

How to read the Psalms



Psalms takes us through the spectrum of human experience, and shows us that no matter what we go through, there is a God who listens to those who call on Him.

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Tower of Babel for 21st Century



Amazon's new headquarters, to be built in Arlington, VA beginning in 2022, will look like the biblical Tower of Babel.

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If you could reverse your age
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The Theft of the Ages

The Lost Fourth Part
of the Gospel

*“For I am not **ashamed** of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power** of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*

—Romans 1:16

*“But ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

— Acts 1:8

What is this **POWER** that God has promised to empower every believer that is born again in Christ Jesus? To those who have been taught this amazing power of CHRIST IN YOU, it brings the peace that passes all understanding, — it is **CHRIST LIVING IN YOU.**

It is written in Ephesians 1:18-19, “*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward*



who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

What is the Lost Fourth Part of the Gospel?

*It is the indwelling presence of Christ that lives in every believer. A great number of Christians do not even know that when they became born-again, they were made a **new***

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1. **The problem is** ... All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God. The Bible says "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

2. **The good news is** ... about 2,000 years ago, God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die as payment for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead and now lives in heaven with God His Father. He offers us the gift of eternal life -- of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me." (John 14:6)

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If you prayed this prayer, the Bible (God's Word), tells us that when you pass away or when Jesus returns again, you will be saved and spend eternity with Jesus Christ! If you prayed this prayer today, call and let us know.

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Today, the Bible & You

"For the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" — Revelation 1:9



Dr. John Barela

*"When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that **the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands**. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.*

— Deuteronomy 24:19-21

Beloved Fellow Heir in Jesus Christ,

As Christians, we recognize that God has blessed and entrusted us with resources to provide for the work of the ministry and in providing for our family and stewardship priorities in this life. We always thank God for those friends He has chosen to express His love through them to us. We thank our great Creator God for you every single day for your prayers and that expression of God's love.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States said that: "*A thorough understanding of the Bible is better than a college education.*" Roosevelt graduated from Harvard — Magna Cum Laude!

Speaking of America, he said that: "*It is necessary for the welfare of the Nation that men's lives be based on the principles of the Bible. No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible.*" He also said that it would be literally impossible for us to figure out what life would be like if the teachings of the Bible were removed. Roosevelt is not here to witness it, but the Bible is indeed being removed from every aspect of America and, just as he predicted, the welfare of the Nation is suffering. Political views aside, that's one thing every Christian can agree with.

Every believer needs to understand God's mysterious design of pure religion and its huge benefit for those who participate! God gives special BLESSINGS those who help the poor, the needy, the widows, and the underprivileged in life.

Learn The Mystery of God's Provision: This is a mystery God wants everyone to know about — especially those who have special needs in their own life. God uses the underprivileged — the poor and needy — to give us an opportunity to give. Our Creator has chosen to provide for the poor and needy by using others to share a portion of their resources with them. Then, our Lord Jesus uses those gifts as seeds to supply even more to the giver. He provides more seed to the sower. *God blesses us when we give!*

Proverbs 11:24-25: "*There is that scatters, and yet increases; and there is that withholds more than is meet, but it tends to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and **he that waters shall be watered also himself.***"

James 1:127, "*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless (orphans) and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*"

The word *religion* in the verse means religious service. It refers to *real worship* of God in its highest form! God looks at this type of worship as *pure and undefiled*. This theme is carried throughout Scripture. To visit the *fatherless, orphans* and *widows* in their affliction, would be what reveals the double proof of the perfect life of Christ living His life in you. This is what in the eyes of God would provide that savor that serves as a perpetual incense before the throne of God. The help afforded to the helpless, put in the first place of the two requirements, will often bring about the second—namely, that spotless condition of unworldliness which

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marks, and will ever mark, the true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

To visit the fatherless/orphans and the widow means “to minister to” by allowing Christ to share His love and grace through us. This is how our Lord Jesus causes those around us to see Christ in you doing this - it shows the world that this *grace* is “pure religion”. Our Lord shares His approval. “*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me*” (Matthew 25:40).

Deuteronomy 15:10-11, “*Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.* For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, *Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.*”

This part of the verse CUT ME TO THE GROUND on one occasion. “thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him” –

Arnold, the man that led me to the Lord, came to visit me at the church I was pastoring. We were sitting on the porch of the church parsonage when a car with a family drove up. A man got out of his car and asked if I was the pastor. He shared with us that he was on his way to California where he had a job waiting for him and asked if we could help with some money to get him down the road. I was always leery of insincere people asking for a handout, and this is when this verse became real to John Barela. I pulled out a \$20 bill and gave it to him. Then my friend, Arnold, said, “That’s a long journey and you have a few children in your car. He took out \$200 from his wallet and said, “I hope this will help you a little bit.”

That is probably one of the lowest times in my life that I have ever felt. God taught me a huge lesson that has never been forgotten.

I thought of this again recently when my daughter shared about a young mother with two little girls who were in great need. I looked at her Facebook page to see if we could be of any help. The young mother shared her circumstances and indicated that she would take any food or clothing, but also that her little girls desperately needed shoes. I tried to contact my daughter to see how to contact this person, but I couldn’t reach her.

Later that evening we were watching a movie about a young mother in this exact situation. Of course, my heart was beating fast and I attempted once again to contact my daughter to see how we could help this young mother. The next day we were able to be of some help. Needless to say, we shared much more than \$20. God puts people in our path like this specifically.

God tells us in **John 4:3-5**, “*He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. And he **must needs** go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.*”

When it says, “*Our Lord Jesus must needs*”, it was imperative. Jesus simply had to go through Samaria. There was a Samaritan woman at a well that needed Him to minister to her.

Our Lord Jesus presents us with many **appointments** in life with similar situations. God has purposed to bless MANY people THROUGH US and he places us in special situations – NOT ONLY TO BLESS those in NEED but TO BLESS THOSE HE HAS CALLED TO BLESS OTHERS.

When we comply with God’s special appointments in life, Deuteronomy 15:10 is placed into action, “*Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou*

puttest thine hand unto.” It is because we shared God’s blessings with those in need that “*the LORD your God shall bless YOU in ALL YOUR WORKS and IN ALL THAT YOU PUT YOUR HAND TO.*”

How amazing is that!!!

Such an appointment took place just this last week. My friend was given some money unexpectantly. She was reluctant to even take the money. Then, at a Bible Study that evening, a single mother of two children in the group was praising God for what had happened to her that day. She had stopped to gas up her car for the week but knew she only had \$5 to her name. She wondered how she was going to get through the rest of the week. But as she got out of her car, a stranger approached her and asked to pay for her gas.

My friend listened to this story and thought about a \$5 gas station gift card that she had in her purse. She opened her purse and saw the money she had been given earlier that day lying flat on the top of her wallet – almost as if someone had flattened it out and laid it there. She knew right then why she had been given that money. It **needed** to go to this single mother to provide for her needs.

The word translated “*needy*” is stronger than the word “*poor.*” The “*poor*” are in humble circumstances; the “*needy*” are in actual want. Jehovah calls them **ours** —“*thy* poor man,” and “*thy* needy man.” The words are both singular numbers in Hebrew. We cannot shake off the relationship or the responsibility in either case. This is very important to note – because God has actually **CALLED EVERY BELIEVER TO HAVE A PART IN CARING FOR THOSE POOR, NEEDY, ORPHANS and WIDOWS.** God has selected a particular one **JUST FOR YOU.** He has scheduled these appointments for you just as He needed to go to Samaria to meet with the woman at the well. God does this NOT to only bless the poor and needy - **BUT TO BLESS YOU PERSONALLY.** Some refer to this as THE MYSTERY OF BEING BLESSED BY GOD. It is how God has chosen to bless His people.

Remember, God tells us in **Romans 1:17**, “*... the just shall live by faith...*” The *just* refers to all who have had their sins washed in the blood of the Lamb and have been born of the Spirit. *What is faith?* God tells us in Romans 10:17, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” Faith = the Word of God. We are to live by **learning** the Word of God and **RESPONDING** to what we learn from the Word of God. The Bible is our “INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVING” book. Your instruction for today is as follows:

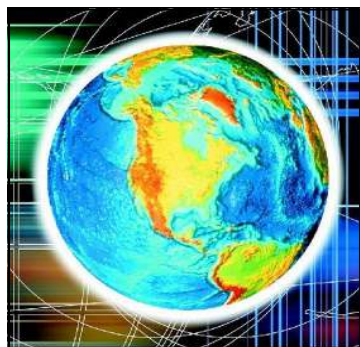
Deuteronomy 24:19-21, “*When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.*”

This means that every believer should set aside a portion to be able to respond to that person or situation God has planned to help through you.

