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“The Renewing of Your Mind”

Romans 12:1-2 and Research in Brain/Mind Science, Part 2

Paul Birston

Whatever you remember from Part 1 of our topic, you recall because there have been changes in your brain. Your brain stores information by making small anatomical changes in the structure of its bio-electronic memory banks. Using our computer analogy, our mind, the “software,” retrieves information from the “hardware” of our brains. You will likely recall that scientific research shows your brain is capable of re-patterning itself, in Paul’s term “renewing” itself. This, he says, occurs literally by a metamorphosis (the same word which describes how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly). Barring major illness, your brain/mind complex learns and takes on new information as long as you live. Though we may not think of ourselves as always learning in the sense of going to school, our brains are constantly taking on new memories. Research shows the easiest things to remember are: 1) things we do regularly and repeatedly, and 2) things that are surprising and unique. The former speaks to the value of regular Bible reading, memorization of Scripture, worship and fellowship. The second speaks to our engagement in special events and openness to forming new relationships with people who need the gospel.

Romans 12:1-2 in Context of the Universal Problem of Sin

God and Paul both know the potential of our minds to be renewed. Paul could write with confidence to the Christians in Rome that they must be “transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2). Paul begins and ends his letter saying he wanted the Romans to respond to the gospel of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection by the “obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5; 16:26). Serious problems among the people, however,

threatened this response that would lead to lives of faith and Christ-like character. Problems in the multi-cultural city of Rome included idolatry, sexual aberrations, selfishness, self-righteousness, criticism, greed, envy, murder, strife, arrogance, deceit and lack of love (Romans 1 and 2). Serious spiritual problems included pride and misunderstanding the relationship of the Law of Moses to the gospel and the meaning of baptism into Christ. There was division between races and problems between strong and weak consciences. In summary, Paul identified the universal problem of sin in his day and ours. The Romans were being conformed to the image of the world instead of the image of Christ (Romans 12:1; 8:29).

Culture’s Mould and the “Plastic Paradox”

In concert with Paul’s exhortation that Christians “not be conformed to this world,” researchers observe that culture significantly affects brain development in our day as in Paul’s. The malleability (flexibility) of the brain/mind complex is a two-edged sword. Norman Doidge writes: “Culture is not just produced by the brain; it is also by definition a series of activities that shape the mind.” In a world where minds are bombarded by information, we experience what Doidge describes as the “plastic paradox.” While our brains are resourceful and flexible, they are susceptible to unhealthy external influences which mould them to practice harmful habits that can be difficult to re-pattern. Doidge confirms Paul: the mind can be moulded for good or bad, into the world view of the age or of God.

Young people are most vulnerable to the negative side of this cultural mind/brain shaping, especially when com-

bined with poor physical nutrition. Media have powerful effects on the developing brains of young children. Media can shorten their attention spans, slow language uptake, hamper social skills, reduce the ability to defer gratification and solve complex problems, and encourage responses based more on fear and emotion than on reason, a faculty that Paul strongly asserts is essential to grasping and doing God’s will.

The Power of the Gospel in Renewal

Fortunately for the Romans and for everyone alive today, Paul invested eleven chapters in explaining that the gospel of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection is God’s merciful universal offer of salvation to answer the universal problem of sin. Looking back to the beginning of his letter, Paul’s theme statement of Romans 1:16-17 reveals the source of power from God for the transformation of the Roman church and all Christians: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘but the righteous man shall live by faith.’” The gospel is the power of God for the transformation of Jews and Gentiles from alienation to salvation, from unrighteousness to righteousness, from unbelief to continuous obedient faith.

In 12:2 Paul then calls for a response to God’s gracious saving gospel through voluntary sacrifice and transformation of the Christian’s whole being under the direction of a renewed mind “set on the Spirit” (8:6b). It is this transformation of mind through voluntary cooperation with the power of the gospel and the

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Christians in Conflict

Kevin Cleary

One experience that is common to man is conflict. All of us can talk about a time when we have had a disagreement, been wronged or treated unjustly, or even just had a misunderstanding that caused hard feelings. Despite the fact that conflict is a regular part of life it remains something we are terrible at dealing with effectively. As a brotherhood which rightly focuses on going back to the Bible we would do well to remember that the New Testament has important and helpful things to say about what to do when we come into conflict. As with many things we have a choice, we can do things our way, or God's. Let's take a few moments to consider both and then ask which one is better.

