, I always Iook like this!



It's true, he does! Little misery! 

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For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Acts 4v20

ALL for God!

In his remarkable volume, 'The Life of David Brainerd,' Jonathan Edwards tells of Mr Brainerd's devotion to God. Near the close of the short life of this missionary to the American Indians, he said: "Had I a thousand souls, if they were worth anything, I would give them all to God; but I had nothing to give when all is done... There is nothing in the world worth living for but doing good & finishing God's work, doing the work that Christ did. I see nothing else in the world that can yield any satisfaction besides living for God, pleasing Him, & doing His whole will. My greatest joy & comfort has been, to do something for promoting the interest of religion & the souls of particular persons; & now, in my illness, while I am full of pain & distress from day to day, all the comfort I have is in being able to do some small piece of work for God, either by something I say, or by writing, or some other way." (Taken from 'The Gospel Standard')

Rules of Life - by Adoniram Judson

Be diligent in prayer every morning & evening!

Never spend a moment in mere idleness!

Restrain your natural appetites within the bounds of temperance – avoid self indulgence!

Overcome every temptation to anger or ill will!

Undertake nothing from selfish motives or personal ambition!

Never intentionally do anything that displeases the Lord or grieves the Holy Spirit!

Seek opportunities of making sacrifices for the good of others!

What is more important to YOU?

Studying the Scriptures OR studying for university?
Church OR work?
The Lord's will OR your parents' will?
Achievements for God OR Achievements for yourself/others?
Living for God OR living for the world?

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! $1 \ \text{Cor } 9 \text{v} 16$

Oaks Community Church!



Well it's all happening! The Oaks Community Church 'rugby shirts' have now been printed including the text 1 Tim 2v5 'For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus' on the back (see photo). We have also produced the enclosed 'Welcome Leaflet' for the church and had 5000, printed plus some labels advertising the address &

time of the service. Now we are in the process of distributing all this material – please pray for us!

Another blessing regarding the church for 2009 is that every Sunday morning, Friday night & one Saturday night each month, has been booked including the deposit of £1140 being paid by two church members (sorry Mr 'Brethren' they ARE 'MEMBERS' – one of them



WITHOUT baptism, shock horror!!!) This was a great encouragement to all of us & I am sure the Lord shall continue to bless us as we seek to serve Him in every way we can.

Literature Sent Out!

It was very encouraging that Mr & Mrs M. from Co. Antrim ordered another 250 'Life then Eternity!' booklets. They have already had over 350 of these booklets! Please pray for this couple as they try to reach lost souls in Ireland; they're doing a great work!

Christians who DON'T keep their word!

2 Cor 5v20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...** What kind of ambassador for the Lord are you if you do NOT keep your word? If you promise something - DO IT; if you say something STAND BY IT! **Keep your word!** One of my 'pet-hates' is someone who says or promises something & DOESN'T DO IT! You represent the Lord & so do I; let us live for Him & please Him in EVERYTHING we do! **Now go & do what you SHOULD!!!**

Holland Trip!

Thank the Lord that Donna was able to join me on my recent 6 day business trip to Holland! We were there for the weekend as we were attending one of the Director's wedding reception. We had bought the couple a Bible in 'Dutch' as a gift which they really appreciated! Gerry, who received the Bible, said that they hadn't got a Bible in the house, how sad! It doesn't matter what country you're in, there IS a famine of the word of God! Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: We had also bought a spare 'Dutch' Bible with us to give to anyone else the Lord led us to, & He did! It was to the receptionist at the hotel we were staying in. She received it gladly along with some booklets; in fact without going into it all, it was PERFECT timing! While travelling in taxis around the city we were also able to witness & distribute booklets to the taxi drivers. Overall, it was the best trip we had ever been on overseas, in regard to witnessing & distributing Christian literature. Over 150 tracts & booklets were given out. We also had a great discussion at the evening meal around the dinner table with different people from a number of various countries. It fired us both up!

Mark's Testimony!

My brother-in-law Mark has recently become a Christian & is now actively involved in the church & in evangelism. He gave his testimony at the December DG which was extremely encouraging. Now he & his wife Paula (including their little one Darci) are trying to live for the Lord in every area of their lives – please pray for them. I am sure the Lord shall use Mark if he continues to put the Lord Jesus FIRST in his life, above all else, & seek to do His will always. Mark has an incredible voice that God has blessed him with & already he has started to sing for the Lord Jesus. We shall be using his 'gifts' in some of the meetings coming up.

Oaks Community Church Carol Service!















Three people came from the village of Harvington & the rest were made up by family & friends, some of which were unsaved; however the Lord really blessed our service. The 'Oaks Community Church Team' were all involved either with the reading of the Scriptures, singing, helping in the kitchen,

welcoming those that came, giving lifts or transporting the piano! We were amazed how smoothly it all went & thank the Lord Jesus Christ for blessing us. The Gospel was given & two folks



took Bibles! Mark sang a carol & The Lord's Prayer; it is always a blessing to hear him sing! Afterwards we sat around & had some fellowship together over mince pies, cakes etc. tea & coffee!

Potential Missionary???

December DG!

Barney paid us a visit, which was encouraging. Again the schedule was packed to the 'gunnels' & we made the most of the time we had. Barney was elected to 'Take Your Stand' & handled it very well. Scriptures were read, our lives were challenged & we all went home striving for a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. It was very beneficial!

Tapes to Africa & India!

We have sent out 4 packages of over 200 cassette tapes of sermons & music to Africa & India. Please pray that these shall save souls & strengthen Christians over there!



Where is the road leading that you are on at present in life? Isn't it time you listened to the Lord & did what He was telling you to do instead of fulfilling your own selfish desires? For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8v36) You only have ONE life here on earth; are you really living for God in all you do? There are too many worldly & materialistic Christians in the church today! What is your Christian life like? What are your aims & goals FOR THE LORD?

Some good sayings/quotes...

You get your tools ready & the Lord shall find you plenty of work to do!

'Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely & properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act!'

Wesley was once asked how he got the crowds. He replied "I set myself on fire, & the people come to see me burn!"

'Cromwell's' Cottage Plaque!

Well the house we have is a 'ministry' house § I thought it was an therefore wanted to on the wall inside the 'investigation' work; got in



hired out in Harvington when I read Acts 28v30 appropriate verse, § somehow, put this verse house. We did a bit of touch with a company §

were very pleased with the end result! We have named the cottage 'Cromwell's' because after watching the film 'Cromwell' we thought it looked like the kind of house that was around this era (it is a 16th century 'listed' cottage). So if you are ever passing § want a coffee just drop in!!!

Encouragement!

With all the 'emailing & texting' going on these days, letters are becoming fewer; so it's always nice to receive them when they do come in. Recently a brother from Stafford sent us a postcard saying the following... 'I find the TfT Newsletter very informative & look forward to receiving each issue! Thank you for your encouragement brother W.J. Read. Donna & I really do appreciate those of you who write to us, please keep the letters coming!

Bible Reading!

A French nobleman, Mr De Renty, read the Bible daily for three hours on his knees! Lady Frances Hobart read the Psalms 12 times a year, the NT 3 times a year, & other parts of the OT once! Susannah, countess of Suffolk, for the last seven years of her life, read the Bible twice yearly. Dr Gouge read 15 chapters daily – five in the morning, five after dinner, & five in the evening before bed. Joshua Barnes read a small pocket Bible which he always carried with him, over 120 times. Robert Cotton read the whole Bible through 12 times a year. Mr Romaine studied nothing but the Bible for the last 40 years of his life. Dr Ruckman has read the Bible over 150 times in his lifetime SO FAR! What about you & me? Have you ever read the Bible through from cover-to-cover?

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17

NIV fits into your life!

Those of you who receive the 'Christian Marketplace' magazine will have seen on the front cover an advertisement for the NIV 2009. The words read thus... '2009 Take a new look at today's NIV. Today's NIV FITS INTO YOUR LIFE!' Now how about that statement! If it were the AV it should have read... 'Today's OLD AV – your life should fit in with it!!!'

Brainerd's One Desire!

While David Brainerd, one of the most celebrated of our missionaries, was labouring among the poor, benighted Indians on the banks of the Delaware, he once said... "I care not where I live, or what hardships I go through, so that I can but gain souls to Christ. While I am asleep, I dream of these things; as soon as I awake, the first thing I think of is this great work. All my desire is the conversion of sinners, & all my hope is in God." Is there a man in England like this today?

January 1st 2009!

To think it was only a short while ago when we were all seeing the '2000-millennium' in - NINE YEARS AGO!!! Quite incredible how fast time has gone isn't it! What have you achieved in those nine years? What have you done for the Lord in those nine years of your life? This last New Year's Eve, Donna, Toy, Dee & I broke bread together, prayed & read Mark chapter 2. 2008 was a fairly good year for us overall, becoming very exciting at the end of October with 'the Church' starting up. We thank God for giving us life & preserving our lives, so we can work for Him!

You wouldn't believe how the Lord looked after us last year; quite amazing!

January DG!

Another great meeting that challenged all of us! Mark is increasing in his Bible knowledge & in his confidence; hence, he did well in the 'Take Your Stand!' As usual we covered a lot of ground in 4 hours! If you would be interested in attending a DG meeting let me know!

During 2008 the DG distributed over 26,000 tracts.

God 'Delusion' Debate!

Recently I watched the debate with Richard Dawkins ('scientist,' author, atheist & FOOL!) v John Lennox (scientist, author & Christian) – Dawkins was outclassed! I would highly recommend this DVD; it is called 'The God Delusion Debate.' It would be a good DVD to purchase & pass around to counteract the 'idiot-books' Dawkins has written stating 'there is no God!' Ps 14v1 The fool ('the' Greek for fool is 'Dawkins') hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Hearts of FIRE!

Zuizendorf said to a Moravian brother at Herrnhut... "Can you go as a missionary to Greenland?" "Yes!" "Can you go tomorrow?" "If the cobbler has finished my shoes I can go tomorrow!" John Wesley said... "If I had three hundred men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, & were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ & Him crucified, I would set the world on fire!"

What is the fire like in your own heart? What are you zealous for in your life?

Prayer Request!

Please pray for our dear friend Eric Milton & his wife; Eric has recently had a nasty fall & has fractured his right arm! Please pray for Cyril Baker who has undergone an operation of late, may God continually give him strength. Please pray for Tony (BP's husband) to get saved! For Sarah W. as she experiences university & all the temptations that go with it! Pray for souls to be saved; please pray for Oaks Community Church to grow; don't forget to keep praying for our friends in the USA prisons!

Keep it going brother Ed!

One of our friends in the USA, brother Ed Morrison, is doing a great work over there in getting the word of God out! Please pray for this ministry. He recently has ordered a lot of tracts from us to distribute. The problem of shipping to the USA is the cost & Ed has spent much money on this, again showing his commitment to the Lord. He recently sent me the following which I thought was good...

If each saved one won one,
And each one won, won one,
What hosts would be won,
When each one won, had won one!
(Now there is a tongue twister for you Toxy-Loxy!!!)
How many souls have you won reader for the Lord?
Quite a challenge don't you think!

The 10 Most Wanted Men!

- 1) The man who puts God's business above ANY OTHER business!
- 2) The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them!
- 3) The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets!
- 4) The man who thinks more of his Sunday class than he does his Sunday sleep!
- 5) The man who measures his giving by what he has left rather than by the amount he gives!
- 6) The man who goes to church for Christ's sake rather than for himself or someone else!
- 7) The man who has passion to help rather than to be helped!
- 8) The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others!
- 9) The man who stands firm in his convictions, based on the word of God a man with BACKBONE!
- 10) The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning honour!

The Cross

Mark 8v34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Taking up your cross is a choice but it is NOT a compromise, it is an ultimatum! Gal 2v20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal 5v24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Rom 6v6+16 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Have you crucified your old life?

Wanted - can you help?

If any of you have extra copies of 'Mission Praise' (it has a blue cover) that you could spare, please would you send them to us as we need more for the church! We are also looking for extra 'communion-cups!' Any help would be appreciated!

A Rebel Finds Peace!

Randy Travis went from drugs & law-breaking to a country singer; finally he has become a Christian! I have read his testimony & listened to his music, some of which is lovely! He says about himself... 'I want to be remembered as a man who tried to learn as much of the word as he could & who lived it! It is great that some people who are in the spot-light become Christians; another one being Glen Campbell. Pray for them that they shall influence the thousands they sing to for the Lord Jesus Christ!

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Mark 9v24

Is it a 'mote' or 'beam?'

Luke 6v42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. The majority of complaints I receive regarding our booklet 'It's Your Choice!' is due to the fact that on page 7, my wife Donna, is wearing 'trousers!!!' Now Christians (predominantly from the Brethren 'assemblies') seem to MAJOR on this 'minor' – it's like a 'little-pet-doctrine' for them! They continually go on about men & women should look different (& I agree with that to a certain degree) - they run to the OT Scripture Deut 22v5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God. But they forget that men wore 'skirts!!!' - Deut 22v30 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt. Deut 27v20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. Ruth 3v9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. 1 Sam 24v4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. 1 Sam 24v5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt Hag 2v12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. What about the Scottish & their 'kilts???' (Kilt - a knee-length skirt of pleated tartan cloth, traditionally worn by men as part of Scottish Highland dress) So where does it say IN THE NEW TESTAMENT that a woman CAN'T wear trousers? Where does it reaffirm Deut 22v5 in the NT??? This is where the 'Brethren' seem to put tradition OVER & above the word of God! I'm NOT interested in opinion; I want to KNOW what the Scriptures SAY about the matter! Now I'm not going any further than this HERE in 'TfT News!' But if you do want me to pursue this topic, write to me! While you are pondering the 'trouser' issue think about the 'Sabbath' issue! Should we keep the Sabbath? Was that reaffirmed in the NT??? That'll get you thinking & studying!!! (2 Tim 2v15) Let me know what you come up with!

Evolution is for Idiots – with a capital 'I'

This is the evolutionary formula for making the universe...

Nothing + nothing = two elements + time = 94 natural elements + time = all physical laws & a completely structured universe of galaxies, systems, stars, planets & moons orbiting in perfect balance & order!!!!!!!

This is the evolutionary formula for making LIFE...

Dirt + water = living creatures!!!!!!

Evolutionists theorize that the above two formulas can enable everything about us to make itself – with the exception of man-made things, such as cars or buildings. Complicated things, such as wooden boxes with nails in them, require thought, intelligence & careful workmanship. But everything else about us in nature (such as hummingbirds & the human eye) is declared to be the result of accidental mishaps, random confusion & time!!! You will not even need raw materials to begin with! They make themselves too!!!!!!!

Like I said, 'Idiots!' with a capital 'I'

(Get ready for the Darwin year – prepare to be brainwashed!!!)

Some verses to use when confronted by the JW Cult!

(Verses in brackets are connected with the PREVIOUS verse!)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear 1 Pet 3v15

- 1) The Deity of Jesus Christ John 1v1, John 5v18, John 5v23, John 8v58 (Exo 3v14), John 10v30-33, John 17v5, John 20v28, Heb 1v8, Matt 1v23, Col 2v9 etc.
- 2) Only Jehovah God is to be worshipped Matt 4v10, yet we see Jesus being worshipped & accepting it Matt 8v2, Matt 9v18, Matt 14v33, Matt 15v25, Matt 28v9+17, Heb 1v6.
- 3) **Jehovah God alone created the world** Isa 44v24, yet we see that Jesus created all things John 1v3+10, Col 1v16+17
- 4) We were told that Jehovah God would come Himself to be our Saviour Isa 35v4 (Isa 45v21) yet the Apostles who wrote the NT always spoke of Jesus Christ as being the Saviour Luke 2v11, John 4v42, Titus 1v4
- 5) The Doctrine of the Trinity Luke 1v35, Matt 3v16+17, Acts 3v26 (John 2v19-21, Rom 8v11), Ps 100v3 (Neh 9v6, John 1v3, Col 1v16+17, Job 33v4, Job 26v13, Gen 1v2), Ps 93v2 (Mic 5v2, Isa 9v6, Heb 9v14), 2 Tim 3v16 (1 Pet 1v10, 2 Pet 1v21), 1 Cor 8v6 (John 6v27, John 1v1, John 20v28, Heb 1v8, Acts 5v3+4)
- 6) **BODILY resurrection of Jesus Christ** John 2v19-21, John 20v27, Luke 24v36-40
 -) **Existence of HELL** Matt 5v22, Matt 10v28, Matt 13v42, Matt 25v46, Matt 26v24, Rev 20v15, Isa 66v24, Luke 16v20-25 (Parables NEVER use 'proper' names!!!)
- Existence of the soul 1 Cor 6v20, Matt 10v28, Acts 7v59, John 19v30, Matt 26v38, Gen 2v7
 - Infinite atonement of Christ Eph 2v8+9, Titus 3v4-6, Acts 4v12, John 3v16-18, 2 Cor 5v21, Heb 9v28

Boxing Day Defeat!

Beating Barney at tennis & table tennis ended the year of 2008 off nicely! In fact, it was more a 'hammering' than a beating; IN FACT, it was the closest thing to the Jehovah's Witness doctrine of 'annihilation' you could find!!! Tennis ended up 3-0 & Table tennis ended up 11-2 (yes they are the correct figures!) You see, this isn't really a sporting occasion it's a 'counselling' one! I've now been 'counselling' Barney regarding his 'losing attitude' for round about 20 years; don't get me wrong, I have seen some improvement considering all the effort I've put in. You could say he is coming along quite nicely & hopefully in 2009 he shall rise above this competitive 'spirit!' He's a great guy really, BUT I DO love beating him SO MUCH!!! Maybe it's me that needs the 'counselling???' Whatever!

But it feels just beautiful!!!!!!!

Even the apostles didn't 'fully' UNDERSTAND the Lord's will!

Now if you LOVE the Scriptures you will look up every verse here & read them in their context & see for yourself how the apostles & followers of the Lord Jesus Christ couldn't grasp the FULL understanding of His work on earth & the reason why He came, even after telling them what was GOING to happen!

Mat 16v21-23; Mat 17v22-23; Mat 20v17-19; Mark 8v31-33; Mark 9v31+32; Mark 10v32-34; Luke 9v22; Luke 18v31-34; Luke 24v4-11; John 20v9 - **Important** – Read also 1 Pet 1v10-12, Eph 3v5, Col 1v24-28, Rom 16v25+26, 1 Cor 2v7-10, John 13v36, John 14v5, Eph 5v32, Eph 6v19.

I really don't know why you bother Barney?



Darci's Dedication! - (Some of the sermon preached...)

Mark & Paula want to dedicate their daughter Darci Dorothy Hull unto the Lord Jesus Christ! Now that is quite a thing to do in this day & age isn't it! They are stating that they want their child to be brought up under the instruction, love & admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ - Eph 6v4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Now you either give your child to the world OR you give your child to the Lord - there isn't really any 'middle' ground! The Bible says in Prov 22v6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. So YOUR responsibility, (NOT the government or the schools!), YOUR responsibility is to TRAIN up a child or at least start him off on the right path! (Prov 29v15)

In James 1v17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. You see their child is a GIFT from God; therefore Mark & Paula want to dedicate their child UNTO THE LORD.

So straight away we all should give thanks to God, who is the Author & Giver of LIFE, for the creation & birth of this child – it is a miracle! Have you ever stopped & thought about the miracle of childbirth?...Ps 139v13+14 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Ecc 11v5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. During those nine months of carrying a baby it grows & develops until it is formed! Now I just don't understand that! It's a miracle! Isa 44v2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb... (Ps 22v9+10)

Mark 9v35-37 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 10v14-16 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. Jesus loved children! Deut 6v4-7 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. NOTE:- they were to teach the children the word of God! Note also that they were to talk about the word of God at home, while travelling, at night before bed & in the morning - in other words ALL THE TIME! We are told to saturate ourselves IN the word of God! What your heart is full of, YOU WILL SPEAK - did you get that? Prov 4v23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. I wonder what your heart is FULL of today? 1 Pet 2v2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: Teach the young ones, give them the sincere milk of the word & then when they are older & more mature you can move them onto the strong meat! Many Christians DON'T get to that stage, they ONLY stay on milk! Listen to the following verses...Heb 5v12+13 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. When it comes to the word of God are you a mature Christian or are you still a 'babe' unskilful in the word? 1 Cor 3v1+2 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Ps 127v1-5 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:

So what is a 'dedication' service? What does it mean to 'dedicate' someone or something? Well in the 'Manual for Ministers' or was it the Haynes manual on how to fix an EVO, I forget!!!- there is a manual for 'everything' these days! (It was lent to me by Pastor David Baker) it says this...Infant Dedication - This service indicates the intention of parents to bring up their child in the Christian faith & formally acknowledges that this will be possible only by the grace of God & with the help of 'the church' etc. etc. It goes on to say in point 2 that if one of the parents is not a Christian, the minister should verify that he or she is willing for the child to be brought up IN the Christian faith etc. etc. I thank the Lord that BOTH Mark & Paula are Christians - they are in unity on this issue!

Dedicate - to separate, hallow, or make anew. **Dedicate** - to vow, promise, devote. To set apart and consecrate to a divine Being; to appropriate solemnly (with gravity and religious reverence; seriousness) to any person or purpose; to give wholly or chiefly to! The ministers of the gospel dedicate themselves, their time and their studies, to the service of Christ. Many people 'dedicate' their lives to certain things... sport, entertainment, holidays, making money etc - what have you dedicated your life to?

Dedication - the act of consecrating to a divine Being, or to a sacred use, often with religious solemnities; solemn appropriation; as the dedication of Solomon's temple. The act of devoting or giving to! **Dedication -** a religious ceremony by which any person, place or thing was devoted to a holy purpose! Exo 22v29 Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors (liquid or fluid substance): the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

Mark & Paula are offering / dedicating Darci to the Lord for His love & protection & there is no better or safer place, than when the Lord is looking after you!

1 Sam 1v11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. Hannah gave her son to the Lord! Exo 13v2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine. God created Adam, Eve, you & I & little Darci - that is why we give our BEST back unto the Lord for His keeping & protection. Donna & I have no children of our own (except two who continually follow us everywhere we go!!!), but if we did, we would give our 'BOY' back to the Lord & from day one, we would read the Scriptures to him & bring him up in the instruction of the Lord. I am sure Mark & Paula will do the same! There is a saying which says 'I cut my teeth on...' i.e. teething! Well Darci shall cut her teeth on the AV - now that's what I call teething! (You can't do that on an NIV you know, it's got no edge to it!!!) And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim 3v15 - it is imperative that you teach your children THE SCRIPTURES - hear that 'mums & dads!' Prov 3v9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: Now by dedicating your child unto the Lord you are really saying or stating that you want the Lord to lead, guide & bless the child in everything they do. It also means that you want God's will for the child above all else; even above the parents' will that is quite a promise to make! You see some parents want their children to become successful IN THE WORLD i.e. career, plenty of money, nice house, etc. etc. I have met hardly anyone who would be pleased to allow their child to become a missionary for the Lord! Imagine if your child came home from school one day & said "Mum, dad, I don't want to go to university, I want to take the Gospel to Africa!" I wonder what your response would be?... "Well Dear, what ever the Lord has called you to!" OR would it be "Well Dear, as long as you are living under MY roof, eating MY food, using MY electricity, spending MY money, YOU shall obey MY rules & that is university young lady!!!" Makes you think don't it!!! I mean if you are going to dedicate your child unto the Lord you are really saying THY WILL BE DONE for OUR child! Do you really mean it? Listen to this... regarding the missionary David Brainerd (who died at 29 years of age)... "There is nothing in the world worth living for but doing good & finishing God's work, doing the work that Christ did. I see nothing else in the world that can yield any satisfaction besides living to God, pleasing Him, & doing His whole will..." So the word 'dedication' is a very strong statement! Remember that! It is NOT something you do lightly! Of course, when Darci is older

(If the Rapture hasn't happened first) she will have to make her own mind up & decide WHAT & WHO she is going to dedicate her life to – Mark & Paula have 'the say' NOW, but there shall come a time when Darci shall decide out of her own FREE WILL!!! Prov 22v6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Until then Mark & Paula have 'the say' & they have decided to dedicate Darci Dorothy Hull unto the Lord...



`Teachable teens; tireless twenties; thriving thirties, fiery forties; failing fifties; sickly sixties; senile seventies; aching eighties; deathly nineties; the sod; (piece of turf i.e. the ground!!!) - GOD!!!'

If that Book (AV 1611) can't keep you...

You cannot legislate morals. People are people – you cannot regiment human nature. Human nature is a mess. Consequently, you have to count on the preached word of God (that's spiritual power) & prayer (that's spiritual power) to keep a congregation right! If that Book (AV 1611) can't keep you right, NOTHING can! If you won't listen to God... what more can be said or done – the handwriting is on the wall! You, yourself, as an individual have to deal with God & live your own life. You are going to have to die by yourself, & there isn't anybody who can step into your shoes for the way you have lived.

What kind of Christian are you?

The trouble with telling a good story is that it always reminds the other guy of a dull one!!!

Love NOT the world!

Most Christians I know do LOVE this world; they are certainly too 'worldly' for any 'spiritual' good – they LOVE the world TOO MUCH!!! Webster's Dictionary says the following in regard to the world...

WORLD - A secular life. By the world we sometimes understand the things of this world, its pleasures and interests. A great part of mankind are more anxious to enjoy the world than secure divine favour. The carnal state or corruption of the earth; as the present evil world; the course of this world; the ungodly part of the world.

WORLDLINESS - A predominant passion for obtaining the good things of this life; covetousness; addictedness to gain and temporal enjoyments.

WORLDLING - A person whose soul is set upon gaining temporal possessions; one devoted to this world and its enjoyments. If we consider the expectations of futurity, the worldling gives up the argument.

WORLDLY - Secular; temporal; pertaining to this world or life, in contradistinction to the life to come; as worldly pleasures; worldly affairs; worldly estate; worldly honor; worldly lusts. Titus 2. Devoted to this life and its enjoyments; bent on gain; as a worldly man; a worldly mind.

WORLDLY-MINDED - Devoted to the acquisition of property and to temporal enjoyments.

WORLDLY-MINDEDNESS - A predominating love and pursuit of this worlds goods, to the exclusion of piety and attention to spiritual concerns.

So that is what the 'dictionary' says BUT what about the Scriptures; what do they say?

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2v15

WHY? What is wrong with this world?

Phil 2v15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Mark 8v38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Acts 2v40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Luke 9v41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Gal 1v4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

 $1\ \text{John}\ 5v19$ And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

John 17v14-17 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17v9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world.

The Rapture & Second Coming (2nd) of Christ are Two SEPARATE events!

A key factor in understanding the pretribulational Rapture revolves around the fact that two future comings of Christ are presented! The 1st Coming is the catching up into the clouds the church BEFORE the 7 year Tribulation, & the 2nd Coming occurs at the end of the Tribulation when Christ returns to Earth to begin His 1000 year kingdom. The Rapture is clearly presented in 1 Thes 4v13-18. In v17 we read... **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord**. The Rapture (1st Coming) is Christ coming **FOR** His church (see also 1 Cor 15v51+52); the 2nd Coming is Christ coming **WITH** His church, descending from Heaven to establish His earthly kingdom (Zech 14v4+5, Matt 24v27-31 etc.)

RAPTURE PASSAGES

SECOND COMING PASSAGES

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John 14v1-3	2 Tim 4v1+8	Dan 2v44+45	2 Thes 1v6-10
Rom 8v19	Titus 2v13	Dan 7v9-14	2 Thes 2v8
1 Cor 1v7+8	Heb 9v28	Dan 12v1-3	1 Pet 4v12+13
1 Cor 15v51-53	James 5v7-9	Zech 12v10	2 Pet 3v1-14
1 Cor 16v22	1 Pet 1v7+13	Zech 14v1-15	Jude 14+15
Phil 3v20+21	1 Pet 5v4	Matt 13v41	Rev 1v7
Phil 4v5	1 John 2v28-3v2	Matt 24v15-31	Rev 19v11-20v6
Col 3v4	Jude 21	Matt 26v64	Rev 22v7+12+20
1 Thes 1v10	Rev 2v25	Mark 13v14-27	
1 Thes 2v19	Rev 3v10	Mark 14v62	
1 Thes 4v13-18		Luke 21v25-28	
1 Thes 5v9+23		Acts 1v9-11	
2 Thes 2v1+3		Acts 3v19-21	
1 Tim 6v14		1 Thes 3v13	

RAPTURE

SECOND COMING

Translation

Establishment of Kingdom

1) Translation of all believers	1) No translation at all	
2) Translated saints go to Heaven	2) Translated saints return to earth	
3) Earth not judged	3) Earth judged & righteousness	
	established	
4) Imminent, any-moment, sign-less	4) Follows definite predicted signs inc. "T"	
5) Believers only	5) Affects all men	
6) Before the Day of Wrath	6) Concludes the Day of wrath	
7) No reference to Satan	7) Satan bound	
8) Christ comes FOR His own	8) Christ comes WITH His own	
9) Christ comes in the air	9) Christ comes to the Earth	
10) He claims His Bride	10) He comes WITH His Bride	
11) Only His own see Him	11) Every eye shall see Him	
12) Tribulation ('T') begins	12) Millennial Kingdom begins	

Paul speaks of the Rapture as a 'mystery' (1 Cor 15v51-54); that is a truth NOT revealed until the disclosure by the apostles (Col 1v26); making it a separate event, while the 2nd Coming was predicted in the OT (Dan 12v1-3, Zech 12v10, Zech 14v4).

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?

Oaks Community Church Leaflet Distribution!

Well on Saturday 3rd January LaToya, Dionne, Donna & I delivered over 500 church 'welcome-leaflets.' We decided not only to distribute them to houses surrounding the church & nearby villages, but to approach other places. It was very encouraging that local hotels said they would display them, as they are often asked by those visiting where the local churches are. We were also given permission to leave some leaflets in 'Nero's coffee bar,' Tchibo, Costa & a tea room. A number of hair-dressers also accepted them (these are good places to leave some as often conversations are struck up about local 'stuff!'); when passing we also dropped some off in The Kidderminster phone boxes. library, main post office staff room, (they are not allowed to display leaflets in the Post Office itself!) & Kidderminster Leisure Centre. Morrison's CO-OP & Supermarket put them on their 'notice board', a number of newsagents allowed us to display them in their windows (some free of charge others we had to pay up to 50p a week) etc. It was a great day & we were very encouraged by the responses we received! I only had one bad response from a guy in Harvington village itself, he said that he didn't want any more of our literature posted through his door! He said 'Oaks Community Centre' is a 'community centre' & NOT a church!!! He was very aggressive in his attitude especially when I asked him if he believed in God? - Verv sad!

Mark & Paula the following week also distributed over 550 of these leaflets around the local area, including extra hotels, museums & B&B's!

It means NOTHING to you; or does it?

There are still thousands of children across Cambodia working on the streets. Hundreds of them are found every day at the large dump on the outskirts of Phnom Penh. A visitor from the US describes what she saw... 'We just got back from a very disturbing & eye opening visit to the dump. Imagine that dump with people; naked children playing with broken glass, pregnant women carry bags of trash, men drinking water through a small hole in a plastic bag, a family sifting through layers of dirt mixed with mouldy food, flies & yesterdays newspapers, houses on stilts resting on the rim of this smoking pile with children running barefoot. If you can imagine that, then you only have the slightest idea of what life is like. Those people live in the dump, every day waking up & going to that pile, searching for things they can sell. There is no picture that can capture the powerful faces that look up at you when you have a nice camera in your hand & you're just staring at them through a lens. I'm about to go to eat a nice meal for the 3rd time today, & those people probably won't even eat a decent piece of fruit; it will probably be on a mound of trash & covered with flies. There are so many images from Cambodia that will stick with me for a long time, but what I saw today will never fade.' Keep praying for the street children of Cambodia & for the Bridge of Hope Team as they show Christ's love to these children – taken from Intercessors Worldwide Newsletter (Source: T. Paton, WEC Cambodia) How many times have you eaten TODAY? What are you spending your money on this month? Have you thought about sending a gift to help a missionary??? James 2v15-17 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 1 John 3v17+18 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. Luke 3v11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

'Dear Friend' Letter!

We are thinking of using the following letter (or something similar) in our outreach; we would appreciate any comments you may have 'good or BAD!!!' Please drop us a line & let us know your thoughts... 'Dear Friend, I am writing to you because this world is in a mess and nobody really seems to have any of the answers or solutions to the problems we all face, however the Bible does. The further we walk away from the Lord Jesus Christ the worse things become. The majority of people in this world have turned their back upon God and want nothing to do with Him, yet He is the ONLY one who can help us. You may not agree but the main cause of ALL the world's problems is SIN i.e. man's rebellion towards God! God saw us in our sin and sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to earth to take our sins upon Himself and die in our place facing the wrath and judgement of God for you and me – that is how much Jesus loved you. Three days later He conquered sin and death by His resurrection. My friend, both you and I are sinners; we have rebelled against God not only in the things we have done, but also in our thoughts and our words. We have even used His most Holy and Precious name as a swear word at times. You and I need to repent of our sins and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us and save us from Hell. He really does love us and wants to save us from this terrible place. He will not force us - we must commit our lives to Him willingly. Have you asked God to forgive you of all your sins? Why not do it NOW before it's too late? I have written this letter to thousands of people hoping that they too shall repent of their sins and turn to God. This world continues to turn its back upon God; schools no longer teach the children the Scriptures (the Bible) and most parents NEVER read or teach the Bible to their children at home. The results become obvious when we look around and see the state our world is in. Take God out of your life and you have no hope! Time is running out before the Lord Jesus Christ RETURNS - He is coming back to collect the ones who have put their faith and trust in Him for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not saved when He comes, you shall be left behind to face the awful judgement of God upon this world that has turned its back upon Him. Please read the following Scriptures from the Bible and think upon them. Your eternal destiny of either Heaven or Hell (there is no such thing as purgatory) is determined on whether you have asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins, FROM YOUR HEART! Religion cannot save you, governments cannot save you, money cannot save you... ONLY Jesus Christ can! Romans 10v9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 6v23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Acts 13v38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Ephesians 1v7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Jude 1v14-18+21+24+25 Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. I hope and pray that this letter will cause you to stop and think about your eternal destiny. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or comments please write to me at the above address, it would be great to hear from you. I would also like to offer you some free literature that will help you to answer any other questions that you may have. All you have to do is write and request it. **Iohn Davis - Time for Truth!**' Once we have finalised this letter, we shall start printing & distributing it in batches of one hundreds; therefore I would really appreciate ANY comments to improve it! If you like it & would like to use it yourselves but with your address on it rather than ours please do so!

The 'CULT' of being a Bible Believer!!!

Boy oh boy, it just gets worse! One day, soon, Bible Believers shall be classed as a cult! Already since setting up Oaks Community Church, one family in particular (the mother & father of one of our DG members of all people!), has implied that we are a 'cult!' The fact that this woman believes you can lose your salvation is neither here nor there; the fact that she believes that signs & wonders are for today is about par for the course! Now listen, if I said there are 'errors' in the Bible; if I said that we all ought just to 'love one another' & NOT argue over doctrine; if I said that being a worldly, materialistic Christian is permissible in the eyes of God & we ought NOT to preach about sanctification, holiness & living the Christian life 100% ALL OF THE TIME - that would be OK!!! I teach the AV as THE word of God PERFECT! I teach that we ought to live for Jesus Christ 100% in EVERYTHING & that our lives should have HIM at the helm! Now I've started a church, these 'worldly-charismaniac' Christians are calling me a 'cult!' It is just beautiful isn't it??? You can do & be anything in life & most people will leave you alone, BUT YOU DARE be a Bible Believer & live FOR, & IN that Book, & I tell you this, NEVER turn your back towards a Christian, always stand face on, as you never know what they might try & do...catch-a-my-drift??? Most Christians I know are cowards who DON'T stand for 'anything' - or should I qualify that; they don't stand for anything that is IMPORTANT i.e. the word of God & living a sanctified Christian life!!! I shall continue to preach & teach the word of God until God calls me home – like it or LUMP IT! In fact I'm thinking of calling our Friday night meeting... Come Under Lots of Teaching!!! Sounds great don't it!!!

HMP Peterborough!

We have had a request for our literature plus AV Bibles to be sent to a prisoner incarcerated in HMP Peterborough! The day we received it we packed up a load of tracts, booklets & Bibles & sent them out! Pray that the material will penetrate these lives behind bars! We also added the person to our mailing list.

Making the BEST out of what you have!

Folks, apart from 'Oaks Community Church' there is *no other* perfect church!!! (If you believe that, it is time you came off our mailing list!) If you are IN a church at present, STAY THERE until the Lord moves you on. Even though the church has its faults & 'errors,' as long as they are minor ones (i.e. make sure the AV is preached & the Blood of Christ is NOT lost/perished & salvation is by grace through faith & NOT of works etc.) do the best you can to INPUT & HELP the people around you! DO GOOD where & when you can - don't just up & leave! We spent SEVEN years at Hope Chapel before moving on! Only last week I had a DG member's father ask me if I deliberately 'infiltrated' Hope Chapel to get some 'custom' there seeing as I had now started a church!!! Boy I really do get 'em don't !! Your church isn't perfect & neither is mine; but there is no point in just 'up & leaving' all the time & wandering from one church to another – make the best out of what you have got! I sat through some of the worst preaching I have ever heard when I attended Brierley Hill Church (under Keith Skelton NOT Barney - I would recommend Barney's preaching believe it or not!!!) & I heard some rubbish at Hope Chapel (a lot of rubbish!!!) but I didn't up & leave right away, I fulfilled my duty there & did not go until the Lord saw fit & made it clear to me to leave! When they decided to allow perversions into the pulpit, GOD closed the door for me!!! And now I am accused of 'infiltrating' that church by a man that doesn't attend church – just plain old beautiful!!!

So there we have it, 'TfT News!' number 45!!! 2008 GONE!!! January 2009 GONE!!! The Rapture imminent! So many souls to reach – what are you doing to reach them? Let us strive for a closer walk with the Lord asking Him to lead & guide our every decision. Write soon!

John & Donna

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There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces. There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth. Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Proverbs 30v24-33 Great verses to ponder upon!!!

There is NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN!

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Ecc 1v9 – Same old same old! So what is NEW in the world? What changes have YOU seen that have been for the good? New President for the USA, so what good will he do? Quite a lot of 'mystery' surrounds him it seems! Who is the 'god' of this world? Who influences governments & kingdoms? The world is RACING towards its end - JUDGMENT! The Church, what about the Church? What are we doing? Are we RACING to SAVE the lost? Are we bothered about those that are on the pathway to HELL? Thousands dying every day & going to a lost ETERNITY, that means they shall be in EVERLASTING TORMENT; doesn't that mean anything to Christians these days? The Gospel has NOT changed; the word of God has NOT changed & God has NOT changed... but the Church & the Christian HAS! A lack of love, a lack of commitment to the Lord & His will for mankind - things HAVE changed. A NEW modern kind of Christian has arisen with a NEW Gospel i.e. 'love & share' & be tolerant of all religions, 'let's all join together;' he has a NEW 'International' 'bible' in his hands & 'preaches' (note all the 'quotation' marks!!!) a watered down, non-offensive message that does as much good as listening to the Pope (There is NO HOPE in the Pope!) So will it get any better? Of course NOT! We are in for a rough ride & it's time every Christian started his training as a SOLDIER – 2 Tim 2v3+4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. If there ever was a time to get REAL & SERIOUS in your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ IT IS NOW! The end MUST be soon, it must! Read the rest of this newsletter & see what kind of things this world wants to know about you before it employs you, things aren't NATURAL anymore. Surely the end draweth nigh! James 5v8, Luke 21v28.

BEWARE - DECEPTION IS EVERYWHERE!

Darci's Dedication!

An amazing turnout! Over 80 people came! Mark & Paula dedicated their baby unto the Lord; Pastor David Baker (aka Barney - Brierley Hil A.O.G. Church) prayed with them & I had the privilege of preaching the Gospel! Many unsaved people were present & we had a lot of response from folks during the week following, it was a great encouragement, which we thank the Lord for!











Schadenfreude!!!

Schadenfreude (pleasure derived from another's misfortune!) Tell me why some Christians are like that; they get a kick out of other Christian's misfortunes? There are 'Christians' out there, who revel in another Christian who loses their 'testimony!' There are Christians out there who enjoy it when another loses their job, their house, their marriage fails etc. If a pastor or leader falls, this 'Christian' starts out with the lashing-tongue, "I told you so, didn't I tell you it would happen!" Recently I spoke with a pastor who mentioned in passing about a guy we both knew who had gone through a couple of really bad times (much to his own doing). He said that he felt worthless; BUT he was TOO PROUD to drop his façade, his status, his image & his reputation - aren't human beings MAD!!! They would rather cling on to 'their-act' (which fools no one but themselves) in order to keep up 'appearances!' There is very little honesty among Christians today; probably because they have soaked their brains in the abyss of television!? When was the last time you were TOTALLY HONEST in the answer you gave or the way you LIVED? Phil 4v8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Targeting Managing Director's in Business!

Donna, Dionne, LaToya & I took out the Yellow Pages & wrote to over 100 companies, addressing the envelopes to the Managing Director! We sent a covering letter along with a booklet & tract. To date NOT ONE person has responded or inquired about anything. Again it brings home to me just how hardened this nation of ours has become towards the Gospel & 'spiritual' matters - they are only concerned with making money! Isn't it ironic that in today's 'climate,' MONEY is the last thing you ought to be 'trusting' in! Mark 8v36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Look up also Prov 11v4+28, Ecc 5v10+12, Mat 6v19-21, Ps 49v6+7+10+11

Very True!

It's not what you know; it's what you do with what you know, & how you use what you know FOR GOD!

Wisdom is knowing the right way to apply knowledge, & understanding is knowing how that knowledge relates to God!

Letter from a Church 'up the road!'

A local church has written to us... 'Dear John, At our committee meeting on Thursday 23rd April your welcome leaflet was produced, having been picked up from a hotel by one of our regular preachers. It was agreed that I write expressing our wish that God's blessing be on your venture as you offer an alternative to Roman Catholic & Anglican services in the immediate area. Yours sincerely, General Secretary.' Now how about that!!!

Resume of Keith Green - by LaToya Harding

To find a willingness to serve the Lord beyond the measure of Keith Green is nigh impossible. He gave the Lord the preeminent position in his life at all times - above his own self, his music, his family, his friends and all other things. Not only was he willing to die for the Lord but to place everything that he had, including his wife and his children, upon the altar for Him. It is obvious from listening to his music and reading about his life, that the Lord was the centre of it. He was in total surrender to Him and threw his heart and soul into all he did for the Lord. The Lord's will came far above his own and he constantly pointed all the glory to the Lord, unwilling to take it for his own - if the Lord wasn't praised, Keith wasn't happy! Keith Green had a soft heart and such a burning desire to reach the lost. His heart was full of compassion, love and kindness for others, his door was always open. He strived to be more and more like Jesus every day and hated the sin in his own life as it kept him away from the One he loved more than anything. He wanted to be broken, moulded and fashioned by the Lord. He put 100% commitment into his ministry and into the people he was around. He was full of truth, openness and sincerity and wanted the best for everyone - doing it the best way he knew how. You cannot read Keith's life story or listen to his music and not come away challenged and convicted. It wasn't perfection that drew you to Keith's music or to him for that matter. It was heart. LaToya has put it so succinctly in my opinion; excellent!

Knife Wound!

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NEVER try to cut down the wax of a candle WITH A KNIFE!!! I DID & landed up in hospital needing a stitch and being informed that I was quite close to severing 'something' near to my index finger! I thank the Lord that my hand has now healed! What is it with men & knives?

Oaks Community Church Leaflets!

We have now delivered over 5000 leaflets around the surrounding areas of Harvington & NOT ONE person has 'come to stay' at the church! We have had quite a few come *through the door* (Over 30 NON-saved!!!), ALL of which have heard the Gospel, but NONE have 'stayed the course' so far! It is disappointing obviously, but it also shows the times we are living in. Please keep praying for us as we seek to reach the lost souls of Worcestershire. WE shall continue to distribute Christian literature (tracts, Gospel CD's etc) everywhere we can until the Rapture! (Since writing this article two people have started coming to Oaks Community Church on a regular basis; thank you Lord!)



Our youngest member!

Jack & Eddie!

They haven't had a mention for a while so here are a few up-to-date photos to enjoy.









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Cute as ever!

Interesting fact - 'DOG' appears in 17 verses of Scripture & 'DOGS' appears in 23 verses; every time the word is mentioned it is mentioned in a NEGATIVE context!

Check it out!

Either the Roman Catholic Religion is ok OR it is as the Bible describes it in Rev 17...

Rev 17v1-6 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. So what is it to be, JOIN with this SATANIC group (i.e. Roman Catholics) or SEPARATE yourselves from them? 2 Cor 6v17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, - How can Christians JOIN with a group that is AGAINST the Lord Jesus Christ! Truly we are living in the last of the last days when 'Christians' WANT to compromise & join with Roman Catholics!!! How can a Bible Believing Christian JOIN with Antichrist - explain that one to me! Been on any ecumenical 'marches of witness' lately? Been to any ecumenical 'let's join together' meetings of late? Read 2 Cor 6v14!!!

Just to join a library!

In order to join a library Donna had to fill in a questionnaire; here are a couple of questions she had to answer...

- 1) Your gender male, female, other please specify??? Ehh? What 'alien?'
- 2) Your sexual orientation heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, prefer not to say!!! Now stop & think about this situation for a couple of days!!! Can you believe what 'kind' of questions you have to answer these days, as if it's 'normal.' *And this is just to join a library!!!* We are living in a sin PERVERTED world! This library is in a rural town in Herefordshire it's just SICK man! Needless to say, we leave tracts every time we visit this complex! Also on a questionnaire that 'solicitors' have to fill in, the following questions have to be answered...
 - 1) Gender Identity is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth yes, no, prefer not to say!!! *Arr look, it's a baby 'IT!!!'*
 - 2) Your sexual orientation please select one of the following heterosexual, gay, lesbian-gay, bisexual, prefer not to say!!! / prefer you not to ask!!!

Christian England MY LEFT FOOT!!! Revival is coming is it Mr Pentecostal? What a perverse wicked world we are living in AND THE CHURCH IS ASLEEP!!!

Are you delivering our tracts around the Colchester area?

If you are, keep it going! Today we had the following note sent to us with a few of our tracts returned... 'Could you please inform your distributor that these should be delivered to individual addresses & not left in a stairwell where they could result in an accident for which you could be held responsible.' - Keep sowing the seed of the word of God EVERYWHERE! If you can push them through letterboxes or under doors that would be best!

Bike Tracts in Stratford!

Stratford-Upon-Avon is a to show off their machines. were able to give a whole row also managed to take my spin while the sun was tracts everywhere you can, & our 'bikers-tract!' Most of



place where many 'bikers' go Recently on a visit there we of bikers our 'bikers-tract!' I 'Hayabusa' out for a quick shining! Keep distributing if you see a biker, give him them receive them happily!

Preaching Dates in May!

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Two years to the day (30th May) we shall again be taking a Gospel service in Lovacott, North Devon. A team of seven shall be travelling down on the Saturday. Please pray for this special service & for Eric Milton & his friends who are organising it all. We shall also be taking the same team to Poole in Dorset for a meeting at Karl Geary's church (17th May) - it shall be an evening service. If you would like more details, please drop us a line.

NEW Rapture Tract!

I have had this idea of producing a Rapture Tract for quite a while now, as some of you know. At last we have finished it & I am very excited about getting it back from the printers. I don't think I have seen a tract like it anywhere; it shall be approximately 16 pages & written in two 'tenses' i.e. Reading one side... the Rapture has NOT happened & what you should do, now that it is imminent! On the other side (other way up!) the Rapture HAS happened & what you should do NOW!!! I hope it shall be well received. We are hoping to distribute tens of thousands of these everywhere we go, so when the Rapture does take place, people shall be able to get some guidance on what to do! Let me know your thoughts. If you are going to order some I suggest you do so with this newsletter as I think the first print run of 15,000 shall go very quickly. (Up-date - See enclosed sample - price is 10p each approx!)

JW Talk!

I purchased a couple of luggage straps recently from a camping shop & as I was talking with the shop assistant the subject of motorbikes came up so I had the opportunity of giving her the 'bike-tract' along with some other literature. She told me she was a 'Christian' i.e. a 'JW!!!' I told her she was NOT a Christian according to the word of God & we entered into a 20 minute conversation covering lots of different 'doctrines!' She kept going back to 'THE GREEK' (of course she did; anyone who doesn't know what they are talking about RUNS to 'THE GREEK' to hide their ignorance!) There is no such thing as THE GREEK I told her. I explained briefly a little about the way we both received our Bibles & that she should NOT take my word for it but look into this matter for herself to see how the Watchtower Society have CORRUPTED, DISTORTED & PERVERTED the word of God to suit themselves. We left in a friendly 'atmosphere' although inside I was very angry seeing how this young girl had been brainwashed & what a great job the Watchtower Society DOES on their 'members!' It is an EVIL cult & this girl certainly knew her 'doctrines!' What about the YOUTH in your church, do they KNOW their Bibles? Are they skilled in the word of God? Heb 5v12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Mormon Talk!

Three 'poor-defenceless' female Mormon 'elders' (I didn't know they existed!) took on THE TOX!!! Big mistake! They spent 45 minutes of 'wriggling & squirming' trying to justify their idiotic 'doctrines' including trying to prove that Jesus went to the USA before His ascension ('Jesus' may have done but it WASN'T THE Lord Jesus Christ whom I serve & worship!) Well good old Tox (LaToya) gave them a run for their money & I bet they wished they'd never picked on this young student of the word - Toy (Tox or whatever her name is?) even managed to walk them to her house to get some 'specific' literature to give them! Now that is a DG member for you!



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Sending the GOSPEL out to every 'biking' accommodation in the UK!

Here at 'Time for Truth!' we have a burden of getting the Gospel out to as many people as we can! Recently we purchased a book called 'MCN Motorcyclists WELCOME' (£12.99). It is full of addresses (over 1200) of all the 'bikers' accommodation in the UK! We have sent out a letter asking if we can supply (FREE OF CHARGE) our 'bikers-tract' to these establishments. LaToya has already written out over 500 envelopes & Dionne (on occasions!) is also helping her in the task. We have had one response so far requesting tracts from Ashburton in Devon! Please pray that more shall respond!

The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces - Prov 30v28

You may own a palace & be a billionaire!
You may be a God hating 'sodomite' reprobate!
You still have God's creatures IN YOUR HOUSE!
'Spiders' get EVERYWHERE don't they!
You just can't get away from God can you!
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, WHERE YOU LIVE OR WHAT YOU DO!!!

The town where we work!

Ludlow, the place where Donna & I work from, is a lovely little English town as you can see from the photos... BUT, spiritually it is as DEAD as anywhere. The Christadelphians seem to be very active in the area & often hold meetings on 'how we got our 'Bible?' in the local college! It doesn't matter where you go IN England, people are still very hard towards the Gospel - the revival days are gone it seems; What do the Scriptures say about the world we live in... Gal 1v4, Phil 2v15, Acts 2v40, Mark 8v38, Luke 9v41 etc.







Tears for the LOST!

A lovely friend & brother in the Lord down in Lovacott has written a couple of times recently (which is always encouraging), & one thing really stood out to me in one of his letters, I quote... "I very often have tears to know that the majority of people, even those we know are heading for a lost eternity. We know the Rapture must be approaching very near." When was the last time you & I wept over the lost souls of this world?

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Ps 126v5

CD's on Buses!

We have 're-packaged' our 'LIFE' CD specifically to leave on buses, in fact anywhere! It now reads thus... 'Please feel free to take this with you & listen to it - Write to me & let me know what you think.'

Facts about TRACTS!

John Wesley organized 160 tract distributors in 1757 which literally reformed the Lord's Day habits of the entire city of London! How many designated tract-organizers have you got in your church? Are YOU one of them?

Martin Luther wrote more than one tract, booklet or book for every working week of his life!

How many tracts did you give out last year, last month, last week, yesterday? How many are you going to give out tomorrow??? What impact are you having with those around you? If you don't reach them with the Gospel WHO WILL??? Who in your own family is on the road to Hell as you are reading this newsletter? What have YOU done to try & reach/STOP them??? Why not start giving out tracts today? Want some - write to me!

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me.

Gal 1v23+24 - If Paul can get saved ANYBODY can!!! Keep praying, NEVER give up!

The Devil is Closing In!

LaToya saw this sign in Birmingham... 'Distribution of free printed material prohibited in this area without consent. For more information on obtaining consent call - 0121 675 2754. Maximum fine for operating without consent on conviction £2500.' Can't you see this is AGAINST the Christian? Do you give out tracts? Do you understand what is happening?

These will cheer you up!

Apparently one in five people in the world are Chinese, & there are five people in my family so it must be one of them! It's either my mum or dad, or my older brother Colin; or my younger brother Hoo Ching Ying. But I think it's Colin!!!

I told my girlfriend I had a job in a bowling alley. She said "Tenpin?" permanent!"

Dee Dee gets a job!

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Thank the Lord that Dee (Dionne from the DG) has finally found work! She has an administration role at a 'law-governing-body' - on a temporary basis with the hope of becoming permanent! She actually had a telephone interview & gained the job through it! We really thank the Lord for providing a job as it is very difficult at present with the way things are. Some company's are receiving over 200 applications for one job!



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Newsletter Responses & YOUR letters!

Here are some 'excerpts' from the letters we have received over the last two months...

- 1) A lady in HMP Peterborough 'Yes the package of Christian literature has arrived here at prison. I'm so thrilled! I went to the reception to sign for it today & as I had guessed, the prison officials refused to hand it over to me. Instead they opened it in my presence & I was allowed to get a KJV Bible plus 3 other booklets. The rest is to be passed on to the 3 chaplains of our multi-faith centre! I shall be writing more details as soon as we get the literature onto the prison wings! In the meantime we are holding a 6 member prayer group every evening in my cell where I help disciple, pray & encourage the ladies on my wing."
- From a pastor I am personally blest by your newsletter because you challenge me to uphold the truth & resist apostasy! Every time I read TfT News! You fan the flame in me & stir me up to work harder - time is short & so many souls to reach - lets go!
- Lady from Australia I especially enjoy the Bible study types, like the one on the blood recently! Keep up the good work. Your enthusiasm for the Lord is contagious!
- Man from Wiltshire Thank you for continuing to send your newsletters to me. I find it a real blessing to read of such people as yourselves who are so unwavering in their faith in the Saviour & the pure word of God. I found also a blessing in watching your DVD & reading your literature especially "You Asked The Question!"
- 5) Lady from Norwich ...thank you too for the references to the Rapture & the 2nd Coming - what a study can be done on this! I remember this done in the 1960's by a dear old Bible student. How we need this preached on more today, as I feel some are confused with the two; also I feel that the Rapture is so near!
- Man from West Sussex Always stimulating!
- Man from India I have received your issues 43,44,45 which I thoroughly enjoyed! I have a neighbour, who is also a Born Again Believer, to whom I have promised to circulate each of the copies I receive! Thanking you for your generosity!
- Man from Staffordshire God Bless you in your new venture at Oaks Community Hall!
- Man from Bolton Stay motivated, & to reinforce your own words 'Never give up working for the Lord!' For whatever it costs in time & money, the Lord will reimburse vou with riches in Heaven!
- 10) From East Lancaster in USA Do stay encouraged always in Jesus & do stay NON-COMPROMISING!
- 11) From lady in Bolton I enjoy reading your news. I personally prefer the AV, but sometimes you sound really contemptuous of those who don't. I'm not sure that's a good thing! (With time she'll come round!!!!!!)
- 12) From Londonderry Many thanks for all the great newsletters & information!
- 13) From Southampton Would hate to miss 'Time for Truth!' it is a real blessing whenever we receive it. We have learnt such a lot from studying the Scriptures that you expound.

Have you written to us lately?

911 - USA Emergency Number!!!

In an emergency TURN TO THE LORD & HIS WORD, especially when it comes to temptation to SIN! - Psalm 119v9+11 (119-911)

Donna's Arthritis!

Unfortunately Donna has had another bad patch regarding her arthritis. Some mornings she has been unable to move her arms i.e. she can't do her hair or dress herself properly; the pain seems to have intensified & she is certainly struggling with strength in her hands etc. Donna is never one for complaining & I have to 'drag-it-out-of-her' as to how she feels, so please pray for her. Again I would ask that if anyone knows of anything to help with rheumatoid arthritis please let us know. We just commit her to the Lord Jesus Christ asking Him 'Thy will be done!' Last week she had another steroid injection!



Prayer Requests!

Please pray for S.K. as she is going through a hard time of late! Eddie Geary (he's in his nineties!) who has had a fall & needed an operation; David Messer who is having a rough ride with his health; My dear friend Rachel (Beds) who really needs encouragement & the Lord's help at this time; our American friends in the US prisons!

Rules for LIFE! (Not in any order!)

Do everything to the glory of God - 1 Cor 10v31
Abstain from all appearance of evil - 1 Thes 5v22
Pray without ceasing - 1 Thes 5v17
Study your Bible - 2 Tim 2v15
Don't build up treasures DOWN HERE! - Matt 6v19
Don't conform to this world - Rom 12v2
Know that EVERY MAN is a liar - trust no one! - Rom 3v4
Remember - the love of money is the root of ALL evil! - 1 Tim 6v10
Flee fornication! - 1 Cor 6v18
Obey God rather than man EVERY TIME!!! - Acts 5v29
Be content with the material things you have! - Phil 4v11
Get rid of your TV!!!!!!! - Ps 101v3 (I dare you!!!)

Preaching from 'Newspapers!'

There are quite a few 'preachers' (mainly American's!) who make a living preaching about Prophecy! The trouble is they preach 'newspapers' rather than THE BIBLE! I recommended a guy a while back in one of my newsletters called David Meyer! Now don't get me wrong, some of what he say's IS interesting BUT, he doesn't use much Scripture, unlike people like Ruckman, Knox, Larkin etc! If you are going to preach on Prophecy PREACH THE SCRIPTURES! The trouble today is that people are more interested in what the 'sewer-media' says than the Scriptures - & of course it brings in the money for those preachers... WHO KNOW IT!

What others can you think of; write & let me know!

Please write & encourage the following Christians in their missionary work... We highly recommend the work they are doing for the Lord!

- 1) Lawrence Peter Binali, PO BOX 90472, Blantyre 9, Malawi, Central Africa.
- 2) Vera McDougall, Mount Grace, Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies
- 3) Peter Paul Ventura #83492-NB6, Cheshire Correctional Institution, 800 Highland Avenue, Cheshire CT, 06410-1698, USA.
- 4) Pastor Lordson Roch, H. No. 215/71, Opp. Nandanvan Appt. II, Bellavista Waddo, Sangolda, Bardez Goa 403511, India. (email lordson_ar@yahoo.c0o.in)

Time to get you thinking!

- 1) Did the Lord Jesus ever cry for 'Himself?' Ps 69v3+10, Heb 5v5-9
- 2) Why do we dream & what does the BIBLE say about dreams???
- 3) Where does it say in the Scriptures that you have to be 'perfect' to enter Heaven?
- 4) What are the best Scriptures to use when witnessing to Muslims?
- 5) Why can't the angels in Heaven rebel against the Lord NOW?
- 6) When was the last revival, where & how did it happen?
- 7) Why is the Holy Spirit a PERSON?

Are you interested in reaching JW's for the Lord?

If you are, write to this EX-JW lady who has some good material including a book she has written... **Dorothy Banks, 20 Maycock Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S61 3BQ**. (www.helpjesus.co.uk) Another great book to get in regard to reaching the JW's is... 60 Questions Every Jehovah's Witness Should Be Asked by Ian Brown. It is a very concise book, only 128 pages, yet it is 'packed' with information to combat the ridiculous teachings of this CULT!

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Studies in 1 Peter...

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For a while now on Sunday mornings we have been studying the book of Peter. The main theme of 1 Peter is Christian 'suffering!' - 1 Peter 1v7, 2v20+21, 3v14, 4v16, 5v1+10. In 1 Peter 1v1 Peter writes...Peter an 'apostle' BUT in 2 Peter 1v1 he writes... Peter a 'SERVANT!' This is a lovely picture of how a Christian should GROW in grace as to 'self!' How unlike Peter most of us are! We want the 'apostle' but NOT the 'servant!' We want the glory, the recognition & the reputation NOT to be viewed as a 'servant!' If this is you, you are a very weak & shallow Christian! If you always want to be up front in the limelight, you are NOT growing in grace! Many Christians don't understand what I have just said! Recently I went to a baptismal service & there was one fellow who just couldn't get up the front quick enough & start 'spouting' off how many times he had been doing 'this & that' - he wants the 'apostle' but NOT the servant! The longer you are saved, the more you SHOULD realise that you are NOTHING without the Lord & the ONLY good in you is what the Lord has PUT THERE!!! (Rom 7v18) You can be too 'big' for God to use; I hope you get that! I have been saved 20 years this May (4th) & I understand more now of just how much of a Hell deserving sinner I really am, & how blessed I am that God has saved a WRETCH like ME! As you grow in grace with the Lord you see yourself as to what you really are, A SINNER saved by the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ - that's it! How do you see yourself? Baby Pete Amue see's himself as a Bible critic; a hub for textual criticism! I wonder what God thinks to a 'man' (Greek = mouse, closely associated to the rat family - no disrespect to rats that is!) like that? Regarding the theme of suffering, have a look at these following Scriptures...Phil 1v29, Acts 9v16, 1 Tim 4v10, 2 Tim 3v12, 2 Cor 11v23-30, Col 1v23+24, Ps 34v19, 2 Cor 4v17, Rom 5v3, Rom 8v17+18 etc. Where is the 'faith & prosperity Gospel' in those verses? Quite a contrast don't you think compared to all the fakers like Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Rodney Howard-Brown, David Carr, Paul Weaver & the rest of those CHARLATANS! They are as spiritually mature & as Biblically sound as Richard Dawkins! (Now that is what I call an insult!) After all Dawkins believes he's an evolving monkey! Fair play!!!

What a HELL-Hole!

I had to visit a customer in the Midlands area recently; she had a shop near some lakes. As soon as I walked through the door I was confronted by every kind of book, trinket & Satanic symbol you could imagine! It was a 'spiritualist' / witchcraft shop that sold every kind of rubbish imaginable. I couldn't keep focused on the actual reason why I was visiting i.e. 'business' as I wanted to get to the point of witnessing to this poor deluded & deceived woman! She said that she didn't believe in 'absolutes' i.e. NO Final Authority; I asked her if she was 'ABSOLUTELY' sure? I then told her that because I didn't like her boyfriend was it ok if I 'killed' him???!!! She looked at me as if I was mad! "Well if there is NO right & wrong I can do ANYTHING can't I?" She got the gist! I asked this woman what she did when she wasn't 'working?' She said "I speak to the dead!!!" I said how do you KNOW you are talking to whom you THINK you are talking? She said that you don't KNOW you just have a 'gut-feeling!!!' This woman had studied & studied her subject - she was quite a dominating woman & a 'master' in her field, she told me. I noticed by her desk she had a New English 'bible!!' (Apt!) I asked her why she had it & was she reading it. She said that she was a quarter of the way through it & wanted to read it as she had never read the Bible before! I was able to give her some straight-down-the-line Gospel witnessing - Christ is the ONLY way; Hell is a reality; according to the Scriptures you CANNOT communicate with the 'dead!' I had one tract on me, the 'bikers' one which I thought was the wrong one to give her, so I asked her... "I don't suppose you are into bikes?" She said that she was & that she had passed her bike test & owned FOUR!!! Amazing isn't it! Overall it was a great time of witnessing even though I felt that what I was saying wasn't 'sinking-in' sadly to say; but YOU NEVER KNOW! We finished on good terms & I said that I would discuss the matter further with her when I saw her next!

Oaks Community Church at the Car Boot!







We were on site for 6.35am. It was cold & many other 'booters' were arriving so we sat in the car for 15 minutes before setting up. After praying together & once we had put the literature out, we were waiting for the place to get busy. Donna led the way by giving out lots of the Oaks Community leaflets, which were well received. Dee (Dionne) & Toy (LaToya) followed suit & gave out loads of leaflets. It started off quite a hard atmosphere, unlike the car-boot we did in Studley last time. After an hour went by many more people arrived. We had some good conversations & the atmosphere seemed to 'break!' A lady

Mormon stood & spoke to us for a while; a 'ministers-wife' also wanted to tell us that the way of salvation was through water-baptism & that her husband ran a church in Halesowen! I told her that if salvation was through water baptism then the thief on the cross never had much of a chance did he! She didn't like that one much (I DID!) Dee & Toy then went around to every other person that was selling & gave them all an Oaks Community Leaflet plus the 'LIFE-CD'. Next to us arrived two Christians (one whom said he





had been saved for 9 years but was struggling & his wife had recently got saved!) I was able to have a good conversation with them & they took a Bible, some literature & two CD's, one of which he started to listen to in his car when it was guiet. Another Christian lady turned up who was converted FROM Sikhism; she gave a great testimony! We also came into contact with a Christian organisation called 'Loaves 'N' Fishes' who collect & donate furniture to the needy free of charge. Every

delivery they make they give out a Bible! They loved our literature & asked if they could take some so we gave them a box load. (www.loavesnfishes.co.uk) Then to top it all off, remember Peter the wine merchant we met at the Studley car boot? He was the one who kept coming back & told us that the world is going to end in 2012! He turned up so we bought him a hot-dog & a coffee & then we got down to business! He had recently started reading a 1917 New Testament! We stayed until around 11.45am. Overall it was a great morning & hundreds of tracts, booklets, leaflets & CD's were distributed ALL TO THE **GLORY OF GOD!**



Thanks Steve - this made me smile!!!

Our friend Steve Printz sent this to us... Years ago the renowned fool, Dr F. Nietzsche, paid an astronomical sum to plaster the country with posters, both great & small. These posters were everywhere; on highway bulletin boards, at bus stops, in subways (tubes) etc. The posters read...

GOD IS DEAD!

Nietzsche.

Well, right after Nietzsche passed away, some soul or organization paid to display their own posters, which read..

NIETZSCHE IS DEAD!

(I thought that was brilliant! Dawkins is on very 'dodgy' ground!)

Channel Islands - Jersey & Guernsey!

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My 'territory' for work includes these two islands which I should visit twice a year! My first trip for 2009 took place in April. We flew after church on Sunday & came back for our Friday service! Business was good which we really thank the Lord for. We also did a lot of tracting & left lots of CD's on car windscreens. In our spare time Donna & I visited the Jersey War Tunnels (i.e. the underground hospital built by the Nazi's during the war) plus the German Occupation Museum in Guernsey; both were very moving (see 'Auschwitz' poem on page 15).



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We were also very encouraged to see a man witnessing on the streets with an AV banner & AV tracts (see photo) - he has since written to us. We also passed a number of churches leaving literature with them. Tracting is a great way of getting the Gospel message out, whether you leave them in planes, trains, on cars etc. - that is why I would encourage EVERY reader of 'TfT News!' to distribute tracts. There is a good article on 'Gospel Tracts' in 'The Reformer' magazine (May/June 2009). A few items are as follows...'Nothing costs less, goes further, lasts longer, or says it better, than a Gospel Tract.' Every phase of the Protestant Reformation in Europe was preceded by an immense tract effort that almost 'turned the world upside down.' Almost every foreign mission field in the world was opened by missionaries who first used tracts to win the heathen to Christ. A son of one of the chiefs of Burd Wain, India, was converted through a single tract, & he was instrumental in winning 1,500 natives to Christ. D.L.Moody began his fruitful evangelistic ministry in Chicago by the simple act of distributing Gospel tracts to Great Lakes seamen!











We have just stocked up on another 10,000 'Who Cares?' tracts!

Bus Advertising!

As most of you well know, the fool Richard Dawkins, with his 'humanistic-party' put out an idiotic advert on buses all over the UK. The Trinitarian Society hit back with a superb campaign on buses also! We have looked into advertising Oaks Community Church on the back of our local buses in Kidderminster. The cost is £1600 for 12 weeks on 4 buses!

NEW Christian Run 'Bed & Breakfast!'

Karl (from Chester City Mission 'Action Weeks!') & his wife Joanne Geary have recently set up a 'bed & breakfast' at their home in Ringwood. If you would like a relaxing break give them a call! Their address is... 'Hillsboro' Hightown Hill, Ringwood, BH24 3HA (New Forest) - 01425 485199 or 07731 442076. www.hillsborobedandbreakfast.co.uk

April DG!

Without a doubt, these meetings profit us in many ways! We run to a schedule starting at 7.00pm & finishing at 10.00pm. The April DG included a study on 1 Cor 10; Mark also gave us a study on the Lord's Prayer. As well as the 'role play,' 'under pressure' & 'take-your-stand' 'sections' we also filled out our 'personal survey' & briefly touched upon our homework for the month. We certainly do 'cram' a lot into these hours!

Time for Truth Team!

COME & SUPPORT US ON MAY 30th AT ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE (next to Sainsbury's Superstore) - A direct Gospel message touching upon the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ - Biblical answers to world CHAOS! Meeting starts at 3.00 - 4.30 PM. For more information contact Eric Milton on 07971 485257

GENESIS Barge Ministry!

What a great ministry this is; travelling up & down the country reaching the lost with the Gospel & talking to Christians about the AV... all done on Canal's! Christine called recently ordering another 100 x 'Life Then Eternity!' booklets. She has been using our literature everywhere she goes. We shall be having more regular contact as Christine shall be sending us updates of her 'adventures', which we will put in TFT News! Please pray for this couple as they seek to reach sinners with the Gospel & distribute the word of God at each stop!

Do YOU get 'EXCITED' about Bible Study?

The way to *really* STUDY (2 Tim 2v15 - note...this verse is distorted in EVERY PERversion on the market!) the Bible, is to start by reading it 'dispensationally' (something Pentecostals & Charismatics know NOTHING about!!!) If you don't 'rightly DIVIDE that Book' you will try to apply doctrinal passages to YOURSELF that just 'won't work' i.e. the verse or passage you may be reading may be directed at an unbelieving JEW in the Tribulation (i.e. FUTURE!!!) This is why Pentecostals mess up on the 'gifts' of the Spirit & on 'signs & wonders' i.e. thinking (what a laugh!) that they speak in tongues (like I said, what a LAUGH!!!) 'Suzuki Hayabusa' is NOT speaking in tongues Barney even though the interpretation in Japanese means 'Peregrine Falcon' i.e. Blackbird 'eater' (for you Honda lovers!!!) Also note that words can have MORE THAN ONE meaning! Elect doesn't just mean what John Calvin taught i.e. the 'chosen' few! It can mean the Lord, an angel, the church, Israel etc. There are SEVEN 'baptisms' in Scripture - how about that

'Mr-baptismal-regenerator!' into Christ' AFTER 'baptised' it WATER!!! There is NO 'water' Romans! Now these figuratively but NOT physically! Scriptures you must seek to passage or verse is speaking spiritually / devotionally etc. BIGGER the more you read it!



When you see the words is never a reference to baptism IN the book of Scriptures may point to it When reading the ascertain whether the doctrinally, historically, It's a BIG BOOK & gets Just ONE comma (,) can

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divide a verse by 2000 years!!! Look at Isaiah 61v2 & note THE COMMA! It separates the 1st Advent from the 2nd Advent (see also Jeremiah 23v5+6). By reading Luke 4 v17-21 we see that Jesus is quoting from Isa 61v1+2 BUT He STOPPED at the comma in Isa 61v2 (see Luke 4v19) showing that the 'balance' of Isa 61v2 was still FUTURE!!! Not only should you read the Bible dispensationally, but also with a PRE-millennial system in place, NOT like the A-millennial or POST-millennial lot who know as much about the Rapture & FUTURE events as 'Richard FOOL Dawkins!' Like I said, it's a BIG BOOK & needs to be studied! So, if you are really serious about getting to KNOW God personally the best you can, you MUST read & study THAT BOOK (ONLY an AV OBVIOUSLY!) as often as you can. You will NEVER get to know God without spending time in THE BOOK! No visions, tongues, signs & wonders, gifts of healing, conferences, 'waiting-meetings' or any other 'Pentecostal-TOSH' will help you at all. You just NEED the Lord, His word, the Holy Spirit guiding you & a willing & open heart to learn & ACCEPT all that God will show you! The greatest Christian who achieved the most had NO 'BIGGER' BIBLE THAN YOU!!! Nothing brings greater peace to your life than ENTERING into the Scriptures in a DEEP way - most Christians I have met do NOT understand that! Hello Barney!!!

