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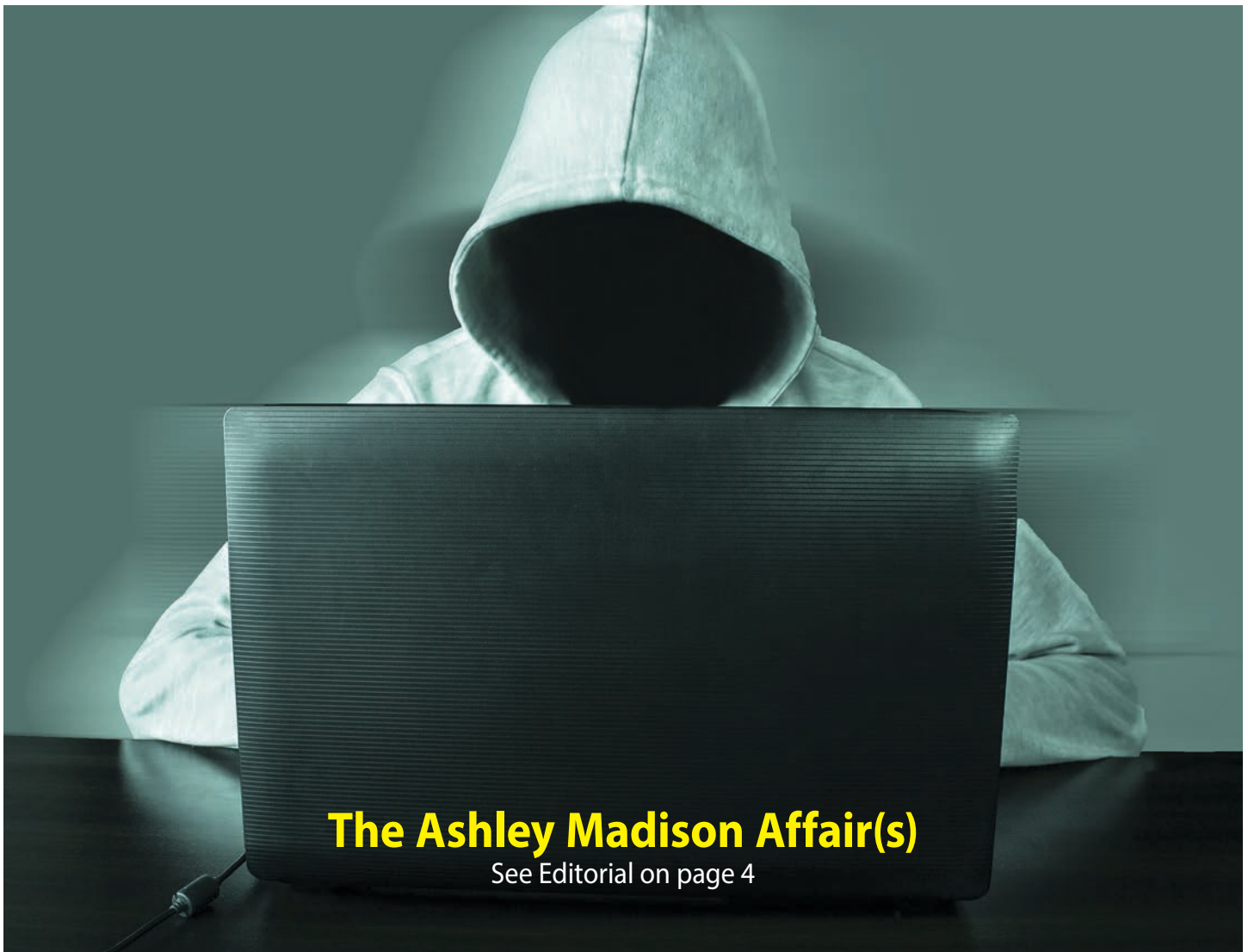
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I'll Follow You Anywhere

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I remember well my first day in Karns, Tennessee. We arrived quite late after a long drive and then had to unload a moving truck. Everyone was tired and my in-laws, who had helped with the driving and the moving, were ready to get some sleep. James Meadows, then director of East Tennessee school of Preaching, met us at the place where we would be living to both welcome us to our new home and to help get us situated. He told my mother and father in law he knew a good motel where they could stay. When the move was over and we'd had a short rest he asked them to follow him. They got into the car and headed off into the night. The next morning when we saw my in-law's they had a story. My father in law, Ed described a high speed chase through the mountains as he tried to keep up with James who didn't realize how difficult East Tennessee roads can be for someone who's not local. After a harrowing journey they did reach the motel

and breathlessly thanked James for showing them the way. I recall this story to make the point that when you commit to following someone, especially through unknown territory, you've made quite a commitment. Not only that, but following isn't always easy.

We live in a time when Jesus is rightly emphasized in the Church. When brethren have shown the wisdom to revive the name disciple

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and to emphasize the gospels as key for Christians. I am encouraged when I hear Jesus preached and written about, when I hear the gospels read and examined. It seems though that some are using the name of Jesus and claiming to follow him but hijacking the name or questioning the one they claim to follow. Some name the name of

Jesus but then ridicule or criticize His church, and I'm not talking about helpful constructive criticism. Some talk about loving Jesus but not the church, they talk about emphasizing the man not the plan. In some cases it has even been popular to try and create a false distinction between the words and teaching of Jesus and the rest of the New Testament. While I appreciate the emphasis on Jesus and the reminder that we are

disciples I also find it disingenuous to claim the name disciple but then refuse to follow as the name implies.

When I read or listen to some I am reminded of the Gospel of Luke. As Jesus popularity grows many come and determine to follow him; Luke records "I will follow you wherever you go" (9:57). Jesus replies "Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Luke goes on to describe a number of individuals who indicate a desire to follow Jesus but when they find out what that entails they are no longer interested. Because Jesus knows the heart he can identify their lack of dedication immediately and questions their commitment. We don't have the insight into the minds of men that Jesus has and maybe we are not always honest enough with ourselves about what's going on in our hearts and minds. I want to seriously ask the question of all who claim to follow Jesus; Are you serious? Have you considered what it might cost, are you willing to surrender your will, your selfishness, habits, friends, maybe even family



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members? What about social standing, wealth, influence. How would Jesus have responded to you if you came to him and said I will follow you anywhere?

It seems that some who shout the loudest about their love and respect for Jesus are the first to compromise his word. Are we claiming a desire to follow Jesus but then turning back when we see where Jesus is going? There are a few specific situations in which this kind of behavior seems especially common. I would like to discuss some instances in particular.

First are moral issues. Many who claim a desire to follow Jesus waffle when it comes to their practices, habits and hobbies. I want to follow Jesus but I'm going to do so while continuing in my sexual immorality. I'm going to follow Jesus but am not willing to stop lying when a sale is on the line. I'm going to follow Jesus but I'm not willing to love the neighbor that I've been fighting with for years. Some preachers, teachers and authors have gone so far as to teach that you can follow Jesus and ignore his teaching about marriage and divorce in Mathew 19. Some do the same by saying you can follow Jesus while ignoring his teaching about marriage between one man and one woman. I have had people claim to follow Jesus and then try to justify racist views or cheating in the workplace or blatantly mistreating a co-worker or neighbour. In all these situations we are saying "I'm a follower of Jesus but..."