Our Way:

When we come into conflict I have noticed there are a couple of defaults

that we tend to fall into. The first and probably the most common is avoidance. This is where we know there is a problem, as does the other person but we go to great lengths to deny it. The symptoms of this are making sure that we don't somehow find ourselves at the same event or on the same committee as the person with whom we have a problem. We quickly leave the church building Sunday morning with our head down so as not to make eye contact with the person. Despite our best efforts it quickly becomes obvious to those around us that something is going on. Now the whole church gets involved in our efforts and aids in our denial. Everyone walks on eggshells, making sure not to mention the conflict or get the people involved too close to one another. The only time anyone does talk about what's happening is to gossip about it. Clearly this is not

a helpful or healthy way to deal with conflict. But, we have another option.

A close second to avoidance is politics. Instead of trying to imagine that there is no conflict, in this case, we go out of our way to tell everyone about the problem. Except, of course, the person with whom the problem actually exists. We will tell anyone who will listen how badly we have been mistreated and how innocent we are in the situation. Generally we will add to our side of the story every mistake, oversight or offence the other person has ever committed. Our main goal in all of this is to have stronger support among the congregation so that we at least feel vindicated in our hurt feelings and for becoming involved in the conflict in the first place. So, if we ever do reach the point of actually having a discussion, everyone will be on our side. Sadly, this method of dealing with conflict has been the cause of many a church split and never the cause of reconciliation.

In doing some reading for this article I came across a good summary of how we generally handle conflict:

How to turn a disagreement into a feud:

1. Be sure to develop and maintain a healthy fear of conflict, letting your own feelings build up so you are in an explosive frame of mind.
2. If you must state your concerns, be as vague and general as possible. Then the other person cannot do anything practical to change the situation.
3. Assume you know all the facts and you are totally right. The use of a clinching Bible verse is helpful. Speak prophetically for truth and justice; do most of the talking.
4. With a touch of defiance, announce your willingness to talk with anyone who wishes to discuss the problem with you. But do not take steps to initiate such conversation.
5. Latch tenaciously onto whatever evidence you can find that shows the other person is merely jealous of you.

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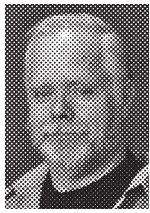


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The Prince of this World

Wayne Turner



As Christians, we enjoy singing praises to God. Worship is our response to who God is and what He has done for us. How could we not be moved to wonder by contemplating God's love, the cross or the creation? Joyously we declare in song "I Stand Amazed," "There Is a God" and "This Is My Father's World." Like the Psalmist and Paul, we see the presence, majesty, power and wisdom of God in the creation.

At the same time, we find ourselves troubled by the thought that Satan has attempted to usurp God's place in the world. While the physical creation proclaims God's glory, the population denies it. Jesus acknowledged the extent of Satan's power in the world when He referred to him as the "prince of this world." (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). This is why the Bible presents a contrast and opposition between the Kingdom of God and the world of men—the world being that which is alienated from God by its nature and conduct—that which does not know or obey God. Thus, the Bible refers to the rulers of the world (Is. 40:23), the people of the world (Luke 16:8; 1 Cor. 5:10), the principles of the world (Gal. 4:3), the wisdom of the world (1 Cor. 3:19) and the ways of the world (Eph. 2:2).

The Bible does not minimize the difference between the world and Christ. Jesus tells us we cannot love both the world and God. 1 John 2:15 plainly tells us not to love the world or anything in it. "If anyone loves the world, love of the Father is not in him." The tension between the world and Christ and the church is so great that Jesus warned, "the world hates you." (John 15:19). This is why the Bible strongly portrays the relationship between Satan and Christians as spiritual war. In the context of arming ourselves for this conflict, Paul speaks of taking our stand "against the devil's schemes." (Eph. 6:11).