Tobago, West Indies!

Please continue to lift up Vera McDougall in prayer who is doing a great work testifying for the Lord Jesus Christ out there in Tobago. She has ordered much of our material & continues to do so, sowing the word of God over the other side of the world! Vera writes in regard to 'TfT News!'... 'It is wonderful receiving TfT News which enables me to fellowship with you in the Lord's service. I have been privileged to share it with others who love our Saviour & are interested in your work for the Lord. Our God will continue to use TfT News for His glory & blessings of others! You are a great encouragement to us Vera, keep up the great work! I hope you receive some letters of encouragement from other Christians because of this newsletter!!!

The ERROR of Universal Salvation!

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While on a visit to Tewkesbury Abbey Donna picked up the Easter notices. One of the articles read... 'Abbey Theology Forum - The next meeting of the Theology Forum will be held in Abbey House on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm - Dr Howard Bluett will give a paper entitled 'Not one of them will be lost - the Good News of Universal Salvation.' Copies of the paper will be available shortly at the back of the Abbey. All with an interest in theology are very welcome.' Now how about that! Let's look at a few Scriptures to blow this idiot completely out of the water... Rev 20v12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Mat 10v28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. It is beyond belief how idiots 'in the ministry' can come up with a 'doctrine' as ridiculous as this. WHY do they? Because of MONEY & they don't want to offend anyone! That's it!

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Cursed for YOU!

Gal 3v10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Gal 3v13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Jesus was whipped, beaten & scourged (39 stripes i.e. one for each book in the Old Testament note the OT ends with the word CURSE & Christ has redeemed us from the CURSE OF THE LAW i.e. OT!!!) Mat 27v26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. (Mark 15v15, John 19v1) Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; Eph 2v12-16 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: What a great sacrifice the Lord gave for you & for me (Eph 5v2, Heb 7v27, Heb 9v26, Heb 10v12).

What 'sacrifice' have you given back to Him? (Rom 12v1, Heb 13v15)

'The Works!'

'The Works' is a national chain of bookshops. We wrote to them to ask if they would stock our booklets; they wrote back the following letter... 'I am writing on behalf of Annie Brumsen, Senior Book Buyer at The Works, & wish to inform you that although your letter was read with interest, unfortunately we are not in a position to stock your books in our stores. We receive numerous requests from publishers, authors & retailers every week & as much as we would like, do not have the facility to accommodate all that is offered. I am sorry that we cannot be of further assistance.' I have found it nearly impossible to break into ANY chain of shops with our booklets, including Christian book-shops such as CLC & Wesley Owen... I wonder why???

Oaks Community Church Update!

We have been very encouraged to see 34 NEW people come through the church since opening in October! That is 34 Christians & NON-Christians that have sat under the Gospel message & AV teaching & preaching!!! Most have their own churches & have popped in to see us, as we are new. A few of these folks have visited us again. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless us with more new folk & hope some will 'join' us & HELP in the work here! Please keep praying for us; it is a very exciting work!

Facing Mecca! - Oh no! It was one of those times!

The four of us (Donna, Dee, Toy & myself) were coming back from Stow-on-the-Wold when, as we were travelling through the countryside, passed a lay-by where a Muslim man was on his 'prayer-mat' facing Mecca, praying to their god Allah! We all looked & commented on the situation & I continued to drive past for about a mile KNOWING that God wanted me to go & talk to them! Oh no! It was one of those times where you have an inward battle & think of all the excuses why you DON'T turn back, why you DON'T obey God 'just this time!!!' I LOST! We turned the car around & asked God to give me strength & boldness! As I pulled into the lay-by the woman was now on the prayer mat & the husband was walking around looking quite intense! I got out, asked the Lord Jesus to help & protect me & approached the man & said "I apologize for interrupting you but I saw you as I was passing & it got me thinking. You are a Muslim & I am a Christian. Do you believe in Heaven & HELL?" He answered that he did! I said... "Then one of us is wrong & one of us will go to Hell! Wouldn't it be worth SEEKING & SEARCHING for THE TRUTH to find out WHO is right?" He agreed! The man was from Jordan & his wife was a white convert to Islam (she used to attend church she said!) who was in her forties. He spoke very good English but called for his wife who left her prayer mat & came across. They were two very amicable people & we had a very good discussion for about 20 minutes covering lots of ground. They said what they believed & I said what I did. The ONLY common denominator I could find was JESUS CHRIST. To them He was just a prophet, to me He IS GOD!!! They did believe in the Bible & said that it was also God's book! I said to them "Well if you believe the Bible is God's book & you believe that Jesus was sent from God, shouldn't you believe what Jesus SAID?" I then read to them from John 14v6... Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. He also asked me to show him from the Bible where it said that Jesus was GOD! I DID!!! God was helping me with every answer & I could definitely see I was challenging their thoughts, beliefs & 'FALSE-religion!' I asked if they would take some literature from me & I also offered them an AV Bible, ALL of which they took. I also gave them a CD to listen to in the car plus a Gospel message on DVD - they took all of the information & said they would read it. The whole situation couldn't have gone better (with the exception of them getting saved on the spot!) & I just can't thank the Lord enough for the way He handled them & me! I left rejoicing & praying that God shall reveal to them THE TRUTH very soon. Pray for them - it would be a great testimony to the Lord if they GET SAVED i.e. become Christians. Yet again I learnt that whatever God tells you

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More Newsletter Responses & YOUR letters!

Here are some more 'excerpts' of the letters we have received over the last two months... From a man in the USA - 'Your newsletter is a blessing to many; I hold your ministry up in prayer daily. Distance & circumstance prohibits our meeting in this life, but we will greet each other in Heaven when God's call comes. Keep up the great work. A friend in Christ.' Man from Las Vegas USA - Hi John & Donna, enclosed is \$20 please would you send me some more money tracts!

From a man on Guernsey Island - I write to you both, to thank you for the great help you both bestowed upon me on Thursday 23rd April. John, this Island is in the Ecumenical system & I fell into it which is a great sin I have done, for the Holy Scriptures say that ye cannot worship God & Demons! The Holy Spirit, John, pulled me right out 12 years ago! So I thank you John as your title 'Time for Truth!' - stand firm, as Paul said to Timothy, as you declare the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel of our Salvation!

HELL IS...

A place of consciousness - Luke 16v23+24
A place of torment - Luke 16v23+24+28
A place of darkness - Matt 8v12
Eternal separation from loved ones - Luke 13v28
Without the slightest hope of release - Heb 6v2
Torment of past memories - Luke 16 v27+28
Who do you know who is on the road to Hell this very second???
What are you doing to try & stop them?

LIFE & DEATH...

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While visiting the German Occupation Museum I read this very sad & moving poem in regard to the Nazi concentration camp 'Auschwitz.' To think what these people went through is beyond belief! Read it for yourselves...

That Final Train to Auschwitz.

Has all the horror been expressed? What other words can I suggest? That will say more?

The more you say the less it means Describing such abhorrent scenes We never saw.

Oh we can watch the films they made The images that never fade We can't ignore.

The camps the allied soldiers found With dumps of dying on the ground *The chamber floor.*

The sights, the sounds, the evil smell Sensations of a man-made hell Far worse than war.

The 'final solution' to 'ethnic pollution' The sick 'resolution' for 'mass execution' No 'either' no 'or'.

The heaps of spectacles or boots Deserted dolls and empty suits The gold teeth - drawn.

The photographs of happy days Of pride, of love, of winning ways Discarded - torn.

But all of these are merely words Can they evoke the broken herds A people - borne

By cattle trucks, by cattle trains Becoming numbers now, no names Forgot - forlorn.

Hugh Mullarkey

This is the most moving poem I have ever read in my life!

Isn't it amazing how evil some people can be! Man has NOT changed!

When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

John 19v6

But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

John 19v15

Very Encouraging!

We received an enquiry from Guernsey not long after we got back wanting to know more about what we do etc. Also during April we met a man who was preaching on the streets in Stow-on-the-Wold with another guy. They had just finished as we got there, but we did have a chat with one of them & exchanged 'literature!' Well the *other* guy dropped us a line to encourage us in regard to the literature we produce & wanted some more. We thank the Lord that there are still Bible Believing Christians out there trying to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ - VERY ENCOURAGING!!!

More Prayer Requests...

Please pray for David Cockwell who is having a rough time with chemotherapy at present. May the Lord strengthen & help brother David; he has been a great encouragement to us in recent years & despite his health continues to tract & witness at every opportunity.

Cremation OR Burial?

I have NEVER understood why CHRISTIANS want to go against Scripture & get 'cremated.' Nowhere in Scripture are God's children BURNED by their own choice once they have died! So why do Christians want to follow this pagan 'ritual' through??? What Scriptural basis is there for being CREMATED??? (Buried, Burial & Bury occur in 144 verses of Scripture!!!) Gen 3v19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Note NOT ASHES!!!

Cromwell's Thunderous Words Are Relevant Today!

A lady recently sent us 3 copies of the 'Christian Watch' magazine (which I highly recommend). One of the articles was regarding the words of Cromwell in 1653 when he addressed Parliament... 'It is high time for me to put an end to your sitting in this place, which you dishonoured by your contempt of all virtue, & defiled by your practice of every vice; ye are a factious crew, & enemies to all good government; ye are a pack of mercenary wretches, & would like Esau, sell your country for a mess of pottage, & like Judas, betray your God for a few pieces of money. Is there a single virtue now remaining amongst you? Is there one vice you do not possess? Ye have no more religion than my horse; gold is your God; which of you have not bartered your conscience for bribes? Is there a man amongst you that has the least care for the good of the Commonwealth? Ye sordid prostitutes, have you not defiled this sacred place, & turned the Lord's temple into a den of thieves, by your immoral principles & wicked practices? Ye are grown intolerably odious to the whole nation; you who are deputed here by the people to get grievances redressed, ye are yourselves gone! So! Take away that shining bauble there, & lock up the doors. In the name of God, GO! What a MAN!!! Imagine that on 'Prime-Minister's Question Time!!!' What kind of people 'run' our country today? Compare THEM to Cromwell & you are North & South poles! Oh how DEEP this country of ours has sunk into depravity! The ONLY hope is THE GOSPEL - there is NO OTHER!

Wide Margin Authorized Version Bibles!

There is little call today for AV wide margin Bibles as most Christians do NOT study & therefore have no need for Bibles to make notes in; how sad! I think the Trinitarian Bible Society is stopping producing them & the ones from Cambridge University Press are 'astronomical' in price!!! If you can't get hold of one, I have two which I would be happy to supply you. They are £25 each. I always keep a couple in due to new members of the church finding out about the version issue & then hope they get a love & desire to get INTO the Bible & start making notes! Let me know if you want one!

Well 'brothers & sisters', that's another 'TfT News!' completed - sorry for the delay, but as you can imagine there is so much going on this end. Donna & I would encourage you all to LOVE God with ALL your heart, soul, strength & mind; STAND on THE BOOK, & witness everywhere you can! The Rapture is imminent...soon we shall be with our Saviour.

WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!!! Every Blessing,

Don't forget to write!

John & Donna TIT!





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That's my girl!

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Ps 84:10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Warning – If you are a Pentecostal I suggest you STOP reading NOW!!!

Responses From TfT 46!

Both AV Bibles went immediately! In fact we had 4 enquiries & I managed to send 4 out!!! If you are still interested in a wide margin AV Bible let me know & I can order some more – they are £25 each! You can always qo direct to Cambridge University Press? It was also great to receive a letter from a couple in Sunderland who wanted tracts to give out! As Christians, we ought to be saturating our villages, towns & cities with the word of God! Are we? How important is the word of God to YOU?

June Discipleship Group! (DG)

What a great DG we had! We were joined on the Saturday by Barney (he needed a sermon for Sunday!!!) & two ladies, one who had come along the Friday before & her friend who was visiting from Wales. We covered a lot of ground including studies on 'final authority,' 'eternal security,' & continued our study in 1 Corinthians; this time picking up on 'spiritual gifts.' We confirmed that the 'SIGN-gifts' are NOT for today as they were predominately for Israel!

Barney (*my tongue speaking friend*) sat very uncomfortably & 'doodled' all the way through while the other students took in-depth notes!!! *Poor ol Barney!* Although he did have an opportunity to get his 'revenge' on Toxy (LaToya) when he interviewed her for the 'under pressure' section!!! Overall, it was a good night for studying & we all benefited from it; even Barney (*although he would NEVER admit it! Most of his sermon material comes from either the DG or TfT News!!!*)



Bike Tracts Being Accepted!

A lady from a B&B in Caldicot has responded to our mail-shot & requested some bike tracts! Also two other enquiries/orders have come in from Monmouth – very encouraging! LaToya is still ploughing through the 'Bikers Accommodation Magazine' sending out tracts to all of them! Please pray that God will bless this ministry!

God's word is meant to be bread for our daily use, not cake for special occasions!

NEW Tract Stands!

Do you have tract stands full of tracts in your church or 'business?' If not here is a great suggestion (see photos!) The COST of the stands (does **NOT** include postage) is in **RED** this obviously does **NOT** include the tracts. See ORDER FORM for tract prices! You can put your own name/church on the header card for tract stand ONE!





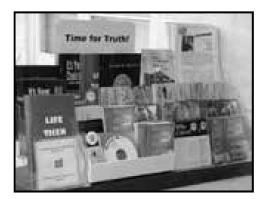


£11
Tract stand TWO



£26
Tract stand THREE





Already we have sold one tract-stand 'three.' If you would like one just fill in the order form, alternatively you can contact the company direct on 0845 257 1492 (JR Distribution Ltd (Stand-store.co.uk) Unit K2 Romany Works, Wareham Road, Holton Heath, Poole, Dorset, BH16 6JL)

Tracting!

Dee, Toy, Donna & I have recently 'tracted' the following areas... Hay-on-Wye, Upton-upon-Severn, Winchcombe, Presteigne, Droitwich, Oakley in Bedfordshire (where I grew up!), Kidderminster - we are distributing the Rapture tract everywhere we go praying that souls shall be saved. Please pray that the Lord will bless the word of God that is being sown. It would be great to hear of someone getting saved.

A Few Good Sayings…

There is still time to convert your earthly assets into the coin of the realm to which you are going!

God does not ask for great men for the harvest – just labourers! God will manage our affairs if we will be filled with His affairs!

What are you 'filled' with? – Look up every reference; it's a good study! Ps 71v8, Ps 123v3+4, Prov 1v31, Prov 12v21, Prov 14v14, Ecc 6v7, Mat 5v6, Acts 4v8+31, Acts 9v17, Acts 13v9+45+52, Acts 19v29, Rom 1v29, Rom 15v14, 2 Cor 7v4, Eph 3v19, Eph 5v18, Phil 1v11, Col 1v9...

Head Covering?!

The picture on page 4 was taken at the ladies meeting at Hope Chapel (don't write in, it's only a joke!!!) So what about the head covering? I remember one Brethren elder telling me that it was THE most important DOCTRINE!!! But then again, not all the clowns are in the circus!!! Following are a few bullet points for, 'FOR & AGAINST' the wearing of a hat in church... what's your thoughts? Write & let me know! LaToya is looking into this issue at present & has written to a lady who has been in the Brethren for years; this is some of the most salient points that they have touched upon...

I Corinthians 11

Pros	Cons
Man does not cover his physical head (v4) because he would be dishonouring his spiritual	According to (v15) long hair is given to a woman for a covering. 'For her hair is given her for a
head (the Lord) so women cover their physical	covering. Who is the 'her' in this verse referring
head (v5) as not to dishonour the man (their	to – the long-haired woman! But what constitutes
spiritual head)	as long? Something that covers the head, ears,
	neck – i.e. up to the shoulders – the same that a
TO I	veil would cover.
If the man covered his physical head it would be like covering the Lord (as his spiritual head) and	Mary, sister of Martha, bought an alabaster box and wiped the Lord's feet with her hair. This
as man is the image and glory of God he keeps his	obviously must have been passed the shoulders
head uncovered – as not to cover the glory of	and she also must not have been wearing a veil to
God. Women however, should cover their	do so – this is because her long hair acts as a
physical head since her spiritual head (the man)	covering.
will then be covered along with his glory.	
The woman's hair is glory to her (v15) which is argued should be covered – we should give God	If the glory of man is covered and the woman should cover her hair to hide hers, then how can
the glory and not show off our own glory to all	we take (v7) literally as well? 'The woman is the
that see it.	glory of man.' If all the 'glory' of mankind is to
	be covered then shouldn't the whole of the
	woman be covered and not just the hair! The
	woman is the glory of man – so let's cover up the
	woman – not just her head/hair – this doesn't make sense.
The woman, similarly to God the Son in the	(v15) does not contradict verse (v5) regarding the
Godhead, takes the subservient role to her	woman covering up her hair – take it as literally
husband, of which the angels (in v10) see. By her	as possible.
covering her head she is showing her submission	
to her husband and keeping the natural order as it	
should be. If a woman cover not her head, she may as well	A hat (as is worn as custom today) does NOT
be shorn or shaven – but as this is a shame unto	cover the head of the woman (i.e the ears, neck
her (Num5v18) she needs to cover it.	and up to the shoulders) and in many cases does
	not even cover the whole of the hair (some of
	which is often visible) which is rather
	inconsistent! In the OT/NT times it was custom
	for a woman to wear a veil both as a covering and
It is not comely for a woman to pray to God	in public – see (v16) Gen24v65 – Rebekah covered herself with a veil
uncovered. (v13)	on Isaac's arrival – it was their custom to do so.
` ′	Women do not do this today.
	Women pray and prophesy all the time – see Rev
	19v10 – the spirit of prophesy is the testimony of
	the Lord Jesus Christ for the day we trust in
	the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins we hold this testimony of the Lord, therefore
	the spirit of prophesy. If head covering is essential
	in the church when a woman prays or prophesieth
	she may as well then wear a head covering 24/7.

In conclusion then, the woman's hair (v15) is clearly given to her for a covering providing that it is long (i.e. it covers the head – ears, neck and is at least down to the shoulders.) By having long hair she is covering her physical head and also her head (being the man) as we read in the passage (v5-6) in particular. Because a man has short hair, he is not covering up his physical head nor is he covering his head which is Christ.

However in the cases where a not a covering, she is then she has no covering. The Bible she may as well shave it all off/be having short hair and shaving it off Because then this is a shame unto veil (v6) seeing as her head will



woman has short hair – which is dishonouring her head (v5-6) for says that because her hair is short shorn – i.e. it is the same thing – they are both NOT coverings. her, she is to cover her head with a then be covered (ears, neck and up

to the shoulders like long hair does.) A hat would not cover her head (the area mentioned above) and in reality would just cover the same thing her hair would in the first place!

So women with long hair (shoulder length or longer) would not have to cover their heads (like Mary, sister of Martha) but women with short hair would cover their heads with a veil (and if they grew their hair long enough would no longer need to.)

Questions...

- 1) When is a church A CHURCH??? In other words, WHEN should you wear your hat? Just in the Sunday services? Mid-week? What about when someone prays in a 'fellowship' meeting? There are many hypocritical women who only wear their hat in the morning service & then take it off for the evening service???
- 2) What constitutes LONG hair? I.e. when is long LONG???
- 3) Define prophecy what does it mean? 1 Cor 11v5
- 4) What about custom? Was it custom for women to wear a veil in the NT church?
- 5) Is the hat worn by some women today a 'sufficient' covering?
- 6) In 1 Cor 11v10 what is the 'power' on the woman's head?
- 7) What about 'angels?' What have angels got to do with the head covering?
- 8) Is the reason an unmarried woman covers her head the same reason as the married woman?
- 9) What was the custom of the day, veils? Shouldn't it be the custom of our day?
- 10) Should long hair be worn down to cover the head?
- 11) What kind of covering is 1 Cor 11v15 referring to? Why? How do you know?

Don't give me 'Brethren-traditions' to try & answer the above questions — Give me SCRIPTURAL answers! I know of many Brethren-women who wear a hat because of their Brethren-TRADITION & their Brethren-upbringing & they have NEVER questioned the Brethren-teaching!!! BUT what saith the Scriptures??? What is your MOTIVE?

Michael Jackson DEAD!

So where is Michael Jackson NOW? Death is NOT the end! He is NOW in eternity. He had wealth & fame & still wasn't happy. He died a very lonely man by all accounts – how sad that is. But it's not just Michael Jackson dying, many people are dying every day & going to HELL because they rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour – what are WE doing about it? When was the last time you wrote to someone regarding the Gospel or posted some Gospel tracts or other literature to try & save them? What 'legacy' has Michael Jackson left behind? WHAT LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND? Written to anybody famous lately?

We, under all our sins & infirmities, can daily offer a perfect Christ; & thus we have peace & safety, & apprehension of love, from a Father in Covenant, who cannot deny Himself. And truly in this is all my salvation; & this helps me to bear my great burdens.

Oliver Cromwell

Sunday 17th May – Poole Dorset!

Karl Geary (Chester City Mission Action Weeks) invited us to speak at his church in Poole. AFTER our morning service at Oaks Community Church (*That should please you*

Betsy!!!), a team of seven drove three hours to our next speaking engagement in Dorset! It was a great journey & we arrived in plenty of time, therefore we had something to eat at Karl & Joanne's house. Then it was on for another 12 miles before arriving at the church! They were a friendly lot but again weak on doctrine, as a women led the service & NIV's were everywhere! The team sang & Mark also sang a solo, both of which sounded lovely. I preached for an hour about how this country has departed



from the word of God, & how every Christian should be looking up, ready to go home at the Rapture - which is imminent! I also 'touched' upon the subject of Bible versions i.e. how the NIV is a PER-version & I also mentioned that 'tongues' are NOT for today & that we are NOT seeing 'healings' like we did in Jesus' & the apostles' day - no matter what the Pentecostal & Charismatic tell us! Things have changed & most Christians DON'T GET IT!!! We now have the whole of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation (something NO ONE had IN THE BIBLE including the time of the apostles!!!). Well as usual, I ruffled



a few 'feathers' & three people didn't like what I said about 'tongues!' I think we gave everyone SOMETHING to think about. God certainly blessed us in our ministry. At the back of the hall we set up a literature table; which seemed to go down well. Four people also wanted to be added to our TfT! mailing list! After the service at 9.00 pm we headed back home which took another three hours! Speaking twice (morning & evening) plus driving over six hours was exhausting (*Donna also drove six*

hours as we went in convoy – she's an amazing little lady!!!) We stopped off for a bite to eat before returning home. The Lord really blessed our journey both ways. It was a great day of ministry & we look forward to other opportunities to come, Lord willing.

Words in Scripture can have MORE than ONE meaning!

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	Can mean	
Head	Physical head, spiritual head, head of a certain thing – 1 Cor 11v3+4, Eph 1v22, 1 Pet 2v7	
Word	Written word of God, God as The Word i.e. Jesus Christ, spoken word – 2 Tim 3v16, 1 Pet 1v23, John 1v1+14, Rev 19v13, Acts 4v31 etc	
Saved	FROM Hell – John 10v9, Acts 2v21, Acts 4v12, Acts 16v31, Rom 10v9, Eph 2v8+9. Death – Luke 7v50, Rom 9v27, Jude 1v5. Deception – 1 Tim 2v15. Water – 1 Pet 3v20. Enemies – Ps 18v3. Trouble – Ps 34v6. Wrath – Rom 5v9. Destroying your testimony – 1 Cor 5v5	
Baptism	Water – Acts 2v38. Spiritual - 1 Cor 12v13, Rom 6v3. Of fire IN Hell – Mat 3v11-13. Of Suffering, judgement, death, wrath – look up all these Scriptures – Mat 20v22, Ps 88v6+7, Jonah 2v3, Ps 42v6+7, Mat 27v46, John 1v29, Exo 12v6+9, John 19v28, Ps 69v14+15+2	
Body	Physical – Luke 23v52, Mat 10v28, 1 Cor 15v44. Spiritual – 1 Cor 11v29, 1 Cor 12v12+13+27. 'Space' – Exo 24v10	
Sleep	'Anaesthetic' – Gen 2v21. Normal sleep – Gen 28v11. Death – Ps 13v3, John 11v11-13.	
Elder	Older person – Gen 10v21, Exo 3v16+18 etc. Ordained elder of a church – Acts 14v23, 1 Tim 5v17, Titus 1v5	

THINK about what you are reading!

What about the word 'believed' does it always mean SAVED? - see Acts 19v2!!!

Donna's Arthritis!

Thank you SO MUCH for those of you who pray for Donna on a regular basis & for those who have sent details about arthritis to her. At present she has stopped ALL medication & is trying AGAIN a special diet? Please pray that this will help as she is now having trouble with a good nights rest; & when we are as busy as we are, she NEEDS all the rest she can get. Please keep her in your prayers & again if you know of any other information that may help, please send it to us. Many thanks!

The Latest on Donna's Arthritis!

Unfortunately Donna's knees have 'ballooned' & her shoulder is so painful she can't lift her arm; so back to the doctors again! The doctor drained her knee, put a steroid in, prescribed her steroid tablets & said that she now needs to go on a much more powerful drug (the one we didn't want her to go on!) It has been very tough for Donna of late & we feel that we are at a 'dead-end' & she must try this drug. *Please keep praying that we shall do the right thing!* She is now awaiting an appointment for an ultra-sound-scan on her shoulder.

Work!

I have noticed a considerable change in my boss of late, which is sad! It is getting harder & he has caused unnecessary pressure among all those who work for him. I'm trying to keep my cool & keep reminding myself of the 'positives' rather than the negatives, but there is only so much I'll take before 'blowing-up!!!' The Lord knows my every feeling & I just pray that He shall guide me to make the right decisions in everything.

So what do you think to the Rapture tract?

We have been very excited about this NEW tract & so far it has been received very well; we have already had a number of orders, FIVE in the first week! We have also delivered over 3000 to homes. To think that some quiet little villages have now been 'showered' with information regarding the RETURN of the Lord Jesus Christ is quite incredible. I bet it gets a few people 'thinking!' Everywhere we go, we try to distribute this tract plus others. If every Christian took a handful of tracts with them when they went for a walk & distributed them along the way, I wonder what a difference that would make? I wonder how many souls would be reached if EVERY Christian did JUST THAT?

Biker gets Gospel!

While travelling through Derbyshire, Donna & I stopped off at a biker's café for a coffee. We met a guy who had lost his partner to a motorbike accident last year (in fact her photo has been put up above the place where they used to sit together in one of the rooms there.) I had a great opportunity to witness to him & gave him the Gospel. He was very open even though he did tell me that I wouldn't 'convert' him! He took the biker's tract & promised to read it. He certainly was searching in life & wanted to know the 'deeper' things of LIFE! That day he had an appointed time with the Lord & His word. Please pray for Les that he will get SAVED!

Bible Study for EX-Drug Addicts/Alcoholics!

Our Guernsev Friends!

Brother Walter on the island of Guernsey is a lovely Christian brother who is either writing to us or calling us nearly weekly. He has ordered many of our tracts & booklets & has been a great encouragement to us! Another lovely brother on the same island who has also written to us a few times is brother Lawrence; it has been a pleasure corresponding with these two men!

Idiotic Unitarians!!!

The Unitarian 'Church' in Kidderminster was open to look around recently, so I went in! It is a lovely building! I know very little about the Unitarians so I picked up some of their literature (while leaving some of mine!!!) After reading about them I now KNOW that they are total IMBECILES & I mean TOTAL IMBECILES!!! Am I being a little too harsh about them? Well you read the following & let me know what YOU think...Their literature reads (The Midland Union - An Association of Unitarian & Free 'Christian' Congregations - Why I am a Unitarian - Statements by Unitarians in the Midlands)... I was born into a family which had been members of a Unitarian church almost since 1782 when my church began. For me there is a sense of freedom, the challenge to search & find one's own personal faith, & the understanding that one's views & their expression will change over time. It does not suit those who look for an authoritative faith, but can be a joy & real support to those who value self-responsibility! I was born into a Unitarian family so inevitably grew up as one. I like two distinct facets about Unitarianism. I am comfortable with the concept of a single person being God, rather than a trinity, & I am very comfortable with a freethinking, tolerant approach to other beliefs, sincerely held, even if I do not subscribe to them, so long as we all agree there is no wrong or right about the matter. Many people in atheist & humanist organisations are always talking about people's rights, but never their responsibilities. I cannot accept the existence of a power greater than humans, therefore I am an atheist, but I am not comfortable with the 'angry' atheists self-centred approach. I share the values affirmed by Unitarians, am accepted by them, & am comfortable with their approach to life. I am a Unitarian who is a 'religious' atheist. We are not concerned about salvation. We regard this life as the most important & should live it to the full; it is the only one we are sure of having. We should behave well because of the effects of our behaviour in this world. These congregations. numbering approximately twenty, reject the imposition of creeds or articles of theological belief; they prefer to respect the freedom of the individual to believe as their conscience dictates. Now how about that! What do YOU think? You talk about UNSAVED people 'going to church' who are on THE ROAD TO HELL! What a group of Bible rejecting reprobates!!! Have you ever heard anything like it? The worst thing they could have done was advertise two of their 'members' on the back of their literature; one is the District Secretary & the other a woman 'Reverend!!!' BOTH received a letter!!! I'll keep you posted as to the outcome!

Response from Unitarians!

Well the woman 'Reverend' (Reverend is ONLY God's Title – man should NOT take this title – see Psalm 11v9, Job 32v21+22, 1 Cor 3v21, 1 Cor 4v6 etc.) wrote & said that she could not answer my questions by letter only face to face!!! Needless to say I have written to her again! The man I wrote to has responded thus... John, we Unitarians have the individual freedom to grow spiritually without any fixed ideas or creeds imposed by our church. My own personal view is that we are all God's children & should live together in peace & harmony in this wonderful world! I have also written back to this deceived man.

The Evangelical Times!

This paper should be called the 'Calvinistic Times' as they put Calvin on such a pedestal, like the Catholics do the Pope!!! Anyway, if you cut through all the rubbish of Calvinism (i.e. Calvin was WRONG on ALL 5 points of his T.U.L.I.P. doctrine!), & cut through all the dry reformed articles, you find an odd 'interesting' article occasionally. I include the following for dear old Barney... An Assemblies of God (AOG) pastor in the US is inviting his congregation to bring their guns to church to celebrate the 4th of July & 2nd Amendment. Pentecostal New Bethel Church in Louisville, Kentucky, is welcoming 'responsible handgun owners' to wear their firearms inside the church building. A church advert says there will be a handgun raffle, patriotic music & information on gun safety. However 'Rev.' (there it is again) John Philips, an Arkansas pastor shot while leading a service at his church in 1986, said a house of worship was no place for firearms!

It could ONLY be in the USA; it could ONLY be an AOG Pentecostal church couldn't it?

Gospel Meeting (30th May) at Roundswell Community Centre - Devon!

Eric Milton with his 'team' of helpers did a GREAT JOB setting up a special Gospel meeting during the month of May. The 'Time for Truth!' team of seven arrived at 1.30 pm to set up the literature tables & run through the two songs they were singing. We started the meeting at around 3.00 pm & finished 4.30 pm approx. Afterwards Eric with his team had laid on a lovely spread of food & refreshments. The sermon preached, was on the end times, with a straight down the line Gospel message. It was recorded on DVD & we shall be copying it one thousand times & sending them out all over, like we did the last time! If you would like a copy please drop us a line. Overall, the meeting was a challenge to all of us & we just pray that through His word, souls shall be saved, 'backsliders' restored, & for the rest of us, that we shall be encouraged to walk closer to the Lord, & read & study His word in a deeper way. THANK YOU Eric & Team for all the hard work you put in, you were a real blessing to us!



Following on from our meeting in Devon, a Calvinist man (NO ONE becomes a Calvinist by reading their Bibles; you become a Calvinist by reading books 'ABOUT' the Bible & following some man's twisted 'thoughts!' - 2 Peter 3v16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction) Well this man has written to me requesting that he come off the TfT News' mailing list, as he was 'shocked' that I did NOT believe John Calvin's 'flower-power' doctrine -T.U.L.I.P. He was even more SHOCKED to receive a letter from me, with over 40 bullet points, stating THE FACTS of why Calvinism is ANTI-Scriptural!!! There is nothing like the word of God to clear up a man's CONFUSION!

If you would like a list of why I am NOT a baby-sprinkling Calvinist write & let me know!!!

NEW LIFE – The Assemblies of God (AOG) Monthly Newspaper!

If you're thinking about subscribing to this monthly newspaper put out by the AOG, SAVE YOUR MONEY!!! I wouldn't bother; <u>IT'S PATHETIC</u>! Here are a few things you will find in June's Issue 184...

- 1) I'm dancing to a new tune a transformed lap-dancer is to perform a ballet dance to senior church leaders after declaring she has found God! The article is so nauseating I won't bother you with anymore of it!!!
- 2) Big change for former Playboy girl Playboy model Brittany Ginger said... "Hank (Hank Baskett an American footballer whom she has married) makes her pray before meals now. His family is so religious & he really calmed her down a lot, he's good for her!!!!!!!" Pathetic isn't it!
- 3) DMX Rapper in faith telly show plans Rap star DMX who last month was freed after a 90-day jail term has revealed his plans to launch a Christian TV programme DMX was jailed in Maricopa County Jail in Arizona for drug possession, theft & animal cruelty. But he said he would use his faith to turn his life around!!! The controversial rap star has said his latest brush with the law has made him realise that his calling is to be a pastor!!! Can you believe the RUBBISH this newspaper puts out???
- 4) Oh my Lord, have a break A chocolate fan has taken the biscuit after finding an image of Jesus in his KitKat. The finder told Dutch news site 'NU.nl' "I was amazed. I just took a bite & then I saw the face of Christ in it." What can you say? IDIOTS, the lot of them i.e. the guy who 'found it'; the guy who wrote/produced the article; the editor of this IDIOTIC 'Christian' newspaper PLUS the IDIOTS that distribute this 'crass' newspaper!
- 5) Healing School Learn at home. Practical & informative. 9 months course £15 monthly!!! Once you have learnt the 'craft' (that's the word!!!) you can start going around the hospitals healing all the rich-sick & start making ONE MILLION pounds a DAY!!! Save your money folks & the disappointment these 'wackheads' will cause you!!!
- 6) Life Transforming Training in Healing & Discipleship 1st 9th August. 20+ years experience in the healing ministry!!! How do they get away with stuff like this??? If you get sucked in it could wreck your life!!! I've seen it happen!

Now folks, here me out; if you can't see anything WRONG with the above YOU ought to be 'sectioned' (commit someone compulsorily to a psychiatric hospital in accordance with a section of a mental health act) – I know of folks (pastors) who post this RUBBISH out every month through peoples doors around their churches, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? I would not even use it to line my birdcage (if I had a bird that is!!!) – it is probably the WORST 'Christian' newspaper I have EVER seen!!! To say that the AOG is a superficial 'organisation' FULL of 'superficial' churches is the understatement of 2009. No wonder we are NOT seeing many souls saved in this country! Luke 16v8 ...for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Thank you Arthur!

You may remember Arthur videoed the Lovacott meeting we took in 2007 & from it we sent out one thousand DVD's! Well he did it again for us when we preached at Barnstaple in May this year. Again we shall produce another thousand DVD's & send them out. Thank you Arthur for helping us in this ministry; it is great when Christians work as a team to get the Gospel out! How is your 'team' performing? Are you part of a team?

Encouragement from France!

Pamela writes... 'We had a baptism today (Sun July 5th); a man in his thirties, Philippe, who got saved at a meeting in Angers. The speaker was Tony Anthony, a former World Kung Fu champion who was converted in prison.' To think this young man now has a place in Heaven is FANTASTIC! What great news it is that souls are still being saved even in this very dark world! Keep witnessing everywhere you can folks!

'Mystic Meg' heads up the AOG!!!

I have been to a few AOG 'conferences' in the past & I have heard John Partington (the new leader of the AOG - he is heading up 600 AOG churches!!!) speak! When I was there he was giving a 'prophetic-word' about ONE person in the meeting who had a 'river at the bottom of his garden etc. etc.' - I think he went on to say that the ONE person had grass in the garden & a roof on his house, oh & I think there were a couple of bushes in the garden somewhere!!! - I mean REAL specific prophecies man!!! (That part I exaggerate a little, BUT ONLY a little!!! In fact after all his spouting 'SIX' people came forward (NOT the prophetic 'ONE') in obedience to his 'prophetic (pathetic) - word!') Anyway, to cut a long boring story short, John Partington is now HEAD of the AOG in the UK. He said, after being voted in, "I trust that through me God will be able to inject the fun & feel-good factor in the nation's AOG churches!' Good old Johnny, that's what we need, some good old 'feel-good-factors in our churches, never mind the Gospel OR Bible teaching!!!' That'll save the masses Johnny!!! After picking over 90% of the vote at the AOG conference John said "Jesus could change the world with 11 people & I believe that we can change our nation with the guys & girls that are in this movement with the call of God upon them." (He couldn't even change a tyre!!!) You all ought to get hold of the Joy Magazine (The AOG official magazine) especially issue 177 June 2009; you won't believe what you read - If you want a good laugh GET A COPY! A pastor from Dudley (Willie Watt - no I'm NOT joking!) said regarding the Joy Magazine... "In my opinion it is the best Christian magazine in circulation." What can I say Willie??? I know what I would LIKE to say to Willie, apart from the fact that he doesn't read much!!! Like I say, not all the clowns are in the circus! Now I know some of you don't like my 'tone' & the way I say things, BUT, I hear & see SO MUCH 'tosh' going under the name 'Christianity' that it makes me sick! These guys ought to be held accountable for the RUBBISH they put out; they ought to be named as Paul named those in his day... 2 Tim 4v14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: I know of MANY people who have been sucked into this Pentecostal / Charismatic 'merry-go-round' & most of them don't even have the assurance of SALVATION – so much so for signs & wonders – they don't even know they are SAVED!!! The Pentecostal / Charismatic 'Christians' are the most SHALLOW Biblical Christians I have met, that is why they are always 'worrying' over things like 'Have I blasphemed the Holy Ghost? Have I LOST my salvation? Why can't I speak in tonques? etc. The BIBLE will clear up ALL your 'worries' if you only read & believed what it said rightly dividing it of course!

JOY Magazine writes regarding John Partington - he has been a pastor & 'apostolic' leader... APOSTOLIC leader??? Rev 2v2 and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Has John Partington been 'TRIED?' - Do you know the 'qualifications' you need to be an apostle? - Acts 1v22 - 'Old' Johnny looks good for his age don't he!!!

SORRY Readers but I have just turned over the page in the JOY magazine!!!

You have just got to read this...Great Britain's No 1 Evangelist - Melvin Banks! WHO??? It goes on to say... More miracles are seen in his meetings than in any other ministry or church in Europe. The greatest soul-winner in the British Isles today! (Humble feller ain't ya Mel?) Invite this evangelist & a Holy-Spirit revival will come to your church. Hundreds are baptised in the Holy Ghost speaking in 'tongues'. He has witnessed EVERY Bible 'miracle' - except walking on water (What about the Red Sea Mel? Peter's shadow Mel? Samson & his ass's jawbone Mel? When were you in a lion's den Mel? Frogs Mel? I think you may have missed a few HUNDRED!!!) All the demons of Hell cannot stop these revivals! Almost everywhere he ministers a local revival breaks out. They call him the 21st Century Kenneth Hagin (Fine boast - Hagin was another charlatan) He pastored a church for 12 years. It became possibly the most thriving rural congregation in the UK. 100's came. He never conducted one funeral in all that time. A miracle church! The church where no-one ever died! (No one dies in a morgue Mel!) Order his Holy Ghost books! No thanks Mel, all the same, I'll keep my money & buy a hair-dryer! Now listen folks, how do you think the people of this world see this kind of stuff? They are not stupid! (Luke 16v8 ...for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.) If you think people like 'Mystic-Meg' & 'Mel-Baby' are ever going to bring a REVIVAL to the UK - YOU are three sandwiches short of a picnic! If there EVER was a time to GET INTO THAT BOOK (the Authorized Version Bible) it is NOW! Stop fooling around with these clowns!

Interesting!!!

I hear that Michael Penfold's 'Penfold Book & Bible House' has been 'bought' by John Ritchie!!! Michael Penfold the AV Bible CRITIC is no longer solo???!!! Very interesting!!! I wouldn't correct the AV folks if my life depended on it!!!

Rapture Tract Returned!

Today I received a brown envelope with no stamp on it, yet it had been through the postal system! I opened it up to find our Rapture tract inside. It had a note with it that read... 'Send out rubbish & expect to pay for it's return' – the person who obviously was upset to receive this tract, went out of their way to switch on their computer, type out my name & address (incorrect spelling of course), go on to type out a brief note; print it out & THEN, with scissors, cut the note out of the sheet of paper, put it in an envelope & then drive/walk to the post box!!! Don't you think that is quite incredible? I mean, this person is very angry, BUT WHY? For telling him/her that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back very soon!!! How do you think that person will feel WHEN the Lord has returned & called the church home? How do you think that person will feel KNOWING that what he read WAS TRUE; & wishing that he had never sent that tract back to us? I wonder how he/she will cope during the Tribulation? Isn't it amazing how ANTI-Christian some people are! (I wonder if he responds to his 'junk' mail in the same way??? If not, WHY NOT???) Oh yes, we didn't get charged the postage!!!

Another Rapture Tract Returned!

We recently visited a small village called Pound Green, Arley & 'dropped' a few Rapture tracts. Not many days later we received the following letter from 'the residents' (obviously just ONE anti-Christian resident!)... 'Dear John, we as residents of Pound Green, Arley Lane Bewdley don't appreciate litter. We have found many (over 50) of your booklets scattered on the roadside. In future please use a dustbin! This area is a place of outstanding natural beauty! Many thanks, Pound Green Residents.' Well whoever wrote the letter LIED when they said over 50 as we left approximately 5. Isn't it amazing how 'ANGRY' people get when responding to the word of God!

Talk about AMAZING!!!

The day after we received the Rapture tract back from the 'residents-of-Pound-Green-Arley,' we received a letter from the Netherlands which read... 'Dear brother John Davis, At first I hope that you can read & understand my bad English... I am coming from the Netherlands & I was walking the Wye Valley walk & found the tract in the grass verge — 'Mark 8v36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' Very good!!!! I am a Christian too & I want to say to you; Go on, go on to propagate the gospel. The Bible says Ecc 11v1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. It can be difficult to do it, for we don't always see fruits. I will pray for you! Now just when I was thinking, should I leave tracts down country roads as I travel the country, I receive a letter like this! AMAZING! Out of the hundreds of thousands of tracts that we have distributed, we receive a letter from a guy in the Netherlands who found one of our tracts in a grass verge near Hay-on-Wye — HOW ABOUT THAT!!! God is such a great encourage! The guy who wrote wants us to write to him, which we shall do, in order to encourage him also! Life is full of disappointments & rejections, but the Lord will always encourage us to press on IN HIS WILL! Doesn't it just cancel out the letter from the residents at Pound-Green-Arley!!!

Letter from Steve in USA!

Steve writes... 'As always I was happy to receive your newsletter, & to get caught up with some of the events in your lives, & your ministry. I have great empathy for Donna's arthritic pain John. I have a particularly nasty form of osteoarthritis, & have been wheelchair bound for 8+ years. In the cell I am able to use a walker. My life revolves around my disease, & there are many days (especially in winter) when I do not even want to put my feet on the floor. I received a letter from Brother Lordson in India. I was touched to learn that you encouraged him to write me. The Lord certainly works through people. Thank you for remembering me. Things here are the same as always; I eat some of the meals, read my Bible, go to Bible studies, & watch the world news. It's not an exciting life by the world's standards, but it is a simple, peaceful one for which I am grateful. Please add my name to those seeking correspondence with other AV Christians. You & your ministry remain in my daily prayers.' What a lovely letter Steve writes. Please remember him in your prayers & if you can, write & encourage him; his address is... Steve Printz (DJ0312), 1 Kelley Drive, Coal Township, PA 17866-1021, USA.

Letter from Steve in UK!

It is very encouraging to know about other Christians spreading the word of God in their local areas. Steve from Manchester ordered 50 'money-tracts' & writes... 'Dear John & Donna, Many thanks for the recent supply of 50 x 'What shall it profit...' which are being put to very good use! To think that probably over 50 people will read something of the word of God as these tracts get distributed. Pray for Steve in his ministry up there in Manchester! How many tracts have you given out this week?

Letter from Lordson Roch...

'Dear Brother John, I am doing fine and I believe you received the last updates that I sent to you which mentions some of our current works and small joy's of our ministry here.. Let me write a few things about me as you asked. Currently I am pastoring the Grace and Truth Baptist Church, which I started from the scratch by the grace of God on May 6th of 2006. We are a small group of believers, who believe the AV Bible and we trust God for the growth even as we go out witnessing. I became a Christian on January 21 in the year 2000 born in a Roman Catholic family and wanted to become a priest but My loving saviour The Lord Jesus Christ saved me and called me to be a preacher. I am a very young pastor. Currently I am preaching and teaching from the book of Acts and it's a real blessing to us here. I will be visiting a new family tomorrow; please pray may the Spirit of God convict this family. I thank you all for your prayers and Love. Keep in touch. You are a blessing to me. Your Fellow servant. Lordson Roch. Grace and Truth Baptist Church, Goa, India.' What a blessing it is to correspond with COMMITTED Christians like this brother. I would certainly encourage you to write to brother Lordson Roch - if you can, 'support him' in the work he is doing! He needs our help & support! (Pastor Lordson Roch, Grace & Truth Baptist Church - H.NO 215/71, OPP Nandanvan, Appt 2, Bella Vista Waddo, Sangolda Bardez, GOA 403511, INDIA)

Siloam Christian Ministries FREE Book Offer – DECLINE IT!!!

Guess where I saw it advertised? You got it... An AOG publication (I can't remember whether it was the Joy (SAD) Magazine OR New Life (DEAD) Newspaper?) – The book is called... Wake Up! The Lord is Returning, by Alf Droy! I skimmed through it (after spending 20 minutes on it – it wasn't worth 10 minutes to be fair!) & have never seen such a 'smorgasbord' of ERRORS! His doctrine was as straight as a corkscrew! (NOT even that straight!) Poor old 'Alfy' has seen visions galore & still hasn't got anything right; Droy doesn't half write some DROSS!!! If you see an advert advertising this FREE book, don't waste your time ordering it, unless you are short of 'fire-starters!' – Siloam are probably good at practical 'ministry' i.e. getting clean water to Africa & building schools in third world countries (which is obviously a good work to do), BUT, if their emphasis is NOT the Gospel, all they will do is LOVE people right INTO HELL! Stop & think about that for a while!

FREE OFFER!!!

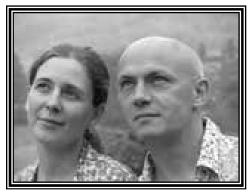
We are always trying to encourage Christians to give out tracts & sow the word of God everywhere they can. We are a ministry & not a business, therefore we do NOT make any money & we do NOT 'try' to make money! If you cannot afford the materials we supply (all of them are at COST price – what WE pay YOU pay!) we would be happy to supply some to you free of charge! I have found on the whole that Christians will spend most of their money on THEMSELVES rather than on Christian literature to give away; to me that is very sad but very true! Most Christians here in the UK live 'comfortably' especially compared with our brothers & sisters overseas in foreign lands! But here is my offer to you, to encourage you to distribute tracts – we will send you 20 tracts (including booklets, CD's or DVD's etc) FREE OF CHARGE for you to distribute! All you have to do is write & request which ones you would like. Postage is also FREE OF CHARGE! I am very interested to see how many of you will take us up on the offer! If you are not used to sowing the seed of the word of God, now is a great opportunity to start!

Another Issue Completed!

July already! *Man, its flying!* Loads to do & so many souls to reach! Let us all make EVERY DAY count for the Lord! Keep us posted as to what you are all up to; its great to get your letters, 'good & bad,' & keep sowing the seed of the word of God everywhere, *including 'grass-verges!!!'* Every blessing to you as you seek to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

John & Donna

TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!



Look up! (We can't wait!)

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My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up (Ps 5v3)

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21v28)

What are you really doing with your life?

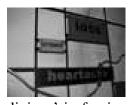
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Talked with anyone recently about the Lord & their lost soul?	
Given out a Gospel tract?	
Written a letter to encourage another Christian or missionary?	
Sent some money to support a ministry or work of the Lord?	
Prayed earnestly for souls to be saved?	
Wept over the lost souls going to Hell?	
Sought God's will for your life?	
Tried to reach an unsaved family member before it's too late?	
Subscribed to the 'Christian Institute' or 'Christian Voice'?	
Prayed for those in authority that they will make sound & right decisions?	
Backed up another Christian brother/sister who is in trouble?	
Asked your church leader (pastor, elder etc) what can YOU do to help?	
Bought some tracts recently?	
Written to your MP standing up for Christian values?	
Written to the Prime-minister standing against unbiblical laws etc.?	
Read your Bible EVERY day over the last month?	
Taken anyone to church over the last few weeks?	
Opened up your home (which the Lord has given you) to someone for a meal?	
Thanked the Lord for all the blessings he has given you?	
Written to your local school complaining about the teaching of evolution?	
Witnessed to the people you work with i.e. your boss & colleagues?	
Cleaned up your life & got rid of the 'stuff' that is causing you problems?	
Made a difference in anybody's life since you've been here?	

LIFE is hard for all of us at times!

1 Peter 5v9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. We all struggle through LIFE at times. We



all have our 'Euroclydons' (Acts 27) that we fight our way through. Some Christians live in fear of persecution &



threats of death from Muslims & other 'religions' in foreign lands; some Christians struggle with disease, sickness & pain throughout their whole

lives (no matter how much faith they have!); some a very lonely walk, they have very few people (if at about their problems & anxieties; some Christians poverty line while others only just make ends meet;



Christians find it all) to talk to live below the some Christians



are constantly in a battle with SIN IN THE FLESH – they are daily struggling with an habitual sin that they just can't seem to overcome. Nearly every time

temptation comes along they lose the fight! Like I say, LIFE is hard & full of trials & tribulations. Oftentimes it is the Christians who keep spouting on about how 'godly'

they are & how much they love works for Him, they are the ones living how they ought!



the Lord & want to DO good who are 'backsliding' & NOT Christians lie just like people

of the world lie!!! You see, we are ALL in the same boat i.e. LIFE, & in this LIFE we shall constantly be in a fight with the world, the flesh & the Devil...the hardest fight being with THE FLESH!!! The answer to living a VICTORIOUS life is ONLY found when you are walking IN the Spirit & you are constantly LIVING THE WORD OF GOD! Most Christians are very shallow in the word of God, they do not read it every



day & if they do, it's usually only for a few minutes. This is one reason as to why we have so many backslidden Christians



today who don't go to church & are not living as they should for the Lord. No matter what you are going through at present, ask the Lord to help you get into His word & pray that He will lead & guide you in EVERY decision you make. Ask yourself this question... 'How much of the Lord do I *really* want?' Is He everything to you or do you just call on Him when you are in trouble? The majority of Christians in church are not *really* committed to the Lord, & they are certainly NOT committed to doing His work......are you?

How about this for a great verse AGAINST Calvin's 'Limited Atonement!'

2 Pet 2v1 But there were FALSE PROPHETS also among the people, even as there shall be FALSE TEACHERS among you, who privily shall bring in DAMNABLE HERESIES, even denying the Lord THAT BOUGHT THEM, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. That what??? THAT BOUGHT THEM!!! Get it? How clear do you want it? Christ paid the way for the false teachers - LOST, false prophets – LOST... in fact He paid the way for EVERYONE including ALL the LOST souls who have ever lived! But from their FREE-WILL (Oh yes brother!!!) they CHOSE not to ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive them of their sins! Like I say, Calvin's 'TULIP' is as unscriptural as the Jehovah's Witness 'annihilation!' You want it, take it, but for us Bible Believers, we'll stick to the SCRIPTURES as our FINAL AUTHORITY!

Responses from last TfT News! – THANK YOU for all your letters!

The first call we received was from a lady who wanted to purchase some 'Chick-tracts!' second call we received was from an angry Calvinist spouting on about how I shouldn't make 'flippant' remarks about his 'hero' Calvin (see article further on in TfT News!) He then asked if I would remove his name from our mailing list (no problem sonny!) Needless to say I have written to him & sent him two sermons about the ERRORS of Calvinism! Next came a letter from a brethren-woman in Worcestershire who was complaining about 'what I say & the way I say things' (same old, same old...) - she didn't like me 'mocking' the 'brethren' as she was brought up in the brethren, saved & baptised in the brethren but now she attends a 'reformed-evangelicalchapel!!!' (Work that one out!) She didn't like the photo of the woman's head covering (I did!), she didn't like me calling the Unitarians 'imbeciles' (yet that's what they are!) & sometimes she finds me offensive (who doesn't these days?) - Do you know what I think to all this? I think Christians are so thin skinned; they can't stomach TRUTH these days, they get all upset when someone takes a 'pot-shot' at their 'pet-doctrines' or favourite 'speaker' or 'denomination' etc. I mean there are a lot of 'milk-sop' Christians out there who will watch TV programmes with HATRED, VIOLENCE, MURDERS, KILLINGS, SWEARING, SEX, HORROR & all the other SATANIC rubbish, but when it comes to John Davis having a 'pop' at someone, they 'freak-out' & start kicking all their toys out of the pram! This woman who has written to me (& I have nothing against her!) went on to tell me that Christ never ridiculed anyone; of course He didn't but how about this... Jesus said in Luke 13v32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. And what about Elijah... 1 Kings 18v27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. You see, I'm accused of being too 'harsh' but have you ever read what Jesus said in Mat 23v14+15+23-29+33... Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? When have I ever spoken as 'harsh' AS THAT??? How about this next 'harsh' statement from a man who is FULL of the Holy Ghost i.e. Paul... Acts 13v9+10 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? If you think I'm that 'hard' you're crazy! So you see, milksop-Christians (1 Cor 3v2, Heb 5v12+13) have double-standards when it comes to complaining; I bet 99% of the Christians that write 'negative' letters complaining about the way I talk, have a TV & watch & listen to far worse than I say... am I right? The ONLY problem I have with the brethren is when they DEPART from the word of God & hold traditions on par with the Scriptures; when they do I give them a 'bit of stick!' The ONLY problem I have with the Pentecostals is when they DEPART from the word of God; then it's their turn for a 'beating!' When it comes to Unitarians, JW's & Moron's THEY DESERVE WHAT THEY GET! Sorry, but that's the way it is! Another call we received in response to our last newsletter was from a guy who wanted an EXTRA 12 copies!!! You brave man!!!

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph 5v15+16

Donna's Doctor/GP!

We have recently sent the book 'One small speck to Man – The Evolution Myth' to Donna's doctor! The man who wrote this book is a Christian SURGEON! I would recommend this book! (www.onesmallspeck.com) – we shall be ordering another 10 copies to give to each doctor/GP at the surgery. How about you trying to reach your doctor?

The 'Secret' Rapture – is it Scriptural?

A lady up north has recently written to us requesting tracts etc. She also sent us a small booklet named above! I haven't the *faintest* idea why the 'writer,' Alan Campbell BA (*BA* = *bankrupt in authority!!!*) has bothered putting pen to paper. The Gospel he preaches is the 'Kingdom of Heaven' (*say no more!*) & 'saints' in Jude 14 means 'angels' etc. etc. You talk about saving the environment – why idiots like these waste 'trees' to put forth their rubbish is beyond belief. When anyone teaches a heresy he MUST change the AV Bible, & of course this 'man' does as he keeps running to 'the Greek' (*but which one he doesn't tell you!*) to try to 'prove' his ignorance!!! So, if you see any books by Alan Campbell BA, *save the environment & save your money!!!* I suggest the lady who sent it to me starts LOOKING UP as the Rapture is imminent *no matter what dear old Alan tells us!*

Christians in Sheffield Copying 'Heaven or Hell?' CD!

It was very encouraging to receive a call from a couple in Sheffield asking if they could copy our 'Heaven or Hell?' CD! They have a facility at their church to copy 10 at a time! May God bless them as they distribute this CD all around their area! It encourages Donna & I when other Christians are reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel...are you? We do NOT have a copyright on ANY of our material so please feel free to copy what you like to get the Gospel out!

'Self Opinionated Arrogance!!!'

Well I've been called a lot worse! A response from the last newsletter inferred that I was ALL of the above. Now I suppose I do come across like that at times, but I'm not *really* like it *honest!* I'm really a 'puppy' when you get to know me! I only go hard on Bible correctors, heretics & arrogant, stubborn & lazy Christians i.e. those who will NOT listen or reason as to what the Scriptures SAY rather than what they THINK they say! It's dealing with those kinds of people that bring out the worst in me! I am willing to learn from anyone regarding the Scriptures - If you are NOT willing to learn or reason FROM the Scriptures, don't waste your time OR MINE! The Calvinistic man from Sunderland was very arrogant & stubborn so he was met with much the same! After returning the information we sent him (*cream-puff!!!*) he went on to send us *some of his drivel!* You see, he wasn't willing to listen or learn! These 'Christians' aren't worth the time as they have MADE UP THEIR MINDS ALREADY! There is a time to be gentle, loving & caring; there is also a time to be hard, straight &...you decide!!! I shall stand for THE TRUTH the best I can! Just because YOU have believed something for so long DOESN'T make it right...what saith the Scriptures??? (Rom 4v3, Gal 4v30)

Oaks Newsletter!

Well LaToya produced our 2nd Oaks Community Church newsletter which was delivered to approximately 120 homes in the vicinity of Harvington during August. It keeps the 'locals' up-to-date with what we are doing at the church. We also included in the envelope the latest Rapture tract plus a 'Who Cares?' tract. So far, apart from the carol service, no one has come to the church from the village direct. Please pray that some folks shall come soon.

President receives GOSPEL message!

Not the President of the USA but the president of The Kidderminster Golf Club! In fact we sent our 'Life Then Eternity' booklet to the president, captain, vice captain, club secretary, treasurer, the committee & directors! The booklet went to 24 members of the club! Pray that these folks shall respond to the Gospel message! The game of golf is an idol to some people, including Christians; & it's so time consuming!

Interesting Info about EARTH!

The Earth's diameter is 8,000 miles. If it varied 10% either way, life would be impossible! At 7,200 miles it would be unable to retain an atmosphere for any length of time, & would become a frozen waste. At 8,800 miles the weight of the atmosphere would double, increasing the total amount of water & probably inundating the entire planet! Our planet's orbital period of 365¼ days, axial tilt of 23½ degrees, gives us four seasons. A longer or shorter year would not allow the right growth period for crops. The Earth's 24-hour rotation period is also convenient; a longer interval would result in excessive day-time heating, & night-time temperatures would plunge to life-destroying levels. Most other planets in our solar system have much longer or shorter rotational periods, ranging from Saturn's 10 hours to Venus's 243 days! The Earth's average distance from the Sun – 93 million miles – seems just right. Contrast our planet's average temperature of 15 degrees with Venus's 470 degrees C. OR 50 degrees C. for Mars! Planet Earth exists in a narrow band between uninhabitable extremes! *All this because of an 'accident???' Stop being a MONKEY!!!*

'Simply-Church' - FOR 'SIMPLETONS!!!'

You have just got to look up this new church recently started in Kidderminster, it's called 'simply-church'; (their website is simply-church.org) – You won't believe what they are in to... Christians are finding diamonds in their bed-covers!!! I'm told that two-hundred people attend this church every Sunday at 4.00pm. Healings are taking place like it's gone out of fashion; people are throwing away crutches & running around in the meetings; they have a young band playing the 'worship' & they all find it really COOL & FUN! This modern church is the epitome of a 'modern-church' - it is everything THE SCRIPTURES ARE AGAINST! They advertise meeting after meeting, fitness sessions, runs, men's meetings, women's meetings, youth meetings etc. BUT they do NOT advertise one single BIBLE STUDY meeting! I wonder why? I doubt if there is one Bible believer in the 200! We are trying to grow a church on the Scriptures; 47 people have come through the doors & approximately 3 have 'joined' us! There is certainly a famine of the word of God today & most Christians do not want to really LIVE for God in EVERYTHING; it is a milk-sop-lukewarm-loving-caring-sharing-cool & fun kind of 'religion' today: these churches know nothing about SIN; the holiness, judgement, & wrath of God; they know NOTHING about HELL & do not WANT to know about HELL; they are just a bunch of loving, worldly people, calling themselves 'Christians,' & meet just for 'social' reasons, i.e. it's a 'CLUB!' I want NONE of it! This kind of 'religion' is the most nauseating of all; God HATES it (It makes God SICK - Rev 3v14-19) & me too! It's a 'religion' for babies; for immature Christians (if they are saved that is) who are happy to live on milk for the rest of their lives – they will never grow up! Any person STAYING in a church like this is a SIMPLETON who knows no better!

Great Sayings...

Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) said "To bring about spontaneous generation would be to create life. My experiments show that this is impossible!"

George Greenstein (Astronomer) said in 1988 "As we survey all the evidence, the thought insistently arises that some supernatural agency must be involved. Is it possible that, without intending to, we have stumbled upon a scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being?"

Universal Salvation- a Doctrine from HELL!

Well I finally received the 'Tewkesbury Theology Forum Paper on 'Not One of Them will be Lost – The Good News of Universal Salvation' by Howard Bluett (N.H. Bluett)' & it's about as BAD as it gets! In fact it is BEYOND BELIEF! Again I would recommend that you request a copy; we have photocopied it a few times, if you want one! It is as far away from Scriptural Truth as any cult or false religion: if the man who produced this article is saved I'll be amazed! I shall be writing to this FOOL & suggest you do the same. To think that a 'preacher/teacher' like this, in the Church of England has the nerve to even show his face when it comes to teaching others the word of God, fails me; I just can't understand how these clowns can be so bold KNOWING NOTHING! Truly we are living in the LAST of the last days! I would suggest you all read Titus chapter ONE before moving on to the next article!

Bible College – should a Christian GO?

It's interesting to note that 'university' occurs NOWHERE in Scripture; 'school' occurs only ONCE – Acts 19v9 & 'college' occurs only TWICE – 2 Kings 22v14, 2 Chron 34v22. So should a Christian go to Bible college? My 'opinion' is thus... ONLY as a last resort; & if you do go, go to an AV Bible Believing one! One of the first things a Bible College will do to a Christian is destroy his confidence in the Authorized Version Bible! They'll start telling you about the Greek & Hebrew to take your ENGLISH Bible away from you! They'll say things like 'The AV maybe closest to the original manuscripts BUT... OR 'A better translation would be...' Let me give you a few Scriptures to back up my argument of why I would NOT recommend you to go to Bible College!...

John 14v26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16v13+14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Acts 4v13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

1 Cor 2v7-11+13 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Job 32v8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Prov 2v6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

James 1v5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Mat 16v17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

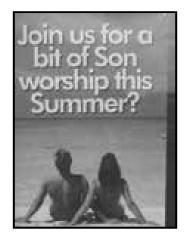
1 John 2v27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

What further evidence do you want? If you WANT to learn the Scriptures THE LORD will teach you, He will lead & guide you through the Holy Spirit; just sit at His feet & open your heart! I am NOT saying that it is WRONG to go to Bible College; I am saying that I wouldn't recommend it, that's all! You DO as the Lord leads & guides you! If He closes the door, DON'T try to open it! There are plenty MORE Scriptures with regard to the Lord TEACHING you & NOT man! I know of Christians who have a great zeal for God to serve Him in reaching lost souls, & so they join 'OAM – Open Air Mission' or OAM-Open Air Campaigners or OM-Operation Mobilisation etc. Now take just those three 'organisations,' I don't know of one person in ANY of them, who believes the word of God is PRESERVED PERFECT IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION as EVERY ONE of those 'evangelists' distributes PER-version tracts i.e. NIV, NKJV, ASV, RSV etc. If you love the Lord & you love His word, He will teach you & equip you for His service...just read & read & read & read & read & read the AV asking God to help you understand it. Get a wide margin Bible & cross reference, comparing Scripture with

Scripture! Once you're ready...GOD WILL SEND YOU!

PATHETIC CHURCH SIGNS!

See the crosses on their backs? A few years ago we ran a 'pathetic-church-sign' section in each issue of TfT News! Remember that? Well in Kidderminster I saw this one recently. Now just tell me what good this kind of sign does? Where is the word of God? - Heb 4v12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Rom 10v17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 1 Pet 1v23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. This kind of 'putrid/rancid' sign put out by many modern/trendy churches these days just brings a mockery to Christianity. They



would be better NOT to advertise at all! Why don't Christians read their Bibles & get close to the Lord; THEN they would know WHAT to do, & WHAT kind of sign THE LORD wants! If you want EXCELLENT signs promoting the word of God I would highly recommend the Trinitarian Bible Society, Tyndale House, Dorset Road, London, SW19, 3NN. Tel – 020 8543 7857. www.tbs-sales.org orders@TBS-sales.org (Be warned – their staff are NOT the friendliest in the world (see previous issues of TfT News!); one of their receptionists sucks on a lemon for breakfast – remember that one? It's probably because they are Calvinistic & Reformed – most Calvinistic & Reformed Christians are dead-miserable – probably because they can't '...Rightly Divide the Word of Truth' – 2 Tim 2v15. We 'dispensationalists' are a right happy bunch compared!)

Calvin's 'Disciples!'

'Boy oh Boy!' – These Christians who follow Calvin rather than the Bible really get upset when you have a go at their 'pope!' One guy left an answer-phone message on my mobile telling me that the Police had visited him (because he preaches the Gospel too aggressively 'he said!') & that he wanted to discuss it with me??? So I called him! What did he REALLY want to talk to me about... you got it, his hero CALVIN! He said that he didn't like what I said about his 'hero' & that he had been a Calvinist for 30 years – imagine being in ERROR for 30 years!!! Poor little man! Of course we exchanged Scriptures, & he, like all Calvinists, couldn't answer any of the Scriptures I put to him! I must say that I was VERY encouraged that he & his wife DO get out there & preach the Gospel (they're really 'moderate' Calvinists, but don't tell them!), but I do wonder what GOSPEL he preaches??? He told me that 'he that endureth to the end SHALL BE SAVED!!!' Oh dear! That's NOT the Gospel Paul preached (1 Cor 15v1-4) – so what do we do now, GO BUY SOME 'TULIPS???' I asked what church this guy went to & he said that it was called 'INTER-FLORA-BAPTIST for Calvinists- strict & peculiar & he is PECULIAR!!!' Sounds nice don't it!

Remember ACE Café?

The most famous 'biker' café in London; maybe in England! – Well we have sent hundreds of our biker tracts to them for distribution over previous months; *they initially requested them!* I noticed that on the 26th July they had a Suzuki day & our tracts have the 'Suzuki-Hayabusa' on the front, (The fastest production bike ever made!!! *I thought I'd throw that*



one in!), with the Suzuki motto 'Way of Life!' So we sent them another 400 tracts to distribute! Please pray that bikers shall get saved!

He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. (Prov 29v1)

Oaks Community Church Update!

Well we are having some great meetings & some great studies, THANK YOU LORD, but it is still extremely hard getting people to come to church. Over 10,000 leaflets have now been distributed advertising Oaks Community Church. So far a total of 47 people have come through the doors since we started in October 2008. Maybe 3 people have 'joined' us??? BUT, we shall keep preaching & teaching the word of God & we shall stand against the world, the flesh, & the Devil! We shall also continue to tract areas & witness where we can. This church is the Lord's church & we are totally in His hands. If it grows we shall thank Him, if is doesn't, we shall still thank Him! We love the Lord Jesus Christ with all our hearts & only want to serve Him. From the church we are supporting missionaries as & when we can, we are sending our literature all the time to those who are distributing further-a-field; we are a BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH!

'The End Times!' - DVD!

We have now taken delivery of one thousand DVD's of the Roundswell service, which we took back in May. We have called the DVD 'The End Times!' If you would like to buy one & then copy it please do so. The price is 70 pence each which includes the DVD & a clear plastic wallet; we have also had the words 'The End Times!' printed on the DVD itself! If you can't afford it, but want one, just request one anyway, & we shall post it out to you! If you don't like the preaching, it would still be worth getting a copy just for the team singing, plus Mark's solo 'The Lord's Prayer!'

Oaks Community Church at the National Indoor Arena (NIA)



Well it was over four years ago since LaToya & I entered a badminton competition, so we thought we would try out the annual Yehlex tournament at the National Indoor Arena! I went in the men's singles & won two out of my four games (I should have won all four but 'fitness' let me down along with the pressure...what a whimp!!!). Then LaToya & I entered the mixed doubles! A repeat of four years ago seemed likely as we cruised along to the semi-



finals winning 7 out of 8 games! needed 5 more points to reach the competitors dug in well & we felt All was on the last game & they up, therefore we lost 2 – 1 & overall it was a good day of great cheerleaders, that was when personal coaching session with I think she is hoping to impress SMASH!!!



We went 1 up in the semi & only final...but this never came! Our the pressure as they equalized 1 – 1. pulled too far ahead for us to catch were knocked out! Shame! But badminton. Donna & Dionne were Dionne wasn't sneaking off for a the Korean WORLD CHAMPION! us all at the club with her new

Make sure you RESPOND!

We have often promoted the 'Christian Institute' in our newsletters; they do an excellent work, but they NEED our SUPPORT! I would urge everyone of you to make a call to them asking them to put you on their FREE mailing list – you NEED to read & understand what is going on in ENGLAND! You wouldn't believe what the 'Government' want to teach our children about 'sex-education' in schools now – get their leaflet 'Sex Education' & READ IT & then DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!! Call the Christian Institute on 0191 281 5664 OR look up their web-site... http://www.christian.org.uk (email them on... info@christian.org.uk)

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Eph 5v17)

AV Bibles under £2.00!!!

Remember 'The Works' bookshop were selling off AV Bibles a while back between £3.00 & £1.00? Well they are doing it again! Although it is a different Bible this time, i.e. 'paperback,' it is certainly worth buying some just to give away for the future! We purchased 35 at one store in Lincolnshire & we are scouting around for others! We can always use AV Bibles, so if you have any spare & would like to donate some to us, please post them to our 'Time for Truth!' address – we'll make sure they get distributed! To think what people spend their money on & you can get a copy of THE WORD OF GOD for under £2 is amazing; it's something to think about for a while, priorities & all that!!!

You Just NEVER Know!

How about this for a letter... 'Re - Request for 'You Asked The Question! By John Davis' I am writing in appreciation of the impact the above mentioned book had made in my life, while passing through an experience of life in the Milton Keynes prison. My name is M_ national of Nigeria... after an incident I was arrested & taken to Milton Keynes home awaiting trial. My awaiting trial span over a period of 3 months, it was during the period & at the verge of going crazy, that I came into contact with the book (You Asked The Question!) After going through the book & some other books that I was able to come back to myself & to be able to get closer to God like never before. The book among other books had a tremendous impact in my life to the extent that my faith in God increased while in the gallows, until I was freed in June 2009. MY REQUEST – In the light of my experience I am therefore making a passionate request for some copies of the books to be sent to me for people that are going through the same ordeal in prison in Africa particularly in Nigeria & most of the hospitals in my country. I will appreciate if my request is given favourable consideration & approval. May the Lord bless you as you reach to the almost forgotten souls that are languishing in both prisons & the hospitals in Africa & particularly my country Nigeria. Thank you & God bless you M______' Like I have said in previous newsletters, just when I am in need of some encouragement, the Lord sends me a letter like this one! What a blessing that was to receive this man's request for more literature. Needless to say we have sent him a 'boat-load' to use & distribute as & where he sees fit. This folks IS MINISTRY; this is a man who wants to reach others with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking if we would HELP HIM OUT! What a privilege it is. We thank the Lord that He gives to us ALL THAT WE NEED to help others. We are ALL part of a TEAM, the sad thing is that some Christians are NOT team players...ARE YOU??? We just never know where our literature lands up...But the Lord does! He guides it & sends it all over the place!

To some Christians John Calvin is an 'idol!'

