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God's Glorious Rescue Plan

Roy D. Merritt

At 5:30 a.m. on July 16, 1945, the first atomic explosion in New Mexico opened a new era. On August 6, the first nuclear bomb was dropped over Hiroshima with horrible results. Under the great mushroom cloud, 66,000 were killed and almost 70,000 were wounded. Three days later, at Nagasaki, a second bomb killed 30,000 and wounded 25,000. The Atomic Age had begun.

History shows that this was the consummation of a giant planning effort that involved men from a number of countries. Albert Einstein furnished the initial equation in 1905. Now he joined with other physicists such as Bohr, Fermi, Sachs and Oppenheimer to plan Project Manhattan. These allied scientists narrowly won the race to succeed ahead of Nazi physicists. If Hitler's scientists had won the race, the world would have been plunged into a dark age of dreadful tyranny.

Einstein's little equation, $E=mc^2$, held the potential for deadly destruction. The joint project resulted in a new weapon which would change the strategy of warfare. This was a death plan! Many thousands of men, women and children would be killed or maimed by its end result. One of the crew members of the first bomb run looked back at what had been Hiroshima under the great mushroom cloud. He uttered the shocked exclamation, "My God, what have we done!"

God's Life Plan

Now let us consider another great plan. This one was not for death but for life. God purposed and planned to make eternal life available to man (Ephesians 1:11). His plan would be revealed in the fullness of time through the cross. To put it in a brief equation, in contrast to the one which had been used in the death plan, it would read $e=gc$. The "e" represents eternal life. The "g" represents the grace of God, and the "c" completes the equation where it denotes the cross of Christ.

In the first ten verses of the Ephesian epistle, we find the motive, the means and the instrument by which God planned to bring "life and immortality to light". In this short passage Paul refers three times to

God's grace as the motive for his plan. The instrument would be the cross of His Son. A parallel passage is found in Colossians 1:1-14. In these two passages the apostle reminds us how God achieved the object of His plan.

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In Colossians 1:5, he praises the brethren for their work and endurance which stem from their hope of heaven. In verse 6 he claims that these brethren have heard and understood "God's grace in all its truth". After some loving references to prayer on their behalf, he states a grateful acknowledgment of God's plan in verses 13 and 14. "For he has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in which we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (NASV). Four words stand out here in reference to God's action: delivered, transferred, redemption and forgiveness.

Four Mighty Words

What do we understand from the term "delivered"? From what? To what? Paul views Christians as men and women who have been freed from sin with its guilt and penalty of eternal condemnation (Romans 6:23). The universal presence of sin in the thoughts and actions of mankind is taught plainly by Christ and the inspired writers (1 John 1:8, 10). Three verses in the Roman epistle present the picture of a universal affliction and a universal means of deliverance (Romans 3:23-25). The first verse in the passage speaks of man's predicament. The next two verses explain how God has furnished a means of escape. The explanation of the remedy which releases man from the power of sin is similar to the two passages referred to in Ephesians and Colossians.

The word *transferred* in Colossians

1:13 was a word with a special significance in the ancient world. The Greek word that is so translated was commonly used to describe the movement of a population from conquered cities or nations into new territories under a new jurisdiction. Here it speaks of transferring forgiven sinners from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of Christ. Such objects of God's grace are new citizens in Christ's Kingdom and no longer under Satan's power.

As we search the root meaning of the word *redemption*, we find that it, too, translates a Greek word common in the first century. It was commonly applied to a ransom for a prisoner or the price to free a slave. Either connotation would explain what Christ's blood does for us. Christ paid the ransom of which He had spoken in Matthew 20:28 and Mark 10:45. He paid the price which we could not pay. He freed us from slavery of sin that we might be loving servants of a new master. This change of relationship is described in Romans 6:17, 18: "But thanks be to God that though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness".

Finally, the fourth of these mighty words which stand out in Paul's description of God's plan is the word *forgiveness*. Christ used this word when he explained the symbolism of the fruit of the vine as He instituted the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:28). Peter also used it when he proclaimed the purpose of scriptural baptism on Pentecost (Acts 2:38). In both instances, as here also, it was used to promise the release from sin's guilt.

Safety in Christ

The little phrase "in Christ" or its equivalents occurs about 164 times in Paul's epistles. It is the core relationship of his life and preaching. It was the great truth which he yearned to share with all men. It was the basis for his hope of eternal life. It is to this relationship that God transfers all who desire to be with Him. There is no alternative. Peter made it clear that it is an exclusive relationship when he challenged the temple rulers as recorded in Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved".

The early church made it clear that there

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Baptism Means Immersion

Ivan Eastwood

Everyone may not know that the New Testament was written in the Greek language, which was the common language of the day.

1. The Greek word "to pour" is *cheo*.
2. The Greek word "to sprinkle" is *rantizo*.
3. The Greek word "to immerse" is *baptizo*.

Jesus said, "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved" (King James Bible). The American Standard Bible reads, "He that believeth and is immersed shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). The word "immersed" is the accurate translation of the Greek word "baptize". Jesus was teaching a first principle and absolute essential condition, that one must be immersed in water in order to receive salvation.

Truth is in Jesus (Ephesians 4:21) who is the Lord and Saviour. "Though he was a Son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered; and having been made perfect he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8, 9).

After being immersed, Jesus came up out of the water, and God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13-17). Jesus was without sin (Hebrews 4:15), yet he was immersed in water in obedience to God's will. Jesus said, "I seek not my own will, but the will of him who sent me" (John 5:30). Immersion in water is being born of water and the Spirit (John 3:1-3, 5; Acts 2:38). Of God saving Noah by water, Peter stated, "Eight souls were saved by water, which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even immersion" (1 Peter 3:20, 21).

God's Blessings for the Called

Our English words "chosen, elect and election" come from the same Greek root word. On the day the church was established, on Pentecost, the chosen were those who, when the gospel pricked (pierced) their heart, asked, "What shall we do" (Acts 2:37)? They were told to repent and be immersed/baptized. When they followed the Lord's instructions, they received the remission of sins and were given the Holy Spirit as a gift from God (Acts 2:38), and that gift of the Holy Spirit is given only to

those who obey (Acts 5:32).

They were chosen "Unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). The apostle Peter, after teaching that the chosen are to add to their faith a number of God-given ways of life (as listed by Peter), he stated, "Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never stumble" (2 Peter 1:5-10).

God's Blessings for our Justification from Sin

Romans 6:1-7: "1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2. God forbid! We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? 3. Or are ye ignorant that all we who were immersed into Christ Jesus were immersed into his death? 4. We were immersed therefore with him through immersion into death, that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. 5. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection, 6. Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that we should no longer be in bondage to sin. 7. For he that hath died is justified from sin." Justified by faith" (Romans 5:1) when faith moves one to be immersed into Christ Jesus.

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In context, Romans 6:1-11 is death to sin. We are buried through immersion (baptism) into a termination of our relationship to sin (death to sin, vs. 2), and raised into a new relationship with God, and this new life is in Christ (newness of life, vs. 4). Since we cannot be literally entombed with Christ, it is in the likeness (vs. 5). Immer-

sion in water is the point where we die to sin and are justified from sin (vs. 7). God then looks upon us just as if we had never sinned.

This is in full harmony with Acts 2:38 on the day the Lord established his church; "And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".

1. Sins are forgiven after repentance and immersion in water.
2. The Holy Spirit is given as a gift to those whose sins are removed.
3. God's Holy Spirit is given only to those who obey (Acts 5:32).

Justification in Relation to Redemption

Justification is solely and completely by the grace of God; "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24); "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:1-4). Jesus gave his life as a ransom to procure our redemption from sin. This redemption is in Christ; "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Only those "who are immersed into Christ Jesus were immersed into his death. . . united with him in the likeness of his death" (Romans 4:3, 4), receive the redemption in Christ; "For he that hath died is freed from sin" (vs. 7).

