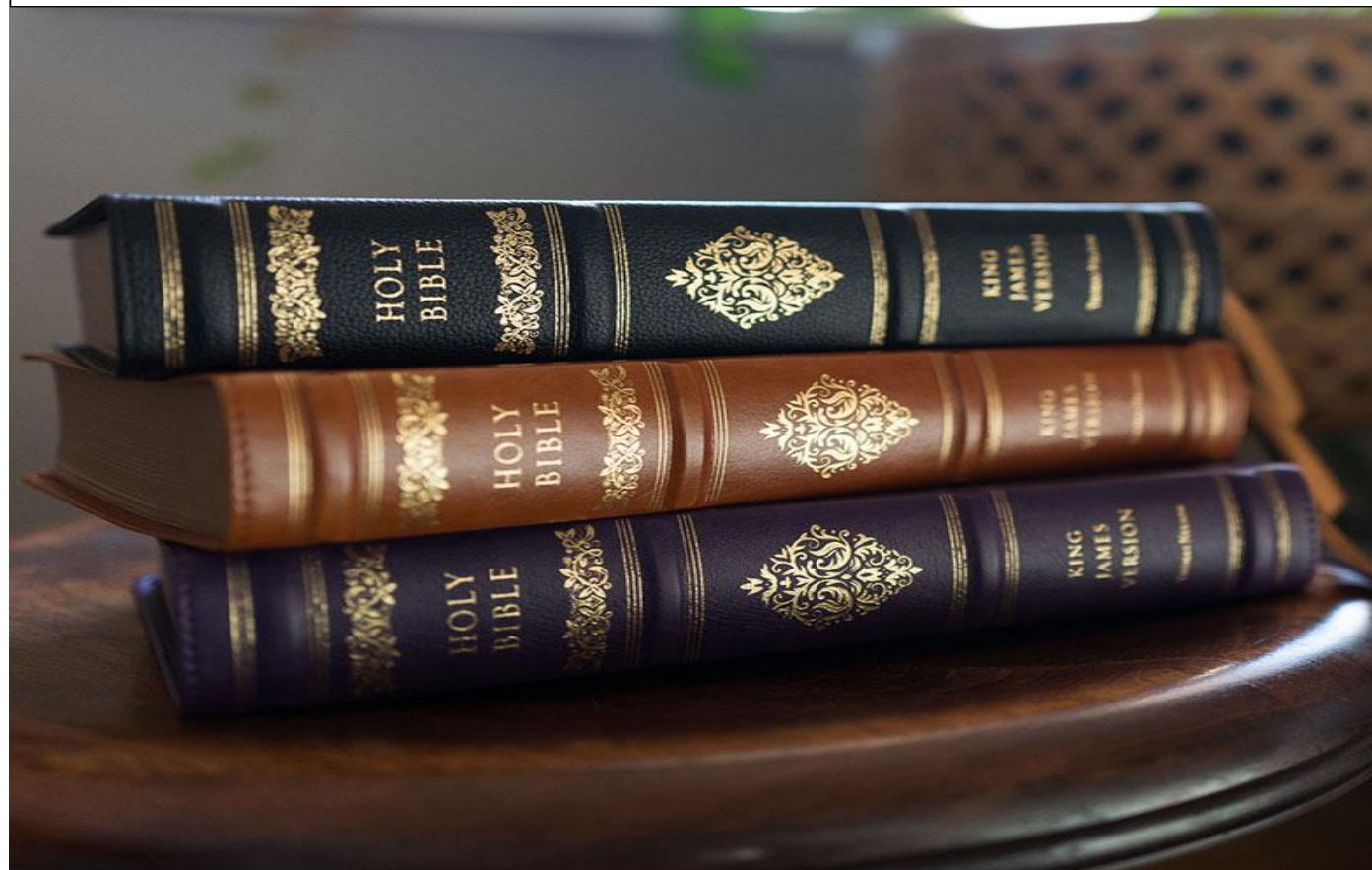




# Truth To Wonder

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## The Reward For Patience

Luke ch2v25-38 is a passage that speaks with gentle eloquence of all the heavenly glories that are allotted to all those who wait patiently of the promises of God. In Simeon and Anna, we have two weary, old soldiers of Christ who have devoted their lives in humble service to God. Through many hardships and sufferings, including heart breaking losses of the closest of loved ones, both souls refuse to slip into bitterness of heart and despair of spirit. This endurance of Godly love that is found so expertly in the true and full meaning of the word 'charity', is rewarded with the glory of looking upon the very face of God, a blessing not even the mighty Law giver that was Moses was afforded. Such wonders of God's grace are gifted to those who march on in obedience to the call of God, and live each day in joyful hope that God's promises are to be esteemed greater than the comforts of this world.

In Simeon, we meet an elderly man who has been promised by God through the loving still, small voice of the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death until he looked upon the Messiah. We can only imagine the heady delight that would've filled the heart of this humble servant of God when he first received this immense promise. How he would've skipped and danced with glee to the Temple that day! Yet it is most



likely that a great many days, probably even years passed before this heavenly promise found its fulfilment. How many of us today would go every day in fullness of expectation and consistency of hope to the house of God, only to be disappointed that our hope was not realised that day?! Many would quickly lose faith in the promise, and would slip away from seeking after its fulfilment. Yet in the patience of Simeon we see how God honours those who trust what He has said unto them, trusting that God is not slack in keeping His promises and how in the fullness of time, He moves His will into glorious fulfilment.

As Simeon takes up the infant Jesus, he proclaims a great blessing before the masses gathered in the Temple that day. He declares this little babe cradled in his arms the 'consolation of Israel'. All in the Temple would've known well who was to be this 'consolation', for He was to be the promised Messiah, spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. So, in the arms of this broken-down old man, one whom many likely never gave a second glance, the Messiah rested happily in his wrinkled arms. What other god can claim to be so loving, so gentle and so meek as the Lord Jesus?! Here was the Creator God, the One who spoke the heavens into existence and lifted the mountains to their peaks with but a word, now lay in the frailty of the flesh in the arms of this simple old believer. How magnificent is the grace of God in that He came to find His dwelling place in the embrace of such just and devout souls as Simeon.

How stunning it is that this joyful song of praise uttered by Simeon at this moment, was brought about by the compelling of the Holy Spirit in drawing a poor old sinner that was Simeon to meet his Saviour in the Temple, thereby receiving true rest in that he was ready to go home to peace with his God. The work of the Holy Spirit has not altered through the generations, for still He seeks to draw sinners to salvation in the presence of Christ Jesus; only now the meeting place is in the temple that is the reborn heart in Christ. Let it be known to you this day, that this stunning joy and peace that was gifted to dear old Simeon that day is open to you too to receive also. Simeon was likely forgotten by the world, yet his God remembered him and came to meet him so that he might know the promises of God are true and real!



Simeon's delight that he now looked upon his salvation in the blessed form of Jesus Christ, finally brought a happy exhalation of rest from his namesake's father that was Jacob. In Genesis ch49v18, Jacob speaks that he has waited for his salvation. This is the first time in Scripture that the word 'salvation' is spoken, and it is spoken by an elderly man awaiting his coming peace through the righteousness of his Redeemer. That very same Redeemer whom Job looked forward to seeing with his own eyes. Here in the flesh of man, salvation had come to redeem sinners such as Jacob, Simeon and us today.

This Saviour identified by Simeon as being the little babe in his arms is declared to be the 'glory of Israel' and a 'light to lighten the Gentiles'. Again, this bold declaration moved by the witness of Holy Spirit would alert all in the Temple as to who this baby was, none other than the Messiah prophesied by Isaiah some 700 years prior!

The words of dear old Simeon prompted Mary and Joseph to 'marvel' at the words spoken. These two sinners had received proclamations of angels and watched on as shepherds came to give their adoration to the newborn child. Hearing the news that this child within their care is the Messiah and the Saviour of the world astonishes them further. There is no greater declaration of God's heart unto mankind than to hear the good news that God came in the flesh of man to deliver us



from death everlasting. He came to snatch us away from the fires of hell and lift us up to the glories of Heaven! All this He did in fulfilling the promise of God all the way back in Eden, as He came as the seed of a woman, not fathered by any mortal man but conceived by the Spirit of God. For in verse 33 of Luke 2, we read 'Joseph and his mother marvelled', a clear and powerful but gentle marker that Jesus is the Son of God, born of a virgin, just as the prophets spoke.

As the Son of God, this little babe would grow to be the fall and rising up again of many, just as Simeon prophesied. For Jesus would lead many to become aware of the enormous weight of their sins, but He would also move to be the one who would remove this heavy burden from their shoulders and take it upon His own, giving Himself as a full and final sacrifice for our sins. This atonement would be the rising up again of countless millions of redeemed hearts in Christ Jesus, just as Simeon foretold!

Yet this happy news would not go without opposition. Where there is a message of hope, the devil will seek to destroy this joyful news. So Satan moved to halt the heavenly work of Christ through the wickedness of unrepentant hearts as seen in people such the religious leaders both of the time and through to today. Such devious and deceptive souls would deny the signs of the Messiah's arrival, that He would be born of a virgin; have a guiding star lead to Him; be wrapped in swaddling clothes, and be a stumbling block to His own people. Still today false teachers and deceiving spirits seek to challenge Christ Jesus on these same fulfillments of His Word.

These challenges would be swept away though by the one who knows all hearts (Luke 2:35), as Simeon warns Mary that a sword will pierce her own soul. This unfolded in two ways. The first, the unbearable pain she would have experienced when she gazed upon the blood strewn body of Jesus upon the Cross. Who

can imagine the anguish of a parent looking upon the gruesome torture and murder of their child in such an horrific manner?! Secondly, that the holiness of Jesus as the Son of God, would weigh heavy upon her own soul, convicting her of her own sins as a fallen sinner, no different to you or me.

While as Joseph and Mary marvel at the words of this just and devout old man, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe Asher, comes to them and pronounces a similar blessing upon the infant Messiah. How powerfully but tenderly moves the Holy Spirit, in that whilst Anna was a prophetess, her blessing comes after Simeon's, for a man is to be the spiritual head as ordained by God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:3). Her words offer no new revelation, but a continuation of the words declared by Simeon moments prior. Once more we see the subtle but purposeful witness of God that where a Godly man leads, a Godly woman follows and supports, as it has been ordained since Genesis. The instruction of the Lord is consistent through the ages, and is so for the welfare of mankind, so that we may have a tried-and-true guide through the uncertainty of life in a fallen world.