John Calvin was obviously a great man of God who did a great work for God, but it is also OBVIOUS that there are certain things he got WRONG! When I say it is 'obvious' I mean to a Bible BELIEVER! In our last newsletter we tried to encourage a couple from Sunderland in the work they are doing; unfortunately the brother phoned me to thank me for the encouragement but then went on the 'rampage' telling me how good Calvin was; that I shouldn't knock him, that I was wrong & he was right & whatever he said I should believe etc. etc. I fired back a few 'doctrinal questions' which he nearly choked on & then he asked to come off our mailing list! Not much 'SOVEREIGN-GRACE' there was there brother!!! He kept saying that we don't have a free will (which is a Biblical term) but it's by 'sovereign grace' (which isn't a Biblical term) that we are saved! Silly boy! He finished up, after saying the word 'GRACE' millions of times during the conversation, telling me that NON-elect 'babies' go to Hell! Like I have said in previous newsletters, Calvin's 'TULIP' doctrine is an evil doctrine & is certainly NOT Scriptural! I sent this 'elect' brother 4 tapes on Calvinism by brother James which are excellent; he sent them back the next day...IDIOT! Some Christians are just so shallow they're transparent! This milk-sop baby was just another weak Christian with NO backbone! Here is an interesting fact about GOOD old Johnny Calvin... 'The only real blemish on John Calvin's record is the PUTTING TO DEATH of Michael Servetus (some blemish!!!), who was an Arian denying the Trinity & Deity of Christ' I know we all make mistakes BUT??????? Would you follow Johnny Calvin & call yourself a Calvinist? Would you do to me what Calvin did to Servetus? DON'T answer that!!!

He being dead yet speaketh! (Heb 11v4)

When YOU have gone to be with the Lord (either at death or at the Rapture), will YOU still be speaking, witnessing, & preaching the Gospel by the testimony you have left behind i.e. your 'legacy?' I know of many Christians who will leave NOTHING behind because they are ONLY living for this world in the PRESENT! They are not interested in the future! I know of Christians who are only interested in making a name for THEMSELVES i.e. they want to write a book etc. just to get their name 'out there in the WORLD!' I know of Christians who write books on all kinds of subjects but are NOT interested in writing a Gospel tract to reach the lost souls of this sin-sick world! Think of all the tracts you have given out: when you have 'departed' THEY shall still be ministering to the LOST!!! That is one reason why we wrote our 'double-sided' Rapture tract: so that when we have gone to be with our Saviour, that little booklet will hopefully still be around to tell people how to get SAVED in the Tribulation! Have you distributed any of these yet? Have you hid any for souls to find during the Tribulation? Think of all the places you can hide them for your friends, family members, neighbours, colleagues, 'enemies' etc to find i.e. under floorboards, holes in walls, drawers, in-between books, telephone directories, sealed in a plastic waterproof envelope/polythene bag hid somewhere in the garden!!! On hillsides, mountain sides, roadsides, hedgerows, carports... there are a million places to hide tracts; ...& what about those souls NOW? Why wait for them to go through the Tribulation when you can reach them with the Gospel NOW!!! Are you a tract distributor? If not start this week, TODAY! Each tract is a 'missionary!' Let us send out as many 'missionaries' as we can before the night comes when no man can work anymore! (John 9v4)

Yet ANOTHER Letter Fighting FOR Johnny Calvin!

The last 'TfT News!' really stirred up a hornets nest regarding Calvin! We received yet another letter from one of his followers, a lady this time, who thinks TULIP is not only a flower but a Biblical Doctrine!!! (How strange!) Aren't Christians in a mess; it reminds me of the verses in 1 Cor 3v4+5 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? Today some people read it as... I am of Calvin, I am of Pink, I am of Darby etc. etc. How about you saying...I BELIEVE THE BIBLE AS MY FINAL AUTHORITY rather thank following a MAN??? I believe in Eternal Security (see TfT News! Issue 31) but that doesn't make me a Calvinist; that makes me a Bible BELIEVER!!! There's a huge difference! Now if Calvin believed in Eternal Security he got one thing RIGHT!!! You can't claim that Eternal Security is a Calvinistic doctrine...IT'S A BIBLICAL DOCTRINE! So weighing up the evidence, if Calvin got the 'P' right (i.e. P (predestination) = Eternal security in his T.U.L.I.P. doctrine) then Calvin got 20% right regarding this - that's not a PASS rate in any exam! If you want to study Calvinism for a 'FAIL' be my guest! What is it with Christians & 'tags' & 'names?' In the Bible, Christians were happy with the name CHRISTIAN, why can't you be? Why do you want to keep following a man & calling yourself after a man? John Davis is a Bible Believer; THAT'S IT! What are you? I am NOT Brethren, Reformed, Methodist, C of E, Pentecostal, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc... I AM A BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, that's all! No denomination has got a hold on ALL the TRUTH, they all teach some truth: I would probably believe something from ALL of them - so quit with 'tags' & 'names' & start standing upon the word of God (AV of course!) & place it as your FINAL AUTHORITY on all matters of faith & practice! I appreciated the comments of a man on our mailing list who lives in Bolton; he said that all he wanted to do was find out the TRUTH! That is what we should all want, THE TRUTH! So get yourself a wide margin Bible & a Strong's Concordance & start reading, cross referencing, & making as many notes as you can! Every time you open up the Bible, ASK GOD TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING! Ask the Lord, from your heart, to keep you from ERROR... that way, you won't get hay fever sniffing Calvin's TULIPS!

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, <u>not willing that any should perish</u>, but that <u>all</u> should come to repentance. 2 Pet 3v9

Lordson Roch's Testimony!

We have mentioned our dear friend Pastor Lordson Roch in previous issues of 'TfT News!' & said what a great encouragement this man is. Well recently he sent us his testimony; here are a few excerpts from it... 'I am Lordson Roch pastoring the Grace & Truth Baptist Church in Goa, India. I was born & brought up in a Roman Catholic family in a below poverty line but a staunch & religious family. Right from my childhood I wanted to be a Roman Catholic priest. Due to poverty at home my parents couldn't afford to educate me & send me to school. I was taught A-Z & 1-100 at home & then I was put in the orphanage run by the Franciscan Order & there I was given free education & I completed my high school. Meanwhile in the orphanage, the superior watched me closely & was encouraging me to join the seminary & to join their orders! Three times I received calling letters from three seminaries from three different states. Some situation & circumstance stopped me from joining. When I was 12 years old my daddy passed away which was a big blow to me & my family. After high school the orphanage sent all the students home. I started working at a very young age & left education & instead enjoyed the fashions & courses of this world. Then a year later I had the dream of becoming a lawyer & I joined the government higher secondary school. It was here in my 12th standard before my Board exam in the year 2000 that one man came to my home with the Gospel & was sharing it to my family members. I heard as he read John 14v6. This verse came alive to me that day. I felt the smell of my sins & I cried like a baby & I repented & asked the Lord Jesus to come into my heart & save me & be King of my life – that was on the 21st Jan 2000. I became active in the church & started to witness to people about the Lord Jesus Christ & in the process, The Lord put a burden in my heart to work among my people. I never wanted to be a pastor & I tried to run away from the calling. One day I came home from an interview & took hold of my Bible & read Eph 4v1 & then Rom 8v28-30...I knew now what God was telling me! I joined Bible college & did my Bth & BD. In the college the Lord met my needs & I graduated. I learnt God's word at the same time & I started preaching during holidays & I led a few people to the Lord. But it was only after my graduation that I believed in the AV 1611. In the college they are always correcting the AV Bible but God was good to me & sent me a few people in my life where I studied & believed the infallible word of God THE AUTHORIZED VERSION BIBLE! In the year 2006 when I came back to my state from Bible college, I came trusting the Lord that He will lead me & I would follow. As I went around for two months sharing the Gospel nobody got saved & I was discouraged, only to see one day one Hindu young boy came to me & said "I want to know more about Christ!" I shared the Gospel & the Lord saved him there & then! Regular Bible study began with this young brother & then three more joined us. On May 6^{th} 2006 we gathered in my home; altogether five people for Sunday worship. Slowly the Lord saved a few more & by the end of the year we were 20 in number. The Devil also was busy working to split us & he did use some people & some people did leave. But the Lord blessed us again & now we are up to 25 people attending the church & the Wednesday Bible study & Friday prayer meeting. I also give free tuition to 38 children in the slum every day & Sunday I teach them Bible stories & songs hoping to see some children coming to Christ soon. They are all from Hindu & Muslim families. Tract distribution is done widely & we have seen some trusting Christ & a few have come to our church. There are ups & downs in the work but the lord is faithful to me. There are a lot of adversaries but I enjoy it because it is a part & a blessing of the Christian life. I stay with my mom & my elder brothers & we have all our church services in my mom's living room. Please pray that God will give us a place & a building for all our meetings. I appreciate your prayers. Because He lives!' (If you would like to email Lordson & encourage him, his email address is... lordson_ar@yahoo.co.in We have been very blessed by brother Lordson's correspondence & we have sent him some literature to help him in the work he is doing. Keep it going Lordson & NEVER give up!

We have just taken delivery of another twenty thousand (20,000) money tracts! Want some to give out?

Christians who CANNOT 'Rightly Divide the Word of God!'

2 Tim 2v15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Christians who say that TONGUES are for today; HEALINGS are the same today as they were in the Apostles day; the GIFTS are the same as they were in the times of the Apostles...just CANNOT 'Rightly divide the word of truth!!!' These 'kind' of Christians are NOT Bible students & do NOT STUDY to show thyself approved unto God; they are the 'kind' of Christians who have followed MEN, traditions, & their favourite authors rather than going back to the Bible to see what THE WORD OF GOD says! I have been amazed by the amount of Christians who have responded to the ERRORS of Calvinism put out in our last 'TfT News!' I receive many letters from Christians regarding the following issues... The version issue (AV), tongues, healings, SIGNgifts, women preachers/speakers, should a woman wear a hat, Calvinism etc. It is quite amazing how many Christians reading our newsletters are still confused about the above issues!!! No matter what YOU think (or practice for that matter) YOU do NOT speak in TONGUES!!! You may 'gibber-jabber' about all kinds of things with the greatest sincerity, but that does NOT make what you do RIGHT or SCRIPTURAL! If you CANNOT rightly divide the word of God & read the Scriptures 'dispensationally' you will mess up on DOCTRINE...FACT!!! You see, most Christians 'think' they are right most of the time; we all fall into that category on occasions: but we ought to let GOD speak & follow what the Scriptures SAY, not what you 'think,' or try to 'interpret' what you WANT them to say! I have a fairly in-depth (deep enough for Barney to say "I don't understand it!!!") study on TONGUES if you would like a copy; just write & ask! I was 'forced' into studying this subject as there is SO MUCH confusion regarding it in the church! I cannot tell you what a great relief it was to me when I found out about 'dispensationalism' & HOW we should read & study the Bible. I have struggled (& still do) with many issues, passages & 'doctrines' over many years. I am a slow learner & the Lord has showed me & guided me through many things. I have ALWAYS sought THE TRUTH above all! That means I want THE TRUTH above what YOU think it means; above what the 'best-scholars' say it means; above the best authors, Bible teachers/preachers etc say it means... WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH???!!! That is what I want! If you do NOT compare Scripture with Scripture you will try to apply things to yourself that are NOT for yourself!!! Now READ carefully the following...1 Cor 1v22 For the Jews require a SIGN... 1 Cor 14v22 Wherefore tongues are for a SIGN.... Now what part of that CAN'T you get? SIGNS are required by the JEWS! Every time the SIGN-gift of TONGUES shows up in Scripture, 'unbelieving' JEWS are present! WHY? Because the JEWS require a SIGN!!! Now I am not bothered at all about what you 'think' it means; I care NOT for your 'opinions;' I am a BIBLE BELIEVER! That means I shall put the Scriptures ABOVE you every single time!!! Like it or LUMP it! You can 'rebuke' me (as some of you love to do), you can disagree with me (that's fine by me), you can say that I am wrong (how dare you!!! Only joking, don't have a 'wobbly!!!') BUT, if you CANNOT rightly divide THAT BOOK, & you 'try' to 'prove' your pet-doctrine, without understanding the 'HISTORICAL', SCRIPTURAL-DIVISIONS, & DOCTRINAL CONTEXT of the verses...you shall make a mess of things e.g. saying that TONGUES are for TODAY when they CERTAINLY are NOT!!! One of the greatest problems among Christians today is that they do NOT read their Bibles often enough; five minutes a day is NO GOOD if you are going to try to 'debate/discuss' DOCTRINE!!! If you 'think' you still talk 'in tongues' enjoy yourself, but don't try to push your ERROR onto a Bible Believer, especially a DISPENSATIONAL Bible Believer...it won't work fella!!!

Rev 2v2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

2 Thes 2v9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Mat 24v24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

David Hathaway – True or False, Good or Bad?

Believe it or not, I do NOT like upsetting people, but TRUTH IS TRUTH & it needs to be preached & taught everywhere, no matter who you upset. As you all know, here at 'Time for Truth!' we do NOT 'pull punches' but tell it as it is... Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? (Gal 4v16) We are NOT your enemy, we teach & warn those that are willing to listen of what is happening & going to happen, especially regarding the church; we are in the same boat as YOU often times! It is certainly NOT easy to take the stand we do (TRY IT!!!), not only do we get hassle from non-believers, but we get MORE hassle from Christians, (mostly the shallow, thin skinned, milk-sop kind...you know what I mean!), anyway, recently I have had FOUR letters in regard to this man David Hathaway; before that, I have been asked at least another FOUR times regarding my 'thoughts' on him. Some of you have sent me his newsletter/magazine on occasions. Now I have tried to stay out of this 'fight' for a while, but the time has come that I MUST make some 'comments' - take it or leave it! If a man is reaching lost sinners with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, GREAT! If that man is WINNING souls for the Lord, EVEN BETTER! BUT, if that man is in error regarding certain doctrines, I suppose, it does need to be brought to everyone's attention as a warning, agreed? First of all, I think that David Hathaway thinks too much of himself, just look at all the photos of himself in his magazine (but I can live with that!) Next, he majors on miracles & SIGN-gifts! That means he CANNOT rightly divide the word of TRUTH (as many Christians can't; nearly all Pentecostals & Charismatics CAN'T!!!) & that is a PROBLEM because he will teach ERROR, & DOES! I counted 65 photos of people getting 'healed' (so called) in his meetings, IN JUST ONE MAGAZINE! He is now up there with 'Bendy' Hinn, Kenny Copeland, Kenny Hagin, Reinhard BONKERS (the German 'evangelist'), Mystic Meg from the AOG etc. & lots of other 'charlatans!' When ANY 'ministry' promotes JUST THEMSELVES, it can be very dangerous; Hathaway's magazine is just HIM, HIM, HIM!!! I couldn't find any other ministry he recommended or promoted! Here at 'TfT' we recommend lots of other people, ministries & other Christian 'works'! He also keeps talking about the 'FIRE' falling; be very careful following a man that keeps talking about the fire falling! I definitely have alarm bells ringing with Hathaway & I personally would NOT recommend him. Hathaway is also very non-committal regarding certain doctrines; you often times don't know WHERE he stands i.e. he is NOT a Bible teacher! Why are people like this? Because if you do NOT take a stand on issues you DO NOT upset people; therefore more people like you, you gain a wider audience, & have more chance of the vast 'majority' sending you money...easy aint it! Because of our stand at 'TfT!' we couldn't rely on anyone to financially support us as we upset most of you at some point!!! We just rely & TRUST ONLY in the Lord. If you financially support him (i.e. Hathaway), as some of you do, that is between you & the Lord, I would not. There are plenty of Christians out there who do NOT have a glossy magazine & lots of 'healing-photos' in it, who NEED your help. We have advertised a few in 'TfT!' I would ONLY send my money to Christians who believe the AV Bible as their FINAL AUTHORITY on all matters of faith & practice & who put the Lord above themselves, & Gospel work as a priority; i.e. ministries who do NOT major on SIGN-gifts that are for Israel e.g. 'tongues & healings!' Hathaway is just another one of those 'Christian-preachers' who has himself at the forefront of a 'make-pretend-SIGN-giftbusiness' who does NOT fool any BIBLE-BELIEVER! He is constantly 'touting' for money (rather than working for a living!!! - Acts 18v3) & as you know...the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Tim 6v10) In Hathaway's Spring magazine (No 51) he is asking for a £1 Million!!! Now ladies & gentlemen, boys & girls, if you can't see through this kind of STUFF you are a very shallow Christian! If you do have a spare £1 Million, please either send it to US (we could distribute quite a lot of Bibles & Christian literature with £1 Million!) OR send it to one of the missionaries we have mentioned in previous newsletters! Ministries that BEG for money are FLEECING the sheep not 'feeding' them or helping them! Yet again, we shall lose some of you from our mailing list because of the words I have just written, & the stand we have taken, but I am NOT here to please YOU, I am here to preach & teach TRUTH! TRUTH IS TRUTH no matter what you believe! I await even more 'rebuking' letters! By the way, I wonder why we don't see the miracles like Hathaway sees in Armenia & Russia, over here in ENGLAND, with the exception of the diamonds in your 'bed-covers' found at the SIMPLY-Church for SIMPLETONS!!! The last notable thing we found in OUR bed-covers was our Jack Russell! Perhaps it's because we lack faith!!!

Interesting FACT!

There hasn't been one MAJOR Bible teacher, pastor, evangelist or missionary in the history of the Christian church, who ever spoke in tongues or mentioned speaking in tongues! Have you ever stopped to think about that FACT for a few hours??? The following people did/do NOT speak in tongues one second of their lives... Spurgeon, Wesley, Whitefield, McCheyne, Sunday, Larkin, Darby, Moody, Scofield, Ruckman, Knox, Baxter, Bunyan, plus millions of others (see the book Encyclopedia of Christian Biographies by Ed Reese). There is nobody in apostolic times, before or after Nicaea, during the Dark Ages, Renaissance, the Reformation, or during the Great Awakening or Second Great Awakening, or the revivals of Moody, Torrey or Sunday, that ever mentioned speaking in tongues! The modern tongues movement began in 1900 at the Azuza Street Mission in Los Angeles, an integrated church with a WOMAN 'preacher!' If you don't believe that, you are either deceived or dishonest! FACT!

TONGUES ARE CERTAINLY NOT FOR TODAY!!!!!!!

Wise words from Ruckman!

I love Ruckman's books (and nowadays, so does Barney, although he won't admit it!!! He doesn't have a champion Bible teacher in the Assemblies of God...very interesting don't you think!!! This is the guy who said he wouldn't listen to a Bible teacher who has been married more than once!!! My how things change over time!!!) I believe God has blessed this man tremendously in regard to understanding the Scriptures. I can also 'understand' why some people don't like him...it's a free country (...so far! Although THEY are closing in rapidly!) so help yourself! You will like certain men & authors & so do I; I like Ruckman, Brother James, Larkin, Scofield etc. I like the music of Keith Green & Randy Travis - we all have our favourites – I have my favourites & you have yours...so be it! In my opinion there are very few who really tell it as it is, Ruckman cuts it for me! Listen to what he says here... 'In the Bible there are different types of unbelief. An INFIDEL is someone who doesn't believe the Bible at all. All infidels are unsaved! You can show compassion on them & try to witness to them as long as they will listen & consider what you say. The moment they interfere with someone else getting saved though, you come down hard on them (Acts 13v8-12). An APOSTATE is someone who professes to believe the Bible, but does not. That person can be saved or lost - I have no respect for an APOSTATE at all because they are the most dangerous of the bunch. A HERETIC is someone who misuses the Scripture to teach something that isn't so. If you try to straighten out a HERETIC on his doctrine you are only obligated to try twice! After you try twice you don't waste any more time with them. Let them go! If he won't listen to sound doctrine I'd break fellowship with him, & I'll show you why. Rom 16v17+18, now, let's see what you do with a man who doesn't obey 'the commandments of the Lord' Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. That's the charismatic! If a man rejects the commandments of God, you are to get away from him. I avoid them. If our paths cross, & have to cross, I deal with them, but I don't go looking for them. But realise, if you avoid everybody, after a while it is going to get kind of lonely. I hate to say it brethren, but that is what God has called you fellows to do if He has called you to preach. You are going to find, after a while, that the loneliest man in the world is a BIBLE-BELIEVING preacher! You will have your own congregation, but as far as fellowship with other preachers etc. goes, you are not going to have much!' Now I agree totally with that statement! The closer you are to the Lord, the more you WANT of the Lord & His word, the LONELIER you will be in regard to fellowship, not just with other preachers, but with other 'CHRISTIANS!!!' BELIEVING Christians are a very rare breed these days, if you find one STICK WITH HIM!

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet 3v17+18)

NEW Oaks Community Church Signs!



Our first church sign served its purpose well & brought in over 40 people, *thank you Lord!* It had started to 'fade' a little so we had two signs made specially! Literally thousands of people pass these signs daily as we leave them out 24/7. Please pray that souls shall come to church through them again & pray also that they are not stolen!!! Lord willing, we are certainly getting the name 'Oaks Community

Church' *out there*, but like I have said, it is SO HARD to grow a church these days on JUST BIBLICAL PREACHING & TEACHING! People want to be entertained constantly, & sadly to say, many churches have fallen into

the trap of 'entertaining' their congregations rather than building their members up upon the word of God. God has NOT changed, neither has the Gospel message... i.e. any person who rejects the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour goes to HELL when they die! Do you think we should all be trying harder to witness & bring people to church to sit under the word of God...or don't you???



Are you on the right road?

Do you, or have you ever stopped in your life to evaluate whether you are on the right road, where it is taking you & whether the Lord WANTS you on that particular road? What are you doing with your life; are there changes you need to make...NOW? If the Lord tarries,

where do you expect to be next you got on the right road? You same/WRONG road because we no intention to DO or FOLLOW selfish will. Many Christians do decision-making they just *hope* it to involve Him & invite Him into choosing our partner to getting a at University etc. He wants to 37v5 Commit thy way unto the



year...the same road? Is it time see so often we stay on the get set in a rut or because we have the Lord, but rather our own not seek the Lord first in their is the Lord's will! God wants us EVERY part of our lives, from job or seeking what course to do lead & guide us in all things... Ps LORD; trust also in him; and he

shall bring it to pass. Prov 16v3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. Prov 3v5+6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Have you stopped lately to look at your own life & ask yourself, 'Am I on the right road?' Where are you heading? Have you got to make an important decision soon? Then ask the Lord to help you make the right one! His way is the RIGHT way...always.

Two Weeks Holiday in August!

Donna & I decided to take two weeks off in August as we hadn't had a proper break since Christmas! We busied ourselves with catching up & jobs etc. but we did have a few days out which were lovely. Dionne also finished her temporary job, therefore we were able to spend our 2nd week with her along with LaToya who had also booked some time off from her current employment. We also delivered tracts most days to all the different places we visited. The four of us also 'brain-stormed' together over a few coffee's to come up with a few new ideas for the future; we shall see!

Update on letters sent to Unitarian 'Ministers!'

After writing to three Unitarian ministers, what response have I received? Nothing! Why? Because when it comes to TRUTH the Unitarians cannot deal with THE TRUTH of THE BIBLE i.e. THE WORD OF GOD! This 'sect/cult/FALSE religion' is as bad as it gets! You don't believe me; visit a Unitarian 'church,' pick up some of their literature & READ IT! I sent Barney some of their literature as he thought they only didn't believe in the Trinity, HE was amazed how bad they were! It really is *mind-blowing!!!*

Isle of man Letter!

Another man from the Isle of Man has recently written to us after we were sent some of his own material. He seems a lovely chap who is committed to the Methodists. He wrote advising me not to criticise other churches, denominations or other Christians. Here at 'Time for Truth!' we are committed to telling the TRUTH! There are times that we feel we MUST warn Christians of the problems we see, that includes churches & other Christians who are NOT standing upon THE TRUTH & therefore NOT teaching THE TRUTH! If I see errors I shall make them known as YOU ought to do if/when you see them in our ministry! I appreciated this brother's letter of 'admonition' & the spirit in which it was written!

Prayer Requests!

Please pray for LaToya who has had a couple of blackouts & dizzy spells of late. She is booked in with the doctors soon for tests; please continue to uphold Donna & her dad in your prayers – Donna is very good at present (thank you Lord SO MUCH!) Please keep praying for God to bless all the literature we distribute & for souls to get saved; also for people to come into Oaks Community Church & stay!

What is REALLY Happening?

So why are so many ministers leaving the ministry? Why are we NOT seeing our churches grow? (Has your church grown in numbers over the last year?) Why are we seeing so few souls saved? Why are Christians no longer committed to the Lord OR CHURCH??? Why aren't Christians soul-winning anymore? What's happened to 'sincerity' these days? When Christians come together why do they never talk about the Lord; instead, they talk about ANYTHING BUT the Lord...Why? Why are we seeing very little response from literature (i.e. tracts etc) distributed? Could it be... Christians no longer love the Lord as they should or as they once did? Christians are no longer students of the word & have no desire to read/study OR live by it! Christians take the easy road today & compromise when they should be taking a stand! Leaders are no longer setting the right example & by their worldliness, are leading the flock astray! Christians no longer hear about HELL, read about HELL or even believe in HELL!!! Those that do, often don't do anything about it! So what about YOU reader? Do you fall into any of the above? Are YOU living a compromising lifestyle? What is YOUR commitment like? How committed to the Lord are you? Now that you know some of the problems & some of the solutions...what next?

WHAT? ME, A CHRISTIAN?

Kenneth Crawford (Vicar of Pershore Abbey) has written a leaflet (title as above) for all to take with them when visiting Pershore Abbey; so I took one! He writes... 'How can I become a Christian? - If you've been baptised as a child, you're a Christian already!' Now stop & think for a few minutes of all the kinds of people that visit churches & Abbey's up & down our land. Think of all those who sit in the pews contemplating LIFE & the meaning of it! Think of all those who visit these places looking & searching for answers! So what happens when they pick up one of Kenny's leaflets? It leads them further down the ROAD TO HELL! Too harsh? Are you kidding! This is a man, a 'minister,' IN AUTHORITY who is there to help & guide people; to teach people, to lead them to the Lord Jesus Christ as their ONLY hope; & what does he tell them? 'If you've been baptised as a child, you're a Christian already!' So what am I meant to say to that? 'Thank you Kenneth, now I understand!' And some of you wonder why I get 'mad' with 'ministers' & churches at times...THAT'S WHY!!! These TOTAL imbeciles who are probably not even saved themselves are leading scores of people TO HELL!!! How do YOU feel about that? What if YOU were one of THEM? What would you say to good old Kenny on Judgement Day just before YOU are thrown into the Lake of Fire for ETERNITY? Needless to say I have written to 'Kenny' & I await his response! I also sent him some of our literature & our latest DVD 'End Times!' Let's hope he understands; may our Lord guide & help him! Pray for him!

Keep the letters coming!

It really does encourage us when we receive your letters (good & bad) so please keep them coming! If you're not happy with something we say, write & let us know (*I dare you!!! – only joking!*) If we have helped you in anyway, let us know also, as this blesses us too. We know that soon we shall all be with our Saviour in Heaven; until then PRESS ON SOLDIERS, & NEVER GIVE UP! Keep distributing tracts everywhere you can in every place you can!

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Three Great Verses...

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jer 15v16

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD. Hag 1v12

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Song of Solomon 8v6

Our Friend Ed Morrison!

Ed writes... 'Thank you for standing for the truth each day. Like the UK, the US is getting worse every time I turn around. The US is going to Hell like a bullet...keep putting out the truth over there... My wife went to be with the Lord recently; it would have been 35 years marriage this month. I want you to know that she loved putting your tracts out each day. As a matter of fact, when she was in the hospital, she put tracts on the food tray after every meal. She never gave up on the Lord. She was 60 years old but she always had time to put out tracts. May the Lord bless your ministry each day, I'm praying for you both.' Please pray for brother Ed; he is committed to the Lord & distributes the word everywhere. He & his wife are a true inspiration to all of us here at TfT! I was very touched by his letter. We love you very much Ed, keep up the fight! Very soon we shall all be together in Heaven with the Lord & your lovely wife...not long left! We have a lot to look forward to! We cannot put enough emphasis on giving out tracts...you just never know where they will land up & who will read them! If you find it hard to give tracts out face-to-face, put them through letterboxes or leave them in phone boxes etc.

Ps 119v155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

Where have all the MEN gone?

John 19v5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, BEHOLD THE MAN!

There is a huge breakdown in society of the family: many children today are brought up without their dad around, without the input of a man in the house. Instead the woman has to do it all! No matter what politicians tell us, children benefit from the stability of a man & woman relationship, NOT from two sodomites or lesbians who cannot *reproduce*, trying to bring up a child! But not only is it the family that is suffering today from the lack of men around; the church too is going through a crisis! Look around at your own church & see how many MEN are in it! How many of those MEN are actively involved in the church? What kind of MAN is leading your church? Is he a good strong leader or a weak character who bows to every whim of the congregation? Is he a MAN full of faith & love for the Lord Jesus Christ? In the Bible, David & Jonathan had an amazing relationship together. Today it is very hard to find a man-friendship – someone to lean on, someone who is strong, caring, & can 'take-the-strain' of life WITH you. We live in a very effeminate world: it is trying to make men like women & women like men! So what has happened to all the 'good' MEN? Where have all the Bible teachers, preachers &



leaders gone? How can the church today reach MEN & meet MEN where they are in their lives? How does the church reach the factory worker, warehouse guy, transport manager, lorry driver/'trucker'- how does the church reach the mechanic, builder & electrician? Quite a task don't you think? So what is our plan of action; what is



the church's vision? The best way of witnessing is the WAY YOU LIVE! You're a Christian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week...live like one! Make sure the people around you KNOW you're a Christian & what you stand for. When given the opportunity tell them the Gospel; if you don't get the opportunity PRAY that God will send one...but live like a Christian in everything you do. Be a Christian in your workplace, your school, your university, your home, the sport you participate in...EVERYTHING! Don't lie, steal, cheat; live a clean life & uphold the best moral standards. Phil 4v8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. When you fall, & YOU WILL FALL, don't let the Devil get the better of you, GET UP & get back on your way asking the Lord to help you. Other Christians may want nothing to do with you, you may be finished in their eyes, but you are certainly NOT finished in God's, & it is Him to whom you shall answer to, not some jumped up little Pharisee in the local church! If you are going to reach lost souls for the Lord YOU MUST live like a Christian. Men, get out there & take the bull-by-the-horns & try to reach some men for the Lord Jesus Christ. Get involved with a sport or past-time (that obviously doesn't conflict with your church commitments & your relationship with the Lord) where you will meet men WHERE THEY ARE & go there intending to bring them to the Lord. Cry to God for souls... Ps 126v5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Isn't it about time we all tried that little bit harder?

Are you growing spiritually?

Have you grown spiritually over the last three months? How do you know? What have you learnt from the word of God? How has God been speaking to you, what has he been saying? How do you KNOW it's HIS voice you are hearing??? – see John 12v29. And if you are NOT growing...WHY? What are you being taught; who are you following? What books are you reading? If you are NOT growing you MUST find out WHY??? Most Christians I meet are baby-Christians; they don't read or study their Bibles. Sure they go to church but FOR WHAT...a social gathering! DO YOU?

Short Hill Car-Boot

On Saturday 29th
Toy & I did another
was situated very
it is open every
permitting) until
willing, we shall be
witness & testimony.
second one since



August Donna, Dee, car-boot. This time it near to the church & Saturday (weather Christmas. Lord there most weeks as a As it was only the opening, it was quite

quiet although we did give out a considerable amount of literature. It was one of those times where the people seemed quite hard & not very responsive; in fact we received a lot of rejection. Barney turned up along with Peter & Binney, a couple who we had met at a previous car-boot & since then have paid us a few visits at the church. The girls managed to give every 'car-booter' an Oaks Community leaflet



along with the 'Hell & Heaven' CD for them to listen to on the way home! Please pray for the literature given out that it will be used of the Lord to save souls. I am still amazed what time people will get up just to walk around a field to look at mostly *other peoples* 'junk!' We saw a lot of people who had

walking sticks 'hobbling' along across uneven

ground going from stall to stall. When we offered them some Christian literature many refused. People will get up early & travel many miles in the cold weather just to visit a car-boot yet they will not come to church on a Sunday morning. I spent quite a lot of time just looking around at all the different



folks & pondered how mankind can become so indifferent to spiritual things & how the human race can become so hardened towards the Lord who loved them & died for them? Truly mans heart is evil... The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jer 17v9.

Letter from a lady on a train!

She writes... 'I sat next to a young lady on the train yesterday, who thought the book I was reading looked interesting 'Dinner with a Perfect Stranger!' I think it was the back of the book that interested her... 'Jesus of Nazareth' Anyway, before she got off the train she handed me this card with your address on it! Please send me some information on your Church.' Again it is quite amazing who is distributing our literature & where it goes! We have sent this lady some literature & details of Oaks Community Church.

Anti-Calvin Verses!

1 Tim 4v10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. Like I say, Calvin's 'T.U.L.I.P.' is as Scriptural as the JW 'annihilation' doctrine or the Bible rejecter's SOUL-sleep doctrine!!! There is NO SUCH THING as 'Limited Atonement' – if YOU believe it YOU obviously cannot rightly divide the word of truth...*Calvinists CAN'T!!!*

Vera McDougall keeps getting the word of God out!

Over there in Tobago (West Indies) there is a lady, with some other ladies, who are constantly distributing tracts everywhere they go i.e. streets, hospitals etc. Vera has just ordered another 1,600 tracts! If you would like to write & encourage this lady in the work she is doing I am sure she would appreciate it. Her address is **Vera McDougall, Mount Grace, Tobago, West Indies**. If you want to support a GOSPEL orientated ministry I would recommend supporting Vera's!

Anti-Calvin Literature Returned!

Some Christians think Calvin's 'T.U.L.I.P.' IS Scriptural (I know that's hard to believe, but there are shallow Christians out there with hay-fever after sniffing Calvin's TULIPS!) Well another person has returned the anti-Calvin literature we sent her saying that she has 'no need' of it!!! Poor woman! She is happy living in ERROR...each to her own love! We Bible Believers shall continue to preach against the ERRORS of Calvinism...have a nice day! I doubt if she even read it; aren't Christians funny people. Some of them are so stubborn & happy to live in ERROR that they will NOT even look at the TRUTH...just because of their PRIDE!!! Don't ever become so full of pride that you will NOT look into something that is total opposite to your way of thinking – YOU certainly do NOT have it ALL right & neither do we!

Friday Night is FIGHT NIGHT!

LaToya started the ball rolling by having a conversation with a Bible rejecter at one of the car boots we attend. This led him to bring a buddy ('Bill & Ben') with him, & come & 'try it on' at one of our Friday Night meetings! He DID 'try it on' & started to tell us that Hell is NOT Hell but 'annihilation' & the soul & body are one NOT separate etc. Same old CULT teaching you get from the JW's etc. Well we had a discussion for an hour & a quarter until he couldn't take it anymore – Bible rejecters can't take Bible Believers for long! We managed to get them to stay for a cup of tea, but one of them did say before leaving that he wouldn't be back because he didn't feel much 'love' in our church!!! I told him there were plenty of other places he could go (Simply Church would be perfect for these two simpletons!) Here are a few Scriptures that blow the heresy of No-Hellers & 'Body & Soul' being the same, clean out of the water... Mat 25v46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Note everlasting 'punishment' – annihilation is NOT EVERLASTING 'punishment!!!' Mat 10v28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Note soul AND body!!! 1 Thes 5v23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Note spirit, soul AND body! You are a tripartite being!

MORE Anti-Calvin Verses!

1 Tim 2v4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. ALL means ALL!!! These Bible rejecting Calvinists will try to tell you that ALL does NOT mean ALL!!! Many Calvinists have trouble reading their Bibles!

Men don't believe evolution because it is scientifically accurate; they believe it because they don't want to give account to their Creator!

Weekly Car-Boots!



There is a car-boot each side of our church (about 2 miles in either direction) so we have decided to set up a literature table advertising the church & give away free literature including tracts, Bibles, CD's, DVD's etc. The photos included in this article show Peter (the wine merchant who

is searching for the meaning of life. We have met him a number of times now), also a Mormon guy having a discussion with LaToya & Dionne. We were also able to have a discussion with the owner of the field who



said he was an atheist! He said that stealing was wrong



but when I asked him why, he couldn't tell me!!! Like I have said, without a FINAL AUTHORITY i.e. THE BIBLE, you have the law of the jungle; anything goes!

NEC Shows!

During the month of September, Donna & I attended two trade shows at the NEC (National Exhibition Centre) in Birmingham. Although they are hard work i.e. long hours, meeting hundreds of people, they can be good fun & occasionally we have a chance to witness for the Lord! The bus drivers at the NEC only drive around the grounds there & so they have quite a lot of time to spare in-between stops. We gave one of them the 'Train' booklet to read; this is a good tool for evangelism! If you haven't seen this tract/booklet you can contact **Nigel Owens** who will gladly send you one free of charge. (3 Hebron Heights, Finvoy, Ballymoney, Country Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK, BT53 7LQ)

Rapture Tract Orders!

It has been encouraging to see some of you ordering our Rapture tracts! I do believe this is a very important tract to leave everywhere you go... THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN VERY SOON! Let as many people in the world know before it's too late! If you haven't ordered any, why not do so this time around? They are ONLY 7p each!!!

Tract Stands!

Just to let you know that we still have a few tract stands available – see 'TfT News!' Issue 47 for more photos & prices! They make excellent displays in the church & come highly recommended. They are great to display literature at car-boot sales also etc.



EVEN MORE Anti-Calvin Verses!

Exo 12v3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: Notice it does NOT say 'just the ELECT a lamb!' OR 'every ELECT member a lamb!' If 'EVERY' man didn't take a lamb they were doomed!!! Predestination has NOTHING to do with UNBELIERVERS!!! Poor old Johnny Calvin!

Car-Boots Cont...



Car-boots are an excellent way of entering into conversations; every church ought to have a witness at their local car-boot. The photos below show LaToya having a conversation with a Christadelphian. He actually asked her to write down the Scriptures she was quoting

as he wanted to look into them for himself

- very encouraging. The guy with his back turned with me was quite 'anti' at first & didn't want to take any literature. Though after some time we spoke for about 20 minutes & really hit it off together. He took a CD, DVD & booklets &



said that he would try & come to church. Pray for Paul, he talks good sense & would



make a sound Christian I'm sure! Again hundreds of pieces of literature were distributed & we had a good response from many. One lady came back & said that she had lost here CD & DVD from the previous week & could she have another! We shall continue to attend this weekly local event – it is proving very profitable! Why not have a go yourselves?

Local Order!

It was very encouraging to receive an order for some more 'It's Your Choice!' booklets from our local area Worcestershire!

UCBI, UCB-UK & Premier 'Christian' Radio!

Just recently I have found on the car radio three 'Christian' radio stations UCBI, UCB-UK & Premier. You talk about an 'effeminate' Christianity!!! Non-stop talk about love, peace, gifts, miracles, faith & MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!! How these radio stations will attract REAL 'MEN' I'll never know. There are very few Christians today who can reach MEN! These three radio stations are nice little 'Christian' stations for nice little 'Christians,' but if you are looking for a challenging station with a cutting edge that preaches THE WORD OF GOD, *forget it!* As my own atheistic dad sits & listens to the radio at night, I often hope & pray that he will hear something of the word of God; I have very little confidence in any of these stations in regard to reaching the lost with the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! You ought to listen to these stations for a while just to see how bad things are IN THE CHURCH today!

Pray for Dave (Barney!)

Poor old Barney is struggling with his hip at present; please pray that he shall fully recover. He 'loves' his tennis & does it to keep fit... 1 Tim 4v8 **For bodily exercise profiteth little**: Even though I have a 'dig' at him on occasions in 'TfT News!' I have known him for over 20 years & he is a great guy really! I don't like it when he suffers bodily; *I only like it when he suffers DEFEAT at the hands of ME!!!*

Filling your life with 'THINGS!'

You come home from work, have a shower, make sure the house is nice & cosy, set the atmosphere for the evening & then what...? Sit down in front of the TV? Listen to some music? Read? What ya gonna do? Whatever you do, do you think there is something more, something deeper you COULD be doing? Do you feel you waste a lot of time doing 'nothing' of any real importance? Time goes so quickly; one minute we are seeing in the 'Millennium,' the year 2000, next we are TEN YEARS down the line - don't you think it's amazing how fast time goes? I'm sitting at my desk 'thinking;' thinking about LIFE & what has been, what could have been & what will be! What impact am I making in this world? What good am I doing for the Lord & for the people of this world? What investments am I making in the Kingdom of God rather than in this corrupt & perverse world? Sometimes it is good to grab a coffee & just sit & think about LIFE!!! Are you content with your 'portion' or do you want more? Are you happy with your relationship with the Lord or do you want more? Are you a risk taker or are you set in your ways, 'a rut' that you find hard to break out of? You & I know of people around us who have spent their whole lives concentrating on just themselves, what's best FOR THEM: there isn't many I know who have spent their lives really living for the Lord. I've talked with hundreds, & seen thousands of Christians who don't care very much for the will of God; they are too wrapped up in themselves. The Judgment Seat of Christ will certainly be an eyeopener. There will be a lot of tears on that day I'm sure... What you could have done with the LIFE God gave you...but didn't! 'Guilt & regret' are awful burdens to carry throughout LIFE – isn't it time you had an evaluation regarding the way you are living & what you are doing with the time that is fast running out?

Peter Paul Ventura still encouraging the brethren!

It is always great to receive letters from folks! Peter Paul Ventura often writes to us at TfT! LaToya & Dionne write to him regularly also. Recently he has written a 'concise critique of Robert Wright's book 'The Evolution of God!' If you would like a copy of this work please drop us a line & we shall post one to you. Keep up the fight brother Peter & keep standing for the Lord & His Truth, no matter what! If you would like to write to Peter & encourage him please do so, his address is... Peter Paul Ventura #83492-NB6, Cheshire Correctional Institution, 900 Highland Avenue, Cheshire CT 06410-1698, USA. He would also be happy to answer any 'doctrinal' questions you might have; he has studied the Bible for years & has a wealth of knowledge, try him!

Challenging!

I cared not how I lived or what hardships I went through, if only I might gain souls for Christ – **David Brainerd**

A man can slip into Hell with his hand on the doorknob of Heaven – **Billy** Sunday

Experience may be the best teacher, but none of her pupils bring her apples!

End Time DVD!

We started off with one thousand copies & they are steadily being ordered/distributed. Again, if you haven't ordered one I would suggest you do so as soon as possible.

Christians who *leave* Church!

Heb 10v25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. That is what the Scriptures say! So why are so many Christians leaving church? First of all you need to ask yourself, WHY are you really going to church? Is it out of duty, tradition; or do you go for the music, the fellowship & social side? Do you go to church because you are lonely & hope to meet new friends? Do you go to church because of the leader? What is the TRUTH as to why you attend church, what's your motive? There are many reasons why people go to church! There should ONLY be ONE reason!!! You go to church FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! You want more of Him; you want to worship & love Him & meet with like-minded people who go for the same reasons. Recently I have seen & heard of why some people have left their church & gone to another, or sadly to say, not gone anywhere else! Here are some of their reasons of why they have left...

- 1) God has told me to go somewhere else! Isn't it quite amazing how on this one decision they hear so clearly from the Lord! Most of their time they haven't a clue what is happening, they aren't reading their Bibles & studying the word of God; they don't attend all the meetings they just come as & when they like, when it fits in with their lifestyle! But NOW God has told them to leave! What baby Christians (if they are Christians that is!) this kind of person is! What good are they doing in the church? You know what...you're better without them!
- 2) I'm bored; it's the same thing week-in-week-out! Oh you mean singing songs to praise God, thanking God for the Life He has given you, reading from the ONLY Book He has ever written, which He has given to you so you can base all your decisions on what it says! You mean listening to a man of God preach from the Book of God is just too boring to stand? Some 'Christians' go to church to be entertained! What good are they doing in the church? You know what...you're better without them!
- 3) The preacher offends me; I don't like what he says! BUT IS HE PREACHING TRUTH? If he is, sit under his ministry & get your life sorted out! Let the word of God clean up your life!
- 4) I don't like 'so & so', we just don't fit in here! Church is FULL of miss-fits! That's 'who' God chooses often times...Read the following verses carefully & let them sink down into your ears...1 Cor 1v25-31 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. Get it?!
- 5) I'm not sure God wants me here! Then DON'T GO ANYWHERE until you have heard from the Lord! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!!! You could be jumping into something far worse!
- 6) We need to go to a bigger church for our children etc. Another poor excuse!

Children should be brought up in a Christian manner & learn to sit quietly when the word of God is preached. I understand that you can't control the very young & that they will want to shout & holler & occasionally run around; I understand that! At Oaks, our youngest member has just turned one! She preaches louder than me sometimes, but we all can cope with that! Her dad & mum haven't left the church just because there aren't any other children there. Her dad & mum come to church to worship God & learn more of the word of God! Don't make children an excuse to leave your church!

Have you ever thought about your leader i.e. the pastor or elder? Have you thought about how much you have supported, helped, encouraged or thanked him over the years? Oftentimes the minister gets a raw-deal when it comes to running a church! People expect him to be their servant their slave! He is on call for anything 24hrs a day; he's pulled from pillar-to-post trying to help people with hardly anyone thanking him or even asking him if he is ok! He sacrifices his own family at times to help others, but what thanks does he get...not a lot! Amid all the work he is doing, all the effort he is putting in, all the studying, praying, reading, supporting, visiting etc. someone says to him 'I'm leaving!' How must he feel? He can't please everyone; he is bound to upset someone! Yet here comes a baby-Christian who has just kicked all his dolls out of the pram & says "I'm leaving because I'm not happy here!" Boy oh boy, words fail me! What can you say to these childish 'Christians?' "Come on, my little wet-lettuce, my little milk-sucking jellybean! Tell pastor all about it! Has some naughty Christian upset you, have I upset you? Has someone not done as YOU wanted them to do? Come on let's powder your 'rump' & give you a new bottle of milk to suck on!" You know what...you're better without them!!! People come off our mailing list because they don't like what I say or the way I say it, but do they get rid of their TV's because they don't like what is being said or the way it is said...of course not! They'll keep that FILTH flowing in their homes! You

see, like I have said before, a Christian's FINAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE the word of God but often times it is his OWN OPINION! What's yours? So should you leave your church??? If it's doctrinally unsound YES! If they don't preach & teach from the Authorized Version YES!!! (That is once you have explained to them the ERRORS of modern PER-versions like the NIV & they DON'T except it!) But to leave because all the women



DON'T wear hats, or to leave because the Lord has told you (yet you hardly ever attended the Bible studies or prayer meetings & you are NOT studying the Scriptures yourself at home) is just ridiculous & proves you are a BABY-Christian! YOU should be making a difference in the church where you are; YOU should be supporting as many meetings as possible; YOU should be helping out when there is work to be done; YOU should be actively involved in reaching the lost souls of this world; YOU should be responsible in trying to bring people to church to sit under the ministry of the word of God! YOU should be committed to your local church; & even more importantly, you should be committed to the Lord! When was the last time you asked to help your pastor or asked him to give you a job to do? DO SOMETHING TODAY!

Stages of LIFE!!!

Children love to tell you when they are 4 years old or 6½ or 6½.

Then there is the milestone of 16, then 18 & then the pinnacle of 21!

After that, things get a little different regarding *your* age...

You TURN 30! You PUSH for 40! You REACH for 50! You MAKE-IT to 60!

By this time you've gathered so much speed that you HIT 70!!!

After that, you are happy to hit Wednesday, & after that you're happy to hit LUNCH!!!

Letter from Coventry!

On the 20th August the four of us (Donna, Dionne, LaToya & I) were giving out tracts in Stratford-upon-Avon. On the 21st of September I received the following letter... 'Dear John, My mother-in-law & I spent a day in Stratford-upon-Avon on Thursday 20th August & my mother-in-law was given your 'Way of Life!' tract. She had a quick look inside & realising it was a Christian leaflet passed it on to me. I opened the tract this morning & was stunned. Our family is going through a hard time at the moment with 2 aunts & a cousin suffering with cancer & my cousin has a brain tumour (which has been removed). Both aunts are young & breast cancer runs in our family. The first aunt to be struck with breast cancer was, we thought, over the worst & was due to be in remission in Feb 2010. Unfortunately her cancer returned quite suddenly & after being rushed into hospital 9 days ago in severe pain it was discovered she has tumours in her lungs & liver. The cancer is terminal & she has an unknown life expectancy (no more than 12 months). Our whole family are devastated - my aunt has dependent children including a daughter with mental health problems who has a child of her own. My thoughts have turned to her spiritual state. She is not a Christian & I have been praying for her to find Jesus & accept Him as her Saviour. To know she will find peace in her final days in the knowledge of returning to her Father is the only thing that matters now. I have a lot of people praying for her also. When I opened your tract I was astounded. It surely is an answer to prayer & has given me great comfort & encouragement! It is as though the tract has been written just for her. My intention is to visit her & give her the leaflet plus a Bible to read. I could never have put into words what you have put together in that leaflet. Please know you have truly blessed someone today & continue with the hard work. May God mightily bless you. Your sister in Christ, Debbie.' Now what a letter! Please pray, pray, pray for Debbie & her family. May the word of God penetrate lost sinners hearts as the tracts are distributed.

OH NO, NOT ANOTHER Anti-Calvin Verse!

Mat 20v28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Of course the anti-Scriptural-Calvinist loves this verse i.e. HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY! But can 'many' mean ALL??? Look at Rom 5v19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...I thought EVERYONE was a sinner??? Rom 3v23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Therefore MANY in the Scriptures CAN mean ALL!!! (Well done for finding this one Dee Dee!!!)

Our tracts are getting 'everywhere!'

Lordson Roch writes... 'Dear brother John, Hope all is well with you. Kindly keep these few famous guys in your prayers, as I mentioned to you earlier that I have made it a point to give out your booklet 'You Asked The Question!' plus some other Gospel literature & a few 'End Time-DVD's' to...

The Bishop of Goa Roman Catholic Church – Philip Neri
The Airline company King-Fisher - the owner Vijay Mallya
Former football captain of India – Bruno Coutino
India top fashion designer – Wendell Rodricks
Famous cartoonist for the Readers Digest – Alexisz Fernandes
King of India's Rock music – Remo Fernandes

May the Lord Jesus Christ soften their hearts & convict them of their sins & SAVE them before it's too late!' You just never know where our literature gets to!

The word 'GRACE' - it can mean so much more than you think...

Webster's Dictionary (1828) defines the word GRACE very well... gratia, which is formed on the Celtic; Eng. agree, congruous, and ready. The primary sense of gratus, is free, ready, quick, willing, prompt, from advancing. Favour; goodwill; kindness; disposition to oblige another; as a grant made as an act of grace. Appropriately, the free unmerited love and favour of God, the spring and source of all the benefits men receive from him. And if by grace, then it is no more of works. Rom 11, Favourable influence of God; divine influence or the influence of the spirit, in renewing the heart and restraining from sin. My grace is sufficient for thee. 2 Cor 12. The application of Christ's righteousness to the sinner. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Rom.5. A state of reconciliation to God. Rom 5v2. Virtuous or religious affection or disposition, as a liberal disposition, faith, meekness, humility, patience, proceeding from divine influence. Spiritual instruction, improvement and edification. Eph 4v29. Apostleship, or the qualifications of an apostle. Eph 3v8. Eternal life; final salvation. 1 Pet 1v13. Favour; mercy; pardon. Bow and sue for grace with suppliant knee. Privilege. That in manner, deportment or language which renders it appropriate and agreeable; suitableness; elegance with appropriate dignity. We say, a speaker delivers his address with grace; a man performs his part with grace. Natural or acquired excellence; any endowment that recommends the possessor to others; as the graces of wit and learning. embellishment; in general, whatever adorns and recommends to favour; sometimes, a single beauty. The title of a duke or an archbishop, and formerly of the king of England, meaning your goodness or clemency. His Grace the Duke of York. Your Grace will please to accept my thanks. A short prayer before or after a meal; a blessing asked, or thanks rendered. In music, graces signifies turns, trills and shakes introduced for embellishment. Day in grace, in theology, time of probation, when an offer is made to sinners. Days in grace, in commerce, the days immediately following the day when a bill or note becomes due, which days are allowed to the debtor or payer to make payment in. In Great Britain and the United States the days of grace are three, but in other countries more; the usages of merchants being different.

Talk about SLOW!!!

I sent off for some information from a Christian organisation on 25th October 2004...I received a reply to my request on 14th September 2009!!!!!!! It must have been Pentecostal or Brethren, I can't remember which!!!!!!! This is a record for us I believe!

Literature still going out to Devon!

We recently had 3 orders come in on the same day to be sent out to Devon! You know who you are; may the Lord bless your every effort in reaching the lost with tracts & booklets. Please pray that those people in Devon who receive the literature will get saved!

Don't make your bed down here!

The government can take your house away with a 'compulsory purchase!' Now the government can force your child to quit home education! 'Earlier this year a 10-year-old Christian girl in the USA was ordered to attend a government-run school. A judge made the order following claims by a local official that the girl, home educated by her mother, needed to begin to 'critically evaluate multiple systems of belief.' Her mother's lawyer said officials believe the girl's 'religious beliefs are a bit too sincerely held' & need to be 'mixed among other worldviews!'' (Christian Institute 6th Oct 2009) So now you can't educate your children at home! The government want to take control of YOUR family & can force you to do things you don't want to do! The only true freedom you have will be the day you enter Heaven's gates!

The NONSENSE of Evolution!

Every dating method used by evolutionists to get these huge eras of time is based on the assumption that the composition of the atmosphere & the rate of nuclear decay are 'constants' that never change. That is the basis for the Carbon 14 dating method & the Potassium-Argon dating method. The older a thing in time, the MORE unreliable those methods are! The reason for that is an event like the Flood which dramatically changed the atmosphere, which in turn allowed various solar rays to enter that had not been able to enter before. Exposure to these new radiations changed the rate of nuclear decay in the materials used in these dating methods. Also, the movement of large deposits of water changed the amount of the original material that would decay. Scientists today assume an amount of original material based on the amount of decayed material & the present decay rate. It's the same kind of circular reasoning that geologists use to date rocks & fossils from the strata in which they are found. Using current sedimentation rates, they calculate how old a strata should be. Then they assign that age to every fossil found in that strata. So a fossil is assigned an age based on the strata, & wherever that type of fossil is found in the world, the strata of rock from which it was taken is assigned an 'abed' (adverb archaic 'in bed') based on the fossil!!! If the sediment was laid down within a year (Gen 7v13 compared to Gen 8v13) all over the earth at the same time, that would bring ages of sixty-five million to 4 billion years down to FIVE to TEN THOUSAND years!!!

> But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32v8+9

Vet from Moscow, Russia gets the Gospel!

The plaque in our rented house says 'And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,' (Acts 28v30) – this we try & do! Recently our landlord had the house painted & while Donna & I were talking to the two men, a young Russian lady turned up, walking her dogs looking for a shop to buy a drink. We explained that there wasn't one local & said that we would make her one. Donna made her a coffee & we were able to chat with her for a while & Donna gave her our Oaks Community Church leaflet plus our 'Who Cares?' tract. Pray that Anna gets saved! She has been in England for 10 years & has just qualified as a Vet. Although she lives in the Birmingham area, she keeps horses in a field not too far from us. It's amazing how open people are over a coffee!

Resist DON'T Flee!

1 Pet 5v8+9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. You are never told to flee the Devil – you are told to resist him! James 4v7, Eph 6v11+13 – notice none of the armour protects you back!!! Everything the Lord has given you for contending with the Devil is for a forward movement! Don't RUN; STAND & FIGHT with the word of God as your sword! Too many Christians have one forward gear & five reverse; & most Christians don't even have THE SWORD of the Authorized Version; they have traded it in for 'Jehudi's' pen-knife – see Jeremiah 36...read the whole chapter!

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine - Prov 17v22

A man walked into the doctors; the doctor said 'I haven't seen you in a long time', The man replied, 'I know I've been ill'

Lordson Roch's 'Hacker!'

As some of you shall already know, a man pretending to be Lordson Roch has hacked into Lordson's emailing 'account' & sent out emails to all his addresses begging for money! I just want to make it clear that this is NOT Lordson Roch but an imposter! Lordson does not beg for money & if you have received an email from Lordson A Roch rather than Lordson Roch you will know that it is a counterfeit! This is one reason why I do not like computers & I do NOT like the internet; it is so easy to receive bad 'stuff' & get yourself 'hacked' into! I still much prefer 'pen & ink' although I've recently signed-up to email (see page 20)

ONE YEAR at Oaks Community Church!

It seems like only a few months since we opened the doors, yet a year has passed. We had 50 people come through the doors over the year. We are yet to see one person really bed themselves down in the church. We teach & preach THE BIBLE; we make no apologies for that. We stand upon the word of God as our FINAL AUTHORITY on all matters of faith & practice. We try not to compromise or conform to this world (Rom 12v1+2) & we try to do the Lord's will in our lives. There are very few churches I know of, especially in our local area, who stand as we do; there are very few Christians I know who are like-minded. We shall continue to preach & teach the truth of the Scriptures & build up Christians who want more of the word & more of the Lord. We shall continue to stand against heresy, worldliness & compromise to the best of our ability; we shall continue to try to reach the lost with the Gospel. We are in God's hands! The sad thing today regarding church is that people put more emphasis on numbers than spiritual maturity; by God's help we shall 'build up in the faith' all who come to Oaks Community Church! 1 Cor 16v13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 2 Cor 13v5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? Col 1v23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ve have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Col 2v7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Donnas' Health!



The Lord has been so good to us; so good to Donna. She is much better at present & we really do thank all of you for praying for her. She has been 3 months on steroids, plus this hard-hitting drug, plus her own daily tablets she has been taking for years, plus folic acid! She rattles while she walks! But she is certainly a lot better for now! I just give, & lift her up to the Lord to take care of. I have

never met a Christian like Donna, regarding her love, commitment & devotion to the Lord – HE comes first in Donna's life & that is why she is such a great help & support to me in the work I do, *thank you Lord Jesus!*

The INSANITY of Political Correctness!

Teachers at various schools in the country are teaching pupils about events that happened 'Before Present' (BP) & NOT 'Before Christ' (BC)!!!

How about some of these; what you can & can't say today!!!

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Blackboard	Chalkboard	
Lollipop Lady	Crossing Officer	
Manhole	Personhole	
Mankind	Humankind	
Naughty	Using 'Challenging Behaviour'	
Toilet Break	Comfort Break	
Love is Blind	Love is sight-challenged	
There's nowt so queer as folk!	There is nothing as abnormal as normal	
	people!	
Beggars can't be choosers!	Wealth-challenged persons cannot make	
	positive choices!	
If the cap fits, wear it!	If the cap, turban, veil, scarf, hat or burka	
	fits, wear it!	
If the mountain will not come to	If the mountain will not come to the non-	
Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the	denominational religious leader, the non-	
denominational religious leader must		
	to the mountain!	
A fool & his money are soon parted!	A wisdom-challenged person & his	
	disposable income are soon parted!	

There was a newspaper story about a four-foot high fortune teller who had escaped jail & the headline read... 'Small Medium at Large!!!'

The Advantages of being a Man!	The Advantages of being a Woman!	
Wrinkles add character!	You can choose your own clothes!	
One mood – all the time!	You can quickly end an argument by	
	crying!	
Car mechanics tell you the truth!	Speeding-ticketswhat are they?	
Your last name doesn't change!	You can pinch other people's deserts!	
Wedding plans take care of themselves!	Free drinks, lunches, dinners etc.	
A week-long holiday only requires one	You are never wrong!!!!!!!!!!	
bag!		
You can open all your own jars!	Shops are everywhere if you need	
	therapy!	
You know which way to turn a key!	You have more than one pair of shoes!	

The Drive-Through Cash Point!

'Anytown' Bank decided to install a 'drive-through' cash point machine to speed up the process of withdrawing money & sent the following instructions to its male & female customers!

MALE Procedure!

- 1) Drive up to cash machine
- 2) Wind down your window
- 3) Insert card into machine & enter PTN
- 4) Enter amount of cash required & withdraw
- 5) Retrieve card, collect cash & receipt
- 6) Wind up window
- 7) Drive off





FEMALE Procedure!

- 1) Drive up to cash machine
- 2) Reverse back the required amount to align car
- 3) Restart the stalled engine
- 4) Wind down the window
- 5) Find handbag & remove all contents on to passenger seat to locate card
- 6) Turn down the radio
- 7) Attempt to insert card into machine!
- Open car door to allow easier access to machine due to the wide gap
- 9) Insert card
- 10) Re-insert card the right way up
- 11) Search through contents of handbag again to find diary with PIN number on back page
- 12) Enter PIN
- 13) Press cancel & re-enter correct PIN
- 14) Enter amount of cash required
- 15) Check make-up in rear view mirror
- 16) Collect cash & receipt
- 17) Further empty handbag to locate purse & place cash inside
- 18) Place receipt in back of cheque book
- 19) Re-check make up again in mirror
- 20) Drive forward 2 metres
- 21) Reverse back to cash machine
- 22) Retrieve card
- 23)Locate card holder on front seat & place card into slot provided
- 24) Restart stalled engine & pull away
- 25) Drive for 2 or 3 miles
- 26) Release handbrake!!!

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Prov 27v15 (*I never wrote it!!!*)

Get a 'LIFE' at University!

During October, LaToya gave out over 30 'LIFE' CD's to people face-to-face at Aston University; quite a bold 'feat' for a 20 year old young lady! (No longer a teenager!) Overall, she was met with a good reception by most students, with only a few rejections. Please pray that the message of the Gospel will penetrate these young lives; pray that the 'LIFE' CD gets them to think seriously about LIFE & the choices they have to make. Donna & I were very encouraged by LaToya's stand for her faith & I am sure the Lord shall reward her for her efforts...well done Toxy-Loxy!



ANOTHER Anti-Calvin Verse...there's just soooooooo many isn't there folks! 2 Pet 3v9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. This verse states that if you go to Hell you are GOING against the will of God! Not only that, but the Lord doesn't want you there; HE didn't create it FOR you - Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Mat 25v41. God did everything He could to keep you out of Hell, the decision is now YOURS - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom 10v13. Now of course the foolish Calvinist (who is NOT a Bible believer) reads the 'us-ward' of the verse (v9) as 'us-elect!' Now just STOP & THINK for a second about that! How can God be longsuffering to the elect...HE KNOWS THEY'RE GOING TO GET SAVED!!! 'Longsuffering' implies that God gives you so much time before His patience runs out. God's patience doesn't run out at all with the 'elect' under Calvin's system! He KNOW'S they are going to repent, & they CAN'T REPENT UNTIL HE REGENERATES THEM!!! SURELY HE KNOWS WHEN HE IS GOING TO REGENERATE THEM???!!! And when He regenerates them, according to Johnny Calvin, THEY CAN'T RESISIT HIS WILL!!! So how can 'longsuffering' have anything to do with that load of foolishness??? You see Calvinist's just can't think for themselves! They send anti-Calvin material back to me because they CAN'T think FOR THEMSELVES - they are 'programmed' what to think by reading NON-SCRIPTURAL-CALVINISTIC-LITERATURE!!! Still want to call yourself a Calvinist...I trow not!! Let's not be silly shall we!

Just Routine!

Getting up, going to work; *same old same old!* Most people are not doing what they would really like to do, that's LIFE! But every day the Lord gives us should be lived to the full; make the most out of every day; don't waste time, life is too valuable & too short, therefore make every day count. Set yourself a goal for tomorrow, even though you may be going through the same old boring stuff, try it! Go out of your way to help someone, speak to someone, witness to someone, give out a tract...but set yourself a goal! If you have got time on your hands, throw yourself into something that is profitable, something where you can make a difference to others. (Eph 5v16)

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Col 1v23

What burdens are you carrying?

Throughout life we all carry different burdens that weigh us down. Some people carry burdens for ALL of their lives. Jesus said...Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Mat 11v28-30. Are you carrying any of the following burdens...regret, guilt, family, financial, finding a job, failure, loneliness, bereavement, fear, rejection...etc. If you are, isn't it about time you cast them upon the Lord...Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Pet 5v7. Why not make today the day you give the weight of your burden to the Lord; ask Him to take it from you! Get alone with God, get on your knees & cry to Him to help you through this time. No one loves you more than the Lord Jesus Christ – HE alone understands what you are going through...talk it over with

Him today...NOW! Once you have given it to Him, DON'T try to pick it up again, leave it with the Lord! There are some people who live in fear & the fear of death all their lives, & there is no need to... Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels: but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 2v14-18

It's worth carrying some drawing pins!!!

We have now started to carry a tin of drawing pins with us, so when we are travelling through the countryside & see a fence post or a wooden bus shelter, we can pin a tract up! See photos! Just an idea for you tract distributors! I think it was Betsy Parker who first suggested this to us! *Well done Betsy!*









Just an ordinary person!

If I could give you information of my life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange & unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, & I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all: & I have never refused God anything. — Florence Nightingale.

So what next?

What are you going to do next with your life? Any vision? Are you doing any kind of Christian work? Are you supporting anyone in any way? OR, are you just going to carry on as 'normal?' People are dying every day! The Gospel & the word of God needs to be spread everywhere...are you helping to do it? What plans have you made for 2010 regarding your Christian LIFE? Are you cold, warm or HOT towards the Lord? No one can live for you! You know if you are a 'backslider' in heart (Prov 14v14!!!) – read THAT verse!!! Don't waste any more time, don't have anymore regrets; get right with God & really start living for Him. Go that extra mile & help everyone you can, when you can, as often as you can, doing it FOR THE Lord – 1 Cor 10v31, Col 3v17+23.

The Railway Children – by E. Nesbit! (Worth watching this film!)

I think every child should watch this film & then have a talk about it afterwards by their parents or teachers. (Read Eph 6v4) It is a lovely film & great lessons can be taken from it for all children. Sadly to say (& I really am saddened by it), those days have gone. We are living in a godless society that is so anti-Christian it's amazing. Today's world, & I can only speak of England, is heartbreaking. Boys & girls are no longer being brought up in holiness, purity, with good morals & discipline, but instead are being brainwashed by an evolutionary-education that tells them that they are just animals who can do what they want...you are master of your own destiny with no fear of accountability to anyone! Try anything, even 'sodomy!' WHAT KIND OF WORLD ARE WE LIVING IN? The day we took God from our children is the day we left them with NO HOPE... Eph 2v12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the



covenants of promise, HAVING NO HOPE, and without God in the world: If you can get hold of a copy of 'The Railway Children' it would be worth it – the actors/actresses are Dinah Sheridan, Jenny Agutter & Bernard Cribbins. If you can't get hold of a copy let me know & you can borrow ours. Other films we would recommend, even though they are not 'Christian,' are... 'Cromwell' with Richard Harris & Alec Guinness, 'Martin Luther' with Niall MacGinnis & 'Chariots of Fire': we have also recommended the following Christian films in previous newsletters...



'Flywheel; Time Changer; The Wager (Randy Travis) & Warriors of Honor'. All these films would be worth seeing & I am sure they will challenge your Christian walk & your commitment to the Lord! Again, if you can't get hold of a copy, please write asking to borrow them! (BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RETURN THEM IN A REASONABLE TIME AS OTHERS MIGHT WANT TO SEE THEM ALSO!)

New Family at Oaks!

A lovely couple visited us at Oaks Community Church on Friday 23rd October. Please pray for them both as they have come through a pretty rough time. They are hoping to attend Oaks on Friday's along with their two children. After the meeting we sat & talked for a while, just opening up to each other & sharing a little of our past; it benefited all of us & we were encouraged & blessed by our visitors. God surely sent these two to us; the Lord is amazing & knows & understands everything about us, all we have to do is trust in Him TOTALLY...may His will be done in all of our lives.

When thou prayest...

When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer - John Bunyan.

Question Time...

- 1) What changes do you NEED to make in your life to please the Lord?
- 2) Why haven't you made them already?
- 3) Are you going to make them NOW?
- 4) What do you fear & why?
- 5) Have you prayed & asked the Lord Jesus to help you overcome your fear/fears?
- 6) Are you making a difference in anyone's life? If you're not, why not?
- 7) How many times have you read the Bible through from cover to cover?
- 8) What have you thanked the Lord for TODAY???
- 9) Who have you tried to reach with the Gospel TODAY?
- 10) How many tracts did you distribute/send out last week?

What have you ADDED to your faith lately?

2 Pet 1v5-9 And beside this, giving all diligence, ADD TO YOUR FAITH virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Here Peter lists SEVEN things that you need to ADD to your faith i.e. you need to ADD after you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ! Each characteristic is built upon the previous one i.e. it is a process of spiritual growth, spiritual maturity... VIRTUE - high moral standards. KNOWLEDGE - of God (v2) & of the Scriptures (v20+21). TEMPERANCE – self control. PATIENCE – Rom 5v3, James 1v3+4. GODLINESS – 1 Tim 2v2 + 4v8. BROTHERLY KINDNESS – Eph 4v32. CHARITY - Col 3v14. Those Christians who do NOT mature & seek after the above are SPIRITUALLY BLIND & cannot see the 'big-picture' (v9). The church today is full of weak immature Christians who cannot stomach strong meat; they live on milk & they never seem to grow up! This kind of Christian accomplishes very little, if anything, for the Lord: they try to keep one foot in the world & one foot in the church, their 'catch-words' are compromise & tolerance! They do NOT have a Final Authority, except themselves, & they will NOT submit to the word of God...they are a 'waste of time' (maybe I'm a little too harsh here but you know what *I mean!*), yet they 'infiltrate' most churches; in fact they make up the majority of the congregation. 1 Cor 3v2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. Heb 5v12+13 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ve have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. James 4v4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. So are you a mature Christian or an immature Christian? Are you growing spiritually where you are in the church you attend or are you stagnating? Are you being fed with the strong meat of the word or are you still sipping milk? Don't you want to grow?

Dee Dee's car!

Today there is hardly anyone that does a good job; it doesn't matter if you need your boiler fixing, a shelf putting up, plumbing or electrics etc. Garages & car mechanics are no different! Dionne bought a car a year & a half ago & since then the 'head-gasket' has gone THREE times!!! The

garage want nothing to do with it therefore Dee has taken the However, even with their 'backing' garage will win again! It's as if you plenty of money to throw at your who is an expert on cars has been has even leant her a car!) The world; get what you can, don't help what needs to be done & if you can different Christians should be to 10v31 Whether therefore ye eat, to the glory of God. Col 3v17



anymore & refuse to take any blame, situation to the Trading Standards. she will probably 'lose' the fight & the CAN'T win these days unless you have CASE!!! Mark (my brother-in-law helping Dionne out the best he can & trouble is, this is the 'spirit' of the out where you don't have to, do ONLY get away with it, DO IT!!! How those who are in the world! 1 Cor or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all And whatsoever ye do in word or

deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col 3v23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Prov 11v1 A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. Prov 16v11 A just weight and balance are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work. Prov 20v23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good. The Lord wants us to give our BEST to Him & to others as a witness & testimony to Him...but do we? I hope as a Christian you haven't 'conned' anyone?!

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 4v17

A few thoughts on Psalm 59 - read it first!