The Bible and history reveals some of those schemes. For example, Satan has incited the world to hate and persecute Jesus and his followers. He has prompted Christians to compromise with the world. He has influenced the world to reject the values and morals of God. He has caused division in the church. His attacks have been aggressive and open, as well as subtle and hidden. His effectiveness and progress in today's world can be clearly seen. To identify this, we need only consider what has happened with moral issues over the past fifty years.

In the late 1960's, the "New Morality" gained influence. Biblical moral standards of purity and chastity were displaced by sexual laxity under the guise of love.

Concepts of lifetime marital commitment gave way to easy, no-fault divorce. Over the following years, the legal system increasingly separated itself from the influence and values of the Bible. Abortion became legal and accessible. Couples openly live together outside marriage. Same-sex relationships have become accepted and even promoted. We might legitimately ask what could possibly be next?

Over the past few years, the issue of euthanasia has gained increasing attention. Often presented as "physician assisted suicide," the debate (and practice) of euthanasia has taken dramatically different turns. For example, the Groningen Protocol ("neonatal euthanasia") in the Netherlands (2004) permits doctors, under certain conditions, to take the life of a child. Should this not be seen as a direct result of increasingly lax attitudes toward abortion and even life itself? According to the Protocol, a committee of doctors should be involved in the decision to end a child's life. However, how many of us are personally aware of children who, at birth and even later, were given pessimistic medical prognoses only later to thrive?

More recently, another attack on Biblical values is occurring. According to lawyer John Ince, at least two million Canadians, many young, live in "polyamorous" relationships. Ince, representing the Canadian Polyamory Advocacy Association, has applied to the British Columbia Supreme Court to declare the anti-polygamy section of the Criminal Code of Canada unconstitutional. However, polyamorists are not polygamists. Polygamy is the practice of having multiple spouses—plural marriage. According to Daphne Bramham of the Vancouver Sun, polyamory is "a post-modern, secular, non-patriarchal,

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WORKS FOR ME

Don Hipwell

Windows and doors, doors and windows

Windows and doors... doors and windows.

If we are what we are to be we are like Christ and if we are like Christ we will love souls and if we love souls we will think about how to reach souls for Christ—how to rescue them from Satan's evil empire and help in "transferring them into the Kingdom of His dear Son."

Windows and doors...doors and windows.

I'm not sure where I first heard it or if I dreamt it up in my own strange mind but it makes sense to me, so here goes. One metaphor for the church is that of a building (1 Corinthians 3:9). "Building" (obvious pun) on that concept most any building has windows and doors. Windows are to look in, doors are to walk through.

Windows and doors...doors and windows.

In church life we need windows and doors. Windows allow us to look in and see what we think...to get a glimpse and a feel for what a place is like before we go into the store, house, etc. We need windows. Windows - Church Picnics, Community Parades,

Neighbourhood Barbeques, Winter Coat Drive, Fair Booths, Fall Festival, etc - windows. People look in, see that we are healthy, that we love each other, that we are neither "weird" nor "perfect". If they like what they see as they look in they will be much more open to walking through a door.

Windows and doors...doors and windows.

Doors—Personal Bible studies, Friend Days, Bible classes or small group studies in homes, Worship in the Park, Kids For Christ. Doors, people walk in and learn about what we are like and what we believe. They sit down and talk about more serious matters.

Doors. Some congregations do the windows well but forget the doors. They never sit down and talk about salvation matters with people. I heard an old preacher say years ago that "if we pizza and volleyball them into the church they will only stay till someone offers a better pizza". But then some churches do great on the "door" thing, i.e. they have great teaching but no one is there who needs teaching! No one has been taking care of the windows.

Windows and doors...doors and windows.