Note how Anna means 'favour' or 'grace' and Simeon means 'to hear'. How marvellous is the Lord in that even within the names of these two faithful servants a powerful Gospel message lays. For those who hear the call of God to come unto the Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, finds the favour of God by receiving His grace so that their sins are washed clean from them by the blood of the Lamb that is Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the delicate detailing of God's Word builds upon this gentle truth, for the name Phanuel means 'face of God'. What majestic grace of God unfolded that blessed day in the Temple, when a lonely old widow was able to indeed see the face of God, a glory not even afforded to the great Law giver that was Moses. How the Lord exalts the lowly and builds up those who serve faithfully with a joyful and hopeful heart, even when hardships and suffering are frequent and deep. What glory it is that the hope of Job spoken so long before Anna, that he knew his Redeemer lives and he would look upon Him with his own eyes, was so beautifully lived out by this gentle old widow. Our God is truly a God unto the widow and a Father unto the fatherless.

Yet the abundance of God's blessing contained within these amazing declarations of blessing by Simeon and Anna go deeper. For why would the Lord have it recorded in His eternal Word that Anna was a child of the tribe Asher? This is no unneeded detail, but instead a picture of the amazing abundance of provision and life that would flow through this infant child. The tribe of Asher dwelt in a land blessed with plentiful wealth of sustenance, particularly olives, the fruit whose oil was key in the anointing of kings. The one who created the olive groves and would be anointed King of kings was first pronounced in the Temple of God by a humble old widow who knew the goodness and faithfulness of God far better than we today who live in such comfort and ease.

The testimony of these two faithful old souls still speaks mightily today. Their humble service to God was blessed by Him after so many years of patient waiting on His promises. Rather than slipping into despair and despondency, these two faithful servants of God greeted each day in hope that maybe that day was the day they would see their Redeemer! Oh, where is such hope in our lives today? So, so many stumble through each day, in much easier lives than these two broken down old hearts, yet their existence is filled with aimlessness, depression and misery. Pray that the Lord may use us as vehicles of the Gospel so that we may bring the message of hope that is salvation and life eternal through faith in Jesus Christ. Let it be of no concern if we are old or weary, for if God can use two such as Simeon and Anna to proclaim the glory of His Son, then why not you?

By Jonathan Badger

## Who Knows What's Down There?!



Thalassophobia is the fear of sea animals. Not many would say that they suffer from this fear at first, but if you were to further the conversation and discuss whether or not people are afraid of deep sea animals, you may get a different answer.

OceanX (a deep-sea exploration group) in partnership with the Cape Eleuthera Institute, recently revealed on YouTube a terrifying deep-sea encounter with a bluntnose sixgill. This creature is a species of giant

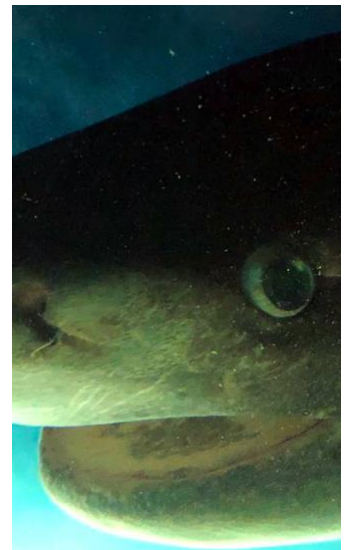
shark! In the video, the massive creature emerges deep from within the sandy sea basin to swim right past the window of the explorers submarine. On the video is the audible shock as the well experienced explorers cry out 'This is a monster!' Followed by the observation that the creature was 'bigger than this sub is long.'

This species of shark can grow up to 6 metres in length with an average weight of 500kg. However larger ones can top 1,000kg! To go with the monstrous size of this deep sea beast, is the eerily human eye that it has. As one of the submarine explorers noted watching the giant shark swim menacingly close to the submarine window, "If not the size, this shark's eye alone would have given me a straight heart attack."

Building on this terrified reporting of what was witnessed in those ocean depths, others having viewed the video online have rightly commented, "It's simply insane to think such creatures exist in such completely isolated parts of our planet. Really makes you wonder what other things are out there." Quite! Given that marine biologists have only just discovered a whole new species of Killer Whale in the Arctic Oceans, who knows what strange and massive creatures might still be lurking beneath the waves?!

Such a recent discovery as the monstrous bluntnose sixgill even with all our modern technology and mapping of the world, begs the question of why of why do so many dismiss the Biblical account of the monstrous marine creature that was Leviathan (Job 41)?! Who knows what incredible discoveries could yet be made as mankind explores the mystery that is the deep sea. You never know, maybe Leviathan still lurks beneath the waves somewhere?

By Jonathan Badger



## Christ's Eternal Sonship and His Eternal Generation, The Relationship That Is Between Them

In my early days of the study of theology, I was given it seems by the Lord a natural affinity for it. In today's church that would seem strange for one called to be an Evangelist. In the shallow belief system of today's Charismatic church, the massive majority wouldn't have a clue how the two (evangelism and theology), could join hands in praise and worship.

Today we see huge changes taking place in the undermining of doctrine in biblical Christianity. In the Charismatic Movement the majority could not explain what Orthodox Doctrine even is. Your average Charismatic believer and so-called pastor could not refute a Mormon or Jehovah Witness on issues like the

Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Imagine speaking today to Charismatics about the eternal generation of the Lord Jesus Christ and the relationship of Him and His Father. You say, what? Who needs to know that?, and what is it anyway? Well, this high-sounding twaddle as many today would call it, is in fact very important to know as an Evangelist. I knew it as a young evangelist years before I had a PhD. Today, countless in the church say what is all this 'rubbish' about co-eternal and co-essential? Do we understand the Lord's 'sameness' with both the Father and the Spirit? I might add we mean the Holy Spirit and not various devilish spirits that can be found at work in the Charismatic Movement.

Some of the early matters we were taught and indeed studied in the Word of God was that Christ co-existed (or pre-existed) with the Father before the Creation of the World etc. He existed eternally before all ages, before time or the Creation of the angelic beings. He is unchangeable, so in simple terms He has always been with the Father and the Spirit. You may say, well I don't need to know about all that, yes you do if you are going to witness effectively to a Jehovah Witness. Something else that is important theologically and Biblically, He is co-essential with the Father and the Spirit. He and the Father are One, see John 10v30. He shares the same 'substance' (some say essence) with the Father (Nicene Creed, AD



325, and does not just show a 'similar substance' with Him. Further, while the Lord is co-eternal and co-essential with His Father and the Holy Spirit) these members of the Godhead are also distinct persons which bear a unique relationship to each other. This relationship between Father and Son within the Trinity is key to the right understanding of His eternal generation.

Just think of this, when I travelled this land as an evangelist years ago, believers understood these matters, many of them simple souls, but, they knew their Bible. Today, Bible College graduates don't have a clue, their knowledge of doctrine, and church history is basic at best. Many don't know how to witness and never have. All you hear from the likes of Charismatics is we don't need this stuff, its because you don't know it that you believe such tripe and pay heed to seducing spirits.

Look, the believers view has always been that Jesus Christ as the Son of God was before time and creation. As the Son He was tasked to be Creator, see Col 1v15-17 and Heb 1v2. The doctrine of Him being the Son of God was taken by the Early Church in the Nicene Creed (AD 325, revised in AD 381 by the Council of Constantinople) to defend the church against the Arians who rejected the teaching that Christ was of the 'same substance' as the Father: 'And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance (essence) with the Father...'

You can find a definition of the person of Jesus Christ in the Creed of Chalcedon (AD 451): 'We, then, following the holy Father, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable (rational) soul and body; consubstantial (co-essential) with the Father according to the Godhead and consubstantial with us according to the manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead'.

If we were to debate with modern Arians like Jehovah Witnesses, we find yes they accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. However, not as God the Son. They view Him as a created being. In some modern churches we hear of a falsehood, namely, that Jesus Christ became the Son of God at His Incarnation ('Incarnational Sonship'). If you know your Church History you would know that this false teaching was dealt with during the Council of Nicea, which taught Jesus is of one essence with the Father before all



worlds, and did not become so at the incarnation, Jesus is and always has been, the eternal Son of God, the Son of His Father.

Now, we come to the theological doctrine of the eternal generation of the Son of God which is tied to the doctrine of the eternal Sonship of Jesus Christ. However, before we go further, we need to understand that the teaching of Doctrine is vital in defending the faith, that is what our forefathers did for centuries in maintaining the Sacred Truths of the revealed Word. Today it is suggested that doctrine is just stuffy old theology. Such a statement represents idiocy of the highest order and will be revealed as such hereafter. When I study Doctrine, my mind worships the Lord because thinking on who He is that went to Calvary for me leaves me on my knees and my heart worshipping.



So, eternal generation. This doctrine is so tightly linked with the eternal Sonship of Jesus Christ that you can't hold to one doctrine without holding to the other. As Hilary of Poitiers stated (cAD 358): 'He (John) not only calls Him the Son, but adds the further designation of the only begotten (unigenitum)...for the fact that He is the only begotten is proof positive of His right to the name of Son'.

Look, it is important to know that the early church's basis for eternal generation was that the Father and the Son possess the same identical nature. The Early Church rejected the Arian argument which imposes an earthly father-son relationship on to the divine Father Son relationship. The phrase 'only begotten' is vitally important.

When we speak of Jesus Christ as 'begotten' of the Father, this 'coming from/forth' is from eternity. It did not take place at a special point in time. These doctrines are not just matters for academics but of great import for our daily Christian lives and witness.

In recent years, there have been and continue to be major attacks on the work of Jesus, in particular His penal substitutionary work, this is also the case from professing Evangelicals. We should also note attacks surrounding the eternal Sonship and generation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These errors in much modern day teaching may lead to the error of tritheism (belief in three Gods). In the words of Sam Waldron, 'Without eternal generation...it is impossible to distinguish the different persons of the Trinity. There are no revealed personal relations or properties...We are left with three colourless, unvarying, indistinguishable persons of the Trinity. The result smells of the barrenness of human philosophy, not the richness of biblical revelation'.

I know that few believers today know of these great vitally important weighty doctrines of the New Testament. Few pastors would have a clue in the modern church, yet for centuries the church of the Lord Jesus Christ has defended and seen the need to uplift these biblical truths. The truth is when you have finished clapping, dancing, hugging etc. you are spiritual paupers.

By Dr David Badger



## Milk - God's Nectar

**Exodus 33:1** And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:

**2** And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

**3** Unto a land flowing with milk and honey...

As seen in our last issue of TTW Magazine, the goodness of our Lord's provision in leading His people the Jews into the Promised Land was not just the giving of a homeland, but also a home filled with some of the best natural sustenance available to mankind. We have already considered the huge array of health benefits contained within good quality honey, so now let's look at some of the amazing health benefits of the humble glass of milk.