Harmony of the Scriptures

1. "He that believeth and is immersed shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).
2. "And Peter said unto them, 'Repent ye, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Acts 2:38).
3. "All we who were immersed into his death. . . for he that has died is justified from sin" (Romans 6:3, 7).
4. Immersed with Christ, "Having been immersed with him in immersion wherein ye were raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead" . . . God did "make alive" the immersed believer together with him, "having forgiven us all of our trespasses" (Colossians

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Liar, Lunatic, Lord or Whatever?

Wayne Turner



Was Jesus a liar, a lunatic or Lord? This "trilemma" by C.S. Lewis has challenged many people to choose what they believe about Jesus. The question is often posed, "Considering the evidence, what do you believe about Jesus? Was he a liar who intentionally deceived people; was he a sincere but misguided lunatic; or was he what he claimed to be, Son of God, Christ and Lord?" The trilemma's effectiveness comes from the claims Jesus made about himself. For example, in John 5, Jesus said that God was his father, that he had life in himself, and that he was judge. In John 10, Jesus claimed to be the Good Shepherd, to be one with the Father and to be God's Son. The trilemma assumes that it is not possible to be neutral about these claims. They are either true or false. Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic or everything he said he was.

In the past, the trilemma was effective. Many people found it difficult to call Jesus a liar. He was a good man. His teachings have a positive effect on people. Nor does it seem likely that Jesus was crazy. There is wisdom and intelligence in his teaching. His words were not the rantings of a lunatic. Only the third option, that Jesus is Lord, adequately answers the question. More recently, there has been a change in the response to the trilemma. A fourth answer is being given. We might characterize this answer with what is seen as the key expression for "Generation X"--"whatever". This new response indicates that many people today do not feel particularly compelled to answer the question, nor do they believe that they will be personally affected by their answer. Their avoidance seems to stem from their doubt about the Bible, the source of the claims in the first place. John Stackhouse, professor of religion at the University of Manitoba and religious columnist for the **Winnipeg Free Press**, puts it like this: "Scholars for more than 200 years have raised historical, literary, philosophical, and theological objections to the presumed accuracy of the New Testament. If we cannot be sure of what Jesus said and did, they conclude, then we cannot be sure of who he was". If we cannot really know the truth about Jesus, then it does not matter if someone "claims that Jesus was substantially different from what the Christian church throughout history has said he was and is".

In other words, if you can ignore the source of the claims, you can either reconfigure or even ignore Jesus. Modern critical scholarship has so questioned the Bible that many people have lost confidence in its accuracy as historical record and divine revelation. The assumption has been

that "scholarship" has challenged the authenticity and integrity of the scriptures as they have been traditionally understood. The historical-critical approach has questioned the date and authorship of many Biblical books, and even the concept of inspiration.

Is the Bible God's book, or is it more the product of human history, religion, thinking and even "wishful thinking"? The work of Dr. Carsten Thiede, a leading "papyrologist" (an authority on ancient manuscripts), has challenged human scholarship. Thiede claims that critical scholarship has ignored, possibly willfully, the testimony of papyrology. Analysis and dating techniques have developed greatly in recent years and have yielded important results. Thiede's conclusions have been published in **Eye-witness to Jesus**, published by Doubleday Printers. In this book he shares two significant findings. First, he identifies the tiny fragment 7Q4 of the Dead Sea Scrolls as Mark 6:52, 53. (The condition of the fragment has made it difficult to study.) In this, Thiede echoes the conclusions of Austrian scholar Kurt Schubert who first identified the fragment in 1972. If correct, the gospel of Mark must have been written before A.D. 68 when Qumran fell to the Romans.

Second, Thiede is convinced that the three Magdalen Papyrus fragments (named for Magdalen College where they are housed and which clearly are from Matthew 16) also date from the same time. He believes he has demon-

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A Call to Worship

Dave Cornfield

The formal call goes out, and the congregation descends on the auditorium and quickly settles into the pews. The echoing chatter that accompanies a gathering of a group of people is replaced by well-trained quietness. A voice crackles over the P.A. system, and we hear "Let us begin our worship service. . ." A song, a prayer, two more songs, the Lord's supper, song, reading, sermon, song, prayer, announcements, and "thus concludes our worship service for this Lord's day. . ." Some complain if the service is too long or too short. We note if the preacher's words were too strong or too weak. If the preacher is excited, some believe him to be too passionate, but if the excitement is not there, some label him as dull and boring. If the song leader hits the wrong note or a server sits in the wrong place, the service for some is diminished. For many this is called worship.

Please hear me when I state that I enjoy the gathering of the congregation for worship, but I am not shy to note my fear that some gather together every Sunday and worship in deed and not in heart. Formal worship needs to be the reflection of a heart that belongs to God. When worship is thought of primarily in terms of external actions, I believe that we fall victim to thimble theology. A thimble protects the thumb of the sewer allowing her to proceed with the speed of a confident hand.

While in Abilene, Texas, Amy and I were blessed with the opportunity to volunteer at the Christian Service Center. The center provided food and clothing for those in need. The clothing that we helped distribute was donated, and often it was in need of some tender repairs before it could be passed on. One young lady in her mid 80's could sew faster than my eye could register. One day, however, I saw her working at a slow and deliberate pace. I inquired of

the man with whom I was working whether the woman was ill, seeing that her pace was so slow. He grinned and noted that she was fine with the exception that she had forgotten her thimble. With the thimble in place, she proceeded with confidence; without it, caution ruled the day. When our worship is external, it provides a man-made security that allows us to proceed with artificial security.

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A woman of less than outstanding character met Christ at a well one day. Upon realizing that this Christ with whom she was speaking was a prophet, she sought the answer to one of the great questions of her time. Where should we worship? Her people claimed that people should worship on their holy mountain while the Jews claimed Jerusalem to be the Holy place. Christ responded by saying that a time was coming when man would not worship on the mountain of her people nor in the city of Jerusalem, but that true worshipers would worship in spirit and in truth. Paul tells the Philippians that those of the true circumcision are those who worship in spirit.

Worship in spirit is the worship of God that stems from a convinced heart. Those of the true circumcision are not called to worship only on Sunday morning, for a heart belonging to God is always in a state of worship. Worship in spirit does not have a concluding prayer until the day of our reward. Changed hearts are not limited to or restricted by a building or time; they

never take a spiritual holiday and never retire. You may take time off work and ultimately retire, but a heart that belongs to God seeks him urgently every day.

When a heart belongs to God, it seeks to implement the truths of God's word. Our lives become living sacrifices and living pillars. Your life is a lighthouse; it either warns people of the rocks or draws them toward them. Our lives are to be such that we draw people towards God.

Families need to take great care in teaching that this Christian walk is everyday worship. We have Sunday clothes and Sunday manners that often leave children with the concept that when the shirt comes off, so does God. A second grade teacher recently asked her students how many moms and dads did each student have. Some students could answer as many as four of each. The teacher smiled as she got to the third student in the left row. In that chair sat her son. She and her husband were happily married, and neither had been married before. Her son stood up and proclaimed that he had two moms and two dads. Forgetting where she was, the teacher angrily stated, "Tell the truth". The boy, uncertain what to do, said, "I have Sunday parents and 'other day parents'". If you're not worshipping on Monday through Saturday, your children will not buy the Sunday show.

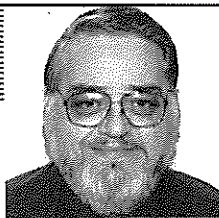
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World War, Part 3

Peter Morphy

(Editor's Note: This month we complete the series by brother Peter Morphy of Sudbury, Ontario on World War. In these articles—the last two issues of the Gospel Herald carried the first two installments—Peter is discussing some of the wars we, as Christians, have to fight to please God. May God bless us in the fight against sin. MEC)

W.W.7—Worldly Words

The words a person speaks reveal the real person. Those who are of this world, speak according to this world. Those who live for God, speak according to the Spirit of God. Jesus said that words disclose what is inside the heart, "the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart" (Matthew 12:34). James asked if fresh water can come from a salty spring (James 3:11, 12). In other words, can evil words come from a pure heart?