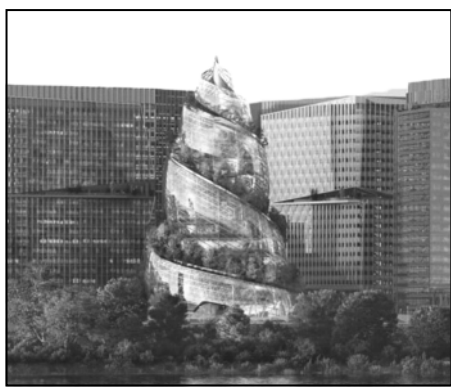
There was a lady in our church who attended regularly and no one thought she was destitute. On one occasion, I went to shake her hand and I placed a \$20 bill in it. She looked at me with amazement. She said, “John, you don’t realize what a blessing this is to me. I don’t have enough gas to get me through the week and did not know how I was going to make it through. Now I know.” There are very many people like that who live day by day. And God has called **YOU** to let God bless them through you.

Friend, we are living in days of famine — a famine of the Word of God. And as such, what a marvelous time to invest and lay up treasures in Heaven. God tells us about someone who did not understand the Mystery of Being Blessed. We read in **Luke 12:16-21**, “*The ground of a*

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WORLD WATCH NEWS SCAN



Amazon is building the Tower of Babel for the 21st century

■(tekdeeps.com — Feb. 3, 2021)
—The new building looks like the biblical Tower of Babel. The new headquarters will be built in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. It will be the second Amazon headquarters in the United States. The building has not been named yet, but it will be a real architectural masterpiece.

According to the project, the object is to symbolize the tower, the DNA thread and the tree of life. The facility will cost a staggering \$2.5 billion. The tower will have 22 floors and nearly 112,000 square meters of usable space. Construction of the Tower of Babel for the 21st century is expected to start in 2022 and the facility will open in 2025.

Germany's Parliament advances legislation for "Mark of the Beast" prophecy!

■(patriotlibertynews.com, Feb. 11, 2021)
On Jan. 29, the German parliament (Bundestag) moved to ratify Agenda ID2020, a centralized data collection program that will be used to roll out the final Mark of the Beast and enslave all of humanity forever. While it still has to be approved by the German Federal Council, re-

ports indicate that Agenda ID2020 will likely run into minimal resistance from here on out, and eventually pass.

Under the program, the private data of all Germans, and eventually all humans, will be made available to every government agency, police department and private sector company that wants it.

"It covers all that is known about an individual citizen, now up to 200 points of information and possibly more as time goes on, from your bank account to your shopping habits, health records (vaccination records, of course), your political inclinations, and probably even your dating habits and other entries into your private sphere," writes Peter Koenig for Global Research (Canada).

Designed by none other than Bill Gates, Agenda ID2020 is part of a larger "vaccination package" sponsored and supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, Accenture, the World Economic Forum (WEF), and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), now referred to as the Vaccine Alliance.

The Spirit of Antichrist is blowing throughout the entire world! This same demonic spirit is raging today in our "Cancel Culture" movement, preparing for the planned Antichrist Holocaust.

Bible prophecy foretells that Antichrist's Holocaust will revolve around the "Mark of the Beast" and will murder several billion people. But, this slaughter will have begun at home and in local neighborhoods!

Can you feel this "Spirit of Antichrist"?

One Million Moms boycotts American Girl's 'Girl of the Year' doll over LGBT storyline

■(ChristianPost, 02/07/2021) - American Girl's 2021 Girl of the Year, Kira Bailey | Mattel



Over 20,000 people have backed an online petition asking The American Girl company to scrap an LGBT storyline tied to its 2021 Girl of the Year doll, urging the company to remain neutral in what they call a "culture war." One Million Moms, a Christian conservative organization that regularly launches campaigns against organizations that produce questionable content, launched an online campaign after Mattel named 10-year-old Kira Bailey from Michigan the "2021 Girl of the Year" in December. The doll comes with an accompanying book *Kira Down Under*. In the book, Kira visits an animal sanctuary in Australia operated by her great aunts, who are in a same-sex marriage. The book details how the aunts got married after laws were changed in 2017 to allow for same-sex marriages.

The One Million Moms petition, backed by 20,665 signatories as of Sunday afternoon, calls the storyline "unacceptable."

"As Christians, we know that even though something is legalized doesn't make it moral or right," One Million Moms argues.

WV Gov. says God's guidance, common sense helped put state on top in vaccine rollout

■(CBNNews, 02-07/2021) - West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice said in a

recent interview that the state has managed to administer COVID-19 vaccines to more people per capita than almost any other state, thanks to God's guidance and "good sound thinking."

"It's just simply good sound thinking and having the guts to move and get it done," Gov. Justice told CBN News in an interview. Since March 25, which Justice proclaimed as a statewide day of prayer, God has "surely guided the boat since that day."

"I can promise you that," the Republican governor added. On the day of prayer, the governor urged people to pray for God's mercy and intervention.

A 'historic wake-up call': After a brutal 2020, Doomsday Clock is still 100 seconds to midnight

■(USAToday, 1/27/2021)
The world is still 100 seconds to midnight after a punishing 2020 marred by mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued fears over nuclear risks and climate change, according to the annual Doomsday Clock announcement.



This is the same time as last year. The clock remains closer to destruction than at any point since it was created in 1947.

"The lethal and fear-inspiring COVID-19 pandemic serves as a historic wake-up call, a vivid illustration that national governments and international organizations are unprepared to manage the truly civilization-ending threats of nuclear weapons and climate change," said Rachel Bronson, president and CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

Each year, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a nonprofit group that sets the clock, decides whether the events of the previous year pushed humanity closer to or further from destruction. The clock "conveys how close we are to destroying our civilization with dangerous technologies of our own making," according to the group.

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QUESTION: *What are the most important things a person needs to know about God?*

ANSWER: Any dictionary will explain that the word *God* refers to a Supreme Being. Of course, this would imply that there could be only ONE Supreme Being.

In our culture today, people are discouraged from even mentioning the name of Jesus in many public places. But the most important thing everyone needs to know about God is *What and Who God IS NOT* . . . AND . . . *What and Who God IS*.

In the High Priestly prayer of our Lord Jesus, we read in **John 17:1-2**, "*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he [the Lord Jesus] should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*"

God wants us to **KNOW HIM**, the ONLY TRUE GOD.

Who GOD is NOT

We have an important passage of Scripture where God tells us *WHO HE IS and WHO HE IS NOT*. **Acts 17:23-31**, "*For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;* [First of all we are told that our Lord Jesus is the Creator of ALL things in heaven and in earth. This sets him apart from all others who claim to be god in the earth and that he is not to worshipped as a stationary idol or stature in some temple.] *Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have*

our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. [This tells us that he is NOT SOMEONE who was made by some craftsman out of gold, silver, stone or an wood.] *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness* by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that *he hath raised him from the dead.*" [We are also told that it is our Lord Jesus who has appointed a specific day in which he alone will judge the world and that he is the only one who has ever been raised from the dead.]

Who God IS

We are also instructed "*WHO*" the true worshippers will worship: **John 4:23-24**, "*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*" We are also instructed WHAT GOD IS, God is a Spirit and must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. What is truth? We are told in **John 17:17**, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*" Clearly, the truth refers to the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures.

We are also instructed in Scripture that the God of the Bible is the only one who can and who has declared the end from the beginning. No other deity claimed by any other religion claims to be able to do this. It is written in **Isaiah 46:9-10**, "*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*" This again tells us that this God is the Supreme Being, as no other religion claims their god to be able to accurately declare the end from the beginning. There is one such illustration given to us.

Acts 4:26-28, "*The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.*"

Here again, Scripture tells us the God of the Bible declared the end from the beginning as this God of the Bible determined BEFORE what was to be done.

Psalm 19 speaks of God's law with great

affection and in terms that we can readily understand: that they are more to be desired than gold and sweeter also than the honey and the honeycomb.

- v.7 God's law "is perfect, converting the soul."
- v.7 It is "sure, making wise the simple."
- v.8 It is "right, rejoicing the heart."
- v.8 It is "pure, enlightening the eyes."
- v.9 It is "true, and righteous altogether."
- v.11 God's law warns the faithful of dangers that they can then avoid.
- v.11 In keeping of them there is great reward.

The are TWO LAWS referred to in Scripture. The Law of Sin and Death given to Moses that condemns, and the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. **Romans 8:2**, "*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*" The Law given to Moses was never given to forgive sins, it was given to prove to us that we are sinners. Romans 3:19, "*Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.*"

The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is also referred to as The Perfect Law of Liberty in James 1:25.

"*But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*"

The Law of Sin and Death refers to the Fruit of the Flesh in Galatians 5:19-21, "*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, hatred, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*" There is not one single good deed mentioned here because **nothing good** can come from the flesh.