A glass of milk contains far more than the excellent levels of calcium that many jump to when one considers the health benefits of milk. A glass of even semi-skimmed milk also contains protein, phosphorus, potassium, iodine, riboflavin, pantothenic acid and a whopping 72 per cent of our daily need of vitamin B12 (boosts energy levels). This incredible coming together of so many valuable nutrients ensures milk is excellent for the following:

- Keeping bones, muscles, teeth, skin, nerves and vision strong and healthy
- Reduces fatigue, tiredness and helps release energy from foods
- Can help maintain healthy blood pressure
- Encourages normal brain growth and development
- Assists in the functioning of a healthy immune system

As a result, the humble glass of milk has long been a go to drink to give developing children. However, many parents don't think to ensure that milk drinking is encouraged throughout the latter years of childhood that are the dreaded teenage years. Bones develop at a quick pace during the teenage years, with between 40-60 per cent of peak bone mineral content being developed at this period of life. A healthy diet with good intake of dairy in these formative years can play a huge factor in guarding against later life health conditions such as osteoporosis.

Bone density continues to increase well into our 30's before steadily declining as we get older. Therefore, it is sound reasoning to ensure that consistent dairy intake, through a simple glass of milk for example, continues well into adulthood to further protect our aging houses of clay. Isn't it incredible how the Lord led His people into a land where such a simple drink as milk can ensure the strong development of little children and assist the needs of the aged. He certainly does provide for all His children, often through much overlooked means.

During pregnancy and breastfeeding, women are wise to make sure they guard their levels of calcium to meet their own nutritional needs along with their little one. However, with a sensible approach to the intake of dairy products such as milk, the nutritional might of such products are so potent that no additional intake is required. Again, where the Lord provides, He does so abundantly!

In further consideration of the health properties of milk, it can pose a valuable source of nutritional safeguarding for women as they go through menopause. During this time, women can lose bone stores of calcium, leaving them vulnerable to fractures in later life. Numerous medical studies have shown that the drinking of milk can slow down this loss of calcium in postmenopausal women.

Milk and other dairy products are excellent additions to one's diet as old age takes its toll. For those who struggle with chewing and/or swallowing, higher fat dairy products such as cream, butter and soft cheese can add strong nutritional and calorific value to puréed foods. This can be a valuable aid for those struggling with ill health and therefore maintain a healthy weight (this struggle I have known personally, even in young age). So it is that the Lord has provided a readily available source of sustenance to those who are suffering with ill health and/frailty of old age.

Whilst some do struggle with milk/dairy intolerance, this is nowhere near the levels vaunted by many pseudo-New Age health 'professionals'. Far from the lie that milk intolerance is due to humanity not being 'evolved enough' to process cows' milk (see how evolutionary theory affects every aspect of life, even your diet!), it is actually due to low levels of lactase, the enzyme in the body responsible for digesting lactose found in dairy products. As a result, the publicised numbers of 15-20 per cent of the population being unable to digest dairy effectively is heavily affected by the genetic predisposition of African and Asian peoples who can struggle to produce sufficient levels of the lactase enzyme. Furthermore, these percentages are heavily affected further by those who suffer with IBS, or irritable bowel syndrome, along with patients struggling with temporary post gastroenteritis symptoms (both conditions affecting natural healthy levels of lactase enzyme in the human body).



Furthermore, infants who struggle with cow's milk allergies (lactose intolerance) usually outgrow such allergies by the age of five, with thankfully around just 3-6 in every 100 infants being so temporarily affected. Therefore, lactose intolerance is not a product of evolution, but a product of the effects of the Fall, with some being affected with low levels of the lactase enzyme needed to properly digest lactose. This means that lactose intolerance is like any other health condition in that it is something that has gone wrong with the human body (due to the

effects of the Curse) and not a remnant of evolution on the body.

Milk is a fantastic source of nutrition for the fit and active also. When drunk before exercise, it provides carbohydrates for energy, and when consumed after exercise, it's superb balance of carbohydrates, proteins and electrolytes boost muscle recovery and rehydration. The mineral content is extremely similar to sports drinks and is considered by health professionals to be just as effective, if not better, than any sports drink or water for rehydration. So once again, God provided the best post-workout beverage thousands of years before Red Bull got there!

Furthermore, milk provides additional nutrients that are excellent at maintaining dental health (keeping the dentist at bay!) and retaining healthy levels of fluid within the body. Eating/drinking dairy products is also associated with higher increases in lean muscle gain and the promotion of fat loss for those seeking to watch their weight. Once more, isn't it remarkable that the Lord led His people to a land flowing with such strong provision for fighting men to ensure the adequate defence of the populace. Doesn't that reflect the very nature of God in that He is our 'strong tower' and 'shield' (see numerous Psalms on these songs of praise towards the Lord's protection and provision) against enemies who seek to harm us.

So, as you can see, dairy and indeed the humble glass of milk is a tremendous provision of God in helping sustain a healthy body so that we may labour effectively and joyfully in the name of the Lord. How good He was in how He led His people to a land flowing with such natural wonders as milk and honey, reflecting the abundance of His love and provision. His goodness has not altered through the ages, as these two

means of sustenance are still available the world over, giving health and strength to all the nations of the earth, all to the glory of God.

By Jonathan Badger

## A Heavy Warning From Los Angeles?

News headlines are filled with reports of devastating wildfires in Los Angeles that have already caused the loss of 7 lives (at time of writing), along with extensive destruction of land and property, much of which in the affluent Hollywood hills. Celebrity homes in Pacific Palisades have already succumbed to the flames, with 20,000 people having been evacuated from this area alone. All these terrible events show that all the might and wealth of the rich and famous have no stay against the immense power of rampant and intense wildfires.

Sky News entitled one update article on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025, with a LA locals quote on the events with the words 'It's an apocalypse.' In the midst of the devastation, a clueless Governor Newsom looks on with little hope to offer, as now homeless locals challenge him on his incompetence. This incompetence has prompted many to forcefully put to the Governor why the fire hydrants have run dry and why more hasn't been done to safeguard LA's water supply after a prolonged period of draught (those who know their Old Testament will see something in this alone).

Could it be that this terrible situation may be an act of God's judgment upon this wicked city and particularly upon the godless leadership of Governor Newsom? Under Newsom, the state of California has collapsed into lawlessness, with homelessness and rampant drug use filling the streets with violence and chaos. All the while, Newsom has overseen some of the most anti-Biblical liberal policies ever seen in America during his tenure. His toxic leadership has prompted many of California's wiser populace to up sticks and leave the state altogether, with Google having seen surges in searches for safe, conservative places to live in America.

Furthermore, Governor Newsom was the man who tried, unsuccessfully, to have Dr John MacArthur arrested during the Covid lockdowns because Dr MacArthur refused to bow to political pressure to close his church doors. When Governor Newsom instructed LA police to arrest Dr MacArthur, they refused the instruction and allowed Dr MacArthur to continue his ministry unaffected.

On top of these recent events, all will be familiar with the events in Hollywood currently surrounding the arrest of the foul and demonic P Diddy. It seems that all of Hollywood is madly scrambling to ensure that their names are quickly removed from any connection to P Diddy. The dark, Satanic practices (as also seen in the mocking of God at the Golden Globes not long before the fires started) that have been indulged in by many of the Hollywood elite are being brought into the light, and many of the 'greats' of the age are being made very low indeed.



Such unfolding events in LA are tragic of course, and we must pray that the Lord will watch over and deliver those who are faithful to Him, as He did so graciously with Lot and his family in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet I would not be surprised if these events are a mark of God's anger at this wicked city, and how those in charge of it have purposefully set themselves against God and His humble,



faithful servants. Let's also pray that these events stir up the people to challenge the Godless government that they elected and move to elect a leader that fears the living God.

The pictures and images coming out from LA are shocking. The devastation is stark, and it should be a clear and vivid warning as to what awaits not just LA, but the whole earth! For a time is coming, when all Creation will be destroyed with fire and fervent heat (2 Peter 3:10), and all the works of the world will be utterly consumed. There will be no escape, no place of refuge for those who denied the one whom is our soul's refuge, that being the Lord Jesus Christ.

So hear the warning of God. He has been patient in His dealings with defiant and rebellious souls such as Governor Newsom, just as He has been to all those who set themselves against Him throughout the generations of mankind. For God is longsuffering, seeking that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9), and thus find salvation through faith in His only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

Again, hear God's warning, and throw yourself at the feet of His Son Jesus Christ, and know that He is quick to forgive and strong to save even the greatest of sinners. We who have heeded this warning know of His wondrous goodness and love, and witness to all who will listen that He turns no one away who comes to Him seeking forgiveness for their sins. So, if you do not know Jesus Christ as your Saviour, seek Him while He can be found, and be delivered from coming judgement and instead be lifted up to glory and peace everlasting, all in His eternal grace, mercy and love. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

## **Partakers Of My Grace**

**Philippians 1:7 - Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.**

If you are a football fan, you may have been to see your favourite team play. If so, you will know the delight that is felt when your team scores a goal. What makes the joy sweeter though is the sharing in the victory, as you join with hundreds or thousands of fellow supporters in what you have all just witnessed. The shared delight is so profound that people in the stands will shout 'We've scored!', even though they had no actual physical impact on getting the ball into the net. Yet even though this may be the case, the joy is in the real sense of coming together with others to share in an achieved victory thus bringing a feeling of secured belonging.

This joy in shared victory through the efforts of someone we follow is a very dim and poor but, in some ways, neat example of how the Apostle Paul could write in Philippians 1:29 of other believers in Christ being 'partakers of his grace'. Paul was writing to others who he knew adored the Lord Jesus as he did. He was confident in having witnessed the stand made by the Philippian church for the true Gospel, that the salvation he knew so precious through Jesus Christ, they wonderfully knew too.

Though Paul could not take any credit for the victory won by Christ at the Cross and His rising from the tomb, his delight in being made part of that victory through faith in the Risen Son of God meant that the fruits of the victory became his too. Just as a goal scorer earns the teams victory, those who follow that team are brought into that same victory, even though they had no part of the actual out-workings of the result.

This shared joy of triumph between victor and his followers is then amplified in all ways and aspects by the joy in knowing that it is not a joy limited to just one heart but open to many! As at a football stadium when a goal goes in for your team and a thunderous roar sounds out in celebration, your heart jumps at the united

ecstasy of the moment. Now as weak and utterly trivial as that situation is and what emotion such a poor comparison makes to us, imagine the joy that will be known in Heaven when not just thousands, but a number of souls that is as of the grains of sand on the shore are all singing in unison the praise of the Kings of kings and His victory that has secured us life everlasting! It will be the triumphant celebration of all eternity, and our hearts will have never known such shared joy and pure ecstasy!

Yet this joy in shared knowledge and experience of salvation does not have to be waited for until we get to glory. While it will find its perfection of existence in Heaven, it's shimmering beauty can still be known in tantalising moments here in our time amongst brothers and sisters in Christ in our mortal frame. We can through blessed fellowship, know some small glimmer of this Heavenly joy and this is what we should know and experience in church and indeed in any moment of conversation with other believers. Furthermore, it can be known to our hearts when we remember others in prayer, for we can marvel at how through the grace of God, we can offer some comfort to other brothers and sisters in Christ no matter the separation in geography or circumstance.