We come to Jesus with a certain kind of lifestyle, a certain set of habits and practices. Every one of these will need to be examined in the light of the gospel (I Thess 5:21). Often at least some of these practices are not right or

appropriate for a Christian. This in no way means we are not wanted by God or that we should not hear the gospel. However we need to remember the rich young ruler who came to Jesus and was told he must give up his wealth. I don't have much wealth and maybe you don't either, but there will be things in your life and mine that we must abandon in order to follow Jesus. Your Sunday morning golf game will have to move. The Saturday night party where you drink well beyond the point of intoxication is sin and will have to be abandoned. There may be places you can no longer go, entertainment you will have to give up, commitments you will have to live up to (I Cor 6:9-11). Many of these things will call for sacrifice, change and even discomfort in your personal life. The question once again becomes when you said you wanted to follow Jesus, were you serious? Would Jesus be saying to you or me "No one who puts his

hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of heaven." Consider for a moment some other examples. What if a soldier arrived at boot camp and upon being awakened at five a.m. said to his Sargent, "Listen, I want to be in the army, but there's no way I'm getting up at five". What about a construction worker who refuses to wear a hard hat and steel toed boots? We all laugh at these examples but do we say to Jesus I want to be a Christian but don't ask me to read my Bible or pray or treat people differently or go to worship or the many other things we could mention.

What about doctrinal issues, matters of Christian teaching and Biblical truth. What I mean is someone who claims to be a follower or disciple but then refuses to accept as true and practice as right the teaching of scripture. I have heard a passage of scripture read word for word only to hear someone professing to be a Christian say "I don't believe that." Maybe it's the teaching of scripture about Hell or the qualifications for Elders, often it is in reference to the plan of salvation. Maybe it's the role of women or instrumental music. In all of these issues there is only one question that matters and it is not what do you or I think. The only question that is appropriate is what does the Bible say about this. The only proper response is to hear it and do it. Otherwise we are only giving lip service to Jesus and then refusing to actually follow. The New Testament is the standard to be adopted by anyone claiming to follow Jesus.

I want to take just a moment to touch on a related discussion. In more and more cases the

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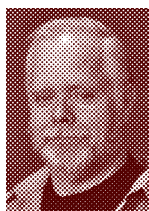
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The Ashley Madison Affair(s)

Wayne Turner



In July, 2015, the Ashley Madison website was hacked. The company computers were invaded and important business information was stolen. Specifically, the hackers were able to access the names, email addresses and other personal information of people who had registered with Ashley Madison. In case you are unaware of the significance of this, you need to know that Ashley Madison is in the business of helping people locate partners for extramarital affairs. That's why it has been dubbed as the "adultery website."

Perhaps you have seen one of the Ashley Madison ads which features the partial face of an attractive woman with a wedding band on her ring finger, who is holding her index finger in front of her lips in the well-known gesture that says "shhhh!" Ashley Madison is literally hush-hush. The caption says, "Life is too short. Have an affair." After they accessed the supposedly protected information of men and women looking for illicit sex, the hackers warned the company that unless the website was shut down, they would begin releasing the personal information from the site. The hackers kept their word. In the days and weeks that followed, much of the information became publicly available. In various media, articles began appearing about celebrities and well-known people whose names appeared on the lists. Other articles noted that business and government email domains were on Ashley Madison.

Shortly after, news items and advice columns became more personal, as people were discovering that their spouses had Ashley Madison accounts. It has been suggested that 30 million people have accounts! Reuters suggests that there have been two unconfirmed suicides. And the seemingly final straw came when the president of the parent company, Avid Life Media, resigned amid stories of his own affairs.

An article on Christianity Today's website cautioned church leaders to be careful how harshly they criticized those using the Ashley Madison website – some of their own members might be included. But, even worse, is the mention of religious leaders. Ed Stetzer, editor of Christianity Today, is cited as saying that he expected at least 400 church leaders to resign by the first Sunday after the release of names from Ashley Madison. As might be expected, disappointment and disillusionment on the part of many members of these churches will follow. People typically look up to and admire their leaders. It could be faith-shaking to discover that they are no different than anyone else.

On one hand, we must recognize that it can be unhealthy and unwise to put anyone on a pedestal. Everyone is human and subject to the same feelings and temptations. Even Jesus was tempted in every way like us, but without sinning. Physical desires and appetites are part of being human. As the Bible shows, it is those desires which become the basis for temptation. The inability or unwillingness to resist leads to sin. The qualifications for elders and deacons show that church leaders need to be people of high moral character. Even so, we are cautioned in scripture to be very careful not to be caught up in another person's sin. A preacher seeking to comfort a woman who is emotionally distraught can easily confuse sympathy with affection and become involved in a sexual relationship. Human weakness and vulnerability have led to innumerable sins.

On the other hand, those who signed up on the Ashley Madison site did so intentionally, relying on the supposed secrecy and anonymity of the internet while hoping to have a sexual encounter with a willing stranger. This cannot be considered merely weakness or temptation. How does this fit in the light of Christ's statement that looking at a woman lustfully was committing adultery in one's heart? For the last few decades, the internet has offered many people, especially lustful men, easy access to pornography, arousing their desires for sin. This has created issues of addiction as well as damaging family relationships. How much more damage would be done by adultery – real or imagined? The horrible consequences of David's sin with Bathsheba should be enough to warn us. Marriage is the most precious human relationship we have. In it, we express our love, desire and trust for one

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Oh Lord, How Long

“O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted” (Habakkuk 1:2-4 ESV).

Chapter 1:2- 4 of Habakkuk’s book sounds very much like some of the laments written in the psalms. For example the psalm of David, “How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, ‘I have prevailed over him,’ lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken” (Psalm 13:1-4 ESV). This type of question is addressed to God, expressing a complaint and seeking for an answer. (Other examples: Psalm 10:1-13; 22:1-21; 74:1-11).

Clearly, the prophecy of Habakkuk is coming as a result of his being in a community made up of the people of God who are into a struggle between evil and wrong doing or being obedient to the will of God. This is not a struggle between God’s people and an enemy nation but an internal struggle about living as God’s people. As Habakkuk sees it, only divine intervention can correct the inequity of the situation in which evil seems to be winning and God,

in Habakkuk’s view, is doing nothing at all about it. This problem of evil is very real in Habakkuk’s eyes and God’s help is needed ...NOW.

Habakkuk was a 7th century BC prophet, contemporary with Jeremiah and Ezekiel. We know very little about him but place his prophecy before the captivity in Babylon.

Habakkuk asks God how He can tolerate the terrible sins of Judah as expressed in 1:2-4. God’s answer is likely a real surprise to him. “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!” (Habakkuk 1:5, 6, 10, 11 ESV).

Habakkuk wonders how God could use a people as evil as the Babylonians to punish Judah, his covenant people. He says, “Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof. You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?” (Habakkuk 1:12-13 ESV). Seems like a reasonable question, and God gives him an answer. He says, “And

the LORD answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay’” (Habakkuk 2:2-3 ESV). Basically the answer God gives him is “all in good time”. In chapter 3 Habakkuk responds to this news from God by beginning with a prayer— 3:1-2, speaking about his vision of God’s judgment— 3:3-16 and prays a prayer of unshakable faith in God— 3:17-19.