Verses 1-4 - If you are a Christian, & when I say 'Christian,' I mean a BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, you KNOW that the world is against you & just through pure hatred for the Lord Jesus Christ & His word, the world will do all it can to be against you in every way possible. Business, entertainment, sport etc, even the government shall be against the Christian. Though you are innocent in bringing no harm to anyone, you are guilty in the world's eyes as a troublemaker, a bigot, a chauvinist, prejudicial, homophobic & even racist!!! The world will lie about you & to you, it will do all in its power to stop you spreading the word of God & making known the Gospel. The sooner the Christian realises that THE BETTER! James 4v4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. A BIBLE BELIEVING CHRSITIAN will never make friends with the world, NEVER! But most Christians try to! Even though you are in such a God hating world, the Lord can work with you & through you, to save others! The Lord can & does protect you, keep you & guides you throughout your life IF YOU LET HIM! But do you want Him to? Many Christians don't because they want to be popular with the world...it's your choice! Verses 5-7 – The heathen (ungodly) are arrogant, wallowing in self-righteousness, but they shall have their day; the Lord shall have all the heathen in derision (v8), He will have the last 'laugh'... And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ve the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. Jude 1v14-18. Verse 9 – What a defence! God is our DEFENCE, so why do we fret, worry (the word 'worry' appears NOWHERE in Scripture!) & get anxious? We just need to wait upon Him & allow Him to lead & guide us in every decision we make, in every part of our lives...THY WILL BE DONE! He knows best for sure...let's not worry! Verses 10+11 - God shall have His way with His enemies (remember James 4v4) & you shall rise above yours, maybe not down here, but in Eternity...Ps 37v1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Ps 37v7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Verses 12-15 – the heathen's appetite to do evil is never full, he is never satisfied (Rom 1v32, Prov 27v20) - but his time IS COMING! This world will reap what it has sown, some of which IS happening NOW, but the greater part is to come! (Gal 6v7). Verses 16+17 – Even IN this crooked, perverse & corrupt world (Phil 2v15, Rev 19v2) the Christian can still rejoice in our God! Even IN this world which is full of deceit we can still have joy & peace (John 14v27, John 16v33), why? Because we know...THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!!

I don't know if this is a good thing yet!?

Finally I have decided to go on email; quite a few folks have said I ought to. We shall also be putting our email address on some of the literature we produce. So here it is, our email address...john.e.davis@hotmail.co.uk

Now, I expect to get bombarded with all the 'positive' Christians who want to have a go at 'Mr Negativity' telling me where I am going wrong! So if you want a 'rant-&-a-rave' be my guest, but be warned...I do bite back on occasions!!! (I have been known to sink my teeth into many a Bible 'corrector,' Calvinist & tongue-speaking-Pentecostal!) We shall see!!!!!!! Come on get typing!!!

So there we have it, another TfT Issue! What will 2010 have in store for us; where will the Lord lead us; will it be the year of the Rapture...let's hope so! Please make contact with us by writing, calling or now emailing, it would be great to hear from you. Until next time (if there is a next time that is), get as close to the Lord Jesus as you can, walk with Him & DO HIS WILL! Get rid of all the SIN in your life & get to work reaching the lost souls of this world. May 2010 be a soul winning year for all of us. Christian love John & Donna

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(It will soon be biking weather again!)





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Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, Luke 24v45

...for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

Jer 23v36

'Time for Truth!' has reached 50 newsletters!

This is our 50th issue of 'TfT! News!' – we have decided to bind all the issues from our first ever newsletter in March 2001 up to number 50 (i.e. this copy!) So if you are missing any copies OR you would like a *bound* volume of the first 50 issues, please drop us a line. Unfortunately we shall have to charge for these as it is going to cost quite a lot to get this produced by our printer – but we shall be selling them AT COST; price to be confirmed! We are calling the first volume, 'The Ministry Years – 2001-2010' – It will be a great reference tool as it will include a contents page showing you where all the studies are in the volume. There will also be some new material, including a few NEW studies relevant for today plus some personal photos taken during those years. We are very excited about it! We shall ONLY produce 200 to start with & see how demand goes?!

They'll be a collector's item in the future worth millions!!!

Carol Service!

Well we distributed over 500 invitations along with a booklet & Oaks Community Church leaflet, but only 20 people turned up! Even though we were disappointed in 'numbers' we were very encouraged with the way it went. The music sounded great & the Gospel was preached. It was also very encouraging that one of our neighbours came! We had more response from this carol service than last years! Thank you Lord Jesus for blessing us so much!









The road to hell is paved with good intentions!

Responses from 'TfT! Issue 49'.

Well the emails came *flying* in as soon as 'TfT News!' landed! Thank you to all those who responded! Already we have spoken to many of you, via email, more than we ever did in letter writing or phone calls. A few of your comments are as follows...

'Thank you for sending your newsletter & also the booklets & tracts. Some years ago I was in despair of finding an AV1611 church, until I saw Pastor Dickens' advertisement 'We preach from the KJV Bible!' Since then my life has been turned upside down. I had not realized that as my generation became old, the Lord can, & has, raised up people like yourselves & Pastor Dickens, & many others, to carry on witnessing the AV Gospel of repentance & salvation through the precious blood of our Lord.' – France (*This lady has the neatest handwriting on our mailing list!!! She has been a great encouragement to Donna & I over the last few years!*)

'Many thanks for the newsletters that you have sent for almost 3 years! I am very pleased to hear about your service for the Lord all around Britain! I do the same in Ireland particularly ministering to deaf people!'

'Continuing to pray for you & the DG!' – North Yorkshire. This guy is one of the few people in this country that I personally get spiritual food from! Thanks Alan! Your tapes are EXCELLENT!!!

'Your newsletters are like Ps 119v105! 'Time for Truth!' is a true guide for fruitful living! We find 'Time for Truth!' a real 'beacon' in these dark days. Be encouraged; keep using God's word to lead, guide, teach & correct us! Thank you, we learn much from you!' *Now this couple from Southampton have been on our mailing list for sometime now & WANT to learn! They are interested in TRUTH!*

'I am always blessed by receiving TfT! News! I am still distributing the tracts you sent me!' – Wiltshire

'I always enjoy your newsletter. I love your stand on the KJV – stay encouraged & NON-compromising!' – California, USA

'A while ago in one of your TfT! issues, you had a whole page titled 'The Gospel' I hope you don't mind but I took the liberty in making 175 copies. I live in an apartment complex which has 175 apartments. I put a copy of 'The Gospel' in each one! May the Lord use your Gospel page for His glory!' – Las Vegas, USA. How about that! What a GREAT encouragement that is! I wonder how many of you have done what brother Ed did & put a Gospel tract through every home in your own neighbourhood? If you don't WHO WILL...the JW's or Morons???!!!

'I have to commend you again John on your increasing enthusiasm for the Lord & also your straight down the line attitude which draws a chuckle out of me every time I read your comments on other peoples responses! I particularly liked the 'Friday Night is Fight Night!' article!' – Bolton, Manchester. This guy has also been a great encouragement to Donna & I over the last few years. Please pray for him as he is dealing with a couple of issues in his life at present that need sorting! Keep going brother...and NEVER GIVE UP!!!!!!!

'Enclosed is my yearly contribution towards the excellent job of spreading the Gospel!'

'Thank you for the big box of tracts that came on Friday. I went into Watford town centre this morning & gave half of them out, they went very well! On Saturday night I went to West Watford & put the rest of the Rapture tracts through doors. Keep on preaching & GET AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ON CD & DVD! I'm sending a gift towards the work you do!' This guy has been a great encouragement in distributing our literature. He is always giving out tracts everywhere he goes! Please pray for Thomas that he will see fruit for his labour!

You see, those of you who take a stand FOR THE LORD, know how difficult it is at times. It seems the loneliest road out & often you feel like no-one is with you. At times you can even feel like giving up; it is a tough fight out there & I tell you this...it shall ONLY get tougher & harder the nearer we get to the Lord's return! The church is in the biggest mess it has ever been in. Most Christians don't know, in fact, HAVEN'T A CLUE, as to the devices Satan is using to corrupt EVERYTHING (2 Cor 2v11), they just go to church without entering into the battle! Very few Christians ARE SOLDIERS FOR THE LORD! Are you? Are YOU working for the Lord Jesus Christ, trying to reach the lost souls of this world with the Gospel? If not, why not JOIN-UP TODAY!!! Get that word of God distributed EVERYWHERE you can! The Christian is to be like salt! He is to make people 'thirsty' for the truth, & his witnessing should have a 'bite' to it (Col 4v6). He should live in such a way as to slow the decay of a rotting world!!! Are you LIGHT & SALT in these dark days? You ought to be saturating your villages, towns & cities with the word of God to SLOW DOWN the decay of the land! For a good Bible study, look up every reference to salt & light in Scripture using Strong's concordance!

Eddie Geary now with His Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ!

Our dear friend Eddie Geary went to be with the Lord on November 5th 2009. He has been a great encouragement to us over the years & even when he was well into his 'nineties' he was still evangelizing, giving out tracts & sending out his written testimony everywhere he could. Please pray especially for his wife & family at this time that the Lord will comfort them through their loss.

Encouragement from a Christian in the South East!

Pray for Paul who has just bought forty thousand (40,000) King James Gospels of John to distribute! He is delivering 100 a week, plus tracts, for the next eight years – that's his plan! (I'm hoping we won't be around that long!) What a great work he is doing! Please continually pray for Paul & his mother & their evangelism work - may God bless that area in England as the word of God is sown & souls are reached with the Gospel. What have you spent your money on recently? When was the last time you bought a Gospel booklet to give out? It amazes me how Christians will spend their money on worldly things rather than INVESTING in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you're not challenged by that... YOU OUGHT TO BE!!!

Remember when...

School dinners used to be liver & onions rather than turkey twizzlers!

A 'Blackberry' was something you picked down a country lane NOT something you spent *ignoring* over the weekend!

'My-Space' was a den in your back garden built with bed sheets & runner-bean canes!
Noah, Isaac & Joshua were characters from the Bible rather than kids in your class!

'Wheelies' were what you did on your bike in the park NOT what you wore on your feet around the shops!

And when you grew up you wanted to be a footballer, train driver or astronaut NOT a 'celebrity!' We're living in crazy times!

Discipleship Group!

The last two DG's have really been a great encouragement to all of us! Brent (a new member at Oaks) joined us; he brings with him good Biblical knowledge (having read the Bible 11 times) plus a lot of enthusiasm & drive. Like all of us in the DG, Brent desires a deeper relationship with the Lord. Barney also joined us for the December DG & as usual, stocked up on sermon material!



Barney is always a blessing when he comes, but his church doesn't like him coming, because they don't like me!

Yet the church benefit from Barney's presence because they get our sermons the following Sunday!!!

Christmas just came & went!

One minute everyone is building up to it with 'frenzied' shopping sprees of presents & food, just for ONE DAY!!! The day after Christmas, the country goes mad for the sales & people are 'sleeping-out' trying to get that half-price bargain! *Absolutely bonkers!!!* It is so much hype & always ends in such an anticlimax! The best part of Christmas for us, was when the four of us sat for an hour on Christmas Day & read through the first two chapters of Matthew & Luke...It was great! Hardly anyone I know 'celebrates' the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ; they are more interested in 'gorging' themselves with food & drink! It's pathetic & Christians certainly don't make the most of it in their testimony & witness. Most Christians I know are just as caught up with all the trappings as those IN THE WORLD! What a time to give the Gospel to those who only go to church at Christmas...but was the Gospel given at your church???

Avoid 'offense' & the income will not collapse!

(This thought is at the back of the mind of many a preacher today, especially Pentecostal! *Hello Barney!!!!!!*)

Holland International Sales Meeting!

Donna & I had to go to Holland for five days during December on business. We were able to leave a few tracts where we went & had a chance to witness for the Lord on occasions. The hotel where we stayed was lovely (see photo!) & the meals were also very nice! On the whole it was a good trip but like I have said before, I find it hard to get excited about secular work! It always amazes me that 37 people gather around a boardroom table & all have to speak in English!!! What an impact England has had on THE WORLD because of the AV1611!



Alan O'Reilly Tapes!

Recently we have been very blessed listening to 4 tapes by Alan O'Reilly! He is the author of 'O Biblios – The Book' (Which every Christian should have in his library!) Alan is a great encouragement to all of us here at TfT! He believes the Authorized Version to be PERFECT (Don't you just love him already!!!) & he has been a great help in answering some of the AV critics who write in to us. Alan has a great deal of knowledge regarding his subject & is very well read on the matter. He's my 'older brother,' so if you pick on me regarding the AV, YOU PICK ON HIM!!! Remember baby-Pete-Amue? Well he certainly bit off more than he could chew when Alan responded to some of the points he had brought up i.e. saying that there were mistakes in the AV – he received a 70 page in-depth study blowing him clean out of the water, never to be seen again! Last time I heard from baby-Pete he was sitting in his local library 'shaking & whimpering!!!' Ecc 12v12 ...of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. I think poor old baby-Pete is very weary by now!!! Thanks again Alan for all your help & encouragement; we all love you here at TfT!, the DG & Oaks!!! (We have just bought another 3 'O Biblios!')

Bike Tracts!

Toxy-Loxy (LaToya, Toy etc.) is continuing to send out our 'bike tracts' to bike shops, bike-café's, 'biker-friendly-hotels,' B&B's, etc. all around the UK. Recently she had a reply from a person in Settle, North Yorkshire wanting 20 bike tracts – very encouraging! We have sent them out along with some other literature. Toy has just sent out another 100 letters; pray that these people respond to the message of the Gospel & that these biker-tracts shall penetrate the hearts of all those who receive them.

Please PRAY for...

Dennis Plowman – who has a heart problem; please remember him & Joan his wife in your prayers. Pray also for P. Higgins that he shall grow in his Christian life & want more of the Lord Jesus. Pray for those who are on the 'fringes' of church rather than showing the commitment to the Lord they ought to! Please pray for Brent & his family, Dee & Toy, & Donna regarding her health.

Oaks Community Church Update! (Feb 2010)

Well we preach the word, & we preach the word, & WE PREACH THE WORD, & we distribute hundreds/thousands of leaflets & tracts, & WE PRAY, & still people won't come. Yet since setting up (Oct 2008) we have seen over 65 NEW people come through the doors, but very few have stayed! WHY? Is it me? Is it the preaching? Is it because so few people are there and when someone new comes in, they're put off? Is it because Oaks is too 'challenging'??? Why won't people stay? Brent & his family have stayed which has been a real encouragement! Brent loves the word of God; is that why he has stayed? Does that mean the other 65 people DON'T love the word of God? We don't run toddler groups or coffee mornings or youth groups; maybe we should? All we do is target sinners with the Gospel & distribute Christian literature everywhere we can! We don't use gimmicks or modern-day 'Christian' songs, played by modern-day 'Christian pop-stars' on the 'stage!' We seek to worship the Lord with sincere, humble, truthful hearts, realising we are nothing without Him & thank the Lord for saving us from Hell and giving us a purpose for living. We are real in our Christian lives and help each other when 'one' is down or struggling with all the pressures of life. We are real and open with one another! Is this what people see and are afraid of? Do they just want to be superficial & shallow? What are they coming for? What are YOU going to church for?

Is Football the biggest RELIGION in England? You think I'm joking...I'M NOT! Let's compare going to a football match with going to church! Who is the most committed 'disciple?'

FOOTBALL	CHURCH
Fans will go EVERY week no matter what the	Some Christians won't go to church EVERY
weather!	week & will certainly not go if the weather's bad!
Fans will travel hundreds of miles just to watch	Some Christians won't travel 5 miles to church
their team play! It doesn't matter about the cost!	without complaining about how far it is or how
then team play: It doesn't matter about the cost:	much it costs to get there!
Fans will pay £30 plus EVERY week to watch	Some Christians hate parting with their money
their team play! They will even buy up front a	(even though GOD gave it to them!) Some
season ticket which costs hundreds of pounds!	Christians put very little into the offering!
Fans will raise their hands in adoration; sing their	Some Christians hardly ever raise their hands to
	the Lord, sing from the head rather than the heart
team's song & 'worship' the players!	
Fore will read up on their club DAILV in their	& don't know how to worship!
Fans will read up on their club DAILY in their	Some Christians don't pick up their Bible from
bible i.e. the newspaper!	one Sunday to the next!
Fans meet up together, because they're 'like-	Many Christians can't stand meeting up & if they
minded' – they love spending time together!	do they hardly ever talk about the Lord!
Fans put their 'faith & trust' in their team players	Christians often lack faith & trust because they
& manager!	are not reading the Scriptures!
Fans are united!	Christians know very little about unity! They are
For Part 1, 1,00 mm.	always stirring things up!
Fans live in different places, have different	Christians also live in different places, have
'status,' drive different cars, but they all head to	different 'status,' drive different cars & head to
the one destination!	one destination!
Fans will even wear a special kind of clothing	Christians seldom dress FOR THE Lord & there
that identifies them with their team! They are	are very few Christians who wear clothing that
bold & not afraid to show who they support to the	'promotes' the Lord! When was the last time you
world! They 'dress up' for their club!	wore a top with a Scripture on the back?
Fans talk about their team to their friends, work	Christians hardly ever talk about the Lord to
colleagues, family & even strangers!	ANYONE!
Fans encourage their children to FOLLOW their	Christians should encourage their children to
team, their club!	follow the Lord!
Fans will stand up for their team; they won't have	How many times does a Christian stand against
anyone bad-mouthing their players!	blasphemy when they hear it?
Fans are saddened when circumstances cause	When was the last time you were sad that you
them to miss a game!	missed church?
Fans make preparation before they go to a match!	What preparation do you make before you go to church?
Fans are NOT ashamed of their team!	Are you ashamed of the Lord?
Fans are not favourable about the opposition!	Christians don't seem that bothered about their
	'opposition!'
Fans make it a priority to go to the game!	Do Christians make it a priority to go to church?
Fans emotions are affected when they are there!	Christians seem motionless at times when they
	are in church! Many look like statues! (A few
	women come to mind!!!)
It takes something BIG to happen for the fan to	Christians will leave church & backslide for the
change teams!	smallest of reasons!
Football fans put banners, stickers & slogans of	Hardly any Christians have a Bible text on their
their favourite team in & on their cars!	car windows or bumbers!
Fans look forward to the next match!	How many Christians go to church as a
	routine/tradition? They go in & out as quickly as
	possible!

Mobile phone vs. Bible

Ever wondered what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we 'flipped' through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the 'text'?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to our kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go... hmm... where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our mobile phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think; where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

Writing Letters!

Here at 'Time for Truth!' we try to encourage Christians to sow the seed of the word of God everywhere they can. We also encourage Christians to write letters, not only to the unsaved (i.e. local MP's etc) but also to other 'Christians' especially those who need encouraging (i.e. prisoners, missionaries etc.) When was the last time you wrote a letter (even an email!) to another Christian? You see, some of you have talent in writing but you don't use it for the Lord. I meet a lot of Christians with 'talent' but they are NOT using their gift for the Lord. What are you good at? The only reason you're good at it is because the Lord has blessed you in it. Why not put that talent to use, FOR THE LORD? Are you good at English – then write FOR the Lord! Are you good at music (singing or playing an instrument?) then sing or play FOR the Lord! Has God blessed you with a car? Then use it FOR the Lord! When was the last time you offered to pick someone up for church or take them home? James 1v17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father... What have you given BACK to the Lord? What sacrifices have you personally made in your life FOR THE LORD? I know a lot of Christians who live very comfortably, they wouldn't even 'dream' of giving some of their money away to further the Gospel; I really can't understand it! Some of the tightest people I know are Christians, it's sad to say. To think what the Lord Jesus Christ gave up for us... it's heart breaking to see the commitment some of us give back to Him. Why not make a fresh start this minute & DO SOMETHING FOR THE LORD WITH THE TALENT HE HAS GIVEN YOU, no matter what it may be!

Literature Orders!

It is always encouraging to receive orders for our literature. Many of you now use our tracts, booklets, CDs & DVDs in your *weekly* outreach. A church in Stafford ordered some 'It's Your Choice!' booklets & a lady in Co Durham requested some more 'Who Cares?' & our money tracts! We also received an enquiry from a lady in Plymouth for some of our literature. May the Lord bless your every effort in reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel, whether you use our literature or not!

Another Response from Toy's Bike Mail-shot!

Well Toy has sent out hundreds of bike tracts to biker-friendly establishments. Recently we had another reply asking for some bike tracts to display in their premises in Carlisle, Cumbria; *VERY encouraging! Keep it going Toy!* Prov 11v30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Ps 126v6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Who are you posting tracts to?

NO LAW!

Ever studied these two verses?

Rom 4v15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Rom 5v13 For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Very interesting! Let me know your thoughts!

Car park just for women!

What a brilliant idea this is!

At least women can feel safe now. With the high rate of attacks on women in secluded car parks, especially during evening hours, the Kidderminster Council has established a 'Women Only' car park at the Swan Shopping Centre. Even the security attendants are exclusively female so that a comfortable and safe environment is created for patrons. **Opposite** is the first picture available of this world-first, women-only car park in Kidderminster! *Donna's car is the second one next to the wall 'standing-up' at the back!!!*



'Where did you get that from?'

Barney is a funny chap, just like most Christians I've ever met in fact! When I 'share' something Scriptural with him, the FIRST thing he says after I have spoken to him is "Where did you get that from?" Now there are many Christians with the 'mentality' of Barney in the world; it doesn't matter about THE TRUTH you are speaking, they are MORE CONCERNED as to where you got the information from! Would you care to hazard a guess as to WHY they say "Where did you get that from?" I'll leave it to your imagination & let you ponder over it for a while; in the meantime, we Bible Believers shall push onwards & upwards, refusing to enter into 'competitive games' with baby Christians...we've played those games before, & one of us will only end up crying! My heart goes out to all the clowns that are NOT in the circus, who are finding it hard to gain 'employment' in the real world! Keep putting on the make-up you 'lovely' people! Buffoons!!!

NEW Tracts!

I have been working on three NEW tracts for a couple of months now! The FOURTH tract was a sudden idea; in fact we completed it within two days approximately. We have also revamped our 'Who Cares?' tract i.e. new colour scheme, new font, extra wording etc. They all shall be available mid-March 2010 for distribution. The four NEW tracts are all Gospel orientated... they are very professionally produced; i.e. excellent paper quality & print! I have not seen tracts like these before! Again the prices are at COST i.e. what we pay our printer YOU PAY! If you can't afford some, *please order them anyway* & we will do our best to supply your need free of charge. We are a ministry & NOT a business, unlike many Christian 'organisations' today!

- 1) **The son I never was** Do you feel like a failure? Are you a failure in someone's eyes? I AM! My earthly father sees me as a failure! This is a sad but true story with a very happy ending!
- 2) Why is our country in such a mess? This tract answers the questions the Government & politicians CAN'T! Gets to the heart of the matter as to why our country is in the state it is! Nearly everyone you give it to will agree at least with the questions put to them & they will enjoy answering TRUE or FALSE to those questions!
- 3) **Does anyone really care?** LIFE can be really hard for all of us at times! This tract starts off with a twenty year old beggar on the street & finishes with the Gospel message!
- 4) Which one? Quite an eye catcher & should get quite a lot of feedback!
- 5) Who Cares? Revamped! New layout & much better paper quality! If you DON'T distribute tracts, YOU OUGHT TO! There is no excuse for not leaving tracts in the places you visit! Everywhere & anywhere you ought to leave the Gospel message in print. Too many Christians are engaged with fighting each other RATHER than reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel. I would encourage you, if you've never 'ventured' out in this area before, get some tracts in your pocket, pray to the Lord to help you, & as you see a phone box or pass a few houses, be bold & put one through the door. You will 'feel' encouraged & the Lord will bless you...GO FOR IT!!!



My proof readers

Hey Bible Corrector, YES YOU!!!
How do you KNOW the 'original manuscripts' were PERFECT?!!!

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

Well as usual, England ground to a halt after two days of snow! Donna & I couldn't get out, & therefore had two days off work (great fun!) I managed to catch up on some CHRISTIAN 'WORK!' Dee & I had a snowball fight at about 11.00pm while Donna, Dee & I were walking up the country lane (the poor kid turned 'white' that evening!!!) Toy tried to reach us, in a journey that would normally take twenty minutes; it took an hour to get half way, realising she couldn't make it, she turned around & it took another hour to get home! It was pretty scary I can tell you, as I spent an hour on the phone helping her get through this ordeal! She was skidding all over the place & at one point couldn't get out of third gear & then when she did, she couldn't get into ANY gear!!! But the Lord helped us all through this trying time & she made it home safely!









Donna's idea! This is how far the snowman got!

e & the Mrs!

Hot chocolate!!

Earls Court Trade Show!

Donna & I went to a trade show for the company we work for at Earls Court in London. It was a 'topend' giftware show. It was very busy all three days we were there. People were buying thousands of pounds worth of stock to fill their shelves & then sell on to YOU & ME! There wasn't one item sold that I could see was a 'necessity!' Everyone was trying to get the money out of someone else's pocket INTO THEIRS!!! People were all dressed up walking the aisles; strutting their stuff & trying to look important, trying to impress their 'onlookers!' What a shallow, superficial, selfish, egotistical world we live in! Psalm 8v4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Romans 7v24 O wretched man that I am! The world promotes the flesh! But what saith the Scriptutes?

Rom 7v18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7v25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

 $Rom\ 8v1$ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8v5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8v8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8v9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8v12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8v13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Gal 5v16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5v17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Gal 5v19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

Gal 5v24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 6v8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. How different the Lord & His word sees the 'flesh' compared to how this world see it! One of the problems today regarding England is, it is too well-off, too materialistic, too rich! We have TOO MUCH! This country thinks it doesn't NEED God anymore; it is NOT a 'spiritual' country; it is a worldly, materialistic, God-hating country! England has rejected the Lord just like the people in the Lord's day... John 1v10+11 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. Keep sowing the seed of the world of God everywhere you go!

I set a question for the Nov. DG... 'Looking back over your life what have you learnt?' Donna wrote the following...

How true the word of God is i.e. **PERFECT - AV of course!!!**

How faithful, unchanging, & powerful the Lord is.

How very fragile life is!

How nothing in life really matters, except your relationship with

the Lord. i.e. a career, material possessions etc.

Only the Lord can be trusted 100%. All humans lie!

Not to trust and put confidence in my memory.

That many Christians are pew fillers and hypocrites.

That the Devil has blinded the minds of millions of people & deceived them & lied to them on all aspects of life.

That religion saves no-one.

How many sad, lonely & broken lives there are.

How sinful & unlike the Lord I am.

How the Lord has guided, protected and helped me through every situation I've faced.

That in all situations the Lord is in control.

To appreciate good health, my senses & faculties!

That bosses & businesses are only interested in making money; a fair, friendly & appreciative

boss is hard to come by and like many other folk, they are never 'content'.

That Christians are very petty and the majority just stuck-in-a-rut!

How selfish people are.

How childish, especially men, are when competing in a sport.

How TV, music, computer games and the internet is brainwashing and addictive.

How morals and standards have dramatically dropped.

To look up and await the Rapture!

That people are never satisfied and content.

That the majority of folk would choose to believe in a lie and only in things they can see or have read about by a clever, so-called, person.

That I don't fit in with the world & it's systems.

To be thankful for all I have and not to take anything for granted.

That being in the Lord's will is the safest place to be.

The Lord will never leave me.

Many things people do are out of tradition.

That man; his thoughts and his heart are vile and corrupt.

True friends are hard to come by.

Families get it wrong and make things difficult at times.

That we no longer live in a God fearing land and people do not reverence the Lord anymore!

That the Bible is no longer 'taken heed to' by the majority!

That rulers and governments, along with the police do many things behind the scenes not heard of by the general public.

That some people, even good friends, turn out to be a disappointment.

That you learn very little at school.

How cults are deceived and are deceiving others.

That you never *really* know someone! People struggle to be themselves and try to appear as someone they're not.

How people only want to talk about themselves and are generally not interested in 'you'.

How most people never keep their word.

That the standard of service today is very poor!

That people do only what they have to when it's for others, however the situation always seems to be different when it concerns themselves.

Many families struggle to get on.

So what have you learnt in life so far? Can you associate with any of the above? (Let us know what you have learnt!)

John Alexander's update from Glasgow!

Our friend & brother called the other day JUST TO ENCOURAGE US! Now how about that! He didn't want to fight over some doctrine; he didn't want to say 'you're doing a good job BUT...'; he just phoned to encourage us! When we need encouraging the Lord always sends someone to DO THE JOB - on that day John Alexander from Scotland was the man for the job! We thank the Lord for this man! I asked John to give me an update on the work he is doing 'up there,' this is his report... 'As requested, please find below a report of some of the work for the Lord that is going on in the corner of the vineyard where God has placed me & trust that the few lines regarding this work will encourage any who read it & that God will be Glorified. Monday 11th January started off our children's meeting for the year which lies ahead in the will of the Lord with 21 children attending. It has proved difficult to attract children into the Gospel Hall, so for the past 4 years we have hired a local resource centre in the children's own backyard. God has abundantly blessed our efforts with sending in the children. Most Monday evenings we get between 20-25 children. 4 years ago we were able to hire the resource centre for an hour but considering the various age groups we thought about extending the hour to 2 hours with the younger children attending the first class & the older children attending the second class. Through prayer, guidance was sought as it would not have been practical to split the class into different nights. There was a dance class which followed our class & unknown to ourselves at the time there was a youth club in the same building on another evening which could have attracted some of the children that had started to come to our Christian class. My testimony is that God is faithful to his word And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa 65v24 The dance class stopped & the youth club moved into a different venue. Not only did God provide the opportunity to extend our rental time on the same evening, but moved the opposition OUT of the premises altogether! (The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God) What folly! Our God is alive & delights to answer the prayers of His people! Splitting the class in this way has been fairly successful as it allows you to speak more frankly about the things of God to the older age group & to clearly delineate (i.e. define, outline, describe, explain) what is expected of them as far as God is concerned. We take every opportunity to get the Gospel across to the parents & at Christmas time we passed leaflets to the children inviting them to a 'special carol service' in the Gospel Hall. This in turn accomplishes 2 things... 1) It links the children's class with the Gospel Hall, 2) It gives a great opportunity to preach the Gospel to the parents! On Monday 14th December we managed to get 14 parents down to the Gospel Hall. The children sang Gospel based Christmas Carols & recited verses from Luke's Gospel ch. 2 relating to the Lord's birth. The parents were delighted to hear the children sing and recite verses after which I explained what the significance of the verses meant and the need to know God's salvation. After involving the parents in singing more carols a further Gospel message was preached around the Son that was given & the reason for His coming into the world. Refreshments, both hot & cold, were served at the end which gave us an opportunity to speak with the parents. Each was given a calendar with Gospel texts printed on them, & a framed text of John 3v16. A FREE KJV Bible was offered to any parent that did not have a Bible of their own. One parent accepted a Bible together with an older boy & we now look to the Lord for a blessing. On a Sunday evening it has been my practice to stand in the street outside the Gospel Hall offering Gospel leaflets & inviting passers to go in & listen to the Gospel being preached. Few people take up my invitation but I get many a conversation in the street & present Christ as the ONLY Saviour of mankind. This year for the first time I offered Gospel calendars to the people passing by & they were gratefully received. To the regular people that pass by on a Sunday evening with whom I have, with God's help, broken down barriers, I offered a framed text of John 3v16 these were more than gratefully received. The woman that owns the Public House near the Gospel Hall & has always taken the Gospel leaflets that have been offered to her was delighted to take the framed text of John 3v16 & said that she would hang it up in her 'Pub!' God's word is NOT bound & will certainly not return unto Him void. Just think, if her customers read the text & consider that Christ died for them she could be left without any customers! I don't think that she has thought about the conversion of her regular customers. In the past I have spoken to her about the soul and knowing that she had a Bible I asked her if she had ever heard about John Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress she smiled and said that she was brought up with it. I may not see any fruit from giving out Gospel leaflets but God has given to each one of us a commission to sow the seed, He alone can give the increase and in due time God Himself will bring forth fruit for His Glory and the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Please pray for John & the work he is doing up there in Scotland! Keep it going John... NEVER GIVE UP!

Letter writing from brother Brent!

It's been a great encouragement having Brent join the 'TfT! TEAM!' He is helping out with some of our correspondence & tracting everywhere he goes! We hope to be *using* him a lot more in the ministry. It is great to have MEN like Brent in the church rather than some of the more effeminate types we see in today's world & 'church!' I have preached quite a few 'effeminate-men' AWAY I can tell you! God is looking for MEN today who will STAND up for Him! If you want to be a MAN of God, throw yourself in His word (*NEVER be dumb enough to try to correct it!!!!*), live a HOLY life & be available for the Lord to use you... do this & HE WILL USE YOU! Every single person I have ever met that try's to prove an ERROR in the AV has been as useful to the Lord or the church as a *chocolate fireguard!!!* In other words he is a WASTE OF TIME! 99% of Bible-CORRECTORS are NOT soul-winners! *Makes ya think don't it fella!*

Note NEW Order Form for 2010!

Please have a look through the NEW order form for 2010. If you would like any tracts to distribute yourself (or why not send some to an evangelist you know who would use them?) please fill in the order form & return it to us. We have just stocked up on tracts & booklets READY TO GO FOR 2010. Why not order some today?

Update on NEW Tracts!

Enclosed are our four NEW tracts we have just produced. If you would like some please fill in the enclosed order form. Let us all saturate our area with the Gospel/word of God this year! I would also very much like your opinion on the NEW tracts; please drop us a line/email! Thanks!

Barney emails a compliment!

No! Honestly! I really mean it! NO JOKE! I read it with my own eyes! I showed Donna, she said... "NO! I don't believe it!" I'm telling you the truth! Barney sent ME, 'ME' a compliment! And do you know what? It couldn't have come at a better time! The day I received it, I was going through a stressful time at work; loads of things had gone wrong, I even had a car crash, & there it was... A COMPLIMENT, FROM BARNEY! Dear old Barney! The first time in 20 years but it was worth waiting for! A COMPLIMENT FROM BARNEY can you believe it?! I'm still kicking

it was worth waiting for! A COMPLIMENT FROM BARNEY, can you believe it?! I'm still kicking off about it! Thanks Barney, thanks a lot! I won't forget it & I shall make sure YOU DON'T EITHER!!!

What are your goals in LIFE?

Wouldn't it be great if every Christian's goal was to put a Gospel tract through EVERY door in your village, town or city! WHAT A GOAL THAT WOULD BE! We have recently brought a map of Kidderminster & have 'employed' a friend of ours to put a tract & an Oaks Community Church leaflet through every door! There are 50,000 people in Kidderminster & we want to reach EVERY home with the Gospel. We haven't as much time as we would like to do it ourselves (although we shall obviously be helping) so we have sought the Lord & 'employed' a dear Christian brother to help out! John Wesley used to pay a team of Christians to give out tracts I'm told. Wouldn't it be great to have a team of full-time tract distributors just sending out the Gospel daily! I would love to be able to employ people to give out tracts! The more money I had, the more people I'd employ! If someone in your church isn't working (maybe they are finding it hard to get a job?), why not pay them to give out tracts with a church leaflet? The trouble is, Christians are so tight these days, & they hate to part with their money! Then on the other side of the 'counterfeit'-coin, the super-spiritual-hypocrite-type-Christians, say you shouldn't have to pay someone to give out tracts! These TYPE of Christians remind me of John 12v4-6 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor 2v14

Law v Grace!

This is a great study to go through! Make sure you look up EVERY verse!

(This takes care of next month's Bible studies Barney! You can't write it down quick enough can ya fella!)

John 1v17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The Law is God 'prohibiting & requiring' - Grace is God 'beseeching & bestowing'

The Law is a ministry of condemnation – Grace is a ministry of forgiveness

The Law curses (Mal 4v6 – last word in OT is CURSE!) – Grace redeems from that curse!

The Law kills (Deut 28v15-68, Rom 4v15, 2 Cor 3v6) – Grace makes alive!

The Law shuts every mouth before God – Grace opens every mouth to praise Him!

The Law puts distance between man & God – Grace brings guilty man nigh to God!

The Law stones an adulteress - Grace says "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Under the Law, the sheep die for the shepherd – Under Grace, the Shepherd dies for the sheep!

Gal 2v16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

How about these verses for cross-references...

Gal 3v10+11+21 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. Rom 10v1-5 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

 $ext{Jam } 2v10 ext{ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.} Rom 8v3 ext{ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:}$

Heb 7v11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

 $Heb\ 8v7$ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Acts 13v38-40 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

Rom 3v19+20+24-28 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Isa 64v6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

2 Cor 3v6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of

the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Eph 2v8+9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Titus 3v5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Rom 5v1+2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

 $Gal\ 2v21\ I$ do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Rom 4v5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Justification is immediate & an act of God (Gal 3v8). Justify means to pardon & clear from guilt, to clear from merited punishment, to accept as righteous on account of the merits of the Saviour. Justification (Look up these verses... Rom 5v9, Titus 3v7, Rom 4v25)

This is why I would recommend a wide-margin Bible! If you have one, you ought to write those cross-references down! Get as many notes in your wide-margin Bible as you can! It will save you so much time in the future.

Prophetic Witness makes a mistake on the FIRST PAGE!!!

I recently sent off for some booklets from the Prophetic Witness Movement, especially their Rapture booklet by Pastor Derek Marshall (*It's nice to know what the 'competition' is up to!!!*) Straight away on the very first page he quotes from a PER-version & changes 'trump' to 'trumpet!' *Off to a bad start fella!* They're NOT the same *Derek ol' boy!* God won't bless a PER-version son! Their booklet cost me £1.00 – you could buy 14 of our Rapture booklets for his one!!! Time for Truth! is interested in getting the Gospel & the PURE, PRESERVED word of God out to as many people as possible at the 'lowest' price! We are not interested in scholarship OR clever little intellectual Christians preaching from PER-versions! I suggest the Prophetic Witness Movement BUCK UP their ideas & get back to the TRUE word of God before they spread even more confusion! *Poor old 'Decker' (Greek for Derek!) has fallen for the manmade scholarship lie that modern Bibles are trustworthy... poor old Decker (but don't worry too much, you're not alone!)*

Bible CORRECTORS 'in' the church!

I've never met one yet who is 'normal!' First they tell you the AV has errors in it! Then you ask them 'Where is EVERY WORD that God promised to preserve FOR TODAY?' The idiots keep running back to the originals!!! I said 'PRESERVED TODAY!' One guy who has recently been coming to Oaks believes there are errors in the AV; his final authority is in the ORIGINALS (which he has NEVER seen; & which DON'T exist!) How does he KNOW they were PERFECT in the first place? How do you KNOW THE GREEK (which doesn't exist!) or THE HEBREW (which text?) are PERFECT??? He also believes Christ's Blood is NOT on the mercy seat in Heaven & he believes that your resurrected body HAS blood in it!!! Too much darling, too much!!! Already he has admitted that he has NOT read the WHOLE Bible — I suggest all the TRUTH he has missed is from the parts he HASN'T read!!! Now these 'wack-heads' don't deserve the time or space Bible-Believers give to them, so I am 'devising' an A4 sheet, full of questions, to give to the next Bible rejecter/corrector I meet; once, & ONLY once he has answered those questions, shall I then give him the 'time-of-day!!!' If you would like one of my 'special' Bible CORRECTOR sheets, write or email me requesting one!!!

By the way Mr Bible CORRECTOR, if YOUR Bible isn't PERFECT...

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOUR SALVATION IS???

Makes you think don't it fella? Like Ruckman says 'Mess with THE BOOK & God will mess with your brains!!!' Bible correctors aren't logical or rational, they can't think; read or understand! Shame really, apart from that 'lovely' people!!! (NOT!)

...ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

Acts 19v36 – Now there is a lesson for some of us, especially ME!!!

MY Final Authority is the word of God (AV), the Scriptures (AV), I said 'MY' The Authorized Version Bible is ABSOLUTELY PERFECT WITHOUT ERROR! If you don't agree with that statement YOU ARE WRONG! Dogmatic aint I!

What do the Scriptures say about THE SCRIPTURES? (Look up EVERY reference!)

Pro 30v5+6, 1 Pet 1v23, Ps 119v89

Who wrote the Bible?

2 Pet 1v21, 2 Tim 3v16+17

What has God promised to do with His word?

Ps 12v6+7, 1 Pet 1v25, Isa 40v8, Mat 5v18, Ps 119v160, Isa 30v8, Ps 119v152 (Note Mat 24v35, Mark 13v31, Luke 21v33 – *The virgin birth is only recorded twice in the Gospels!*)

Ouestion time!

Is a miracle too hard for God?

Was the creation too hard for God?

Was the worldwide flood too hard for God?

Was the parting of the Red Sea too hard for God?

Was the virgin birth of Christ too hard for God?

Was the collection of 66 books, over a period of 1600 years too hard for God?

Was overcoming the human nature of the SINFUL WRITERS too hard for God?

Is PRESERVING the words of those writers too hard for God?

Is giving us a PERFECT Bible for today too hard for God?

Inspiration is far harder to believe in than preservation!

(Yet the majority of Christians today do NOT believe that the word of God is PERFECT &

WITHOUT ERROR! Are YOU one of those Bible CORRECTORS?)

Can God lie?

Titus 1v2, Num 23v19

God has promised to MAGNIFY His word, but above WHAT?

Ps 138v2

What has Satan been trying to do with the word of God?

2 Cor 2v17, 2 Cor 4v2, Gen 2v16+17, Gen 3v1-4, Jer 36v21-32

Satan is against God in every way possible!

One God yet many 'gods!'

One Christ yet many 'christs!'

One Gospel yet many 'gospels!'

One TRUE 'religion/faith' (Christianity) yet many 'religions/faiths!'

ONE BIBLE yet many 'bibles!'

What does God say about His word?

Deut 4v2, Prov 30v5+6, Rev 22v18+19, Ecc 3v14

What should WE do with the word of God?

Phil 2v16, Luke 4v4

Who are WE trying to please?

Gal 1v10, Acts 5v29, Acts 4v18-20, Rom 3v4, Mat 23v2-7, Heb 11v25-27 Ps 119 has 176 verses i.e. 16x11 i.e. 1611 (What a great number!)

Other interesting verses regarding the word of God!

Job 23v12, Deut 30v10-14!!!

So Mr/Mrs 'Bible-CORRECTOR,' put that in your pipe & SMOKE IT!!!

If you think there is an ERROR in the AV you are a fully-fledged-IDIOT!

If you think Acts 12v4 should read 'Passover' & NOT Easter, you are a NUT!!!

Not one person on Planet Earth can honestly say that the Holy Spirit has shown them an ERROR in the Authorized Version Bible...not one person!

If they 'did' they're LIARS! (FACT!) Hope that's upset you Bible corrector!!!

Rather than try to find 'errors' in the Bible, how about trying to save a soul FROM HELL!

I get more stick from Christians because I believe the Bible to be PRESERVED PERFECT than I do over ANY other doctrine! *How mad is that!*?

Believe THE BOOK God has given you & DO what it says!

Problems in the church by Brent Cairns!

In approaching the topic of church problems, my firm belief is that problems in a church stem from a coldness to the word of God. The root cause, in my opinion, is the absence of a firm valuation in the Holy Bible.

Matthew 22v37 is a command that states we are to love God with everything we have. Our focus ought to be a love for His appearing. Titus 2v13. The grace of God brings people together and in assembling as believers we are to provoke one another unto good works. Hebrews 10v25.

If you or your church harbour resentment to God or to what He says in His scriptures you are a problem. If you disbelieve the power of God it is my prayer that you'll experience problems.

As any church-goer knows you get the chance to eat your Sunday dinner roast after the morning and evening service. In Exodus 16v10 Aaron preached a sermon and then received information about the evening and morning meals. Of course, the giving to the people of the evening quails and the morning manna served as a reminder that the Lord heard and answered their requests, even if these were complaints and murmurings. The lesson here also is that Manna-Angel's food-was bread given by God. Likened to the word of God in Deuteronomy 8v3 this, we are told, is what we are to live by daily.

The word of God features significantly in the 'whole armour of God' of Ephesians chapter 6. Anything less is not fulfilling. Our loins are to be girt about with *truth* v14. Our feet are to be shod with the preparation of the *gospel* of peace v15. We are to take to the fight the *sword of the spirit* v17.

It is the devil's intention to question the truth Genesis 3v1 but in returning to the metaphor of bread in Matthew 4v4 the minister is to be *nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine.* I Timothy 4v6

Problems that manifest in a church can range from the minor to the major; from the seen to the unseen and may directly involve members of the congregation or not. The understanding in Scripture on this issue is that it is a real one; the worth of the word of God is incalculable and can not be esteemed as token. They usually manifest because of a restlessness in life. 'Human' in human development is an innate drive that must be filled.

While certain vices exist in life: lust, liquor and lawlessness, the preaching of the word of God is intended to soften our hearts to his reality. The Bible gives us real hope and as soon as a minister casts doubt on its validity, authenticity, inerrancy and accuracy THEN PROBLEMS WILL MANIFEST.

Deuteronomy 29v5 gives us great consolation: "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot." It is our real privilege to know that in an age of frequent problems in the church, the renewing of our minds through the holy word of God causes us to be restful.

The tide of every 'ism' known to man (pluralism, relativism, modernism, humanism, for example) will ebb and flow but only the words of God shall stand in the wash. Matthew 24v35

Recommended Films!

If you are looking for a great Christian film that will bless you, encourage you & challenge you, I would highly recommend 'Facing the Giants'. It is produced by the same people that wrote & produced 'Flywheel' (also a top quality Christian film!) Have a look at www.sphe.co.uk websites. The Kendrick brothers have certainly blessed & encouraged us with these excellent films. We have also ordered their next production & look forward to watching 'Fireproof!'

Barney's Opportunity...LOST!

All through the years we at TfT! have given Barney ample opportunities to 'fight-back,' give his opinion, state his cause, speak to our readers etc. NOT ONCE has he taken up the challenge. To be included in our bound volume, 'The Ministry Years' we asked him, yet again, if he would like to write an article for 'TfT News!' We gave him 'free-rein', he was offered an A4 side, but alas, you shall not read anything by dear old Barney; another opportunity missed! Don't say we never gave you the chance to get your own back!!! You could have spouted on about 'tongues & healing'; you could have fought for the AOG... perhaps you had NOTHING to say??? What no interpreter present???

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Prov 16v6 - That is exactly why men DON'T depart from evil...they have no fear of God!!!

Great words from O BIBLIOS by Alan O'Reilly!

Alan writes, 'To believe that the AV1611 as the FINAL AUTHORITY is also to believe that it is superior not only to the modern 'bibles' but also to ALL 'verbal, plenary, inspired, original autographs.' The view that I express is that of a BIBLE BELIEVER who takes the AV BIBLE in ANY edition as inerrant with respect to its words, punctuation, order of Books & chapter & verse divisions. It is Holy Scripture given by inspiration of GOD (2 Tim 3v16) & is THE FINAL AUTHORITY in ALL matters of FAITH & PRACTICE & is SUPERIOR to ANY set of 'originals,' ANY set of manuscripts in either Hebrew or Greek, ANY English Bible, published before or since 1611 & ANY Hebrew or Greek Testament, including the 'Textus Receptus'. My stance for the AV1611 is now as it was then, except that today I would add inerrancy with respect to paragraph divisions!' What do I say to Alan's words? AMEN & AMEN! I agree 100% with every single word written above! If you don't, that's fine by me, believe what you want, live in ERROR if you want to, but us Bible Believers shall keep pressing on until we see the Lord face to face...I wouldn't get in the way if I was you!

Very Funny!

Nelson Mandela is sitting at home watching TV and drinking a beer when he hears a knock at the door. When he opens it, he is confronted by a little Chinese man, clutching a clip-board and yelling, 'You sign! You sign!'

Behind him is an enormous truck full of car exhausts.

Nelson is standing there in complete amazement, when the Chinese man starts to yell louder, 'You sign! You sign!'

Nelson says to him, 'Look, you've obviously got the wrong man', and shuts the door in his face.

The next day he hears a knock at the door again.

When he opens it, the little Chinese man is back with a huge truck of brake pads.

He thrusts his clip-board under Nelson's nose, yelling,

'You sign! You sign!'

Mr Mandela is getting a bit hacked off by now, so he pushes the little Chinese man back, shouting: 'Look, go away! You've got the wrong man. I don't want them!' Then he slams the door in his face again. The following day, Nelson is resting, and late in the afternoon, he hears a knock on the door again. On opening the door, there is the same little Chinese man thrusting a clip-board under his nose, shouting, 'You sign! You sign!

Behind him are TWO very large trucks full of car parts.

This time Nelson loses his temper completely, he picks up the little man by his shirt front and yells at him: 'Look, I don't want these! Do you understand? You must have the wrong name! Who do you want to give these to?

The little Chinese man looks very puzzled, consults his clip-board, and says:

You not 'Nissan Main Dealer?' (Get it???)

Spring Fair Trade Show!

During February, Donna & I have to visit the NEC for the Spring Fair Trade Show. It is predominately a gift show targeted at gift shops & garden centres. We work on the stand from 8.30am-6.00pm every day from Monday-Thursday (although Thursday finishes at 4.00pm instead). It's long hours & hard work; most of the time you are standing dealing with customers. In the evenings we went for meals with eight other work colleagues including my boss & his wife. Once the booze starts flowing the conversations always take a turn for the worse. I had one opportunity to witness at the table, which didn't go down very well & I felt I didn't handle it too well either. I did manage to mention about Heaven & Hell though, which I give the Lord thanks for. None of these people show any interest in the Lord Jesus Christ & are happy to swear & blaspheme oftentimes. Donna & I do restrict them a little when they are not pouring down their 'temporary-courage!' May God save these sinners before it's too late! It is disgusting & just pure-rebellion how sinners talk! To think, I was just like that, brings home the reality of how hard man's heart can become over time. We need to get that engrafted word INTO our children BEFORE they get so Gospel hardened! James 1v21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

You got it Jackson!

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless? WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law!

How apt! Sometimes the more educated a man is, the more 'dense' he is!!!

(Reminds me of Bible correctors who put scholarship above the Authorized Version Bible

i.e. THEY HAVE HAD THEIR BRAINS REMOVED!!!)

'The Empty Heart!' Tract!

I was saved by a Canadian girl walking me through this tract (The Empty Heart!) & sharing with me the Gospel message! I can't say it was a really good tract or even a 'powerful' one; it wasn't even an AV tract (!!!) – BUT, the Lord used it to bring me to Him, THANK YOU LORD! Yesterday (31st Jan 2010), I wrote to the author thanking him for writing it! (Only 20 years late!) I also sent him a load of 'stuff' (including information on the versions OF COURSE!) i.e. newsletters, our tracts & booklets, CDs & DVDs etc. Through his one tract, God has reached hundreds of thousands of souls with the Gospel which 'Time for Truth!' (& our partners/supporters/distributors) have put out...TO THE GLORY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! Isn't it amazing what GOD can do with just ONE tract!!! Have you written to the author of the tract YOU were saved by?

700 see J. John at 'Champions' Church!

700 'Christians' turned up to see their 'celebrity-Christian' J. John at *Champions* 'Church!' Imagine if each Christian took 100 tracts & posted them through 100 letterboxes INSTEAD of being 'entertained' by their favourite 'Christian-celebrity' – If all 700 Christians did that, 7000 Gospel messages would have been sown in just that evening! Now if you asked those 700 Christians to get together the following Saturday evening to walk the streets & post just 100 tracts out each (*maybe it would take half-hour!?*), I wonder how many of *those* Christians would even TURN UP??? Now that doesn't need a comment does it...YOU KNOW!!!

The Television!

A few years ago I set the DG a challenge, STOP watching TV! I know that for some of you 'simple & weak' Christians, that is TORTURE! I mean you'll do ANYTHING just so you can watch your favourite brainwashing-programme; you'll justify yourself & give reasons WHY you have a TV, 'It's for the kids, they need it for their studies! We only watch the news & nature programmes!' (Liars!!!) Well, THREE out of the group haven't watched TV since, & they are still alive & well with no symptoms of malnutrition, deprivation or anything like that! In fact, believe it or not, they are much better off for it! Some Christians just can't switch it off even though YOU have come to see them! I want to put to YOU a challenge! TODAY, RIGHT NOW, unplug your TV (or get an electrician to take down your aerial/cut the wire!) & if you aren't going to use it for playing DVDs etc (i.e. you are forced to control what you watch!) then take the TV to the skip & throw it in, making sure it BREAKS!!! By doing this you SHALL receive a blessing, I promise you! TV today is not only desensitizing sinners, but also CHRISTIANS! If something gets you to THINK unrighteous & impure thoughts GET RID OF IT! TV certainly does that, you KNOW it does! Get rid of that thing NOW! There will always be something to watch INSTEAD of reading your Bible. I know of Christians who are backsliding because they are NOT reading their Bibles, NOT coming to church; they just sit watching that wicked-device! Don't let this happen to YOU!

Trying to be more like the Lord!

Spend time on these verses & ask the Lord to help you, not only understand them, but LIVE them! Col 3v10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. Rom 12v2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Eph 2v10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph 4v22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 2 Cor 5v17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. But have the old things 'passed away?' Trying to live as a Christian SHOULD LIVE in this sinful, corrupt world is very, I said VERY, difficult! You can ONLY do it if you LIVE in the word of God, believe what it says & surrender your WHOLE will to God...HIS will be done! Rom 8v13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Col 3v5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Mortify means to destroy, to subdue or bring into subjection, as the bodily appetites by abstinence or rigorous severities; to subdue; to abase; to humble; to reduce; to restrain; as inordinate passions. Mortify thy learned lust.) To live a holy, pure sanctified life you need to destroy the flesh & live in the Spirit - Gal 5v16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Rom 6v11-14 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Rom 8v1-13 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Rom 13v14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. Gal 5v24-26 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. 1 Pet 2v11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; If you & I would only obey the above verses, we would KNOW & EXPERIENCE victory over sin & know what it is to live a 'victorious' life! The next time you don't treat someone as you know you should, go back to these verses! James 4v17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. May the Lord help us all to walk Godly in Christ Jesus bringing honour & glory to His name! Please God help us!

All we are is Hell deserving sinners, SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD! There is NO GOOD in us except the Lord Jesus Christ! (Read Rom 7)

Gal 6v3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. One thing I have learnt throughout my 39 years of life so far, is that I am just NO GOOD! Now I've met a lot of people who 'think' they are 'IT', but they can't fool me, I KNOW! Barney made me laugh the other week; he was talking to another pastor about me not believing that the gifts are for today... he said to the guy... "John only believes in 'ONE GIFT'...himself!!!" Now I found that very funny, even though it couldn't be further from the truth! John 15v5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Rom 7v24 O wretched man that I am! Rom 7v18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Isa 64v6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Jer 17v9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Gen 6v5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. What about that for a 'barrage' of verses showing what GOD thinks about MAN! Not much 'positivity' there is there son! You see the world, the flesh & the Devil want you to see yourself as: 'great, full of self importance, ME ME ME! It's YOU who matters, more than anyone else! YOU are master of your own destiny!' Yet you are NOTHING without GOD! Like one preacher put it, 'Man without God is NOTHING; God without man is still GOD!!!' Ps 8v4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Look how the human race treats God today! Who do YOU think YOU ARE? Some people (even Christians) really 'rate' themselves; they think they ARE IT!!! How many times does a drunken-'bum' (USA phraseology!) try to give you advice, they're 'pathetic' (used in the correct context – see Concise Oxford English Dictionary.) Christians are no different; they come to you giving you advice on how YOU should be living, what YOU should believe & teach, what YOU should be involved with & yet 'they' are as much good as a handbrake in a canoe! I cannot tell you how many letters I receive from Christians trying to put me right i.e. I should be speaking in tongues, I should be a Calvinist, I shouldn't teach that the Bible is perfect, I shouldn't say that the Blood of Christ is in Heaven & that He appeared, after His resurrection, WITHOUT Blood, I shouldn't talk about 'healing' the way I do, as that is why Donna isn't healed (as one dear 'godly' sister pointed out!); you see, everyone knows best! Everyone has something to say! How many times have I preached a sermon & Mr/Mrs 'nitpicker' have 'slithered' up to me & said 'Did you know that Easter shouldn't be in the AV?' OR 'Brother, can I just ADD...' If only we all obeyed 1 Cor 11v28 But let a man examine himself... We should be doing this oftentimes, yet most Christians I know have changed the verse to... 'But let a man examine HIS NEIGHBOUR!!!' Christian, the sooner you realise that you are NOTHING & Christ is EVERYTHING the better for everyone! If you accomplish anything good in your life it is because Christ has given you the strength & ability to do it, thank HIM for your success! You have the name

Brent's Wife Gets SAVED!

On the 8^{th} of February 2010 Brent had the privilege of leading his lovely wife Claire to the Lord. She

had been under conviction from the word of God & the Holy Spirit for some time & Brent just continued to witness & stand upon the word daily. To his joy, & ALL OF US AT OAKS, (plus all of those in HEAVEN!!!), Claire asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive her of all her sins & come & save her! I just love it when a soul gets saved! To think she was on the road to Hell & now she is on the road to Heaven is amazing! If you would like to drop Claire & Brent an encouraging note/letter, please address it to 'Time for Truth!' & we shall pass it on! We have been praying at Oaks for Claire to get saved for some

Christian, LIVE LIKE ONE!



time, so when Brent called & told us, we just thanked the Lord for His mercy & grace!

On Friday 12th Feb Claire gave her testimony, which was just great! This girl is SAVED!!!

Only five of us at DG!

Even though the January DG was just Donna, Dee, Toy, Brent & I, we really were blessed by the Lord! Yet again we all looked at our own lives & commitment in regard to the word of God & were challenged to seek a closer & DEEPER walk with our Lord. I ABSOLUTELY LOVE being in the presence of Bible Believing Christians who really do love the Lord Jesus Christ ABOVE ALL & who want to serve Him & get to know Him the best they can. I would rather sit with the 'above-FOUR' teaching, preaching & studying the Bible with them, than have a church FULL of half-hearted-milk-sop-effeminate-'Christians' who would rather be watching TV on an evening than spending time in THE BOOK! There is NO greater, more exciting life than LIVING for God! Most Christians I know are 'pathetic' in their walk with God & will justify anything rather than do what they SHOULD be doing! Living the Christian life is hard; it is very tough at times! I am sick of quitters!

King's Church in Iver receives one of 'my' special letters!

While on business, Donna & I popped into the café at King's Church down in Iver. We were greeted by a couple of lovely old ladies! In fact all the people we met in the café were very pleasant! On the way out I had a look at their literature table & took two of the free CDs they were offering; I wished I hadn't, because one of the famous/'infamous' Johnny Davis letters was in the making after listening to them!!! The 'preacher' (& I really do use that term loosely) was THE WORST I have heard yet! It was so bad that I JUST HAD TO WRITE A COMPLAINT! I didn't put my name to the letter because I do like their tea & cakes when we visit!!! The letter I wrote is thus... To whom it may concern, I recently picked up a free CD from your church (I have enclosed it). After listening to it, especially track 3, I want to congratulate the 'preacher', he must be very bold & brave! Why do I say this? Imagine getting up into the pulpit knowing NOTHING & having NOTHING to say; well your 'track-3-preacher' did just that! He preaches on 'rubbish' & I can honestly say that the sermon (& I use that term VERY loosely!!!) was, as in his own words, TOTAL UTTER RUBBISH! I congratulate him because it is without doubt the WORST 'sermon' I have EVER heard! To say it was even 'acceptable' you would have to be an utter, fully-fledged-IDIOT & I mean a TOTAL IDIOT! If you die without having your sins FORGIVEN by the Lord Jesus Christ, where will you go? The answer to any Bible Believer is HELL! Your 'track-3-preacher' has done NOTHING to stop people from going there! He has tried to be clever (& failed miserably!) & he is so full of himself by the way he comes across that it is untrue! He needs to repent of his RUBBISH, get alone with God & ask the Lord to forgive him & teach him what he NEEDS to know! Entertaining people in church is damning them to Hell! The Gospel is the ONLY answer for the sinner! If you are the pastor of this church & reading this, I would feel ashamed & sort things out before 'Ichabod' is written over your doors! 1 Sam 4v21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed – modern compromising Christianity is damning people to Hell rather than leading them to Heaven! I would not like to be in YOUR shoes as a pastor who is allowing such RUBBISH into the pulpit, OR in the shoes of the IDIOT who preached that RUBBISH 'sermon!' James 3v1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. We are living in very dark days & the Lord's return is imminent; what are YOU doing to reach sinners with the GOSPEL??? Feeding old ladies with tea & cakes is NOT winning them with the Gospel! You have an opportunity in your area of being a shining light FOR CHRIST! Get rid of your immaturity & get out there & hit every single home WITH THE GOSPEL! Do what IS RIGHT for God, NOT what is pleasing TO MAN! Acts 5v29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Written by a Bible Believing Christian! What on earth is going on in some of our churches today?

The church is in a terrible state today, worse than I have ever seen since I was saved, back in 1989. Why? Because its leaders have rejected the Authorized Version Bible & ran after Satan's counterfeits! *You reap what you sow!* (Gal 6v7) It is time to REPENT & get back to the AV & start really living for God in everything you do! For MOST Christians, the Lord Jesus Christ does NOT have the pre-eminent position in their lives (Col 1v18). For MOST Christians, their Final Authority is their opinions; *what's yours?* May the Lord help every one of us to live FOR HIM in EVERYTHING we do... Read 1 Cor 10v31, Col 3v17+23 etc.

Interesting verse...

Isa 26v19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Another 'Johnny Davis' Letter!

This time it was to an owner of some 'upmarket' sweet shops who were selling 'Last Supper Mints' with a picture of 'Jesus' at the Last Supper! My letter read... Dear... You may not have any interest in the Lord Jesus Christ at all; you may be an atheist with no thought about how much Jesus Christ loved you & died FOR YOU... DIED FOR...! You may think that by selling blasphemous 'last supper mints' is funny? I was very saddened to see such a thing 'IN A SWEET SHOP!' I neither found it clever nor funny, in fact I thought it was sickening to see how low people will go, just to make money... 1 Timothy 6v10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I wonder why you do NOT sell Allah or Mohammed sweets? Perhaps because the Muslims would burn your shops to the ground! Maybe Christians are a 'soft-touch' i.e. they LOVE rather than show violence, true! The Lord says in Romans 12v19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. So I write to complain; I have not mentioned this to anyone else i.e. any church denomination OR news media yet. I would hope that from just this letter you will reconsider your decision to sell these blasphemous sweets & remove them from your shelves. If you do NOT, I am sure THE LORD will hold this against you & I would NOT like to be in your shoes when YOU, stand before God on Judgment Day... Hebrews 9v27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: May you see & acknowledge your OWN sins, & trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour! May God help you in every decision you make! From a Christian! For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3v16 If Christians DON'T write letters standing for the TRUTH, who will? Remember, you can send them anonymous!!! (Even post them from a different area!???)

60,000 emails from Toy to every one in her university!

LaToya (Toy) has been denied access in regard to sending the Gospel to 60,000 students! Here are the two replies she has received...Hello, Thank you for your request. Unfortunately the Director of Undergraduate Programmes, Elaine Clarke has had to decline your request. We have students of many faiths among us, and some of none, and Elaine wouldn't be happy to appear to be endorsing any particular viewpoint. Best wishes, Abby.

Thank you for sight of the message below. I am sorry to have to inform you, however, that I am unable to approve the issue of any 'all-student' email which may seek to encourage members of the University to adopt a particular approach in conducting their lives. Gareth Evans, Deputy University Secretary.

Toy has now started sending 100 emails (approx) a day instead! She has already received a response from two Muslims! They read...

Mate you have written it out of context... Jesus did not claim that he was god in flesh... there is no evidence of this in the bible anywhere... he is a prophet, a messenger of the truth... he performed miracles... but only through the mercy of god... remember there is only one god...

The 2nd one reads... Hello, That was a very interesting e-mail you sent. Muslims too believe in Jesus and love him. I have attached some links below which I hope you read. It's about the position of Jesus in Islam and also about the similarities between Islam and Christianity. Please have a read of the links below. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Toy has sent a Bible study to both of them!

Christian Giving!

2 Cor 9v7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. A family we know who are finding it tight regarding money were given £50 from another Christian in their church! Guess what they did with that £50? They turned up at our house asking if we would send it to an AV Bible Believing pastor/missionary in India! This was a great blessing & encouragement to Donna & I. We thank the Lord for this Christian family whose heart is in the right place i.e. FIXED ON THE LORD! What would you have done with the £50???

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7v17

This is why Bible correctors DON'T know/understand certain doctrines!

(The Tox Report (TTR) (idea from Alan O'Reilly!!!))

Life from a 20-year-olds perspective

James 4v14 – 'Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.'

We are all born into this world the same; carrying nothing in and depending on others to feed and clothe us until we are able to take care of ourselves. We come in speechless, toothless, and unable to walk or understand, and yet sadly to say when we come to the end of our lives, we return to this similar state!

For every individual, the years between birth and death consist of times of happiness, guilt, loneliness, success – the list, as we know, is endless – but one thing is certain; one day we shall *all* stand before the Lord Jesus Christ no matter who we are or what we have done!

Threescore years and ten isn't much when compared to eternity and yet mankind throws all it can into these few years; saturating their lives with **the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.** (I John 2v16)

As we approach the Lord's return are we *really* burning ourselves out for the Lord? Are we tracting and witnessing to save the lost souls of this world? Or has it become routine? Are we praying like we

should for the Lord's will to be done or Life as I see it at the moment has described. We no longer are living in pushed the Lord Jesus Christ out and let Corrie Ten Boom, the courage of Oliver Martin Luther has long gone! Now, gone beyond selfishness, pride and Christians have followed suit!

To be a Bible-Believing Christian, and to evil world, is getting harder and harder.

does it not matter as much anymore? reached a state that can no longer be 'Christian' England but a world that has the devil run free. The faithfulness of Cromwell and the unfaltering witness of society has gone beyond apathy, it has deceit – and what's worse, the

take a stand for the Lord in this present Christian men no longer study the

Scriptures and lead by example, and Christian women have forgotten their place. The Authorized Version Bible has been replaced by modern satanic corruptions and the church has forgotten those holy men of God who 'spilt' their blood to give them the very Bible they cast aside.

With so many things going wrong in this world, in the church and maybe even in some of our lives, it is hard to find encouragement at times, yet we should take comfort in the word of God which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. **'This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.'** – Psalm 119v50

Since the Bible has been forced out of our schools, hospitals and homes we are growing up not hearing His word or knowing the Lord. In times of trouble or in times of joy the Lord is now a last resort for people to turn to and the Scriptures are barely thought of!

So as we draw near to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us spread the word of God like never before! Let us pray for souls to be saved and Christians to be stirred up and on fire for Him. Let us not lose sight and press toward the mark in these last of the last days on earth!

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.' – I Thessalonians 4v18 (Please keep praying for Toy & Dee; I have never met more devoted young people for the Lord, than these two! May God keep them both on the straight & narrow & lead them in every decision they make. You are a great encouragement to many people, especially Donna & I. If only their families were half as committed; but sadly, as in most cases, they are very much alone! Donna & I have really 'adopted' them both & we couldn't have better kids!!!)

Prov 17v22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Prov 12v25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad. Prov 15v13+15 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

Claire's Testimony!

'My husband & I have been having a real hard time since last June. He changed, really changed over night & I felt like I was grieving because I didn't know where my husband had gone. I was so upset. We had endless arguments. Then during the latter part of last year he was offered a position in a Baptist church as a church & family worker which he took. This came with a BA Hons course to study for which has been a nightmare for our family; the work is endless – again more arguments. Brent looks after the girls during the day & then works on the course & all the other church functions during the evening. I work full-time. It has been a real stress on both of us as it is very hard that Brent hasn't had the opportunity of being the 'bread-winner' as yet. My mum & dad are 2½ hours away so we haven't had much help with the girls. Sophie is coming up to 2 on the 2nd March & Pippa will be 3 on the 7th March (Brent is 40 on that day also!) The latter part of last year (2009) Brent found Oaks Community Church in Harvington, Worcestershire. There was a handful of AV Bible Believing Christians present. We now take the girls every Friday night. Well recently I have been under 'conviction' (now

I can see) & Brent & I were lost it, I just kept crying. Brent Elijah! All the time I just felt couldn't/didn't know how to ask telling me to ask the Lord for help



arguing one Sunday night & I totally picked up his Bible & told me about numb. I felt 'mute' like I for help. The voice inside of me kept "NOW is the time!" I asked Brent to

help me. We talked about sin & Adam & Eve & the forbidden fruit. I KNEW I had to make a decision about Heaven & Hell. I had so many sins, how could God forgive me & save me? Brent took me to a Scripture... Isa 64v6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. I realised that anybody can be saved if they just ask the Lord Jesus Christ to FORGIVE them, but it has to be from the heart & NOT from the head. I asked Brent to help me & he led me/introduced me to the Lord. I then asked the Lord Jesus for all my sins to be forgiven; I apologised for everything I had done in the past & I asked Him to cleanse me in His Blood; I thanked Him for dying for me. I had finally asked Jesus Christ to come into my heart! At that moment I looked at my husband Brent & realised that my husband & I were now truly ONE. Our love for each other is now stronger than ever. I am reading the AV Bible every day; I feel so happy & I feel protected. I now get down on my knees & pray for others to get saved. Please would you also pray for our family? Thank you Jesus for EVERYTHING you have done for me & my family!'

JEW at the NEC!

For the first time in my life I had the chance to witness to a Jew! Donna & I were quite excited about it! We talked about Jesus Christ, the New Testament, the Old Testament etc. Even though this 30 year old 'Orthodox' Jew was a practicing Jew, he knew very little about the Scriptures. I was quite amazed by this. How blind they are to the Lord Jesus Christ being THE Messiah & being GOD! Romans 11v25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

My wife Donna!

While looking back over the last 50 newsletters, preparing for 'The Ministry Years', I cannot but thank the Lord Jesus Christ for giving me such a great wife! She is totally loving & supportive in everything. She understands me better than anyone else on earth; Donna is my right arm in all I do. The Lord brought us together & He is in the centre of our relationship. I love you Donna & thank you for every part of this amazing journey we have been on together, long may it continue...until the Rapture. Thanks for putting up with me! I could not ask for a better wife; you've been just perfect! (T&F!!!)

Are you single? Have you prayed for a husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend lately? Prov 18v22

If you are single but would like a boyfriend/husband or girlfriend/wife, have you asked the Lord to help you 'find one'? It is so difficult for BIBLE BELIEVING Christians to find someone who is RIGHT for them i.e. a Bible Believer, who will not lead them astray/backslide. I mean, where are you going to go to meet another AV Bible Believing, soul-winning Christian, who has the same vision/goal as you i.e. TO PUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FIRST IN EVERYTHING!!! Most Christian 'men' I've met, I wouldn't let walk my DOG, let alone date my 'children' (Dee & Toy — adopted!!!) So, you need to pray & ask God what is BEST & where, what & how you should go about finding one! Study about the husband & wife in the Scriptures; look at the different relationships in the Bible. BUT NO MATTER WHAT, make sure you ask the Lord to help you choose the RIGHT ONE!

Having the Masoretic (Hebrew) Old Testament as your Final Authority is RIDICULOUS!

An 'English' Christian recently said to me that his Final Authority was the Masoretic Text PLUS the Textus Receptus! (He 'majored' on the Hebrew!!!) I said to him that God would NOT give you a Final Authority that you couldn't READ or UNDERSTAND!!! *Think about that for a while!* If the Hebrew & Greek are YOUR Final Authority that means...

YOU CANNOT READ YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY! (Unless you speak Hebrew & Greek which 99% of people DON'T!)

THEREFORE YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY!

YOU CANNOT PREACH FROM YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY!

YOU CANNOT REASON FROM YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY! (Due to the above!!!)

YOU CANNOT EVANGELISE WITH YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY!

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOUR FINAL AUTHORITY IS PERFECT!

In fact, YOUR Final Authority is really NOT YOUR Final Authority because you have to resort to an 'inferior' TRANSLATION (YOU hypocrite!)

99% of people do NOT speak Hebrew!

The Hebrew doesn't have chapter & verse divisions!

The Masoretic Text is not set out in a dispensational order!

A person who doesn't believe the AV is the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God is the same sort of Christian who doesn't believe Christ's BLOOD was incorruptible; some heretics say that Christ's Blood 'perished' – yet we find it ON the Mercy Seat in Heaven! (Read your Bible lately?)

The Lord said 'IT IS WRITTEN' – He had a Final Authority that He could read! What's yours? If YOU think God preserved His word PERFECT so that 99% of people wouldn't be able to read, learn & understand it...YOU ARE MAD!!! Back into the Dark Ages we go!!!

FOR WHAT...?

So you have a good physique!

So you have a First Degree!

So you have a top of the range car!

So you are outstanding in your looks!

So you have a great house; more than one!

So you earn loads of money!

So you have your kids in private school!

So you own a successful company & have hundreds working for you!

So you have a great pension!

So you are always healthy!

So you have travelled the world!

So you have everything you want!

FOR WHAT?

Mark 8v36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

If you are NOT really living for the Lord you are wasting everything the Lord has allowed you to have! What have you given to the Lord & His work lately?