How, then, should a Christian speak? Peter instructs us how to speak. "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God" (1 Peter 4:11). All our words should be according to the Word of God. This doesn't mean quoting scripture all day long but testing our words with His Word to see if we are speaking and living in harmony with God's will. Our words are not of God when we gossip (2 Corinthians 12:20), slander (Titus 3:12), outburst in anger (Galatians 5:20), use abusive speech (Colossians 2:8), utter unwholesome words (Ephesians 4:29), lie (Colossians 3:9), and tell course jokes (Ephesians 5:3, 4).

W.W.8—Worldly Work

Many people enjoy work. It may be a special assignment on the job, a project in the hobby shop, studying academically or training for athletics. When we work, we get a sense of purpose, meaning and satisfaction. But oftentimes our work becomes

our prized trophy, resulting in pride. Even in the spiritual world, some brethren work hard to earn honour among people or even the praise of God. Instead, we should work to serve people and praise God.

With all the do-it-yourself manuals filling the book stores, some Christians also strive to work their way to God. If we can do the right thing, say the right words, think the right thoughts, we can earn our way to God. Some view Bible study, prayer, giving, attending services, even baptism as works to be done to work our way into God's favour. We don't work to be saved or to stay saved, we work *because* we are saved.

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There are others who have accepted God's grace, yet try to live and work in their own strength. This leads to frustration, emptiness and defeat. Paul asks, "After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort" (Galatians 3:3)? When we fully trust in God, He will work in us according to His own desire and will.

W.W.9—Worldly Worship

In the world, many view their worship to God as going to church a couple of times a year. Some real fanatics may make a distinguished sacrifice by going once a week. Others rise above this and offer their worship to God by going to church three times a week, having prayer time and studying

the Bible. True worship is even more than this. Faithful worship is loving, serving, praising and obeying God 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It is a total and unconditional sacrifice to God. Jesus said, "... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks" (John 4:23).

We have, for the most part, been very careful to worship in truth. We have emphasized studying and obeying God's Word, which is imperative. But worshipping in spirit is often neglected. It is easy to believe, even obey, God from the mind. But to love Him with our hearts is the bigger challenge. Our worship must be an expression of our love and gratitude, not some legal requirement that must be observed.

Jesus praised the church at Ephesus for having good deeds, toil, perseverance, endurance, persistence and for testing false teachers (Revelation 2:2, 3). Sounds like many congregations in our brotherhood. They only had one problem, "They have left their first love" (Revelation 2:4). I wonder if this, too, describes Christians in some of our churches and even entire congregations in our brotherhood today?

In conclusion, we know that through the power of God, victory can be ours in this spiritual war. John reminds us that "... everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God" (1 John 5:4, 5).

While we fight in this war against our soul, we can receive encouragement and strength from the words Paul penned to Timothy, "... I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith" (1 Timothy 1:18, 19).

Jesus said that Satan "comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Jesus came to give abundant life (John 10:10), eternal life (Romans 6:22), freedom over Satan's snare (1 Corinthians 15:57), and victory over evil (1 John 5:4).

Depend on the Lord, and let Him give you victory in all your wars against the evil one.
—Sudbury, Ontario

Points by Perry: The Music Question



Question: "Can you quote me some scriptures as to why we don't use musical instruments in our services? It always bothered me when asked, and I didn't have an answer."

Comment: It is possible that there are many others who are bothered in the same way as the questioner, whose above quoted request arrived by E-mail. Our guess is that many "don't have an answer" whether or not it bothers them.

Most of the Sunday Schools are using literature which is being published to be marketed to and used by a broad spectrum of denominations. We may be using edited versions of these, but nevertheless the New Testament teaching on music in the church is not likely being included.

The doctrinal and topical sermons of bygone years have gradually and, by now, almost entirely been replaced by devotional and expository sermons in which this topic would not likely come up or fit. So, when and where would the answer to the above question have been available to the questioner and others of his generation?

Answer: Although scriptures specifically forbidding the use of musical instruments in church worship are not available to quote for your use, we believe that there are good reasons to refrain from the practice. Both history and scripture show us that instruments were not used in the worship of the church in the early centuries. Their introduction centuries later, one of many departures from and/or additions to the simple worship as recorded in the New Testament and hence approved by God through the inspired writers, caused controversy and division.

The New Testament scriptures on the subject of music all emphasize the participation of the worshiper's heart and understanding and the communication of a message to God and to one another. Note the following: "I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind" (1 Corinthians 14:15). "Speak one to another with songs, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians

5:19), and "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16). The use of instruments would appear to lend itself more to entertainment than to instruction. It is practiced by the decision of men rather than the instruction of God.

It is not done by "faith"... "Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). See also Romans 14:23 and Colossians 3:17 regarding the importance of basing our activities on what we learn from the word.

Remember that we show the degree of our respect for God by the extent to which we put His word above our own or other men's judgments, wishes and pleasures. God knows best. For at least some, instrumental music, body motions, clapping and such tend to distract and detract from the message being sung and to lessen if not annul its purpose of glorifying God and edifying men.

There are pamphlets, complete books and debates on this subject. These can be supplied to those who wish to pursue this subject in more detail. *—E.C.P.*

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strated, despite critical theories to the contrary, that these two gospel records existed in the middle of the first century, a time when other eyewitnesses of Jesus, who could have confirmed or challenged these accounts, were still alive. The critical theories have been based on circumstantial evidence and without the testimony of papyrology. Ironically, despite claiming to be open-minded, these theologians are most resistant to Thiede's findings. The careful, analytical study of papyrology has attested to the accuracy of Matthew's and Mark's records of the life and identity of Jesus and to their authorship. We have reliable testimony from first-century sources. We know what Jesus did and said, who he claimed to be!

The question remains, "Based on the evidence, what do you believe about Jesus?" Will your answer be the "what-ever" from a world that has lost its ability to hear the voice of the scriptures? Will it

be that Jesus is liar or lunatic? Or will it be that the historical Jesus revealed in the New Testament is truly Lord?

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churchgoing people to seriously examine contemporary issues and problems facing the average person today in the light of Christian ethics and values as taught in God's Word.

It is a joy to report that attendance in our Sunday school program is consistent and has steadily increased over the past year. Our teachers, *Victoria Shapar, Carol Pinczuk, Oksana Harchun* and *Olga Koliush* are doing an excellent job working with the 40 to 45 children who attend their classes each Lord's Day.

—Rick Pinczuk

Ice Storm Help Needed

If you have been following the news, you probably have heard about the ice storm that has hit our area. It has been very hard for some. Some of the things our church has been doing to help are:

1) We delivered over 210 food hampers to different families supplied by the brethren in Tennessee. The value of the hampers from the Church of Christ Disaster Relief was in excess of \$15,000. What a great blessing! It sure has helped and has opened a lot of eyes and doors for the church.

2) We cooked meals at the church building because we are on natural gas. These meals were given to those without power in their homes. Some came to the building, and we delivered food to some who couldn't get out.

3) We supplied blankets, batteries, candles, and flashlights to some.

4) We visited many, played cards and prayed with them, and helped pass the time.

5) We helped cut trees and clear out ice in people's yards.

In all, everyone pitched in and did whatever he could. It sure has brought a lot of people together.

Now, as a small congregation, we need to ask if anyone can help us out. It would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of some financial aid. The amount we need to raise is about \$1,500. Please send to Church of Christ, Box 42, Cornwall, ON K6H 5R9.

Thank you for reading this note; please keep us in your prayers.

—Randy Downton

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5. "For ye died and your life is hid with Christ in God. . . Lie not to one another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings. And have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him" (Colossians 3:3, 9, 10).