Even as God uses less than righteous people to sometimes carry out His will, this does not mean He will not hold them accountable. He tells Habakkuk to write it to be seen — 2:2 and gives a list of the sins He will punish Babylon for. Drunkenness and greed (2:5); brutal treatment of others (2:6); shedding of innocent blood (2:7-13); their terrorist activities against nations (2:15-16) and their gross idolatry (2:18-19).

There are certainly some good lessons to be learned from Habakkuk. One is that God is serious about sin and its punishment. Habakkuk demonstrates the need for and power of prayer. This is a good thought for the leadership in the Church today giving importance to the need to pray for guidance as they lead the Lord’s people, James 1:5.

Also, Habakkuk reminds us that one of our greatest strengths is trust in God. The hymn writer reminds us to “Take time to be holy” and goes on to remind us to “run not before Him”. (Note Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:31)

A challenge for Habakkuk in this matter of trust was that God did not act immediately. In our world of instant coffee, instant oatmeal and..., we must discipline ourselves to listen to God, and trust Him to have our best interest at heart.

True maturity is seen when one continues to function even in the

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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

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Tangled Webs

Relationships. We all have them. Some are forced upon us. Some we choose. Some are brief and insignificant. Others are intimate and enduring. Regardless of their depth or duration, we cannot escape them. And after all, isn't that the reason we are here? Jesus said that all the Law and the Prophets hang on two commandments – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39 NIV 1984) Those two commandments deal with relationships. First with God, secondly with others. It is an interesting paradox of life that for any other relationship to be the absolute best it can be our relationship with God must be preeminent.

While God must come first, marriage should take prominence among our human relationships. In the beginning we find that Adam's first relationship was with God and his second was with his wife. (Genesis 2:15-23) The bond between husband and wife is such that God describes them as becoming one flesh. (Genesis 2:24) That tie is intended to last a lifetime. (Matthew 19:6) Relationships don't get any closer than that. Even the parent-child relationship is to take a back seat to marriage. (Genesis 2:24)

While they are intangible connections, relationships are living entities which must be nurtured and fed in order to survive and thrive. One

thing that is toxic to any relationship, especially marriage, is deceit. When we think of marriage, we may think that, as the Beatles put it in one of their songs, all you need is love. The fact is, healthy marriages need trust. Trust is the skeleton of any relationship. It is especially necessary between a husband and wife. Love fleshes out the relationship and makes it beautiful, but trust is the framework love builds on. Love cannot survive in an atmosphere of distrust. Deceit erodes trust.

One biblical family which had a serious problem with deceit was Isaac's. We have been given very little insight into the marriage of Isaac and

Rebekah and sadly, much of what we are shown deals with deception. Jacob was labelled a deceiver from birth, but the nut didn't fall very far from the tree it seems.

Isaac followed in his father's footsteps by lying to Abimelech about his marital status. (Genesis 26:1-7) In the next chapter, we find Rebekah scheming to trick her husband into giving Jacob the blessing Isaac intended for Esau. Jacob perpetrated the fraud, but it was Rebekah who instigated and planned the deception. (Genesis 27:1-35) Her trickery gained the blessing for Jacob but at what cost? It brought his strained relationship with Esau to a boil forcing him to flee from his home and family. (Genesis 27:41-44) Again, Rebekah was not fully honest with her husband. In seeking Isaac's cooperation and blessing for sending Jacob away, she told a half truth. Rebekah was truly unhappy with Esau's choice for wives, but her true reason for sending Jacob away was to protect him from Esau. (Genesis 26:34, 34; 27:41-46) Half-truths may pacify our conscience and seem harmless, but they are a form of dishonesty. Their purpose is to leave false impressions, to misdirect, to mask the full truth. They do not aid in growing healthy relationships.

Having no qualms about deceiving her husband in order to benefit her favoured son showed that Rebekah's relationships were far from ideal. We are not told, so one can only imagine how her scam affected her relationship with Isaac. But then, one also has to wonder about the quality of a relationship in which the husband would put his own welfare ahead of his concern for his wife and their marriage. Had God not been guarding those under His covenant promise, Isaac's lie might have destroyed his marriage. (Genesis 26:10) Sir Walter Scott said it well

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when he wrote, "Oh! What a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!"

The world would have us believe that it is okay to tell "little white lies" or "fibs". But the truth is, little white lies leave big black stains on one's integrity. When someone is known to have lied about one thing, their honesty will be suspect in all they say. If a person will lie about little things will he not also lie about big things? Jesus said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" (Luke 16:10 NIV 1984).

Are you truly honest? Have you bought into the world's philosophy or do you guard your words? Do you give those typical, easy answers to avoid going into more detail or when you feel the question was just a formality? For example, if someone asks, "How are you?", do you automatically answer, "Fine" even though that may not be the truth? So many of us do this out of habit without realizing we may be lying to the person who asked. We may reason that the question is just a greeting and the one asking probably doesn't expect any other response. Or it could be that we do not want to share our true feelings or circumstances with the one who asked. Such pat answers keep others at a distance.

Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world." That should include our honesty in our speech. "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour, for we are all members of one body" (Ephesians 4:25 NIV 1984). "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image

of its Creator" (Colossians 3:9, 10 NIV 1984). Even casual conversations deserve our honesty. We can find ways to respond that will not require going into a detailed health report or relaying all our woes. If you do not wish to share your true feelings or circumstances with someone who asks, say so. Creative avoidance is another way to keep your words truthful. Rather than simply saying, "Fine" when you aren't, use the greeting as an opportunity to glorify God. Why not respond with something like, "God is good and that's all that matters." Or "All is well with my soul."? We need to carefully consider the truthfulness of all our words. "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:36 NIV 1984).

Deceit destroys our relationship with God and damages our relationships with one another. We need to be honest in all we say and do. As God's children, we are to imitate Him. God does not lie. (Titus 1:2) Lying is detestable to Him. (Proverbs 12:22; 16:17) David said of God, "You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the Lord abhors" (Psalm 5:6 NIV 1984). Lies are Satan's native language. "When he [the devil] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44b NIV 1984).

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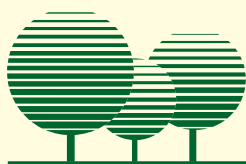
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authority of scripture itself may be the teaching that someone refuses to accept. I have heard people claim to follow Jesus then disparage the words of inspired authors who are literally speaking His words (Jn 16:12-15; I Cor 2:6-13; II Pet 1:19-21, I Cor 14:37). Some reading this may have heard me say this before, but I'll say again the whole New Testament is the revelation of Jesus through the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:12-15; I Cor 11:23). If you have a red letter Bible you need to understand that the whole New Testament should be in red. This means that you can't claim to follow Jesus if you are refusing to obey any part of the New Testament. Again this is an example of saying "Jesus, I will follow you anywhere", then abandoning a large portion of the very teaching you just committed to. As soon as a teaching arises that makes us feel uncomfortable or that isn't in keeping with our culture or requires change in us or someone close to us we back out. Can you hear Jesus responding, "anyone who comes after me must deny himself take up his cross and follow me."