The Low of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and the Perfect Law of Liberty refers to the Fruit of the Spirit in **Galatians 5:22-23**, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*"

Psalms 37:4, "*Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*" When we delight ourselves in the Law of Liberty, God himself instills within us the desires he has chosen for us, which the following scripture reveals: **Jeremiah 33:3**, "*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*" When we pray to our Creator and Savior Jesus Christ, he answers those prayers in amazing ways which we could never have imagined. ■

FIRST in a Series of Devotions from the Book of Psalms:

Learning To Sing The Songs of God

Psalms takes us through the spectrum of human experience, and shows us that no matter what we go through, there is a God who listens to those who call on Him. He lives in us - walks beside us, goes before us, encamps around us, reigns above us, and intercedes for us. He is God, and we should praise Him.

Who are the authors of Psalms? Psalms has more authors than any other book of the Bible, by far. Psalms credits five individual authors and two families (who wrote psalms over the centuries). *Many psalms are still not attributed to any authors today. But it is important to know that God himself is the Author.*

King David wrote 73 psalms — *The Septuagint and Latin Vulgate credit a few more to him.* Half of Psalms were written by King David at various points in his life and not all of them were good times. David's psalms show how a man of God prays during times of hardship, loss, joy, and guilt.

Asaph (the family): 12 psalms—This family was ordained by David to lead the people in worship, and was recommissioned when Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 25:1; Nehemiah 7:44; 12:46–47). **The sons of Korah: 11 psalms**—Back in the book of Numbers, a man named Korah rebelled against Moses and Aaron and God caused the earth to swallow him up. His sons survived, as we are told in Numbers 26:11, and continued to serve in the house of the Lord. They share one psalm (Psalm 88) with the wise man Heman. **Solomon: two psalms** -Solomon is better known for his work in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, but he also contributes a few lines to Psalms.

Moses: one psalm—In addition to writing Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, **Moses also wrote the ninetieth psalm (Psalm 90).**

Ethan the Ezrahite: one psalm—We don't know much about Ethan, except that he was very wise, but Solomon was wiser (1 Kings 4:31). The remaining 50 psalms aren't credited to any one author.

Singing is a very important part of our praise and worship to our Creator as a born again believer. God writes, "O sing unto the Lord a new song (Psalm 149:1-2) - (Psalm 150:1-6)

Ephesians 5:19 *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*--The same words are found in **Colossians 3:16**, with a notable dif-

ference of application. There the idea is of teaching: "*teaching and admonishing one another*;" simply of a natural vent for emotion, especially of thanksgiving.

The First Song of God's Hymnbook: Psalms One

The biblical scholar Nahum Sarna wrote in his trenchant study of what the Psalms represent, which he aptly titled *Songs of the Heart*. God reaches out to man. The initiative is His. The message is His. He communicates, we receive. In the Psalms, human beings reach out to God. The initiative is human. The language is human. We make an effort to communicate. God receives the human soul as it extends itself beyond its confining, sheltering, impermanent house of clay. It gropes for an experience of the divine purpose in creating each human in his image.

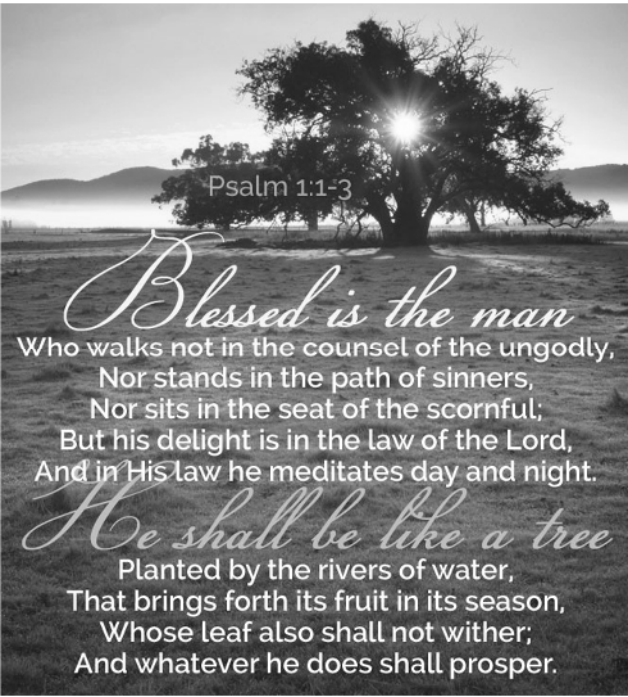
Verse 2 is the key verse: "*But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*"

Notice the progression: **delight, then meditation.** *Delight is a response of the heart to the beauty and value of something or someone*—in this case, **to God's Word.** But **meditation** involves careful sustained thought—*it takes work and involves the will.*

Meditation -- (Marinate) done well should serve, strengthen, and sustain delight. **Meditation** allows the Word to penetrate our minds, hearts, and wills more deeply. Through meditation, we are "*transformed by the renewal of our mind*" (Romans 12:2, "*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*"). **Meditation sends our roots down deep, taking in more and more of the life-giving water of the Word.**

John 4:13-14, "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Cultivating Meditation: Our lives are unbelievably distracted. We are experts at multi-tasking, surfing, and skimming, but it is harder than ever to meditate. Therefore, it is imperative to **intentionally (set your alarm clock)** cultivate meditation on God's Word.



If possible, find a consistent time, place, and plan. **Then read slowly and carefully.** Read and reread, learn where to put the emphasis. **Read out loud** (which is implied in the Hebrew word for meditation in Psalm 1:2).

Read prayerfully. Read with a pen in hand. Memorize texts that you read. Read with other people and talk about what you *see*. Study a book of the Bible with a good commentary. Pray about a plan for Bible meditation this year, and talk about your plan with a Christian friend. May you lay hold of the blessing of Psalm 1 as you delight in the beauty and value of God's revealed Word and seek to sustain and strengthen that delight through intentional meditation.

God tells us how important it is to establish **ROOTS** in **Luke 8:13**, "*They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*"

Psalms 1 presents two (and only two) ways to live: the way of the world (*the flesh/the old nature*) or the way of the Word (*living life in the Spirit*). Those who "*walk in the counsel (ways) of the ungodly (wicked), who stand in the way of sinners, and who sit in the seat of scornful*" (the scoffers) - who are simply people oriented around the world's values.

Be the Tree, Not the Chaff - Psalms 1:1, "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*" "The "Ungodly" (wicked) – chaff) of Psalm 1 are those who seek *independence* from God, those who have only their sinful nature or earthly perspective on life, those who live according to the

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REACHING RUSSIA:



“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

— Jeremiah 33:3

Who would have ever dreamed some of the plans our eternal Creator God has for John Barela and *Today, the Bible & You*?

Not me! I *never* imagined that God would open an amazing opportunity to reach the entire 265 million Russian speaking population of the world!!! *How could this be?*

Through Online RADIO and TV!

Presently, we are sending out short devotions in three languages: English, Spanish and Russian. Our Russian outreach is overwhelmingly much greater than English or Spanish put together. They are so hungry to learn more about God and what He has to say. One former agnostic scientist told me that he had studied Jesus’s resurrection and discovered there is absolute documented proof of it taking place. When asked if he believed what God’s Word had to say, he responded by saying, “If you know someone who is the only one who has ever been raised alive from the dead, you listen to him.”

We have a mission to share Jesus with others. We are in the process now of developing an amazing outreach — a **Russian online radio station**. The website will be: www.thelawofliberty.ru and can be accessed anywhere in the world. Anyone with a Smartphone or access to Internet will be able to connect. It will broadcast Christian programming and music 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. This is especially vital at this time when so many parts of the world and so many churches are in lockdown.

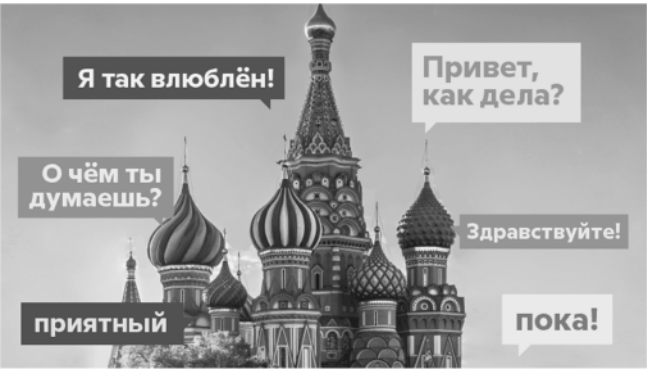
The airing of daily programs will be at minimum cost. We already have some of the key equipment to begin. To be able to produce high quality programming we will need to establish a production studio which will cost about \$75,000.



WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE WE NEED YOUR HELP

We already have a room where the studio will be located. We will simply need studio lighting, special microphones, sound proofing and other items to enhance the quality of production. We will also have an outlet in Russia where we already have an excellent technician and people who will produce programs of every kind from Christian music, Bible teaching, children and adult programs.

How Many People in the World Speak Russian, And Where Is It Spoken?