6. "For as many of you as were immersed into Christ did put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

God's Blessings of the Holy Spirit to Dwell Within

God gives the Holy Spirit only to those who obey him (Acts 5:32). The Holy Spirit is the God-given gift at the point of immersion/baptism when one's sins are forgiven (Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit dwells within the body of the immersed believer, "But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). To those immersed into Christ, Paul said, "Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? And ye are not your own; Ye were bought with a price--glorify God therefore in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

God's Blessings of Sanctification

In God's wonderful plan for man's salvation there are two basic stages of sanctification. To better understand the words "justification" and "sanctification", our English words "justification" and "righteousness" come from the same Greek word, whereas our English words "sanctification" and "holiness" come from the same Greek word. These words are interchanged in some verses of different translations of the Bible. This can cause some misunderstanding. To know and understand "truth", a knowledge of the Greek language is very beneficial.

1. The initial stage, when the believer, through faith is separated at the point of immersion/baptism for service in God's kingdom, "But of him ye are in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness (justification) and sanctification (holiness), and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). It is at this first stage, after sins are removed, that God calls them saints. Those immersed into Christ are

saints in the church of the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:2).

2. The second stage is the course of life befitting those so separated. They are to present themselves as "servants of righteousness (justification) unto sanctification (holiness). But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life" (Romans 6:19, 22). To be cleansed continually of sin, one must continually walk in the light of the word of God (1 John 1:7).

This second stage of sanctification is the growing in the Lord's ways by continually walking with God. Someone has well said that sanctification is a process, where the Holy Spirit of God, using the word of God as his instrument, brings the believer into the likeness of Christ in thought, word, and deed. "Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification (holiness) without which no man will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

God's Blessings of Glorification

God is the Father of glory (Ephesians 1:17) and he calls us to his eternal glory (1 Peter 5:10). Glorification is the act of glorifying the faithful immersed (baptized) saints of God as it pertains to the working of God the Father. God ordained the faithful saints whom he called, "To be conformed to the image of his Son. . . Them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Romans 8:29, 30). Final glorification comes when we are taken into heaven.

Jesus leads his saints in glory and glorification. Shortly before his death, Jesus prayed to God the Father, "I glorified thee on the earth; having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:4, 5). Jesus did not have this glory while on earth (John 7:39), but he prayed for his followers, saying, "Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou has given me; for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24).

God will change our human body, "that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself (Philippians 3:21). In glorification,

our human fleshly body will be changed, from corruptible to incorruptible, and mortal to immortal, as a spiritual body. "Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 15:24, 44-54).

Glorification is the crown of life with the condition that the believer remain faithful unto death; Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Glorification is the final state for the faithful, that of entering God's house in heaven. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

God's thoughts and ways are higher than those of man (Isaiah 55:9). God demands immersion in water for salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). God is not the one to confuse things (1 Corinthians 14:33). Problems come through human interference with God's divine plan of salvation.

Concerning Babies, Infants and Little Children

(Scriptures from the King James Bible unless stated otherwise.) Babies, infants and little children have no need to be immersed into Christ (baptized) until they reach an age of accountability. "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). Babies, infants and little children cannot give an account because they are not accountable. They have no need to be immersed. Such practice cannot be shown in the New Testament Scriptures.

1. "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:15; NAS). Babies are born in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Further, the spirit is given by God (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Hebrews 12:9); hence, babies are born without sin and are pure and blameless at birth and without sin in their lives.

2. Human sin is not inherited (Ezekiel 18:20); further, human sin is personal (Isaiah 59:2; James 1:5).

3. Babies, infants and little children have no knowledge of good and evil; hence, they must reach a level of maturity in order to choose between the two (Isaiah 7:15-

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4. Human sinfulness commences in the period of one's life that is characterized as youth (Genesis 8:12).

5. God instructed Cain that he must rule over Satan and not allow Satan to rule over him (Genesis 4:7). Babies do not understand sin and evil.

6. God provided for the "little ones" who had no knowledge of good and evil, to enter the promised land of Canaan (Numbers 14:3, 31). God told the Israelites, "And your little ones, which ye said should be a prey and your children, which in that day had no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it" (Deuteronomy

1:39).

7. Sin separates one from God (Isaiah 59:2; James 1:13-15). Babies are born without sin, born in the spiritual image (28:15). They are united with God's grace and mercy.

Psalm 51:5—"Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Some use this verse to justify infant baptism. This verse shows only that David took shape in a sinful environment and brought forth from his mother in a sinful environment. This is in harmony with all other Scriptures on the subject. The wording in some translations of this verse in some Bibles is misleading. This verse does not say that David had sin within, nor does it teach infant depravity.

Jeremiah 17:9—"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:

who can know it?" Some use this verse to justify their doctrine that babies are born depraved. In the context, Jeremiah is referring to the hearts of those to whom he had to preach; those who knew good and evil. David is speaking to those "whose heart departeth from the Lord" (vs. 5).

Romans 3:23—"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." The context of Romans 3 teaches justification by faith. The "all" refers to both Jew and Gentile and not to babies.

All babies, infants and little children have no knowledge of good and evil and will enter heaven, just as the "little ones" entered the promised land of Canaan. God's very nature would not condemn innocent babies, infants, and little children, and it is absurd to think otherwise.

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ONTARIO

Ajax: On January 19, Emily Connely was guest speaker to the ladies' class on the subject of bereavement. Marvin Johnson, from Strathmore, was guest speaker on January 11.

Bramalea: Placing membership on January 25 were Joe Lindhorst (Joe and his wife, Shelly, were married on October 14); Afua Senkyire, whose background is the country of Ghana; Eric, Marlene and Stephanie Van Dyne, who have moved back to Mississauga from Michigan this past summer. On February 22-25, six students from Great Lakes Bible College will be taking a one-hour credit course. This will include knocking doors three mornings around the Bramalea building, leading the services on Sunday and doing visitation in the afternoons and evenings. A Young Adults Retreat, "Light the Fire", will be held. Twenty-four students and two adults are coming from York College on March 6-14. This will include an all-night lock-in on Friday evening and a program on Saturday, March 6 and 7. Saturday evening, March 14, they will be back in Brampton for a youth program, after spending a day in Beamsville at Great Lakes, and also working with the Beamsville, Tintern and St. Catharines congregations. Jon Straker will be the speaker on Sunday, March 8 in Bramalea. In a letter from Craig Redwood, he states that donations towards his hospital bill which now has an outstanding balance of \$108,768.65 and increases each time he has to return to the hospital, which is three times a week, be made payable to the Craig Redwood Fund, c/o the Jamaican Consulate, 214 King Street West, Suite 402, Toronto, ON M5H 3S6. Phone (416) 598-3008.

Beamsville: Harland Culp, longtime member, died at home on Thursday, January 8. Don Smith was the featured speaker at the fifth annual Sundridge Youth Rally. Art Ford spent some time in Hong Kong on behalf of Great Lakes.

Brantford: Young people from Brantford attended the young people's get-together in Waterloo, and the ladies had a "stitch and chat" on the afternoon of February 5. The church has been encouraged by several families making repeat visits.

Collingwood: For 1998, the brethren are planning a potluck meal at the church building the last Wednesday evening of each month, prior to their Bible study. The brethren plan to send \$200 to Rick Pinczuk in the Ukraine for Bibles and \$200 to Mill Village, where David Hallet works, to help with a church building need. A special contribution was taken on February 1 for a young lady who is a burn victim from Ghana and is coming to Toronto for surgery. On February 8, George Mansfield from Stratford was the guest speaker.

Grimsby: Ralph Perry was to speak to the congregation in Stratford on February 22 to help them get involved in supporting a preacher student in Nigeria. The young people met on a Friday evening for a spaghetti supper and for pen pal correspondence.

Guelph: Out-of-town guest speakers have been Keith Thompson, Henry Ocampo, Brian Boden and Gordon Dennis.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Directory additions were Robert and Lisa Beasley and family and Dave and Jenny Giglia and family on January 25. "Our January teaching seminar with Jerry Tallman on 'How to Give Your Faith Away' was excellent with attendance ranging from 75 to 120. We had a songfest with surrounding congregations on February 15, and a seniors appreciation day/dinner is planned for March with David Johnson speaking."