Before we wrap up I want to speak to one last thing. There may be some reading this thinking and

saying, what about Grace? Or this sounds like legalism. First, keep in mind I'm addressing the saved, those who are already recipients of God's saving grace. Further remember grace applies to those who are trying and failing which includes all of us. This article addresses the times when we rebelliously say I'm not trying, I'm not listening, I'm not following. When we take this attitude we have ceased trusting God and walking in the light as He is in the

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light. Salvation is not about being perfect but about being faithful. John probably says it best when he says "If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." Notice here that some are claiming fellowship with Christ while none actually exists because they are walking in darkness. Further fellowship with God and one another is dependent on walking in the light (This is an aside but the practice of disfellow-

ship is simply a physical admission/ expression of a spiritual reality). To sum all of this up again I would say that although none of us can be perfect (see 1 John 1:10) we can and must be faithful.

So the question comes again, when you were called by the good news into a relationship with God through Christ and you responded "I will follow you" did you mean it? When you were baptized into His Death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection, when you made your appeal to God for a clean conscience, did you trust Him? Do you trust Him still? Is Jesus still compelling to you, is He still the author and perfecter of your faith? Is He still the way the truth and the life, the Alpha and the Omega? I submit that He is and that it is with great joy that we bow our knee's and confess Him as Lord and Savior. We follow Him knowing that He alone is the Way, that without His revelation we would be lost in darkness (2 Pet 1:19). If all of this is true then we are wise to say "I will follow you anywhere" but we can't say it and not mean it. We can't say it and not strive with every ounce of our being to do it.

Meaford, Ontario

face of evil. Satan must tremble when he sees the Christian rejoice and remain committed, walking in faith "For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls" (Hebrews 10:37-39 ESV).

Habakkuk ends chapter two with a very important reminder. "What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher

of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him" (Habakkuk 2:18-20 ESV).

In concluding these thoughts on Habakkuk's book, let me share this following from – The College Press NIV Commentary – Minor Prophets Volume 2: Nahum-Malachi: "The connotations produced by the concluding words of verses 18-20, therefore fortify the recognition of

Yahweh's active involvement in the affairs of humanity and the anticipated vindication of the righteous. The close of chapter 2 contains several key contrasts with the opening of the chapter. Whereas verse 1 portrays the prophet at his post upon a rampart waiting, verse 20 depicts Yahweh in the heavenly temple poised to enact justice (Psalm 11:4-7). In 2:1, the prophet prepares himself to give answer to Yahweh when Yahweh responds to his concerns and complaints. However, in 2:20, all the earth remains silent; the time for questions or rebuttals has ended".

Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

The Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments. Some say that we can practice in worship some of the things they did in the Old Testament times such as use instruments. How do we know what is for us today?

Through Moses God revealed to Israel all they were required to do to obey Him. In a similar way God has revealed to us all that is required to obey Him through the words of His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1, 2). Jesus told His apostles that He would send the comforter, the Holy Spirit, who would guide them into all truth. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Lord's disciples were able to teach people God's will. He then inspired some to write God's word down in what we know as the New Testament. Speaking of this the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for

reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

The Mosaic law was for Israel. Christians are under Christ's new covenant. Although the Law served as a tutor to bring us to Christ we cannot look to the Old Testament to learn how to worship. Note Galatians 3:24, 25: "So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian". Since the practices taught in the two testaments are dissimilar, it should not seem strange that the musical instruments used in worship under the Law are not included in the New Testament worship. God and Jesus are the same forever, but what they required of Israel is not the same as what is required of Christians in all nations under the new covenant.

There were those in New Testament times who tried to bring over things from the old law into the Church. One of those practices was that of circumcision.

Paul wrote that if they are bringing one practice of the old law over, they must bring the entire law over. "And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law" (Galatians 5:3). In the same manner, if we bring over instruments in worship because they used them in the Old Testament we are required to bring over all they practiced. These would include animal sacrifices, incense, table of shew bread, etc., etc.

While we recognize the value of the Old Testament to help us understand who God is and what He did to provide for eternal life, the New Testament Scriptures contain all we need to know how to serve God today. Any practice not found in the New Testament is not from Jesus for the church today and should not be used. Since Jesus is the only way and His complete revelation is found in the New Testament, we need no other teaching and should include no other practice in our worship than what he has revealed.

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ONTARIO

Bramalea: Warrick and Jillian Lowe and their two daughters, Dominique and Alexandria were recognized as new members at the end of August and presented to the congregation on September 6. Lee-Andrew Duncan, a recent new member at Bramalea, accepted a good job at Halifax so has moved there with his mother, Gemma Duncan. Please keep Ruth Zimmerman, Papua New Guinea missionary, in your prayers. She is the only Canadian missionary there and is sponsored by the Fenwick congregation. Email her at ruthzimmer@gmail.com to give her a word of encouragement. Fred Knutson was appointed an elder on September 13, 2015. Our six Life Groups began their third year the week of September 13.

Fenwick: Twenty-five attended our annual corn roast and devotional on August 11. We celebrated 120 years in Fenwick with an open house and barbeque on August 22. Forty-five people attended the barbeque, 12 being from the community. Kids for Christ kicked off another year on September 1 with a funfair. A total of 50 people enjoyed the evening. Twenty of that number were children, 5 who were new to Kids for Christ.

Meaford: This summer was busy and fun for the church in Meaford. We started in the spring hosting a meeting along with the Owen Sound congregation, Gary and Teresa Hampton were the speakers for men's and ladies sessions. The summer had our usual outdoor midweek Devotionals as well as a continued presence at the Meaford Farmers Market where we are allowed a booth for free. We also had an end of summer community barbeque which was well attended bringing in a number of visitors. With summer ending and school starting again we'll once again be going into the local high school to help with the lunch program. We're looking forward to fall and winter activities like monthly nursing home singing and an adult retreat at the end of September. We also plan to have a presence at the various community events that go on between now and Christmas.

Tintern: Wednesday September 2 all families were invited to an evening BBQ at a local Beamsville park and splash pad. Thankfully the rain wasn't too hard and didn't last all that long. September 9 Tintern returned to classes for everyone, from babies up to adults. TRUTH, our teen group, had its kick off BBQ on Wednesday September 9 with 31 teens. TRUTH helped out with the Lions Club Food Drive for Community Care on Saturday September 19. The Nicaragua group gave a presentation of their mission trip to Misión Para Cristo on September 13. We had a beautiful day for Church in the Park on Sunday, September 6 at Charles Daley Park, which is right beside Lake Ontario. Healthy Safe & Strong, a program run by the Niagara Region, is continuing with its exercise program for Senior's. For more information contact Niagara Region at 905-984-6900 ex 3844. Check out our Facebook page and our web page (www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca) to find out what is happening at Tintern.

Toronto (Bayview Ave): Sixteen attended Bayview's picnic at Sunnybrook Park in mid-August. The adults and kids present enjoyed the planned festivities. Jim and Onnie Barbour and Ish Daulatram represented Bayview at Camp Manitou Christian Camp in August as well. Our men's prayer breakfast and women's class resumed on September 12 after the summer break. The theme for the women's study for the year is "God's Plan for Women", a relevant and timely topic. And plans are underway for our Spiritual Renewal Weekend October 24 and 25. The speaker will be Drew Chapados from the Windsor church of Christ.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The monthly Ladies Class has begun meeting again. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and study for the ladies as they gather for lunch at 12 noon and the study follows. They meet the Second Saturday of each month September through June each year. We are often blessed with students that come to school here in Toronto from other countries. This year we have two students from Brazil worshipping with us. We welcome Priscilla Pereira and Lucas Pestana to our Strathmore Family. Zoomer Media, owner of Vision, has given us an invitation to provide them with some 15 second and 30 second promotional spots to be aired from time to time on the network... FREE. We appreciate this opportunity to provide some promotional spots.