When was the last time you gave your time or money to further the work of the Lord?

I drove past a mission hall today (15th Feb). It was in-between some houses. All the houses looked great; all nicely painted & standing proud! The mission hall was run down; paint was peeling off all over it, it looked like a shack! Half way down the road I saw a shed in a big garden, the shed was kept better than the church! How sad that most Christians have their priorities WRONG! They live FOR themselves rather than live FOR God! They seek to 'improve' in their secular lives but do nothing to grow in their walk with the Lord! What about you? How much money have YOU got in your bank account? FOR WHAT??? A rainy day? How about Judgment Day!!!

Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Isa 66v5

A man who does not tremble at the word of God IS NOT FIT TO TEACH IT!

A man who 'corrects' it (AV) has joined the CULTS!!!

Update on Toxy's 60,000 emails!

I have sent out nearly 1000 emails to the students of Aston University and have received approximately 10 replies so far... the majority being from Muslims. Lord willing, I hope to continue to send out 100/200 emails a day if possible!

So far the email has only reached those students whose surname begins with A!!! - and although there are 60,000 email addresses to get through I shall not let this prevent me from reaching every single student!

The Muslim students that have replied so far have tried to argue that Jesus Christ is not God but merely a prophet, and many have said to me that no-one died for my sins! They have all tried to find errors and contradictions in the Bible (but failed to give me any of course in the AV!) and other students have said that they are not sinners and find the email offensive.

Please pray that the students receiving this email will read it with an open mind and realise their need for the Lord Jesus Christ and get saved before it is too late! Please also pray that the Lord will guide me with what to say in response to the student's replies and also that He will protect me during this time too.

Lordson keeps on impressing!

Our dear friend Lordson Roch (AV Bible Believing pastor in India) never ceases to impress me; the more I find out about the guy the more I like! Only this week he sent us an anniversary card (16 years marriage on the 25^{th} February). Now he hasn't got much money & he didn't have to send one, BUT HE DID! I remember our USA prisoners doing the same. These kind of things touch Donna & I. We are certainly NOT ones for sending birthday or Christmas cards – a waste of money in my opinion, BUT, occasionally when we have received a really sincere card, it really does bless & encourage us. Lordson's words were lovely & we thank you Lordson for sending that card. You are closer to me than my own family brother!

The Gospel to Businesses!

The JW's don't just target homes! They target businesses! So should Christians! We all have a Yellow Pages – why not start from the front & work through it, sending a Gospel booklet to every business? Mark it for the attention of the 'Managing Director'. You don't have to put your name to anything if you don't want to! I don't mind even if you use our 'Time for Truth!' mailing address! It would be great if everyone on 'TfT!' News' worked through the Yellow Pages in their own area – think how many Gospels would be going out throughout our country each week/month! Start off with one a day or one a week, then if you can, increase the volume you send?! If you would like some 'Time for Truth!' stickers to put on the literature you send so the companies have an address to contact if they want to, I'll post you some. Otherwise you can use your own churches address if you don't want to use yours!

Where & How do you 'bare witness'?

Acts 23v11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome. 1 Pet 3v15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Are you a 24/7 Christian? Are you always looking for ways & means to tell & spread the Gospel? Do you daily think about how you are going to witness to somebody OR distribute some tracts etc? If not why not? What is stopping you? Why not ask the Lord to give you more courage & boldness to stand FOR HIM! Think of the day you were saved; what it meant to know the forgiveness of sins & a fresh start in life. Do you not want others to have this great opportunity, & be a part of their spiritual journey/conversion; for them to know the Lord & have a hope for the future.

A friend loveth at all times...Prov 17v17 Do You?

'Men' who sit under a woman's ministry!

1 Tim 2v12 **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence**. What kind of a 'man' sits under a woman 'pastor/vicar or 'major' as in the Salvation Army!' A Bible REJECTOR, *that's the kind!* A 'man' who is in rebellion with God & His word! It comes back to that old question again, 'Why do YOU go to church?' If you think women should be pastors/elders/vicars OR (*I can hardly bring myself to write it...*) 'majors' I suggest you request a copy of my sermon 'Women in the ministry!' Talk about effeminate 'men' today! Where are THE MEN? If a woman RULES the home OR the church SHE'LL RUIN IT! Women are not 'leaders' in GOD'S ORDER! Women are equal in value OF COURSE, but they have different roles to play! A man can NOT give birth to a child & NEVER will naturally as he was created!!!

'Woman's Liberation/The Feminist Movement' is just pure rebellion & hatred towards God - Prov 27v15 **A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike**. When Donna plays her part as she ought to, & I play mine as I ought to, then we have harmony in the home!



If Donna or I exchange roles or step over the mark, it's ANARCHY!!!

So what's next for England?

Alan O'Reilly writes in his book 'Britain Under Siege'... 'Britain as a nation is almost finished. It could plausibly be argued that now her greatest enemy is God. She has wilfully abandoned belief in the Book that God gave her & of which Queen Victoria said 'That book accounts for the supremacy of England.' Her church leaders have been foremost in this rebellion against the Book of God. She has wilfully allowed satanic groups to poison every aspect of her national life, to corrupt her children & to threaten the very existence of the traditional family unit, the basic building block of a stable, ordered & productive society. She has condoned & even approved of the grossest of perversions & their perpetrators, even against the expressed will of the majority of her people. Many years ago British anthropologist John D. Unwin showed how sexual promiscuity had destroyed 80 civilisations. Tragically, his timely warnings have been blithely ignored. Ungodly members of parliament on all sides of the house have incorporated evil enactments into her legal system, which is itself being progressively subverted by a hostile foreign power. This is so Britain even appears willing ultimately to prostrate herself & her people before the satanic tyranny of the Roman antichrist by means of the EU & UN. Jer 5v9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? The answer is clearly YES, unless this nation, led by genuine Christian believers, in true subjection to the Book of books, the AV 1611, obeys the ancient

So what's next for England? JUDGMENT! Unless England turns back to the AV & submits to THAT BOOK i.e. the leaders of this land, JUDGMENT/THE WRATH of GOD is imminent! England is in rebellion towards God, & without God there is NO HOPE! *Oh England why won't you listen?* If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7v14

Approaching the Scriptures!

Let us approach the Scriptures with an 'idol-less' heart (Eze 14v1-7) & mind; nothing to worship but God, nothing to believe but the truth. Let us have no idols of TRADITION (Brethren etc.), church religion (C of E/Anglican etc.), scholarship/linguistic ability (Calvinistic/Reformed etc.), 'science', education, philosophy, or literature in mind when we COME TO THE BOOK! Never 'correct' THAT BOOK – let IT correct YOU! Never 'change' THAT BOOK – let IT change YOU! The AV is absolutely PERFECT, FAULTLESS, WITHOUT ERROR; no matter what some Bible 'corrector/rejector' says! Stay with THE BOOK & in THE BOOK - let God minister to you!

Just a thought - by Dee Dee!

One's true joy of being a Christian, is not just knowing *about* God, but *really* KNOWING Him personally! Having Jesus Christ as the CENTRAL part of your life is what we all should be aiming for!

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My Big Brother Alan!

Well I get many letters as you know, but when I get a letter from a Bible 'corrector' it always raises my blood-pressure!!! This time, before I 'exploded', I thought I would send it to 'Big-Al' up North! He eats Bible-correctors for breakfast & spits out the pips! As always Alan O'Reilly did the job with style; you see, I can handle Bible-correctors, but I haven't got the style that Big-Al's got, he's a professional & we love him! Taking on Alan O'Reilly regarding 'Final Authority' is like entering the ring with both arms tied behind your back...YOU WON'T WIN! The Bible-corrector DIDN'T... may he rest in peace!

It's NOT Easy! - By Dee Dee!

Nowhere in the Bible do we read that the Christian walk would be easy! I've been saved for 12 years & I can honestly say that it gets harder! Life always has its ups and downs; life can be really hard at times as we all know, even when you're saved life can still be hard. I cannot say it's an easy path to walk. When you become a Christian, life doesn't necessarily get any easier, it gets harder. Your knowledge of the world changes when you are saved; your eyes open and you see the world for what it truly is... EVIL. Isaiah 13v11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. When you are saved you are lifted up spiritually as you know where you will go when you die. You also will realise that you no longer have to carry guilt around with you as Jesus Christ has forgiven you from all your sin. However our spiritual walk with the Lord will become harder, because we will begin to fight the world against all its temptations, Eph 6v12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. We will also have a desire to stand up for Christ whom we now love most ardently; whereas people of the world would not understand, and therefore feel the need to mock. Luke 21v17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. When I first became a Christian it felt fantastic, I loved the Lord and I loved loving the Lord. I only have good memories of being a Christian when I was younger. My Christian walk with the Lord was great. I would follow the Lord and read the Bible using 'Topz magazine' which helped me to read the Bible daily, which was great. As I got older and moved into secondary school that's when it became harder. People didn't really like that I was a Christian and the stand that I made for the Lord. I was called a 'Bible-Basher' on a few occasions and when I would give out tracts and witness, people didn't really take it seriously. At this time I was attending the Friday youth club which would help and encourage me to get deeper into the scriptures and to get to know the Lord as best as I can. I then became 16 and therefore joined College. At College I would probably say that overall I did enjoy taking a stand and telling everyone that I was a Christian. I had some great debates, although sometimes I felt I could have answered some of the questions better. The Gospel was given and now only God can give the increase. (1 Cor 3v6) After my college years I went straight into work. A working office is a different environment to be a witness in. On the whole, your desk would have a handful of people around you, and if you're witnessing they would all listen to you at the same time. At times it can be good but if they bite back then it would be 1 against 6 which is added pressure, that's why I do tend to try and get people on their own when witnessing. I have dealt with people who are very hard-hearted towards the Lord and don't really want to know at all, then I have also dealt with people who say that they will just try and behave as best they can and hope that they will get to heaven. The older I got the closer I got with the Lord, but also the closer I got to the Lord the less people liked me in the world, because I wouldn't compromise with them with worldly things. I also began to take a better stand for the Lord as I got older, and I guess people began to get tired of it. You must stay as close to the Lord as you possibly can and that's when you will see a difference in your life and you begin to realise more and more how much you truly love the Lord no matter what anyone says, He is the only one who can and does answer your prayers, because of Him you now have eternal life in Heaven no matter what anyone says or thinks. I would definitely choose the Lord over 1000 friends on this Earth. Rom 8v38+39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dee.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim 6v12

HTA - Horticultural Trade Association!

We (my boss & I) arrived with style in a Porsche 911 at the HTA meeting in Coventry! On the car park are all the garden centre 'owners' cars, Mercedes, BMW's, Audi's etc. It all smelt of 'money' (1 Tim 6v10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.) In the conference room there were around 40 people, all promoting SELF; the FLESH was prevalent/pre-eminent in all these lives! (Gal 6v3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.) Ps 10v4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. (WHAT a verse!!!) God was NOT in all these people's thoughts; MONEY was! How can we squeeze more money out of the public? How can we increase our profit? How can we build bigger & better 'barns???'... Luke 12v16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

- 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
- 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
- 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.
- 22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
- 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.
- 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
- 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
- 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
- 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

All I could see was men & women discussing how they personally could profit more & what they should do in order to gain an increase! It was just, ME, ME, ME!

Prov 8v13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Prov 16v18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Prov 29v23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. No one mentioned God, except in blasphemy! There was NO thought of God. Here was a group of people talking about gardening & everything that goes along with it, just to MAKE MONEY! No one thanked God for the soil, the rain, the plants, the trees, the strength to be able to do what they do! No one thanked GOD for anything! They just boasted in themselves, with not a care in the world, except if the economy took another downturn!!! Boy I hated it! I felt so alone, so isolated! I thought, here is a bunch of sinners going to Hell talking about gardening & business! What am I doing here? What can I do? The more I learn about the 'business world' the more I HATE IT WITH A PASSION! I want to spread the word of God & reach the lost, yet I need the money I earn to be able to do it! I find it so frustrating at times. I can't even put into words WHAT I FEEL at times! I just love the Lord Jesus Christ & seek to serve Him the best I can. May God save sinners everywhere, in all 'industries!'

Update on the Distribution of the word of God & the Gospel!

Here at Time for Truth! & Oaks Community Church, we are really trying hard to get the word of God out there to sinners, along with the Gospel. By the time you have received this newsletter, nearly 10,000 tracts, booklets, Gospel-emails, CD's & DVD's will have been distributed during January – February. Please pray that God will water the seed & give an increase! Claire getting saved has been a wonderful encouragement; let us pray for more souls.

God is NOT... (This would make a good study!)

Num 23v19 **God is not a man**, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Deut 31v17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

Ps 10v4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Mat 22v32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

1 Cor 14v33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Gal 6v7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Heb 6v10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb 11v16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

People/Sinners who have no thought of God!

They wake up with no thought of God!
They breathe with no thought of God!
They eat & drink with no thought of God!
They move, walk & go to work, with no thought of God!
They travel with no thought of God!
They enjoy this world & all that is in it, with no thought of God!
They learn, talk & earn money, with no thought of God!
They have a family & love, with no thought of God!
Their bodies 'heal' after illness/accident with no thought of God!
They sleep with no thought of God!

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Prov 16v25

They die WITHOUT God!

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9v27 Now it is too late to start thinking & believing in God - Rev 20v12-15 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

If you had the opportunity of leading an influential person to the Lord, Who would it be & why?

The Original Manuscripts... the Bible correctors Final Authority!

Luke 4v21 – The 'Scripture' to which Christ turned to in A.D. 30 was a copy, of a copy of copies of Isaiah's original (750 B.C.)

Acts 8v35 – The 'Scripture' that Philip & the Ethiopian eunuch read in A.D. 34 was not Isaiah's original autograph (750 B.C.)

Acts 17v11 - The Bereans in Paul's time (A.D. 53) had 'Scriptures' they could search!

No one in David's time (1050 B.C.) had one 'original autograph' of Moses (1500 B.C.)

No one in Isaiah's time (750 B.C.) had one 'original autograph' of David (1050 B.C.)

No one in Christ's time (4 B.C. – A.D. 30) had one 'original autograph' of Isaiah (750 B.C.) or Jeremiah (600 B.C.)

No one in A.D. 70 had one 'original autograph' of ANY Old Testament writer!

The following verses tell you that the scribes & Pharisees had God's words in the Scriptures, even though they didn't have the first copy of anything Moses, Isaiah, et al. wrote... Mat 22v29, Mat 4v4, Mat 5v18, John 5v39, John 8v47, John 14v23, John 15v7, John 19v36 etc.

Paul told Timothy to 'preach the word' (2 Tim 4v2), & he said that Timothy had the inspired word to preach (2 Tim 3v15+16). Did Timothy have David's original autograph of Psalm 2 or 23 or 110? Did Paul give Timothy Malachi's or Jeremiah's originals?

The original manuscripts/autographs do NOT exist! How can they be your Final Authority!!!

So whether you are a Bible corrector that attends Oaks Community Church (& we do get 'em) OR, you are a Bible corrector that attends any other church, I wouldn't go around saying that your Final Authority is the 'original autographs' otherwise you may get locked up for INSANITY!

As every Bible Believing Christian KNOWS, God has PERFECTLY preserved His words for today in the Authorized Version Bible, every other version/translation has ERRORS in them i.e. NKJV (Satanic counterfeit), NIV (Satanic counterfeit), GNB, RSV, RV, NEB etc. ALL are 'bibles' of the Devil! Do some research lazy!

Bike Tracts to Inverness!

Another response from Toxy's bike mail-shot came in today. The lady wanted 40 Bike Tracts sending to Inverness in Scotland. We have had many requests for this tract; it has been one of the most popular tracts we have produced so far. Pray that bikers will read it!

Cheap Pocket Bibles!

Dee Dee has found some cheap pocket AV New Testaments in 'The Works' bookshop! They are ONLY £1.00. It is certainly worth buying some to give out! You can also transfer stock from around the country to your local shop if you want to bulk-purchase! To think you can get a copy of the word of God for £1.00 is amazing! What did you spend your last £1.00 on?

Thank You!

Donna & I would like to thank all those who have written or emailed us over the last few months; it is always great to hear from you & encourages us in our Christian walk. We are now speaking, via email, to some of you quite regularly. If you haven't contacted us by email why not do it today, it would be great to hear from you!

Our friend Peter Paul Ventura!

Please pray for brother Peter over the next few months as he has got a lot of changes happening in his life & he shall have to make some important decisions. He has been a great help & encouragement to many folks & he shall be sadly missed as he moves on. May God bless, guide & help you brother Pete in everything you do. If you need any help, give us a call or drop us a line!

Well we hope you have enjoyed this newsletter, let us know! We try to encourage & challenge you in your Christian walk with every TfT! issue we put out. May the Lord continually help you live for Him & reach as many lost souls in this world as you can before the Rapture! Time is running out...fast!

Christian love John & Donna

AUTHORIZED VERSION

Recommended Reading

If you read this book list you will realise (100%) that the Authorized Version Bible is the word of God PERFECTIV PRESERVED (Psalm 12v6-77) & that EVERY OTHER modern PER-version (I.e. NKIV, NV, NASB, RSV etc.) is just that, a PERVERSION!

1) NEW AGE BIBLE VERSIONS — G.A. Riplinger
2) 'O BIBLIOS'—THE BOOK — Alan O'Reilly
3) WHICH BIBLE?—David Oits Fuller
4) TRUE OR FALSE—David Oits Fuller
5) IN AME OF THY WORD — G.A. Riplinger
6) THE 'ERRORS' IN THE KING JAMES BIBLE — Dr P.S. Ruckman
7) THE ANSWER BOOK — DA'S C. Gipp
8) GOD WROTE ONLY ONE BIBLE — Jasper James Ray
10) THE KING JAMES VERSION DEFENDED — Edward F. Hills
11) AN UNDERSTANDABLE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE — S.C. Gipp
12) THE LANGUAGE OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE — GAIR Riplinger
13) IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED—Chick Salliby
14) THE NEW ATHENIANS — J.H. SON
15) THE ATTACK — Chick Publications
16) BIBLICAL SCHOLARSHIP — Dr P.S. Ruckman
17) DID THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GIVE US THE BIBLE? — D.W. Daniels
18) THE CHRISTIANS HANDBOOK OF MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE — P.S. Ruckman
19) ANY INFORMATION BY THE TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY IN LONDON
20) KING JAMES UNIJSTY ACCUSED — Stephen A. COSTON SR
21) THE AUTHORIZED BIBLE WINGETED — Stephen A. COSTON SR
21) THE AUTHORIZED BIBLE WINGETED — Stephen A. COSTON SR
21) THE BOOK — Dick Cimino
23) MODERN VERSIONS FOUNDED UPON APOSTASY — D.W. Cloud
24) A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHEMISH BIBLE TRANSLATIONS — L. Vance
25) THE BOOK — Dick Cimino
26) BIBLE TRANSLATORS TEST — James H. Son
27) INSPIRATION & INTERPRETATION — Dean John W. Burgon
28) MEN BEHIND THE KIV — Paine
29) NICH YNONSENSE — Danyl Coats
30) LAST 12 VERSES OF MERCH — Loyd Streeter
31) MICH YET COPPINE — J.J. Ray
32) THE REVISION REVISED — Dean John W. Burgon
33) LAST 12 VERSES OF MERCH — Loyd Streeter
34) WHICH TRANSLATION CAN YOU TRUST — T. Morton
35) WHY I RELECT IT IN KWY — DAVIG Cimino
36) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS — G.A. Riplinger

**There are plenty more!*

**If you're not sure what Bible you should be using, you NEED to read any of the above book

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THE AUTHORIZED VERSION (KING JAMES) BIBLE

What does FINAL AUTHORITY mean; give me a definition... - LAST WORD!

What is YOUR Final Authority on everything in this life? Your opinion? (That's the world's!)
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Where do VOI run to check whether VOI are right or wrong?
How does God communicate to man?

THE SCRIPTURES – THE BIBLE

God wrote ONE Bible! Where is it today?

The ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS no longer exist, so...

WHERE IS THE WORD OF GOD TODAY?

There are over 100 different versions of the Bible available.

WHICH ONE IS THE TRUE AND PERFECT WORD OF GOD?

Do we have a PERFECT Bible in ENGLISH today?

These are questions we need to be able to answer.

We need to know WHERE IS THE BOOK we can trust!

How can we trustall the different versions completely, when they all differ from each other?

Are 'all' Bibles the same?

Millions of Christians believe, & rightly so, in the divine & verbal inspiration of the Bible: that the Holy Chost motivated the minds of the prophets & aposites of old to pen every word of Scripture. Millions also believe in the providential preservation of the Bible that God also preserved His word down through the agas; & ball His work of preservation is a simportant as its initial work of impiration. It wend have been ridiculous for God to have given the Scriptures perfect at the beginning & then after a short period allow them to get corrupted for evermion?

As one pastor has written... The issue is not about inspiration to the Scriptures but PRESERVATION!

Concerning providental (The care exercised by God) preservation the "Westminster Confession of Bibli 17 Century p.23' says... The OT in Hebrew & the NT in Greak, being immediately inspired by God & by His singular care & providence logt pure in all ages, are therefore curbenticis so as in all contraversies of calligne. The Church is finded to appeal and them. Iff Only his

Prov 30v5+6 - Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a lar.

1 Peter 1v23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Psalm 119v89 - For ever, 0 LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Who wrote the Bible?

2 Peter 1v21 - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Tim 3v16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

What has God promised to do with His Word?

Psalm 12v6-7 - The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalk keep them, 0 LORD, thou shalk preserve them from this generation for ever.

Now just a couple of notes on the number "Seven" for interest - Someone has written The whole Word of God is founded upon the number seven. It stands for the seventh day of the Creation Week, & speaks of the Millennium Rest Day. It denotes completeness or perfection.'

In Lev 23v15+16 we read... 'And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheef of the wave offering; seven subshits shall be complete.'

The word 'finished' is also connected with the number seven. It is done,' as it is seventh day (Gor 2v1-3), is connected with the word complete.'

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The word 'finished' is also connected with the number seven as great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.'

1 Regarding the Creation in the first 2 chapters of Genesis the word 'created' occurs seven times.

2 God appointed seven days for t

- 11) On the day of atonement the high priest sprindled the blood upon the mercy seat & before the mercy seat seven times (Lev 16v14). This is a picture of the completeness of the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

 12) There are seven dispensations (Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise or Partiarchal, Law, Grace, Kingdom)

 13) The blook of Life is mentioned seven times in the Bible

 14) The seventh time Noalts name occurs is where it is Said... "...Noah was a just man and perfect in the Samaritan mentions the Lamb' (Jesus Christ) 28 times is .4v7

 15) In John, Jesus says 7 am' & I will seven times each. In chapter 4 Jesus says seven things to the Samaritan woman & the seventh saying contains seven words 1 that speak unto thee am he' (John 4v26)

 17) Jesus uttered 7 sayings from the cross...

 > Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his ratiment, and cast lotts. Luke 23v34

 > And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke 23v43

 > When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother. Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple. Behold thy mother! And from habit but the disciple with the saith he to the disciple. Behold thy mother! And from habit but the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother. Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple. Behold thy mother! And from habit but the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother. Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple. Behold thy mother! And from habit but the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother. Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother. And at the inhish hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, soying, Bi, Bi, Bin, shabathani? That is to say, My God, my God, why has tho foresaken me? Mart 15v34

 > After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now

Is a miracle too hard for the God of miracles?	NO!
Was the creation too hard for God?	NO!
Was the worldwide flood too hard for God?	NO!
Was the parting of the Red Sea too hard for God?	NO!
Was the 40 years of manna too hard for God?	NO!
Was the virgin birth of Christ too hard for God?	NO!

Was the collection of the 66 books of the Bible written over a period of 1,700 years too hard for God? NO!

Was overcoming the human nature of the sinful writers too hard for God? NO!

Is preserving the words of those writers too hard for God? NO!

Was KEEPING those words PERFECT in ONE version too hard for God! YEST?????? NO!!!

Inspiration is far harder to helieve in than preservation! Yet the majority of Christians today do not believe that the word of God is PERFECT & WITHOUT ERROR!

(I find that hard to understand!)

Why would God give us the Scriptures perfect at the start but then after a period of time allow them to get corrupted? It doesn't make sense and goes against the nature of God! (You know it doesn't make sense)

We need the perfect word of God far more today than Matthew, Luke, John, or Peter who saw Jesus Christ in the flesh!

If God has not preserved His words as He said He would in Ps 12v6-7, then He has done something that He has never done before. He has wasted His time! The inspiration of the original manuscripts was in vain if we do not have those very same words in English today.

How can we as fundamental Bible believers tell people from our pulpits that the Bible is 'infallible, without error, the very words of God and then step out of the pulpit and allage to find mistakes in it?

As soon as YOU correct the Bible YOU become the Final Authority! (Remember that!)

Can God lie?

Titus 1v2 - In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Num 23v19 - God is not a man, that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

He has also promised to magnify his Word!

Psalm 138v2 - I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. (above what?)

What has Satan been trying to do to the Word of God?

2 Cor 2v17 - For we are not as smany, which corrupt th

tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Satan will...

Question God's word & authority Add to God's word Take away from God's word Distort & change God's word

Satan is against God in every way possible! Look at the record...

One God yet many 'gods' One Christ yet many 'christs' One Gospel yet 'many ways to heaven' Christianity yet many 'religions & cults'

ONE BIBLE yet ??? (MANY BIBLES!!!) Do you get the picture?

This is what is happening & Christians just can't see it! Keith Green sung a song about the Church being 'asleep in the LIGHT!' & this is SO TRUE today!

What does God say about His Word?

Deut 4v2 - Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov 30v5+6 - Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Ecc 3v14 - I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

Rev22v18-19 - For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

What should we do with the Word of God?

Phil 2v16 - Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Who are we trying to please?

Gal 1v10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

(Well I don't want to get involved with this issue it's too controversial!) If every Christian took a 'back seat' on issues we would all get led 'up the garden path' on occasions. Sometimes we MUST 'stand up & be counted!' Time is running out; remember that!

Rom 3v4 - God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;

Middle verse of the Bible!

Psalm 118v8 - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

We can see clearly from these verses that EVERY WORD of God is...

1) Holy
2) Pure
3) Incorruptible (i.e. It CANNOT perish!)
4) Preserved

We are also told in Luke 444 - And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

So here comes the great question...

SO WHERE IS THE WORD OF GOD TODAY?

Let us first look at THE 'ORIGINAL' AUTOGRAPHS...

The original autographs (masters) were the handwritten scrolls penned by the inspired prophets & apostles. They were written on vellum' (the Skins of clean animals, such as call, god or antedope) or a payers. Payms is a recell like water plant with thick fibrous stens from which a kind of paper was made in ancient times. The average papyrus scroll was about 10 inches in width & 30 feet in length. After years of constant use, being rolled & unrolled, the original autographs (master scrolls) especially those of papyrus became worn & began to fall apart.

Therefore before the original masters completely disintegrated they were carefully copied. God, who had inspired their production, then moved His faithful followers, first the Aaronic Priests & later the Masorites, to make copies of the originals. Thus began the work of providential preservation. If God didn't preserve His word then verses like Ps 12v687 & 1 Pet 1v25 are meaningless.

THE MASORITES

The Masorites were Jewish schalars who like their predecessors the Aaronic Priests, had the sacred task of copying the OT Hebrew Scriptures. What advantage then had the leve? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.' Rom 34v1-2

W Scott has written...

It is well known that among the Jews it was the profession of the Masorites, or doctors of virulision, to transcribe the Scriptures. We know to what extent these scholors carried their respect for the letter; and when we read the rules of order the text had been providence of God (who had confided His oracles to the Jews) made of their su

In his book God Wrote Only One Bible, Jasper James Ray confirms the fact about the faithfulness displayed by these ancient scribes in copying the Scriptures...

In making copies of the original manuscripts, the Jewish scribes exercised the greatest possible care. When they wrote the name of God in any form they were to reverently wipe their pen, & wash their whole body before writing 'Jehovah' lest that holy name should be tainted even in writing. The new copy was examined & carefully checked with the original almost immediately, and it is said that if only one incorrect letter was discovered the whole copy was rejected. Each new copy had to be made from an approved manuscript, written with a special kind of ink, upon skins made from a clean animal. The writer had to pronounce aloud each word before writing it. In no case was the written word to be written from memory.

A man said to me once that the 'perfect' word of God is ONLY found in Heaven! I said to him that God wouldn't reveal His 'perfect' word to mankind here on earth and then take it to heaven out of the reach of the human race once the 'original manuscripts' had perished! What good would it do us? How could we live by every word of God if it is in Heaven? (Mat 4v4) He was talking nonsense! Look at these interesting verses – Deut 30v10-14

There has never been a PROVEN ERROR found in the AUTHORISED VERSION of the Scriptures.

MANUSCRIPTS

A 'manuscript' is a hand written document, not one that is typed or printed. Currently there are between 5250 & 5400 extant (existing) manuscripts of the Scriptures or parts of it. Manuscripts fall into 2 categories...

- 1) **MASTERS** These were the original autographs. There are currently **NO** original autographs or masters in existence. They have ALL long gone & since been replaced by copies.
- 2) **COPIES** These are hand written copies of the masters or hand written copies of earlier copies. Some 5000+ hand written copies of the whole or parts of Scripture are still in existence.

Manuscripts produced by the early Christians fall into 3 categories...

- 1) **COPIES** of masters or copies of earlier copies
- 2) **VERSIONS** these ARE TRANSLATIONS OF scripture MADE DIRECTLY FROM THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES. For example from Hebrew or Greek into Syriac, Latin, German, English or French. (A translation from Latin into English, or from English into Chinese, cannot strictly be called a 'version.' It is simply a translation of a translation: whereas a 'version' must be a translation from the original language)
- 3) **CHURCH FATHERS** Our third group is the early church fathers. These are the men who led the Christians in the first few centuries after the NT was completed. We have record of their early sermons, books & commentaries. They will be able to provide us with much information on disputed passages. Many may have seen the original autographs!

CHURCH FATHERS

Before the act of printing was known (before 1450 AD) the church fathers of the early Christian era wrote – by hand – their letters, sermon notes, commentaries & books. Their manuscripts contain many quotations from the original autographs or the earliest copies. Some fathers had actually seen the NT autographs or very early copies; and had personally hand-copied large portions of Scripture. The writings of these early elders help verify the original text & form a valuable source of information as to what the apostles wrote. Scripture tells us that Satan began his attack on the NT Scriptures very early, even before the first apostles died. Listen to Paul's testimony concerning this matter about corrupting the word of God; & of some who even wrote letters as though they were composed by the apostle himself...

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (2 Cor 2v17)

The worst corruptions to which the NT has ever been subjected, originated within a hundred years after it was composed. The African Fathers, & the whole western, with a portion of the Syrian Church, used far inferior manuscripts to those employed by Erasmus, or Stephens thirteen centries later when moulding the TEXTUS RECEPTUS. (Encyclopedia Tatian)

Origen (185-254 AD) taught that the Lord Jesus Christ was a created being & NOT God (Encyclopedia Britannica pp 900-902, Vol 16 1936). Eusebius was a follower of the teachings of Origen, & Constantine commissioned him to make 50 copies of Greek Scriptures. Being of liberal scholarship, Eusebius introduced & injected into the Scriptures apocryphal writings, traditions, & even legendary myths (History of the Christian Church Vol 1 pp36-37)

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, **nor by letter as from us**, as that the day of Christ is at hand. (2 Thes 2v2)

There were many church fathers who hand-copied the whole or portions of Scripture. Here are a few who greatly influenced the church, particularly in Europe... W Scott writes....

- 1) **Crysostom** the most eloquent of the fathers spoke of the Scriptures as Divine Books.
- 2) **Polycarp** who lived at an earlier date, having been personally instructed by the apostle John, spoke of the Bible as The Sacred Scriptures, as also the oracles of the Lord. Also in a brief epistle addressed to the Philippians, quotes from the NT about 50 times.
- 3) **Clement of Rome** whom Paul styles his 'fellow-labourer' (Phil 4v3) termed the Scriptures The True Sayings of The Holy Spirit.
- 4) **Irenaeus** of the 2nd Century, makes about 1200 citations or references from the NT.
- 5) **Tetullian** also of the 2^{nd} Century refers to or quotes from the NT about 2500 times.
- 6) **Clement of Alexandria** another of the 2nd Century father's cites from or refers to the NT 800 times.

ANCIENT VERSIONS

Remember a 'version' is a translation made directly from the original Hebrew or Greek i.e. from Hebrew or Greek into Syriac, Latin or English; whereas a translation of a version into yet another language is simply called a translation. Bible versions were made in several languages within a few years of the NT's creation. This was a rarity in the ancient world for any book.

Josh McDowell writes... Translation of a document into another language was rare in the ancient world, so this is an added plus for the NT. The number of copies of the versions is in excess of 18,000, with possibly as many as 25,000. This is further evidence that helps us establish the NT text. Even if we did not possess the 5,500 Greek manuscripts or the 18,000 copies of the versions, the text of the NT could still be reproduced within 250 years from its composition. How? by the writings of the early Christians. In commentaries, letters etc. these ancient writers quoted Biblical text, thus giving us another witness to the text of the NT.

John Burgon has catalogued more than 86,000 citations of the NT in the writings of the early church fathers who lived before AD 325. Thus we observe that there is so much more evidence for the reliability of the NT text than any other comparable writings in the ancient world.

WHY DID THE EARLY CHURCHES OF THE 2^{ND} & 3^{RD} CENTURIES & ALL THE PROTESTANT REFORMERS OF THE 15^{TH} , 16^{TH} & 17^{TH} CENTURIES CHOOSE TEXTUS RECEPTUS IN PREFERENCE TO THE MINORITY TEXT?

The KJV / AV came from the Majority Text, or the proven Received Text. Most modern Bibles come from the Minority Text, which conservative & fundamental Bible scholars believe to be corrupted texts of the agnostics & Constantine!

Answer...

1) Textus Receptus is based on the vast majority (90% some say as high as 97%) of the 5000+ Greek manuscripts in existence.

- 2) Textus Receptus is not mutilated with deletions, additions & amendments, as is the Minority Text.
- 3) Textus Receptus agrees with the earliest versions of the Bible: Pershiita (AD 150) Old Latin Vulgate (AD 157) The Italic Bible (AD 157) etc. These Bibles were produced some 200 years before the minority text was chosen which underlines ALL modern versions since the RSV 1881.
- 4) Textus Receptus agrees with the vast majority of the 86,000+ citations from Scripture by the early church fathers.
- 5) Textus Receptus is untainted with Egyptian philosophy & unbelief.
- 6) Textus Receptus strongly upholds the fundermental Christian doctrines such as creation, the virgin birth, the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection, the Blood etc.
- 7) All of the Apostolic Churches used the Received Text.
- 8) The churches in Palestine used the Received Text
- 9) Dr Scrivener & Dean Burgon both agree that, during the first 100 years after the NT was written, the greatest corruptions took place to the Received Text used by the early church.
- 10) The Peshitta Syriac Version was based on the Received Text.
- 11) Papyrus #75 used the Received Text.
- 12) The vast majority of extant NT manuscripts all used the Received Text. This includes about 99% of them, or about 5,210 of the 5,255 manuscripts.
- 13) The Greek Orthodox Church used the Received Text.
- 14) The present Greek Church still uses the Received Text.
- 15) The churches of the Reformation all used the Received Text.
- 16) Martin Luther's German Bible (1522) used the Received Text.
- 17) William Tyndale's Bible (1525) used the Received Text.
- 18) The Coverdale Bible (1535) used the Received Text.
- 19) The Matthew's Bible (1537) used the Received Text.
- 20) The Great Bible (1539-41) used the Received Text.
- 21) The Geneva Bible (1557-60) used the Received Text.
- 22) The Bishop's Bible (1568) used the Received Text.
- 23) The Beza Greek NT (1598) used the Received Text. That is the Greek Text that the King James Bible was based on, using the 1598, 5th edition of Beza.

- 24) The King James Bible (1611) used the Received Text.
- 25) The Received Text in the NT is the Received Text the text that has survived in continuity from the beginning of the NT itself. It is the only accurate representation of the originals we have today.

Over 5000 Greek manuscripts of the NT exist today ranging from small fragments containing 2 or 3 verses to nearly entire Bibles. Their ages vary from the 2^{nd} to the 16^{th} century. 90% of all existing manuscripts agree with one another so miraculously that they are able to form their own unique text.

THE MINORITY TEXT

There are other existing Greek texts which are referred to as the 'minority Texts' simply because they represent only about 5% of existing manuscripts. Another 5% are Neutral Texts: sometimes agreeing with the majority text & at other times with the minority text.

The Minority Texts are also known as the **ALEXANDRIAN TEXTS** because they were produced in Alexandria in Egypt. The Minority Texts were rejected by the early Christians & also by all the Protestant Reformers of the $16^{\rm th}$ & $17^{\rm th}$ centuries. The Reformers, who were well aware of the existence of the Minority Texts, considered them unfit for translation purposes.

WHY DID THE EARLY CHRISTIANS & PROTESTANT REFORMERS REJECT THE MINORITY TEXTS?

1) The Minority Texts were the work of unbelieving Egyptian scribes who did not accept the Bible as the word of God or Jesus as the Son of God!

alone – should be used as the basis for any NT translation of our Bibles. Yet, with the exception of the AV / KJV of 1611, ALL other NT versions make use of another Greek text known as the MINORITY TEXT We're talking, about English translations now! Marin Luther's German NT: is based on the MAJORITY GREEK TEXT as are ALL of the foreign language translations put out by the Trimitarian Bible Society (England). The most distinguished & almost vorshiped representatives are UNCIASC (written with capital letters) from the 4% Century AD; namely the Vatican Manuscript (BT) & the Sinal Manuscript (Palegh). On these two exactled Chriefants hang the hopes & dreams of all those who, with those who Standards), BF. Westrott (1825-1901), & F.J.A. Hort (1828-1892) all but worship & adore these extremely corrupt & unreliable, tampered with, & doctored manuscripts!

OUDEST & REST

Bible students are often told that Codices Sinaliticus & Vaticanus are older & better than other manuscripts: the implication being that they must, therefore, be more accurate. But this conclusion is wrong, We have already see how Ministitus & Vaticanus are corrupt beyond measure. They are older, but older than what? They are older than other Greek manuscripts of the NT. But they are not older than the earliest versions of the Biblic the Pestitus, Italic, Waldesians & the Old Laint Vulgate versions which agree with the Majority text. These ancient versions are some 200 years older than allep A B.

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Now if God has preserved His words perfect BUT ONLY in Greek, then He has restricted their usage to an elite number of scholars. (2 Pet 249 Not willing that ANY should perish! He wants everyone one to come to repentance unto substantial and manuscripts of the more accurated their usage to an elite number of scholars. (2 Pet 249 Not willing that ANY should perish! He wants everyone one to come to repentance unto substantial profess in process of the majority of t

When God chose the English language to be the common language to the entire world, as seen today! It is either first or second language to most countries today!

What about putting God's word into 'modern English?'

Many claim today that since the AV was printed in the common English of that day, the Bible should be retranslated into the common English of today, but this is not a valid claim. It must be remembered that the English used in the AV was not only the common language, but it was also the English language in its PUREST form!

The English language has DEGENERATED from what it was in 1611 to what it is today. Those claiming to put the Bible in 'modern English' are actually, though possibly not intentionally, trying to force the pure words of God into the degenerated vocabulary of today!

What a disgrace to God's word!

ARCHAIC LANGUAGE

Many claim that the KJV uses archaic language. Is this objection justified? Think about this for a moment... every department of human learning uses language peculiar to that particular field. Biology, botany, geology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, music, medicine (illus. of Physiotherapy), law etc. all use strange sounding words, phrases & expressions which a novice would call archaic & hard to understand!

The English of the KJV is not the English of the early 17th Century. To be exact, it is not the type of English that was ever spoken anywhere. It is Biblical English, which was not used on ordinary occasions even by the translators who produced the KJV. As H Wheeler Robinson (1940) pointed out, one need only compare the preface written by the translators with the text of their translation to feel the difference in style. And the observations of W A Irwin (1952) are to the same support. The KJV, he reminds us, owes its merit, not to 17th Century English – which was very different – but to its faithful translation of the original. Its style is that of the Hebrew and of the NT Greek. Even in their use of thee and thou the translators were not following 17th Century English usage but Biblical usage, for at the time these translators were doing their work these singular forms had already been replaced by the plural 'you' in polite conversation.

THEE & THOU

We also hear a lot about the words 'ye' 'thee' & 'thou' in the King James Version: and that these should all be replaced by the word 'you'. Everyone knows that the word 'you' is a uni-plural word like 'sheep' or 'fish'. It may refer to one or many depending on the context. Believe it or not the word 'you' is used over 950 times in the KJV NT alone! – but not exclusively! There are times when it is necessary to make the difference i.e. either talking to a single person or group, or making a judgment on a town, nation or individual. (Read Luke 22v31-35 also John 3v7 - Marvel not that I said unto thee (Nicodemus), Ye (all of you people & all of us!) must be born again.)

Inspiration v Preservation

Sam Gipp writes... 'Today it is widely taught and accepted that God wrote the originals perfectly, but that there is no perfect translation. Yet, there is no Scripture that teaches any such thing! This teaching is based on logic, man's logic. Christian educators of today say that it is absurd to believe that God could use sinful men to translate His word perfectly. Such a supposition of a perfect translation is no more absurd than the teaching that God used sinful men to write the Bible perfectly in the originals! Every argument for inerrant, infallible inspiration applies also for inerrant, infallible preservation. It is the same God!'

The Counterfeits

God's Truth Satan's Counterfeit Satan's ULTIMATE Counterfeit

One God Many 'gods' Satan is 'god' of this world

One Christ Many 'anti-christs' THE Antichrist

One Church Many false 'churches' ONE Ultimate church (Rome)

One Bible Many false 'Bibles' ONE Ultimate 'Bible'

The subject of 'Bible Versions' is huge, therefore we are not able to go into any real depth in the time we have, but I just want to give you a few more helpful pointers...

Questions for the AV (KJV) critics...

- 1) Since you're smart enough to find 'mistakes' in the AV, why don't you correct them all and give us a PERFECT Bible?
- 2) Where is the perfect & preserved word of God today? Can you send me a copy!
- 3) Can a translation be inspired? (OT Gen 42 45 (Joseph spoke Egyptian see Gen 42v23) yet words recorded in Hebrew. NT Acts 21v40 + 22v2 spoken in Hebrew but written in Greek)
- 4) If God could overshadow sinful men to produce the PERFECT INSPIRED Originals why couldn't He do it for the PERFECT PRESERVED Copies? Where does it say He couldn't?
- 5) If God framed the worlds by His spoken word (Heb 11v3) why couldn't He keep his words perfect for us today? Who says he can't?

Mistakes, omissions & errors in modern 'perversions'

NIV	NKJV
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 Mat 18v11
 Gen 22v8

 Mark 9v44+46
 Isa 9v3

 Acts 8v37
 Jam 5v16

 2 Tim 2v15

Other omissions 2 Cor 2v17

Acts 12v4
Mat 17v21 Eze 23v6
Mat 23v14 Rom 1v18
Mark 7v16 1 Tim 6v10+20
Mark 11v26 1 Thes 5v22
Mark 15v28 Col 1v1-3
Luke 17v36 Ecc 12v11
Luke 23v17 Ecc 5v8

John 5v4 Acts 15v34

Other errors

Acts 28v29

Col 1v14 2 Pet 1v19 2 Sam 21v19 Mic 5v2 Isa 14v12 Isa 9v3

Gal 2v20 Dan 3v25 Eph 3v14 Jam 1v10

No Hell in OT No Calvary in NT

In his book Defending the King James Bible, Donald Waite writes on p41 as follows... *The Westcott & Hort Text changes the Textus Receptus in over 5,600 places... My own personal count, as at August 2 1984, using the Scrivener's Greek NT referred to above, was 5,604 changes that Westcott & Hort made to the Textus Receptus in their own Greek NT text.*

Of these, 5,604 alterations, I found 1,952 omissions, 467 additions & 3,185 changes!

In these 5,604 places that were involved in these alterations, there were 4,366 more words included, making a total of 9970 Greek words that were involved.

This means that in a Greek Text of 647 pages (such as Scrivener's text) this would average 15.4 words per page that were changed from the Received Text!

Questions & Answers see Sam Gipps - The Answer Book!

- 1) What about 'Archaic' words (p 11)
- 2) Don't the 'Best Manuscripts' support the New Versions? (p 30)
- 3) Don't we need 'Perfect' Bibles in other languages? (p 32)
- 4) Where was the Bible before 1611? (p 60)
- 5) What about 'Italicised' words? (p 52)
- 6) Can a 'Translation' be inspired? (p 88)
- 7) Can a 'Translation' be as good as the originals? (p 90)
- 8) Is it Wrong to call the Holy Spirit 'it'? (p 97)
- 9) Dead Sea Scrolls? (p 102)
- 10) Do 'New Manuscripts' support the AV? (p 110)
- 11) Aren't modern translations 'easier' to understand? (p 112)

This is a massive subject where there are hundreds of books been written about it. We have only 'scratched' the surface, but I hope you can see the importance of reading and studying the AV. It is the word of God without a single 'proven' error in it.

CONCLUSION - The Authorised Version is the PERFECT & PRESERVED WORD OF GOD. IT IS WITHOUT ERROR!

NEVER...

- 1) Correct it (let it correct YOU!)
- 2) Change it (Let it change YOU!)
- 3) Add to it
- 4) Take away from it

BUT, read it, study it & LIVE it!

It is MY Final Authority in all matters of faith & practice!

Amen

THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Some well known authors have stated that there was NO power in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, it was just His DEATH that was used for our atonement & when it was poured out it just perished in the ground!

Tonight we shall deal with this HERESY & prove from the Scriptures that the Blood of Christ is VITAL for salvation & that it is as fresh today in heaven as ever it was when it was shed all those years ago.

It is also a subject that has caused great controversy in the Christian Church today worldwide. Many churches are not preaching on this subject these days because it seems to offend people, publishers are taking the Lord's Blood out of the hymn books, Alpha courses and such like often preach a 'bloodless' 'gospel', which is 'another gospel', because you can't get saved without the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! New *perversions* of the Bible are missing out the Blood of Christ many times & some include it only as a 'footnote' such as the NIV does in Col 1v14. Someone doesn't like the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you read Rev 12v10+11 you'll find out who hates the blood of Christ!

Although we don't have time to read these passages of Scripture tonight, you may like to note them down and read them when you get home... Exo 12, Heb 9 & 10.

Some of what I am going to say is taken from Dr M.R. DeHaan's book "The Chemistry Of The Blood." Dr DeHaan was not only a Christian, but a Physician and Surgeon for many years. I have also taken some of the points/information that I will be using later on, from Ian Paisley's leaflet "Ten Impossibilities If The Blood Of Christ Perished" I would recommend both publications to you!

Many Christians today know very little about the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and its awesome power. The Church today fails to preach or stand up for the Blood of Christ and yet our Gospel is the Gospel of the Blood of the Cross, from which flows the salvation power of God. The Bible is a Blood stained book. The Church is a Blood stained Church. The pathway to Heaven is a Blood stained pathway.

Some of the questions we will be touching upon (but not in any order!) are as follows...

Why is Christ's Blood so important?
What is its significance for today?
What type of Blood is it?
Where is the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ today? (i.e. Did it perish in the ground at Calvary?)
What is the purpose of the Blood?

The Bible is a book full of Blood, it is a living book... "For the word of God is quick (It is alive!), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb 4v12)

It is a living book because Blood is circulating through every page, from Genesis to Revelation. This stream of blood imparts to this book, the Bible, the very life of God. Without the Blood the Bible would be like any other book.

The Scriptures teach us plainly that the "Life is in the Blood"

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood... For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof..." (Lev 17v11+14)

The Life of the flesh is in the blood; remember that!

Dr DeHann writes... 'In the human body there are many different kinds of tissue, muscle, nerve, fat, gland, bone etc... They all have one thing in common, they are all fixed cells, and they are all limited to certain functions. The blood is different! It is not limited to one part of the body. It moves throughout the whole

body and supply's fixed cells with nourishment and carries off the waste products and the "ashes" of cell activity.

The blood, pumped by the heart, circulates through the body approx. every 23 seconds, so that every cell in the body is constantly supplied and cleansed, and at the same time is in constant communication with every cell in that body. Once blood fails to reach cells and members they promptly die.'

"The life of the flesh is in the blood"

What has been described here is true of every physical body, but all points to a greater and deeper spiritual truth. The Church of Jesus Christ is called "His Body," and therefore we are members of His Body. "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Rom 12v4-5) In this body Jesus Christ is the Head and all believers are the members.

The life of each member depends on His blood and is dependent solely for life, nourishment, cleansing and growth upon the blood of the Lamb of God. "For the life… is in the blood"

Every "born-again" believer is a member of that body, they maybe widely separated in the body, they may differ in colour, function, structure, denomination and gifts etc. but the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ unites them all.

We are to recognise the "unity" of the body of Christ. So many Christians are more interested in their denominations, & their little sects that they fail to realise the importance of unity within the body of Christ.

Some churches feel that because you are not of their 'denomination' you can't be saved! Well listen folks, God cares nothing about our man made divisions and groups, He is not interested in our self-righteous, hair-splitting and religious man-made formulas and organisations... Peter said "...I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." (Acts 10v34) Sometimes we think that because we are "Pentecostal, Baptist, Independent Evangelical, Protestant, Brethren or Reformed etc." that we are favoured with God, well we are not, God is no respecter of persons or organisations, He looks on our heart, and what a sight He must see at times!

So many Christians want to tell you 'what they are!' 'I'm a Calvinist, I'm A-Millennial, I'm Reformed etc.

DeHaan goes on to write... "Show me the man or the woman who is more interested in getting members for his church than winning them for Christ, and I will show you a person who does not yet know the unifying and purifying power of the blood, in making us all one in Him, not in form or ritual or mode of worship, but one in common interest to exalt our Head, The Lord Jesus, and to love one another. Some folks are so busy defending their pet doctrines and sectarian views and getting church members, that they never reach a soul for Christ!" AMEN & AMEN!

All men are related by the blood of Adam, sinful and polluted blood, dead in trespasses and in sins. "And hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth..." (Acts 17v26) All men have a "common" origin in Adam, all men are blood relatives of Adam no matter what their race. Their blood carries the sentence of death because of Adam's sin, and for this reason all men die a common death. Remember that "the life of the flesh is in the blood," and so if man must die it is because there is death in the blood. "For the wages of sin is death;..."

God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and then we read, "...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen 2v7) The breath of God put something in man that made him alive.

DeHaan goes on to say that that something was blood. **"For the life of the flesh is in the blood... For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof..."** So when life was added to that "lump of

clay" in the shape of a man, it wasn't *just* the 'spirit' of man that was added, blood was also added and man became a living soul. Now that I leave with you to think & ponder over!

His blood was the separate gift of God, for God is Life and the Author of ALL Life. "Jesus said... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11v25-26)

Now I'm not sure when the blood of man was added. It could have been at creation, it may have been a separate gift I don't know. I've even heard someone say that water first flowed through Adam's veins but we certainly won't go there tonight! Some things you have just got to pray about & leave with the Lord!

When man sinned, rebelled against God, and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he died spiritually, and ultimately physically. Since life is in the blood, when man sinned and died spiritually, something happened to his blood. Sin affected the blood of man. Suddenly there was 'death' in his blood!

Now very briefly I want us here, to touch upon the virgin birth, (later on we will look at the virgin birth in a little more detail). There are many Christians who reject or deny the virgin birth of the Lord yet the Scriptures teach plainly on this subject!

The very fact that sin affected the blood of man necessitated the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, if He was to be born a son of Adam and yet a sinless man. For this reason Christ could partake of Adam's flesh, which is not inherently sinful, but He could not partake of Adam's blood, which was completely sinful.

God provided a way by which Jesus, born of a woman, could be a perfect human being, and, because He had not a drop of Adam's blood in His veins, He did not share in Adam's sin.

The whole plan of Salvation revolves around the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. **"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the <u>blood of Christ</u>, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb 9v13-14)**

As essential then as the blood is to our bodies, so essential is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to the body of Christ. Blood supplies the food elements for nourishment and life, and then carries off the waste products and poisons due to cell metabolism, so too, the Lord Jesus Christ is to every believer the only source of Life, the only support and sustenance of Life, but also the One who keeps cleansing us day by day, so that our eternal Life is really ETERNAL, for the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

God's way of redemption has provided a way to wash away our filth and stains by washing them in the Blood of the Lamb of God. His sinless, supernatural blood alone can do that!

Like our human blood, which attacks and fights against infection and diseases, the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus does the same for all believers. "...for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..." (Rev 12v10-11) Overcame him (Satan) by what? ...by the blood of the Lamb! "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5v8) and yet the Lamb of God has defeated the roaring lion, the devil!

There is power in the Blood of the Lamb! Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He brings charges against us before God, but when he comes before God to accuse us, there is One there, our Great High Priest, The Lamb of God, and all He need do is point to the Blood that was shed for us, AND IT IS ENOUGH!

Sometimes Satan also comes to accuse us. He points out our sins and failures and tells us things like... "You can't be saved if you do that!" "Christians don't do those kinds of things!" he keeps trying to sow doubts in our minds, and yet because of these accusations, which may hold some truth, (i.e. "You know

you shouldn't be doing that!") we often get depressed, feel defeated, feel as if there is no hope. We begin to doubt as to whether we really are saved. We question our redemption. How can we overcome this?

Listen... "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb!" We need to keep reminding ourselves and the devil, it's the Blood of Christ, it's Calvary, It is He who died for us, shed His Blood for us. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HIS BLOOD! His Blood fights for us, it is all we need to overcome ANY attack of the enemy! "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1v9+7)

We overcome temptations, attacks from the enemy, even Satan himself, by the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! There is power in the Blood!

Some people think when they get saved all there problems stop! When you get saved the battle really starts! Satan will try and bring you down, BUT, you possess a weapon that is more powerful than all the arms this world could ever produce, and that weapon which defeated Satan 2000 years ago is just as powerful for you today! It is the precious, incorruptible Blood of The Lord Jesus Christ! As Christians we trust in the Blood for our daily cleansing and purification!

The difference between the sinner and the saint is that the saint hates his sin and pleads the Blood of Christ, whereas the sinner loves his sin and keeps entering into it! Which one are you tonight? The saint is never happy while he is backsliding in sin! Backsliders are the most miserable people on earth! They know they shouldn't be where they are.

Let us take heart Christian. Have you done wrong? Have you sinned? Have you fallen yet again? The Lord knew when He came to die, that even after we were saved we would still sin. This is why the Blood of the Lord Jesus is so significant and vital for today! The Lord Jesus knew how hard it would be to remain undefiled in this old world. He knew the pitfalls in the way, and the deceitfulness of the flesh, so when He died to save us, He also shed His Blood to cleanse us. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1v8-9)

Let us not despair today as we think of our failures, but instead let us run to Him who shed His most precious Blood for us, for our salvation, cleansing and keeping.

Turn with me to Acts 17v24-26 - "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."

Paul say's that God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth. The one thing, which relates all men to each other is the blood that flows in their veins.

Since the Life is in the blood, according to the Scriptures, and the wages of sin is death, sin affected the blood of Adam and caused him to die. Because the blood of all men partakes of the sin of Adam, it can only be cleansed by the application of sinless blood, **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul**.

As the first Adam's sin corrupted the blood of the entire human family, so the pure sinless blood of the last Adam makes atonement for the sin of the world. "For without shedding of blood is no remission... It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Eve's sin does not affect us, although Eve sinned before Adam did. It was the sin of Adam, which brought death upon the whole race because it is Adam's seed.

Only Jesus is called the Seed of the woman, His blood was without the sin of Adam. The Lord Jesus could have a human body, but He was not a sinner like you and me because He was born of a woman by the Holy Spirit.

There was therefore only one remedy for sin... SINLESS BLOOD! There was only ONE person who could supply this blood, THE SINLESS SON OF GOD! It would be the greatest *blood transfusion* this world would ever know! "For he hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor 5v21) "And ye know that he (Jesus) was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." (1 John 3v5)

From Genesis - Revelation we have this message of atoning blood. The atonement speaks of the sacrificial work of the Lord Jesus Christ to pay the punishment due our sins that we might be forgiven. In the OT, we have it in the example of the blood of the lambs and goats, which were slain in the sacrificial ritual of Israel.

Long before the perfect Lamb of God Himself came the Lord was preparing the world for Him in the types of the OT. Without blood there could be no atonement, and until the blood was presented, the holy law of God demanded justice and death for the sinner. That is why, when God gave the two tablets of stone, the law, to Moses upon Mount Sinai - the law which called for justice and not mercy, the law which said, The soul that sinneth it shall die, the law which demanded perfection OR death - He also gave to Moses on the same Mount the pattern of the Tabernacle, which was indeed built on blood and whose whole sacrificial ritual was bathed in blood.

God knew when He gave the law to Israel that they could not keep it perfectly and must die, and so in mercy He gave the Tabernacle and the altar and the blood so that a sinning people condemned by the law might have life through the sheltering blood.

The blood of bulls and goats and lambs could not atone for sin, but merely pointed forward to the One that would come to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb 9v12)

So in the fullness of time God sent forth His Son into the world to be born of a woman, and at the end of His life would shed His own precious eternal blood once and for all. After that there was no more sacrifice! As one preacher has said "The difference between the atonement, as set forth in the OT and that which is presented in the NT, is that in the former the sheep died for the shepherd, while in the latter the Shepherd died for the sheep."

The blood of the sacrificial animals of the OT was corruptible and decayed and was soon gone, but the blood shed on Calvary was imperishable Blood. The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is incorruptible... "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet 1v18-19)

The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is sinless blood, and because of this, it is incorruptible, for sin brings corruption, and where there is no sin there is no corruption.

Every drop of Blood that flowed in Jesus' body is still in existence today, and is just as fresh as it was when it flowed from His wounded brow, His hands, feet and side. Because of His sinlessness He never saw corruption... "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (Ps 16v10)

I believe that when Jesus ascended (the first time!!!), He took His own incorruptible Blood, as the Great High Priest, entered into the Holy of Holies in the presence of God, and sprinkled it upon the Mercy Seat in Heaven, of which the Mercy Seat and Ark in the Tabernacle were merely copies... "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest

entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Heb 9v22-26)

After Christ had made the atonement, He arose from the tomb, and then, as the eternal High Priest, ascended into heaven to present the blood in the Holy of Holies where God dwells, and that Blood is there today, pleading for us and prevailing for us.

The priest in the Tabernacle never spoke a word. All he did was present the blood, and that was enough. The priest would have to repeat the sprinkling again and again, and it is a significant fact that among all the pieces of the furniture of the Tabernacle, there was no chair to be found. We read of the altar, the table, the candlestick and the Lord's Ark, but no mention of a chair.

This fact simply signified that the work of the earthly priest who sprinkled the blood of animal sacrifice was never done. He could not sit down for his work was never finished! But concerning our Great High Priest, The Lord Jesus Christ we read... "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God... for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (and because of this, all believers can claim that lovely verse "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.")

The Blood has been shed - the incorruptible, eternal, divine, sinless, overcoming, precious Blood. It availed then, and it avails now; and throughout all eternity it shall NEVER lose its power. No wonder Satan hates the Blood of Christ and will do anything to get rid of it, forget it, and make people think it perished on the Cross of Calvary.

It is a doctrine of Satan to say that Christ's Blood has perished! For it certainly has not!

God said to Israel, and He says it to us... "When I see the blood I will pass over you." In other words Blood protects us from God's wrath, anger and punishment over sin, BUT ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

The blood is so precious that we see the redeemed singing in heaven... "...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev 1v5) (Just human blood? I don't think so!!!)

Now just for a moment I want us to go back and look a little closer at the virgin birth... I don't think people realise just how important the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus really is. We read...

"...Before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. ...Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. (Mat 1v18-20)

"The wages of sin is death." Because Jesus was sinless, He was deathless, until He took the sin of others upon Himself and died their death. God has made of one blood all the nations of the earth. Even though Jesus, therefore received His flesh, His body from a sinful race, He could still be sinless as long as sinful blood was not in His body. God provided a way whereby Jesus could be perfectly human according to the flesh and yet not have the blood of sinful humanity. That was the problem solved by the virgin birth!

DeHaan writes "It is now definitely known that the blood which flows in an unborn babe's arteries and veins is NOT derived from the mother but is produced within the body of the foetus. It is unnecessary that a single drop of blood be given to the developing embryo in the womb by the mother. Such is the case according to scientists.

The mother provides the foetus (the unborn developing infant) with the nutritive elements for the building of that little body in the secret of her womb, but all the blood which flows in it is formed in the embryo itself. From the time of conception to the time of birth of the infant not one single drop of blood ever passes from mother to child.

The placenta, that mass of temporary tissue know better as "afterbirth," forming the link between mother and child, is so constructed that although all the soluble nutritive elements such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates, salts, minerals and even antibodies pass freely from mother to child and the waste products of the child's metabolism are passed back to the mothers circulation, no actual interchange of a single drop of blood ever occurs normally. All the blood which is in that child is produced within the child itself."

The mother contributes no blood at all! Now of course I'm no scientist & I certainly don't understand all of what I've just read to you but I have checked this out with three different midwives & they all have confirmed that if the mother's blood touches the child it can cause death.

Now perhaps you can see why the virgin birth is so important! When God created woman He made her so that no blood would be able to pass from her to her offspring. In order to produce a sinless man who would yet be the son of Adam. God provided a way whereby that man would have a human body derived from Adam but have blood from a separate source.

DeHaan say's 'Jesus was a perfect human being after the flesh. He was of the seed of David according to the flesh, but blood is that part of a man, which is the divine addition. In the creation of man, Adam's body was made from the dust of the earth, but God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.'

Since life is in the blood, this act resulted in the formation of blood in Adam's body, but the first Adam's blood was corrupted and sin is in all mankind since God hath made of one blood all nations.

In the second Adam, the Holy Spirit provided the Blood, God's Blood as we see in Acts 20v28!

Conception by the Holy Ghost was the only way the virgin birth could be accomplished. Mary nourished the body of Jesus and He became the seed of David according to the flesh. The Holy Spirit contributed the Blood of Jesus. It is sinless Blood. It is Divine Blood. It is Precious Blood, for there has never been any other like it.

It is innocent blood "I have betrayed the innocent blood," Judas confessed in Mat 27v4. The Lord Jesus was innocent. He became like one of us with ONE exception - instead of being conceived by a human father, He was conceived by a Divine Father. As a result He had Divine Blood, Sinless Blood and because of this He Had Incorruptible Blood.

There are 3 foundational principles set forth in the Scriptures concerning the sacrificial Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ...

- 1) The Blood is the life (Lev 17v11)
- 2) The Blood is the life given (Lev 17v11)
- 3) The Blood is the live giving (Lev 17v11)

The Blood of The Lord Jesus Christ makes atonement for the sinning soul. We are talking about His literal Blood THAT IS PRESENT TODAY!

Some people, some preachers (well known preachers!) say that the Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary perished in the ground! This is WRONG! It is HERESY!

I want us very briefly to look at a few impossibilities if the Blood of the Lord Iesus Christ perished!

1) The impossibility of the forgiveness of sins... "...without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb 9v23) Some people believe that when the bible talks of shedding of blood it really means just death! If the death of Christ was not by the shedding of blood then the sin question has not been answered and the forgiveness of our sins is impossible. God decreed that only death by blood shedding can sins be forgiven.

Forgiveness - The remission of our sins is impossible if Christ's blood is not literally shed blood.

The death must be literal, not symbolic death. The blood shed must be literal blood not symbolic blood. The Blood of Christ is literal blood that has literally been shed!

2) The impossibility of Redemption being accomplished... "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb 9v12)

If His Blood was lost at the Cross and not preserved and presented on the mercy seat in heaven, then redemption remains forever unaccomplished. The Day of Atonement would not have been fulfilled, finalised and finished. The Blood is NOT lost BUT LIVING Blood!

- 3) The impossibility of the Blood being seen... "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you..." (Exo 12v13) In the wonderful type of the Passover in Exo 12, the blood of the lamb was prepared in a basin and then struck into the side posts and lintels of the doorways of the houses of the Israelites. (Exo 12v21-23) The lamb was NOT what God looked upon! The blood in the basin was NOT what God looked upon! It was the blood applied which God looked upon! (1 Cor 5v7)
- 4) The impossibility of the blood being sprinkled... "...the blood of sprinkling..." (Heb 12v24)

You cannot sprinkle blood that has congealed (change from a liquid to semisolid state!)

You cannot sprinkle blood that has perished

You cannot sprinkle blood that is lost

You cannot sprinkle blood that has corrupted

You cannot sprinkle blood that is extinct.

The continuing characteristic of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in the NT is the fact of the sprinkled blood.

5) The impossibility of the Blood speaking... "...the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." (Heb 12v24) The freshly shed blood of Abel cried to God from the ground and was heard by God and answered by God. The shed Blood of Christ, continually fresh, keeps speaking to God not from the earth but from heaven itself. It constantly and eternally speaks better things than that of Abel's blood.

Abel's blood spoke of judgement. Christ's Blood speaks of atonement!

6) The impossibility of washing in the blood... "...These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev 7v14) If the blood of Jesus ran into the ground and perished how could sinners wash in blood unavailable and inaccessible? Notice carefully the plain teaching of this Scripture. It does not say that they washed in a metaphor (which means a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action that it does not literally apply to in order to imply a resemblance.) ...a metaphor of the death of Christ!

God says what He means. God means what He says! When He speaks about the Blood of Christ He means the Blood of Christ! The Blood is supernatural. Washing in that Blood is supernatural. Being made white in the Blood of the Lamb of God is supernatural.

Someone said once... "God says it, I believe it, that's the end of it!"

7) The impossibility of conquering the devil by the Blood of the Lamb... "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..." (Rev 12v11) The triumph of the saints over the devil is by the blood of Jesus Christ! If the blood has disappeared, if it is no more in existence, how can non-existent blood bring down the mighty power of the prince of Hell? (context of saints in the tribulation! Future!)

Of what value is lost blood?

Of what efficacy (producing the intended result) is extinct blood?

Of what merit is blood that has perished?

Of what virtue is blood that has decayed?

Where is the victory of blood, which has disappeared?

We must plead the value, virtue and victory of the ever-living Blood of the Lamb.

8) The impossibility of the incorruptibility of the Blood... "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet 1v18-19) The body of Christ was incorruptible in death "thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." (Acts 2v27+31) The blood which flowed through His holy incorruptible body was also incorruptible! When His Blood separated from His body it remained incorruptible.

It is the same incorruptible Blood that we have access to the throne of God "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." (Heb 10v19-20)

- 9) The impossibility of the realities of Heaven... "But ye are come unto mount sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." (Heb 12v22-24) Here in this passage are listed 7 (perfect number) realities of Heaven...
- 1) city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
- 2) innumerable company of angels,
- 3) the general assembly, church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven
- 4) God the judge of all
- 5) spirits of just men made perfect
- 6) Jesus the mediator of the new covenant
- 7) blood of sprinkling

God states that the Blood of Jesus Christ is in Heaven.

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you..."

There was only one place of shelter when God the judge, passed through the land of Egypt that Passover night... it was under the blood of the lamb.

If an Israelite had neglected to kill the lamb and to sprinkle its blood on the side posts and lintel of his door - nothing - no prayers, vows or pledges, no tears, zeal or cries for mercy could have saved him from the sword of judgement. Even Moses and Aaron, had they neglected to sprinkle the blood on their doors, would have seen judgement.

And so will every one who does not take personal shelter under the Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God. The blood of Israel's lamb sheltered them only from temporal judgement. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Lamb, shelters from eternal judgement!

The atonement of our Lord is a complete satisfaction to the demands of God's justice against sin. (John 3v18+36)

"The blood shall be to you for a token." (Exo 12v13) There is nothing else that God will give for the assurance of Salvation. Our only resting place is under the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God!

The pardon for all sin rests upon the Blood of Jesus. We are redeemed - brought back to God - by the Blood of Jesus. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1v14)

We are justified by His Blood - "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom 5v9)

We are cleansed by the Blood of Jesus - "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1v7)

We are sanctified, set apart by the Blood of Jesus - "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood..." (Heb 13v12)

We are made nigh to God by the Blood of Jesus - "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." (Eph 2v13)

We have peace because of the Blood of the Cross - "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross..." (Col 1v20)

We come as worshippers into the holiest of all because of the Blood of Jesus "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." (Heb 10v19)

We overcome the devil and all our enemies by the Blood of the Lamb - (Rev 12v11)

Our robes are made white by the Blood of Jesus - (Rev 7v14)

GOD'S TESTIMONY TO US ALL IS "WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION"

THERE IS NO SALVATION, NO PARDON, NO HOPE, NO LIFE, SAVE BENEATH THE VALUE AND SHELTER OF THE PRECIOUS ALL CLEANSING INCORRUPTIBLE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!

The Blood of Jesus Christ - It is His remedy for man's ruin, as it is the basis of His righteousness and the proof of His Love.

Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.

But Christ the heavenly Lamb Takes all our sin away A sacrifice of nobler Name And richer blood than they.

Amen.

There is No place like Hell!

We don't here much about Hell these days, and when we do, it is usually in a mocking kind of way, or is taken very lightly. When we see it portrayed in some kind of way on the television, it never reveals to us the true state of what it is like, in fact there have even been comedy sketches about Hell, people laugh at it!

There is a verse in proverbs that reads "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the holy is understanding." Today the world does not fear God as it once did. People are now doing what they please without fearing any kind of consequence or punishment for their sin. Some of us Christians still hold on to sin in our lives, perhaps an habitual sin that we have never been able to get rid of since we have been saved, we hold on to it because Godly fear is held in low esteem, holiness is too hard a walk, and we do not love the Lord Jesus enough, to get rid of it! Yet one day all will be accounted for!

So why talk on such a solemn and not much welcomed subject?

Because the world needs to hear it friends, and so do we! Paul said in Acts 20v27 "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." We as Christians can not just take the parts of the Bible that we like such as love, joy and peace, we need to hear the whole counsel of God, and friends, Hell is part of it. In fact Jesus spoke more about Hell than He did about Heaven, does it not teach us that, He was warning us of what is to come, if we reject Him? One preacher has said "Because we have taken Hell out of our preaching and teaching, we have got Hell in our world!" The Bible says that there is a Hell, and we need to warn people about it!

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." (Eze 3v18+19) How is that for a solemn verse. Now I know that this verse is concerning Ezekiel, that he is to be a watchman to the house of Israel, but I can not help but think, that we too, have a very serious responsibility to our generation of people to warn them of the Hell to come!

Anyway, let us turn to the passage of scripture that we will be looking at tonight, Luke 16 v19-31. (Read)

Now to start off I would say that this account we have just read, is NOT a parable, but a factual account that actually took place, with these two people, Lazarus and a rich man. The reason I say this is because when the Lord spoke in parables He always said things like "Hear ye therefore the parable..." or "Another parable put He forth unto them..." A few times He used the word "like" where a particular truth was compared to some familiar object or scene. Also in this passage Jesus mentions two specific people. a rich man and the beggar Lazarus. Jesus also starts this account by saying "There was..." it is like a definite statement that this actually took place!

Now we notice that the beggar Lazarus went to "Abraham's bosom (and later to Heaven!) and the rich man went to Hell.

Let us sort something out straight away here, Before Jesus died and rose again, the saved (believers) when they died went to Abraham's bosom in the underworld, and the unsaved (non believers) went to the hell part of Hades in the underworld! Now we are not going to look at all the Greek and Hebrew words regarding the underworld, but just to say that before Jesus died and rose again, everyone that died went to this place call Hades (Greek) and Sheol (Hebrew) they are the same place. It is the underworld, and it is situated right under our feet in the heart of the earth. *And that is not my opinion, that is what the scriptures tell us!*

When Jesus died on Calvary's cross where did he go? "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." (Luke 23v46) His spirit went back to God!

Now where did His body go? "This man went unto pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man was laid." (Luke 23v52-53) His body went to the grave, it was in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea for three days and three nights.