As of 2013, Russian has become the second most widely used language online — used on 6 percent of all websites. This places Russian just slightly ahead of German and significantly behind English.

The Russian language is *kind of a big deal* in the global scene — statistically speaking.

We were in New York City a little over a year ago and visited Brighton Beach where one of the largest Russian-American communities in New York City is located. Brighton Beach has been nicknamed Little Odessa due to its population of

Russian-speaking immigrants from Ukraine and Russia.

In New York State all documents regarding elections in cities with a population of more than one million must be translated into Russian. According to the 2000 census about 706,000 Russian speakers resided in the U.S, and after the 2010 census this number increased to almost 900,000. Alaska’s Russian community is the oldest in the U.S. because the state was a part of the Russian Empire until 1867 when Alexander II sold it. In Tulsa alone, there are more than 7,000 Russian speaking people who live here.

Worldwide there are about 265 million people who speak Russian.

Russian is included in the list of global languages, which means that it’s widely spoken around the world. According to *Ethnologue*, around 265 million people speak Russian, and it is especially popular in 17 countries besides Russia. They are:

1. Azerbaijan, 2. Belarus, 3. China, 4. Estonia, 5. Georgia, 6. Israel, 7. Kazakhstan, 8. Kyrgyzstan, 9. Latvia, 10. Lithuania, 11. Moldova, 12. Mongolia, 13. Poland, 14. Tajikistan, 15. Turkmenistan, 16. Ukraine, 17. Uzbekistan. Not to mention the masses in the United States, Canada, Cuba and many other countries.

How Many People Speak Russian On The Internet?

The internet is not a country, certainly, but it’s worth mentioning that Russian plays an outsized role online. **As of 2013, it became the second most widely used language online. At this rate, let us rejoice in this amazing open door of utterance God has made available to us.**

As the familiar adage goes, Let us strike while the iron is hot and get your Odnoklassniki account now (it’s basically Facebook for Russians).

Thank YOU!

It’s because of YOU and your compassion and generosity that *Today, the Bible and You* is able to make such an impact in their lives. We appreciate EVERY donation and ask you to pray for us and our ministry. God bless! ■

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GOSPEL

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species never before seen in the history of the world.

The Theft of the Gospel

One of the most erroneous things heard in many churches, is the pastor exhorting the congregation be more Christlike – *be more like Christ* – deceiving the people into thinking *they* can live the Christian life. NO ONE can live the Christian life. ONLY our Lord Jesus himself can live the CHRISTIAN LIFE. The believer lives the Christian life by dying to self and allowing the indwelling presence of our Lord Jesus to live HIS LIFE THROUGH US. That is the new way of living – that is the way the **new creation of the born-again believer is to live their life – CHRIST LIVES IN ME.**

It is written, “Therefore *if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.*” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

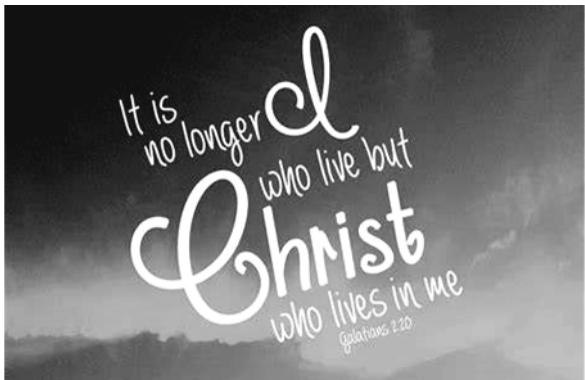
“old things are passes away” – Sadly, most Christians continue to live their life in accordance to their old sinful nature, the old course of living, the old way of thinking from before they became believers. They ask Jesus to forgive their sins and continue to live the same life they were living before. Nothing changed. And they never are able to fully understand the words written in **John 4:23-24**, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when *the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”

“Behold, all things become new” – Most Christians have never been taught that our Lord Jesus died and rose again, thus qualifying Him to continue to live His life here on earth THROUGH THE BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER. This is the new way of serving God by his indwelling Spirit. As the apostle Paul declared in **Galatians 2:20, I DIE – THE SPIRIT OF JESUS IN ME LIVES.** “*I am crucified with Christ: [I DIE] nevertheless I live; yet not I, [JESUS LIVES] but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*”

When we become true followers of Christ something changes in us. Even as the entire world is different to a blind person who becomes able to see, or to a deaf one who is able to hear -- there are new sights for the one, new sounds for the other. All this is true in the measure in which we are born-again and the Spirit of Christ begins to live his life in us.

The newborn soul delights in the things of God

and abhors the things of the world and the flesh. Our purposes, feelings, desires, and understandings are fresh and different. We see the world differently. The Bible seems to be a new book, and though we may have read it before, there is a beauty about it which we never saw before, and which we wonder at not having perceived. The whole face of nature seems to us to be changed, and we seem to be in a new world. The heavens and the earth are filled with new wonders, and all things seem now to speak forth the praise of God. There are new feelings toward people—a new kind of love toward family and friends, a new compassion never before felt for enemies, and a new love for all mankind. The things we once loved, we now detest. The sin we once held onto, we now desire to put away forever. We “*put off the old man with his deeds*” (Colossians 3:9), and put on the “*new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and true holiness*” (Ephesians 4:24).



What about the Christian who continues to sin? There is a difference between continuing to sin and continuing to live **in** sin. No one reaches sinless perfection in this life, but the redeemed Christian is being sanctified (made holy) day by day, sinning less and hating it more each time he fails. Yes, we still sin, but unwillingly and less and less frequently as we mature. Our new self hates the sin that still has a hold on us. The difference is that the new creation is no longer a *slave* to sin, as we formerly were. We are now freed from sin and it no longer has power over us (Romans 6:6-7). Now we are empowered by and for righteousness. We now have the choice to “let sin reign” or to count ourselves “dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11-12). Best of all, now we have the power to choose the latter.

THIS IS THE PART OF THE GOSPEL THAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM GOD’S PEOPLE

The born-again child of God is a new creation and species of life, which God himself owns as his workmanship. As it is written in **Ephesians 2:10**, “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*”

We are God’s workmanship, His work of art, His poem, the work of grace, which like a poem, as the word is rendered is a good and excellent one; it is not indeed perfected at once, but is gradually carried on till the finishing stroke is given to it by that hand which begun it; the author of it is God, it is not man's work; nor is it the work of ministers, nor of angels, but it is God's work: sometimes it is ascribed to the Spirit, who regenerates and sanctifies; and sometimes to the Son of God, who quickens whom he will; and sometimes to the Father, who reveals his Son, and draws men to him, and who seems to be meant here.

Who is this new creation - this new masterpiece of creation? Those who make up this special CREATION are the ones described in **Ephesians 2:1-3**, “*And you he hath quickened [made alive in the Spirit], who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked [you lived your life] according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [you lived your life according to the disobedient spirit world] Among whom also we all [we have all been deceived] had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*”

Every human being is, by nature, part of the children of wrath [sinners], but now that we have asked Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and be our Savior, we have become a new creation in Christ Jesus and we should be led by our Creator to show forth his workmanship in us. **Our salvation can never be by any good works of men since all our works are performed by the indwelling presence of Christ.** Our salvation is a work that took place for us *without* our goodness. It is a work begun in us *by God* of His good pleasure and all our good works are fruits of His grace by His Spirit.

The word *ashamed* in Romans 1:16 is not how we define it in America today. As defined by dictionary.com, the word *ashamed* means “*feeling shame; distressed or embarrassed by feelings of guilt, foolishness.*” Today’s interpretation of the word focuses significantly on the inward feeling or emotion of feeling ashamed. It is significantly personal. And, while it can be said the meaning in antiquity was personal, it took on a whole different meaning. To be ashamed in the ancient world was a public punishment. When Paul was saying he is not ashamed, he was saying he was not afraid of being put at a lower social status. Paul was saying he was not afraid to be put in the streets and made fun of. It was the social punishment that was equal to being put in the stocks during the medieval times. When we view the word from antiquity’s definition it gives it such a deeper meaning. While it remains personal, we see that it means to not be afraid to be publicly humiliated.

Have you become a part of the *Fellowship of the* (GOSPEL— Continued on page 9)

GOSPEL

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Unashamed? If you have become part of the new creation in Christ Jesus have received the DYNAMITE of God.

Some believers wear T-shirts with the logo "FOTU", which stands for “Fellowship of the Unashamed” which summarizes the credo below...

I am a part of the fellowship of the Unashamed. I have the Power [dumanis] of the Holy Spirit. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a new species of God’s creation in Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Christ, learn by faith as I continually respond to the revealed Word of God, allowing the love of God to live in me, lift by prayer, and labor by the power of the Creator Word of God.

My pace is set, my gait is fast, my destination is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity, because for me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up as I die daily to self and allow the Lord Jesus to continue to live his life through me. I am an heir of God and co-heir with Jesus Christ. I must occupy until He returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes.