St. John, NB: Shawn Leblanc writes Fred and Linda Nelson are now in Edmonton, Alberta. As a result, our numbers are now down to four. As mentioned in the last report, we are weighing all our options.

Continuing the work here is one of those options. However, with the amount we collect from our offerings, it will be difficult to continue to meet in a public place while at the same time keeping up the advertising and more. We have been approached by several congregations about working with them and we are very open to the possibility of moving to work with another congregation. We definitely want to think this through and use wisdom in our decision. If we do decide to move, it will take some time to sell the home. We currently have it on the market but we have to get a new cement slab built for the garage and have the garage placed on it. It will eat up our savings in order to fix it but we feel it is a smart decision so that we may get rid of our house debt and can be ready to move if needed. Please pray that the Lord will direct us to where he wants us to be!

Windsor - West Side: On August 30 we began a new series on the Old Testament Book of Amos, *Let Justice Roll Like Water!* A timely message from an ancient voice where the message from God finds its final solution in the gospel of Christ. Our wonderful sister, Tess Raeside, celebrated her 90th birthday on August 25. She was greatly blessed and had a great day. Irving Bensen & Jessie Carter were married August 24. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Pictures & Reports

We are always looking for items concerning outreach and service activities of congregations across Canada. Pictures are worth a thousand words, they say, and we like to have pictures we can publish on mission outreach and service projects in evangelism, teaching and doing service. These may be of work done in Canada or by Canadian congregational groups who travel and serve outside of Canada. Good quality digital photographs allow us to see, be encouraged by and praise God for these activities of our fellow Christians. We look forward to being able to share these "good news reports" with readers of the Gospel Herald.

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ALBERTA

Camrose: (submitted by Dave Friesen) The church in Camrose continues to grow. Our weekly attendance has been going up as we have been getting a lot of visitors from the community. Our visitor average for the last two months is 8. In the month of August we have averaged 3 first time visitors every week. We celebrated with the angels in heaven August 2 when Eric Grenke was baptized in Christ. Eric is one of Bernie Ouellette's co-workers. Our VBS in July was a big hit. Our topic for the week was "Bible Heroes." The 25 children that attended enjoyed singing the songs and lessons and crafts. The members here are appreciated for all the hard work they put into the VBS. We also witnessed with God and the church, the union of Deirdra Friesen and Eric Wolstenholm. They were married on August 8. David and Dianne Friesen along with Deirdra and Eric Wolstenholm spent a week in Texas. David spoke at the Waterview Church of Christ August 19 in their Summer Series "Seeking the Lost" in all arenas of life. My topic was "Seeking the Lost in an Uninterested World". We also drove to Lubbock Texas and visited with our peers, brothers & sisters at Sunset International Bible Institute. I was their guest speaker in Chapel on Friday, August 21. August was exciting and action packed. Emanuel Burnstad, our intern in Camrose is into his last 4 months of study and training here. He is looking to move on to a work where he can continue to grow and mature in his walk and ministry.

Edmonton northside: The adult class is "Parables of Jesus" taught by Jay Manimtim. Willie Franklin gave the Sunday sermons on August 31 and September 6. Care groups have started again. We are doing a study on "Caring People" where we will learn how we can be more caring people to others. The Ladies bible study is "HIStory through History" with Linda Smith (a series of 13 DVD lessons). Family camp was held September 12-13.

Edmonton southside: Our Annual fall gospel meeting was September 25 - 27. Guest speaker was Gladwyn Kiddoe of Kingston, Jamaica. The theme is Jesus Saves (Acts 4:12, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.)

Red Deer: August 30 we held a singing fellowship. A ladies day of inspiration was held September 19. The theme: Living the Abundant life (The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10.) Guest speakers were Kathleen Mailer and Margaret McIntyre.

St. Albert: Guest Speaker, Tony Cloud from the Soldotna church of Christ in Alaska, was here for a weekend seminar titled "The Steadfast Disciple" on September 12 and 13.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): "We arrived in the First Nations villages for Tsay Keh's last day of school awards night, which was very nice, as all our Bible Day camp kids were there. The Tsay Keh school still only goes to 9th grade. Next evening, we went to Fort Ware's graduation ceremony. They had one graduate from 12th grade, and she has three kids! It took her awhile (to graduate), but she did it. We had studies in each village, two rather intense ones in Fort Ware, with two Christian sisters who are so concerned about their village and their desire to see many more souls turn to the Lord. There were eight in worship service Sunday morning in Tsay Keh which included Bible study and answering questions, Norm encouraging them with Matt. 11:28-30 (to be 'yoked with Christ'), 1 John 1:6-7 (how to walk and live our lives Christianly) and Gal. 5:16, 17, 22-25 (the result of that walk). They all took the first lesson of a Bible correspondence course and we supplied them with self-addressed and stamped envelopes. A young lady in Fort Ware, 20, that we have known since she was five years old, also wanted a B.C.C. We brought baby blankets for the new little ones, and a beautiful afghan made by a neighbor to a 94- year old lady who was bed-ridden. Along with other visitations, we visited and prayed several times with Marva (and her husband), a beautiful Christian sister, who is in stage 4 cancer. She has always been a soft spoken, gentle lady, who was converted some years ago, with a wonderful smile that we will always remember. We don't expect to see her again this side of heaven. She is somewhere in her 60's. Our 2 weeks there were well filled. There were several thunder

storms. The lightning strikes are of great concern because it is so very dry and with all the dead pine and spruce trees, it is quite a hazard, even more than last year when they had a large fire heading towards Tsay Keh. They were on evacuation alert and in smoke for 3 months. As the logging/back roads wind in every direction, and very often back track to get past a water arm in the lake, one could easily get caught in a forest fire with quite literally, no place to go. Our hearts rejoice and give thanks when we see those who love the Lord walk in His footsteps, and cry and despair about other situations. It is an emotional roller coaster for us at times." (Thanks to Jen Weir for this letter about their summer activities up north.)

Burnaby: Our brother Eric Lessman died on May 22 in the palliative care unit at Burnaby Hospital after a long health decline. He came to us through his friendship with Alfred & Chris Clarke, and was baptized in 1996. He and his wife, Angela, were married here in 1997. Eric was always full of energy and joy when he was with us. We miss his warm heart and loud voice, and his fondness for the saying, "Let go and let God!"

Delta: Word was received of Alice Tumlinson's death just two days after the letter from her son noted in the September issue of the Gospel Herald. Jim and Carolyn Hawkins attended her funeral service in Penticton. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Sam Tumlinson at 118 Rodgers Crescent, Penticton, BC V2A 8E6.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Summer activities included a trail walk and meal at Lynn Canyon, one of Vancouver's most interesting and prized free attractions. August found us having our annual picnic on Brae Island in the Fraser River. Including little ones, some 35 members of the congregation were able to attend the Labor Day Retreat. Anna Winters has been taking new pictures of our members to display on a bulletin board. These may also be used for the next church directory when it is necessary to print a new one. As school was starting, the Oakridge bulletin carried a special prayer that our children be kept safe and have open minds to absorb the fruit of their teachers' labours.