So, let's not live our faith in isolation, but remember that we who stand for the defence of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, are all partakers of the grace of God that the Apostle Paul knew so joyfully. Let that wondrous joy be ours today, all to the glory of God. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

### **Little Gifts From God**

If you are like me, as a believer in Jesus Christ, you will be overjoyed with thankfulness when the Lord blesses you with an unmistakably mighty blessing or deliverance. Yet again like me, do you often miss the many seemingly smaller blessings and gifts that fill our days in the abundance of God's provision? Are you too busy, too stressed, too tired to take notice of these beautiful gifts of God that flutter through our life like a colourful butterfly flits across our eyes before quickly flying off to greet another passer-by? Well, the Lord knows our weaknesses and frailties very well, and so He lovingly causes us to pause and reflect more on His love and provision. Many such times, as many believers will testify, come in moments of struggle and suffering.

Recently, my youngest daughter has been bouncing from infection to infection after a blessed period of good health and strength. Just when she was improving in health, so she became ill again with another infection. It was causing my wife and I some worry as it's horrible for any parent to see their little one unwell. Yet it was in the middle of one of these dips of health that my youngest daughter did something that brought a thankful smile to me and a song of gratitude and praise to God in my heart. As my daughter went to the bathroom to relieve herself, I could hear her gently humming the Christmas hymn, 'Joy to the World'. Her choice of song to cheer her mood was perfect, as joy has come to the world in the delivering of a Son, a Son that is our Saviour and Redeemer.

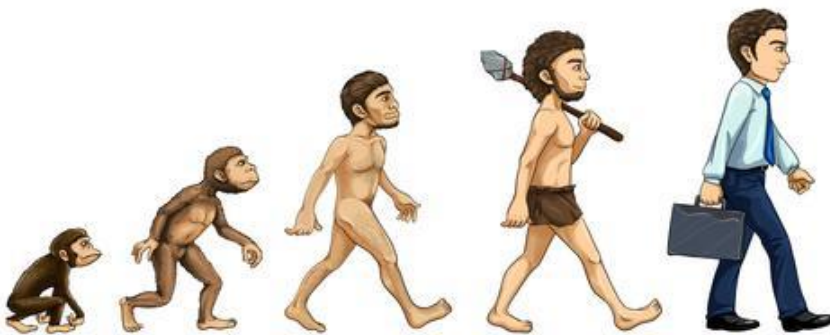
Furthermore, I had recently been preaching at church on the need to be joyful in Christ as believers. So, aware of what I had been preaching must be practiced by myself even when I was unwell, my wife was unwell and my youngest was consistently unwell, I said to my wife, 'We must live what we speak and have joy in Our Lord.' Our heads were down in concern, but we held onto the joy that Christ is for us and so who can be against us! We didn't hold onto any faithfulness we had, but onto the faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour. So it was that He led us to that day when that quiet little blessing of hearing my youngest daughter hum that wonderful old Christmas hymn when she was unwell, gave my heart both joy and rest. My joy was that our daughter found comfort in a song that celebrated the giving of our Saviour. My rest came in knowing through the witness of the Holy Spirit to my heart, that we are to push on as soldiers of Christ, trusting that He goes before us always. Amen

## Christ And Salvation Or Evolution And Damnation

The article you are about to read is not written with wisdom of words; it is not meant to be. However, it will present you with the most important issue that will decide where you will live after death. Now, where you will live after death is not a contradiction, it is simply a fact that you will live again after your mortal body dies.

The first thing you should know about yourself is that you are a sinner. How did you become one? You were born one, a sinner, so was I. Sin in fact is the reason you will die, the Bible says, "Sin when finished, bringeth death", (James 1:15). The story of how you were born in this sinful condition goes back a long time, not millions of years but certainly thousands. The Bible tells us man was created by God, man never evolved but was made without sin. Your very first parents were Adam and Eve, not fairy-tale figures but real people who were placed in a perfect world by a loving God.

If you ever picked up a Bible, you will find in the very first book entitled Genesis the account of the world's beginning. It tells us of our ORIGINS, and that because of something that our first parents did which it recounts in Genesis Chapter 3, we see the first sin. Because of what happened you and I are born sinners. Of course you may say, 'I don't believe in all that', well, your only alternative is to believe you are nothing more than an animal; an animal who will live and die with no real purpose in life, a life with no significant meaning and of no lasting importance to anyone. Friend, you know you are not an animal; you own conscience witnesses to right and wrong, you feel guilty, you think about death and as the years pass the questions mount.



The Theory of Evolution has not answered man's greatest need, it hasn't brought peace to his heart and mind and today's society is reaping the 'fruits' of this godless theory. You are basing your whole life on Darwin's book - The Origin of Species, that book may be the reason you don't believe the Bible,

you are basing your whole view of life and history and eternal destiny on what Charles Darwin said. Actually, in the end every person on this planet really is basing their life on what someone said, the problem is all men are known to lie or make mistakes.

If you are honest with yourself admitting that you are a sinner, that you are not perfect, even though you may not like the words sin and sinner, they describe your condition, you are imperfect and God is perfect. God can never become imperfect, and you can never of your own ability become perfect. If therefore you are ever going to be able to live with a Holy God, then He is going to have to do something for you, seeing as you cannot do anything for yourself. However, why should He do anything for you? You don't love Him, worship Him, serve Him, you are not even mindful of Him in fact you probably curse His name a dozen times a day. There isn't a single reason why He shouldn't leave you to live and die in your sinful decaying condition. Not a reason, except His Love. You and all men would live and die and go to Hell if not for this love, and what is more you would deserve to go there.

Now, it may be that as you have walked through this world you have heard the Gospel preached, perhaps on a street corner you have seen and heard some man proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour from Sin. You may



have secretly listened for a moment as I once did, then the mockery and abuse from others passing by awakens you and you quickly join the chorus of rejection or laugh and walk on. You may never have been given the opportunity to read these words ever, because after the last opportunity you had you could have walked down the road and been killed. You would have died in your sin. Do you know why you are reading this now? Because of God's mercy: take care you do not presume upon it. This article may be the last word that lies between you and the grave now and I am aware of that as I write it.

So, what is the Gospel? Well first of all "it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth". It is God's provision for your sinful condition. The Gospel is about a Person and what that Person has done, and that Person is The Lord Jesus Christ. Take away the Person and there is no message, no teaching, there is nothing. There is no Gospel apart from the Person of Christ. It is a proclamation of God and our relationship to Him, it is not about our particular problems, but the same problem that has come upon all of us, namely, that we are condemned sinners before a Holy God and a Holy Law. So, we need saving from our sin that is why Jesus is called The Saviour.

The term Gospel of course as a word means 'Good News' and every sinner is in need of this Good News. It is the most glorious message that mankind has ever heard. It is the Good News of Eternity. This Gospel then "is the power of God unto salvation". That word 'salvation' has to do with deliverance. Of course, the fullness of this word salvation can really only be understood when we know what man was like when God made him. I told you he was perfect, but then he Fell, sin gained dominion over him. To understand 'salvation' then you have to believe Genesis and what God says about man's original state.

If you believe in the Theory of Evolution which tells us man is at best an animal, that he is still evolving, that he never sinned because he was never created in God's Image, you really do not need a Doctrine of Salvation. If man never Fell there is nothing to save him from. The only way to see what salvation means is to believe that man was once created perfect and in fellowship with God, but that fellowship was broken by the entrance of Sin. Thus it is then, that salvation is man's deliverance from the consequences of the Fall in Eden and of Sin.

What then is there in deliverance from sin? Well, you need to be delivered from the guilt of sin. I have already told you that you are a sinner. Salvation delivers from that guilt. We feel guilty, conscience bothers us, we know right and wrong (which makes no sense if we are only animals), we feel guilty because we have broken God's Law.

Next, there is the power of sin, we don't only feel guilty, but we feel controlled by it, we cannot make resolution never to sin again. Sin has dominion over us. The moment man in Eden listened to a voice other than God's and did what he was commanded not to, he lost his freedom. Satan is in fact the god of all men and women who know not salvation in Christ. It is his spirit (Satan's) that works through you, your parents' sin (Adam and Eve) gave him entrance to have dominion over you. However, Christ's salvation can deliver you from his power.

There is also a third thing that salvation deals with and that is sin in our nature, there is no good part of us, sin has polluted the whole. My nature; my being is marred, it is twisted. I am by nature unholy. Do you begin to see then how wonderful this salvation is? It delivers from guilt, power and corruption of sin.

Because of the Gospel, the way is now open again for communion with God. Your first parents before they Fell, enjoyed communion with their Maker and through salvation this communion is restored. Salvation also enables us to look forward toward being with God after death. You see without this salvation your every moment is lived under the wrath of God because of your sin and if you die without this salvation, you will face God in all your sin. You will be judged and sent to Hell. If you have this salvation however, you will never go to that place for salvation assures you of God's presence forever. Further, God's salvation can

never be undone. Why? Because your salvation relies on God not you, He will take you home because there is no power that can thwart Him doing so.

The Gospel rules out self-effort, it is in fact the announcement of how God has prepared a way whereby we can be saved. It is God who carries out the work of salvation. The Gospel is not telling us what we should do to save ourselves, it is informing us of how God has provided His way of salvation and how He applies it. The Gospel is the great Plan of God in operation. It is Good News to you and I.

Now, if you take the Bible and turn to Romans Chapter 1:16-17 you notice it tells you that the Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation". What does that tell you? Well, what we have already said above, the Gospel is about God's power not man's, did you notice that? It is very important to grasp that the Gospel is about what God has done, we didn't play a part in laying out this plan of our salvation it was all God's doing. Further, the power lies in the Gospel, not in us. The Gospel is God's way of saving you, His power causes it to produce salvation in you. Salvation is certain because it is God who is doing it.

Of course, men love to believe they can save themselves, so you may argue, well if I keep the law I will be saved; no, you will not for you cannot keep it, sin prevents you. In Romans Chapter 3:20, it states, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the law is knowledge of sin". You know now you are a sinner, and without salvation we have spoken of you have no power to deal with sin, and knowledge of the law doesn't enable you to keep it.

You may respond, 'well I'll have a go at keeping it'. Friend, it will not work. However, the salvation God has provided in Christ is not something that may or may not work. You see when God starts this work in a man's heart nothing is going to stop it, it will end in eternal life. This salvation is about God's power to save, keep, justify, sanctify and glorify.

If the Gospel is about God's power and only God's power, then there is no sinner that this salvation in Christ cannot purchase when it begins to work on that man or woman's heart. What a consolation this is, it means that you whoever you are, and whatever you are, are not beyond the reach of this salvation; there is no pit of sin it cannot descend down into to rescue because the arm that saves is strong enough to pull you out.