And when He comes for His own, my course will have been finished. I will rejoice always when I wake up in the morning declaring, “Christ liveth in me, and the life I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.”
— Galatians 2:20

(The Author of this work is a Rwandan man in 1980 who was forced by his tribe to either renounce Christ or face certain death. He refused to renounce Christ, and was killed on the spot. The night before he had written the commitment "The Fellowship of the Unashamed" which was found in his room. Bob Moorehead had written this in his book "Words Aptly Spoken" c. 1995).

The power [Greek work *dunamis* – from where we get our English work *dynamite*] of God is seen in making men ministers of it, in the doctrines held forth in it, in the manner in which it was spread in the world, in the opposition it met with, in the continuance and increase of it notwithstanding the power and cunning of men, and in the shortness of time, in which so much good was done by it in the several parts of the world: it is the power of God organically or instrumentally; as it is a means made use of by God in quickening dead sinners, enlightening blind eyes, unstopping deaf ears, softening hard hearts, and making of enemies friends; to which add, the manner in which all this is done, suddenly, secretly, effectually, and by love, and not force: the extent of this power is,

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, because he knows its Godly power. The emperor enjoys great power, but it is both transient and limited. God’s power has no limits—no end. God holds the emperor’s life in his hands. The emperor serves at God’s pleasure.

Paul has seen the gospel’s power. He experienced it on the road to Damascus, where he was going to persecute Christians. Instead of condemning Saul, Jesus used his power to redeem him (Acts 9). Jesus’ power was manifested on that occasion by the bright light that blinded Saul and the voice from heaven. Since that time, Paul has seen God’s power manifested in many ways. He has seen people healed and people converted. He has been freed from prison by an earthquake (Acts 16:16-40). He has preached successfully in unlikely places (Acts 17:16-33). He has survived a host of dangers (2 Cor. 11:23-28). He has seen his confidence in God justified time after time, so how could he be ashamed of the gospel?

The Part of the Gospel Many Fail to Preach - Who God Has Made Us In Christ

According to 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

There are two Greek words which are translated “new” in the Bible. The first, *neos*, refers to something that has just been made, but there are already many others in existence just like it. The word translated “new” in this verse is the word *kainos*, which means “*something just made which is unlike anything else in existence.*”

Once we have asked our Lord Jesus to forgive our sins, he forgives us and we are placed in Christ

Jesus. At that moment, we are made an entirely new creation IN CHRIST, just as God created the heavens and the earth originally. He made them out of nothing, and this is exactly what He did with us. He does not only clean up our old selves. He makes an entirely new self. Now there are TWO PERSONS living in ONE. God tells us in John 15:4, “*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*”

God is teaching us of the union of the human and Divine natures living together. The Spirit of the Lord Jesus living in us is compared to the root of the vine made fruitful by the moisture from a rich soil. Believers are branches of this Vine. The root is unseen, and our life is hid with Christ; the root bears the tree, and in Christ are all supports and supplies. The branches of the vine are many, meeting in the root, they are many but one vine. God describes all of the believers in Christ as the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12, “*For as **the body** is one, and hath many members, and all **the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.***” All true Christians, though in place and opinion distant from each other are all placed together in Christ.

When we are *in Christ*, we become “*partakers of the divine nature*” (2 Peter 1:4). God Himself, in the person of His Holy Spirit, takes up residence in our hearts. We are in Christ and He is in us. It is God himself, who lives in us, that lives his life through us. It is written in Philippians 2:13, “*For it is God which worketh in you BOTH to will and to do of his good pleasure.*”

In Christ, we are regenerated, renewed, born again, and this new creation is spiritually minded, whereas the old nature is carnally minded. These old nature is incapable of doing or even desiring to do and fulfill the will of God. The old nature is dead to the things of the spirit and cannot revive itself. It is “*dead in trespasses and sins*” as it is written in Ephesians 2:1. God ALONE can fulfill his work in this world through us.

Every believer needs to know that there is a new nature residing in our old fleshly bodies, and these two are at war with one another. It is written in Ephesians 6:12, “*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*”

The old nature is dead, but the new nature still has to battle the old “tent” in which it dwells. Evil and sin are still present.

When we are in Christ, “*we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us*” (Romans 8:37) and can rejoice in our Savior, who makes all things possible (Philippians 4:13). In Christ we are victorious. *What a wonderful Savior is Christ!* ■

Check out the great offers on page 20.

RUSSIA:

Reclaiming Lives -- Restoring Hope -- Sharing the Good News!

Alexey, our Director of Russian Missions, is invaluable to the work we do in Russia. He does a fantastic job ministering to the people of Russia.



ANDREI and STEPAN

Andrei has cerebral palsy and lives with his 13 year-old son, Stepan. Andrei works when he can at a very low paying job, but has a difficult time walking and his job is made more difficult by the winter weather. Alexey, our Russian director, stopped by to deliver them some groceries. Andrei is always thrilled to see Alexey because his condition makes it hard for people to understand him, and very few people will take the time to talk with him. So Andrei is always blessed when Alexey takes the time to visit with him and share about his Savior Jesus and the Word of God.

The last time Alexey was there, he noticed the bed that Andrei was sleeping on was very old and worn out so Alexey brought him a new mattress which was paid for with donations that YOU so generously provided. You can see the joy and gratitude on Andrei's face!



ANATOLY

Anatoly is homeless and staying at the Restoration House homeless shelter that was remodeled by friends of *Today, the Bible and You*. When they first met, Anatoly told Alexey he had always dreamed of having a Bible. God made his dream come true when Alexey presented him with his very own personal Bible. He is so thankful for the Bible, the food and shelter that has been provided to him by your generous giving.



ELENA

Elena has multiple sclerosis. She lives in a very small government-provided apartment. She lives in a first floor apartment, but in the basement beneath her apartment is a huge refrigeration unit which causes the floor of her apartment to always be extremely cold, especially in the cold Russian winters.

Some of her friends told Alexey about her problem and he was able to be of great help. By God's grace and friends of *Today, the Bible and You*, Alexey was able to install a new floor with a heated system under the carpet that works wonderfully. Alexey invited her to go with him to choose the flooring, but she refused. Alexey finally realized that she would not go because she had not left her apartment for one and a half years because she was only able to walk with assistance. She is barely able to stand alone.

He convinced her to go and while they were driving to the flooring store, Elena asked Alexey why God had allowed her to have all of these problems in life. Alexey responded, "Elena you are so blessed by God. Think of all the poor people in this city that suffer greatly. God is blessing you with a new floor. Think of *how special* you are that God chose *you* to be helped in this special way." Elena immediately realized how much God loved her. She realized this truth even more when she was able to step on her new flooring and how nice and warm it was. She was so grateful that she even prepared Alexey a very special Russian meal called fish pie. Alexey said she is a *very* good cook.



LYUDMILA'S FAMILY

Ludmila has 11 children and a tremendous amount of needs. Alexey dropped off a large bag of groceries to carry them through the severe Russian winter weather. Lyudmila and the children are very grateful for God's grace and provision.

Alexey had been giving her Bible lessons about marriage and she stopped using abusive words against her husband and began to speak with him in a grace-filled manner, and God began to work in their family.

She has been praying for her alcoholic husband who had abandoned the family, and he has returned and been reconciled to the family and to the Lord Jesus. *Praise the Lord!*

ROMAN and TATIANA'S FAMILY

Roman and Tatiana have eight children. Roman lost his job because of a very serious eye problem and is has been very difficult for him to find any kind of work.

Here is Roman with 5 of his 8 children. Alexey provided them with some much-needed groceries. They are extremely grateful for the blessings that have been given to them.



Thank YOU!

It's because of **YOU** and your compassion and generosity that *Today, the Bible and You* is able to make such an impact in their lives. We appreciate EVERY donation and ask you to pray for us and our ministry. God bless! ■

Bob J. Perry Memorial School Begins March 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS STILL NEEDED!

God is working mightily in Uganda through the Bob J. Perry Memorial School. Uganda is facing many of the same things we are in America, with social media networks being shut down along with other restrictions. The effects of pandemic along with the violence, are taking a toll on livelihoods and the economy.

Because of your generous giving, we were able to purchase more food to be distributed among the needy in Uganda and we received this message from Uganda,

*Hello Papa John,
We delivered food to school in Mamba today. Sugar, beans, corn flour, rice, cooking oil plus other goods as recommend by the ministries of health and education, hand washing facilities, liquid soap, temperature guns (thermometers).
Also, our ministry of education has reassured the people of Uganda that schools will open officially on 1st March, the first phase and second phase on 7th April. Thank you so very much. GOD bless America 7times, Pastor Fred*



Last month, we told you about Ibrahim, a Christian evangelist and who also works as a carpenter and handyman. We praise God for all the donations to purchase carpenter tools for him.