Alison Bennett put on Christ in baptism in February.

Hamilton (West): Three girls have been baptized making a total of six baptisms in recent weeks. A meeting with David Chadwell is scheduled for April 24-26.

Newmarket: The congregation is responsible for organizing the 1998 Training for Service program which will take place on April 10.

North Bay: Joel Lock has returned from Papua New Guinea and is enrolled in Rochester College in Michigan to begin studying Bible so that he might return to PNG later. Ray and Tina Hasgurd were recently baptized.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): Thirty-two people gathered on Wednesday evening, December 31, to welcome in 1998. The la-

dies' class meets on Tuesday afternoons at the building. There is an interesting picture on their bulletin board of the late Edith Bailey on her 80th birthday holding her 80th great-grandchildren, Lloyd Hotchkiss, Jr. The congregation is planning a homecoming in July and wants everyone who has ever been a member there to come.

Stratford: The brethren are encouraging all young people from ages 8-12 to attend their Youth Troup on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. George Mansfield was a guest speaker at their supporting congregation in Plymouth, Michigan on January 11. The brethren are involved in promoting various activities at the Brunner Nursing Home; singalongs, Bible studies and tea socials.

Sudbury: They have purchased the Marriage Enrichment Videos to be shown to the congregation. Special prayers are requested for Judy Morphy, Peter's wife, who had severe vision problems but is slowly receiving her sight back. The **Gospel Herald** will be delivered to each member of the congregation.

Tintern: The ladies of the congregation have begun a bi-weekly prayer and study group on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 with **The Pursuit of God** as their study book.

Toronto (Bayview Avenue): The congregation is reassembling their ministry teams for 1998. Rebecca Redman is moving with her husband who has been transferred to Chicago. The benevolence ministry is taking up a special collection for a family in the Montreal Church of Christ affected by the ice storm in Verdun.

Toronto (Strathmore): Several of the Sixty-Plus group took a trip to Niagara Falls on January 17. Gerry Ellis spent several weeks working in eastern Ontario, following the ice storm. "Key to the Kingdom": Max Craddock reported that 58 is the average number of calls that they get each Thursday morning from the program on Vision, Channel 59, and 30 to 35 of these are from Ontario. There were ten baptisms during 1997, and a year-end effort resulted in contributions surpassing the budget.

Trenton: A record attendance on the first Lord's Day of 1998 in our new meeting hall in Belleville was very encouraging. We had 16 adults and 11 children. Steve and Carol Watson with family, Cindy and Cody, were visiting from the west (Steve was transferred with the military 18 months ago) and Jim and Jean Hunt from the St.

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MANITOBA

Dauphin: "As we begin a new year under God's guidance, it seems appropriate to revisit our mission statement which was developed by the elders a couple of years ago. The church of Christ has been established by God to make known the richness of His wisdom as we serve and praise Him; serve and love His family; serve and reach out to all people. The church in Dauphin purposes to serve and praise God by godly living, knowing, loving and obeying His word, growing and maturing in Christ, worshipping Him together as a body of believers, so that his name will be glorified. A tea was held in honor of Nellie Rogers on her 90th birthday on January 31.

Winnipeg: Our elders have asked the congregation to consider appointing more elders. To that end, Wayne Turner was asked to present two lessons on the work and qualifications of elders.

We rejoice with Carmen Morales as she was baptized on Friday, January 20 while on her way home to Costa Rica. While in Toronto, Carmen contacted Santiago Molina and after a short study was baptized before boarding the plane to go home.

We were saddened by the passing of Mary Lessard, a longtime member of the Central congregation. She passed on to the next life on January 26.

Audrey Balgobin has placed membership with our congregation. Jason King, son of Dave and Joannie, is playing hockey in Switzerland. About 15 teenagers went to Winnipeg Harvest (the local food bank) and helped to sort and distribute food for those less fortunate than we.

SASKATCHEWAN

Moose Jaw: Winter has arrived on the prairies; however, we were able to get to January 2 before we had snow that stayed, and for that we feel extremely blessed. It is hard to believe that another year has sped by. The days seem to come and go faster every year. We pray that 1997 was a good

year for each of you and that 1998 will be a year of service and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ and to each other.

Our ladies began meeting every other Tuesday morning last fall, for a Bible study. They take turns teaching, and the turn out of our own ladies and visitors has been encouraging.

September 20, 1997 was the joyous occasion of the wedding of Marleen Pippus and Laurie Wuschke. The couple was united in marriage by Marlene's son, Tim Pippus of Estevan. Laurie and Marlene plan on living in Moose Jaw during the winter and moving out to the farm for the summer months.

We are again this year collecting medical supplies for Velma Forman who operates "One-Mile Clinic" in Papua New Guinea. Our previous collection saw four large boxes of supplies sent for Velma's use, and this time we have already sent off two boxes. Either Velma cannot get medical supplies needed in Papua New Guinea, or they are so expensive that the cost prohibits her from being able to get them. We also send financial support to Velma's work in Papua New Guinea.

It was decided last fall that we would be involved in sending monthly support to the congregation in Yorkton, Saskatchewan so that they can have a minister working with them on a full-time basis. We pray that the congregation in Yorkton will be blessed in having Randy Fiske with them full-time. We also send support to four men who are doing missionary work in Nigeria, to Carolyn Wiebe in Slovakia and last fall sent money to Allan Jacobs to assist in the relocation of a church building in India.

Our "Prayer Pal" program began again the beginning of October. This program pairs a young person with an older person for the express purpose of the older person praying specifically for that child. It is an excellent program, and we have had good comments from the parents of children who attend our Sunday School and Wednesday evening classes who are not members of our congregation. With the temptations that our young people face on a day-to-day basis, we feel that they need all the prayers they can get. This is also a way for people who are not involved in our teaching program to get to know our wonderful kids.

We are involved in looking after services in the various nursing homes and senior care homes in the city and find these times shared with our seniors to be very rewarding.

We are once again making muffins or cookies for the Hunger in Moose Jaw Children's Muffin program on the first Wednesday of each month. These snacks are distributed to some of the schools in town for children who have come to school having had no breakfast.

Lew Young was reelected to the Moose Jaw Public School Board in the October 22nd election. This will be his second term, and we feel blessed in having him on the board. We know that his values and morals will be an asset to the board, the school system and ultimately to the young people of our city.

We have been blessed in having Arnold and Edna Knutson move to Moose Jaw in November of 1997 and in having Clifford Elford move here in December. We know that they will be real assets to the congregation here in Moose Jaw.

Kurt and Tracey Pippus were blessed with the birth of their first child, a beautiful little boy, on October 28. Matthew Steven weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and is a new grandson for Marleen Pippus Wuschke and a new great-grandson for Annie Hannan and Myrtle Gale of our congregation.

We continue to put on bimonthly teas at Pioneers Village for the seniors who live there. The teas are always greatly enjoyed by these dear people—something that they really look forward to.

A congregational breakfast was held on November 9 with some of our men doing the cooking. We began breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and were done and cleaned up ready for our 10:00 classes. The breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and cereal was great, and our chefs, Paul Wenaas, Cal Young, George Fowler, Dan Goud, Ryan Fowler and Douglas Goud are great cooks.

Our "Over 50" group enjoyed a great evening of supper, entertainment and fellowship on November 14. They invited the "Over 50's" from Regina to share this special time. The evening was organized and hosted by Muriel Jacobs, Gladys Weis and Cal and Irene Young.

A baby shower was held on November 30 for little Matthew Steven Pippus. As this is our regular fellowship evening, when we share potluck lunch together following our evening devotional service, it was a congregational shower, with the men able to attend also. It was a wonderful evening, and little Matthew was showered with many beautiful gifts. The time together was enjoyed by all—it was the first time that many of our men had attended a baby shower.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): Alex Abella, Milton Diaz, Miguel Garcia, David Jacobs and Frank Pankey have been selected as trustees for 1998.