Salmon Arm: New earphones that cut out static were recently purchased for those who need to use them in our services. Our contract with the city of Salmon Arm to do the clean-up for the annual fall fair was renewed. Although it is a lot of work for those able to participate, it is a good source of income that enables the church

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MISSION NEWS

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IRELAND: One detail in my editorial note last month with the report on the work of David and Sally Dunn in Ireland needs to be corrected. The recent referendum to remain in the United Kingdom was in Scotland, not Ireland, as stated. Ireland divided early last century, when the majority of the country gained independence from Britain, with only Northern Ireland remaining part of the U.K., which is where the Dunns are working. (Ed. Note: In case your memory is as fuzzy as mine was, U.K. stands for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. G.B. refers to England, Scotland, and Wales.)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Ruth Zimmerman, who is the sole North American now working in this country for churches of Christ, taught a literacy class of three students during the Melanesian Bible College term that ended in May. They were able to learn two new hymns in Tok Pisin to sing at the graduation exercises, as well as the names of the months of the year and how to tell time on clocks along with other practical needs studied during the term. Ruth also taught the 2nd year Ladies' "O. T. Survey" class for the first time, finding it a bit difficult to get through 39 books and give five tests in the 20-hour timeframe. Students helped collate 250 songbooks, bringing the total printed by July to 1500. Ruth tells an amazing story of a student and his wife who were baptized at the MBC the first year they attended and went home to their island of Bali telling people about the gospel and starting a church. Leaving it in charge of a trusted new Christian while they completed their 2nd year, they arrived home this summer to find nearly 200 people were meeting in a new church building they had built!

JAPAN (Hokkaido): Steve Hasbrouck, who has been working in this city since his and Marcia's return to Japan several years ago, was given a visit home to see

his families in Canada and the U. S. this summer. Visiting with his father and mother in Tennessee, he found his father in good health at the age of 91, but his mother not very well. As he was landing back at the airport in Hokkaido a few days later, he learned that his mother, surrounded by others of her children, had just gone on to her heavenly reward. Joel Osborne (Mito) and Jonathan and Michiko Straker (Ishinomaki) appreciate the love shown them by the continuing support of prayers and financial donations from individuals and congregations in North America. Marlin Ray (Tomobe), long-time missionary in Japan, was in the hospital recently with pneumonia and has also experienced some heart problems.

UKRAINE (KIEV): "What a WILD and WONDERFUL week we have just completed!! God is doing amazing things in Kiev for UBI and we are so very thankful for it. On August 1st we began our 16th year in Ukraine with UBI and what a beginning we had. Natasha had been writing us before we left Canada that we were going to have at least 10 new students (which was wonderful). With the 12 we already have that would put us to our max, considering our building space and funds for scholarships are now so limited. But when we arrived back in Kiev, she told us the number was up to 12 and we thought whoa, that is probably more than we can handle. Well, opening day we had five more wanting to come so now we have an enrollment of 29 with one more due the first of September, giving us a total of 30 students! We are literally crammed in like sardines and anyone who doesn't get to chapel early, either stands or sits in the hall! These are great problems to have, but a little overwhelming as to how to handle them all. We have 16 men and 14 ladies. On Monday, August 10th, we had our opening chapel. The excitement at the school was just electrifying. With the students, new and old, staff, visitors and teachers we had over 65 trying to fit into a room that packed might hold 50. Sasha Maluga gave the opening talk and did a great job. Jay Don then introduced the staff and went over the normal "stuff" about what students can expect to happen during the school term. Afterwards we had a sweet surprise for the students. "Care Packages" were presented to each one from the Germantown Church where

Dave Billings preaches. (He was one of our teachers for the first term, teaching on "God's People", along with Gabe Fisher, who taught "Greek".) Also a dear friend of ours in Vancouver, WA wanted to do something unusual, but useful for our students. After doing some brainstorming, he decided to buy each student a Metro card to help them travel without using part of their small scholarship for that need. Did the students cheer when these cards were given out! What a great idea! Things like this mean so much to the students who have so little and give up so much to be at UBI for two years. In the past the students have been presented hand-made quilts, back packs filled with useful things for personal evangelism and T-shirts, all of which overwhelms them, as they just can't believe that people so far away actually care about them." (Parts of an August report sent by Mary Lee Rogers)

VANUATUA: (Ed. Note: For our readers who are following the ups and downs of Tobey Huff with life both on one of these islands and the Veterans' Administration in the U. S.) The Huffs left the Tulsa, OK airport with 17 bags of mostly replacement items destroyed by the cyclone that wiped out their island in April. There was also a supply of items that they knew would be in demand by others, from crayons to bush knives. Southwest Airlines did not charge them for all the extra bags. In Los Angeles, it took four trips to get them all transferred to the airport of their connecting flight about one-half mile away. After reaching Vanuatu, which is some 17 hours ahead of Central Time, they had been approximately two full days in reaching their destination. Although they saw some signs of progress on repairs in the island, gardens had not yet had time to grow fully, nor were there any coconuts, a staple food for the islanders, (as well as Tobey's prized chickens). The supplies that had come in for rebuilding were immediately sold out, and the Huffs are awaiting new shipments in order to finish repairing the damage to their property and proceed with the school buildings. Tobey was not given a clean bill of health in the U. S., so will be making another trip back to visit the VA in a few months, but in the meantime, his slogan has not changed: "ONWARD AND UPWARD"!

to take part in worthwhile projects when we are called upon at various times during the year. We are missing Joyce Larson, who died from lung cancer this summer at the age of 75 after a valiant fight. She had been baptized only the year before, although she had attended services with us for quite some time. The address for Maurice and Marie Taylor, now in the new home that was renovated for Maurice's wheelchair needs, is 2691 4th Ave, Salmon arm, BC V1E 4A5, but their phone number did not change. .

Surrey: The church is sympathizing with Joann Simonsen in the death of her mother, Alice, 96, on August 29, as she sat on a sofa between her two daughters. When they thought she had awakened, it was a few moments before they realized that her soul had departed for a better place. In addition to Joann she leaves Linda Simonsen, a son Eric and his family and a nephew, Alex McLean and his family in this area, as well as relatives in England.. The response to the first series of 15 lessons written especially for teen-agers that Joann had published over a year ago has been so constant that she is now working on a second series called "God's Plans for You". After finishing the World Bible School lessons, even adults are sometimes requesting the teen series, which give interesting facts about nature preceding the lesson to be learned about an outstanding character in the Old Testament.