Above, you can see the tools that he bought and the first load of wood to begin a job making door frames. Some of the trainees stay at the church compound and are being taught the carpenter trade.

Ibrahim used the money that was donated to purchase carpentry tools and materials to begin his own business and train young people the carpentry trade and floor work, including working with all types of tile. Ibrahim was a former Muslim who does much evangelizing and Bible teaching throughout the country. He also distributes many Bibles to those in need. We distribute Bibles in two languages, English and the native language of Luganda.

The needs in Uganda, which is located in the heart of Africa are great. **School scholarships** are always needed, **food** (especially now with the country being in lockdown for almost the entire year) and **Bibles** are always a great need as they are so expensive.



Classes will begin again at Bob J. Perry school.

2020 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDER

Class	Begin	End
P.6, S.3 & S.5	1 st March 2021	7 th June 2021
P.4 & P.5	12 th April 2021	18 th June 2021
S.1	19 th April 2021	22 nd July 2021
S.2	18 th June 2021	13 th August 2021
P.1, P.2 & P.3	21 st June 2021	13 th August 2021
Nursery & Pre-primary	Till further notice	Till further notice



BIBLES NEEDED

In America, a simple Bible can be purchased for about \$5, which to us is a cup of coffee. In Uganda, the average wage is less than one dollar per day. So, the cheapest Bible in Uganda (\$10 USD) costs them about 15 days wages! When they are presented with a Bible, they are extremely grateful to God for this miracle — and that is exactly what it is to them — *a miracle*.

We have already been able to provide a few people in Uganda with Bibles and you can see the joy on their faces for receiving this precious gift.

Will you join us in making an eternal difference by sharing Scriptures?

Every \$10 you share will help provide life-changing Bibles that bring people into a meaningful relationship with loving God.

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL:

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PERU — RADIO MISSION

NEW ONLINE RADIO OUTREACH

Our new internet radio station, Radio Rosa de Saron (Radio Rose of Sharon) is now up and running. It is an outstanding mission outreach in Peru that will reach Spanish speaking people ALL OVER THE WORLD via the Internet. It provides Christian music, Bible teaching and family programming 24 hours a day! You can listen to it at:

www.radiorosadesaron.com



This outreach has never been more needed than it is now. Churches have been in lockdown for the major part of the world and people have been wanting to hear from God as never before. Even now, the outreach God has chosen to do through us in Peru and South America is *miraculous*. In Peru, we have regional access now through the FM Mission Radio of the Voice of the Rose of Sharon in the Amazon River Valley – two TV outreaches and several local radio outreaches. But now, with this new Online Radio, people will be able to access 24 hours a day, seven days a week all over the world via internet.

One thing that has always amazed me is that in all of my missionary trips to more than 60 countries around the world, even the poorest people had two things – a TV and a smart phone.

Beloved, this is what grace is. There is no beauty like giving. When everything was His, yet He came so that He could say of Himself, “the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” [Matt. 8:20]. He had no home, they had to borrow a manger in which he could be born; he had to borrow a penny when He wanted to perform a miracle; He depended on others for His clothes; He went about with no certain dwelling place; and when He died, they had to borrow a grave in which to lay His body. He had nothing of His own. Though He was rich, yet for our sakes, He entered into the poverty of human existence and held absolutely nothing back, not even his own life. That is the great pattern of giving. *That is what grace is. There is no beauty like giving.*

Radio Director needs transportation

Our director in Peru, Wildoro Mendoza Peso needs a **MotoKar**. Motokars (or Mototaxis) are essentially motorcycles with an attached cabin on the back that can fit three to five people. They are very popular in small Peruvian towns because of the narrower streets and they’re the most economic way to get around. Wildoro greatly needs this reliable vehicle to carry out both ministry and daily life needs. **The cost to purchase one is about \$1,500.**

We cannot thank you enough for your regular help and prayers for us that God will fulfill His plans for the people of Peru. We always thank God for YOU because your gifts to this work of Faith make this all possible. Thanks again for your support!

INDIA — Rejoice Kamei

URGENT NEEDS!

Rose of Sharon Christian Schools and Home is one of the finest schools in Nagaland, India. Its students annually test at the highest levels. There are now more than 900 children who have been enrolled in this school and most of the children receive scholarships.

There are 70 STUDENTS WAITING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS for this school year -- \$180 (or \$15/mo.) will pay for one student's tuition, books, uniform and meals for one year.

Can you help sponsor some of the 70 students needing sponsorship today?

Your \$15-a-month gift of sponsorship is LIFE CHANGING for them!

A grid of 12 black and white photographs of children of various ages, arranged in three rows of four. They are diverse in appearance and are looking towards the camera.

The government schools in India are practically worthless and most parents do not even choose to send their children to their schools. This is why they sacrifice greatly to send their children to private schools which are so much better.

This is the only private school in Nagaland and they have had to construct several new classrooms in the past few years. The school now has **(30) THIRTY classrooms** and all the children are taught in English and take computer and Bible classes. The school has taken bank loans on two occasions for \$165,000.

Because of COVID, the school had to suspend classes for several months, but is now operating once again. The shutdown did not help their financial situation. **THEIR BANK LOAN IS NOW \$80,000 and they need to make a payment soon.** This school is such a tremendous blessing to the people of Nagaland. Entire families have put their faith in Christ because their children attended this school.

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MISSIONS

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The new kindergarten classroom



Headmaster Rejoice with girls in native dress for Cultural Day celebration

Please help us to eliminate the debt of the Rose of Sharon Christian School.

Through your generous support, we were able to purchase rice for distribution to local families during this pandemic. The COVID pandemic caused great stress in third world countries like India. Where jobs were scarce, they became even more scarce as almost everything was shut down. Our blessed Heavenly Father provided for them greatly through YOU.

We are so grateful God has allowed us to have a small part in making a difference in the lives of these children and their families.

INDIA — Dongza Thawng



Dongza, Jemima (7), Levi (9), Vashti (3), Hoiching,

February 2021

Dear Prayer Partners and loving supporters! We can not thank you enough for your prayers and financial supports.

Because of the Covid 19 we were like Paul when he wrote to the Corinthians *“For we do not want you to be ignorant brethren of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure above strength, so that we despaired even of life”* (2 Cor.1:8).

1). In **March 2020** We did not know what would become of the world. Would the world we live in be ever the same again? But today after eleven months, we looked back and it turned out to be one of the best year.

2) **My children’s education** went well through

online classes. God took care of our health. God provided our needs through you.

3). **My literature work** had the greatest advantage. What has been done would never be possible without this lockdown.

4). **With regard to the church:** We had the best year since 10 years. Families who left us 4 years ago, who gave us bitter tears and sleepless nights have come back to our church and we are celebrating every day. We do house visits almost every day.

5). What about **my relationship with God** and my devotional life? During lockdown the LORD gave me hunger to deepen my spiritual life and relationship with him. His grace helped me to spend more time every day in His presence in prayer, waiting, silence, listening music, reading and meditating in HIS WORD.

6). **New Car:** We worried what to eat...what would happen? You know what? God is bigger than all these. Through the sacrifice of several supporters we were blessed with a **NEW CAR!** We are like the returnees from Babylon exile. *“Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. We were like those who dreamed”*

7). If that were not enough, the **LORD gave us souls** for His kingdom. My own nephew **Ngamgou**, who was drug addict, lost in sins, Who give endless pain to his parents, have found forgiveness and new life in Christ at our salvation camp. He was one of 15 campers at camp we conducted in October. Thanks to people who donated the fund for the camp.

8). Just last week I had the opportunity to witness to **Army officer** brother **LALKHOHAU** who came for vacation. Just before he went back to the field, he made commitment to Christ. After he became a new man he shared his past life, how the Devil tormented him day and night.

Prayer NEEDS for this year:

- 1) We want to organize more **salvation camps**. We need funds — \$500 each camp.
- 2) As we always do every year: we need **\$500 for VBS**.
- 3) Our **Muslim church construction** is going on depending on the funds.
- 4) Please continue to pray for **my book projects** which are pending. As the lockdown is taken out I cannot confine at home like I used to be.
- 5) My ministry through **telephone** and **daily messages through Whatsapp**.
Just before writing this I counseled two mothers who go through difficult times.
- 6). Our church ministry is expanding. I have great opportunity to **ministry among students**.

7) I need God’s clear guidance for the timing to **travel to Manipur for ministry**.

May the LORD make this year a **YEAR OF GRACE!** May this text be true in our life:

“I have given you a land for which you did not labor, cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.” — Joshua 24: 13

With much love and appreciation,
Dongza, Hoiching, Levi, Jemima & Vashti

BURMA — NEW LIFE ORPHAN CENTER



Shalom Pu John, Thank God, today I received your monthly gift. From new year (January), we are so busy in our orphanage because we are working hard more than before.