His soul went down to Hell (Hades, the underworld) Acts 2v27 "Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." So where is this Hell (Hades), as we have said it is in the centre or heart of the earth, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly: so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matt 12v40)

This is why it was impossible for Jesus to be crucified on Good Friday, as tradition has it, because He arose from the dead three days later on the first day of the week (Sunday!). The scriptures tell us that Jesus was three *days* and three *nights* in the heart of the earth, so if He rose on Sunday morning (the first day of the week!) it is physically impossible to have died on Friday! (Friday night, Saturday night...?)

Now just to clear something else up, that you may or may not find confusing...When someone who is unsaved, and therefore lost, dies, they go to the hell part of Hades in the centre of the earth! But if one of us, who are Christians, was to die this evening, where would we go? to Abraham's bosom? NO! For Paul writes "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be <u>absent from the body</u>, and to be <u>present with the Lord</u>." (2 Cor 5v8) Paul also said "For I am in a straight betwixt two, having a desire to <u>depart</u>, <u>and be with Christ</u>; which is far better." (Phil 1v23) and again "For to me to live is Christ, and to <u>die is gain</u>." (Phil 1v21) Why could Paul say all these things? Because he knew, that when he died he would go straight into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The reason we no longer go to the Paradise section of Hades is because when Jesus Christ rose from the dead we read "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?) (Eph 4v8-9) Jesus took all the saved ones (Moses, Abraham, David etc...) with him to heaven! Therefore the good part of Hades, Abraham's bosom, is empty today! "Absent from the body, present with the Lord!"

What a hope we have friends, it is the ones who are left that will mourn and be sad, we will be in Heaven worshipping and praising God for ever, waiting for our loved ones! If you are not a Christian this evening, you can not say this, you have absolutely no hope. You will reap the reward of Gods wrath and fiery indignation forever, you will never escape!

So all I'm trying to do here is show you that Hades (Hell) is in the centre of the earth, and that is where non-believers go when they die, but for us Christians we go straight to heaven.

Therefore getting back to Lazarus and the rich man, Hades is the place that we are reading about here! Therefore Hell is an actual place, it is not a *state of mind* and it is not *what you make of life down here*, we read that the rich man "died and was buried, and being in hell, lifted up his eyes", so we see that hell is the *after life*. The JW's say that when you die you are annihilated, you cease to exist, we can see again from this rich mans situation, that this too is a lie! Hell is a reality, and every JW will become a believer within three seconds, after they die!

Some people believe that Hell is *soul-sleep*, but again we see the rich man is conscious of his torments, he was in excruciating pain that will never end! Some people believe that *purgatory* (that the RC's teach) is a hell that fits us for heaven, a kind of purification that we have to go through before we can enter into glory. But Jesus demolished this idea by showing that there is a great gulf fixed, and no one ever crosses it. Once you have died that is it! There is No second chance! You can find mercy now, but you will never find mercy in Hell! (Think about that!)

Some people say that Hell is a place where you can communicate with departed souls of loved ones but yet again we read that the rich man said "...I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him (Lazarus) to my father's house. For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this

place of torment." You see if the rich man could of communicated with his brethren then he would not have asked Abraham to send Lazarus to talk to them.

Yes friends, I tell you tonight, that Hell is a physical place where every Christ rejecting sinner will spend eternity, with no hope whatsoever of comfort or escape!

We read "the beggar died." Blessed moment for the beggar. Conducted by ministering spirits into the presence of the King of kings, God Himself wiped away all tears from his eyes; and amidst the songs of angels and archangels, and the innumerable company before the throne, he who on earth had neither food nor raiment, nor house wherein to lay his head, was welcomed an heir of God, a joint heir with Christ, and forever installed in an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven.

Oh, the joy of that moment to Lazarus! His last enemy had been destroyed, and death had been to him the gate into everlasting life. His light affliction, which was but for a moment, had worked for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

The rich man had *everything* but God, the beggar had *nothing* but God, and each was contented with his portion. Lazarus had God and was contented; the rich man was contented without God. What about you this evening? Which one can you identify yourself with? Satan, if he possibly can hinder it, will never let a man remember that he must die; consequently it is one of the marks of Satan's people that they forget God and judgement, and speak and act as if their life on earth was everlasting.

Godliness with contentment is great gain, we read, but, contentment without God is damning!

There will be many people like the rich man in hell. They live good respectable lives, but they have no thought for their soul, their eternal destination, they live only for today! Is anyone hear like that? If so, you to, like the rich man, will wake up in hell, where again I say there is no way out!

Hell is a place of torments, a place of terrible suffering for in v24 we read "I am tormented in this flame." In verse 25 Abraham says to the rich man "thou art tormented." In v28 we also read "this place of torment." It is a place of fire that is never quenched, you can never find release or comfort, no not for a moment.

We notice in Luke 16, the passage that we read, that the rich man had all his faculties....showing us that whoever goes there will also have all their faculties. They see, for the rich man saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. They feel, for he was in torments. they cry for mercy, for he asked, but in vain, for a drop of water to cool his tongue. They are in possession of *memory*, for the rich man was told to *remember* what he had received during his lifetime on earth.

Let us just stop and consider this, that in Hell you will be able to <u>remember</u>, that is part of the torment. We have said this before I know, but, "You do not go to hell by *accident*!" If you are sitting in this place this evening, and you know that you are not a Christian, and even after this message about the unbelievers final state, you still refuse to come to Christ, then when you are in hell, just like the rich man looking up, you will remember this warning.

As someone once said, "There are no tracts in Hell", but you will remember every single one that was handed to you and that you tore up and threw away. Throughout all eternity you will curse and wail wishing you had taken that tract, wishing you had answered the preachers question "Will you come to Christ this evening!" "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." (Heb 6v2) Do not put it off any longer, come to Christ this evening! "And whosoever shall fall on this stone (JESUS CHRIST!) shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." (Mat 21v44) If you do not fall upon Christ for mercy in this life, He will fall upon you and grind you to powder in the next! Let us wake up friends and realise that God is a God of mercy and wants us all to come to Him and none of us too perish! We read "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3v9)

also "...As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" (Eze 33v11)

God does not want any of us to go to hell, but He can not stop us if we chose the pathway there. God will never force Himself upon us! I repeat, you do not go to hell by accident, you chose your own destination!

Just to digress a little here... Just recently someone has said to me (as many people often do!) "How can a God of love send people to hell?" Well first of all we read that hell was not created for us... "Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Mat 25v41) Now of course God is a God of Love, and what great love He has shown to us, for we read,

Jesus speaking... "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15v9+13)

You see God watched His only begotten Son die for you and for me, He gave His Son, for us, so that we could live, and if we say no to Jesus, after all He has done for us, God will say no to us, and send us to hell. Think about the Fathers grief for His Son, because of us, think about the pain that God went through, watching His Son die with all our sins laid upon Him, He watched the agony that Jesus went through and then at the last, God the Father had to punish and turn His back upon His Son, because Jesus was made sin for us, you and me!

That is how much God loves us! So now you can see I pray, a little more clearly why hell is the final state of a sinner who rejects the Lord Jesus Christ! You chose the devils way, then you will end up in the devils company, HELL!

TO CONTINUE... It is impossible, once you are in hell, to join the redeemed, as we have looked at, because of the great gulf that no one can cross.

The Son of God forewarned that there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. So intense will the suffering be, that men will seek death but not find it! (can you imagine this?) There is also intense darkness there that can be felt, for there is no darkness like the darkness of hell. It is darkness which is completely beyond any ray of light, all natural light, all man made light, all spiritual light, all God given light, all the light of the Gospel, all the light of hope, all the light of peace and all the light of pardon. It is outer darkness. It is outside all light!

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. There will be no resting place in Hell; no secret corner where they can find a little place of shelter, no cooling fountain to refresh themselves, for we read that there is no water there "...the pit wherein is no water." (Zech 9v11)

There is also no loneliness like the loneliness of Hell. People often say that they will see all their mates, their drinking buddies, the lads down there. This is a lie! Hell is a place of eternal isolation. Hell is a place of everlasting separation. Every damned soul is so tormented in the flames of hell and in agony of the torments of eternal doom, that he or she can not spare a moment to think of others in hell, to speak to others in hell, or to communicate with others in hell. Every cell in hell is built for eternal solitary confinement.

Imagine this, there will be no children in hell, you shall never hear a child laugh again, never hear a bird sing again, never hear the rain or hear any other noise that we take for granted.

This is what hell is like...

- 1) A lake of fire (Rev 20v15)
- 2) A devouring fire (Isa 33v14)
- 3) A bottomless pit (Rev 20v1)
- 4) Everlasting burnings (Isa 33v14)
- 5) A furnace of fire (Mat 13v41-42)
- 6) A place of torments (Luke 16v23)

- 7) Where they curse God (Rev 16v11)
- 8) Where they can never repent (Matt 12v32)
- 9) A place where they have no rest (Rev 14v11)
- 10) A place of everlasting punishment (Matt 25v46)
- 11) A place of blackness of darkness forever (Jude 13)
- 12) A place where they gnaw their tongues (Rev 16v10)
- 13) A place where their breath will be a living flame (Isa 33v11)
- 14) A place prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt 25v41)
- 15) A lake of fire which the Antichrist & False Prophet are cast alive (Rev 19v20)
- 16) A place which the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever (Rev 14v11)
- 17) A place where they drink the wine of the wrath of God (Rev 14v10)
- 18) A place where they do not want their loved ones to come (Luke 16v28)
- 19) A place where there are murders, liars, the fearful and abominable (Rev 21v8)

Someone has written a description of hell as ... Hell is a furnace of unquenchable fire, a place of everlasting punishment, where its victims are tormented in both their bodies and their minds in accordance with their sinful natures their actual sins committed, and the amount of spiritual light given to them, which they rejected. Hell is a place from which God's mercy and goodness have been withdrawn, where God's wrath is revealed as a terrifying, consuming fire, and men live with unfulfilled lusts and desires in torment forever and ever.

Imagine every part of your body on fire at the same time, so that every fibre of your being felt the intense torment of being burned. How long could you endure such punishment? Christ tells us that there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. The lost will wail and gnash their teeth from having to endure the most intense pain and suffering they have ever felt as the flames consume them and constantly burn every part of their bodies. And their will be no relief! Our God is a consuming fire! (Heb 12v29)

CH Spurgeon said "In hell there is no hope. They have not even the hope of dying - the hope of being annihilated. They are forever - forever lost! On every chain in hell, there is written "forever". In the fires there, blaze out the words "forever". Above their heads, they read "forever". Their eyes are galled and their hearts are pained with the thought that it is "forever".

Day and night, forever and ever, shall they be punished. Why because the Holiness of our God is incomprehensible. Who can understand God?

A man once said to a Christian "If there is a Hell, where is it?" The Christian replied, "Hell is at the end of a Christ rejecting life!"

Why do people go to hell? Why did the rich man go to hell?

It is because they have rejected Jesus Christ as their Saviour! They think that they are more righteous than God. People do not go to hell for committing murder. Moses was a murderer; he didn't go to hell. People don't go to hell for committing adultery. David committed adultery; he didn't go to hell. People don't go to hell for swearing and cursing. Peter swore and cursed and went to heaven.

What are you counting on to keep you OUT OF HELL?

If you don't want to go there what are you trusting in to keep you out? "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." (Rom 10v3-4) Do you want to go to hell, then trust in yourself! Do you want to go to heaven, then trust in Jesus Christ! It is as simple as that!

Do you know where you are going tonight when you die? You know the Bible is an amazing book, it is different from every other book, because it can let you know where you are going when you die! No other book can tell you that!

A bible believing Christian is the only person who knows where he is going when he dies. *John* knew where he was going.. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life..." (1 John 5v13)

Peter knew where he was going... "Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me... an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." (2 Peter 1v14 & 1 Peter 1v4-5)

Paul knew where he was going... "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim 1v12)

Prov 1v24 reads "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." God has stretched forth his hand to this gainsaying people for years, because of His mercy, but when the time comes that all must be accounted for, those who are punished in hell will receive no mercy, God will mock them! "Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them." (Eze 8v18) Jonathan Edward's in his sermon "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" writes "Now God stands ready to pity you; this is a day of mercy; you may cry now with some encouragement of obtaining mercy, But when once the day of mercy is past, your most lamentable cries and shrieks will be in vain; you will be wholly lost and thrown down away of God, as to any regard to your welfare. God will have no other use to put you to, but to suffer misery; you shall be continued in being to no other end; for you will be a vessel of wrath fitted to destruction; and there will be no other use of this vessel, but to be filled full of wrath. God will be so far from pitying you when you cry to him, that it is said he will only "laugh and mock".

Whether you like it or not, you will be a believer some day, if not here on earth, it will be in the fiery flames of Hell! But then it will be too late!

The Bible also teaches that after the unsaved are cast into the lake of fire their existence will be erased from the memories of the righteous in Heaven. "Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so doth the grave those which have sinned. The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered." (Job 24v19-20) "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." (Isa 65v17)

In drawing to a close, I shall quote again from that sermon by Jonathan Edward's, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God!"...

"The wrath of God burns against you, your damnation does not slumber, the pit is prepared, the fire is made ready, the furnace is now hot, ready to receive you, the flames do now rage and glow. The glittering sword is whet, and held over them, and the pit hath opened its mouth under you. The devil stands ready to fall upon you, and seize you as his own, at that moment God shall permit him. They belong to him, he has their souls in his possession, and under his dominion. You are walking over the pit of hell on a rotten covering, and there are innumerable places in this covering so weak that they will not bear your weight, and these places are not seen.

God is under no manner of obligation to keep you a moment longer from eternal destruction.

So that, thus it is that natural men are held in the hand of God, over the pit of hell; they have deserved the fiery pit, and are already sentenced to it; and God is dreadfully provoked, his anger is as great towards them as to those that are actually suffering the executions of the fierceness of his wrath in hell, and they have done nothing in the least to appease that anger, neither is God in the least bound by any promise to hold them up one moment; the devil is waiting for them, hell is gaping for them, the flames gather and flash about them,

and would fain lay hold on them, and swallow them up; the fire bent up in their own hearts is struggling to break out: and they have no interest in any Mediator, there are no means within reach that can be any security to them.

Tonight if you are unsaved you are offending God, and yet it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment. It is to be ascribed to nothing else, that you did not go to hell last night; that you was suffered to awake again in this world, after you closed your eyes to sleep. And there is no other reason to be given, why you have not dropped into hell since you arose in the morning, but that God's hand has held you up. It is only by the mercy of God that you do not drop into hell this very moment.

Therefore, let every one that is out of Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come.

Let God have the final say... "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3v18)

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3v36)

Amen.

The Last Days are Evil Days...

Just Like The Scriptures Said Would Happen...

- 2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

There aren't *many* Christians that can endure sound doctrine today! There is apostasy IN THE BODY of Christ TODAY! Many 'lukewarm' Christians want 20 minutes of *nice* little *talks* will *nice* little *stories* & *nice* little illustrations & THAT'S IT!!! They CANNOT endure sound doctrine anymore – This is THAT day!!!

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Fables...i.e.

- The AV has mistakes in it!
- ❖ The Bible is inspired only in the 'original autographs!'
- ❖ Peace is coming to earth BEFORE the 2nd Advent!
- ❖ People were saved the same way in the OT as they are in the NT!
- ❖ The Kingdom of God is the same as the Kingdom of Heaven!

All of these are FABLES!!!

Read 2 Tim 3 all of it!

Also 2 Pet 3v3+4

I am a Bible BELIEVER 100% - I believe EVERYTHING that is in the Bible!

I never change a word of this BOOK; There is so much of this BOOK I do not understand, BUT I'll NEVER change it to say something it doesn't!

<u>I'm a 'dispensationalist'</u> – 2 Tim 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <u>rightly dividing the word of truth.</u> If you can't 'rightly DIVIDE the Scriptures' you will fall into all kinds of problems like 'Tongues' are for today & 'Healing' is the same as it was in Jesus' day when they are clearly NOT! If you can't rightly divide the word of truth you will teach that God has finished with Israel, there is no rapture, the church will go THROUGH the Tribulation, you can lose your salvation;** *plus a boat load of other heresies!*

<u>I am also a pre-millennialist!</u> – **I'm NOT LOOKING for a SIGN** i.e. the 'anti-christ', a 'One World Church', a 'One World Government' or a peace treaty in the middle-east, nor am I looking for the Tribulation...

I'm LISTENING for a SOUND...

- 1 Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a <u>shout</u>, <u>with the voice of the archangel</u>, <u>and with the trump of God</u>: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Turn to Rev 4v1...

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. The words 'Come up hither' occurs a total of 3 times in the Scriptures; the other 2 being in Prov 25v7 & Rev 11:12.

This is interesting because there are 3 main raptures in the Scriptures – I'll talk about that in a minute; but let us briefly look at Rev 4v1...

When we get to Revelation chapter 4 we have reached the end of the Church Age, typified by the seven messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor. Although these messages apply *historically* to seven local churches in 90 A.D. & *doctrinally* to local churches IN the 'Tribulation', they represent, in type, the history of the Church Age, which can be seen by comparison of the first church (Ephesus), with the last church (Laodicea).

The word 'church' disappears in Rev 3v22, & is NOT mentioned again from chapter 4 – chapter 19; then we see her in Heaven at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

Note also, the Holy Spirit is spoken of as being IN THE MIDST of the churches **on earth** in Rev 2 & 3. Yet, the Spirit (spoken of as seven Spirits) is found UP IN THE THIRD HEAVEN in Rev 4v5, indicating there has been both a change in the churches' position, & in the position of the Spirit!

Note also in Rev 4v1 a door opens! – Heaven only opens TWO times in the Book of Revelation – once when somebody goes up, & in Rev 19 where somebody comes down. Notice that when the door is opened (Rev 4v1) there is a voice & a trumpet. If you will compare this passage with 1 Thes 4v15-18, there will be no doubt in your mind as to what the voice is, or what the trumpet is. This is the Lord calling somebody (in both passages), & they respond by ascending through the clouds!

The Bible teaches 3 'raptures'...

- 1) The rapture of the **OT saints** at the resurrection of Christ (Mat 27v50-54, Eph 4v8-12)
- 2) The rapture of the **NT saints** of the Church Age (1 Cor 15v49-53, 1 Thes 4v13-18)
- 3) The rapture of **Tribulation saints** at the end of the Tribulation (Mat 24 & Rev 11v12)

This means that the 'first resurrection' is the first resurrection of SAVED people, & has THREE parts to it.

This corresponds to a HARVEST as that too has three parts to it...

Paul illustrates this in 1 Cor 15 i.e. the chapter on the RESURRECTION – 1 Cor 15v22-24 – the first resurrection has THREE parts to it just like a crop has three parts to it...

Every crop has...

- 1) **First-fruits** the first part which you pick when it gets ripe
- 2) **Harvest** the main part that ripens later
- 3) **Gleanings** the part that ripens at the end

Anyone who has grown tomatoes will understand this!

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 **But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits** (plus the OT saints); **afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.** (Rapture of the Church!)

First-fruits then the harvest - NT saints!

(First-fruits - **But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the <u>firstfruits</u> of them that slept.** 1 Cor 15v20 – So of all the people back in the OT that all died & all passed away, HE was the first one of them to get out of the grave PERMANENTLY. He is the first-fruit, 'the first begotten of the dead' (Rev 1v5), in that HE is the first man that ever came up from the dead NEVER TO DIE AGAIN!

Lazarus came up & DIED! Jonah came up & DIED! Eutychus came up & DIED! Dorcas came up & DIED! BUT Christ is the first man that came up NEVER TO DIE AGAIN!

Moses died & will come back & die again! Elijah went up alive one time, but he will die later! Enoch went up WITHOUT dying!

The ONLY man that died & came up & will NEVER DIE AGAIN is Jesus Christ! He is the FIRST-FRUITS!)

24 Then cometh the end (after you harvest you always have some gleanings left), when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign (Millennium), till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (i.e. Rev 20 at the end of the millennium!)

Remember 'Come up hither' occurs THREE times in Scripture! These three references mark the THREE 'Raptures!'

- 1) Prov 25v7 would refer to the OT saints!
- 2) Rev 4v1 John being caught up a type of the Bride of Christ i.e. the rapture of the Church!
- 3) Rev 11v12 regarding Moses & Elijah, would refer to a POST-Tribulation rapture of the Tribulation saints!

Going back to 2 Pet 3:3+4 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days <u>scoffers</u>, <u>walking after their own lusts</u>, And <u>saying</u>, <u>Where is the promise of his coming?</u> for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Now it's not just the world that says this to us Bible believers, some Christians are sadly turning this way & losing heart & giving up their 'blessed hope' (Titus 2v13) – they have STOPPED looking for the Lord to come back, & live as if He is NEVER coming back!!!

We are told to...wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 1 Thes 1:10

We are told to keep...**Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;** Titus 2:13

We are told...let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 1 Thes 5:6 Too many Christians are SLEEPING & NOT watching, NOT waiting & NOT working for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Now something hit me hard this week IN the Scriptures! I've never noticed it before & it really did HIT ME HARD! Turn with me to TWO texts in Revelation...

Re 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and <u>God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.</u>

Re 21:4 And <u>God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes</u>; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Twice in the Book of the Revelation does it mention about God wiping away tears; both occur AFTER the Church Age is over!

Now there are NO tears in ETERNITY BUT there WILL BE tears IN HEAVEN! Eternity is just beginning in Revelation 21.

In Rev 21v4, when God wipes away tears, the context is immediately following the 'judgement of the unsaved dead' (Rev 20v12-15). God doesn't wipe away tears for the FINAL time until AFTER the Great White Throne Judgement!

In Rev 7v17, tears are not wiped away until the end of the Tribulation! This means that at the end of the Church Age, the Body of Christ is going to be 'caught out' & 'caught up', & while the Tribulation takes place down on this earth, The Body of Christ is going to be judged at the 'Judgment Seat of Christ' in Heaven.

Now I realize that we are NOT judged for our SIN at the Judgement Seat of Christ; that took place on Calvary when the Lord Jesus Christ became our substitute!

So the TWO places when tears are wiped away occur...

- 1) Following the Judgment Seat of Christ
- 2) Following the Great White Throne judgment

This means that born-again Christians (maybe you & ME!) will be weeping at the Judgment Seat of Christ & the Great White Throne judgment!

Why?

At the judgment Seat of Christ... Realizing what we could & SHOULD have done with our life on earth! **Not REALLY LIVING for the Lord!** All the missed opportunities, all the rewards LOST because of what we didn't DO! Lost crowns!

At the Great White Throne judgment – When we see unsaved people, our LOVED ones, to whom we could have witnessed to, perishing & going to HELL because you & ME NEVER tried to reach them with the Gospel! We shall see them cast AWAY from the Lord, & FROM us, into the Lake of Fire!

No, God's people aren't through with tears UNTIL Rev 21.

The moral of these TWO verses is...

DO THE BEST YOU CAN & ALL YOU CAN FOR THE LORD JESUS NOW! DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO WIN SOULS TO JESUS CHRIST NOW!

Even if people hate you for it – DO WHAT YOU CAN, & then leave it with the Lord!

Those verses hit me so hard this week it hurt!

Getting back to it...

Mark 13:35 <u>Watch</u> ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

So we ALL ought to be waiting & WATCHING for the Lord Jesus Christ to come & take us **up out of here** at the Rapture! *But are we?*

And while we are waiting & watching, this **present evil world** (Gal 1v4), this **crooked and perverse nation** (Phil 2v15), **this adulterous and sinful generation** (Mark 8v38) is getting worse & worse!

Let us go back to 2 Tim 3...

What we have here is a warning that the basic sins of the Adamic nature, *our carnal flesh*, will increase as time goes by, & in the days leading up to the rapture, these sins will INTENSIFY & become the normal everyday living conditions of the world! Remember YOU are IN the world but NOT OF the world! (John 17v11&16)

Note, one of the greatest signs that we are living in the 'Last Days', i.e. the Laodicean age, is APOSTASY (*An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion*)

At the end of the Church Age Christ is OUTSIDE the door with it SHUT! It is a lukewarm church, it is indifferent towards Christ, it IS 'tolerant' of SIN & EVIL! **The church preceding the Rapture is lukewarm, wretched, miserable, blind & naked!**

Twenty Four hours a day, seven days a week the world is constantly bombarded by Satan's devices (2 Cor 2v11). He is brainwashing the world, blinding the world; he is god of this world - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Cor 4v4

We, as Christians, have a job to do, & that is to reach the blind & lost souls of this world with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; **before it's too late!**

2 Tim 3v1 – perilous times shall come! (Perilous - Dangerous; hazardous; full of risk). We are living in dangerous days, a volcano awaiting to erupt! People are scared today, fear is everywhere! We are living in perilous times!

2 Tim 3v2

- ❖ Lovers of their own selves what a self promoting world we live in. Everything must be 'positive!' You can do it, you are master of your own destiny! (I've recently bought a book called the 'power of NEGATIVE' thinking! we need more of this!) The Bible is a NEGATIVE Book in many ways; it's a mirror & when you read it you see yourself for who you REALLY ARE a HELL DESERVING SINNER who is lost & hopeless without God!
- ❖ Covetous Read Col 3v1-5 Note v2 set your affection on things ABOVE, NOT on things on the earth! Also, v5 'covetousness' is idolatry! For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mat 6v21
- * Boasters But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Gal 6v14 IF ONLY! We love to boast & tell people what WE have done, what WE have 'earned'; we love to push ourselves forward! Forbid it Lord that I should boast...save in the death of Christ my God!
- Proud Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. Very similar to boast!
- ❖ Blasphemers how open & bold sinners have become in blaspheming the Lord. Stage plays, TV programmes, filth & lies about Almighty God! No fear of God anymore, but they will!
- ❖ **Disobedient to parents** a generation of ill mannered, non-disciplined, lazy, youngsters who detest authority of any kind! Children are being FED on TV & computer games; fantasy! They are FEEDING on the world!

Pro 22:6+15 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Pro 13:24 **He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.** (Betimes - Seasonably; in good season or time; before it is late)

Pro 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Some children have always disobeyed their parents, but Paul is not talking about occasional sins by individuals: he is talking about 'MEN' (v1) in the LAST DAYS! This was NOT a worldwide characteristic of Timothy's day; it wasn't a general thing even in the 1920's to 1940's – it is directed at the LAST DAYS!

- Unthankful Speaks for itself! Hardly anyone today is thankful ESPECIALLY to God!
- Unholy those that show no interest in God, the Bible, the church, or anything spiritual.

Because of time let us push on...

$2\ \mathrm{Tim}\ 3:3$ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good...

Without natural affection – Note without NATURAL affection i.e. unnatural. We live in a sex crazed society; there is 'stuff' happening out there in this evil world that we just couldn't mention inside or **outside** of church! The world is saturated in lust & sex. We are living in a filthy & perverse world!

Trucebreakers – There is hardly anyone, IF ANYONE, I know who KEEPS their word; who keeps to the promises they make! Someone has written "There isn't one treaty signed in the last 500 years that is worth the paper it's written on!' Lying is the 'norm' today, get away with what you can. You can't tell the truth 100% of the time everyone bends the rules! Do YOU?

False accusers -

- The AV has mistakes in it!
- ❖ The Bible has contradictions in it!
- Creationism is mythology!
- ❖ Fanatical Christians who BELIEVE the Bible 100% are dangerous!
- He hates gays because he preaches against sodomy!
- ❖ He hates women because he preaches against feminism!
- ❖ Bible believers cause division everywhere; they should learn that to compromise is better for society & the church!
- He's an angry, opinionated young man that goes around causing division because of his stubbornness & independence!
- He preaches too hard & harsh!

You know the stuff I'm talking about! False accusers EVERYWHERE, **inside** & outside of the church!

Incontinent – 2 Pet 2:14 **Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin...** No self control! Cannot cease from sin, addicted to it!

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Jer 5:8 They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

Ro 1:26 For this cause <u>God gave them up</u> unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, <u>God gave them over</u> to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

People say to me 'don't get too *down or depressed*, it's not that bad!' – I'm telling you it IS THAT BAD! It's getting worse & worse & will do until the Lord Jesus Christ returns!

Luke 18:8...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? People talk about worldwide revival – they isn't going to be one! It will get worse & worse UNTIL the Rapture!

Fierce – (The primary sense of which is wild, Vehement; violent; furious; Savage; ravenous; easily enraged; eager of mischief) – We live in a fierce world. Even so called discussions/debates I've had with some Christians have been 'fierce!'

Despisers of those that are good – Isn't it strange that some people hate other people for DOING GOOD! Jer 17:9 **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?** *Who do you despise?* Is it because YOU are jealous of THEM? We should DO GOOD, we are called to DO GOOD - Rom 12:20+21 **Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

We should DO GOOD even to our enemies...

- 1 Sam 24:17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.
- 18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.
- 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.
- 2 Tim 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Traitors - One who violates his allegiance and betrays his country; one guilty of treason; one who, in breach of trust, delivers his country to its enemy, or any fort or place entrusted to his defense, or who surrenders an army or body of troops to the enemy, unless when vanquished; or one who takes arms and levies war against his country; or one who aids an enemy in conquering his country. One who betrays his trust. Are YOU betraying your trust to the Lord to your friends, to your wife or husband? etc?

Heady, highminded - egomaniacs! Megalomaniacs! Self-centred, self-worshipping, self-loving...

Listen to these great verses...

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

1 Cor 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us <u>not to think of men above that which is written</u>, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Rom 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. <u>Be</u> not highminded, but fear:

1 Pet 5:6 <u>Humble yourselves</u> therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Don't be big-headed, high-minded, heady! Humble yourself & keep close to the Lord!

Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God – We could spend hours with illustrations etc. This world is bent on pleasure! ...*If you're happy!!!* Everything & anything BUT God! *Church is boring the Bible is boring* – *MY SIN is much more exciting!* Billions is spent on entertainment every year – entertaining ourselves, TV, movies, computers, 'wining & dining', clubs, bars, holidays, hobbies, sports etc. I wonder how much money YOU give TO GOD! How much do YOU give to 'getting the word out', evangelism, missionaries etc. "But I tithe!!!" Is that all???

2 Tim 3:5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.** Religion, 'CHURCH', 'spirituality', the 'inner man', 'finding yourself!' etc. etc. Millions PROFESS a form of 'godliness', religion looks good, BUT, there is NO power – DEAD! 'Oh yeah I'm a Christian!' – yet they bear NO fruit, their lifestyle is that of the world – why? Because they ARE OF THE WORLD!

I don't want a FORM of godliness – I want the truth, I want to KNOW God!

A church may have a piano, organ, pulpit; it may be a lovely looking building. There may be a choir, lots of smiles, a 'hand-shaking' lovely man as a pastor, a congregation with folded hands & 'reverential attention', you may even find a King James Bible! – It may ALL look good & right... **BUT the Holy Spirit isn't there! There is no presence of God & NO power!**

Showmanship is NOT Godliness!

It may ALL look the part; all look RIGHT & holy – yet the church could be DEAD! **Having a form of godliness...**

Let me skip 2 Tim 3v6 & go straight onto v7 to finish...

2 Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Think of all the different sects, cults, religions, organisations! Add them all up, every member & you can apply this verse to them...

'Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.'

You can LEARN all your life; give all your time to pursuing knowledge, 'cures' for diseases, studying genetics, bio-chemistry, you can become a top physicist, work for NASA, research the hidden 'mysteries' of the universe etc. & still go to hell when you die!

EDUCATION, WITHOUT SALVATION, IS DAMNATION!

Amen.

THE RAPTURE

Matthew, Acts & Hebrews are probably the most difficult books to understand DOCTRINALLY in the NT because they are 'transition-books'...

- 1) Matthew Doctrinally you are moving from the OT (Matt 1-26) to the NT (Matt 27, Heb 9v15-17)
- 2) Acts You are moving from Israel to the Church
- 3) Hebrews You are moving from the Church Age into Daniel's 70th Week!

1Thes 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

This is the 2nd greatest passage in the NT regarding the Rapture; the first is found in 1 Cor 15v51-54.

Other passages that speak of the Rapture are...

- 1 John 3v1-3
- Phil 3v20-21
- Rom 8v21-24
- John 11v24-26
- Rev 4v1+2

The word 'Rapture' does NOT occur in the English Bible but the dictionary definition certainly 'qualifies' it as to what will happen when the Lord returns.

RAP'TURE, n. [L. raptus, rapio.] - Websters 1828 Dictionary

- 1. A seizing by violence. [Little used.]
- 2. Transport; ecstasy; violence of a pleasing passion; extreme joy or pleasure.

Rapture - Concise Oxford Dictionary

noun

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- 1 a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.
- 2 (the Rapture) North American (according to some millenarian teaching) the transporting of believers to heaven at the second coming of Christ.

ORIGIN

C16 (in the sense 'seizing and carrying off'): from obsolete French, or from medieval Latin raptura 'seizing', partly influenced by rapt.

The word 'Rapture' means the state of being CARRIED AWAY or CARRIED OFF – that is what is going to happen when the Lord Jesus Christ returns!

Many Christians do NOT understand the Rapture & therefore DENY its teaching in the Scriptures. They believe in the Second Coming of Christ but NOT in the Rapture, yet the Rapture is connected with the Second Coming BUT it is DIFFERENT!

- Neither the resurrection of the dead or the Second Advent are 'mysteries' in the Bible. They are both clearly mentioned centuries BEFORE Christ shows up Job 19v25-27 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. Ecc 12v14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Also Ezek 37.
- 2) The Rapture IS a MYSTERY 1 Cor 15v51 **Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,** UNREVEALED till AFTER Pentecost!
- 3) The local churches & the Body of Christ are LUKEWARM at the end of the Church Age preceding the Rapture; they are NOT lukewarm at the end of the Tribulation the Body of Christ is NOT EVEN THERE Rev 7v9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; also Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
- 4) At the Advent, Christ lands ON THE GROUND Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. At the Rapture He comes in the AIR & does NOT TOUCH THE GROUND! 1 Thes 4v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 5) At the Rapture there is no change in Satan's position: he doesn't get locked up in any 'pit' as he does at the Advent! There are no changes in NATURE at the Rapture. By the time of the Second Advent, nearly two-thirds of the world has been destroyed on both land & see (Rev chapters 6-18)
- 6) At the Rapture, Christ doesn't judge any Jews or any nations (as in Joel 2, Hosea 2, Jer 25, Matt 25). At the Advent, He judges the entire world...

Matt 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Ps 47:8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Ps 96:10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- 13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Isa 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

None of His enemies are killed at the Rapture; more than 200,000,000 are killed at His Advent – Isa 63, Rev 9, Luke 19v27

So as you can see, there are DIFFERENCES between the Rapture & the Second Coming!

It has been said by some Christians (i.e. the 'Reformed' lot who follow the teachings of Luther, Calvin, Dabney, Hodge, Gill etc.) that the Rapture was 'invented' or 'started' by Darby, Scofield or Bullinger; It has also been alleged by some who oppose DISPENSATIONAL truth that J.N. Darby received (the truth of) the Pre-Tribulation Rapture from a demon-inspired Irvingite 'prophetess about 1832!' There is not the slightest foundation in fact for this allegation!

In 1830 J.N. Darby UNDERSTOOD the Pre-Tribulation Rapture; he UNDERSTOOD the DIFFERENCES between Israel & the Church – the Church has NOT 'replaced' Israel & God has NOT 'finished' with the Jews!

R.A. Huebner writes...In the 1800's E. Irving, at that time a Presbyterian clergyman, translated from the Spanish a long work by the Jesuit, Lacunza. This was printed in English in 1827. In March 1829, what we may call the Irvingite organ, 'The Morning Watch' (a magazine) was begun, putting forth the views of Irving & his followers concerning prophecy & their ideas on the restoration of gifts to the church. Demon possession & tongue-speaking began to take place in Irving's congregation, which was alleged to be the power of the Spirit! While under the power of demons certain persons in his congregation gave forth teachings on prophecy. It is alleged that these demon-inspired utterances are the source of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture! The charge was first made by S.P. Tregelles in 1864, he alleging the incident to have occurred about 1832 in E. Irvings church! The 'tongues' broke out first, not in Irving's congregation but in Scotland; & recently it was alleged that Miss M. MacDonald of Scotland put forth the Pre-Tribulation Rapture in 1830 while under the power of a demon!

Yet the Rapture of the Body of Christ was taught more than 1,500 years ago! It appears in the writings of Ephraem the Syrian... 'For all the saints & the elect of God are gathered PRIOR to the Tribulation that is to come & are taken to the lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins!'

Now how about that! That was a 'Premillennial Baptist Pre-Tribulation Rapture' letter from the 6th century AD ascribed to Ephraem Syrus (306 to 373 AD). It was from a sermon on 'The Last Times, the Antichrist, & the End of the World' & it is cited in a footnote in Alexander's Byzantine Tradition, 1985, page 210.

The NT doctrine of the Rapture...

- 1) Stimulates (excites, creates enthusiasm / interest) loyalty Luke 12v42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?
- 2) Stimulates a godly walk Titus 2v11-13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 3) It is an antidote (something that counteracts an unpleasant feeling or situation) for worry Phil 4v5+6 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

- 4) Stimulates brotherly love 1 Thes 3v12-13 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.
- 5) Comforts the bereaved 1 Thes 4v18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.
- 6) Purifies the inner life 1 John 3v1-3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- 7) Brings rewards 2 Tim 4v8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- 8) Develops patience James 5v7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

It is NOT a comforting thought (1 Thes 4v18) to...

- 1) Think that you have got to go through the Tribulation!
- 2) Or you must Not take the mark of the beast (Rev 13)
- 3) Or you MUST endure to the end (Mat 24v13)
- 4) Or that 'works' will determine your salvation (Matt 25)
- 5) Of that more world wars are to take place Rev 9v16, Rev 6v8, Joel 2, Isa 63 etc. That is NOT 'comfort!'

Therefore it is another proof that the Christian is NOT going to go through the Tribulation (It is Jacob's Trouble – Jews not ours – Jer 30v7)

The Christian will NOT go through Rev chapters 6 – 18!!!

1Thes 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. I'm waiting for His Son NOT the Tribulation or a 'peace treaty' etc!

1 Thes 4v13 - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

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NO HOPE! – Someone has drawn a picture of Hell & put a sign on the entrance saying 'Abandon ALL hope, ye who enter in!' There is NO HOPE in Hell!

All unsaved people have that one great tragic 'trait' (a distinguishing quality or characteristic) in common... NO HOPE, but they don't realise it! Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: That is why all unsaved, highly educated people are 'positive thinkers!' They try to manufacture a hope while in a HOPELESS condition! Then they offer it to depraved sinners as a 'real' hope yet it is a FALSE hope! – 2 Pet

2v19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

You see as a Christian we have ALL THE HOPE in the world! 1 Thes 4v13 is talking about our dead loved ones! If they were saved, we SHALL see them again! Now what a great hope that is!

You have SO MUCH HOPE! No matter what happens, if you are a Christian, you are going to spend ETERNITY with the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven!

2Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
- 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
- 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
- 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
- 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
- 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

What a hope friends!

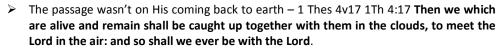
1 Thes 4v14 - ...even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Now notice the DEAD Christian comes WITH Christ at the Rapture! This CANNOT refer to their bodies, for their bodies have rotted in the grave! Then it is their SOULS that come to get glorified bodies just like you will get if you are alive at that time (v15 that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord)

Now whenever the NT talks about the Christian 'sleeping' in regard to DEATH i.e.

- Matt 9:24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.
- Mark 5:39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
- Luke 8:52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.
- John 11:11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
- > 1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- The word 'slept' (i.e. slept with his fathers) occurs in 44 verses in the OT & 5 in the NT!
- Matt 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.
- 1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept

It is ALWAYS talking about his BODY NEVER his SOUL! There is no such thing as soul-SLEEP! Notice in Matt 27v52... many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Now the word 'bring' in 1 Thes 4v14 must imply a resurrection in order for God to BRING them back WITH Jesus at His coming...



- > The saints He brought WITH Him never landed on earth Song of Sol 2v10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- ➤ They were up there WITH Him before any resurrection 1 Thes 5v10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- ➤ ALL saints are PRESENT WITH the Lord after death Phil 1v2+23 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

We will NOT go up to meet the Lord in the air BEFORE the dead bodies that 'slept' (v15) come out of the graveyards (i.e. battlefields, bottom of the ocean etc.)

1 Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Note the word 'prevent' – meaning PRE-EVENT – *before* an event takes place as well as to STOP an event from taking place!

For the Lord himself...NOT the Holy Spirit! This is the same Lord that went UP in Acts 1... shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT... the VOICE... and with the TRUMP of God... Here we have three NOISES!

- 1. a voice
- 2. a shout
- 3. a trump

The 'trump' is the sound that a trumpet makes – 1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST TRUMP: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

It is NOT a 'trumpet' like the Angel's trumpet in Rev 8v6 (And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.)

Rev 11:15 is at THE END of the TRIBULATION - And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

In 1 Thes 4v16 NO angel blows THIS trump; it is called the trump of God!

Note how so many Christians confused the trumpet in Rev 11v15 (And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.) & Mat 24v31 (And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.) with the trumpet of 1 Cor 15v52 (In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.) which is THE trumpet, not one trumpet out of seven (Rev 8v6 - And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.)

The trump in 1 Thes 4v16 is God Himself SPEAKING (the voice of the archangel) Look at what John said in Rev 4v1 - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up

hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. Also Rev 1v10 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

It was a trumpet TALKING! Do you know what the trumpet SAID?

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Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. The words 'Come up hither' occurs a total of 3 times in the Scriptures; the other 2 being in Prov 25v7 (For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.) & Rev 11:12 (And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.)

This is interesting because there are 3 main raptures in the Scriptures!

When we get to Revelation chapter 4 we have reached the end of the Church Age, typified by the seven messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor. Although these messages apply *historically* to seven local churches in 90 A.D. & *doctrinally* to local churches IN the 'Tribulation', they represent, in type, the history of the Church Age, which can be seen by comparison of the first church (Ephesus), with the last church (Laodicea).

The word 'church' disappears in Rev 3v22, & is NOT mentioned again from chapter 4 to chapter 19; then we see her in Heaven at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

Note also, the Holy Spirit is spoken of as being IN THE MIDST of the churches <u>on earth</u> in Rev 2 & 3. Yet, the Spirit (spoken of as seven Spirits) is found UP IN THE THIRD HEAVEN in Rev 4v5, indicating there has been both a change in the churches' position, & in the position of the Spirit!

Note also in Rev 4v1 a door opens! — Heaven only opens TWO times in the Book of Revelation — once when somebody goes up, & in Rev 19 where somebody comes down. Notice that when the door is opened (Rev 4v1) there is a voice & a trumpet. If you will compare this passage with 1 Thes 4v15-18, there will be no doubt in your mind as to what the voice is, or what the trumpet is. This is the Lord calling somebody (in both passages), & they respond by ascending through the clouds!

The Bible teaches 3 main 'raptures'...

- 1) The rapture of the OT saints at the resurrection of Christ (Mat 27v50-54, Eph 4v8-12)
- 2) The rapture of the NT saints of the Church Age (1 Cor 15v49-53, 1 Thes 4v13-18)
- 3) The rapture of **Tribulation saints** at the end of the Tribulation (Mat 24 & Rev 11v12)

This means that the 'first resurrection' is the first resurrection of SAVED people, & has THREE parts to it.

This corresponds to a HARVEST as that too has three parts to it...

Paul illustrates this in 1 Cor 15 i.e. the chapter on the RESURRECTION - 1 Cor 15v22-24 (For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all

rule and all authority and power.) – the first resurrection has THREE parts to it just like a crop has three parts to it...

Every crop has...

- 1) First-fruits the first part which you pick when it gets ripe
- 2) Harvest the main part that ripens later
- 3) Gleanings the part that ripens at the end

Anyone who has grown tomatoes will understand this!

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits (plus the OT saints); afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (Rapture of the Church!)

First-fruits THEN the 'main' harvest - NT saints!

(First-fruits - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the <u>firstfruits</u> of them that slept. 1 Cor 15v20 – So of all the people back in the OT that all died & all passed away, HE was the first one of them to get out of the grave PERMANENTLY. He is the first-fruit, 'the first begotten of the dead' (Rev 1v5), in that HE is the first man that ever came up from the dead NEVER TO DIE AGAIN!

Lazarus came up & DIED!
Jonah came up & DIED!
Eutychus came up & DIED!
Dorcas came up & DIED!
BUT Christ is the first man that came up NEVER TO DIE AGAIN!

Moses died & will come back & die again! Elijah went up alive one time, but he will die later! Enoch went up WITHOUT dying!

The ONLY man that died & came up & will NEVER DIE AGAIN is Jesus Christ! He is the FIRST-FRUITS!)

24 Then cometh the end (after you harvest you always have some gleanings left), when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign (Millennium), till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (i.e. Rev 20 at the end of the millennium!)

Remember 'Come up hither' occurs THREE times in Scripture! These three references mark the THREE 'Raptures!'

- 1) Prov 25v7 would refer to the OT saints!
- 2) Rev 4v1 John being caught up a type of the Bride of Christ i.e. the rapture of the Church!
- Rev 11v12 regarding Moses & Elijah, would refer to a POST-Tribulation rapture of the Tribulation saints!

The signal for the Rapture is a 'shout' from Heaven; up come the dead! (1 Cor 15v51-55 + John 11v25-26)

This signals the end of the church age! — Dan 12v1+2 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Michael is 'the Prince who stands for Israel'. He was the one who got the body of Moses (Jude 9), so Moses could show up on this earth immediately following the Rapture of the Body of Christ (Rev 4v1+2)

So at the Rapture up go the BODIES! They are not lik our bodies now, they are glorified bodies just like the one the Lord Jesus Christ had when he arose from the dead! Phil 3v20+21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Rom 8v29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

God's voice sounds like a trumpet (Rev 4v1+2). Zechariah is the one who tells us that this is NOT the seventh trumpet of Rev 11v15! Zech 9v14 ...and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet... NOT some angel!

Look at these interesting verses in Exo 19v16-19 regarding the VOICE of the trumpet! Exo 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were <u>thunders</u> and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the <u>voice of the trumpet</u> exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

- 17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.
- 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.
- 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

What the unsaved here is THUNDER! (Job 37:1-4 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. After it a voice roareth: he https://doi.org/10.1001/jhundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard. John 12v28+29 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it https://doi.org/10.1001/jhundered others said, An angel spake to him.)

We as Christians shall here, *instead of thunder*, His voice calling His sheep... John Edric Davis, come up hither! John 10v3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. John 10v14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Moving on to 1 Thes 4v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together WITH THEM in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. This cannot be the Second Advent, for the Judgment Seat of Christ & the Marriage of the Lamb (2 Cor 5, 1 Cor 3, Rom 14, Rev19) have to take place BEFORE the Second Advent! Here in 1 Thes 4v17 no one is coming down but everyone's going UP!!!

No Bible Believing Christian is waiting for 'thy kingdom come' we are waiting for His church TO GO!!! We are NOT looking for a SIGN (like so many Pentecostals & Charismatics), we are LISTENING for a SOUND!

to meet the Lord IN THE AIR NOT on the ground at the Mount of Olives (Acts 1) or on Mount Zion (Isa 2, Ps 2). The Rapture is NOT the Advent!

At the Rapture, Jesus Christ has come to call his espoused bride (2 Cor 11v1-3 - Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.)

Espoused = Betrothed; affianced; promised in marriage by contract; married; united intimately; embraced, archaic marry. (be espoused to) be engaged to.

Song 2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

- 10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

ETERNAL SECURITY - perfect everlasting safety...

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- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

NOTHING shall ever separate us from Him again!

- 2Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
- 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
- 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
- 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
- 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
- 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Back to 1 Thes 4v18 - Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

When a loved one dies, their BODY 'sleeps' in the grave! They are NOT in their body; they are...

2Co 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be <u>absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.</u>

Note in 1 Thes 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. It says live TOGETHER with Him! So those 'sleeping saints' are already up there LIVING with Him!

...whether we WAKE or SLEEP - The expression obviously refers to being alive or dead, so the blessing in the verse is the word 'LIVE...WITH HIM!'

This settles the matter of absolute difference between the BODY that 'sleeps' (Acts 7v60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Matt 27v52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,) & the SOUL that DOESN'T! No such thing as SOUL-sleep!

We are said to be ALIVE 'with Him' after death! This takes place when the soul DEPARTS from the body!

Gen 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

2 Tim 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
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- 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
- 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
- 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
- 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Now we come to the NUMBER ONE passage regarding THE RAPTURE – 1 Cor 15v51-57...

1 Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
- 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
- 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Paul EXPECTED the Rapture IN his lifetime; note – 1 Thes 4v17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Also... 1 Cor 15v51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, - Are YOU really expecting the Rapture IN your lifetime; tomorrow, TODAY? Because Paul was expecting the Rapture in his lifetime WE say the Rapture is imminent (meaning - about to happen!)

Now the Bible does NOT tell us exactly when the Rapture will happen but it does give some indicators... Song of Sol 2v8-13 seems to indicate it *could* be in the springtime!

Song 2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

- 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
- 13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

But it could be TODAY!!!

We are to work right up until the Rapture, winning souls for Jesus Christ! In Luke 19v13 it says... **Occupy till I come**. Whatever God calls you to, do it until He comes!

Now notice in v51 of 1 Cor 15 it says... **Behold, I shew you a mystery**; Paul is going to show you something that has Not been revealed before! Now this is a good verse to use in regard to PROOF for a PRE-Tribulation Rapture! Throughout the OT the Second Advent was clearly seen, it was NOT a mystery i.e. verses like...

Psa 50v4+5 - He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Isa 26v16+17 - LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

Isa 26v19+21 - Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the

LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

So 1 Cor 15 i.e. 'the Rapture' is a MYSTERY – it wasn't REVEALED in the OT! It's like the Church Age – the Church may be found in the OT but it wasn't revealed until it was REVEALED to Paul!

So what is this 'mystery?' – First, 'We shall not all sleep' i.e. not every Christian will have to DIE! That was a mystery!

The next part of the 'mystery' is 'we shall all be changed,' – that's part of the mystery! The corruptible body of the Christian will be changed into an incorruptible body like Christ's! Living Christians at the time of the Rapture shall be 'transformed' (Not there is a toy & a film called 'Transformers!')

1 Cor 15v52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye – the thing will be quicker than the blink of an eye! Note 'at the last trump'...

It is NOT 'trumpet', but 'at the last trump'. The 'trump' is the SOUND that a trumpet makes! Notice it DOESN'T say the SEVENTH trumpet as in the book of Revelation! Notice it DOESN'T say an 'angels' trumpet! It just says 'at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound'.

People who teach one POST-Tribulation Rapture of ALL saints teach that the Christian will go into the Tribulation i.e. Daniel's Seventieth week! In Rev chaps 8-9 & 11v15, we read about a series of seven trumpet judgments. That seventh trumpet goes off & people say that it is the last trumpet of 1 Thes 4 & 1 Cor 15 BUT IT'S NOT! — The last TRUMPET, that seventh TRUMPET, is blown by an ANGEL. The seventh trumpet of Rev 11v15is NOT 'the last trump' of 1 Cor 15v52!

In Rev 11v15, there is the seventh angel blowing the seventh trumpet 'And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.' The seventh trumpet of Rev 11v15 ENDS the Tribulation & BEGINS the Millennium! It doesn't catch up anybody!

Note further, the seventh trumpet comes AFTER a 'rapture'...Rev 11v12... And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. Moses & Elijah are raptured BEFORE the last trumpet. So the seventh trumpet has NOTHING to do with any rapture!

There is another way we can know this; in 1 Thes 4 notice that the trumpet which calls you is not a trumpet blown by an ANGEL!

Note - If we were going to go through the Tribulation (which we are NOT), we should be LOOKING FOR the Tribulation & NOT Christ! Paul NEVER mentioned or told us to LOOK FOR the Tribulation, he told us to look for the Lord!

1 Thes 4 v16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with THE trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: There was NO 'angel' in the passage; it was THE ARCHANGEL! In the Bible there is only ONE archangel, & that is Michael! And besides that, 'the last trump' of 1 Cor 15v52 is 'the trump of God'.

So when the Lord comes back, He will give a shout which will sound like a trumpet – Rev 4v1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee

things which must be hereafter. – The world will NOT hear it that way. To the unsaved world it is like thunder – Job 37...

- 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
- 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.
- 4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.
- 5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

When this 'thunder' happens notice verse 4 'he will not stay them when his voice is heard.' – somebody is going to take off!

Look at John 12v29 when the Father spoke to Jesus **The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him**. So as we hear a trumpet call in the shout, everyone LEFT BEHIND hears thunder, so loud, like never before!

When the Lord calls you UP, He also calls you by NAME... **To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out**. John 10v3 – WE hear the 'Good Shepherd's' voice & He leads us OUT, OUT of this world!

At the same time, Michael the archangel accompanies the Lord down to this earth; why? Because the Rapture of the church signals the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week – Dan 12v1... And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. This verse indicates that when that TRUMP goes off & you are caught up, Michael the archangel shows up & God begins to renew His dealing with Israel.

There are other ways we know that the Rapture of the church is PRE-Tribulational...

- The seventh trumpet of Rev 11v15 is NOT connected with 'the last trump' of 1 Cor 15v52
- 2) IN the Tribulation, there is a 'FAITH & WORKS' system of salvation Rev 12v17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev 14v12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. A Christian has eternal security under 'grace-through-faith' but in the Tribulation, a person CAN lose their salvation! The foolish virgins of Matt 25 'run out' of the Holy Spirit. The slothful servant of Matt 25 is cast into 'outer darkness'.
- 3) In the Church-Age, ALL believers are in ONE 'body' the body of Christ! A saved Jew is no longer a Jew, he is a member of the 'church of God'. A saved Gentile is no longer a Gentile, he is a member of the 'church of God' Gal 3v28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. BUT, IN the Tribulation there is ONE body of Jewish believers & another SEPARATE body of Gentile believers (Rev 7) Therefore NO Christian goes through the Tribulation!

In 1 Cor 15v52, the order of the Rapture is the same as that of 1 Thes 4; it is dead believers (from Acts 2 to present day) come up in their new resurrection BODIES, & then the living Christians are changed & caught UP! We don't KNOW the interval between the two, but 1 Thes 4 indicates that it won't be very long!

As we have looked at beforehand, the word Rapture (although NOT in the Bible, but neither is the word 'BIBLE' or 'TRINITY') is from a Latin word *rapere* which means *to seize by force*, & that is exactly what the Lord does at the Rapture! He enters the strong man's house & binds him & *steals the best thing in the house!*

Both Peter & Paul said 'the day of the Lord' was like a 'thief in the night' (1 Thes 5v2 & 2 Pet 3v10). Christ said to those who came to take Him in the garden... 'Are ye come out, as against a thief...' (Mark 14v48). Note the Lord was crucified between two THIEVES! Paul (His main disciple in the NT) said 'I robbed other churches,' (2 Cor 11v8)

Of course we know that He is 'stealing' what is HIS OWN! But it is the Devil's too because the Devil is the god of this world (2 Cor 4v4). The Lord comes down to the Devil's 'house' & takes the 'valuables' out by force; He 'kidnaps' you!

There are two classes of Christians in 1 Cor 15v53+54 based on their order in the Rapture.

- 1) The first is 'corruptible'. It is the DEAD Christians whose BODIES are rotting in the ground! They come up with a BODY that CANNOT decay!
- 2) The second class is the 'mortal'. That is the Christian who is still alive but is *subject to death!* When Christ returns at the Rapture, those Christians who are still alive will be given a BODY that cannot die!

There are TWO Scripture quotations Paul uses in verse 54+55.

- 1) The first is 'DEATH is swallowed up in victory' (v54) It is a quote from Isa 25v8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. But note a division in this verse, after the first semicolon 'the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces' this isn't fulfilled until Rev 21v4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. What the Holy Spirit has done here is He has led Paul to a verse in Isa 25 that has a 'general application' to his subject (i.e. 'victory over death'), yet He will then lead Paul to apply that verse to the Church so that he will have Scriptural authority for what he is saying! Don't forget the Rapture was a MYSTERY in the OT! If the Holy Spirit hadn't revealed that application to Paul, we would never see it! Notice, one semicolon can indicate years of division!
- 2) Look at 1 Cor 15v55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? That is a quote from Hosea 13v14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. Now this quote from Hosea is what you could call a 'free-quote'; in other words, it is the Holy Spirit, as Author, who is quoting the verse in the way He wants in order to make His own application. The verse in Hosea is not even a question & it has NOTHING to do with the Church! I will ransom them from the power of the grave; the 'them' in this verse is the children of Ephraim, the northern kingdom of Israel, in the context of Hosea (Hos 13v12-13).

There are some wonderful 'spiritual applications' which you can make in the OT, especially in 'typology', but you CAN'T press some of those things DOCTRINALLY! The first purpose of Scripture is for DOCTRINE! (2 Tim 3v16)

Now 1 Cor 15v55 is a tremendous verse... O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? That verse says that if Jesus would come this minute I would never know the sting of

death! I wouldn't know what it would be like to die, because this mortal would 'put on immortality'.

In John 11v25 we have the promise of Jesus Himself that we don't have to wait until the Great White Throne Judgment to come up... Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: We have the word of someone who has already come up from the grave NEVER to die again - he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: If we have a dead loved one who was SAVED? If so you SHALL see them again... And nwhosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? This is a reference to the Church Age Rapture!

So DEATH is NOT going to 'sting' every Christian (v55). And DEATH will NOT be victorious over the dead Christian!

1 Cor 15v56 **The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.** The things that hurts about dying is SIN! Dying wouldn't be so bad if it weren'y for SIN! SIN is the thing that makes a man DIE; it is SIN that makes DEATH painful! '...and the strength of sin is the law' – The law is what makes sin operate & shows you what SIN is! Paul says in Rom 7v7 I had not known sin, but by the law: When you KNOW what is wrong, the condemnation of the wrong is greater than when you don't!

1 Cor 15v57 **But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** The Christian is able to have victory over sin & death because the Lord Jesus Christ has fought the battle for us & WON! As we yield ourselves more to Him & identify ourselves more with Him in His death & resurrection, we can have VICTORY over sin (Rom 6). VICTORY over DEATH is freely given to us because of our position IN Christ! (Rom 8)

We may not know the actual date or time of the Rapture but we can KNOW the 'the times and the seasons'

- 1Thes 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
- 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Extra notes regarding the Rapture & 'end-times'...

Cars were prophesied in the Scriptures 2500 years before they showed up - Nahum 2v4 - Tanks also - Isa 9v5

Israel's return to the land of Palestine (1917-1949) was clearly written in the Scriptures at least 2000 years before it took place – Ezek 34v13, Ezek 37v25 – The return of the Jews to their native homeland after centuries of dispersion among the nations is one of the most obvious proofs of Biblical authority & the providence of God. No other ancient nation has survived to our present

day with the same religion, practices, language, & sacred literature, but the Hebrew people have been set apart by the Lord as an example & a warning to the nations. God controls history, & when He so desires He changes politics to fulfil His prophecies. Jesus promised that this warning would come just before the Second Coming...

Luke 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree (Israel), and all the trees;

- 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
- 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
- 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

The generation was born in 1949 (when the UN recognized the existence of the nation of Israel), this is the last generation before 'the kingdom of God' appears at the Second Coming of Christ, which makes the re-emergence of Israel the most important & surprising event since the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

At the Rapture there will be an amazing flash of light...

Matt 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Ps 50:1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

At the Rapture there will be a tremendous sound like a huge thunder storm...

Job 37:1 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

- 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.
- 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.
- 4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

John 12:28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

The sound of a trumpet shall accompany this thunder...

1 Thes 4v16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

At this trump every born again Christian on earth will HEAR HIS NAME CALLED (John 10v3 **To him** the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.), followed by COME UP HITHER...

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

The dead in Christ rise FIRST... 'and the dead in Christ shall rise first:' 1 Thes 4v16 - Out of the graveyards, & from the ocean & the battlefields of this world the bodies of saved sinners will come back together, atom to atom, molecule to molecule, as glorified bodies of 'flesh & bones' with NO blood in them - Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. Luke 24v39 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 1 Cor 15v50

- 1 Thes 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The living saved sinners shall be transformed & their bodies will be made like unto Christ's heavenly body -1 Cor 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
- 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
- 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
- 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
- 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
- 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
- 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.
- 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

In your new glorified body you shall be able to pass through solid objects - Luke 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

You will be able to travel faster than the speed of light - John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Matt 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. – Jesus ascended to the THIRD heaven & back to earth again in less than a few hours!

At the Rapture all Christians with their glorified bodies will leave the Solar System faster than the speed of light & be carried up straight NORTH into the Throne Room...

Ps 75:6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Ps 48:1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

- 2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- 3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

- 3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.
- 4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.
- $2\ \text{Cor}\ 12{:}1$ It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.
- 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
- 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
- 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

- 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.
- 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
- 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
- 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

There the Christian will face the Judgment Seat of Christ to be rewarded for their good works as Christians & to suffer loss of rewards for their bad deeds...

- 1 Cor 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
- 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. At the Judgment Seat of Christ the saved sinner is dealt with about his SERVICE for the Lord; it has NOTHING to do with his salvation! The Rapture, therefore, has no connection with 'Judgment Day' or 'The Last Judgment!'

How can we know the TIME of the Rapture – WE CAN'T, BUT, we can have guess pretty closely!

There is a Biblical system in which the Holy Spirit Himself established His own rules for interpretation. This system is called 'The Thousand Year-Day system!' -2 Pet 3:8 **But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day**.

2 Pet 3v8 is a key Scripture to understanding Lev 23 in more depth... Lev 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work

therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. If you follow the pattern given here & apply the 'Thousand Year-Day System' you see that man has to be here 6000 years, & then the last period of 1000 years has to be a Sabbath of rest (Gen 2v1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.) This Sabbath of rest, lasting a 'thousand' years (i.e. Millennium), is mentioned SIX times in Rev 20v1-8...

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

- 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
- 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

The whole earth is at REST after Satan is done away with in Isa 14v7... The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

According to the figures, dates & ages, given in Genesis through 1 Kings, the period of time that extends from Gen 2 (the creation of man) to the birth of Christ (Matt 1) is four thousand years, or very near it. (Most calendars would indicate that Adam's creation should be dated 4004 B.C. making the birth of Christ actually 4 years early, in other words 4 B.C.)

The first coming was in Bethlehem four thousand years after Adam was created, & nearly two thousand years have elapsed since the birth of Christ. That places us virtually at the six thousand year mark, & on the threshold of the Millennium, or the seventh & FINAL one thousand year period!

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The Bible also declares that in the last days 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.' (Dan 12v4) Now just dwell on that statement for a while...

'many shall run to and fro' – travel, the speed of it & the places you can go now; even to the Moon (maybe!!!)

'knowledge shall be increased' – think of all the technology now available, the computers, radar, lasers, weapons, TV, radio, Bluetooth, mobiles etc.

- 2 Tim 3v1-4 describes our society perfectly today...
- 2 Tim 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

We CANNOT determine the actual day nor hour of the Rapture (Matt 24v36 **But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**) BUT we CAN identify 'times and the seasons,' (1 Thes 5v1) & be prepared for it!

The Scriptures that deal with the Rapture place it in the 'Springtime' – Song of Solomon 2v11-13 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Some have said that the Rapture is most likely to happen on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, for that is the day the Holy Spirit initially put the believers into one Body as part of the Lord Jesus Christ; who had gone back top heaven about seven days earlier. The Jewish feast day comes fifty days after the Passover, which would put it in May or early June!

When the Rapture occurs, you will either leave this planet bodily, going straight up in the air faster than the speed of light, or you will be left exactly as you are now – a human being stuck in a material world that is heading for the greatest disaster in history! Read about what will happen on earth in Rev 6 through to Rev 19 for the full picture!

It will be a world that is controlled by one dictator, whom the Bible calls 'the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition & the Antichrist'. In that world you CANNOT buy or sell without the taking the number 666 – why do you think the number 666 is everywhere NOW i.e. barcodes on groceries, international banking code, internet etc. You are being 'groomed' for this number at present! Beware!

Now if you MISS the Rapture your only chance to 'make-it' will be to stay on the earth & try to endure to the end - Matt 24:13 **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved**. EVERY Christian has GONE! If you had a baby the baby has GONE! Sin is not imputed where there is no law (Rom 5v13 **For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.**) Sin is NOT charged where the baby or child is 'innocent!'

If you miss the Rapture you will have entered 'The Great Tribulation' – start 'WORKING' your way to Heaven because you are going to HAVE TO!

The plan of salvation in the Great Tribulation is FAITH in Jesus Christ PLUS your own good WORKS!

Rev 12v11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 6v9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

You MUST keep the Ten Commandments (ALL of them – Ecc 12v13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.), KEEP the Golden Rule (Matt 7v12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. 1 John 3v10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.), give your money to the poor, get baptized, take up your cross, hold out to the end of the Tribulation, wait for Jesus Christ to show up at the Battle of Armageddon, & be prepared to die for what you believe! In the Tribulation you CANNOt be saved by grace ALONE, like you could before the Rapture!

And remember DON'T take any MARK or NUMBER – if you DO, you will go to HELL forever! – Rev 14v9-11 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Rev 13v16-18 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

In the Tribulation become a religious fanatic & die as a martyr for Jesus Christ - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 12v11. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

It will take faith in Christ's shed blood, plus works – exactly as in the OT, it took faith in shed blood & works... Isa 1v16+17 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Prov 28v13 - He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Psa 51v1+2 - Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Rev 14v12+13 - Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

If you go through the Tribulation make sure you SUPPORT the Jewish people When Jesus returns at the Second Coming, all will face 'The Judgment of Nations' - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And

before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: Matt 25v31+32

The test for a Gentile is how he treated Jesus' brethren – the Jews. The Antichrist will be 100 times worse than Hitler ever was in regard to the Jews! At first he will negotiate a peace treaty with the nation of Israel (Isa 28v15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:) BUT three & a half years later he will break the covenant & try to destroy them (Dan 9v27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Mark 13v13-25, Matt 24v4-51) So if you are a Gentile in the Tribulation do NOT assist the tracking down & killing of the Jews! The Lord will judge anyone who stops the Jew from escaping – Obad 14+15 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress. For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Always help the Jewish people! Go against EVERYBODY (including your own family) to HELP the Jew, because they are God's chosen people; even sacrifice your own life for the Jew in the Tribulation! Gen 12v3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Later, God said to the nation of Israel... Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Isa 41v11. So no matter how much pressure you are put under, NEVER hurt a Jew; your own soul depends upon it!

The sad fact is that the majority of people on earth will reject the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour & go to HELL forever — Jesus said... Matt 7:13+14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The world population presently stands around 7 billion. Over 2 billion are in China & India alone. Most of those people are lost in their sins & vain religions. Over 1 billion people are Muslims who don't even believe that Jesus is God's Son! Another billion are roman Catholics who believe in praying to Mary & bowing down to idols. That's 4 billion already & we haven't even mentioned the atheists, the agnostics, the cult members, the new-ager's, the Jews, the religious but lost, & the millions of 'good' people who are working their way to heaven. Probably 95%-99% of people on this earth are NOT saved! BROAD IS THE ROAD!

Once the Rapture happens, ALL these people will enter the Great Tribulation & they will start facing tragedy after tragedy. The book of Revelation talks about this period of time, here are a few things that are going to happen once the Rapture has taken place & the Christians have GONE...

Rev 6v4 – war
Rev 6v5+6 – famine
Rev 6v7-8 – 25% of the population destroyed
Rev 6v9 – martyrdom
Rev6v12 – earthquakes, sun darkened, moon as blood

Rev 6v13 - stars fall

Rev 8v7 - a third of trees burned, all grass burned

Rev 8v8 – a third of the sea becomes blood

Rev 8v9 – a third of all sea life dies, a third of all ships destroyed

Rev8v10+11 – a third of the water poisoned

Rev 9 v1-21 – army of 200,000,000 monster locusts

Rev 12v9-12 - Satan & his angels cast into the earth

Rev 13v1-18 – world worships the beast & takes his mark

Rev 16v12-16 – Armageddon occurs – a massive world war

Rev 16v18 – greatest earthquake ever

Rev 16v21 giant hail-stones fall

Rev 18v1-24 - Babylon destroyed

Rev 19v11-21 – armies of the beast destroyed at 2nd Coming of Christ

MORE NOTES...(some of which will be duplication!)

In the Song of Sol, Jesus Christ is calling for His Bride to...Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. (Song of Sol 2v10)

The setting is May (Pentecost) which is not within 4 months of the Feasts of Trumpets or Feast of Tabernacles

The 'beloved' in the Song of Sol 2v10 is a GENTILE Bride, NOT a Jewish Bride (Song of Sol 1v5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.)

Many Christians get confused with the Angel's trumpet (Matt 24v31 - And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. & Rev 11v15 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.) with GOD'S trump (1 Thes 4v16 - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: & Rev 4v1+2 - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.)

By confusing these 'trumpets & trumps', many Christians place the Rapture at the Feast of Trumpets in September-October!

The 'Last TRUMP' is NOT a trumpet; it is the last SOUND made by a trumpet, but in this case it was God's VOICE (the TRUMP of God!) speaking AS a trumpet!

John is careful to tell you that the 'trump of God' is NOT an actual trumpet but a VOICE (John 12v29 - The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. & Job 37v1-5 - At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place. Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard. God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend & Rev 4v1+2 - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I

was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne) — the VOICE sounds like two things... Thunder & a Trumpet!

When the 'trump' is heard, a voice is heard (Song of Sol 2v10 - My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.), calling SHEEP home (John 10v3-4 - To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice).

No VOICE is heard after the 7th trumpet of Rev 11, which was blown by an ANGEL, not God! It is 'VOICES' (plural) that are heard AFTER the 7th trumpet, & they do NOT call anyone up anywhere, they announce that Jesus Christ is going to land ON EARTH (Job 19v25 - For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:) to take over the 'Kingdoms of the world' (Dan 2v35 - Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Dan 2v44+45 - And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.)

However, there is a voice (a 'great voice') which does call someone UP just BEFORE the 7th angel blows his trumpet. This voice says 'COME UP HITHER' – THAT IS WHAT John heard in Rev 4v1. But this time, the same voice (speaking the SAME words) is calling someone up at the END of Daniel's 70th Week. The two men who are addressed directly are both JEWS; Moses & Elijah. They are caught up in a POST-Tribulation Rapture!

Now here are TWO 'Raptures' - a 'PRE' & a 'POST' Tribulation Rapture!

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The 'POST' is said to be 'POST' in Mat 24v29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: Now many 'PRE-millennialists' will break their theological necks in Matthew's Gospel! I.e., they do what Calvin did & mistake the 'elect' (Matt 24v24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.) for the 'elect' of Eph 1v5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

In Matt 24v24 they overlooked the 'elect' to whom the passage was aimed...

Isa 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Isa 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Isa 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Dan 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

- 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
- 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
- 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

They pretended the 'elect' were Christians in the Body of Christ!

With Mat 25v1 (Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.) following Matt 24, they insist that a bunch of 'virgins' are going to marry Christ! This is after being told His Bride was ONE 'chaste virgin' (2 Cor 11v2), the 'ONLY ONE of her mother' (Song of Sol 6v9).

If that weren't enough, the Holy Spirit told them in Matt 25 that NONE of the virgins in the chapter married ANYBODY!!! They were called out to 'MEET somebody - Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. (Matt 25v1)

And if that weren't enough, the Lord finished the entire chapter (Matt 25) with a WORKS salvation set up (Matt 25v35-40) where the Gospel Paul preached (Gal 1) was not even a factor in keeping sinners out of 'everlasting fire' (Matt 25v41).

Look at the following verses...

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Matt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

& see that not one of them matches with the Second Advent as described in these verses...

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

- 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
- 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen,
- white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Isa 63:1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

- 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
- 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.
- 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.
- 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.
- 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.
- Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;
- 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.
- 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Judg 5:1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

- 2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.
- 3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
- 4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.
- 5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.
- 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
- 7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.
- 8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?
- 9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.
- 10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.
- 11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.
- 12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.
- 13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.
- 14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

- 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.
- 16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.
- 17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.
- 18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.
- 19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.
- 20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.
- Hab 3:3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
- 4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.
- 5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.
- 6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- 8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?
- 9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.
- 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.
- 13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.
- 14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Somebody sees Jesus Christ at the end of the Tribulation BEFORE He arrives at Armageddon with His divine 'cavalry' – Rev 19.