Is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ merely to give forgiveness, deal with my problems and save me from hell? Well, it can do all those things. However, there is more. The Gospel answers the great searching questions of man, and it is, 'How shall a man be just with God?' You see the Gospel is about making us righteous in His sight, it enables us to one day stand in His presence. The Gospel then is about enabling you to stand in God's presence with righteousness. If salvation does not bring us into His presence and enable us to remain forever so it is not salvation. 'How shall a man be just with God?' Well, he must keep the law entirely, he has to be entirely free from its Condemnation in every detail of his life. You say but how? You said earlier man cannot keep it. Quite right. That is why you need the salvation contained in the Gospel. God has dealt with the very issue; He has provided you with the very righteousness you need to

stop Him sending you to Hell. That is the Gospel! The Gospel is about a righteousness from God that He has provided through Jesus Christ.

How then did the Lord Jesus Christ provide one with a righteousness, the only righteousness that God will accept. Well to do so He kept the law you couldn't keep. He kept it perfectly in every requirement and detail and rendered to His Father in perfect and absolute obedience. Further, the penalty that the law ordered against your sin – He bore, He took in His body the punishment your sins justified. He and He alone has satisfied every demand of the law against you. Thus it is that God 'imputes' to the believer, puts to his/her account the perfect righteousness of Christ.

However, there are a lot today who do not like this concept of substitution, the fact that God is a God of Justice gets crowded out by the God is a God of Love concept. Modern preachers sometimes put over a false view of the Cross, they present it entirely as a demonstration of God's Love. Now that is all very fine but there is more to it than that alone. In fact, if one teaches that that is all we see at Calvary then one misrepresents the revelation of the Old Testament.

The Old Testament clearly teaches the concept of 'sacrifice' we see in its pages an offering has to be given up. Blood has to be shed, and if it isn't there is no remission of sin. The truth is it was God the Father putting His Son to death at Calvary, He "made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him". The Father then punishing Him, was dealing with your sin so that you in turn could have His righteousness given to you and thus appear in the Father's presence faultless via a righteousness not your own. By the Father offering up His Son He might be "just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus". If one interprets the death of Christ apart from sacrifice and expiation that interpretation is incorrect.

The answer to your needs lies in the Gospel, the old hymn says, 'Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress...' Or as John Cennick said, 'And now I'll cry to sinners round what a dear Saviour I have found, I'll point to the redeeming blood and cry behold the way to God.' You cannot ever become righteous by works and the opposite of works is not faith either. No! It is the righteousness of Christ which is the opposite of works, and it is righteousness which comes to you and me through faith.

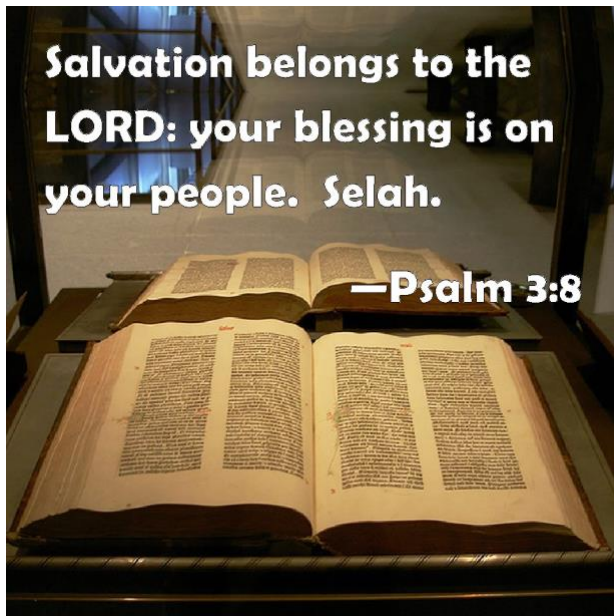
Now you will notice if you read a New Testament that the Gospel is closely related to fleeing God's Wrath, it is preached in relation to future judgement. Read John 3:16, did you notice the 'not perish', salvation in the Gospel saves you from perishing, how often do you hear that in modern churches? When the Gospel was preached by the great men of God in past ages, it was based around Heaven and Hell. You see the Gospel of God's salvation brings men in repentance to God, it is God's appointed way to reconcile men and save them from the coming Judgement, it certainly is not about filling pews.

When you look at the Cross you should see two things, first, the wrath of God poured out on sin. Secondly, the love of God towards the sinner. The Cross is in fact the greatest revelation of God's anger against sin that ever took place. It is His Son hanging there, think about that for a moment, sin must be something horrendously horrendous to take the death of God's Only begotten Son to remove it. Yet the Father's love must be so wonderful to send His Son to do just that. Do you see then, if you don't see His wrath, you cannot see His love. Do you not think that if there had been any alternative to Calvary, His Father would not have taken it?

It is the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ then that we see supremely the character of God. There you see the despised and weary Saviour and as His blood falls to the ground heaven is stilled; He meets death under the sentence of the law given through Moses. He and He alone would enter into death as no other could, in the beauty of holiness. Only He and none other could enter death in the merit of His own character.



In the black darkness He knows the forsakenness in bearing our sin and as He makes atonement, we should see that this is a work wrought entirely of God. At Calvary the Lord Jesus Christ rendered to the Father complete satisfaction for the sins of all who believe. The guilt was ours, the enduring of judgement was altogether His. Listen to the apostle in 2 Corinthians 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". Think of it, the Lord Jesus Christ made sin. However, this is not a statement of character, because He remained infinitely Holy. It tells us of the position into which He went for us.

In the thick darkness where no mortal creature could see, He paid our debt and at the moment appointed by the Father, the Son lay down His life. Remember His death was voluntary, He entered death, it had no claim on Him. Further, even in death He was still the Lord, His body lying in the tomb could not corrupt like yours and mine will for sin had no claim on Him.

The wrath of God belongs with the love of God and a righteousness has been provided by God Himself in His

Son our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. Though you are by nature a lost, hell bound sinner who does not have a single claim on God or His love, yet while you were such a one God sent His Son to die for you.

Who then are the subjects of this salvation? Those who could righteously be regarded as subjects of condemnation, those not innocent but indeed guilty; those who cannot do anything to be acquitted from their sentence of death and hell.

How then might you obtain this salvation? Admit your guilt (Romans 3:19) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Accept in faith God's gift of salvation, a justification which you cannot earn or merit by any human means. Christ hath poured out His blood thus, to quote Bishop Andrewes, 'What sin in the world would not that serve for? What justice in heaven or earth would not that satisfy?', 'Man hath sinned and God hath suffered'.

"Salvation belongeth unto the Lord" Psalm 3v8

"For thou art the God of my salvation" Psalm 25v5

"But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord" Psalm 37v39

"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

Dr. David Badger

## The Health Benefits Of 'Going Dry'

Numerous headlines are circulating of a growing movement amongst the youth of western society, to go 'tee-total'. This is not due to any ideological stand, but primarily due to the quickly accruing evidence that the consumption of alcohol has no beneficial effects that cannot be found elsewhere in our plentiful supermarket shelves.

However, this trend to adopting a booze free lifestyle is not limited the young, as many alert persons are wisely listening to medical research that as said previously, supports the abandoning of the consumption of alcohol. Indeed, the latest medical research coming out of America is that many doctors are promoting the complete abandoning of alcohol at a particular age to massively cut the risk of the epidemic of brain diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia. Medical research is highlighting that up to 40 per cent of Alzheimer's cases could be delayed or even prevented by removing drinking alcohol (particularly heavy drinking) from one's diet.



The author of *The Complete Guide to Memory: The Science of Strengthening Your Mind*, a Dr Richard Restak, aged 83, has highlighted a piece of medical advice to anyone over 65, that they should avoid the bottle due to alcohol being a neurotoxin (though a weak one, it still is a neurotoxin). As a result, Dr Restak observes that as our brain neurons diminish with age, neurotoxins attack and damage these dwindling resources within the brain to sometimes extremely

damaging lengths.

Writing further on the link between alcohol and brain diseases such as Alzheimer's, Dr Restak noted in his book *How To Prevent Dementia*, that there is interestingly an even greater risk of damage to brain neurons by alcohol to those who drink 'socially'. There seems to be a link between the anxiety driven motivation to drink alcohol to be accepted by others (something that would be considered poor mental health by any professional today and is actually the main driving factor for most people to adopt drinking, even lightly) and the propensity to suffer increased levels of damage upon the brain by alcohol. Dr Restak warned, "Ask yourself, 'Why do I drink?' If the answer is 'Because alcohol helps me to elevate my mood and lower my anxiety,' you may be at some peril, and it's probably best to stop altogether."

It is a powerful piece of advice against the consumption of alcohol from an ever-growing body of medical research. As studied in previous issues, alcohol is an immensely dangerous and damaging fluid that the human body has no need to ingest, and if anything causes sometimes significant damage to the body. Treat your body as the temple that it is, for it has been bought with the most precious of prices in existence, the blood of Christ Jesus! Why would He then encourage the consumption of a fluid that must undergo entropic decay (only available due to the effects of the Fall and therefore a rotten fruit of the Curse) for it to even exist?! Wouldn't this go against the perfection of the Son of God?! Thus, His promise to the disciples at the Last Supper to drink the wine 'new' with them at His coming again, speaks of unfermented wine, aka grape juice. This drink is filled with wonderful health-giving properties that aptly captures all the life-giving properties of the Son of God.

So, as in previous issues, I hope this article gives the reader a pause for thought on their viewpoint on alcohol. In the writer's view in the light of Scriptural study and medical research, it has no place in our diet today. The Lord blessed me with a complete uninterest in the consumption of alcohol. As a teenager who was surrounded by teen drinkers who often challenged me why I didn't drink (talk about peer pressure!), I often retorted that I had no desire to drink something that needed to rot and decay for a given period so I could then drink it! When I pointed out that even the smell of it was putrid, I was usually greeted with the reply of, 'Well yeh it is, and the taste it pretty horrible, but it's just something you do.' Personally, I'd rather not do something that other people do blindly, when has that ever been a wise idea, especially for a believer in Christ?! Furthermore, the explosion of medical guidance that is highlighting the numerous damaging effects of alcohol at any age and even in small amounts, has strengthened my stance on the matter.