Baltazar was baptized and added to the Lord's family.

The Ladies' Bible class has been studying from Esther.

A preacher's breakfast is held on the second Saturday of the month. It is a time of fellowship and heartfelt prayer.

Suganya Lee is presently in Papua, New Guinea, working with Velma Forman. Christina King is still in Thailand and will return in July. She was able to get her visa renewed without leaving the country, which helps tremendously with her support. We continue to help brother Domingo in the Philippines and brother Pineda in El Salvador. Allen and Betty Jacobs are still in India, and a letter from Allen to the preacher indicates that they are having good turnouts at their classes. Please keep all of these ministries in your prayers.

Ming Paul Lee: I would like to encourage you to continue to support Christina King in Bangkok, Thailand. Write to: Thailand Mission, 6970 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 3Z6.

Suganya Lee and Velma Forman are in a nursing ministry in Papua, New Guinea. Please continue to pray that this ministry will be used to honour God and to serve His purpose. If you wish to write and encourage them, mail to: Box 1234, Lae, Papua, New Guinea 411 or email: thuff@online.net.pg.

ALBERTA

Calgary: A His Needs/Her Needs course began on January 12 and will continue weekly each Tuesday evening for nine weeks under the leadership of Kevin and Patti Clark.

Shibu Lawrence and Claudia Lopez are engaged and plan to marry in June.

The youth rally is being planned for

February 13-16.

Edmonton: the year started off with a congregational devotional on January 4. We will be having a devotional on the first Sunday evening of each month. It will be a time of praise and fellowship and a time for us to learn some new songs.

Herb Anderson preached the sermon on January 4, which was the first theme Sunday of the year. On the first Sunday of each month we will have a sermon on the topic of Christian growth. The theme for 1998 is "Behold and Become". Herb's introductory sermon was titled "Behold" and focused on the God we worship.

The annual Edmonton ladies' retreat was held on the weekend of January 23-25. A large number of ladies from the congregation, and some ladies from other congregations in the province, attended the retreat and enjoyed the lessons on "Sisterly Love". A fantastic time was experienced by all.

The "secret sisters" program wound up with a breakfast on January 17. A large number of sisters in the congregation took part in this encouragement ministry.

Tanya and Ray Shurwell rejoiced at the birth of their second son, Matthew, on January 19.

Marc Laplante and Jennifer Dixon were united in marriage on January 31. The couple will be making a home in Edmonton following their honeymoon in Cancun.

Gerry Bibaud has been hired as evangelist as of February 1.

Plans are being made for the next men's retreat to be held on March 20-22. We will be focusing on the idea of making the most of every day.

The small group evangelistic Bible studies are under way again following a two-week break over Christmas. About one quarter of the adult members in the congregation are involved in the weekly studies. An average of 10 non-Christian visitors attend the seven studies held throughout the city. --submitted by David Ford

MONTANA

Great Falls: The ladies' Bible Class meets weekly throughout the school year and strives to meet the needs of the women of the congregation. The sisters study God's Word to improve their Christian walk, and the class provides fellowship and support for the ups and downs of life. The class format is being changed somewhat in that for part of the class the women are separated into three groups for study. This is to encourage participation of more sisters. Hopefully they will feel more comfortable sharing their thoughts on the Bible Lesson or on personal concerns in a small group. The study book is on the life of David, **A Heart Like His: The Shaping of Character in the Choices of Life** by Rebecca Manley Pippert.

A youth rally is being planned for April 10, 11 and 12. David Baker, a youth minister from Savannah, Tennessee will present lessons revolving around the theme of youth evangelism.

Mission News—Belarus

Ed Jermakowicz appreciates receiving correspondence and church bulletins. He has been in Elizovo for five and a half years and writes, "It does seem that we have entered into a life-time arrangement". Several have been baptized, and they are seeing "full room attendance ranging from fifteen to twenty people".

The church has been investigated by officials and police, informed that it is operating illegally and told that it had "no right to assemble, hold worship or even pray". Those accused were pronounced guilty at a trial on December 23 and fined "the price of a loaf of bread each".

The church is "getting ready whatever we need for registration", and Ed concludes with: "Finally, let no one think that this mission has been aborted. On the contrary, the church here now has an opportunity to break through the ice and establish something "official on which to build".

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Meeting God In Holy Places, A Devotional Journey by F. LaGard Smith, Illustrated by Glenda Rae, Harvest House Publishers, \$17 (US).

F. LaGard Smith is not only one of the finest writers in our brotherhood (and the religious world), but he is also one of the most versatile. Recently we gave top marks to his vital study, **Who Is My Brother?**. Now we have a more devotional and inspirational type of book. Also, he previously gave us **Meeting God in Quiet Places**, which was a meditative walk through the beauty of nature as seen in the villages and hill of the Cotswolds in the English countryside.

This new book is based on his visits to the "Holy Land". Again we have a most beautiful book, firstly in telling us of the many places where the events of the Bible occurred and secondly in bringing out lesson after lesson based on the great events that occurred there. He takes us to Bethlehem, The Holy Sepulchre, the Valley of Gehenna, The Dead Sea, Qumran, Mount Carmel, Gethsemane, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and Mount Tabor.

"Restoration" is his theme as he describes the "Model of the Second Temple". He then points out that we also have a model. "It's the New Testament church itself, built on the foundation of Jesus and the Spirit-led apostles. What more do we need? Why all the accumulated centuries of dogma, creeds, encyclicals, synods and conventions, and church traditions? It's

like taking first-century Jerusalem and adding more walls. Expensive walls. Burdensome walls. Divisive walls. Walls that obscure Christ himself and make it almost impossible for me to rediscover the true heart and soul of Christian truth".

When writing about the Dead Sea Scrolls he mentions the need for finding the "Purity of the Gospel". He describes the baptistries that have been uncovered and takes the opportunity to quote and explain Peter's words in Acts 2:38. Let us pray that the many evangelicals who read this book will come to a fuller understanding of such neglected Bible teaching.

A visit to Tabor is used to bring out some lessons on "Authority". Relating the time when Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" He discusses the different views people have of Jesus and says, "Hardly a month goes by without some newsstand magazine featuring an article by modern scholars who suggest that, instead of being truly divine, Jesus was simply an itinerant holy man who managed to gain a following far beyond his own expectations". Shades of recent pronouncements by prominent clergy in Canada! This book will instruct, inspire and build up all who will read it. We thank the author for another great book!

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WCC Participates in World Mission Workshop

On October 16-19, 1997, 16 Western Christian College students and four adult sponsors travelled to Pepperdine University in Malibu, California to attend the 38th annual World Missions Workshop. This is a large annual gathering of students and staff interested in missions and evangelism from several of the 20 colleges and universities associated with the a cappella churches of Christ in the United States and Canada.

The World Missions Workshop is hosted by a different school each year. Post-secondary college students from Western have attended the workshops during the last few years. President John McMillan is pleased to announce that Western Christian College has now been included in the rotating cycle and will host this workshop in October 2000. About 500 students and faculty sponsors are expected to attend. This is another signal of Western's growth and a clear statement of our emphasis on missions and evangelism. Students are expected from several states and provinces; people from many regions will have their first opportunity to visit Western Christian College and Dauphin.

To be on the mailing list to receive information, contact: Western Christian College, Box 5000, Dauphin, MB R7N 2V5; telephone (204) 638-8801; fax (204) 638-7054; email: jmcmilla@mbnet.mb.ca; <http://www.parkland.assiniboine.mb.ca/~wcc/>.

International Bible Correspondence School

In 1997, we taught 5,000 individuals from Toronto using Bible correspondence courses. An average of 14,000 multiple choice answers were graded each month. Thousands more were taught from other cities in Canada and the USA.