Vernon: The church here and elsewhere has been sharing the grief of Alvan and Trish Jacobs in the loss of their son, Travis, who died on May 30. His funeral service was conducted at the Alliance church in Vernon on June 2. There was rejoicing when the Ververda's two daughters were baptized at the same time this summer, completing the unity of their family in Christ.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: We rejoice with Rylee Skardal who was baptized. Fall programs start up in September. The adult classes are: university and young adult – "Men and Women in God's Image: The Bible's Teachings on Men's and Women's Relationships and Roles." Teacher: Paul Birston Ladies – Discovering/Rediscovering God's Love: In a world that gives women so many conflicting messages, how can we find value, peace and meaning through God's Word? This class will focus on the timeless basics of the gospel message that encourage faith and love. Teacher: Diana Turner "Soul Keeping" A book and DVD series by John Orthberg that is a look at that innermost spiritual part of us – our soul. Teacher: John Muller Auditorium Class

"Know Why You Believe" based on Paul E. Little's book. Teacher: Wayne Turner

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: There were 91 children registered in the VBS, plus those in cradle roll and in the adult class. The Ladies class begins again. The study of Extraordinary Women of the Bible will continue. There are 34 children in Grade 12 and below in our

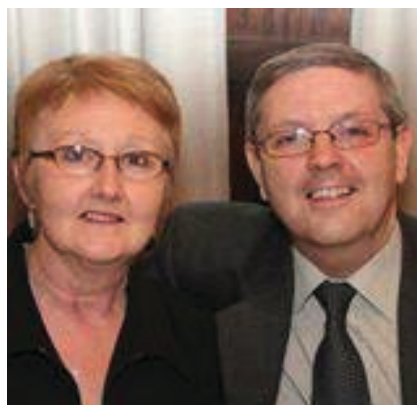
congregation. We spent some time praying for all the kids that are transitioning into a new school year. One of the projects we talked about pursuing for this school year is contributing to the food program at the Weyburn junior high, for kids in need at that school. Cash or gift cards from the grocery stores or Dollar Store can be given for this program. This quarter the children are memorizing the books of the Old Testament.

Irish Mission Day



Please join with other churches in Canada in a yearly collection for our work in Ireland. This year, we encourage you to make a special collection on **Sunday, October 18.**

Please send all funds to our sponsoring church:
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David and Sally Dunn are originally from Northern Ireland, but have recently worked with the church in Ontario, Canada for 12 years. Now returned home, their plans include:

Working with the existing church in Hollywood
Establishing a new church in their home town of Newtownards

Developing a leadership training program for churches in Northern Ireland

Tasteless Melon

Thayer Salisbury

It has been a good year for gardening in Northwest Ohio. I am not an avid gardener, but my wife is and I help her out a bit (especially with the eating). The weather has been cool but sunny. Rain has come when we needed it. She has canned nearly 100 pints of green beans (in addition to all the beans we have eaten). And we have harvested a couple of monstrous cabbage. We had so many cucumbers that we had to give some away (a man can only eat so many pickles).

The melons were not large, but they were interesting. It is of melon, and their spiritual interpretation, that I wish to write.

We intentionally raise a type of melon that is fairly small. The reason is that with just two of us to eat them, I was sometimes overdoing it with the larger melon. The variety we raise now is small enough that one melon is consumed easily at a meal.

The first few melons we harvested were among the most tasty I have ever eaten. They were as close to perfect as a melon can be (on this sinful earth). But the last few melon have been nearly tasteless. They look just like the early melon from the outside. On cutting them open we saw that they were lighter in color. But it was in the eating that the big difference was noticed. These late season

melons were tasteless, as bad as any supermarket melon and worse than some. These later melons were grown from the same seed and picked from the same vine, yet they were different. What happened?

It has been a good year for gardening, but this part of the country has been troubled for years by a blight known as “powdery mildew.” It is not really



a form of mildew. It is a blight that effects vine crops, causing the leaves to appear mildewed. As the leaves wither the vine can no longer give nourishment to the fruit. So our late season melons, like the ones in the supermarket, stopped receiving nourishment from the vine some days before they were ripe. They went on

to ripen. They dropped from the vine and were brought into the house. Externally they looked just like the earlier melons. But internally they were pale of color and nearly tasteless.

Of course I do not blame the melons. It was not the fault of the melons that the vine stopped giving nourishment. But I am not writing to melons, I am writing to Christians. If we have stopped receiving nourishment from the vine, it is not the fault of the vine (John 15). Christ has not been stricken by “powdery mildew.” He is the same “yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). If we have stopped taking nourishment from the vine, it is by our own choice.

The melon detached from the vine before full ripeness is still a melon. It may look pretty much like a “vine ripened” melon, externally at least. But it is not the same. It will have less flavor.

The Christian who decides that he has drawn nourishment enough from the Word, the Christian who ceases to draw nourishment from our vine, may still look like other Christians—but the flavor will be less than it could have been.

Let us remain attached to the vine as long as we live. Let us await the harvest patiently, letting the Lord judge of our ripeness as he sees fit.

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another in a unique and beautiful intimacy shared only by husband and wife—two becoming one. Why would we possibly even consider doing anything that would jeopardize this? The image of Christ and the church is equated by Paul to marriage. Could you imagine where we would be for eternity if Jesus was unfaithful to the church, either in heart or reality?

Ashley Madison has created much hurt. It has broken homes and lives, even ruined careers. It has exposed

infidelity and hypocrisy. Our role is not to accuse and shame those who are guilty. They have already been exposed. Rather, shouldn't our role be one of trying to show there is a better way to live—to help bring reconciliation and forgiveness? Broken trust is hard to heal. Human emotions do not easily forgive. However, hearts that belong to Christ can learn. Christians need to model the faithfulness and loyalty of marriage, as well as the grace and forgiveness of Christ.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Total Truth:

Liberating Christianity from its cultural captivity, by Nancy Pearcey, published by Crossway 2004, Reviewed by Kevin Cleary

In *Total Truth* Nancy Pearcey tackles a cultural phenomenon others have pointed out but few have clearly delineated or attempted to address. In our culture we tend to categorize our lives into matters of opinion and subjectivity or matters of fact. In the first category we often place things like entertainment, family, sexuality, anything pertaining to morals and values and, of course, religious faith. On the other hand we place things like education, work, science, laws, politics and business in the matters of fact category.

In this book Nancy Pearcey addresses this dichotomy or sacred secular split in great detail showing how history philosophy and the academy have all had an influence. She points out that this divide impacts how others respond when we talk about faith, but not only that, it also influences us as Christians and hampers our ability to live faithfully in the world. Through the book Pearcey traces the divide through history, philosophy, culture and even major North American movements like the great awakening and the restoration movement. In addition to tracing the faith/ real life dualism through its sources Pearcey also takes considerable time to demonstrate that no such distinction or dichotomy exists especially in the areas of science and philosophy. While doing all of this Pearcey demonstrates the dangerous implications of a sacred secular divide and the untenable nature of a secular worldview. The end of the book is devoted to closing the gap. Pearcey argues that Faith must be pervasive in the life of the Christian and offers a few practical suggestions about how to make it so.

Nancy Pearcey is well versed in her subject matter both from an

academic and practical standpoint. She is well trained as a philosopher and historian both major emphases' in her undergraduate and graduate level training. Her work as a writer for The Bible-Science Newsletter and a number of other publications has allowed her to follow closely developments in science as they unfolded. This has also given her great insights about where to look and who to listen to for trends in biology, physics, cosmology, philosophy and other disciplines related to her subject. She continues to work in Christian Universities teaching subjects related to worldview and philosophy. She is currently Scholar in Residence at Huston Baptist University. Pearcey spent time as a young person at L'Abri with Francis Shaffer who is a clear influence in *Total Truth*. One other background matter of note; Pearcey is a dedicated Calvinist which from time to time clouds her thinking and understanding especially of human reason and evangelism. Overall Pearcey's background makes her especially suited to address the issues in the book which she does very well despite some theological and philosophical biases.

The book is divided into four parts which are: 1) The Sacred Secular Divide 2) Creation vs Evolution 3) History how did we fail to identify a worldview 4) Worldview thinking, personal and practical application.