I hope and pray that the information contained in this brief article along with previous TTW issues, has raised some questions about the consumption of alcohol, particularly amongst believers. I encourage you all to explore the health benefits and indeed spiritual benefits of avoiding this toxic drink that is alcohol (try a glass of milk instead); so that we may present ourselves as a worthy vessel in all ways and manners, for the spreading of the Gospel in both body and soul. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

## Fighting From Victory

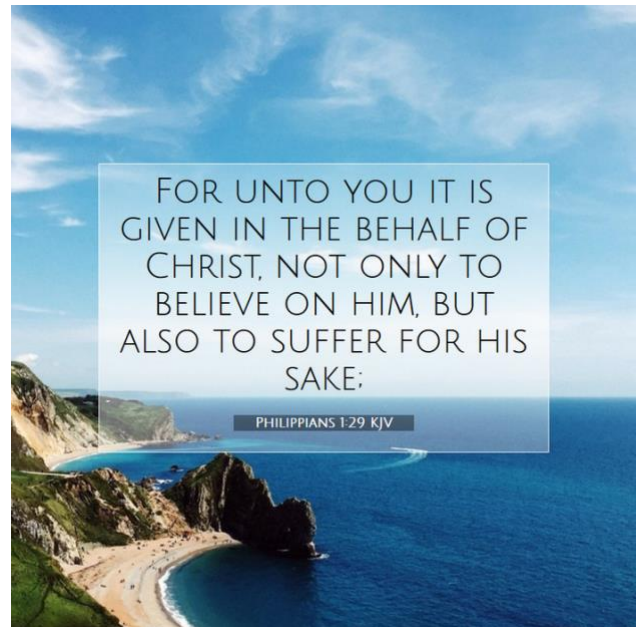
**Philippians 1:29 – For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake**

In many ways, these words penned by the Apostle Paul during his house arrest in Rome, are some of the most challenging to any believer. Who of us does not struggle with the weight of trials and testing times that come upon us. So much so that we often find ourselves coming before the Lord asking why He has allowed such unpleasant times to come to us and what good it could possibly do?

Well, the Holy Spirit moved through the tests and trials of Paul's life to give us an answer to this age-old question, a question familiar to the faithful in Christ since the heavy days of Job. The answer is within the key choice of language by God, for we read that such times of testing and trials are **given** to us on the behalf of Christ. It's quite a shock to the mortal mind to think that such hard and painful times of life are given to us in the Lord's wisdom. We fallen beings often equate hardship and testing with failure and loss. Indeed, I remember vividly when my mother was struggling badly with the pain of advanced cancer, her greatest fear wasn't the pain or exhaustion, but of the thought that she had failed her Lord in some way. These words broke my heart as I quickly responded that in no way

had she failed the Lord, but in actual fact was being a mighty witness of the Gospel in how loving and caring she was even in the face of such tremendous suffering. Her quiet, faithful and loving manner spoke of the very love of God she knew to all the medical staff that cared for her each day. So much so in fact that when she did go home to glory, I saw many of the staff that cared for her in her closing days crying in the corridors and speaking of her gentle manner. She had served the Lord wonderfully by simply resting in His victory. This rest in Him meant that the suffering held a purpose, and that was to mould her ever more graciously into the manner of her Lord that she loved so faithfully and now walks with in glory.

Thus it is with all suffering endured by believers in Christ, that it is given with loving and carefully considered application by God in His eternal wisdom, so that we might be moulded ever more graciously into the manner of our Saviour. When we consider this, it is an enormous gift of Heaven! For the whole world longs to be as God, but not in the manner of His selfless love, but in the seizing of His power and authority. And so such treasonous desires are put down by God, as the mighty are laid low by the power and might of His thrice holy throne. Yet unto the lowly of heart and humble of spirit, He moves to provide a means to lift them up to be adopted as sons and daughters of God, knowing the fullness and perfection of love known before only within the Godhead! What eternal glories and wonders are thereby **given on behalf**





**of Christ**, that we might know the wonders of God through His love that not even the mighty angels of heaven are invited to share of.

This mighty gift of God is given through suffering, for this was how the Son was glorified and raised to the right hand of the Father. After immensities of suffering that human mind cannot even fathom, He was raised up from the grave and up to glory as the conquering Son and King of kings. It was through the suffering and sacrifice, that Christ proved His unique ability to be the Saviour of the world, and it is often through suffering that He moves to reveal this unique power of salvation to all those who hear His call.

One of ways that makes Christ Jesus so unique is the fact that His victory at Calvary was never in doubt. Read Psalm 30 and see how this Messianic psalm foreshadows all the events of the Cross but also His Resurrection! His victory was spoken of as an assured one a thousand years before its fulfilment! Indeed, even before this, for the first promise of a coming Redeemer given in Eden in Genesis 3:15 also carries the same assurance of fulfilment in its content and delivery.

It is this assurance of victory based on the power and faithfulness of Christ Jesus therefore, that means that all suffering is temporary and is indeed carefully given to each believer in the wisdom of God to ensure that each of His children become ever more aware of this certain victory. This gifting is there to give true peace and assurance that no matter what befalls them in life, victory unto glory everlasting is theirs through Jesus Christ! In other words, temporary suffering when viewed with the Spirit, strengthens faith in the victory of Christ! What greater glory unto God is there than to be at rest in full assurance of salvation purely on the merits of His fulfilled promises?! This is the deepest trust and love the human heart can give and is the sweetest praise to the Lord.

So we believers in Christ are to rest in the knowledge that times of testing and trial are indeed given to us. They are given to us not to shame us or harm us, but to pull our eyes up and towards the hills from whence our help comes, as the psalmist sings. For from the hills of the Mount of Olives shall the Son of God, our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, will return to rule in power and glory, and we alongside Him in His graciousness and love!

Therefore, let us be bold in our few days of mortal life, and fight for Christ Jesus without fear or dread. For we do not fight for victory, for this is already achieved by our Saviour. Instead, we fight from victory! Meaning that any setback we face is but a temporary pain that shall be removed and we shall, by the power and glory of Christ Jesus, share in His victory forevermore. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

## **Homogenised Faith**

As many of you will know from previous articles, I am a keen sports fan. I enjoy numerous sports, and one of my favourites growing up as a child in the 1980's and 1990's was NBA basketball. This was the era of Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Shaq, Karl Malone, Magic Johnson etc, etc. It was an explosive game filled with amazing feats of athleticism and a real sense of competition between the players, as each future legend of the game pushed each other on to ever greater displays of skill and accomplishment.

The NBA today however is a fading force, with viewership down 50% on its peak in the 80's and 90's. Fans consistently lambast the lenient rules that do not reward high quality play, whilst the love of money that comes with sporting success has meant that teams are pursuing dull tactics that ensure a more efficient scoring system (at least in theory) over the pursuit of creative play and competitive drive.

Teams that were once rivals (think LA Lakers vs Boston Celtics), are now seen shaking each other's hands with warm smiles pre-game, raising the ire of former players who question the winning drive of these current players. Furthermore, the immense sums of money earned by these players mean that the earnestness to play every game has simply gone. As a result, the 82-game regular season is now viewed by many fans as a dull, tedious slog where many of the top players simply go through the motions so that they can protect their brand and bodies for the end of season playoffs.



So why am I bringing this up in a Christian magazine? Well, very sadly, modern Christendom has many parallels with the modern NBA, and this is all thanks to Ecumenism. How so you ask? Consider this, what made NBA basketball so appealing to watch back in the day (oh dear, I'm getting old!), was that when teams played against each other, you would often see very different approaches to the game come head-to-head. This would be fascinating to watch and often meant that players would have to train harder and play

harder in the hope that they would succeed in these comings together. It brought the best out in both sides as sometimes one would win, then another time the other team would win.

The comparison could be made that when two different denominations of Christianity come to discuss secondary issues of faith, the differences between the two can often lead to stimulating theological debate. This then can motivate each group to know the Scriptures better, and thereby their faiths were honed and refined, giving a subtle but effective guard against complacency of faith and the defence of the true Gospel too. Could it be that God has utilised the differing denominations of Christendom in the past to harness this competitive aspect of human nature to ensure that peoples faiths did not become limp and weak, thereby acting as a source of spiritual invigoration throughout Church history?

History witnessed such a movement of God in how the AV/KJV Bible came to be. Differing denominations seen in the Bishops of the Church of England (when the Church of England actually had some sense of adhering to the Pure Word of God) were set to combine their expertise with those of the Puritan stance. As a result, the strengths of both groups were refined whilst the weaknesses of each were correctly challenged and rightly divided by the coming together over the Pure Word. The result, the single best Bible translation ever gifted to the world. As Scripture notes, 'iron sharpens iron' (Proverbs 27:17) and this was very much seen in the production of the Bible translation that has brought more souls to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ than any other, and by some distance!

As money has softened everyone's approach towards the game of professional basketball, so too has it done to western Christendom. Churches have become fat in wealth and lazy in defence of the Holy Scriptures, just as Christ spoke of against the Laodicean church in the Book of Revelation. This pursuit of affluence and ease has made Christianity in the West a complacent and diluted version of what it should be and now sees itself as being viewed by the masses as weak, negligent of society and irrelevant to modern life.

Furthermore, the push that the NBA made to make the game less dynamic and competitive so that it would be more 'family friendly' (a money motivated move, not a noble, moral one) and thereby attract a bigger audience, western Christendom has followed suit. In a drive to appeal to 'modern audiences', many churches have abandoned the preaching of the true Gospel out of fear of offending people, and rushed to make a more universal, inclusive message based on 'community' and the 'brotherhood of man'. This has further weakened the strength of Christianity in western society and as a result is alienating more people than it is winning souls to Christ Jesus.

So what we have fast developing is a 'cookie cutter' Church, where the vast majority are all preaching the same weak, diluted Gospel message (if there's even that tragically in many settings) that has left the once differing denominations all ripe for the coming together under the banner of Papal Rome (the end point of ecumenism). Just as in the NBA, where experts and legends of the game are decrying how all teams play the same way and this has killed the beauty, power and creativity of the game, this homogenised faith that is based upon a false gospel, has left those few brave enough to speak out against its corrupted preaching, lamenting how much modern 'preaching' is all the same, with no power, no urgency to save souls, no dynamism of faith, and no clarity of voice to lead a broken and disjointed society.

It is quite striking how many similarities can be found within a worldly enterprise that is professional sports, and what the Church has become in much of the West. As previously stated, the words spoken by Christ against the Laodicean church are finding a heavy fulfilment in our present day, as the comfort and wealth of western Christendom has robbed it of its creativity and life.

For when the Word of God is guarded and its contents not constantly chopped and changed by money grubbing publishing houses, its words stir up the faith in the reborn heart and cause the tongue to speak with a creativity and life that can reach any given type of personality in existence. By this I mean how one preacher may be fiery and bold, speaking with challenging power and piercing insight into the wickedness of mankind. This is often needed to break down the cold and arrogant sinner, whose proud manner needs be chopped down before it will see it's need for a Saviour. Such preachers are often hated, sadly many times by weak willed Christians who fail to see how the Lord Jesus was Himself oftentimes such a preacher. Furthermore, how God mightily used such bold preachers as Elijah, Micaiah, Isaiah and Jonah to reach many lost souls with the message of deliverance from sin by the grace of God. Those who criticise such men of God must watch their heart and speech, for to turn away from such men is to turn away from God, for they are His servants and witnesses.

Then there is the witty and wise preacher, whose quick mind and concise tongue means that the deception of the world and the devil's subtle ways are quickly and fully disarmed by pulling such devious words and actions into the light of the Gospel. Again, these men are also often hated, for they speedily unravel the deliberate confusion of evil, often cutting through peoples rationalising of sinful behaviours and speaking out against such ways. Yet didn't our Lord oftentimes speak and move in such a manner? How the Pharisees knew this well!