In addition to the multiple choice test answers, we graded discussion answers for the 400 students taking the Advanced Level. There are 121 discussion questions for the Advanced Level Study of the Gospels. Also there are 144 discussion questions for the Acts course. For the 70 students studying the Ephesian course, we graded 50 short answer questions for each course and 80 discussion questions. The Bible Geography course also has 25 places to locate on a map. The Hebrews course (developed by Ed Broadus) has 104 discussion questions.

We taught in 38 nations, 7 of which are

basically closed to missionary activities.

Our efforts in 1997 were made possible through the most generous support of over 200 families and 30 congregations--people who know how important the Bible is for guiding lives.

For the Annual Report or additional information, please contact: Richard Kruse, Director, I.B.C. School, 873 Jane Street, P.O. Box 98590, Toronto, ON M6N 4C0.

20/20 Vision '98-- A Soul-Winning Workshop

20/20 Vision '98 is the second annual Soul Winning Workshop which promises to be a soul-searching and faith-building seminar designed with every Christian in mind. The program planned for August 7-8, 1998 will be held at the Tintern church of Christ, Tintern, Ontario. The decision to make 20/20 Vision an annual event was prompted by the many requests and responses by brethren who attended the 1997 program.

Speakers for 1998 include: Jack Exum, Lake City, FL; Dr. J.J. Turner, Denver, CO; Nat Cooper, Lubbock, TX; Jerry Tallman, Rochester Hills, MI; Dr. Geoff Ellis, Waterloo, ON; Mark Frost, Trenton, MI; Max Craddock, Toronto, ON; Don Smith, Beamsville, ON; Jim Holston, Tintern, ON; and Darrin Douglas, Niagara Falls, ON.

The focus of 20/20 Vision will be on the commission and task that is before us as individuals and as the church. The seminar will fulfill a fourfold purpose and goal to: 1) encourage and motivate members to be involved in personal evangelism; 2) instruct Christians how to teach and influence their world for Christ; 3) make practical application from the Word to our lives regarding soul winning; and 4) share with, encourage and pray with other brethren who have a keen interest and concern for leading others to Christ.

Your response, suggestions or comments are encouraged. Reply to 20/20 Vision, 155 Plumtree Crescent, Sudbury, ON P3B4G6. Telephone (705) 524-3944; e-mail: pmorphy@cyberbeach.net or view our webpage created by Phillip Bailey located at: 222.soonet.ca/coc/202vision for additional seminar details.

Great Lakes Bible College Shares Bequest

Bequest

Great Lakes Bible College and Christian high school were each remembered by the late Alpha Barlow of Brantford, Ontario. Her bequest totalled \$28,500 with equal

shares going to the two schools. The support provided by sister Barlow is particularly timely for both institutions. For the Bible college, engaged in the challenging work of revitalizing its program, the investment is seen as a special encouragement for its future work. This fund will be directed in some specific way to benefit those training for Christian ministry. The board of trustees, which received this news at its quarterly meeting on February 9, instructed its several committees to consider the best application of this endowment.

John (d. 1974) and Alpha Barlow became members of the Brantford Church of Christ in the early 1950's and were mainstays of the group over the years. Sister Barlow passed away on June 23, 1997 at the age of 81. She was keenly interested in the training of preachers of the gospel. Ralph Perry, who conducted her service, commented, "Alpha was loved and respected by her church family, relatives, neighbours and friends. She was known for her hospitality and thoughtful kindness".

Other News

Six GLBC students participated in a Field Education program February 22-25 that involved them in active outreach and Bible teaching. This in-the-field work was hosted by the Bramalea Church of Christ and directed by Walter Straker. Walter is both the evangelist and an elder with the Bramalea congregation and a teacher with GLBC. In addition to the activities of the four-day effort, the students were involved in pre-session research and followed up their efforts with papers analyzing their work. Benefits to the students included both the hands-on experiences and a one-hour credit for their educational programs.

The elusiveness of addresses of scattered former Bible department students, SBM students, and more recent GLBC students--all who have attended Great Lakes post-high school activities since its inception in 1952--resulted in a postponement of the first homecoming, scheduled originally for February 14. Tracking will continue, and a new date will be announced.

A comparison of enrollments between the first and second terms of the 1997-98 school year show: First term--13 students (3 full-time, 10 part-time) enrolled in 99 credit hours of study. Second term--11 students (4 full-time, 7 part-time) enrolled in 93 credit hours of study. Nine students are enrolled in the winter satellite courses that overlap both terms (7 credit, 2 audit) for 15 credit hours. The overall result gives full-time student equivalents: first term, 8.8; second term, 8.3. —Geoffrey H. Ellis

Remembering the Departed

EMMA JOHNSON

Emma Bakken was born on the farm eight miles south of Bromhead, Saskatchewan on January 4, 1917 and passed away on January 14, 1998, making her 81 years and 10 days of age. Educated in the country school at Knoxville, she was in grade four at seven years of age and passed her grade eight with honours at eleven. After spending a year helping on the farm, she took her grades nine and ten by correspondence.

An excellent athlete, Emma was the only girl on the men's softball team. She was an accomplished dancer, and when she became a Christian in 1936, public opinion was, "Give Emma two weeks, and she will be back on the dance floor". Contrary to this belief, Emma never set foot on a dance floor again. She became a devout Christian, exerting every effort to serve the Lord.

On November 20, 1940, she became the wife of Carl E. Johnson. They moved onto Uncle John Fonstad's farm where they lived for five years prior to obtaining their own farm, the former Ed Sather farm in the Green Mount district. Their son, Carlos, was born on the Fonstad farm and on their own farm, three more children were added to the family: Larry, Bernice and Luella.

In 1947 Carl came down with Encephalitis (sleeping sickness), and by 1953 Carlos was diagnosed with A-Plastic Anemia (this was before the bone marrow transplant was discovered). Carlos had to have blood transfusions making it necessary for Emma to spend weeks on end at the Estevan Hospital as well as in Moose Jaw, Regina and Winnipeg hospitals caring for him.

By 1946, due to Carlos' ill health and Carl's weakened condition, they moved their family to Torquay for a year and a half to be closer to doctors and hospitals. In 1957 they actually built their own house in Estevan. Carl worked for John Deere. As he laid the hammer and saw down to go to work, Emma picked them up and carried on where he left off. Seven boarders, Grandpa Johnson and the six of us were fed, kept clean and patched without complaint.

By 1964 the house was finished and paid for, the boarders had moved away, the rooming space had been converted to suites and the children were gone from home. A decision was made to make more use of our Bible knowledge. Since both Carl and Emma spoke the Norwegian language, it was decided to go to Norway and work for the Lord. This was told to J.C. Bailey, who was then in India. He wrote back, "All

Americans can go to Norway, but only Canadians can come to India! Please come to India and help me". So, after much prayer and thought, the decision, which resulted in 10½ years in India, was made. A Bible school was founded there and 17 orphan boys taken in. Emma sewed (on a foot treadle machine) school uniforms and made 16 of them suits of clothes consisting of coat, pants, shirt and tie. Many a night Carl would wake up to the whirr of the sewing machine or the splash of the washing machine. Emma could not sleep and said she may as well be doing something useful.

We left India in August of 1976 for Western Samoa and were the first missionaries of the church of Christ to work in that island country of Polanesian people. After a year and a half in Western Samoa, Emma suffered several strokes; so, we came home to Canada with Emma in a wheel chair, thinking our missionary work was over. She rallied extremely well; so, in that same year, 1978, we took on the work of the church in Yorkton. After four years, we came back to stay in Estevan in 1983. During this interval Emma made two trips back to India and one trip to Western Samoa and New Zealand in her wheel chair.

From the day in 1936 when she became a Christian, her life was a determination to serve her Saviour to the best of her ability.

I failed to mention that Carlos had passed away in October 1, 1964, and my dad, brother Charles L. Johnson, passed away while I was teaching my first Bible class in India in September of 1966.