I and my wife and staffs are leading and guiding and teaching (the children) for their physical needs and spiritual needs. Very early morning we are always praying and reading the Holy Bible and meditate it carefully. After that we are guiding and teaching in their school lessons carefully, after studied their school lessons, they are preparing for school and send them to school. They are coming back in evening after school and when they come back home they do their school home works, then watering the vegetables that we planted. After watering they have some exercises, some are playing foot ball, some are playing badminton so and so as they like. After that they are bathing and have dinner. After dinner we have prayer meeting and reading the Bible as we did in the morning. After prayer meeting, they study their school lessons from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. It is what we have do in our daily life. Brother as we are working hard, all the children are also more smart, clever and well done in everything more than before. That's why I am very happy for them and enjoy in my deepest heart. I hope you also will be happy for them. Praise the Lord and be glory His name.

My brother Andrew and his family and also all the children are still fine by the grace of God. We always pray for you.

May God Bless You More! Yours In Christ,
Brother Thang No and all the children,
New Life Orphan Center, Yangon, Myanmar. ■

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PERU:

In 2007, the Voice of the Rose of Sharon radio station began broadcasting gospel of the Lord Jesus to an area that was famine-stricken for the Word of God. Today, that single radio station has expanded to include TV programming on several channels and has produced over 200 congregations in different parts of Peru and various other ministries to children and adults but there is still a great need for Bibles and study materials. The Lord also opened many important doors with municipal leaders to our director in Peru, Wildoro Mendoza. The provincial governor asked Wildoro to be his spiritual counselor and they have organized days of prayer and fasting in local communities. *Would you consider supporting this important work?*



Bibles and study materials	\$ _____
Monthly support of radio/TV broadcast	\$300-500 \$ _____

INDIA—Dongza Thawng:

In Shillong, India, Dongza has opened the Door of Hope ministry where the Lord is working mightily in his community. His ministry is growing so fast that he is currently looking to buy a new property so that they can expand their mission. Dongza holds Bible studies with college students and families, youth camps, vacation Bible school and crusades, and has also begun Christian couples retreats to heal marriages and a follow-up program for the new believers who committed their lives for Christ during salvation camp (many of whom are recovering alcoholics). He travels to nearby villages and reaches out to anyone the Lord sends his way with food and the gospel of Jesus Christ and has seen the hand of the Lord moving in a mighty way. Dongza and a missionary friend, Junus Khan, (pictured) also witness to Muslims and Hindus in the area. They have had several converts and are helping them to build homes and a new life on some land which was donated by a local doctor. They are helping them grow in their faith while hiding them from persecution. *Please pray about supporting this mission.*



Monthly support	\$25-\$200	\$ _____
Bibles and study materials		\$ _____

PHILIPPINES — SMO (Student Missionary Outreach):

SMO's vision is to "Reach the Filipino Youth for Christ with the Gospel of Jesus Christ". In the past, the Bible was not allowed to be taught in most schools. However, in recent years the Lord has opened doors through the SMO-Moral Values Program. With this program, SMO is now welcome to conduct the Moral Values Seminar in schools throughout the 7,000 Philippine islands. The program teaches the dangers of smoking, drug-addiction, alcoholism, pre-marital sex, and much more — and even school officials and teachers have participated with the students. Many teachers have testified of God's power in moving, convicting, delivering, and changing the lives of many young people. SMO has also established a Bible training school to train future youth workers to reach the youth of the Philippines.



Sponsor Bible camps and training	\$ _____
Bibles and study materials	\$ _____

INDIA—Rose of Sharon Christian Schools and Home — Rejoice Kamei



This is one of the top-ranked schools in NE India with an attendance of over 950 children. Many of the children are orphaned, or are too poor to even pay for the basic books and uniforms. The students come from various religious backgrounds such as Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Animist (spirit worshippers). They are all taught in the English language and have Bible classes, attending chapel services as well. The school also conducts an annual Bible camp for the students and needs Bibles, study materials, and food for the camp. Afterward, a program for the parents and families of the students which includes a plan of salvation is presented. They also reach out with the Gospel and hold church services for the local villagers. Attendance is growing every year and so is the need for more uniforms, textbooks, classrooms, housing, bunk beds and benches for the students. Right now, there are about 70 students per classroom and there are not enough seats for everyone. A basic building (15 classrooms) will cost approximately \$150,000. *Will you help?*

Teachers' Salary (year)	\$200/month	\$ _____
Sponsor a Student for a month	\$15/month \$180/year	\$ _____
Building loan for classrooms	\$80,000	\$ _____

BURMA — New Life Orphan Center AND Grace Children's Home

New Life Orphan Center founded by Pastor Khup Lam Thang (aka Thangno) and Grace Children's Home run by Zam Kap are two orphanages we support in Burma. All the children receive Bible training and basic education from kindergarten to university. They are taught Bible stories and Christian songs that will build their relationship with God. Several of the orphans have recently graduated from university. With their degrees, they could find good jobs, yet, they chose to serve the Lord by remaining in the orphanage to teach other orphans. Indeed, this is a testimony of how they want to repay the debt they owe to God.

Sponsor an orphan	\$50/month	\$ _____
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AFRICA –Uganda (Bob J. Perry Memorial School)

BIBLES (\$10 each)	200 needed	\$2,000	\$ _____
Food—Rice and Beans			\$ _____
Sponsor a Student	\$200/3 months or \$600/year		\$ _____

RUSSIA — Restoration House

The government has provided a large building to assist the homeless, mostly families of inmates and former inmates who have trouble finding jobs. Restoration House provides at least one warm meal a day and also beds to provide a warm place out of the cold winter weather. The Gospel is shared with everyone who comes in. Restoration House is about showing Biblical hospitality, care, generosity, and above all, the love of Christ to all who enter.

Vehicle for Alexey, Russian Mission Director	\$10,000	\$ _____
Bibles and study materials		\$ _____

FOOD: rice, beans, etc. where most needed	\$ _____
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PSALMS

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world’s standards and not God’s. At times this way of life appears to be the way of success, acceptance, and prosperity.

Why is this a bad idea to follow the human nature?

1. Because living independent of God cannot produce any good. Romans 8:2-4, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk (live) not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
2. Because the carnal mind is incapable of receiving the fruit of the Spirit of God. Romans 8:6-8, " For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither

indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

Psalms 1 helps us see things in the ultimate perspective: the prosperity of the wicked is fleeting, they are like chaff blown away by the wind.

Verse 1, "**Blessed** is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly . . ."

Some people think of **blessed** as a spiritual term for “good fortune,” like when we receive something good, a desired outcome, or an exceptional comfort, or win the lottery. But what does it really mean to be blessed? God wants us to remember one very important thing. It is written in **Romans 7:18**, " For ***I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.***" This was a statement from the greatest of all apostles, Paul, who once thought he was sinless.

To be blessed of God means that God has given you something that was humanly impossible for you to receive from any other source than God. The word *blessed* derives from the Greek term *makarios*, is used in the New Testament to define the kind of happiness that comes from re-

ceiving favor from God. Consequently, *blessed* can also be translated “favored.” As in the case of Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus, who was “*blessed among women*” (**Luke 1:42**, "And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, **Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb**." The favor and blessed fruit of Mary's womb came from God alone.

The true servant of God is blessed, regardless of circumstances, because God has favored him or her with a fully satisfied soul. It is written in John 4:14 about the satisfied soul our Lord will give to those who live by the Spirit, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*" The material things we crave can never bring genuine happiness or contentment. True fulfillment can only be found in a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is written again:

John 14:27, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" ■

Australian Christians In Shock: Ten Year Jail Sentence For Preaching Repentance

(EvangelicalFocus, 02/08/2021) -The parliament of Victoria (Australia) is about to conclude the process of the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill. The law has been approved by both the Lower House and the Legislative Council of the Victorian parliament and could be soon ready to be implemented. Any practice that aims to "change or suppress a person's sexual orientation or gender identity" will now be illegal.

According to Australian evangelical magazine *Eternity News*, this ban includes "prayer conversations suggesting change, and counselling when targeted at an individual". Melbourne, the State's capital, is known for being Australia's region with a strongest support for LGBT movements - as seen in the Pride Marches and other demonstrations in the last years.

The law becomes a real challenge to churches that hold to a traditional and biblical view of sexuality. Jail sentences up to ten years and large fines can be imposed by courts if there is a perception that a 'conversion' practice has caused injuries to a LGBT person. According to the analysis of *Eternity News*, the law distinguishes between general teaching and personal counselling. "Sermons and general discussion of same-sex and gender issues which might take a conservative line" would not be prosecuted but "activities which are directed at an individual, on the basis of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, and have the aim to change or suppress that person's identity" would.

The law will not come into effect right away, but

will have a one-year period in which the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission will lead consultations to clarify the details of how the law would be applied in different scenarios.