The requirements for the 'elect' SEEING this POST-Tribulation 'apprearance' are...

- 1) Purity of Heart -Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt 5v8
- 2) Holiness Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Heb 12v14
- 3) And watchful & waiting So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb 9v28

There is a 'split' Rapture (Matt 25v7-13) at that time! This is the Rapture that Pentecostals & Charismatics mistake for the Rapture of the Church! Often times the confusion comes when the 'Day of the Lord' is said to be ONLY a reference to the Second Advent at the end of the Tribulation! 'That day' in the Prophets, is applied to...

The birth of Christ...

Isa 2v12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isa 4:2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isa 7:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

The attack of Sennacherib...Isa 10v5-20

The defeat of Babylon by Persia – Jer 50 + 51

The Millennium - But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2 Pet 3v8

The Great White Throne Judgment – 2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 'The day of the Lord' is NOT just limited to refer to the events of Revelation chapters 16-19.

It is also interesting to note that Moses & Elijah were caught up (Re 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.) & they were NOT in the Bride. Also, the 144,000 Jews show up in the Third Heaven around the throne in Rev 14v1-4 who were on earth before the Tribulation started (Rev 7v3-4) & THEY weren't in the Bride! They were raptured & none of them were IN Christ's Body!

They sang the song of Moses! That song (Rev 15v3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.) is Deut 32!!! That is the one that is quoted (Deut 32v36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.) in Heb 10v30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

The harvest of Rev 14v15 (And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.) precede the harvest of Rev 14v18-20 (And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.)

James' harvest is a harvest of good fruit, NOT the fruit of the Song of Moses in Deut chapters 32 & 33. The POST-Tribulation appearance of Jesus Christ to His enemies, as a Lamb SEATED on a throne, cannot match His appearance as seated on a horse (Rev 19v11-16 Re 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

- 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.)

His enemies see Him long enough, before He comes, to gather troops to fight against Him, at the place where they saw Him (Rev 19v19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.)

Jesus Christ is SEATED on a cloud in Rev 14 when the POST-Tribulation Rapture takes place. Those caught up at that time do NOT face the Judgment Seat of Christ, & they marry NO ONE! They are GUESTS at a wedding, & we were told this in Mat 22v10+11 (So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:)

Thus when we say 'POST-Tribulation', the terminology is not 100% accurate. It would be more accurate to say 'somewhere right near the END of the Tribulation' this Rapture will occur! 'Immediately after the tribulation of THOSE DAYS' is the wording in Mat 24v29, BUT 'THOSE DAYS' can be 'shortened' or they can be delayed – Mat 24v22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

So here we have ONE 'chaste virgin' (2 Cor 11v2) being caught up BEFORE the 'Mark of the Beast' starts damning men (Rev 14v9+10, & she is caught up in the Spring (Song of Sol 2v10-13) by a voice that sounds like a trumpet (1 Thes 4v16) to the child of God but sounds to the UNSAVED like thunder (John 12v28-30, Job 37v1-5). Every saint in the Bride is called by NAME (John 10v1-7) & is first 'led OUT' i.e. an 'Exodus' out of the world system (John 10v3) & then brought back to earth behind their Shepherd (John 10v4)!

Here we have a number of virgins (Song of Sol 6v8) in TWO SEPARATE GROUPS (Rev 7v4+9) unlike the ONE BODY (Gal 3v28, Eph 3v1-8. They are being caught up after the Mark of the Beast is required worldwide (Rev 13. These groups are caught up sometime around the Feast of Trumpets, when the Angel blows the Seventh Trumpet, called 'a great sound of a trumpet' in Matt 24v31. This 'sister' marries NO ONE when she is called to 'Come up hither', & she has to stand before the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 11v18, Rev 20v11-14) for the Judgment Seat of Christ is PAST! She comes out of a 'FAITH & WORKS' situation (Rev 12v17, Rev 14v12) as well as faith in Jesus Christ!

No member of the Body of Jesus Christ will ever be alive in a situation where saved Jews & saved Gentiles make up two separate bodies of saints (Rev 7), & no member of the Body of Christ will be alive when a man can lose his salvation by taking the mark, number or name – Rev 13v1-18, Rev 14v9+10. No member of the Body of Christ will be present when an angel preaches 'another Gospel' that Paul did NOT preach (Gal 1v6-8) & is blessed for doing it (Rev 14v6+7) - & no member of the Body of Christ will ever be told that his 'enduring to the end' (Matt 24v13) depends upon keeping the 'COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, & THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST!' – Rev 12v17, Rev 14v12.

As stated previously, I am waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ to RETURN, I'm NOT looking for a SIGN, I am waiting for a SOUND!

I am NOT looking for any of the following before Christ returns...

- 1) A great revival!
- 2) Daniel's 70th Week to show up!
- 3) The temple to be rebuilt!
- 4) Re-gathering of the Jews!
- 5) The Son of Perdition to show up!
- 6) The rise of the ten-federated Kingdom (Rev 13 +17)
- 7) Russia to invade Palestine!
- 8) A Peace Treaty!
- 9) Etc. etc.

The church today has been led astray into looking for ANYTHING other than what they should be looking for, i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ to return!

Matt 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matt 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Luke 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

Phil 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

I am waiting for the Lord to come back anytime now...1 Thes 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

There are some Bible teachers who teach SEVEN Raptures from the Scriptures...

- 1) Jesus Christ in Acts 1
- 2) Enoch in Gen 5
- 3) Elijah in 2 Kings 2
- 4) The Body of Christ in 1 Thes 4
- 5) Moses & Elijah in Rev 11
- 6) The 144,000 Jewish evangelists
- 7) The great multitude of martyred Gentiles in Rev 7v9 who came 'OUT of great tribulation'

Now many Christians use Matt 24v31 (And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.) to 'drag' the Church into some part of the Tribulation! Most Christians 'teach' that you are saved in the Tribulation the SAME WAY as you are saved in the Church Age – HERESY!!!

Once you try to jam the following verses into the Church Age & the 'Gospel of Grace' (Acts 20v24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.) you will 'wrest the Scriptures to your own destruction!' (2 Pet

3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.)

These Scriptures are as follows...

Rev 12v17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ

Rev 14v12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Heb 3v14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

The Raptures' that are described in the following verses are NOT connected with NT Body of Jesus Christ that is NOW on earth!...

Ps 50:1 A Psalm of Asaph.>> The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

Isa 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Re 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

2 Sam 22:17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

- 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.
- 19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.
- 20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Psa 18v6-19

Mt 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

- 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Amen.



Three of the greatest questions, maybe the deepest questions, we can ever ask are these...

- 1. Where did we come from?
- 2. Where do we go when we die?
- 3. What is the meaning of life, the purpose to it all?

I'm sure most, if not all of us, have asked these questions outwardly or inwardly at some point in our lives. Maybe we don't like to admit it, for whatever reason!

You may have had some time driving, or sitting alone, & tried to think these things through?

LIFE is full of 'twists & turns', you never know what's around the corner!

But is LIFE just about education, buying a house, earning money to pay the bills, getting married & raising a family, THEN WE DIE? Is that it?

Isn't life 'deeper' than that? Isn't there more to it?

Did this whole complex universe, full of laws governing the planet, your body which is so intricate in every detail just happen by accident & chance 'billions' of years ago? Is everything we see 'accidental?' *To believe that takes some faith!*

Or, is there a Creator, a Designer that 'created' everything we see, & one day, we shall have to answer to Him?

So where can we go to find ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

Who or what can we really trust in this life?

Everybody has different ideas, opinions & ideals: but WHO is right?

No matter what you have heard or what has ever been said, know this...there is NO book like the Bible!

Written over a period of 1600 years, penned by over 40 different people, there is not ONE error or contradiction in the Bible (Authorized Version); NOT ONE ERROR – no matter what you have heard!

Why? Because this book, authored BY GOD, & written 'via' man has been PRESERVED PERFECT by GOD Himself!

Now the Bible stands alone, compared to ANY book, because it is the ONLY book in the world that 'HAS' been, & 'IS', 100% accurate on fulfilling its prophecies! No other book dare do what the Bible does!

You know, the Bible is the best selling book of all time; that means more copies of the Bible have been sold & distributed than any other book, EVER! And yet today, it is probably the *least* read! God has only ever written ONE book, the Bible: *By the way listener, have YOU read it?*

When I say prophecy, what do I mean?

PROPHECY – means to foretell, before and to tell. This ought to be written prophesy! A foretelling; prediction; a declaration of something to come.

Prophecies such as these...

Christ's britt – prophesied over 700 years before Jesus Christ set (oot on earth; stating that fit would be born in Bethlehem (Micali Sv2)

The prophe Isainah (Jas 33) told us how the Messiah would suffer & die on our behalf – over 700 years before Jesus stoned up!

King David, in Psa 22, prophesied the actual words Jesus would say on the Cross of Calwary as He was deleign. David gave us other ext specific prophecies that it would be absolutely impossible for any human to know in detail what was going to happen to the Lord Jesus Christ without God Tevatile jist to that individual!

You want proof of the AUTHORITY of the Bible, the Scriptures, PROPHECY IS THE PROOF – lister to just a few other prophecies...

We are told...

The Lord Jesus Christ would be betrayed by a friend in Ps 41x9 – fulfilled in Luke 22v21

We are told the actual amount He would be betrayed for i.e. 30 pieces of silver in Zech 11v12 (nearly 500) jeans 3EFDRE Christ set foot on earth) – Intillied in Mat 22v5.

We are even told that the money used be betray less us while he cast down onto the floor in the temple & not accepted in Zech 11v13 – fulfilled in Mat 22v5.

There are mony, many more that we just can't go into because of time (but if you wont a list of them, coll me or write to me & I'll souly on one)

No other "holy" book in the world dare do what the Bible does – the Bible is Unique; it stands ALONE, against all others!

Now there were 25 specific predictions made by the Old Testament Prophets bearing on the betrayal, trial, death and burial of Jesus. These were uttened by different prophes during the period from B.C. 1000 to B.C. 500, yet they were all literally buillied in 24 hours in one person.

Par Ind., according to the Law of "Compound Probabilities" there was one chance in 33 million that these 25 predictions would be fulfilled

What other book on earth dare do that!

So you can see right from the start that the Bible is GOD'S BOOK & it is different from any other book of any other religion etc.

Where did we come from?

How did the human race get here?

This is probably one of the most controversial subjects on the planet!

Evolutionists & Creationists have been battling this argument out for years!

Without going into much detail or depth, again because I only have the time on this tape to speak to you, I *would* like to state the following important points why 'evolution' is totally wrong & unscientific; even though unfortunately, most of the world has been conned by this THEORY & it is just that; a THEORY!

I like what one Creationist said once regarding the theory of evolution... "Hydrogen is a colourless, odourless gas which given enough time, turns into people!!!"

Evolution is a lie because...

There are NO transitional fossils! Evolutionists seem to know everything about the missing link EXCEPT that it is missing! The fossil record of one animal 'half-way' through turning into another one is one of the greatest arguments against evolution...

There are NO 'transitional' fossils found for any of the following...

Single cells turning into invertebrates Invertebrates turning into fish Fish to amphibians
Amphibians – reptiles
Reptiles to birds or mammals
Land animals to sea mammals
Non flying mammals to bats
NOR apes to humans!

NONE NOT ONE fossil has ever been found of an animal in the half-stage or transitional period! *Speaks volumes to an honest man doesn't it!*

There are NO transitional fossils because evolution is a lie & if you believe it you have been deceived like so many others!

Since we are supposed to have come from monkeys/apes why is there not one single monkey, ape or human in the half stage? Why have they NEVER found one out of all the billions of people that have ever lived: BECAUSE evolution is a lie!

If you know somebody who believes in evolution ask them these few questions, & then watch the colour drain from their face!...

- Where did space for the universe come from?
- ➤ Where did matter come from?
- ➤ Where did gravity come from?
- ➤ Where did the energy come from to begin the organising?
- When, where, why, & how did LIFE come from DEAD matter?
- When, where, why, & how did LIFE learn to reproduce itself?
- ► How can EVERYTHING come from NOTHING?

If you're an honest person listening to this tape/CD, & you are 'open-minded' you KNOW evolution just does NOT make sense when you *really* look at it!

The Bible says...

The fool hath said in his heart. There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works... (Ps 14v1)

So whether you are a professor at Oxford University leading the field in evolution & spreading this he across the world: the Bible says you are a POOL to say there is no God! — let God be true, but every man a litarl (Rom 2v4)

The first verse in the Bible says... In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (Gen 1v1)

Ac 17.24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelledn not in temples made with hands.

Col 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the world of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Gen 127 So God created man in his won image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

So the Bible clearly states that Almighty God. The Creator, created everything. For a detailed account of how He did this, read the first THREE chapters of Genesis Le the first book in the Bible!

So the answer to our first question. Where did we come from? is, God created mankind; evolution had absolutely NOTHING to do with anything!

Because God created us, we are responsible to Him & we will answer to Him.

The Bible says...

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9:27

Which leads on to our next question...

Where do we go when we die?

The Scripture we just read said that after we die there is a JUDGMENT!

You & I will one day stand before the Lord Jesus Christ & be judged!

Now there are two main judgments spoken about in the Bible...

1) The Judgment Stoat of Christ to have provided the course their awards. This judgmen

The Great White Throne Judgement is where EVERYONE who has rejected the way of God & went their own way through this life, will stand before GOD & be judged for EVERY SINGLE sin they have ever committed!

Listen to these following verses...

Re 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Imagine that the moment you came into this world there was a camera on you which recorded every second of you life; This camera was also able to record every word you ever said & every thought you ever had! *Imagine that!*

Now the entire 'film' of your life is going to be played in front of every single person that has ever lived! I don't know about you, but I certainly wouldn't want to be at that showing!

Now this may sound a little far fetched but something like it will take place on judgement day before God, *but a billion times worse!*

The only way you can miss having your 'film' shown is by wiping that tape clean i.e. getting rid of all your sins BEFORE you die or BEFORE Christ comes back; whichever comes first!

There is only one of two places you can go when you die: Heaven OR Hell!

There is no such thing as an in-between stage i.e. Purgatory or something similar! Purgatory is a MAN –made doctrine brought into being by Pope Gregory in 539 AD!

Depending upon what YOU do with the Lord Jesus Christ DEPENDS 'where' you will spend eternity!

Now listen to these following verses carefully...

I've often been told that the Bible is too difficult to understand; well the following Scripture, which contains 19 words are ALL only one syllable words...*listen*...

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5v12)

 $1\ \mathrm{John}\ 5:11\ \mathrm{And}\ \mathrm{this}\ \mathrm{is}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{record},$ that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4-9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son Into the world, that we might live through him.

Because you & I are simers, we have all sinned & done wrong, so many times against God & each other, if we're honest Jesus Christ came to earth to take our sin upon Himself, die & be judged in Olik place!

2 Co 5-21 For he bath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1 John 3-5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

So Jesus loved us so much that he willingly came & died for YOU & me!

Three days later, he arose from the dead, victorious over death, Hell, & Satan!

The Gospel is this...

We are all simers - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Ro 3v23)

Death is a result of sin - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Kom 6v23)

We need a Saviour - For unto you is horn this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2v11)

We cam't save ourselves - Por by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God. Not of works, Jest any man should boast. (Eph 23+9)

ONLY Blood can wash away my sin - In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Cal 1v14) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son demasch us from all sin. (I John 1v7) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vair conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without specify letter 1v18+19)

There is ONLY ONE Mediator - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (I Tim 2v5) it isn't Alah, Mary, Buddob or any other so called 'god' the ONE mediator between man & God is Jesus Christ

So the question is 'are YOU saved?' - **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.** (Acts 16v31)

You either die with your sins forgiven by the Lord Jesus, or you die IN your sins! Without Him there is NO hope? - He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3v18) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3v36) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Psa 9v17)

Friend, YOU have everything to gain by becoming a Christian - **But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** (1 Co 2v9)

So what are you waiting for? Get saved TODAY; NOW!

By becoming a Christian you have had every single sin forgiven & a place in Heaven awaits you when you die, or when Christ comes; whichever is first!

Therefore it is only Christ who can bring peace to a world full of turmoil - John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

 ${\tt Rom~5:1}$ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

You will only ever find TRUE peace in Jesus Christ!

If you die without Christ you place yourself under the wrath of God & you will land up in the physical, literal, real place called Hell for eternity – There is NO escape!

I would urge you again to come to Christ now!

Now to our last question...

What is the meaning of life; the purpose to it all?

Well as we have already seen by the Scriptures we have read, Jesus Christ is the central figure in the Bible & He should be the central person in your life!

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (i.e. FIRST place!)

The meaning of life is to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. When you truly have this, you will know & understand what life is all about.

Without Christ in your life you & I have no hope. It doesn't matter if we make millions, live in a mansion & have great power & authority; Without Christ we merely exist, we do not LIVE!

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

It is no accident that you are listening to this tape/CD! God wants to SAVE you!

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The Lord does NOT want you to go to Hell; if you go there you ONLY have yourself to blame!

Repent & turn to Christ before its too late! He loves you so much!

I've heard many people say that the Bible is a book full of rules & its boring; I tell you this, if you know the Author of the Bible, you will love His word & this book, 'the word of God', will become the most amazing book you have ever picked up & read.

Get SAVED today!

If you would like to ask any questions or pass on any comments, please call me or write to me; I would be only too happy to talk with you.

I pray that you too have found the TRUTH, to the deepest questions mankind has ever asked...

Where did we come from? Where do we go when we die? What is the meaning of life; the purpose to it all?

 $\mbox{Eph}\ 4{:}21$ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

I close with the following reading from 1 Thes 4v16-18 This is the next great event to happen for the Christian...Christ's SECOND COMING!

Read 1 Thes 4:16-18

Tongues - Are they for today?

This is one of the most controversial issues in the church today!

We shall look at it in some depth & 'finally' answer the above question, once & for all!

Apart from the Word of God, I have also taken information from the following, very helpful, books, leaflets & a video...

- 1) **Signs, Wonders & Miracles** by James W. Knox (This is an excellent book & much of this study has come from this work alone!)
- 2) All about speaking in Tongues By Fernand Legrand
- 3) 'Tongues' video by Dr Peter Ruckman

Most Christians' do NOT study their Bibles! Many Christians will say things like 'Well I believe this...' without studying the issue THEMSELVES – human nature is lazy! Most Christians I have met, when it comes to serious Bible study, are lazy & do NOT search the Scriptures THEMSELVES! It is NOT a matter of what you & I believe it is what the Bible says & teaches we should be concerned with! What does God say? That's what matters!

There is a lack of 'good' Bible teachers in the church today, *especially* in the UK! Church leaders & congregation alike are no longer 'students' of the word of God as many were in the days gone by! We oftentimes rely on others to do the work for us, to tell us what we should believe! This is a dangerous position to get into!

Christians who DO 'study' their Bibles fall into 3 'camps'... - A, B & C

- A) <u>Camp A</u> In this camp are those who have already decided what they believe & search their Bible's to find some passage or verse (even a part of a verse will do) to support their PREDETERMINED position! *I have met so many of these types of Christians!*
- B) Camp B In this camp are those who spend long hours of Bible study looking for verses & passages (even a part of a verse will do) to use in disputes with those in Camp A. Their searching of the Scriptures is motivated by a desire to point out the errors & mistakes of the Camp A group. This kind of 'Christian' will always look to find fault & critique EVERY sermon & Bible study they hear! I have met so many of these type of Christians!
- C) Camp C In this camp are those who may have strongly held beliefs & convictions but are willing to change them in a moment should they learn from the word of God that they have been in error. In camp C are those who love the Lord Jesus & His Word & place the Scriptures as their FINAL AUTHORITY on all matters of faith & practice! I have met very FEW of these type of Christians!

We shall be examining EVERY reference in the book of Acts to 'speaking in tongues', as well as ALL the other Biblical references to this gift i.e.

- i. Unknown tongues
- ii. Strange Tongues
- iii. Other tongues
- iv. Divers tongues

Before we get into this study we need to lay down some ground work.

There are two primary rules for Bible study set forth in the Bible itself...

1) 1 Cor 2v12+13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

2) 2 Tim 2v15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

These two Scriptures make it clear that in order to **understand the word of God**; we CANNOT remove any Bible verse from the surrounding context, but must compare Scripture with Scripture. God has placed dividing lines throughout His word to mark off time periods in which He deals with men at *different* times in *different* ways! (The Bible must be read 'dispensationally' otherwise many errors will occur when Christians try to apply verses to themselves that are NOT *directly* written, DOCTRINALLY to themselves!)

Nearly ALL (if not ALL!) false teaching & every Scriptural misunderstanding today is a result of either...

- 1) **Private Interpretation** This is a man interpreting the Scriptures (*as opposed to teaching them!*) on the basis of his experience or feelings, or on the basis of his background 'training', reading, or denominational 'tradition!'
- 2) <u>Truth Misplaced</u> This is a man setting forth genuine Bible truth but seeking to apply that truth to persons it was never directed to! <u>Truth misplaced is ERROR!</u> We must RIGHTLY DIVIDE the word of truth!

So to our study...

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. - Mat 11v13

The Bible states that the law & the prophets were until John (the Baptist). So John the Baptist marks a transition! (*i.e. a change!*)

John came, & in Mark 1v4 he preached... **John did baptize in the wilderness, and <u>preach</u> the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**

Jesus said in Mark 1v15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

We find that through John the Baptist's ministry he preached 'repentance & baptism for the remission of sins.'

The tradition continued through the ministry of Jesus Christ who took the OT law & expounded upon its precepts. He went beyond a strict word-for-word meaning & called upon men to go beyond quoting the law, to go beyond the letter of the law, & to live according to the life & spirit of the law!

For example, the law forbade committing adultery. Jesus carried this further & said Mat 5v27+28 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The Lord often said things like 'Ye have heard it said... But I say unto you...' i.e.

Mt 5:21+22 <u>Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time</u>, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: <u>But I say unto you</u>, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Mt 5:27+28 <u>Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time</u>, Thou shalt not commit adultery: <u>But I say unto you</u>, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mt 5:31-33 <u>It hath been said</u>, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: <u>But I say unto you</u>, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

Mt 5:38+39 <u>Ye have heard that it hath been said</u>, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: <u>But I say unto you</u>, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mt 5:43+44 <u>Ye have heard that it hath been said</u>, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. <u>But I say unto you</u>, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

The law & the prophets were until John. His ministry was to prepare the way for the Messiah, the King of the Jews.

When Christ Jesus, the Messiah, came, He pointed to Himself as the fulfilment of the law. Having fulfilled the law Jesus went to the cross, died, was buried & rose again!

After the resurrection of Jesus Christ we find, in the first seven chapters of the book of Acts, that the believers continued to preach the message of John the Baptist, with the person & work of Jesus Christ **added**.

Read carefully the statements & sermons of the apostles in Acts 2-7 & this will be perfectly clear.

Prior to Acts 8, no one preached that an individual could be saved solely on the merits of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Ethiopian eunuch was taught from Isaiah by Philip we find an individual Gentile converted by preaching the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ (Isa 53). He was saved by grace, through faith, & baptised afterwards.

Saul of Tarsus is converted by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 9) & is called to be the apostle to the Gentiles (Rom 11v13). His gospel message, found in 1 Cor 15, is the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures.

These great gospel truths of the suffering Saviour paying for the sins of the world with His own precious blood are found throughout the OT writings BUT prior to the conversion of the apostle Paul **they were hid from the hearts & minds of men!**

The gospel message of salvation by grace, & birth into the church of God, the Body of Christ was a MYSTERY at that time!

Col 1:24-28 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Rom 16v25+26 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Eph 3v4+6 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

It is interesting to note that the word MYSTERY occurs 22 times in the Bible & 17 times it occurs in Paul's letters! Nearly all of the mysteries in the Bible were revealed to the apostle Paul!

1 Cor 2v7-10 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The salvation of the soul through faith in the finished work of Christ is taught all though the law & the prophets <u>but was not revealed until the Holy Spirit allowed Paul to unfold such truth in his epistles.</u>

Peter writes...1 Pet 1:10-12 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Now think about this for a moment; Until Paul wrote the NT epistles containing the doctrines of the NT church, there was nothing in the hands of the apostles & believers BUT the OT Scriptures!

Throughout the book of Acts they could NOT turn to the NT Scriptures for doctrine, reproof, correction or instruction in righteousness because there WASN'T ANY NT SCRIPTURES; there was NO NT!

Therefore, what these men preached was an OT of which John the Baptist marked the end, & of which Jesus Christ marked the fulfilment.

Along with that, they taught a NEW gospel that one can be BORN AGAIN & receive eternal life through the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ without ever bringing a sacrifice, keeping a feast day or bringing offerings to a priest in Jerusalem!

However, they had nothing IN WRITING to justify this radical change from nearly 2,000 years of God ordained worship!

Thus to CONFIRM THE WORD of the apostles, God gave the signs & wonders given to Moses (the law), Elijah (the prophets) & Jesus Christ (grace) to CONFIRM the truth of this <u>NEW</u> DISPENSATION!

Mr 16:14-20 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

We shall look into these verses in more depth later on but note the **confirming the word with signs following.**

Now in the book of Acts we can see why this matter of tongues becomes so confusing, so controversial, & so dangerous. The doctrinal setting in which each occurrence of speaking in tongues is found is a TRANSITIONAL period during which men are preaching, teaching, living Christian lives & seeking to obey God WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN DIRECTION from God by which to judge their thoughts, words & actions!

They had NO INFALLIBLE WRITTEN NT, like we have, to which they might turn to for absolute statements of what is right & wrong!

This is not to say their thoughts, words & actions were wrong; it is obvious from Scripture that they were led & directed, for the most part, by the Holy Spirit.

Thus, great confusion comes from making one's DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION on an historic period of TRANSITION within the word of God when NOTHING WAS DEFINITELY SETTLED!

For example, the Bible passages on tongues are found in...

- 1) Mark 16 A time after the resurrection BUT before the descent of the Holy Spirit
- 2) **Acts 2** After the descent of the Holy Spirit BUT before Israel rejects the Messiah (Acts 7) & God begins to turn to the Gentiles (Acts 8 10)
- 3) Acts 10 After the Lord begins to turn to the Gentiles BUT before the NT Scriptures are written
- 4) **Acts 19** The gospel reaching for the first time an area which knew ONLY the preaching of John the Baptist

You would be FOOLISH to build your foundational doctrines upon the book of Acts which is a book of TRANSITION! This is where many Pentecostal's go wrong! They spend far too long preaching & teaching from the book of Acts rather than preaching & teaching from Paul's Epistles!

Let us go back to Mark 16v14-18 - Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

The eleven apostles were the one's to whom the Lord Jesus gave this word! These SIGNS were divinely given signs from the Saviour to the apostles for their preaching ministry to all the world.

As previously stated; these men would be preaching a NT which was instituted & made alive by the Lord Jesus Christ but they could NOT point to any NT Scriptures yet!

The context of Mark 16v14-18 clearly shows that these signs were given to establish that these men were <u>speaking as</u> the oracles of God - So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. <u>And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.</u> Amen.

Note... confirming the word - WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING!

So, we see in this 1st mention of tongues that they were given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His apostles as one aspect of a five-fold proof that they were speaking the truth of God.

Note carefully... these (plural) signs (plural) shall (definite) follow them (plural) that believe; In my name shall (definite) they (plural)...

- 1) Cast out devils
- 2) Speak with new tongues
- 3) Take up serpents
- 4) Drink any deadly thing without hurt

5) Lay hands on the sick & heal them

From the passage we see that Jesus Christ gave the signs to His eleven Jewish apostles to confirm that they were speaking His words! These signs given were FIVE in number! Therefore, if a man was an apostle & had the apostolic signs they would be five-fold in their manifestation! To claim a 6th would be unbiblical! To say that you had the gift of 'healing' but you could not drink 'any deadly thing' would be unscriptural!

To say that one had the apostolic sign of speaking in tongues but not the other FOUR signs would be contrary to what the text of Mark 16 ACTUALLY SAYS!

This FACT has nothing to do with interpretation, this is what JESUS SAID!

Let us now look at Acts 2

Here we find 120 believers (Acts 1v15 - And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and

twenty,)) gathered together in an upper room. These men & women were doing what Jesus Christ told them to do. They were waiting for the promise of the Father which is the Holy Ghost. Jesus had told His apostles they would receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them (Acts 1v8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, (the city) and in all Judaea, (the immediate area surrounding Jerusalem) and in Samaria, (the region just beyond Judaea) and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (everywhere!)), to enable them to be His witnesses.

Thus we pick up right where we left off in Mark 16.

Having said this, the Lord ascended up to heaven.

What we find when we begin Acts 2 are about 120 believers waiting in an upper room for God to send power, brought by the Holy Ghost from on high, which would enable them to go into all the world & preach the gospel with the ability which superseded that of the flesh or human will. (SIGNS would follow to confirm the word they were preaching!)

These men would be given God's power, by God's Spirit, to be God's witnesses declaring God's gift of eternal life through God's own Son.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, (Acts 2v1), this promise was fulfilled!

This was a Jewish feast day which came 50 days after the feast of Passover. On this particular occasion the feast day marked 50 days since the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, offered Himself as the supreme blood sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. After laying down His life at Calvary, Christ visited the underworld while His body lay in a sealed & guarded tomb for 3 days & 3 nights. Following His resurrection He walked & talked among men on earth for forty days (Acts 1v3 - To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:). This accounted for 43 days!

So, when the day of Pentecost arrived these disciples had been waiting for the promise a full SEVEN days since Jesus ascended!

Acts 2v1...**they were all with one accord in one place.** – These were the 120 believers of Acts chapter one! They were simply waiting for God to do what He said He would do!

Acts 2v2 - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, - note the sound came from Heaven!

Acts 2v2 - ...**a sound from heaven** as of a rushing mighty wind, - Notice the Bible says nothing of a rushing mighty wind BUT 'a sound' came from heaven having this LIKENESS! It is a simile (i.e. *expressing comparison or likeness, by the use of such terms as like, as, so etc.*) There is NO rushing mighty wind!

Acts 2v2 ...**and it filled all the house where they were sitting.** – *What filled the house?* The sound! *What were they doing in the house?* Sitting! Notice there was no dancing or crying out, no loud music, no singing repetitive choruses; *they were just sitting!*

Acts 2v3 - And there appeared unto them cloven tongues <u>like as of</u> fire, and it sat upon each of them. - Note again that there were NO actual tongues of fire here; there was NO fire! It is another simile so we can understand what happened! Pentecostals often get this mixed up with the 'Baptism of Fire' in Mat 3v11 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall <u>baptize</u> you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: - But by

continuing to read on i.e. Mat 3v12 **Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will <u>burn up</u> the chaff with <u>unquenchable fire</u>. – We see that this 'baptism of fire' is to be IMMERSED IN THE LAKE OF FIRE for rejecting the Messiah!** *You certainly DON'T want to pray for the 'baptism of fire!'*

Acts 2v3 - ... **and it** (what appeared!) **sat upon each of them.** – No one present was excluded; all obeyed & all received the promise!

Note carefully that the <u>filling with the Holy Ghost</u> & <u>speaking with other tongues</u> are <u>TWO</u> separate statements!

James Knox writes...

Acts 2v5 - And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. – This day of Pentecost was one of the THREE great Jewish national festivals when all the males were required to go to Jerusalem (Deut 16v16 - Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:). It was also called the FEAST OF WEEKS (Deut 16v10 - And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:) because it was SEVEN weeks from the Passover; the feast of harvest (Exo 23v16 - And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.) because it was a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest...

Deut 26v5-10... And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

It was also called the feast of the first fruits (Num 28v26 - Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:) because on this day the Jews offered to God the first fruits of the wheat harvest, in bread made of new grain (Lev 23v15-20).

The feast was also regarded as commemorating the giving of the law which was delivered from Mount Sinai on the fiftieth day after the departure from Egypt, i.e. after the institution of the Passover!

So God in His wisdom selected a day on which all the males of Israel would be present in the city of David's throne. They would be gathered to worship under the old covenant on the day the law was given. On this day the Father sent the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In the manifold wisdom of God, the preaching of the new covenant began on a day when the men of His chosen people have gathered out of every nation under heaven. But how would they all hear & understand this preaching?

Acts 2v6 - Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. – Now these men were not confounded because they were hearing babbling & a stringing together of nonsensical syllables; the men who heard the believers speak with other tongues were confounded because they could understand what was being said! (*Note - it was NOT a heavenly 'prayer' language!*)

Therefore the 'other tongue' received on the day of Pentecost by those in the upper room was the ability to speak in a language unknown to the speaker but known to the hearer!

Read Acts 2v7-11

So that there would never be any confusion or false doctrines about a *secret prayer language* & *gibber-jabber babbling* being called a work of the Holy Spirit, God told us three times in plain English that these men were speaking in a language that was KNOWN to their hearers! (*Now think upon that long* & *hard Mr Pentecostal!*)

And what audience was being addressed: Jews of the dispersion from every nation on the face of the earth! Within weeks of the day the Holy Ghost came to indwell the body of Christ, all the world will have heard the amazing story, with SIGNS CONFIRMING THE MESSAGE – this was from God!

Read Acts 2v14-21

So who was preaching & proclaiming the gospel to this multitude of Jews? – It was the apostles who were given the promise of SIGNS to CONFIRM the word as seen in Mark 16v20!

Note in this passage (Acts 2v14-21) it doesn't say that Joel 2 was being FULFILLED, nor did it say that the events included in Joel could have their completion on this day! It is clear that God did NOT pour out His Spirit on ALL flesh by the number of conversions (i.e. only 3000), which is far short of the number of people in Jerusalem on that day! The sun was not darkened & the moon did not turn to blood!

Why then did the Holy Ghost move Peter to cite Joel 2 in the sermon he delivered?

Because the LATTER DAYS spoken of throughout the old covenant prophetic writings <u>BEGAN</u> ON THIS DAY!

Who were Peter & the eleven speaking to... Ye men of <u>Israel</u>, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, <u>a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs</u>, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: (Acts 2v22)

- 1) Why in Mark 16, did Jesus promise that signs would follow the apostles?
- 2) Why did signs accompany the apostles when their public preaching ministry began in Acts 2?

Simply to equate the apostles with the Lord Jesus Christ in the minds of the men that had heard & seen Jesus & knew that the Lord worked <u>signs, wonders & miracles:</u> therefore the SIGNS were given these apostles to testify that they were the true spokesmen of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Read Acts 2v23-36

Twelve Jewish apostles, on a Jewish feast day, addressed a Jewish congregation & proclaimed the Jewish Messiah had been crucified by the Jews, & had risen from the dead!

They declared that God was calling the Jews to pay attention to a group of men that had the same <u>signs</u>, <u>wonders & miracles</u> that were wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ!

THAT WAS THE MESSAGE OF PENTECOST!

They did NOT speak about tongues nor encourage anyone to receive them! They did speak of the wonderful works of God & encouraged men to receive HIM!

Ac 2:37-40 Now when they (the reference is still to Acts 2v5) heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, (NOT 120 believers!) Men and brethren, (Jews speaking to Jewish apostles!) what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, (the same thing John the Baptist would have said!) Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, (verse 5 Jews!) and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (verse 6 Jews out of every nation under heaven) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (Note – NOT save yourself from Hell!)

Peter preached & the multitude cried out 'What shall we do?' (Note it doesn't say 'What must we do to be saved!')

Remember the book of Acts is a book of TRANSITION...

1) From Law to Grace!

- 2) From the old covenant to the NEW covenant
- 3) From nations to individuals
- 4) From Israel, to the calling out of the Body of Christ, the church!
- 5) God begins to turn from the Jews in Acts 7 (the stoning of Stephen), saves an individual GENTILE in Acts 8, calls the 'apostle' to the Gentiles in Acts 9 (i.e. Paul), & in Acts 10 sent Peter to a Gentile house even though Peter was still clinging to a **Jewish** message!

- No one in Acts 2 was a 'Christian' the term Christian doesn't even show up until Acts 11v26!
- Every man, woman, boy & girl in Acts 2 is a Jew or Gentile proselyte to Judaism (see v1,5,8-11,14,22,36)
- No one in Acts 2 is asking how to get saved! The nation of Israel is asking Peter... 'In the view of the fact that we have crucified the Messiah, what shall we do?'
- Nowhere in Acts 2 does it mention about Christ dieing for **anyone's sins!**
- From Acts 1 to Acts 7 the 2nd Advent (2nd Coming of Christ!) is looming, & then postponed to the end of the Church Age!

Having NO NT, NO written Scriptures beyond Malachi, NO doctrine of salvation by grace through faith given freely to individual believers, Peter spoke to this crowd exactly as John the Baptist had spoken when he came to mark the beginning of a transition from the OT law & the prophets!

His word was clear...Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2v38)

REPENT, be BAPTIZED in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, & ye SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST!

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (Acts 2v41)

These 3000 believers received the gift of the Holy Ghost as Peter promised!

This leads us to a very simple, very logical, & very Scriptural conclusion: from the day of Pentecost onward, speaking in a language unknown to the speaker was a gift given to some believers & not to others. The idea that the 'initial evidence' of receiving the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues was NOT the case in the very first Pentecostal converts in Acts 2 & is therefore shown BY THE BIBLE to be a FALSE doctrine!

That is the complete Biblical account of the first time in NT history that anyone spoke with tongues. Just as the Lord Jesus said in Mark 16, it was a SIGN wrought by Jewish apostles as a testimony to all nations that they were indeed speaking & declaring the true word of God. We see from a very careful examination of the chapter that those present, those addressed, & those converted, were ALL JEWS! These Israelites were converted under the preaching of the doctrine of John the Baptist combined with the person & the work of Jesus Christ. A combination message was declared in a transition period & the Lord's blessing upon it was marked by SIGNS & WONDERS!

Before we again come across speaking in tongues there are some very important events set forth in the book of Acts...

After 5 full chapters of presenting the Messiah to Israel for a 2nd time (Acts 2 - 6) Stephen preached to the leaders of the nation & showed them FROM THE OT SCRIPTURES that Jesus was their true Messiah & declared them guilty of His murder. Rather than repent & receive this Lord Jesus Christ they confirmed the words of Stephen by stoning him.

The turning from Israel to the Gentiles, which is explained in Rom 9 – 11, began with the execution of Stephen. In Acts 8 an individual Gentile is saved by grace, through faith, upon hearing the preaching of the Cross from Isa 53. He was saved upon BELIEVING, with no mention of works! He was a believer before he was baptised & even though he was led into a saving faith by an apostle, he did NOT speak in tongues.

In Acts 9, Saul of Tarsus was converted by believing the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. By calling on the resurrected Jesus as the living Lord, this self-righteous murderer received salvation & received the Holy Ghost before he was baptised. There is no record that he spoke in tongues at his baptism, conversion, or at the time the Holy Ghost was given. This man was then called of God to be the apostle to the Gentiles!

This shift in God's dealing with Israel & the Gentiles must be understood or much of the NT will remain a mystery. How many false teachings have arisen because of a failure to distinguish between the Jew, the Gentile & the church of God! 1Co 10:32 **Give none offence, neither to the <u>Iews</u>, nor to the <u>Gentiles</u>, nor to the <u>church of God:</u>**

As the Lord makes this obvious turn away from Israel to the Gentiles we must hearken back to the promise of Acts 1v8... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

As we examine the 2^{nd} Biblical case of speaking in tongues we find the Lord beginning the proclamation of the good news to the uttermost part of the earth...

Read Acts 10v1-14

Peter is given a vision regarding Jews & Gentiles! He is about to learn that NT salvation was NOT a national matter based upon law, but an individual matter, based upon grace.

Read Acts 10v15-28

Peter knew what God showed him but he was still not convinced. He knew what he had seen; he knew what the Lord had told him to do; but the statement of verse 17 was still the case...Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate... Peter doubted in himself what the vision should mean. Peter had said... God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. (Acts 10v28)

Read Acts 10v29-36

Peter had not accepted the revelation God had shown him. He knew intellectually what the Lord had shown him & he could not deny that the Holy Spirit brought him to a Gentile household but he was still trying to cling to the gospel message as the exclusive property of the nation of Israel.

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

- 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; (Peter was preaching John's baptism with the person of Jesus Christ)
- 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; (he was clinging to this gospel as a Jewish message & did not want to give up this prejudice) whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
- 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
- 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
- 42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
- 43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. *Peter was coming around!*

When Peter preached to Jews at Jerusalem he said... Ac 2:38 **Then Peter said unto them,** Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. When Peter preached to Gentiles in Cornelius' household he said... Ac 10:43 **To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**

The book of Acts is a book of TRANSITION from law to grace, from the old covenant to the new covenant, from nations to individuals!

God began to turn from the Jews in Acts 7, saved a Gentile by grace in Acts 8, called the apostle to the Gentiles in Acts 9 & in Acts 10, sent Peter into a Gentile household (but he was clinging to a Jewish message!)

Ac 10:43 **To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name** (the Lord Jesus Christ!) **whosoever believeth in him** (no mention of baptism!) **shall receive remission of sins.**

- $44\,\P$ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
- 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

So we see that Peter went to the household of Cornelius as God directed. There Peter preached what God told him to preach, though he did so in relative unbelief & with obvious reluctance. The Gentiles to whom he preached believed the words they heard & had the Holy Ghost fall on them WHEN THEY BELIEVED THE WORDS OF GOD! The Father sent the Spirit to save & indwell these Gentile believers & they spoke with other tongues!

Note that these tongues were a sign to the circumcision who were astonished because they did not believe that God was going to save the Gentiles with the same salvation wherewith He saved the Jews. God used tongues here in Acts 10 as a sign to an 'unbelieving' Jewish apostle to CONFIRM that the Gentiles were going to be included in this new covenant.

Note also that the NT doctrines of unity in the ONE BODY found in 1 Corinthians & Ephesians had NOT been written or revealed yet! God must CONFIRM the word of the apostles even to the apostles in this TRANSITION period!

Again here in Acts 10 the tongues could be UNDERSTOOD! Acts 10v46 **For they heard them speak with tongues**, **and magnify God**. If they were speaking in some 'heavenly prayer language' they wouldn't have known this! Note also in Peter's recounting of this event to those in Jerusalem, (who did not believe that the new covenant included Gentiles), Ac 11:17 **Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us**, (i.e. Acts 2) **who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?**

So in Acts 2 & Acts 10, 'Tongues' were KNOWN languages, NOT 'jibber jabber' or a special 'heavenly prayer language!'

So let us recap & conclude regarding the second occurrence of speaking in tongues found in the Scriptures...

We find a group of Gentiles who received the Holy Ghost by believing the preaching of the death, burial & resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. They spoke with tongues & Jewish apostles & Jewish believers were astonished because they did not believe that God saved Gentiles the same way He saved the Jews! In this case (i.e. Acts 10), as in Acts 2, tongues were a SIGN to the UNBELIEVING Jews & served to CONFIRM THE WORD OF GOD & the truth of God in a TRANSITIONAL period which the doctrines which were in effect were NOT found in the WRITTEN Scriptures!

In Acts 1 we read about the person who was going to replace Judas Iscariot...Acts 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Now read Acts 10v39-41...Acts 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

These passages clearly teach that in order to 'qualify' as an apostle a man must have accompanied Jesus from the time He was baptised of John until the time of His ascension.

That man must have beheld the works that Jesus did & been eyewitness of the resurrected Christ!

The apostle Paul, who was one born out of due time (1 Cor 15v8), certainly 'qualified!' He was among the counsel at the stoning of Stephen, & a student of the noted leader Gamaliel. Prior to that he certainly would have beheld the works of the Lord Jesus Christ at some point during the three & one half years of the Lord's public ministry! He also met the resurrected Christ on the Damascus Road (Acts 9)

The events of Acts 10 were so outstanding & important that the Holy Spirit chose to take the 11^{th} chapter of the book of Acts & recount what took place in the 10^{th} chapter!

Read Acts 11v13-18...

- 13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;
- 14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.
- 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
- 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.
- 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?
- 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Knox goes on to write... It is interesting to note from these words of Peter, recorded by the Holy Spirit, that he did not remember (until God sent him to this Gentile household) that the Lord taught his disciples that NT salvation would be a matter of Spirit baptism & not water baptism. That which God gave them is said to be a gift in Acts 11v17 & you will notice that it wasn't until this time that Peter was fully convinced that the Gentiles would be saved just as the Jews. It was not until this retelling that the Jewish brethren were convinced that Peter had done the right thing & that the gospel which they were to carry to the uttermost part of the earth was to be carried to all nations, kindred's, tongues & tribes dwelling upon the face of the earth. You will note, there was still some reservation about this matter until it was finally bound on earth at the great Jerusalem meeting in Acts 15.

Acts 19 is the 3rd & final case in the Bible of someone speaking in, with other, or unknown tongues! (We shall deal with the Corinthian 'perversion' of tongues a little later!)

Ac 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Notice he was NOT in Jerusalem, Judea or Samaria. Paul had made his way into one of the 'uttermost parts of the earth' i.e. a region beyond the immediate influence of Judaism.

- 1) When the gospel was proclaimed in a NEW area i.e. Jerusalem, 'signs & wonders' accompanied!
- 2) When the gospel was proclaimed among a NEW people i.e. Gentiles, 'signs & wonders' accompanied!

In each case the gift of tongues was given as a sign to CONFIRM the spoken new covenant for there was NO WRITTEN new covenant!

Now we come to another NEW region, Ephesus...

Ac 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (obviously they had not heard the preaching of Acts 2 or Acts 10!)

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

When Paul got to the uttermost parts of the earth he found a people who were in the very same spiritual condition in which the Jews of Jerusalem found themselves in Acts 2. These people had no more understanding than Cornelius.

They were disciples of God to the extent of their understanding. They were believers in all they had been given to believe. But these baptised believers were NOT saved & born again for they had NOT heard the gospel message of the NEW covenant! This was made clear by their ignorance of the truth & the absence of the Holy Ghost.

Now Paul could NOT ask these people to turn to Matthew 26 or Luke 23 so that he could show them from the Scriptures the cross of Christ. He could NOT take them to the book of Romans & expound NT salvation. There was NO 'written' record of these things as yet!

These baptised converts of John needed some strong evidence that Paul & company brought them truth!

Ac 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (that is, the law & the prophets were until John, but grace & truth came by Jesus Christ)

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

These people were glad of the good news; they had already responded to the announcement of the forerunner i.e. John the Baptist, & they were just as quick to respond to the good news carried by the apostle! Once they had, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ac 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

So when we get to the 'uttermost part of the earth', we find Jews & proselytes that are in the very same condition that Jews & proselytes were in on the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem.

They had responded in faith to John's baptism but must now respond to the good news that God sent His Son into the world to die & rise again in payment for the sins of man. They then received the Holy Ghost with 'signs & wonders' accompanying the message to CONFIRM that these were TRUE apostles who proclaimed the words of God!

EVERY TIME we find tongues in the Bible it was a CONFIRMATION of the word of God to those who had NOT previously believed the NEW covenant message!

The gift of tongues is...

- 1) A language NOT known to the speaker
- 2) Given as a gift by God to believers
- 3) Given as a SIGN to CONFIRM the word for a witness to unbelievers
- 4) Connected ONLY with the apostolic ministry!

The Corinthian use of Tongues!

First let us look at what Corinth was like as a city!

Corinth was the capital of the ancient province of Achaia. In the apostolic period, Corinth was a thriving commercial & industrial city with a population of 700,000 approx. Isa 5:8 Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

Greek civilisation, with its learning & arts flourished there. Athletic games & schools of philosophy were numerous.

It was in an ideal situation for traders to come from all around the world, thus not only bringing their goods & wealth to Corinth but also their customs, religions, & their gross SINS!

Sin & immorality were the order of the day! The entire city was filled with drunkenness, gluttony, prostitution & paganism!

The Greeks in their worship of the 'love' goddess Aphrodite had reached levels of degradation seldom seen. The moral level of the city was so low that one living a wicked life in those times was said to be 'living as a Corinthian!

Having first preached at Athens, Paul made his way to Corinth. Acts 18 verifies that God used Paul to establish a Christian church there. He ministered in that 'hell hole' for a year & a half!

Jews & Gentiles alike were saved by the preaching of the cross! Some of the leading Jews of the city were saved, including Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue. Most of the converts came from the lower classes of the Gentiles (1 Cor 1v26). There was also Erastus, a chamberlain, & Gaius, a wealthy man, who were converted (Rom 16v23), but these were notable exceptions!

We can of course compare the Corinthian church with the Laodicean church of today!

The most carnal church in the Bible was the Corinthian church!

Many of the 'members' were basing their Christian lives on their feelings & experiences rather than on the authority of Scripture – just like so many Christians do TODAY! 'If it feels good do it!'

In the Corinthian church we find 'clicks' & divisions, men following men rather than following the word of God & the Lord! There was incestuous fornication among them, they were suing one another in courts of law, there was idol worship, people were coming to the Lord's Table in any kind of a manner, divorce was an accepted practice etc.

Although we have listed many of the problems in the Corinthian church their main problem was their lack of DIVINE AUTHORITY i.e. they had NO FINAL AUTHORITY!

Without a FINAL AUTHORITY that everybody is in subjection to, there can be NO union or Christian harmony but instead CHAOS!

- 1 Cor 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost
- 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

- 5 And there are <u>differences of administrations</u>, but the same <u>Lord</u>.
- 6 And there are <u>diversities of operations</u>, but it is the same <u>God</u> which worketh all in all.

7 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (Withal** = The word 'withal', which was originally 2 words in Old English, appears 33 times in the AV. The form 'wherewithal' occurs only once. It can mean, with it all, as well, besides, in addition, along with, with that, therewith, or it can simply mean with!)

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to PROFIT WITHAL! I.e. Wherever a saved member of the body of Christ goes he is to be filled, led & controlled by God's Holy Spirit so that all with whom he comes in contact with may be benefited!

- 1 Cor 12:8 <u>For to one</u> is given by the Spirit <u>the word of wisdom</u>; <u>to another the word of knowledge</u> by the same Spirit;
- 9 <u>To another faith</u> by the same Spirit; <u>to another</u> the <u>gifts of healing</u> by the same Spirit:
- 10 <u>To another</u> the <u>working of miracles</u>; <u>to another prophecy</u>; <u>to another discerning of spirits</u>; <u>to another divers kinds of tongues</u>; <u>to another the interpretation of tongues</u>:
- 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, <u>dividing to every man severally</u> as he will.

So not 'everyone' receives the SAME gift! Therefore not everyone receives the gift of TONGUES!

- 1 Cor 12:12 For as the body is <u>one</u>, and hath <u>many members</u>, and <u>all</u> the members of that <u>one</u> body, <u>being many</u>, are <u>one</u> body: so also is Christ.
- 1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we <u>all</u> baptized into <u>one</u> body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been <u>all</u> made to drink into <u>one</u> Spirit.

Therefore...

- 1) We are placed into the body of Christ by an operation of God's Holy Spirit
- 2) The members of the body of Christ will be as different in their functions & abilities as the members of a human body
- 3) These manifestations will differ from person to person according to the dispensation of God in their lives
- 4) To say that someone is not in Christ because they do NOT speak in 'tongues' is a FALSE doctrine!

You cannot have Christ & NOT have the Holy Spirit! - ...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (Rom 8v9), For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (Col 2v9), For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (1 John 5v7)

In 1 Cor 12v14-27 we have a discussion of the unity of the body. The discussion of the gifts resumes in verse 28...

v28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

This list of gifts in not in the order they were given by God i.e. On the day of Pentecost when the baptism of the Holy Ghost took place, men spoke with other tongues BEFORE they prophesied. On that day men spoke in tongues BEFORE there was any gathering of believers to govern. On that day men spoke in tongues & there is no record of anyone being healed.

Therefore the above list of gifts is not in the order they were given to the church, the Lord's body!

This gives only one possible conclusion. The gifts set forth are listed in the order of their measure of IMPORTANCE to the establishment of the NT church!

This ordering of the gifts is set forth by the inspiration of the very God who gave the gifts (1 Cor 12v5). This view is confirmed by the first clause of verse 31, **But covet earnestly the best gifts:**

Therefore the gifts are NOT all of 'equal' importance as the Lord here declares some gifts are better than others! He tells us to covet earnestly the BEST gifts & NOT the LEAST of the gifts! Yet today in this Laodicean age the church is coveting the least of all the gifts in the body of Christ i.e. TONGUES!

Note in verse 29+30...

- 1) Are all apostles? NO!
- 2) Are all prophets? NO!
- 3) Are all teachers? NO!
- 4) Are all workers of miracles? NO!
- 5) Have all the gifts of healing? NO!

We have been shown throughout the course of this chapter that a body is NOT a group of ears, feet or hands! It takes many different members to make up a human body. Even so, the Lord has shown, it takes many different spiritual gifts to make up the Lord's body, the church!

But there is another question in 1 Cor 12v30!

Do all speak with tongues? Following on IN CONTEXT the answer is obviously NO!

Yet so often we hear 'preachers' (& *I use the term loosely!*) say to their congregations that everyone should be speaking in tongues, it is the will of God!

They not only lie & 'wrest' the Scriptures (2 Pet 3v16), they deceive the people!

So often these FALSE 'teachers', tell the people that if you DON'T speak in tongues...

- 1) Then you have never really been saved; or
- 2) You've been saved but you don't have the Holy Ghost; or
- 3) You are saved but you lack the power of the Holy Spirit etc.

None of this is taught in the Scriptures it is MAN MADE & FALSE! IT is ERROR!

So in 1 Cor 12, the triune God is the giver of spiritual gifts. He not only gives these gifts to believers but empowers them to manifest these gifts. One of these gifts is the ability to speak in languages NOT known to the speaker i.e. tongues! Not every saved person is given this particular gift! Tongues is the LEAST of the gifts listed in this chapter!

Now we move on to 1 Cor 13...

1Co 13:1 <u>Though</u> I speak with the <u>tongues of men and of angels</u>, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And <u>though</u> I have the gift of prophecy, <u>and understand all mysteries</u>, and <u>all knowledge</u>; and <u>though</u> I have <u>all faith</u>, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And <u>though</u> I bestow <u>all my goods</u> to feed the poor, and <u>though</u> <u>I give my body to be burned</u>, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Now the standard handling of this passage by the Pentecostals & Charismatics is that since Paul spoke with the tongues of men & ANGELS this teaches a heavenly language!

Note – every time in our Bible that the words spoken in heaven are identified linguistically, the language is said to be Hebrew! Ruckman writes... 'In the Bible, the tongue of angels is Hebrew. When the Lord Jesus spoke from heaven to Paul in Acts 9, He spoke in Hebrew. The Holy Spirit teaches us to call God 'Abba' (Rom 8v15, Gal 4v6); that's Aramaic. (Aramaic – the language of the Jews in Palestine after the captivity & that spoken by Christ & His disciples) When the citizens of heaven rejoice over the destruction of Babylon, they cry 'Alleluia'; that's Hebrew (Rev 19v1-6). Why wouldn't Hebrew be the language of heaven?'

Paul did NOT say that he spoke in the tongues of angels!

He is setting forth an argument so to speak...

Charity is the greatest! It is greater than faith & hope (1 Cor 13v13), it is greater than spiritual gifts (1 Cor 13v8), it is greater than our knowledge (1 Cor 13v9-12) & it is greater than good works in the energy of the flesh (1 Cor 13v3)!

The entire statement of verses 1-3 is an argument!

Did Paul...

- 1) Understand all mysteries?
- 2) Have all knowledge?
- 3) Have all faith?
- 4) Give his body to be burned?

The answer is NO!

Therefore, in the context of the passage, did he speak with the tongues of angels?

NO!

He is saying that IF HE DID DO THOSE THINGS, but did NOT do them as a genuine love offering to God for others, they would be vain works only to perish at the Judgement Seat of Christ!

If he exercised spiritual gifts, including tongues & miracles but did so for self-gratification, spiritual pride or obedience to some human authority, such use of the gifts would be nothing more than an awful noise!

The point of the verses is that no matter what we do for God, or in the name of God, no matter how good it looks or feels, if we do not have charity, it is of NO profit!

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil:
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

We should always want to & seek THE TRUTH!

1Co 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

So tongues shall cease, but when?

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

One interpretation of this passage is that when Paul wrote this epistle the NT was not complete; there would yet be knowledge & prophecy given; the full & complete revelation of Scripture would then be perfect; when this perfect Bible was finished the signs & gifts would cease! Now this is quite a good interpretation but it does have some flaws.

First, the context of the remarks is not the written Scriptures, but charity! Second, if that which is part means the Scriptures in their part & that which is perfect means the Scriptures in their fullness, the phrase 'that which is in part shall be done away' makes no sense at all! It's like saying 'We now have the sign gifts because we only have part of the Bible, but when we have all the Bible we will do away with the part of the Bible we had before it was complete?'

Knox writes...1 Cor 13v11 is the picture of a child... When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. A child is a human being as much as he will ever be but there will be growth & progression to manhood. This complete maturity is the Biblical definition of 'PERFECT' throughout the Scriptures. Perfect NEVER means sinless! In verse 12 is the picture of our understanding... For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. The believer has all of God, of salvation, of eternal life that he will ever have, but there is a growth & progression to greater apprehension of the truth.

In verse 13 we have faith, hope & charity with the Lord showing by these verses a progression in spiritual life unto perfection.

This is the perfect complement to the first 3 verses of the chapter! These last 3 verses conclude the teaching which has run through the chapter. Simply put, spiritual gifts are NOT to be the aim & goal of the believer's life. If we see a man occupied with prophecies or TONGUES or any other gifts of the Spirit we know that man is not yet a 'perfect' man. He may have faith or he may have hope but he is yet a child lacking clear spiritual vision!

The carnal Corinthians were given spiritual gifts by God to benefit the body of Christ (1 Cor 12). They used them selfishly because they lacked charity. As a result, their occupation with the gifts of the Spirit kept them from being mature Christians (1 Cor 13).

Moving on to 1 Cor 14...v1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. Here we see again that there are some gifts of the Spirit more to be desired than others.

v2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. In this verse there is nothing that instructs anyone to speak in an unknown tongue! Nor is there any indication that a person speaking in an unknown tongue is conversing in a heavenly or a secret prayer language!

The wording of this verse is quite plain. This is a man at Corinth misusing a gift, at worst, or using it as it was never used in all the book of Acts. He is speaking to no man! This verse does NOT say that God understands the speech, only that the man is speaking to God. 'Tongue speakers' today often say 'I was speaking to the Lord!'

Note also the word 'spirit' (verse 2) in LOWER CASE! It is NOT referring to the Holy Spirit!

- $1\ \mathrm{Cor}\ 14v\ 3$ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
- 4 <u>He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself;</u> but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Charity seeketh not her own! The gifts were given to profit withal NOT one's self! Tongues cannot be linked with charity. These carnal Corinthians claimed a spiritual gift & used it contrary to the way it was used when given by the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts. They made it a matter of carnal self-gratification. It is clear from these verses that tongues does NOT edify the church!!!

- $1\ \text{Co}\ 14:5\ \text{I}$ would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.
- 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

Paul didn't forbid the use, exercise or manifestation of any gift of the Spirit! However, he appealed to these believers to seek after those gifts which would be most profitable to the body. It is like Paul said... 'If I'm going to come & talk to you in order that you might be built up in the faith, why would I talk to you in some gibberish that you cannot understand? What good would that do you? How would that profit you? It might be thrilling to your carnal self but it would not edify you spiritually!'

1 Co 14:7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?
8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?
9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

These words make one thing clear; NOTHING made by God gives sounds which cannot be understood by their kind. There is a gift of tongues from the Holy Spirit & there is a babbling from the HUMAN 'spirit'. There is no doubt which is which!

So comparing verse 2 with verse 9 we see that when the carnal Corinthian thought he was speaking to God he was actually speaking into the air! 1 Co 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 1 Co 14:9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. God is not moved, impressed or blessed by this SHOW! Incidentally we know who is the prince & power of the air (Eph 2v2).

 $1\ {\rm Co}\ 14{:}10$ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. The fruit of the Spirit is NOT that we manifest ourselves as 'barbarians!'

- $1\ {\hbox{Co}}\ 14:12$ Even so ye, for a smuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.
- 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

We have already been told that tongues does NOT edify but prophesying does! Prophesying is greater! Tongues must be interpreted to be of any value. So, why not just speak to men for edification, exhortation & comfort in their own language from the start???

Verse 13 does NOT say to pray that we may speak with tongues more & more but to pray that you may interpret! Find out what you are trying to say & give it to us so we can UNDERSTAND IT! This is the only way to benefit the church!

 $1\ \ \text{Co}\ \ 14{:}14\ \ \text{For}\ \ \text{if}\ \ I\ \ \text{pray}\ \ \text{in}\ \ \text{an}\ \ \text{unknown}\ \ \text{tongue,}\ \ \text{my}\ \ \text{spirit}\ \ \text{prayeth,}\ \ \text{but}\ \ \text{my}\ \ \text{understanding}\ \ \text{is}\ \ \text{unfruitful.}$

Again a comparison is necessary with verse 2...For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

According to the Bible this is NOT praying in the Holy Ghost, but rather the HUMAN 'spirit'.

Every case of speaking in tongues in the Scriptures was connected to the apostolic ministry & the gift was manifested to CONFIRM THE WORD to unbelievers as the NT gospel was carried into an area where its truth had not previously come. When we come to the carnal church at Corinth we find believers speaking as barbarians, speaking into the air & calling something produced by their own HUMAN 'spirits' a manifestation of the Holy Ghost!

Verse 14 continues... my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. In other words, if you speak in an unknown tongue, IN YOUR SPIRIT, you cannot understand what you are saying! So these people who say 'Well I just know I am praising God when I speak in tongues!' – HOW DO THEY KNOW? You can't go on the authority of feelings i.e. it feels good! The heroin addict will tell you 'It feels good!'

- $1\ \text{Co}\ 14:15$ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
- 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou savest?
- 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.
- 18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

These are the words of an apostle with the apostolic gift! Note Paul said that 10,000 words in an unknown tongue are NOT worth 5 words that you can understand!!!

Why don't Christians TODAY put the emphasis on the FIVE WORDS with understanding rather than the 10,000 WITHOUT?

 $1\,$ Co $\,14{:}20\,$ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

So in other words let's GROW UP & face the FACTS of what the Bible says rather than what your preacher, teacher or pastor says! What does the Bible teach! That is what we should really seek for i.e. the TRUTH!

1 Co 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

Now to whom was the law given? Beginning at Exodus 19 God gave the law to Moses. Moses read that law in the hearing of the nation of ISRAEL. The nation of Israel accepted the law & confirmed/sanctioned it as their rules & guidelines for living as one nation under God. No other nation on the face of the earth was ever given that law. It was binding upon no Gentile unless he chose to become a proselyte to Judaism. And in the law it was written that God would speak to His people (i.e. Hebrews) with men of OTHER TONGUES!

1 Co 14:22 Wherefore (i.e. because of this Bible truth) tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

Thus, by definition from Mark 16 - Acts 2, from Acts 10 - Acts 19, & from 1 Cor 12 - 14, SIGNS were given to Jewish apostles for use in CONFIRMING THE WORD. In each case this sign gift of tongues was manifest because there were Jews present who were in a state of unbelief. There is no record in the Bible of tongues being used when believers were gathered as a local church! And, if an unbeliever came into a place like the carnal church at Corinth, where HUMAN 'spirits' were leading men to 'babble' into the air, he would think he was in a madhouse, NOT the house of God!

- $1\ \text{Co}\ 14:23$ If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?
- 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
- 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.
- 26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
- 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.
- 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
- 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
- 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
- 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

When these Corinthians spoke in tongues no one learned anything & no one was comforted. If some among them did speak unto men to edification, exhortation & comfort (*i.e. the definition of prophesying -* **But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.**), all could learn & all could be comforted. This is why the Lord told us earlier that prophecy was a BETTER gift!

1 Cor 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

So, according to the word of God, if the above procedures are violated we may be dealing with the flesh seeking a 'feeling', or we may be dealing with the manifestation of unclean spirits, but we certainly are NOT seeing God's Holy Spirit at work!

After the authority of the Bible & the matter of tongues, the 3rd most hated subject on the face of the earth is the role the word of God gives to women for their happiness & protection... 1 Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

How clear can you get?

If a woman speaks in the church rather than keeping silent, as commanded in both OT & NT by the Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures, we may be in the midst of a 'spirit' led church service, But it certainly is not the Holy Spirit leading the service!!!

God gave His word so that we would NOT be deceived & led into error by the sleight of men & cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

God has laid out in His word some clear rules for this matter of speaking in tongues & how it would be manifest if it truly was a working from God. Disobeying the word of God can never bring any joy to the person of God!

If you put a stop to every church service where more than one person is speaking in tongues at one time, or where someone spoke a word of gibberish without an interpreter, or where a woman spoke out rather than kept her God given place of silence in the assembly, this 'modern day' tongues movement would stop overnight!

Something being conducted in a fashion so CONTRARY to the plain teachings of Scripture CANNOT possibly be of God!

1Co 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

The Scriptures ARE the WORD OF GOD! No man wrote this Book; God did! 1 Th 2:13 **For** this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Now Christian, it is either your 'Final Authority' or it is not! You either obey the word of God or disobey it; it's your choice!

Any man or woman who thinks themselves spiritual, or Spirit filled or Spirit led will SUBMIT to the authority of the word of God!

These verse we have read are NOT suggestions or recommendations; these verses do NOT contain ideas to be debated. These Scriptural teachings are to be obeyed!

The Holy Spirit will lead us to acknowledge that...

1) If a man says he speaks in tongues but is merely babbling, he is controlled by his OWN 'spirit' or an unclean spirit, but NOT God's Holy Spirit, for EVERY Bible case of speaking in tongues involves a known language!

2) If a man speaks in a language not known to himself, but no one in the church interprets, he is controlled by his OWN 'spirit' or an unclean spirit, but NOT God's Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit will not go against the commandments of the Lord & His word!

- 3) If more than one man speaks in tongues at the same time, or more than three men speak in tongues in the church, they are under the influence of their OWN 'spirit' or an unclean spirit, but NOT the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit will not go against the word of God!
- 4) If a woman speaks in tongues in the church she is being provoked to do so by her OWN 'spirit' or an unclean spirit, but NOT the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit will NOT go against the word of God!

Now these 4 points are Scriptural; if you disobey them you disobey God & His word!

So let us briefly review what we have talked about so far...

- 1) Tongues are a gift of the Holy Spirit
- 2) Tongues are a SIGN to unbelieving Jews, who require a SIGN
- 3) Tongues accompany the apostolic ministry
- 4) Tongues are a known language, not jumbled up nonsensical syllables, unknown to the speaker
- 5) Tongues were given by God throughout the course of the apostolic ministry to CONFIRM the word of the apostles to the Jews
- 6) Tongues, if used in the church, will NEVER be used by more than one individual at a time, & NEVER by more than three persons per gathering
- 7) Tongues, if used in the church, will be interpreted
- 8) Tongues, if used in the church, will NEVER be used by women!

These points are taken from the Scriptures; they are not opinions!

Turn with me please to **Ephesians 4v8-16**

Ephesians presents the church of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The book of Ephesians does not record the history of a transitional period as does the book of Acts. There is no more question about SIGNS, WONDERS & MIRACLES to get things started. We are dealing with the body of Christ, the truth of which has been revealed to & through the apostle Paul.

In Ephesians we are dealing with the doctrines that concern the members of the body described in 1 Corinthians.

The purpose of the spiritual gifts as listed in the book of Ephesians is the PERFECTING of the saints! Remember 'PERFECT' in 1 Corinthians was a reference to the ultimate aim of the individual believer as he grows in grace!

God gave the gifts listed here for the PERFECTION of the saints. **Note here the SIGN gifts** that are listed!!!

There is NO mention of HEALINGS, INTERPRETATIONS, TONGUES, or MIRACLES!

This confirms again that the SIGN gifts were given to the apostles to CONFIRM the word!

Once the word was received & a local church established, the need was growth to 'perfection!' That is the purpose for the manifestation of the gifts listed here.

These gifts were given for the work of the ministry. The theme of Ephesians is the Church of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the Head. The ministry of this Church, once it grew beyond its infancy, was to become like the Lord Jesus; to be a visible manifestation on earth of the risen Lord in heaven. Why are the SIGN gifts NOT listed here?

Because they contribute nothing to this end! They do NOT assist in the Holy Spirit's work of fitly joining & compacting the members of the body into a Christ honouring unity!

The verses quoted teach that these gifts were given for the edification of the body of Christ. The proper use of TONGUES was to signify truth to the unbeliever & the improper use of TONGUES was the self-edification of a believer. Hence, when the Lord lists the gifts which EDIFY the body, TONGUES DOES NOT APPEAR!!!

Therefore we are told in Eph 4v14 'That we henceforth be no more children,' Note this links in with 1 Corinthians 13v11 'When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.' A 'childish' Christian will remain tossed about by every wind of doctrine & will be so easily deceived by the sleight of men & will be taken in by the cunning craftiness of deceivers! (Eph 4v14) As Christians we need to mature & NOT be 'baby' Christians!

Now let us briefly look at a few verses the Pentecostals (P) & Charismatics (C) use to support their 'case' for speaking in 'babblings & gibberish' as a 'heavenly' language...

Ro 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The P & C standard line is that 'we don't know the words to say', so we just continue to repeat (nonsensical) syllables (Mat 6:7 **But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do:**) & soon the Holy Spirit will take over & pray to God for you in a 'heavenly' language! This argument is soon 'blown out of the water' by verse 26 of Rom 8... **the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

The P & C also use 2 Cor 12v1-4... It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

- 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
- 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
- 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

The P & C picks up on 'heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.' Even if this passage did mention a heavenly language, WHICH IT DOES NOT, the words state clearly that these words were not beyond the capabilities of human speech, but that God had passed a law forbidding them to be spoken!

The P & C also use Eph 6v17+18... And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The P & C tell us that praying IN THE SPIRIT means praying IN TONGUES! Does this mean that the command to WALK IN THE SPIRIT (Gal 5v16) means to 'WALK IN TONGUES?'

To pray in Jesus' name is to pray so that He may agree with us in His intercession before the Father.

The P & C also use 3 references to John being IN THE SPIRIT, from the book of Revelation...

- 1) Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.
- 2) Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- 3) Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

You've got to be desperate to try to prove from these verses a 'heavenly language!'

Note also in all 3 cases the 'spirit' is all in the 'lower case!' - Interesting!

There IS a Heavenly language but every time the Bible identifies it, it is Hebrew!!!

Drawing to a conclusion I want to run through a list titled...

Fifty things you should know about TONGUES & healing!