The memorial service for Emma was conducted by brother Tim Pippus. Dale Elford led the singing. The seven deacons in the Estevan church participated with six serving as pall bearers and one very ably reading the eulogy. The elders and their wives were the honorary pall bearers. Over 200 people attended the memorial service, and the Lord blessed us with a nice day. A heartfelt thank you to all for your words of comfort, your gifts and food in these trying days. —Sincerely, Carl E. Johnson

RAY MENEER

The first time I remember seeing Ray Meneer was at a Junior Young People's Meeting. I was a junior young person, and to me he seemed ancient. He would have been over 40, which seemed to be as ancient as a person could get.

He talked about when he was a young person in rural Manitoba and someone

from his young person's group went into Winnipeg and saw moving stairs. You had to jump off when you got to the top or you would be pulled right back down. Raymond said that that youth tended to exaggerate.

Then I remember when Ray spoke in church. He told a story of a young girl who used to say that the mule would make such a fine Christian because he had such a long, sad face. I must have heard that story 50 times in the time I knew Ray Meneer, and it was always inspiring because with his life-style, he dispelled such a myth. I remember Raymond as an older Christian who did not consider his religion to be a millstone around his neck but rather his liberation.

When I think of Ray Meneer, I think of the passage in John 10:10 when Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly".

Ray's optimism was infectious. When he was doing fund raising for GLCC, he persuaded one young teacher in Bengough, Saskatchewan to come to teach English. She later became my wife.

I remember from my childhood a sermon Ray Meneer gave about love. He spoke of God's love and Christian love. When he spoke about the love of a couple, he said that he felt it was more romantic to see old married couples than young lovers. To see an old couple holding hands after the skin was dry and the hands were rough was, to him, true love.

Now, as my hands have started to get rougher and I look at my wife, I think, "Where would I be if it had not been for Ray Meneer?"

I know that we do not deify people, but we learn from them. I hope that I can be the kind of example to someone that Ray Meneer was for me.

Applications Closing Date April 30

Due to Harold Parker's impending retirement in August 1998, the Stoney Creek Church of Christ invites applications from candidates who are capable in preaching, teaching and ministering to our community.

We will accept applications until April 30, 1998. The Stoney Creek Church of Christ would like to have Harold Parker's replacement in place prior to his retirement in August 1998.

Please respond to:

Preacher Search Committee
Stoney Creek Church of Christ
105 King Street East
Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1L1

News East

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Catharines area were also visiting. Mark McDonnell delivered a very uplifting message on love within the church. Sister Sara Denton, our eldest member (91 years), now resides in a nursing home in Brighton. Ozzie and Chris Oswald have moved to sunny Searcy, Arkansas for the winter. They will be greatly missed by us all.

Waterloo: The Hispanic churches are holding the second reunion April 10-12. The theme will be "The Christian Family", with Henry Roncancio, a preacher of Columbian origin who works in Dallas with the Western Hills Iglesia de Cristo congregation as expositor. On February 7, some of the students from GLBC led a young people's get-together. About 50 attended.

Welland: S.F. and Maxine Timmerman are moving to Searcy, Arkansas to retire in March. They will be sorely missed by the congregation and by brethren in the area.

NOVA SCOTIA

Mill Village: Roland E. Bennett passed away on November 24 after spending 24 days in the hospital. Cancer had spread throughout his body. David Hallett made a trip to Orange, Texas October 7-14 and held a five-lesson meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick on November 14-16. Plans are underway to move or rebuild their building, providing funds become available.

Halifax: "We are rejoicing with the angels in two new births": Will Hawkes on January 8 and Silvano Maribe on January 21. The congregation has a growth goal set for this year: "8 in 1998".

QUEBEC

Montreal (Verdun): The theme for the congregation this year is "Evangelization". A seminar on personal evangelism is planned for the second week in May with Max Craddock as guest speaker and translated into French by Roger Saumur. Hal and Nina Strahm have moved in January to Northern Ireland. Diane Saumur is beginning a monthly ladies' Bible class in March. The Carbonneau family have placed membership. Don and Martha Bryant from Virginia Beach were to hold a Marriage Enrichment weekend in March.

News Prairies

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Beginning in December, we have changed our second service on Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 in the afternoon. With

our Saskatchewan winters (which this year haven't been too bad) we felt it would be easier for a lot of the congregation to get out in the afternoon, when it is still light, than in the evening. It also gives those members of our congregation who live out of town a chance to stay for this extra time of Bible study and learning. We have members who drive in each Sunday morning from Elbow, Eyebrow, Tuxford, Regina and Caronport. It seems to be working very well, with more people in attendance at 2:30 than there were at 6:00.

For the past while, the last 15 to 20 minutes of our afternoon service are spent in prayer. We have three categories: Praise, Petitions and Thanksgiving, and these requests are written down on the board under each of the categories. The board is usually full of requests. Some are of a general nature, and some are very specific. It has proved to be a wonderful time of closeness for us, petitioning our Heavenly Father and praising Him.

A New Year's Eve party was held at the building on December 31. An evening of games, snacks and fellowship was enjoyed by all. It was great to welcome the new

year of 1998 in with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our hearts were saddened when on December 30 Cecil Sinclair passed away from complications following surgery. The funeral service was conducted by Ron Hegdahl on January 5, and the tea following was supplied by the ladies of the congregation back at the building.

We collect nonperishable grocery items on an on-going basis for the Moose Jaw and District Food Bank, and our total poundage for 1997 was 1,124 lbs. We have many generous individuals in our congregation who reach out to the citizens of our city in this way.

Weyburn: During the month of January a potluck dinner was held each Sunday and service followed at 2:00 p.m.

Dick and Laura Knibbs are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tanya, to Evan Burdan of Mansfield, Texas. They plan to be married here in Weyburn on August 22.

A birthday party was held for Stella Peterson on February 7. Stella is 90 years young.

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We are looking for an individual to work in a co-ministry relationship with our current minister. The primary function of this position would be to assist the congregation in moving away from traditional youth ministry toward a model that would bring the youth together with their parents and other mature adults. We envision our young people developing a relationship with God and learning about commitment through the direct example of their parents and other adult Christians. We anticipate a family-based ministry in which parents are trained and assisted in mentoring their own children spiritually. We further envision children being fully integrated into our cell groups and other vital aspects of church life.

Since we do not know fully where God is leading us, it is imperative that the candidate should be an inventive and motivated individual who is led by the Holy Spirit and is capable of thinking outside the traditional or the status quo. The candidate should not be a novice but should be deeply committed to the Scriptures, possess a degree in Bible or family ministry, be sensitive to our Restoration heritage, have strong administrative and teaching skills, and be able to connect with all ages.

If you feel God's Spirit leading you to apply for this position, which is available immediately, please send a detailed resume and a recent photograph.

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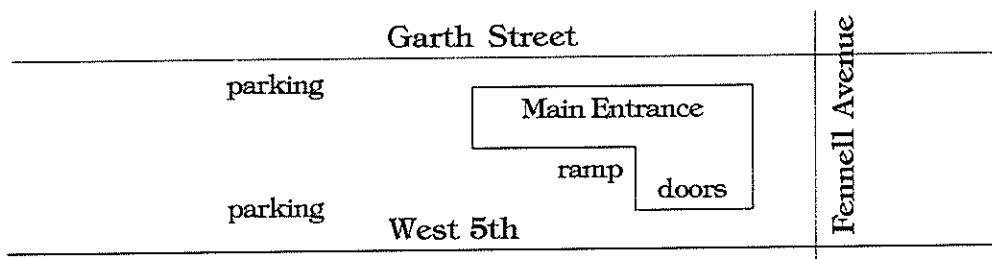
APRIL 24 - 26, 1998

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 24, Friday	Bible Unity and Uniformity 7:00-9:00 p.m.
April 25, Saturday	God Makes Us One 7:00-9:00 p.m.
April 26, Sunday	Forbearance and the Corinthian Church 9:45-10:30 Classes 10:45-12:00 Worship service Forbearance and the Seven Churches 6:00-7:00 Evening study

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