Reactions of evangelicals: The Baptist Union of Victoria, for example, asked that "the bill should permit communication of religious beliefs to all people and permit religious counselling, pastoral care and prayer for people over 16 with informed consent and the right to leave".

In December, the Victorian Church Leaders network wrote in a letter to the Attorney General expressing concern over the "lack of clear definitions and clear articulation of what is or is not considered a harmful or suppressive practice has led to a significant level of concern as to the administration of the Act".

David Benett, an international speaker on LGBT issues from a conservative Christian perspective, and author of "*A War of Loves: The Unexpected Story of a Gay Activist Discovering Jesus*", said the law goes beyond addressing gay conversion therapies, which he himself condemns.

"I'm honestly so angry at the silence from Australian Christian leaders at the idea that I, or anyone else who wants to help a celibate gay Christian, could be locked in jail for ten years for helping or teaching an individual the orthodox position of the church for 2000 years if afterward they deem it harmful (especially that same-sex desire results from the effects of sin when sin entered creation)".

Benett added: "Why are [theological] liberals deliberately ignoring the problems here when they now have their rights to live as they desire? Why

punish others when you have your legal freedom?"

A pastor who has campaigned against the law said on social media: "Under this Act, if Jesus shared his views with an individual or prayed with someone who came to him because they were struggling with their sexual or gender identity, Jesus could face criminal charges and time in prison. (...) Of course Jesus' view, which upholds the teaching of the Bible, form the beliefs that Christians carry today and that shape our lives".

Other religious leaders speak of attack on religious freedom: In a letter signed in January by religious leaders of Adventists, Hindu, Protestant, Orthodox organizations, among others, wrote to the Victorian Parliament Premier, Daniel Andrews, asking the proposed law to be stopped because it was an "attack against religious freedom. (...) We seek to have the government understand that the millennia of teachings of our Religious Books and Oral Traditions, in this case in the matter of sexuality and gender, are not negotiable".

Earlier, Melbourne's Catholic Archbishop Peter Comensoli told newspaper *The Sunday Age*: "Who I pray to, how I pray, what I pray for, and most particularly, who I pray with is not of concern to any government".

In contrast, theologically liberal and LGBT-friendly churches have supported the new law and asked that other Australian states "follow the example of Victoria" by passing similar laws.

According to the John Sandeman, Editor of *Eternity News*, "Christians in Victoria who affirm the traditional teachings of the Bible will be on official notice that they are out of step with society". ■

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The Cleansing Power of the Blood

Ike Pauli, M.D., president of one of the largest and most-respected pediatric groups in San Antonio, Texas, has faithfully served two hospitals as chief of pediatrics and teaches at two different universities. He is a faithful servant of God and brings new insight to a vital part of our Christian experience: the blood of Christ. He weaves the spiritual and medical aspects of the blood.

Dr. Pauli learned more and more about the blood as his time in the medical field advanced. Most diseases are diagnosed by examining the blood, and most medical treatments come through the blood. The blood is a wondrous substance that contains the healing properties of the body, provides protection for the body, transports waste, and cleanses the body, and unites every organ and tissue together.

The blood is the medium by which the body’s nutrients and wastes are exchanged, balanced, neutralized, and transferred. The kidneys, liver, and lungs are the primary sites by which those wastes are eliminated through urine, bile, and respiration. If the wastes and toxins are not eliminated, the body becomes poisoned and quickly dies.

Dr. Pauli says that the blood Christ shed for us is no different. It flowed from the heart of Christ Jesus for a lost and dying world, removing sin and depositing it in the sea of forgetfulness, as we are told in Micah 7:19, “*He will turn again, he will*

have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” It is only through the blood of our Lord Jesus that the toxins, poisons, and wastes our carnal lives produce can be removed. This is the process of sanctification.

Medically, there is no permanent substitute for the functions that the blood performs through the kidneys in removing waste, toxins, and fluid regulation. Using kidney dialysis is only a temporary measure. Such is the difference between forgiveness of personal sins and the continuous process of sanctification. Forgiveness cures the disease; cleansing clears the debris and removes all traces of illness. There is no substitute for the cleansing power that the blood of our Lord Jesus provides.

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The length of telomeres, or the caps on the ends of chromosomes that protect DNA in cells, is the key to healthy aging. In the simplest terms, "when telomeres get short, bad things happen." To live a long healthy life, scientists have offered guidelines for telomere health that include controlling stress, getting optimal nutrition, obtaining quality sleep, minimizing toxin exposure, and finally, bolstering antioxidant defenses against free radicals and reactive oxygen species.

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WORLD WATCH

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The closer to midnight we are, the more danger we're in, according to the Bulletin. The Doomsday Clock authors wrote that "by our estimation, the potential for the world to stumble into nuclear war – an ever-present danger over the last 75 years – increased in 2020."

A Third of Americans say pandemic has made their faith stronger

■ (theguardian, 1/27/2021) - Almost one in three Americans say the Covid-19 pandemic has made their religious faith stronger, a significantly higher proportion of people than in other countries, according to a report.

In the UK, one in 10 people said their faith had strengthened, a proportion that corresponds to the median across 14 countries surveyed by the Washington-based Pew Research Center.

Only 2% of Danes and 3% of Swedes reported stronger personal faith. For Germans and Japanese the figure was 5%.

The contrast between the US on one hand, and western European and east Asian countries on the other, was likely to be because religion continued to play a stronger role in American life than in many other economically developed countries, Pew said in its report.

White evangelical Christians in the US were more likely than other Christians to report a stronger faith because of the coronavirus pan-



demic, with 49% saying it had grown.

Significantly higher proportions of people said the pandemic had tightened family bonds. More than four in 10 people in Spain, Italy, the US and the UK – countries which were hit early by COVID-19 – said their relationship with immediate family members had become stronger. Only 18% in Japan and South Korea agreed.

Pew said: "As many families in countries surveyed remain confined to their homes because of mandated work from home and closed or virtual schools, more people say their relationships with immediate family members have become stronger than say these relationships have weakened."

France Considers Evangelicals A Threat For Putting God Above Law Of The Republic

■ (EvangelicalFocus, 10 FEB 2021) - Evangelical Christians in France are expressing unease as they see how the national government inflames the rhetoric against their churches.

The last episode has to do with the words of the French Minister of the Interior, Gérald Dar-

manin. In an interview with tv broadcaster C News, he said: "Evangelicals are a very important problem", only to add, "obviously not a problem of the same nature than the Islamism that makes terrorist attacks and deaths".

One day before, speaking about the controversial anti-separatism law that is expected to be passed soon, he told radio broadcaster France Inter: "We cannot discuss with people who refuse to write on paper that the law of the Republic is superior to the law of God".

Both statements of the head of national security in France have caused consternation among evangelical leaders. "We are eagerly waiting to know what these 'very important problems' are", wrote Tim Kyle, a board member of Youth For Christ in France.

Romain Choynet, communications director of the National Council of Evangelicals in France (CNEF) also reacted by underlining that "evangelicals are respectful with the law and the Republican authorities". But evangelical churches "cannot be used as an argument to defend the liberticide bill", he protested in reference to proposed law to stop radical Islamism.

The CNEF has often denounced that evangelical Christianity is unfairly blamed for socio-political conflicts that have nothing to do with the beliefs and actions of evangelical churches. "France will win nothing in its fight against Islamic separatism by equating Christianity and Islamism. The first has shaped this nation that the Republic has inherited, the second wants to replace it", the spokesman of the CNEF said. ■

Pastor's Letter

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certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ... But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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- paying for the **online radio/TV station** to reach the Russian (Slavic) speaking people around the world. (page 8)
- The **sponsorship of students** in both Nagaland, India and in Africa. (pages 11-12)
- **paying off the debt** for the classrooms at the Rose of Sharon School in Nagaland, India . (page 12)
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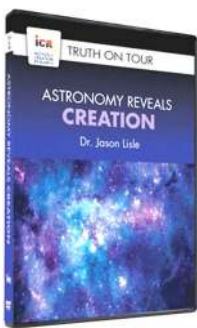
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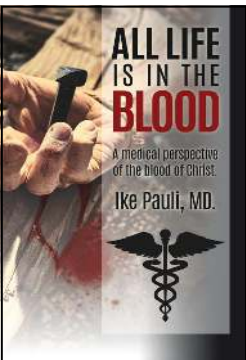


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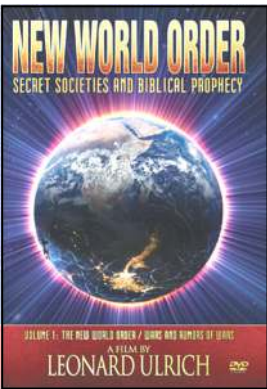


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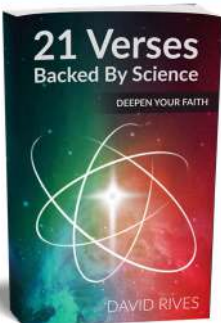
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