Part one, Pearcey offers examples of the sacred secular divide as well as demonstrates the weak points in a secular worldview. Rather than a sacred secular division, or a purely secular approach Pearcey offers an all-encompassing faith. Every aspect of your life must be directed by God, she rightly points out that this is largely an issue of trust and submission. Christianity must be our worldview the framework that describes defines and directs how we look at everything.

In Part Two attention is given to origins along with a healthy dose of philosophy. Here Pearcey follows the sacred secular divide through various

philosophers ancient and modern. She comes to focus on modern materialism, Darwinism, and naturalism. These ideas, their relationships and faults are well described and critiqued. In this portion of the book many current ideologies are explained and examined in light of earlier thinking that originated them. This portion of the book is very helpful in explaining the history and philosophy that underpins modern liberal thought. It's not till chapter five that Pearcey focuses fully on creation and evolution. When she does it's very good, her background as a science writer really shines at this point and she offers some excellent argumentation. In this section Pearcey also begins to lay out a way of testing ideas and practices that can help to remove the cultural divide. She calls us to examine the world around us in the light of Creation (what was God's original intent) the Fall (how has sin damaged this area of life or the world) and redemption (how can God's plan be embraced and restored in this area).

In Part Three Pearcey backs up and starts to consider the sacred secular divide from mostly a historical rather than scientific or philosophical perspective. She argues that Western culture and especially western Christianity is at least partially responsible for the current state of culture where it's okay or even good to live in a dichotomy between faith and reason. Pearcey sees the divide in various forms and places through the industrial revolution and into today. She spends some time discussing the rise of evangelicalism which is very helpful just as history as well as in its contribution to the current state of affairs. It's hard to talk about the history of ideas without bringing philosophy into the discussion and Pearcey does discuss the influence of various philosophers specifically and philosophical approaches in general. Special attention is given to commonsense realism as it is seen as both harmful and helpful. Frances Schaffer's influence is hard to miss here and that's okay because it's a very good influence. In fact Pearcey

borrowed some of her recommendations about a Christian worldview directly from Schafer. There are some areas at the end of this section where things become a little confusing as it's hard to tell if Pearcey is a fan of human reason or not? This is largely because of her Calvinism which would suggest humans are depraved and unable to do good, this would include their reasoning ability. Eventually she does settle on Reason as necessary and helpful in evangelism but seems to do so hesitantly. A summary of this section indicates just how Churches allowed a separation of faith and reason or contributed to the sacred secular divide. First she says Churches and Seminaries largely withdrew themselves from intellectual confrontation with the secular world. Second they gave up the idea that Christianity gives a comprehensive framework to interpret all of life and scholarship. They abandoned an entire range of intellectual inquiry to the lower

(secular) story. They gave in to the demand that academic discipline must be religiously and philosophically autonomous. (Just by way of explanation it should be pointed out that Pearcey leans heavily on Schafer's idea of an upper and lower story separated by what he called the line of despair).

Finally in the last part of the book (part 4) Pearcey tells some stories demonstrating the damage done by separating the sacred and secular. Here is where she wants to call the reader to allow their Christian faith to inform all of life and belief. She repeatedly comes back to the point that Christians must be convinced that Biblical principles are true not just in some abstract sense but in the reality of our work, business and personal lives.

Total Truth is a book that sets out to do a lot and largely it succeeds. The very best thing about the book is its explanatory power. Pearcey is able to make sense out of so much

that can be observed in the world and the church. Her knowledge of history, science, and philosophy come together beautifully as she traces the sacred secular divide its origins and its influence. The only weak point may be in practical application. Her main point which is that Christianity must become the worldview of every Christian is well made and fairly obvious. When it comes to practical application she offers some good examples but is a bit light on practical steps that each person can take. Overall the book is well researched, well written, and extremely informative and for these reasons highly recommended. The call to identify and actively fight against a secular worldview is well received and needed. As far as a call to personal action I will leave you with one of the best quotes in the book: "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either, but right through every human heart."

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NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from QEW and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Darrin Douglas, (minister) 905-356-3412, darrin@niagaracoc.com; Bruce Boland (youth/involvement minister) 905-356-3412, bruce@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Box 745, P1B 8J8; Sun. 10:00; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.ca; Website: www.northbaycoc.ca

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON LOP 1B0

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday 7:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Website: www.ottawachurchofchrist.com Ottawa church of Christ facebook

OTTAWA (West): The Olde Forge Community Resource Centre, 2730 Carling Avenue, Ottawa; Mailing Address: West Ottawa Church of Christ, c/o Bill Schlarb, 361 Viewmont Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7R9; Sunday morning: 10 am. Bible study, 11 am; Worship service Contacts: Bill Schlarb, 613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291 email: westottawacofc@gmail.com, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 2pm; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca website: www.owensoundcofc.com

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing address: c/o Bob and Carol Myers, 2567 Dummer-Asphodel, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0. Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Bob Myers (705) 760-2661

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224 Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

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ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

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SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40 AM, 10:40 AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7 PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Chris Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5252

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: emailus@scoc.ca; website: www.patchworkinthecreek.com

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wednesday - various activities 7:00 pm, please call for details; Voice mail (519) 273-5280; Greg Toohey, ev, 519-635-5921; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Charles Kippax (519) 539-6931

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SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 124 N.; Sunday School 10:00; Worship 11:00; Wed 7:30; (705) 384-5214

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec., Randy Morritt, ev; Box 708, P0R 1L0; 705-508-2049 (h); 705-842-3340 (O/F); email: randy.lois@eastlink.ca

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Aaron Maleare ev.; Vanessa Maleare, children's minister, (905) 563 6311 (off.)

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (office)

TORONTO (Scarborough): 2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2 DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy & 401 East; Sunday Shool 10:15, Worship 11:15; Thurs. 7:00pm (in homes) (Mailing Address: 300 Borough Drive, P.O. Box 47011, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486, Cell: 416-970-3835; Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact: Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Bernard Worlosion, 416-742-8292; Twi service available last Sunday of the month, and Spanish Classes, Mondays 7:30 p.m., Santiago Molina (416) 751-6879.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill 416-265-2496, Marvonn Johnson 416-752-0325, Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy 905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461- 7406, e-mail -cmaxc@strathmorecofc.ca-; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

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WATERLOO church of Christ: 470 Glenelm Cres., Waterloo, ON N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, Wed 7:00 pm, Jamie Azzoparde, 519-885-6330, e-mail: Jazz.wcoc@gmail.com website: www.waterloochurchofchrist.ca

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL: (English/French/Ashante): 785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3, Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English) Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781, Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com, Website: churchofchristgreatermontreal@hotmail.ca

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QUEBEC CITY: 2980 De Verteuil St (corner Jean-Noel St); Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STN Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:00 PM (Phone in Summer) 418-651-3664 (of); Yvon Beaudoin, ev. 418-728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: rparadis1518@videotron.ca

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LLOYDMINSTER Church of Christ: 4702 56 Ave., Mailing Address: Box 88, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Mid-week in Homes, call for information; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee_patmore@me.com

MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@sasktel.net Website: http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com; Call for times of worship, Darrell Buchanan, ev

REGINA (Northwest): 4400 4th Avenue Regina S4T 0H8 (in the Orr Centre) Sunday: 9:45am Classes: 11:15am Contact: Dr. Leslie Williams E-mail: lesliejawilliams@gmail.com

SASKATOON: Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed,7 PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Lead Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker; Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: stoonchurch@live.com and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

SWIFT CURRENT: Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 11; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925; (call for location of meetings)

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