(by James Melton)

(Note this list also includes information & Scriptures to do with 'healing' even though we are focusing on 'TONGUES')

- 1) The Jews, as a nation, began with SIGNS (Rom 4v11, Exo 4v8+9+17+28+30, Exo 7v3, Exo 8v23, Exo 10v1+2, Exo 13v9, Exo 31v13+17, Deut 4v34, Deut 6v22)
- 2) The OT Jews lived by SIGNS (Deut 11v18, Jos 4v6, 1 Sam 10v7, 2 Kings 19v29, Isa 7v14, Isa 38v7+22, Eze 4v3, Eze 20v12+20)
- 3) The Jews demanded SIGNS from the Lord Jesus Christ (Mat 12v38, Mat 16v1-4, Mat 24v3, John 2v18, John 6v30)
- 4) The Jews require a SIGN, not the Gentiles (1 Cor 1v22, John 4v48)
- 5) According to the Lord Jesus , the gifs of TONGUES & healing are SIGNS (Mark 16v16-20)
- 6) These SIGNS were for the purpose of CONFIRMING the word of God (Acts 14v3, Heb 2v3+4
- 7) These SIGNS were spoken of in the PAST tense in 2 Cor 12v12 & in Heb 2v3+4, NOT in the present or future tense
- 8) Those who still look for SIGNS & WONDERS today are on dangerous ground, for the Antichrist will deceive the world with SIGNS & WONDERS (Rev 13v13+14, 2 Thes 2v8-12)
- 9) The Lord Jesus said that an evil & adulterous generation seeks after a SIGN (Mat 12v39)

- 10) The Bible speaks of various spiritual gifts to believers, but tongues & healing are NEVER emphasised more than the other gifts (1 Cor 12v4-11)
- 11) The gifts of tongues & healing were NOT considered the best gifts (1 Cor 12v28-31)
- 12) The gift of healing was a SIGN (Mark 16v17+18, Exo 4v6-8, 2 Kings 20v8+9)
- 13) It is not God's will for all Christians to be healed (2 Cor 12v5-10)
- 14) The apostle Paul could not heal himself (2 Cor 12v5-10)
- 15) Near the end of his ministry, Paul could not heal Trophimus (2 Tim 4v20)
- 16) Instead of healing Timothy, Paul gave him medical advice (1 Tim 5v23)
- 17) Contrary to the 'modern faith healers,' 'love gifts' & 'faith offerings' were NOT a part of the healing ministries of the disciples (Mat 10v8+9)
- 18) A Christian who hasn't confessed his sins & repented of them has no business expecting God to heal him of anything (Psa 6v1-4, Psa 41v4, 2 Chro 7v14, Hos 5v10-13, 1 Cor 11v29-32, Jam 5v14-16, 1 John 1v7-10)
- 19) If modern faith healers really have the gift of healing, then they should prove their ministry by visiting hospitals & nursing homes & healing the sick, rather than writing books, holding healing meetings & begging for money on television (2 Tim 4v5, Mat 10v8-16, 1 Tim 6v5-10)
- 20) Satan has the power to heal & this will cause millions to be led astray in the coming Tribulation period (Rev 13v1-4 + 12)
- 21) The gift of tongues was given as a SIGN (Mark 16v17, 1 Cor 14v22)
- 22) The gift of tongues was the supernatural ability of some Christians to speak in foreign languages in the presence of unbelieving Jews (Acts 2v7-11)
- 23) God has never caused or commanded Christians to speak in UNKNOWN tongues (Mark 16v17, Acts 2v4, 1 Cor 12v10, 1 Cor 14)
- 24) The Bible NEVER says once, that tongues is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost
- 25) There is NO baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1 Cor 14

- 26) Paul said that all true Christians were baptised INTO the body of Christ BY the Holy Ghost (1 Cor 12v13), & all true Christians were sealed with the Holy Ghost until the day of redemption (Eph 4v30), BUT all Christians did NOT speak in tongues! (1 Cor 12v29-31)
- 27) The Bible NEVER says that baptism of the Holy Ghost is a 2nd Christian experience or blessing!
- 28) The baptism of FIRE is the condemnation of the WICKED in Hell (Mat 3v11+12), NOT being 'on fire for the Lord'

- 30) If a person does NOT have the Spirit of Christ, he has no business waiting for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, because he doesn't even belong to Christ (Rom 8v9)
- 31) Pentecost was never a religious movement, or a religious experience. It was a Jewish feast day which always occurred fifty days after the Passover (Lev 23v15-22)
- 32) Jesus said that when the Holy Ghost came He (the Holy Ghost) would not speak of Himself, because He would glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (John 16v13-14)
- 33) NO Christian in the Bible is ever told to pray, preach or praise God in tongues!
- 34) The disciples received the Holy Ghost in John 20v22, but they did NOT speak in tongues when this happened
- 35) The filling of the Spirit in Acts 4v31 & Eph 5v18-20 does NOT include speaking in tongues!
- 36) When speaking of spiritual gifts in Ehp 4v8-12, Paul does NOT mention tongues!
- 37) There were only three cases in the book of Acts where people spoke in tongues (NOT unknown tongues), & these tongues were a SIGN to the Jews EACH time, because the Jews require a SIGN (Acts 2v1-11, Acts 10v44-46, Acts 19v6-8, 1 Cor 1v22, 1 Cor 14v22)
- 38) The former & latter rain of Joel 2 has NOTHING to do with Acts 2 or the modern-day Charismatic movement, because the rain of Joel 2 is literal wet rain from the sky in Israel (Joel 2v1-31)
- 39) Tongues are NOT even mentioned in the list of spiritual gifts in Rom 12v6-8
- 40) Although tongues (NOT unknown tongues) were permitted in 1 Cor 14 (because there was a Jewish synagogue in Corinth Acts 18v1-4), they were NOT encouraged because tongues did NOT edify the church (1 Cor 14v4+5+26)
- 41) It is better to speak five words clearly than ten thousand with an unknown tongue (1 Cor 14v19)
- 42) No more than three people were allowed to speak in tongues in the church assembly, & then only one could speak at a time (1 Cor 14v27)
- 43) No one was permitted to speak in tongues in the church without an interpreter (1 Cor 14v27+28)
- 44) Women were NOT allowed to speak in tongues in the church (1 Cor 14v34+35)
- 45) Those who did speak in tongues (foreign languages) had power over their own spirit (1 Cor 14v32)
- 46) A religious man who doesn't bridle his tongue is deceived & he has vain religion (James 1v26)
- 47) Many 'seducing spirits' are in the world & it is every Christian's duty to 'try' these spirits (1 Tim 4v1, 1 John 4v1, Rev 2v2)

- 49) He that is spiritual judges all things! (1 Cor 2v15)
- 50) Teaching the Scriptural truth about SIGNS, healing & TONGUES is NOT a matter of being mean, prejudiced, or intolerant. It is simply a matter of obeying the command to RIGHTLY DIVIDE God's word (2 Tim 2v15)

Extra notes...

Tongues, wherever you find them in the Bible ARE LANGUAGES! – Acts 2v4+6+9-11, Acts 26v14, Ezra 4v7, Dan 1v4, Rev 9v11

Tongues were for a SIGN as prophesised... Isa 28v11-13 / 1 Cor 14v21+22

Where is there ONE instance in the Bible of the use of tongues in PRIVATE devotions?

Pr 25:14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

2 Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

Signs given for accreditation

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m Mr}\ 16:20$ And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and <u>confirming the word with signs following</u>. Amen.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Isa 35v1-10

Ac 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, <u>a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you,</u> as ye yourselves also know:

They either accredited God's man...

Exo 4v1-10

Joh 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

 $2\ \text{Co}\ 12:12$ Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

...or God's message...

Mr 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Ac 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; <u>and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.</u>

Jews require a SIGN...

Exo 4v30+31 Exo 31v13 Num 14v11 Judg 6v17 1 Sam 10v7-9 Isa 7v11+14 Eze 4v3 Mat 12v38+39 Mat 24 v3+30 Mark 8v11+12 Luke 2v12+34

The four SIGN gifts in Mark 16v17+18...

- 1) Cast out devils
- 2) Speak in tongues
- 3) Take up deadly serpents
- 4) Healing

ALL can be found in the book of Acts...

- 1) Ac 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
- 2) Ac 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
- 3) Ac 28:3-5 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.
- 4) Ac 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

The SIGN gifts were 'temporary'...

Directed to the Jews!

The SIGN of tongues was to be a specific warning of imminent judgement upon Israel at various times in their history...

- 2) Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
- 3) Jer 5:15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.
- 4) 1 Co 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

In AD 70 this judgement came! Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans & the nation dispersed. There is NO Biblical record of any SIGN manifested AFTER this date! When the SIGN was fulfilled the SIGN ceased!

2 Pe 1:19 teaches that the GIFT of prophecy was REPLACED by the WRITTEN word of God... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

- 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- 1 John 2:20 emphasises that the GIFT of knowledge has been REPLACED by the WRITTEN word of God... **But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.**
- 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

The Devil can do SIGNS & wonders...

Exo 7v10-12 Exo 7v22 Exo 8v7 Mark 13v21-23 2 Cor 11v13-15 2 Thes 2v9 Rev 13v13+14

The Biblical usage for the word 'tongue' is ALWAYS a KNOWN language...

Gen 10v5+20 Deut 28v49 Ezra 4v7 Acts 21v40 Acts 22v2 Rev 5v9 Rev 7v9 Rev 13v7

Amen.

Women in Ministry!

1 Timothy 2v11+12...' Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.'

The following figures I'm about to give you are now a little out of date, **they are much 'higher' these days,** but you'll get the gist...

- 1) There are more than 4,000 licensed & ordained women in the AOG
- 2) There are over 1,225 ordained Southern Baptist women
- 3) The United Methodist Church has ordained women since 1956 & today has more than 4,700 women 'clergy'
- 4) The Presbyterian Church (USA) has over 2,400 female leaders
- 5) The United Church of Christ has over 1,800 female leaders
- 6) The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has over 1,300 ordained women
- 7) As of 1994, 16 of the 30 independent Anglican communions around the world have approved ordination of women priests
- 8) The Episcopal Church in the USA has more than 1,000 women priests
- 9) The General Synod of the 'mother church' in England endorsed the concept of female priests in 1993
- 10) The church of Scotland approved ordination of women in 1968 & now has over 100
- 11) Leaders of YWAM (Youth with a Mission) appointed their first female director in March 2000? To oversee a 200 member staff in Switzerland. Loren Cunningham spoke out strongly against what he called 'cultural bias' against women & said that God's blessing might be removed if YWAM did not commission female leaders!
- 12) Women now compromise at least a third of the student population at the leading interdenominational divinity schools at Yale & Harvard
- 13) The National Council of Churches survey showed that 84 of the 166 denominations now ordain women

The reason why the woman's role in the church is SUCH AN ISSUE TODAY is because the 'world' has had such an influence on the church rather than the church influencing the world!

The feminist movement along with marketing, advertising & the rest of the media has bombarded us 24 hours a day with brainwashing that men ought to be more like women & women ought to be more like men; we are the same the world tells us; there is NO difference!

The above facts are evidence of the <u>apostasy</u> of the hour! Men & women in the world, having rejected Bible truth, are confused about the most basic things. Many men are trying to be like women in dress & manner, while many women are demanding the right to be like men, to dress like men, to do the same work as men, to play the same sports as men, to fight in armies like men. They want equal pay for equal work; they are demanding a man's place in society, at home & in the church!

Sadly the church is *always* affected by society. Thus the rebellion of women in the world is causing similar problems in the church, & we find women demanding leadership roles in many Christian groups!

We do not realise how powerful the TV is when it comes to propaganda & brainwashing us into thinking like the devil wants us to think. The only way to combat the enemy is by reading, studying & living the Scriptures, which most Christians DON'T do!

For 1900 years the woman's role was never an issue but with the invention of TV & such likes, now women want equal rights on everything, we are all the same & there is NO DIFFERENCE!

BUT the Bible, GOD'S WORD, says <u>THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!</u> We are going to look at this over the next few studies!

The Bible speaks too clearly on this subject for there to be any confusion. The problem is that churches too often are looking to sources, *other* than the Bible for guidance! *'Well the church down the road believes women should have a leadership role & look how big that church is; they have over 400 members, they must be right!'* REALLY?

God loves women as much as He does men. Women are as important to the home, church & society as men are. In Jesus Christ, women enjoy the same spiritual position & blessings before God as men do.

This does not mean, though, there is no difference in men & women in their appearance & in their roles

There is a basic truth which needs to be restated in the church & society today; MEN & WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT!

Men & women were made for different roles. The NT affirms that MEN are to be the leaders in the home, church & society. Women were not created to rule these divine institutions; MEN were!

It is interesting to note the following FACTS FROM the Bible...

- 1) Adam was FIRST formed THEN Eve!
- 2) Christ didn't choose one woman when He chose the 12 apostles, they were ALL men
- 3) Not one woman was used to record any book of the Scriptures
- 4) Under the Law 'Priests' were restricted to males from the tribe of Levi
- 5) Bishops, elders, pastors & deacons are ALL male roles according to Scripture
- 6) There is no such thing as a 'deaconess' in the Scriptures!
- 7) There is NOT one woman preacher mentioned in the NT church according to the Scriptures!
- 8) Not one sermon preached in the Bible was preached by a woman!
- 9) In Acts 6v1-4 when the 12 apostles chose 7 people to take some of the burden from them so they could continue to give themselves to prayer & to the ministry of the word, they chose 7 MEN
- 10) Moses was told to gather 70 MEN And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.
- 11) Moses was told to send out MEN to spy out the land of Canaan Num 13v1-3 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.
- 12) The serpent was in the garden before Adam but he never tried to deceive Adam, he went straight for the woman when she came onto the scene, why? *We shall look at this a little later!*
- 13) When the Bible talks about the gathering together of the saints i.e. in the church, the assembly, it always insists upon male leadership & that has never been a problem UNTIL this Laodicean Church Age!
- 14) God's chosen people, the nation of Israel, descended FROM Patriarchs & NOT Matriarchs – they did NOT descend from Sarah, Rebecca & Rachel, they descended from Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
- 15) God established the Messianic line through Kings & NOT Queens
- 16) When God Almighty came into this world in the flesh He came as a MAN & NOT a woman
- 17) The Scriptures state plainly that the woman is a weaker vessel 1 Pet 3v7 Likewise,

ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, <u>as unto the weaker vessel</u>, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.' We shall look at this Scripture in more depth later!

Note also in regard to the woman's SILENCE as quoted in our verse 1 Tim 2v11+12...

- 1 Cor 14:33 For God is <u>not the author of confusion</u>, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
- 34 Let your women <u>keep silence in the churches</u>: for it is <u>not permitted unto them to speak</u>; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
- 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
- 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?
- 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

The Bible commands WOMEN to be silent in the churches NOT MEN! That is a COMMANDMENT from the Lord!

The Scriptures are PLAIN & CLEAR that a woman should not teach, speak or usurp authority over the man IN THE CHURCH GATHERING. They should not <u>usurp</u> authority over the man anywhere, including the home etc.

Now that is a hard thing to take in for the <u>carnal</u> worldly woman, **BUT that is what God has stated in His word!**

Now some woman start jumping up & down because of this, BUT these are NOT godly or spiritual women otherwise they would want to OBEY the Scriptures.

Now when it comes to prayer IN THE CHURCH I find this a little harder to prove from the Scriptures, BUT I would say this... (We SHALL come back to this issue!)

As far as I can see in the Scriptures...

1) There isn't one case of a woman praying ALOUD in church in the NT

Can you find a Scripture to overthrow that statement?

Question - If a woman cannot preach or teach in the church what about if someone who we work with i.e. a man asks us a question in relation to our faith, what then? Can a woman teach then?

Let us look at an example...

Acts 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, <u>knowing only the baptism of John.</u>

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when <u>Aquila and Priscilla</u> had heard, <u>they</u> took him unto <u>them</u>, and <u>expounded</u> unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Here a man who only knew the baptism of John was preaching in the Synagogue & Aquila & Priscilla took him unto them i.e. privately, & expounded unto Apollos the way of God more perfectly! The Bible never forbids women to expound in private but they must be silent IN THE CHURCH! There is a difference when it comes to the gathering of the saints as a church, as the Body of Christ!

Now I've had a number of 'dealings' i.e. talks, plus correspondence with so called 'women pastors', 'Deaconesses' etc. which is ANTI-Scriptural. Nowhere in the NT is there a woman

pastor, or Bible teacher (where men are present!) in the church assembly.

I have written to a number of women 'pastors / leaders' asking them to show me from the Scriptures where it says they can occupy the office they do? *Not one has ever written back; I wonder why?* Because they CANNOT prove FROM THE SCRIPTURES that they are doing right in the occupation of the role they have taken i.e. 'pastor, elder, bishop, deaconess etc'

Now as stated previously, we have been so influenced by the world today that church order, God's order, has been turned on its head. Women want to do men's jobs & men want to do women's jobs YET ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE WE ARE DIFFERENT & HAVE DIFFERENT ROLES TO PLAY!

When a women heads up the household IT IS WRONG ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE!

When a women gets up to preach & teach in church (where men are present) IT IS WRONG ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE!

Now, you can of course DISOBEY the Scriptures, but be it on your head!

God is a God of order & NOT confusion; He knows what is best for us!

Now according to 1 Cor 14 which we read a portion of earlier, Paul said in v37 **If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** Note the commandments of the Lord! Are you spiritual? If so you will **obey** the commandments of the Lord!

In 1 Timothy the apostle gives the very same instructions concerning women, & this epistle was said to have been written to teach the proper order for churches in general. But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim 3v15)

The things contained in 1 Timothy are general instructions about church order to be obeyed by all churches in every century; & it is in this book, the book which contains the standards for church leaders, that God has FOBIDDEN women from taking authority over, or teaching, men! That is absolutely clear!

In giving instructions about women in the church, the Holy Spirit referred back to the original order of creation – Adam FIRST & then Eve. The Holy Spirit, in guiding Paul's pen, used this order of creation to prove that women must not take authority over the men. Don't forget that Adam was NOT deceived & the serpent never targeted Adam even though Adam was here first!

For Adam was <u>first formed</u>, then Eve. And <u>Adam was not deceived</u>, but <u>the woman being deceived</u> was in the transgression. (1 Tim 2v13) The woman was deceived!

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the <u>weaker vessel</u>, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. (1 Pet 3v7) The word of God says that the woman is the WEAKER vessel; the word of God says it!

Just according to these few Scriptures we can see that the woman has a different makeup than man! She was designed for a different role in life – that of a wife & mother! Her emotional, psychological & rational makeup is geared perfect for this, but she was NOT designed for leadership! Now again, that is hard to swallow for some women in this day & age; but it is the truth!

In the garden of Eden the devil deceived the woman BUT this was NOT true of Adam. He sinned, but he was NOT deceived; he knew what he was doing & is a picture of Christ regarding this i.e. Christ 'willingly' laid down His life for the church!

Eve had allowed herself to be thrust into a position of decision making, she was not supposed to occupy! She should have sought her husband regarding the situation!

Why does the Bible, Gods' Holy Word, the Book that God has written, state that the woman is a WEAKER vessel? Because she is! She is oftentimes more emotional, more sensitive, more caring, more loving, more gentle & MORE EASILY DECEIVED!

For the spiritual & godly woman this is NOT hard to take on board BUT for the carnal woman this goes 'right against the grain!'

John R Rice writes...

In the Bible several women were called prophetesses, including...

- 1) Miriam (Exo 15v20)
- 2) Deborah (Judges 4v4)
- 3) Huldah (2 Kings 22v14)
- 4) Noadiah (Neh 6v14)
- 5) Anna (Luke 2v36)
- 6) Four daughters of Philip (Acts 21v9)

Some people who never studied this matter think that prophetesses were preachers! But they were NOT!

It is never mentioned that a single one of these prophetesses preached or addressed public congregations of people in any way. Prophetesses did NOT preach; they did not do the work of a pastor or Bible teacher!

To prophesy means to speak by divine revelation. A prophecy is a special revelation by the Spirit of God. A prophet is a man who receives a divine revelation. A prophetess is a woman who receives divine revelation concerning the future.

Prophets (masculine) were sometimes also preachers. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel & Ezekiel all preached. But they were primarily prophets, that is, they received divine revelation of what should happen to Israel. They were also preachers, though they are called prophets. But prophetesses NEVER preached in the Bible. They received brief divine revelation to give to individuals, but were NEVER sent to preach, to address public assemblies as expounders of the Word, nor to do the work of a pastor or evangelist.

The work of a prophet is indicated in Deut 18v22 - When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Drawing to a close let us look at Deborah for a moment...

Judges 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

- 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.
- 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?
- 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.
- 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.
- 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And

Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Deborah, the prophetess in the OT, did NOT preach & she took NO authority over men!

Deborah lived under a palm tree & the children of Israel came up to her for judgement. There was no government in the land. When two neighbours had a dispute & could not come to an agreement, they said, 'We will go & ask Deborah to decide!' So they came to Deborah & she would advise, possibly by divine revelation, how to settle the difference. And those who wished would take her decision. She had no authority.

Note that the prophecy of Deborah given in Judges 4v6+7 is a divine revelation. Note that it takes less than two verses to record it, & note that it was addressed to one man, Barak.

In verse 9 God gave Deborah a further revelation in this phrase, 'for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' & shows that Barak's insistence on taking Deborah with him displeased the Lord! Deborah was NOT a preacher, nor a leader. God did NOT want her leading the army. She did not take authority over men & did NOT teach men! She simply delivered a brief message from God to Barak!

One more case before closing!

Miriam!

Miriam, the sister of Moses & of Aaron, is called a prophetess in Exodus 15v20+21. There we are told that... Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD... Miriam led WOMEN in singing! She NEVER led men in singing nor preached to men!

But Miriam the prophetess was used of God as a startling object lesson to women who seek authority & leadership in religious matters, & God cursed her with leprosy for her sin!

Read Numbers 12v1-15

Note that Miriam & Aaron said, 'Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us?' Miriam & Aaron were both in the same sin & in verse 9 the Scripture says...' **And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them**...'

God was angry with Miriam & with Aaron because each of them wanted to usurp authority. BUT ONLY MIRIAM WAS STRICKEN WITH LEPROSY FOR HER SIN!!!

The difference was that Aaron had been appointed of God as the high priest. Aaron was a man & was given a man's place. So Miriam's sin was much more wicked than that of Aaron, & God made of her an appalling object lesson to all women who would seek to take authority or leadership over men or alongside them!

Miriam was a prophetess, but even a woman who is a prophetess sins terribly against God when she seeks leadership as a preacher, teacher or leader over men!

In conclusion...

The rise of women preachers has meant the rise of multiplied sects & cults such as...

- 1) The Fox sisters & Spiritism
- 2) Mrs White & 7th Day Adventism
- 3) Mrs Mary Baker Eddy & 'Christian' Science
- 4) Mrs Filmore & 'Unity'
- 5) Mrs Aimee Semple McPherson & the so called 'Foursquare Gospel'
- 6) Pentecostalism & its vast majority of women preachers with the heresy of

the 'sinless perfection' doctrine, radical emotionalism, overemphasis on 'speaking in tongues' & healing!

The trouble is today there is such effeminate preaching in the pulpits; churches are seen as 'effeminate' & therefore very few churches have men as the 'majority' in the congregation! The 'MAN'S MAN' is seldom seen today therefore few men are drawn into the church!

Often times preachers are milksops rather than men who have a cutting edge & "TELL IT LIKE IT IS!"

Are YOU?

Amen.

Should a Christian drink alcohol?

1Ti 3v3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

See also Titus 1v7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Now here comes ANOTHER 'controversial' topic - 'Should a Christian drink alcohol?'

It's interesting to note that when the Scriptures talk about the office of a bishop/elder/pastor, it mentions about WINE! Interesting!

Now this study on wine was a real eye opener for me & I am TOTALLY convinced that it is WRONG for any Christian to TOUCH a drop of alcohol...

The first thing to look at is the word 'WINE!' Does it always refer to FERMENTED i.e. alcoholic wine in the Scriptures? If so Jesus drank alcoholic wine; He also turned the water into alcoholic wine!

Webster's dictionary states 'Wine, the FERMENTED juice of grapes; 'MUST' – the UNFERMENTED juice of the grape!' (Must (mustum), is the expressed juice of the grape!)

Let me start with a few 'quotes...'

'The indispensable conditions for fermentation are the exact proportions of sugar, of gluten or yeast (i.e. leaven!), & of water, with the temperature of the air ranging between 50 degrees to 75 degrees.'

Count Chaptal, the eminent French chemist, says, 'Nature NEVER forms spirituous liquors; she rots the grape upon the branch; but it is art which converts the juice into (alcoholic) wine.'

Professor Turner, in his Chemistry, says of alcohol, 'It does NOT exist already formed in plants, but is a product of fermentation.'

Adam Fabroni, an Italian writer, says, 'Grape juice does NOT ferment in the grape itself.'

Professor Donovan, in his work on Domestic Economy, mentions 3 methods by which all fermentation could be prevented...

- 1) Grape-juice will NOT ferment when the air is completely excluded
- 2) By boiling down the juice, or, in other words, evaporating the water, the substance becomes a syrup, which if very thick will NOT ferment
- 3) If the juice be filtered & deprived of its gluten (i.e. yeast), or ferment, the production of alcohol will be impossible

Dr Ure said that fermentation may be tempered or stopped by the separation of the YEAST, either by the filter or subsidence.

Parkinson, in his Theatrum Botanicum said 'The juice pressed out of the ripe grapes is called wine!'

Dr E Smith said that 'the only form in which the unfermented juice of the grape is preserved is that of dibbs, which may be called grape molasses. Dr Smith here confirms the ancient usage of boiling the unfermented juice of the grape. The ancients called it WINE; the present inhabitants call it dibbs!'

The fabricating of an intoxicating liquor was never the chief object for which the grape was cultivated among the Jews.

The Rev Dr Jacobus, commenting on the wine made by Christ, says: 'This wine was NOT that fermented liquor which passes now under that name. All who know of the wines then used will understand rather the UNFERMENTED juice of the grape. The present wines of Jerusalem & Lebanon, as we tasted them, were commonly boiled & sweet, without intoxicating qualities, such as we here get in liquors called wines. The boiling prevents the fermentation. Those were esteemed the best wines which were least strong!'

A familiar illustration & confirmation may be had from the expressed juice of the apple. If the fresh unfermented apple-juice is NOT cider, what is it? Every boy, straw in hand, knows that it is cider – so does every farmer & housewife. After it has fermented, it is also called cider. It is a generic word (generic = general application), applicable to the juice of the apple in all its stages; thus the same is with the word WINE.

Grape juice is called wine whether boiled, filtered, subsided or fumigated. Nicandor says 'And Aeneus, having squeezed the juice into hollow cups, called it wine'

Greeks as well as Hebrews called the fresh juice WINE!

Professor M Stuart, on pages 44 & 45 of his Letter to Dr Nott, published 1848, mentions that some forty years ago Judge Swift told him that, when the Hon. O. Elsworth, the first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, was on his way to France as ambassador, accompanied by Judge Swift, of Connecticut, as secretary, they were shipwrecked & cast upon the coast of Spain. On their way to Paris, among the mountains of Spain, a wine was strongly urged upon them which would NOT intoxicate. Judge Swift first made the experiment upon himself. He found that it did not produce any tendency of the kind. The Chief-Justice & himself, used to drink a bottle each with their dinner, & a small bottle at night. It was found to be a precious balm to the ambassador, who had become fearfully exhausted by continued sea-sickness.

Judge Swift, continues the Professor, assured me that 'he never, before or since, tasted of anything that would bear comparison with the delicacy & exquisite flavour & refreshing effect of this wine, when taken with due preparation of cooling & mixing with water. He expressed his confident belief that a gallon of it drunk at a time, if a man could swallow down so much, would NOT affect his head in the least degree.'

Smith, in his Greek & Roman Antiquities, says 'The sweet, UNFERMENTED juice of the grape was termed 'gleukos' by the Greeks & 'mustum' by the Romans – the latter word being properly an adjective signifying new or fresh! A portion of the 'must' was used at once, being drunk fresh. When it was desired to preserve a quantity in the sweet state, an amphora was taken & coated with pitch within & without, it was filled with mustum, & corked so as to be perfectly air tight. It was then immersed in a tank of cold fresh water, or buried in wet sand, & allowed to remain for six weeks or two months. The contents, after this process, was found to REMAIN UNCHANGED for a year i.e. NON ALCOHOLIC!'

Chas. Anthon LL.D. in his dictionary of Greek & Roman Antiquities, gives the same receipt & definitions, & fully sustains the position that these preparations of the UNFERMENTED grape-juice were by the ancients known as WINE!

The Passover was celebrated with wine mixed with water. According to Lightfoot, each person – man, woman, & child, - drank 4 cups. Christ & His disciples having celebrated the Passover, He took of the bread & the wine that remained, & instituted the Lord's Supper. The wine was as we believe, the rich syrup of the grape diluted with water. This kind of 'wine' met all the requirements of the law concerning leaven – the true rendering of 'Matsah', according to Dr F.R. Lees, being UNFERMENTED things.

R.M. Pattison showed, from authorities of the highest repute plus personal observation, that the sweet wine, or UNFERMENTED juice of the grape, was of old a popular beverage in Palestine.

The conclusion to which these varied sources of PROOF bring us may thus be stated...

1) That UNFERMENTED beverages existed, & were a common drink, among the

ancients

- 2) That to preserve their sweet juices, in their hot climate, they resorted to boiling & other methods which DESTROYED the power & activity of the gluten (i.e. yeast), or effectually separated it from the juice of the grape.
- 3) That these UNFERMENTED beverages were called wines, were used, & were highly esteemed.

Professor M. Stuart says, 'Facts show that the ancients not only preserved their wine UNFERMENTED, but regarded it as of a higher flavour & finer quality than fermented wine.'

That they had INTOXICATING wines cannot be denied; all we are stating is that there were also UNFERMENTED wines used!

Let us now read some Scriptures regarding wine & strong drink...

Pr 31v4-7 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. Leaders urged NOT to drink wine or strong drink because it affects them & they may pervert judgement! We don't NEED strong drink to lift our heavy hearts for the joy of the LORD is your strength. (Neh 8v10) We don't NEED drink to help us through sorrows & trials!

Hosea 4v11 **Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.** We are NOT to let anything take away our heart! Our heart belongs to Jesus!

Isa 28v1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

Isa 28v3 **The crown of pride**, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

Isa 28v7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. What amazing verses these are! Not very positive regarding wine & strong drink are they? Wine & strong drink causes many problems; it leads your heart astray & causes you to err from the truth, from the way you should be going. It causes you & OTHERS to stumble; therefore SIMPLY DON'T DRINK! - Rom 14:21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Now think about the seriousness of that verse for a moment! What effect does your drinking have on those who are looking at you drink? Oh it's okay to drink BECAUSE 'so & so' drinks! The world saturates itself in drink; why should any Christian want to be associated with the deeds of the world? You should want to be different! Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Pr 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. If you drink YOU ARE DECEIVED! It is playing with dynamite! NO ONE starts out to be an alcoholic; remember that!

Now listen, I have given things up in my own life because I KNEW that the Bible, the Scriptures, the Word of God spoke out against these things! I gave them up TO PLEASE the Lord even though I enjoyed doing them; I knew they were wrong & through reading the word of God I KNEW I was doing WRONG when I did them! So if you drink, be honest with yourself, BEFORE God, & GIVE IT UP! You don't NEED it & it certainly does more HARM than good; any idiot can see that!

Ge 9:21 <u>And he drank of the wine</u>, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. If Noah DIDN'T drink he would have been okay!

Isa 5:11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong

drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! How many alcoholics have you seen following strong drink & drinking in the early mornings – lots of them! They drink through the day & until the WINE INFLAMES THEM! They know its killing them but they keep going, even denying food just so they can spend more money on drink! Folks, wine & strong drink is a KILLER no matter what ANY Christian says! I have seen the devastation it causes while working at the Trinity Centre, Salvation Army Hostel in Birmingham, Birmingham City Mission & at the Chester City Mission!

Christians who drink are going against the Lord & His word I believe; ALCOHOLIC drink in the Scriptures is used in a negative context 100% of the time throughout the Bible; look up the references yourselves.

Hab 2:15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Remember Noah! Who have YOU given a drink to? How many people have become alcoholics through SOMEONE ELSE giving them their FIRST drink?

What about this for an amazing SUMMERY of someone who is DRUNK...

Pr 23:29-35 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

What a SUMMERY of someone who is drunk! How true it is! You're not in control of yourself!

Eph 5:18 **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;** We are told not to be drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but when are you drunk? At what point? Therefore DON'T risk it! Don't drink!

Lu 21:34+35 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. The end is drawing near & we are told NOT to be greedy or to get DRUNK or to get too tangled up with the cares of this life; otherwise we shall be caught up in a snare! Instead we are told to... Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (Luke 21v36)

Ga 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, <u>drunkenness</u>, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, <u>that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.</u>

But I'm ONLY a social drinker! NOTICE drunkenness is listed with such likes as adultery, fornication, idolatry, witchcraft etc. Are you a SOCIAL fornicator or adulterer?

DON'T DRINK!

The Scriptures talk about 2 classes of WINE; Bad & Good!

BAD WINE...this class of texts refer to wine as...

- 1) The cause of intoxication this is not disputed!
- 2) The cause of violence & woe Pro 4v17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. Pro 23v29+30 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath

redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

- 3) The cause of self security / confidence / pride (pint of courage!) Isa 56:12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant. James 4v13-16 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Hab 2:5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: Isa 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
- 4) Poisonous & destructive Pr 23:31+32 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. It is worth noting here that with this kind of wine we are warned NOT even to look upon it, much less to drink it; & that is because its effects will be like the poisonous, deadly bite of a serpent & the equally fatal sting of the adder! De 32:33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. Hos 7v5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners. William Parker MD of New York, asks, in his address at the American Association for the cure of inebriates, 'What is alcohol?' The answer A poison!
- 5) Condemning those who are devoted to drink Isa 5:22-24 **Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink**: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 1 Cor 6v10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

6) The emblem of punishment & of eternal ruin - Ps 60v3 **Thou hast shewed thy people** hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. Psa 75v8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. Isa 51v17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. Isa 51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: (Read - Jer 25v15-21) Re 16v19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Re 14v10+11 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

GOOD WINE...this class of texts refer to wine as...

1) This wine is to be presented at the altar as an offering to God - Num 18v12 **All the best** of the oil, and all the <u>best of the wine</u>, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall <u>offer unto the LORD</u>, them have I given thee. Note here God has given us all these NATURAL products i.e. oil, wheat & WINE! These terms denote the

fruit of the soil in their NATURAL state, seems probable from the next verse... Num 18v13 And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; This was a first fruit offering, it is associated with oil, & flour, & the first fruits; it is an 'offering of wine for a sweet savour – an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the Lord.' Neh 10v37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. Note also... Neh 10v39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God. ('new wine' is found in the cluster i.e. grape juice - Isa 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster.) Note also Neh 13v5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

Now I must stop here for a moment & talk briefly about 'Leaven' -

Let us turn to some Scriptures regarding this word LEAVEN...

Ex 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat <u>unleavened bread</u>; even the first day ye shall put away <u>leaven</u> out of your houses: for whosoever eateth <u>leavened bread</u> from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be <u>cut off from Israel</u>.

Ex 12:19 Seven days shall there be no <u>leaven</u> found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is <u>leavened</u>, even that soul shall be <u>cut off</u> from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Ex~13:7~ <u>Unleavened</u> bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no <u>leavened</u> bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be <u>leaven</u> seen with thee in all thy quarters.

Ex 34:25 Thou shalt <u>not</u> offer the blood of my sacrifice with <u>leaven</u>; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

Le 2:11 No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with <u>leaven</u>: for ye shall burn no <u>leaven</u>, nor any honey, <u>in any offering of the LORD made by fire.</u>

Le 6:17 It shall <u>not</u> be baken with <u>leaven</u>. I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.

Le 10:12 And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without <u>leaven</u> beside the altar: <u>for it is most holy:</u>

Mt 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. (The gospel in the Scriptures is likened to the word of God, which in itself is Meat, Bread, Honey, Milk, Apples etc but NEVER LEAVEN or SOUR DOUGH! Note to that the church in Scripture is the Bride of Christ, His Body (Eph 5v24-33), a Wife & a Chaste Virgin but NEVER A 'WOMAN' The 'woman' of Mat 13v33 is NOT the true church! In fact it is the same 'woman' to whom the Holy Spirit calls a 'whore' in Rev 17v1-5. 'SHE' is a CITY built upon 7 mountains, who murders Christians, & whose symbol is a 'golden cup' & who loves 'purple & scarlet' (Rev 17v3+4+6+18). The 'Woman' is the Papal Roman Church! 'Three measures of meal' - Since the 'meal' is made from wheat, we have the key to the interpretation in our hand! The wheat in v38 are the children of the kingdom, (Mt 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed (wheat) are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;) & the children of the Kingdom of God IN THIS AGE are likened unto a lump of WHOLE MEAL - read 1 Cor 5v1-8. The meal here in Mat 13v33 therefore represents the Body of Christ in it's three 'professing' groups: Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox & Protestant. The teaching of this Parable is that the Roman 'Whore' (Rev 17v1-5) will slip her false doctrine/teachings into the body of Christian doctrines until all three groups are SHOT THROUGH with false doctrine! It is a prophecy of a falling away of the body of professing Christian's, & a return to the Roman Catholic system of corruption, which makes up the 'leaven of the Pharisees!') Since this parable can also be found in Luke 13v20+21,

as applying to the 'Kingdom of GOD' we may learn positively, that false doctrine is not only found in the three professing bodies of 'Christendom'; it is also found within the body of born again believers, in the Body of Christ! *Many Christians believe that this passage in Mat 13v33 is talking about the church converting the world with the gospel!*

Mt 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the <u>leaven of the Pharisees</u> and of the <u>Sadducees</u>.

Mt 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the <u>leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?</u>

Lu 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little <u>leaven leaveneth the whole lump?</u>

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the <u>old leaven</u>, that ye may be a <u>new lump</u>, <u>as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:</u>

1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with <u>old leaven</u>, neither with the <u>leaven of malice and wickedness</u>; but with the <u>unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.</u>

Ga 5:9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

So what is the SCRIPTURAL/BIBLICAL definition of leaven?

1) Leaven is sin in 'type'

2) Leaven is FALSE doctrine, ALWAYS, in EVERY case, with NO exceptions – Read Mat 16v6-12, Gal 5v9, 1 Cor 5v6-8

Leaven – Any substance that produces FERMENTATION when added to dough. Leaven may signify the dough already infected by leaven, which was put into the flour so that the leaven could pass through the entire mass before baking. The ancient Israelites would NOT eat LEAVENED bread in celebration of the Passover or even have 'leaven' in their homes during the Passover season (Exo 13v7). Why? - because leaven is sour dough, the equivalent of yeast; which, because of FERMENTATION, signified sin, decay & corruption. 1 Co 5v6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Gal 5v9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Leaven was excluded from all offerings placed on the altar to be sacrificed to God (Exo 23v18 +34v25), it was also NOT permitted in meal offerings (Lev2v11 +6v17)

Leaven was forbidden with all sacrifices, whether they were meat or peace offerings (Exo 23v18, 34v25, Lev 6v17, 7v12, 10v12). As ALL the other articles offered in worship were in their nature pure & harmless (i.e. UNFERMENTED) It is strange to say the least that wine should be the ONE exception!

So getting back to our study on GOOD WINE...

Albert Barnes on Isa 24v7 (The <u>new wine</u> mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.) says 'New wine denotes properly 'MUST', or the wine that was newly expressed from the grape & that was NOT FERMENTED, often called new wine or sweet wine!' - Isa 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the <u>new wine is found in the cluster</u>, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. Judg 9v13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

This GOOD WINE is classed among the blessings, the comforts, the necessaries of life – When the patriarch Isaac blessed his son Jacob he said **Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:** Gen 27v28. Of this blessing, Isaac said to Esau (v37) **And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him:** and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? There are many other verses we could look up in regard to the NATURAL blessings of the land DIRECT from God but time does not allow us to (see Deut 7v13, Deut 11v14, Prov 3v10, Joel 3v18, Psalm 104v14+15, Judg 9v13 etc.)

There is a strange impression, very current in our day, that nothing can cheer & exhilarate but alcoholic drinks! Is it not written in Zech 9v7 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids. (Remember Isa 65:8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster.) In referring to the nutritious qualities of the corn & wine, the prophet assigns the corn to the young men, & the new wine to the maidens! Here the new wine, THE 'MUST', or UNFERMENTED juice is APPROVED Ps 4v7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

This GOOD WINE is the emblem of spiritual blessings - Isa 55:1 **Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.** Here the prophet, in the name of God, invites all, everyone, to take this wine & milk freely & abundantly. How absurd to say, Buy milk, & drink abundantly of it, for it is innocent & nutritious, & will do you good; & then to say, Come, buy wine, an INTOXICATING beverage, which, if you drink habitually & liberally, will beget the drunkard's appetite & SHUT YOU OUT OF HEAVEN! You see there is harmony between milk & UNFERMENTED wine; its harmless & nutritious, & they properly stand as the symbols of spiritual mercies. (Look up later – Psa 104v15, Judg 9v13, Song of Sol 7v9, Prov 9v2, Song of Sol 5v1 etc)

Such is the invitation to drink abundantly, because spiritual blessings never injure, but always do good to the recipient!

This GOOD WINE is the emblem of the blood of the atonement, by which is the forgiveness of sins & eternal blessedness – In the institution of the Lord's Supper, Christ took the cup & gave thanks saying...Mat 26v26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Mark 14v22-24 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. The bread & the wine are here united, as in other Scriptures, as blessings, but in this case, as EMBLEMS of the most wonderful manifestation of the divine love to man, i.e. 1 Cor 10v16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? At the close, Christ said, Mat 26v29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. Thus the cup is associated with eternal blessedness of the heavenly kingdom!

BAD WINE

Causes intoxication, violence & woes Produces sin, ungodliness & self-destruction Is the symbol of divine wrath! An emblem of eternal damnation

GOOD WINE

Gives comfort & peace DOESN'T! A symbol of spiritual blessings An emblem of eternal salvation Professor Stuart say's 'My final conclusion is this, Whenever the Scriptures speak of wine as a comfort, a blessing, or a libation (a liquid poured out in honour to God) to God, & rank it with such articles as corn & oil, they mean, they can only mean wine as contained NO ALCOHOL that could have a mischievous tendency; that wherever they denounce it, & connect it with drunkenness & revelling, they can mean only ALCOHOLIC or INTOXICATING wine!'

But the position of the advocates of only one kind of wine is that 'the juice of the grape,' when called wine, was always fermented, &, being fermented, was always intoxicating; That fermentation is the essence of wine! ONE EXCEPTION WILL DESTROY THE UNIVERSALLY SWEEPING STATEMENT...

The wine in Egypt - Gen 40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and

pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

Plutarch affirms that before the time of Psammetichus, who lived 600 years before Christ, the Egyptians neither drank FERMENTED wine nor offered it in sacrifice.

Josephus' version of the butler's speech is as follows: He said 'that by the king's permission he pressed the grapes into a goblet, & having strained the sweet wine, he gave it to the king to drink, & he received it graciously.'

Dr Adam Clarke on Gen 40v11 'And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup. says 'From this we find that wine anciently was the mere expressed juice of the grape WITHOUT FERMENTATION. The saky, or cupbearer, took the bunch, pressed the juice into the cup, & instantly delivered it into the hands of his master. This was anciently the wine (mustum) of the Hebrews, Greeks & Latins.'

Milton says of Eve, 'For drink the grape she crushed - inoffensive must'

Now that is quite an amazing statement & I'll tell you why but BACKWARDS! First it said INNOFENSIVE MUST i.e. NON alcoholic, NOT FERMENTED, just pure blood of the grape! For the next part I want to lead you back to the FORBIDDEN fruit in the Garden of Eden! This I found incredible!...

What was the FORBIDDEN fruit in the Garden of Eden? Most people think it was an apple but the Bible does not say this; so what was it?

Gen 2v16+17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the <u>tree of the knowledge of good and evil</u>, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Now there is one FRUIT that is FORBIDDEN to eat in the Bible - Num 6v2-4 **Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD:** He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. Now I realise this was forbidden to the Nazarite but it is interesting that it is the ONLY fruit in the Scriptures that was FORBIDDEN!

Now in Mat 26v26-29 we see that grape juice (note fruit of the vine!) represents BLOOD - And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

It is interesting to note that in Deut 32v13+14 we read... He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure <u>blood</u> of the <u>grape</u>.

Blood & the grape/grape juice are connected!

Blood is also FORBIDDEN to eat in the Scriptures...

- 1) Before the Law Gen 9v4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.
- 2) During the Law Le 17:10-14 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that <u>eateth any manner of blood</u>; I will even set my face against that soul that <u>eateth blood</u>, and will cut him off from

among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

3) After the Law - Ac 15:28+29 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

So two items that were forbidden to eat were BLOOD & the GRAPE/GRAPEJUICE!

Now it is even more interesting to note the first miracle in BOTH the OT & the NT...

- 1) OT Exo 4v8+9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. Water into Blood!
- 2) NT John 2v9-11 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the <u>water that was made wine</u>, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. Water into Wine/Grape Juice!

Now WATER & BLOOD & GRAPE JUICE are connected! Life comes from WATER - Gen 1v20 And God said, Let the <u>waters bring forth</u> abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Another interesting verse is... 2 Kings 3v22 **And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the <u>water</u>, and the Moabites saw the <u>water</u> on the other side as <u>red as blood:</u>**

Another interesting verse in connection with this is... Gen 49v10+11 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh** (Shiloh is one of 7 titles of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Pentateuch (The first 5 books of the Bible) & it means the Peace Bringer or Peaceful One) **come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:**

Now in Gen 2v23 we read **And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:** she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

And when the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead He rose without Blood Luke 24v9 **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.** Why? The answer is in 1 Cor 15v50 **Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and <u>blood</u> cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

Note what trees were in the Garden of Eden...

 Gen 2v17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL

- 2) Gen 3v7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed <u>fig leaves</u> together, and made themselves aprons. FIG TREE
- 3) Gen 2v9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the <u>tree of life</u> also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. TREE OF LIFE
- 4) Gen 3v18 <u>Thorns</u> also and <u>thistles</u> shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; THORNS & THIISTLE OR BRAMBLE

Now the Bible as you know is the most incredible book in the world & it contains many intriguing & intricate details, one of which is associated with the above trees mentioned. Turn with me to Judges 9...

Starting in reverse order let us see the trees listed here & see the similarity...

- 1) Judg 9v14 Then said all the trees unto the <u>bramble</u>, Come thou, and reign over us. BRAMBLE OR THORNS & THISTLE
- 2) Judg 9v8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. Now in regard to the OLIVE TREE turn with me to Rom 11v14-24 it is talking about LIFE from the dead see v15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? Verse 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; TREE OF LIFE
- 3) Judg 9v10 And the trees said to the <u>fig tree</u>, Come thou, and reign over us. FIG TREE

4) Well what tree will the TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL BE? Judg 9v12 Then said the trees unto the <u>vine</u>, Come thou, and reign over us. VINE TREE – i.e. GRAPES!

I believe the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil was a VINE TREE hence the FORBIDDEN fruit was a GRAPE – all makes sense & seems consistent! What an amazing Book this Bible is!

Now Jesus was accused of being a winebibber - Mat 11v19 **The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a <u>winebibber</u>, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. Now some have used this verse to 'prove' that Christ drank wine! Yet we read also that He was accused of being gluttonous, & on another occasion He was accused of having a devil – John 8v48! Now if we believe the first charge on the authority of His enemies, we must believe the other 2 also, on the same authority! Of course ALL were LIES.**

The Lord's Supper

Mat 26v26+27 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; Having finished the Passover, the Lord 'took bread', UNLEAVENED, UNFERMENTED bread, & blessed it. This was done always at the Passover, & was by Christ transferred to the Supper. He gave it to His disciples as the symbol of His body!. Then He took the cup, & gave thanks. This also was done on giving the third cup at the Passover. This He also transferred, & gave it to His disciples as the symbol of His blood. We have mentioned about leaven & the representation of sin, thus the bread was UNLEAVENED i.e. UNFERMENTED & so must the wine be UNFERMENTED! Consistency! If leaven was used in any of the Passover sacrifice they were 'cut off from Israel!'

Act 13v37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. All admit that the bread was

UNLEAVENED – i.e. had not passed the FERMENTATION stage - & was, therefore, the proper emblem of the body of Christ, which saw NO corruption! For the same reason, there was a necessity that the wine should be UNFERMENTED, that it might be the fit emblem of the great sacrifice which saw NO corruption! Leaven, because it was corruption, was FORBIDDEN as an offering to God - Exo 34v25 **Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven;** If leaven was NOT allowed with the sacrifices, which were the types of the atoning blood of Christ, how much more would it be a violation of the commandment to allow leaven, or that which was fermented, to be the symbol of the blood of the atonement?

Is it probable that Christ took an INTOXICATING liquor, which in all the ages past had been the cause of misery & ruin, & which in all the ages to come would destroy myriads in temporal & eternal destruction; that He took the wine which His own inspired word declared was 'the poison of asps, the poison of serpents, the poison of dragons, whose deadly bite is like a serpent, & whose fatal sting is like an adder,' & made that the symbol of His blood atonement, saying, 'This is the New Testament in my blood?' But in the fruit of the vine, pure, UNFERMENTED, healthful, life sustaining & that which the Scriptures called the BLOOD OF THE GRAPE & the PURE BLOOD OF THE GRAPE, there was harmony in making this FRUIT OF THE VINE i.e. GOOD WINE, the symbol of atoning blood by which we have spiritual life & eternal blessedness – GRAPE [UICE!

The same reasons above could be used to prove that Jesus did not change the water into INTOXICATING wine! NEW WINE IS FOUND IN THE CLUSTER i.e. GRAPE JUICE! Alcohol is a man made substance! It is not readily found in any plant – God would NOT use it or recommend it! Dr Henry Monroe, in his lecture on Alcohol, says 'Alcohol is nowhere to be found in any product of nature; was NEVER created by God; but is essentially an artificial thing prepared by man through the destructive process of FERMENTATION!'

Who imagines, when the work of creation was finished, that alcohol could then be found in any living thing fresh from the hand of the Creator? God, by His direct act, does NOT make alcohol. The laws of nature, if left to themselves, do NOT produce alcohol! By these laws, the grapes ripen; if not eaten, they rot & are decomposed. The manufacture of alcohol is wholly man's device! Ecc 7v29 **Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.**

Summing up, Patton say's' Let one thing more be now proved, & the whole case is too clear for question. Were the 'ancients in the habit of preserving & using as such, FREE FROM FERMENTATION, this juice of the grape which they called WINE? Beyond all doubt, THEY WERE! The evidence is to be found in almost any classical authority. So say Plato, Columella, Pliny, Aristotle. So indicate Horace, Homer, Plutarch. Some of these ancient writers give in detail the very processes of boiling, filtering, & sulphurization by which the wines were preserved from fermentation.

Anthon, in his Dictionary of Greek & Roman Antiquities, Arch-bishop Potter, in his Grecian Antiquities, Smith, in his Dictionary of the Bible, & many other competent scholars, confirm & support this position.

Moses Stuart, that prince of philologists, says, 'FACTS show that the ancients not only preserved their wines UNFERMENTED, but regarded them as of higher flavour & finer quality than fermented wine!'

There were, therefore, TWO kinds of wine in ancient use. The one was sweet, pleasant, refreshing, UNFERMENTED; the other was exciting, inflaming, INTOXICATING. **Each was called wine!** We confidently believe that the time is not far distant when NO drinker, nor vender, NOR DEFENDER of alcoholic wines, will find shelter, & a house of refuge, IN THE SCRIPTURES OF GOD! Let there be light!'

In closing & summing up...

Some facts! (Regarding the USA, I haven't got the UK figures!)

- 1) 17 million Americans are said to be alcoholics!
- 2) Americans spend \$50 'billion' a year on alcohol!
- 3) Alcohol related problems cost the national economy 469 'billion' each year!
- 4) The leading cause of mental retardation is alcohol use during pregnancy!
- 5) 25,000 Americans die each year in alcohol related accidents! That's 70 a day!

6) Alcohol consumption is the leading cause of death for the 15-24 age group!

- 7) 83% of all fire fatalities are alcohol related
- 8) 68% of all drowning is alcohol related
- 9) 80% of all suicides are alcohol related
- 10) 86% of all murders are alcohol related
- 11) 65% of child abuse cases are alcohol related
- 12) At least 200,000 Americans die each year as a result of somebody else's alcohol consumption!
- 13) One out of every 18 persons who takes a drink will become an alcoholic! There is no way of knowing which one it will be. Therefore, the only way to be sure you will not live a drunkard's miserable life & die a drunkard's dreadful death is to TOTALLY ABSTAIN from wine & strong drink!
- 14) Alcohol is addictive! We are told in 1 Cor 6v12 **All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient**: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
- 15) NOTE The Bible NEVER uses the word 'wine' in describing the Lord's Supper! It is always referred to as 'the fruit of the vine', which is a GRAPE! It was grape juice NOT fermented wine! Grape juice is a picture of the Lord's BLOOD shed for us! (Deut 32v14 'and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.' is an interesting verse!) Mat 26v29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this <u>fruit of the vine</u>, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. Mark 14v25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the <u>fruit of the vine</u>, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. Luke 22v18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the <u>fruit of the vine</u>, until the kingdom of God shall come.
- 16) It is also interesting that the bread used in the Lord's Supper was 'unleavened' i.e. yeast taken out! Leaven speaks of sin in the Scriptures! Alcoholic wine needs FERMNTATION (i.e. FERMENT means a substance productive of fermentation such as <u>yeast</u>. FERMENTATION is the gradual decomposition of organic compounds induced by the action of living organisms, by enzymes, or by chemical agents; specifically, the conversion of glucose into ethyl alcohol), which typifies SIN! Therefore it would be reasonable to assume that the FRUIT of THE VINE (note NOT wine!) used in the Lord's Supper was UNFERMENTED i.e. it was just GRAPE JUICE i.e. no yeast, no sin! That is much more CONSISTENT! Unleavened bread & 'unfermented' wine a picture of NO 'SIN' IN EITHER!

- 17) The priests were forbidden to use fermented wines when they entered the holy place in the OT Tabernacle... **Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:** (Lev 10v9) These priests, entering into the Tabernacle, were types of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. If those who were types of the Great High Priest were NOT to use wine or strong drink, it seems inconceivable (incomprehensible, impossible) to us that Jesus would drink FERMENTED wine or strong drink before going to the crucifixion & entering into His high priestly work. Eze 44v21 **Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.** Jesus would NOT have drunk FERMENTED, ALCOHOLIC wine! He knew the Scriptures!
- 18) It is interesting to read Isa 65v8 **Thus saith the LORD, As the <u>new wine is found in the cluster</u>, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it... New Wine is GRAPE JUICE!**
- 19) Remember this verse we touched upon...De 32v14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. i.e. NEW WINE GRAPE JUICE!
- 20) Pr 3v9+10 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the <u>firstfruits</u> of all thine increase: So shall thy <u>barns be filled with plenty</u>, and thy <u>presses shall burst out with new wine.</u> The firstfruits, barns & presses is in regard to the GRAPE & the presses are pressing out NEW WINE i.e. GRAPE JUICE! Remember there are DIFFERENT meanings for the word WINE in Scripture!
- 21) King's & priests do NOT drink! Pr 31:4+5 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the

law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Lev 10v8+9 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: WE ARE KINGS & PRIESTS: THEREFORE WE SHOULD NOT DRINK! 1 Pet 2V9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Rev 5v9+10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

22) It is interesting that the first mention of alcoholic drink is associated with nakedness! Gen 9v20+21

With the EVIDENCE given & the OBVIOUS PROBLEMS 'alcoholic' drinks cause, alongside the CLEAR teaching of Scripture, I believe that EVERY Christian should NOT drink.

As I have said on a number of occasions, The Scriptures should be our FINAL AUTHORITY, yet if we are completely HONEST, 'WE OURSELVES' are our own FINAL AUTHORITY!

YOU will do what YOU want NO MATTER WHAT THE BIBLE says; or will you?

There is so much more I could say regarding the issue of the Christian & 'alcoholic' drink but I think the TRUTH has been preached.

For further reading I would suggest the following...

- 1) BOOZE The Devil's Nuclear Bomb By Pastor Perry F. Rockwood
- 2) Wine & The Bible By Pastor Steve Harmon
- 3) A searching look at the History, Chemistry, Industry & Legacy of ALCOHOL by T. Allan Dunlop

- 4) Liquid Devil! The BIBLE and the BOTTLE by Hugh Pyle
- 5) The Double Curse of Booze by John R. Rice
- 6) Bible Wines. Laws of Fermentation by William Patton Reading the Scriptures is ENOUGH for me NOT to drink wine BUT if there was one book that really CONVINCED me it was WRONG to drink alcohol, it was this book!
- 7) Did Jesus Drink Wine? By Dr. Paul E. Heaton
- 8) Alcoholism or Drunkenness? Sin or Disease? By James M. Resh

I think any HONEST Christian after reading this material would NEVER TOUCH A DROP OF ALCOHOL AGAIN; EVER!

Now to finish with I want to list 55 Bible references on the evils of drinking alcoholic drinks... (plus a couple of other notes!)

- 1) Gen 9v20-27 The first 'man of distinction' & the tragic consequences of his drunkenness!
- 2) Gen 19v30-38 Drinking results in Lot's debauchery of his own daughters
- 3) Lev 10v8-11 The Lord commanded Aaron & his sons not to drink either wine or strong drink while rendering service for God
- 4) Num 6v3 The vow of the Nazarite excluded drinking wine & strong drink
- 5) Deut 21v20 Drinking is one of the attributes of a stubborn, rebellious & disobedient son
- 6) Judges 13v4+7 Samson's mother was expressly commanded by the angel of the Lord not to drink wine or strong drink
- 7) 1 Sam 25v36-38 Nabal, a churlish, evil, drinking man was smitten by the Lord
- 8) 2 Sam 11v13 By the use of strong drink David led Uriah into a fatal trap
- 9) 2 Sam 13v28-29 Amnon, on drinking spree, was murdered by the servants of his brother, Absalom

10) 1 Kings 16v8-10 – While Elah, King of Israel, was 'drinking himself drunk' one of his captains who had conspired against him, killed him

- 11) 1 Kings 20v13-21 While Ben-hadad, King of Syria, & 32 other kings were drinking themselves drunk in their pavilions, a small band of Israelites fell upon the Syrians & put them to flight
- 12) Ester 1v5-22 After a week's feasting & drinking King Ahasuerus drunkenly tried to subject Vashti, his queen, to the beastly gaze of the inebriated people & princes
- 13) Prov 20v1 No wise person will allow himself to be deceived by wine which is a mocker or by strong drink which is raging
- 14) Prov 21v17 + 23v21 Drinking leads to poverty
- 15) Prov 23v29-30 Strong drink produces sorrow, woe, contentions, babbling, wounds without cause & redness of eyes
- 16) Prov 23v21 An admonition to refrain from even looking upon wine
- 17) Prov 23v32 At the last, alcohol bites like a serpent & stings like an adder
- 18) Prov 23v33 It fills men's minds with impure & perverse thoughts
- 19) Prov 23v34 It brings on danger, accidents & insecurity
- 20) Prov 23v35 Insensibility follows drinking rendering man into a clod & it is habit forming so that the drinker upon awaking seeks it 'yet again'
- 21) Prov 31v4+5 Officials with the responsibility of human life on their hands should not imbibe (drink, drink in, absorb!)
- 22) Ecc 2v3 The writer of Ecclesiastes tried strong drink but in the end admitted that this too was vanity (Ecc 2v11 + 12v8)
- 23) Ecc 10v17 That nation is blessed whose leaders eat for strength & refrain from drunkenness
- 24) Isa 5v11+12 Woe is pronounced on those who give themselves to strong drink
- 25) Isa 5v22 Further woe is pronounced upon the drunkards
- 26) Isa 23v13 Drinking often goes with carnal living
- 27) Isa 28v1 A woe is pronounced upon the drunkards of Ephraim
- 28) Isa 28v3 The drunkards of Ephraim to be trodden down & destroyed
- 29) Isa 28v7 Prophets & priest become incapable of spiritual leadership because of their drinking

- 30) Isa 56v12 Drinking accomplishes foolish optimism & the sinner's vain hope that his sins will not find him out
- 31) Jer 35v5-8+14+19 Rechabites who steadfastly held to total abstinence assured of God's continued blessings
- 32) Dan 1v5+8+16 & 10v3 Daniel who refused to drink the king's wine was especially blessed by the Lord
- 33) Dan 5v1+2 This is the tragic example of a king who drank & who led his people to do likewise
- 34) Dan 5v3 Drinking leads to profaning sacred things
- 35) Dan 3v25-28 Moral degradation, of which drinking is a symptom, is ultimately punished by God
- 36) Hosea 4v10+11 Strong drink & immorality go hand in hand
- 37) Hosea 7v5 The king by his drinking was not only made sick but became scornful
- 38) Joel 3v3 Young women were sold for the price of a drink
- 39) Amos 4v1 Dissolute women, oppressors of the poor, call for their drink
- 40) Amos 6v3-6 The evil, idle rich who were given to imbibing wine were not concerned about the afflictions of the poor
- 41) Hab 2v5 Arrogance is inflamed by drink
- 42) Hab 2v15 It is wrong to lead another to drink
- 43) Hab 2v16 Drink leads to shame & humiliation
- 44) Mat 24v48-51 Drinking is not consistent with alertness
- 45) Luke 1v15 Greatness of John the Baptist linked with total abstinence
- 46) Luke 12v45 Christ warns against drunkenness
- 47) Luke 21v34 Drinking prevents men from being prepared for the judgement day
- 48) Rom 13v13 All are admonished to walk honestly, not in rioting & drunkenness
- 49) Rom 14v21 Christian are admonished not to drink lest a brother be caused to stumble
- 50) 1 Cor 5v11 Christians forbidden to keep company with drunkards
- 51) 1 Cor 6v10 No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God

- 52) 1 Cor 11v21 The Lord's Supper is no time for drunkenness
- 53) Gal 5v21 Drunkenness prevents men from inheriting the Kingdom of God
- 54) Eph 5v18 Christians commanded not to be drunk with wine but to be filled with the Spirit

55) 1 Tim 3v3+8 - Church leaders must be 'not given to wine'

The Bible, NOWHERE, has a GOOD word to say about FERMENTED drinks!

FERMENTATION – requires the presence of sugar, a temperature above 50 degrees, the correct consistency of the liquid, & the presence of the right quantity of gluten or yeast!

<u>First mention</u> of wine & drunkenness in the Bible is Gen 9v20-24 - **And Noah began to be an husbandman**, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. It resulted in...

a) Nakedness

- b) Sexual Perversion (i.e. Sodomy!)
- c) A division in the family
- d) The cursing of a grandchild, & his offspring (v25)

Another early mention of wine in the Bible is Gen 19v30-38 - And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day. It resulted in...

- a) Nakedness
- b) Sexual Perversion (Incest!)
- c) A destruction of God's order of the family
- d) Trouble for the people of Israel in years to come

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 20v1 Amen.

It is absolute madness to think that for some people, their first taste of alcohol is <u>IN A CHURCH</u> at the 'Breaking of Bread' service

...now you just think about that for a while!

Time to Think!

Questions to challenge you & get you thinking!

Why are we here? How is God using you?

What is the point of life? What prayers have you had answered recently?

Where do I go when I die? What is sin?

Is there life after death? What should you watch out for as a Christian?

Is there more to life than this? Define what 'depth' is in a relationship?

What am I doing with my life? Is there anything you wish to accomplish for the Lord before He returns?

What are you hoping for? If you were leader of this country what changes would you make?

Why does God bother with me? List down 100 things you can thank God for?

Why does life seem so unfair?

How much time do you spend with the Lord daily?

What do I want out of life? Who are you praying for to get saved?

Who can I turn to when I need help? What kind of stand are you taking for the Lord?

What can't I see? How are you applying the Bible to your daily life?

How do others see me? What have you given back to the Lord?

Why do I change so often?

To you what are the 5 most important doctrines?

What will it feel like when I die? Is your life in a mess because you are living outside of the will of God?

How well do I know the Lord?

How many Scriptures can you quote in one minute?

Who is God & can I really know Him? How many times have you read through the Bible?

How do you pray & what for?

To you, what is success?

Do you think the Lord is pleased by the way you live? What is stopping you from reaching your parents for the Lord?

Do your friends & family know you are a Christian? How often do you check your motives?

How hard are you trying to reach the lost?

Are you at peace in this world; if not why not?

Write down 10 things that only occur once in Scripture? What are your aims in life?

What sins haven't you given up & why? What have you learnt from the Scriptures this last year?

How can you have a deeper relationship with the Lord? What are you learning in church?

How do you cope with disappointment? What do you lack in life?

How would you lead a sinner to the Lord? Who would you like to be for a day & why?

How can you tell if you are in the will of God? When have you been under pressure for being a Christian?

Why is the AV the ONLY Bible you should use today? What 3 weaknesses do you have?

What problems do you see in the church today? To you what is Christian fellowship?

Where is church leadership going wrong? Prove from the Scriptures that you are going to Heaven?

From the Scriptures how should a church be run? Who do you influence & how? How can you live a pure life in such a sinful world? What is the next 'big thing' in your life? What qualifications do you need to enter the ministry? Write down 10 reasons why Hell is NOT the grave! How do you take criticism & how do you deal with it? Why is it a sin to drink alcohol? Why are 'tongues' NOT for today? How honest are you? What is the Devil trying to achieve? What do you want the Lord to change about you? What disappoints you? What advice would you give to a person recently saved? Why don't you get rid of your TV? Why can't a Christian lose his salvation? Describe what the Lord Jesus Christ is like? Is the TV really an idol in your life? Why do Christians disagree with each other so much? What does the Lord want from you? What is the hardest part of the Christian walk? How many tracts did you distribute last year; last month? Why do Christians backslide? Why is it so important to have a Final Authority? Why are some Christians worldly? What motivates you & why? What help are you giving to your church? What are you studying in your Bible at present? What is the Lord saying to you at present? What is the Gospel & what are you doing with it? Write down 5 things you are committed to? Why do the majority rebel against God? How do you show love? How would you describe the average 'modern' Christian? Why is Christianity different from every other 'religion?' In just one paragraph describe your love for the Lord! How are you preparing for the Lord's return? When are you happiest & why? How are you trying to stop people from going to Hell? Why is the general church lukewarm today? What displeases the Lord? How important is friendship to you? Why aren't many people getting saved these days? What have you learnt about life so far? What will Hell be like? When was the last time you wrote a letter to someone? What will Heaven be like? Who do you encourage? What is the difference between OT & NT salvation? Who have you supported recently?

When was the last time you spoke out? If you could only ask the Lord three questions, what would they be?

What challenges you?

What impresses you?

What are you doing with the money the Lord has given you?

If you died today, what legacy would you leave behind?

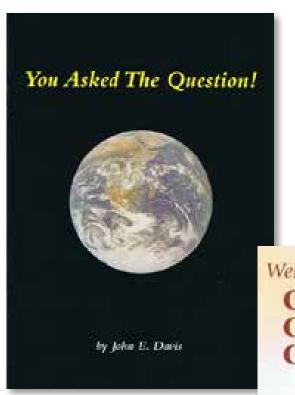
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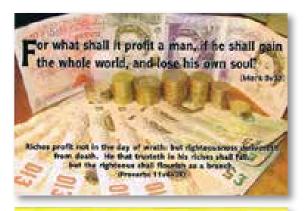
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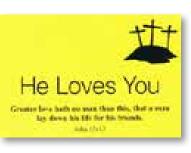
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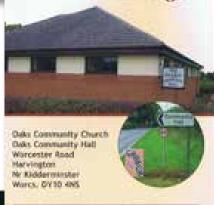
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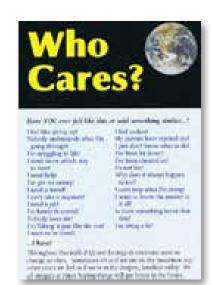






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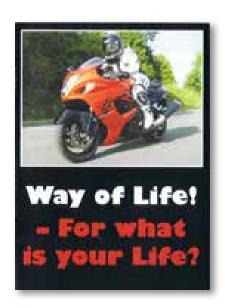
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Summary of the last TEN years!

When I look back over the last ten years I certainly can see the Lord's hand guiding Donna and I in the work we have been involved in, even though we may not have seen it at the time. I am amazed how fast time has gone; one minute we are seeing in the 'millennium' (i.e. 2000) and the next we are ten years down-the-line! Donna and I are so thankful to the Lord for EVERYTHING He has done for us. There is no way we could have written down all the things we have experienced together for the Lord, He knows. The newsletters are really just bullet points; sections of our life that we want to share with you. There have been times we wanted to write certain things, personal things, but felt it best not to do so. However, there have been times where we have 'let-go' a little; as we felt others in the same situation would benefit from our experiences (maybe a little reading between the lines is necessary!!!)

As you can imagine, 'TfT! News' creates quite a 'stir' among many Christians. You either *love* it or hate it, but no matter what, it usually gets a reaction! I said to the Lord many years ago that I did not want to compromise or write just to please men; I want to write TRUTH no matter who it offends (we have lost many folk from our mailing list because of the stand we take!) There has been a COST taking this stand and writing what we do.

After all these years, I am still amazed that certain Christians try to find *fault* with the Bible (i.e. the AV), they spend the little time they have *trying* to prove 'errors' in it... *for what?* Almost every one of these 'Christians' is NOT a soul-winner; they have very little interest in reaching the lost souls of this world with the Gospel. (*They are egotistical megalomaniacs!!!*)

Looking back I am also very saddened to see so many Christians giving up and falling away. I have seen many quit and turn their back on the Lord; many who have stopped going to church and stopped reading their Bibles. *Backslidden Christians are scattered everywhere!*

I am sick and tired of *compromising* Christians; the kind that think drinking alcohol is ok, watching filth on TV is not a problem and 'Christians' who only have themselves as THE FINAL AUTHORITY rather than the word of God. I am sick of *modern* Christianity! The kind of Christianity that promotes 'self' rather than exalting and honouring God; 'power' rather than consecration; a 'Christianity' that pleases the FLESH rather than the SPIRIT! Galatians 5v16 **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

I see England 'shot-through,' with no hope of recovery unless it turns back to God and puts God in His pre-eminent position. The ONLY hope for England is the GOSPEL and the Authorized Version Bible! NOTHING ELSE will save our country, NOTHING! Looking back over the last ten years I have seen such corruption and decay take hold of everything. Genesis 6v5 certainly is for today's world...

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Romans 3v10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 3v12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 'Christian' England?... I trow not!

I can honestly say that over the last ten years in England I have seen very few souls saved, but I thank God for those that have been saved. I don't know of a Bible believing church that is not finding it tough to bring people in and see them saved. I have seen a number of huge churches built with impressive web-sites, trendy music/contemporary 'worship' etc. — but what I haven't seen is one of those churches KEEP to the Scriptures i.e. they have women 'pastors' (ANTI-Scriptural!), effeminate *compromising* 'men' who go out of their way NOT to offend anyone i.e. keeping the offerings up! Churches are now found in trendy coffee bars, even pubs!

Over the last ten years I have seen fewer Christians distributing tracts! I haven't heard many (if any) sermons on the Blood of Christ, Hell, Judgment, consecrated living, dying to self etc. We *really* are living in the last of the last days, yet we hardly ever hear a sermon ON the LAST DAYS or the Rapture/Second Coming of Christ!

In the world there is very little that is positive! The only TRUE hope and lasting joy you will find is IN JESUS CHRIST! Without Him, there is NO HOPE!

I don't know what the future holds for Donna and I, but I do know this, we shall continue to follow the Lord Jesus Christ as close as we possibly can, waiting for His return. We shall push harder than ever to get the word of God/the Gospel distributed as widely as possible, encouraging Christians to *join in* the race rather than watch from the sidelines (saturate the area you live in with the word of God and pray that souls shall be saved; never give up!)

I shall (God willing) continue to preach and teach the Bible, the Lord leading me. I shall endeavour to stand and combat error where I see it and warn the church to do the same.

Donna and I have really enjoyed these last ten years; our lives have been spared (*if only you knew*) to continue in the Lord's work. May God give us the knowledge, wisdom and discernment we need to fulfil HIS WILL in our lives!

We love the Lord Jesus Christ.

We love His word (the Authorized Version!)

1 Thessalonians 5v25 Brethren, pray for us.

2 Thessalonians 3v1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

Hebrews 13v18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Thank you to all those who have stood with us, especially Toy and Dee; you have been such a help and blessing to both Donna and I; it has been a privilege getting to know you both and working with you; long may it continue! You are very special to us, we love you.

Thank you to those of you who continue to pray for us and the work we do; thank you for all the times you remember Donna in your prayers regarding her arthritis. The Lord has certainly comforted her and brought this disease under control. (Thank you so much Lord!)

There are many others I would like to thank but it would take another volume to do so – you know who you are! May God richly bless all of you!

For those of you who have given your life to studying, preaching and teaching the Scriptures I am indebted to you. I have mentioned some of you already by name in a number of our newsletters; you are few and far between, but I have learnt so much from your ministries! (Our friend Peter Ruckman certainly needs a special mention!)

I would also like to say a huge thank you to my wife Donna; I couldn't do half of what I do without her, she is everything a man could ever ask for in a wife, I love you so much! Truly the Lord Jesus Christ brought us together. I LOVE our Christian walk together - I LOVE our life together!

We hope this volume of our first 50 newsletters will be a helpful tool in your own Christian walk.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified!

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