Then there is the meek preacher, one who speaks with compassion and gentleness. Men whose hearts are moved to seek after the broken hearted and the grief stricken, so that these disheartened lives may be offered hope through repentance of sin and placing of faith in the risen Lord Jesus. How our Lord moved in this manner also, preaching of life eternal for the humble heart, and healing in the grace of God for the weary and broken hearted.

In Christ Jesus, we have the template for all the differing styles of preaching that God will utilise in His wisdom to reach all manner of lost souls. By this fluidity of manner and creativity of styles, no heart is forgotten, no soul is left without being offered the gift of life eternal through faith in Him. This very same point we see in the differing styles of the recording of the four Gospels themselves, as each one approaches the wondrous events written therein with traits of their God blessed individual style, but all founded upon the unchanging truth of the workings and revelations of God's will and Word.

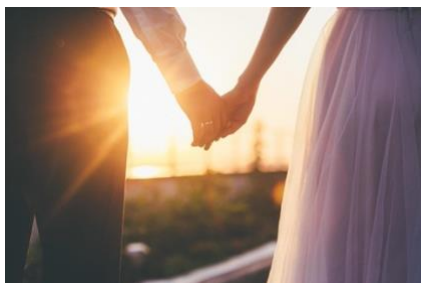
Yet what we see today in many churches, is a complete lack of creativity in the manner of delivery of the Gospel. By this I mean that every message seems to shun anything deemed 'controversial' and focuses on 'community engagement', 'environmental responsibility', the 'brotherhood of man' and 'inclusion'. Everyone is sounding the same and the message is dull, flat and often far removed from anything scriptural.

The number of times brothers or sisters in Christ are commenting on how ‘meh’ most preachers and their sermons are is shocking!

This gift of creativity has been jettisoned by the Church as it has turned its back on the passion and potency of God’s Word. As seen in how the NBA consciously moved away from a more physical and robust style of play to appeal to the masses who didn’t show any interest in the game, they are now losing those who previously followed their product. So too the Church consciously moved itself away from the passion and robustness of God’s Word to make it more ‘palatable’ for those who have no desire to know anything of God and His Word. As a result, the numbers of people leaving churches and abandoning Christian teachings is rising with every passing year, as it has lost the very thing that appealed to people in the first place, passion!

I see a serpent like spirit ensnaring many Christians today. This ‘cookie-cutter’, ‘inclusive’ preaching that must not get animated or say anything negative at any time, has created a breed of weak, easily conquered Christians who now see passion as a bad thing. They have been taught by often unsaved preachers and diluted bibles that passion is toxic and too intense, and we must be more tranquil and passive. Yet such deceived souls do not see that this fixation on one attribute of God (which must never be done) is leading them ever so smoothly into a symbiotic relationship with paganism as seen in eastern mysticism such as Buddhism and Hinduism. They are skipping like lambs to the slaughter into a one world religion!

Such deceived souls have forgotten that it was **PASSION** that meant they were saved! The intensity and passion of God’s love for lost sinners is so strong and deeply held that He gave His only begotten Son for us when set against Him. As Scripture says, this is how God showed the depth and power of His love for the world (Romans 5:8). That is the most awesome and blessed example of the merits of passion Creation has ever known! It is by this that souls are saved! Furthermore, it was in the passion of the martyr’s who gave their lives so that we could even have a Bible in our own language and thereby read the Gospel for ourselves!



What we have now in much of western Christendom is a passionless Church! No one stops to think that if the Church is the Bride of Christ (which it is), why oh why would the King of kings want a passionless marriage?! Do you want a passionless, emotionless, soulless marriage? Of course not! Yet this is what the Church is currently (at least in much of the West), and we seem to think that this is blessed of God?! Such a thought and approach only shows that many within the Church have no

clue as to who Jesus Christ is and that they are blindly preaching another Gospel.

In conclusion, as the Church has become so worldly in its desires and motivations (just as Christ prophesied it would), it should at least take in the warnings given to it by the failing world its seemingly so desperate to reach. As many enterprises are failing due to their abandoning of what made it successful in the first place (hello Jaguar cars), in the hopes of reaching those who never showed any inclination to partake of their services; let the Church drop this doomed to fail drive of trying to appeal and appease those who have no desire to serve God. Instead, let it return to the true Word of God and the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. The one that has power, strength, passion and life. The one that exposes the lies of Satan, the fallen nature of all mankind, the just anger of God against sin. And yet the one which also most accurately delivers the message of the grace and mercy of God in how the one who was in existence before the foundations of the world, gave Himself willingly so that we sinners might be brought into the love of the Godhead, and know His love and provision forevermore. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger



## The Glories of Doctrine

**Philippians 2:6,7 – Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

**But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

How majestic is the Pure Word of God in that in but two short verses, great wonders of theology can be learnt and owned by the heart reborn through faith in Jesus Christ.

In these two verses, we are taught by God that Jesus is equally God with the Father (and the Holy Spirit, who bears witness to this awesome, eternal truth through these blessed words), and that when He came in the form of man, He did not fear losing any aspect of His deity. As Dr Henry Morris observed, Jesus did not cling on to His deity as a robber desperately clings to their plunder. His heart was assured because His deity is fixed forever.

Jesus' taking on of the flesh of man was done not in desperation of heart or fear of loss of deity, but in enormity of love. This revelation of the love of the Godhead before all Creation, would bring the heart of God and the heart of man together once more through the one who is uniquely fully God and fully man. No other being can dare launch and succeed in such a mighty quest, only Jesus has accomplished such wonders that cause the gates of Heaven to swing open to all those who call upon Him for deliverance from sin.

How astonishing it is to the proud and yet utterly weak and fallen human mind, that God was willing to set aside the heavenly glories He had known from eternity past, for but a season, and enter this world to offer life eternal to those who were yet at war with Him! He came in no manner that reflected His still held deity, but made Himself of the lowliest of men, knowing utter poverty. This He did in His immensity of love towards we sinners, so that He might know for Himself all the wounds and hardships we face in our short and tear-filled days.

So He felt the heartbreak of loss as seen in His tears over Lazarus. He has known the exhaustion of true hunger. He has known ridicule and mockery. He has known the hardship of not having a place to lay His head come the night hours. He has known the loneliness of abandonment by friends. He has known the physical pain of brutal beatings and the horrors of a cruel death. He knows them all in the same frailty of the body that we all face. There is no trial that any of us will ever face that He has not experienced for Himself.

Yet whilst He was fully man, He was not conceived of man but of the Spirit, having the 'likeness' of us but not the sinful nature that passes through each generation from Eden to this very day. For though housed in a body of frail flesh and bone, He remained the Creator God, as seen in His turning water into wine; His authority over demons; His power to restore the sick and the lame, and give life back to the those placed in the grave.

How majestic and awe-inspiring it is that the Triune God revealed itself to mankind through the giving of a Son. In Him was delivered unto us the embodiment of the love of God, offered to us freely, in the longsuffering heart of God, as He looks on constantly with eagerness of love, that many would receive His Son by crying out to Christ Jesus to create in them a new heart and be reborn in the Spirit of God.

In this repentant heart, a new life is given, and the scales of the eyes are removed in the grace of God, so that we may see Jesus as He truly is, the Lord Jesus Christ. For He alone has fulfilled the perfect Law of God without any error or blemish and gave Himself in our place as our substitute in the flesh of man. He took on His shoulders the full wrath of God over our sins, so that we might be delivered from God's just

judgment. For He is also the eternal Son of God, the Creator of every life, and thereby able to pay the debt of sin that each life has incurred before the thrice Holy throne of God.

Herein is life. For Christ Jesus, the anointed Lamb of God, came to deliver all those who call upon Him as their Saviour and Redeemer from eternal death. He who is the eternal begotten Son of God and thereby fully God, holding all the power and glory of this most majestic and worthy of names that is 'Lord'. And yet He also came in the flesh and form of a man, so that we might come to Him in our trembling, weak and broken state, and know that His heart is filled with compassion towards us. For He knows our pain and has moved to gift us healing and peace before God forevermore, all through His full and final sacrifice for ours sins at the Cross of Calvary. Amen.

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## **Wars and Rumours of Wars**

According to news reports coming out from the Pacific, China is assembling a massive flotilla of navy vessels along with the possibility of repurposing civilian cargo ships and ferries ready to launch an invasion of Taiwan. Many will be all too aware of China's intentions of claiming this independent island, and so such news whilst troubling in a sense, it should not come as a surprise.

However, it should be of even less surprise to the Bible believer. God has been so good to His children in that He has prepared us, as any good and loving father does, with awareness of what will take place in the closing days before Christ Jesus' return. For in Matthew 24:6, Christ warns us that in the latter days we 'shall hear of wars and rumours of wars.' Now if the verse ended there, we would be alerted to the fast approaching and troubling developments that fill our news feeds each day, but we would still be very much left without any sense of hope beyond these frightening words.

Revealing the goodness of God towards those who heed His words though, Christ continued the verse by stating, 'see that ye are not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.' Herein we are gifted tremendous hope, for by the comforting of God we are assured that all these events must take place, all in accordance with the will of God. This divine will emboldens us to look beyond these prescribed events, and instead look towards what all these things are leading to, Our Lord's glorious return!

How worthy of praise and worship is the Lord Jesus! He does not apply sweet but deceptive words of false hope that seeks to dismiss the hard realities of what is to come in the furthering descent of mankind into evil and darkness. No, instead He seeks to prepare us for them, as the Good Captain of our hearts He moves to ensure His own are ready to serve in battle. Then as our mighty leader, He lifts the eyes of we His soldiers, to look beyond the temporary tests and trials of this life, and see the victory that He has claimed and will lead us with all certainty into the gracious sharing of His eternal inheritance!

So let us greet such news with ready hearts and look up, preparing ourselves for Christs' return through humble service of His will and Word. All so that when He does return for us, we are not found in shame of laziness of faith and idleness of spirit. Instead, let's be bold for the Gospel, and redeem the time remaining so that others may await His return with the same joyful longing that we hold, all to the glory of God. Amen.

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## **Stand For Truth And Depart From Falsehood**

The inauguration of President Trump has caused quite the stir. His inauguration speech surprised many by the simple fact that he refused to give empty platitudes to one of the most corrupt Presidents the world has ever seen in Joe Biden. Not bowing to custom and etiquette of office, President Trump brought the God-defying wickedness that President Biden has presided over, into the cold light of day with no apologies for doing so. Incredibly, some have been shocked by this act, this speaks highly of how comfortable many have become with accepting corruption and evil within society in that when it is finally highlighted as wickedness, they are stupefied!

Tragically, the ignorant comfort with evil and the blindness to the depravity of liberal ideology has been most vocally put forward in opposition to the leadership of President Trump, by a bishop of the church, namely Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde of Washington DC (see picture). At the national prayer service following President Trump's inauguration, she decided to use her position to launch a woke themed lecture to the new President. She attempted to emotionally blackmail and guilt trip President Trump into allowing uncontrolled borders and the promotion of the LGBTQ agenda in society.



As some news reporters noted, she did not refer to **one** Bible verse in her entire 'sermon' to support her wicked requests. There is **no** Bible passage that even remotely promotes the corrupt political agenda she was trying to force upon the incoming President, all in front of assembled news crews from around the world.

Therefore it is hardly surprising she couldn't find any Scriptural support for her depraved demands.

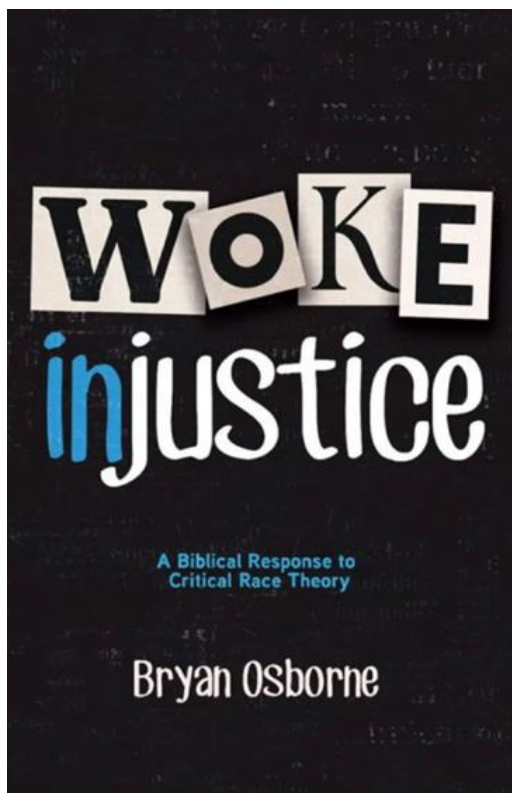
President Trump later responded to the woke lecture, 'The so-called Bishop who spoke at the National Prayer Service on Tuesday morning was a Radical Left hard line Trump hater. She brought her church into the World of politics in a very ungracious way. She was nasty in tone, and not compelling or smart. She failed to mention the large number of illegal immigrants that came into our Country and killed people....Many were deposited from jails and mental institutions. It is a giant crime wave that is taking place in the USA. Apart from her inappropriate statements, the service was a very boring and uninspiring one. She is not very good at her job! She and her church owe the public an apology!'

This sort of evil message put out by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, is being replicated in many churches across the West today. What should be Houses of God have become platforms for Satan in many places. This is no emotional rant, but a desperate plea to the enormous number of blind Christians who have been led into supporting such God-defying ideologies, to leave such corrupt settings and find a church that defends and boldly preaches the Pure Word of God!

Bishop Budde has grieved the Spirit greatly, and a heavy judgment awaits her for leading many into wickedness and sin. Just as the Apostle Paul wrote, she had no business delivering such a message in the first place, and her wicked words have proved the Bible correct once more (1 Timothy 2:12-14 KJV). Pray that this public rebuking of her by President Trump shocks her into great humility and urgency of repentance of her sin, so that she may receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ for the shame she has brought on the name of the Gospel.

Once again in closing, if your church is not preaching boldly and unapologetically the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, in that deliverance from the just wrath of God against our sins is found only in the repentance of sin and the placing of faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer, then leave now! You owe no debt to such a corrupt setting. You owe it all to the grace of Jesus Christ, and so find somewhere that treasures this eternal truth with all it's worth and all it's might. If you have nowhere to go to find such a stand then join us at Truth To Wonder Church, or start you own work in the name of the Lord and trust that even a humble gathering, when holding to the Pure Word of God, has the King of kings in their midst! Amen

## Resource Corner



### Woke Injustice

*Woke Injustice* is a timely and powerful exploration of how Critical Race Theory (CRT) and the broader "woke" ideology are infiltrating the church and distorting the true gospel. Get equipped to discern, defend, and proclaim the unchanging truth of God's Word. This is essential knowledge.

#### Are you turning to a different gospel?

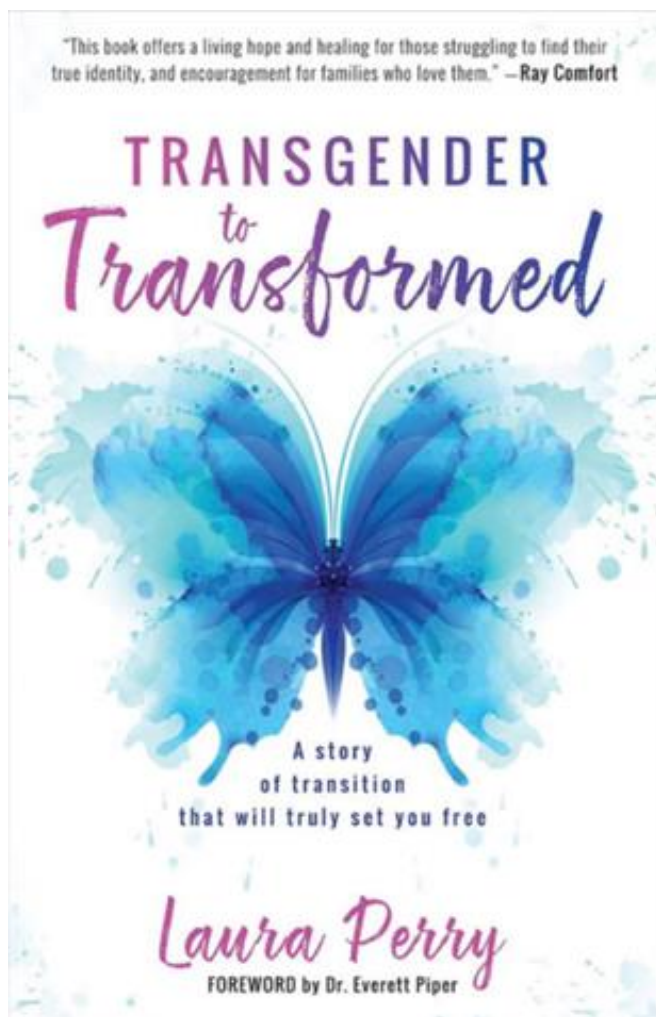
*Woke Injustice* by Bryan Osborne takes a deep dive into the pervasive influence of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its growing presence in every facet of society, including the church. Far from being a neutral or helpful analytical tool, CRT is a dangerous ideology that seeks to divide and destroy, operating under the guise of social justice and equity. Osborne exposes the true nature of CRT, revealing it as a system designed to undermine biblical truth, disrupt the unity of the church, and reshape society according to a new, unbiblical standard.

Tracing the roots and evolution of CRT, Osborne demonstrates how this ideology has spread far beyond academia, seeping into schools, corporations, media, and even Christian institutions. Through deceptive language and redefined concepts like "whiteness," "privilege," and "racism," CRT advances an agenda that is fundamentally at odds with the gospel. It promotes division and discord, leading to a fractured understanding of identity, justice, and reconciliation within the church.

Osborne's book is both an urgent warning and a practical guide for Christians who seek to stand against the tide of CRT and its destructive influence. By meticulously unpacking the core principles of CRT and comparing them with the truth of Scripture, he provides readers with the knowledge and tools needed to discern and counter this dangerous ideology. The book's thorough analysis of key concepts, such as "white fragility" and "anti-racism," alongside a strong biblical framework, equips believers to engage with the cultural challenges of today without compromising their faith.

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## Transgender to Transformed: A Story of Transition That Will Truly Set You Free

This is the story of Laura Perry who lived as transgender for nearly nine years before being radically set free by Jesus Christ. Contains mature theme content. (Ages 18+)

Today's culture is drowning in the lies of the "born that way" ideology that claims desires and feelings cannot change or be overridden. Transgender to Transformed chronicles the story of Laura Perry, a former transgender, who believed those same lies and was determined to never return to being female no matter what it cost her. And cost her, it did.

Like many who feel trapped in the wrong body, Laura "transitioned" to the opposite sex through irreversible surgeries, hormone injections, and a legal name change. Yet, despite her initial elation at living as a male, her new identity failed to bring her the peace and fulfilment she longed for. Realizing that she was living a lie, what was promised to be freedom had instead become a prison cell.

Filled with raw, honest emotion, Laura's story sheds

light on the common deceptions about the transgender lifestyle, and exposes the frustration and hopelessness of living with a self-created identity that is in opposition to who God created. It bravely leads the way out of the darkness and into the light of freedom that transgenders may desperately be seeking.

In Transgender to Transformed you will find:

- Practical insights into the mind of a transgender to help you understand how to better love them
- How to deal with loved ones who are transitioning
- Hope and help for those who are struggling with gender dysphoria

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## Witnessing Sample, 18 booklets

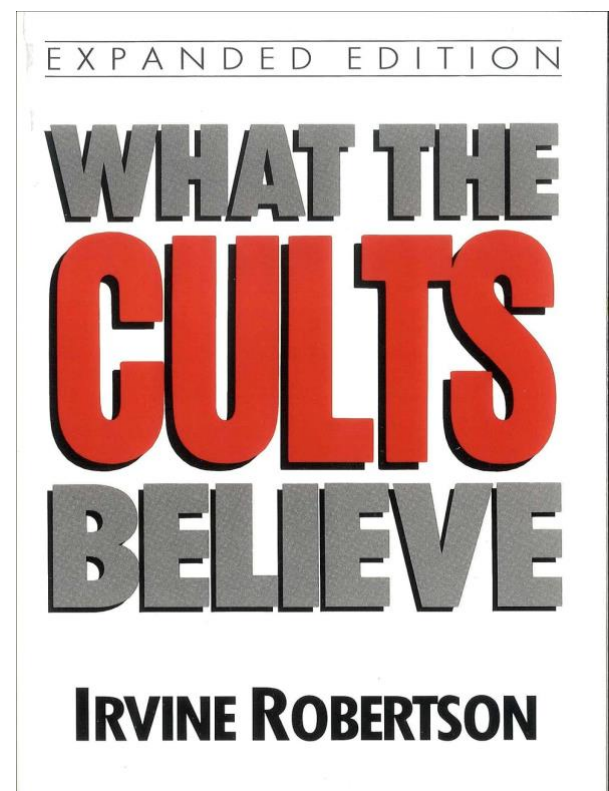
These 18 booklets answer questions asked about the Bible and God, particularly regarding the real history of the world recorded in Genesis—removing roadblocks to faith in Christ. These pocket sized booklets are small enough and cheap enough to carry around and to give away. Averages 28 pages/booklet.

Available from [ukstore.creation.com](http://ukstore.creation.com)

## What The Cults Believe

The author has done extensive research into the New Age as well as into cults such as Hare Krishna, The Unification Church Of Sun Myung Moon, TM, and more. He explains simply and clearly what each group believes and where each deviates from biblical teaching.

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