Not everyone is good at the same thing. Some people know how to deco-

rate a window but when someone walks in the door they freeze up. We need to make the most of those who are window people and encourage them to use their talents for the Lord and to make the best of the door people and use their talents as well in building up the church. Neither is more important nor more valuable than the other.

Windows and doors...doors and windows.

I've never seen a house with more doors than windows. I'd recommend at least two or three windows for every door. Not everyone who looks in will walk in. Not everyone who ate the loaves became a disciple. We need to be creative and work hard to make our windows as clean, inviting and attractive as possible so that when they look in they will want to walk in. Windows and doors...doors and windows.

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Spirit that makes obedience to Paul's practical exhortations possible.

The Power of God's Spirit in Renewal

In Romans 7 Paul shows how difficult it is to conquer sin by our own power. In Romans 8 he reveals that the Spirit makes us God's possession in Christ, gives life to our bodies, helps us in our prayers and gives us power to live in ways that please God. Scripture says that "God is light" (1 John 1:5) and His kingdom is about the power of the Spirit (Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 4:20). Physicists have discovered that matter is ultimately made up of energy. This energy behaves in accordance with the information in specific laws and principles. Thus at the core of the universe is consistent information, the wisdom that governs life. This wisdom comes from God and pre-dates the universe which runs on its principles: "The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens (Proverbs 3:19). Wisdom

says of itself in the company of God, "When He established the heavens, I was there" (Proverbs 8:27).

God is present throughout His universe by His Spirit. He is free to move anywhere and operate in and upon His universe and the minds of cooperative men and women in accordance with His will. Since God, in His wisdom, created mankind in His image, with a mind, it is imminently reasonable and in line with Paul's teaching that the Spirit of God is one of His primary agents in the renewal of the human mind (Romans 12:2b) and "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). God's thoughts become the Christian's thoughts, His will become ours.

A Scenic Vantage Point

Romans 12:1-2 is like a scenic mountain outlook. From its vantage point we can look back and clearly see the foundation of chapters one to eleven where God explains His universal answer to the universal problem of sin through the gospel. We look ahead through Romans 12:1-2 as

a gateway and theme statement for all of Paul's practical instructions in 12:3-15:13 signifying how believers should live in a way that shows their love and dedication to God and one another in response to Christ's death and resurrection.

Conclusion: The Process and Results of Renewal

Renewal begins with hearing and understanding the gospel as God's universal answer to the universal problem of sin. Then through repenting and dying to sin, being immersed into Christ in baptism, rising alive by the power of his Spirit within, Christians walk in newness of life, striving to live in harmony with God and His people. In Christ, minds are drawn out of the world's mould, away from ephemeral passing things, to the eternal things of God. God resumes His rightful place at the centre of our lives. When we are baptized into Christ we receive His Spirit and begin our sanctification: being transformed by the renewal of our mind, becoming holy like Him. Renewal is a life-long process. The

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internal work of God in Christians prepares us to move from life in time to life in eternity: "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Renewal comes from the work of the Spirit and the cooperative submissive will and active response of the Christian setting the mind on the things of the Spirit (Romans 8 and 12), thinking about what is good (Philippians 4:8), and living accordingly. When Christians do God's will, He provides feedback confirming that the wisdom of His teaching comes from heaven (John 7:17).

The Word of God is one of the Spirit's most incisive tools in the mind's renewal (Romans 15:5, 13). It can shape the contents of our thought world. Renewal occurs as the mind absorbs, assimilates, metabolizes and obeys the Word of God; "the washing of water with the Word" (Ephesians 5:26) is a direct sanctifying action of Christ. The worldly thoughts of the mind/brain complex become overwritten and outnumbered by the higher, beautiful and more satisfying Word of God. God's wisdom that permeates the universe becomes the wisdom that guides the Christian's mind. The "plastic paradox" shows why the Word of God must be so strong and forceful to restructure deeply ingrained habits and patterns of thought. Countering the pressures of the information age requires vigilance to re-pattern the mind with good thoughts. In the body of Christ, the Spirit works powerfully through the Word in preaching to exhort, convict, encourage, and uplift.

In light of God's mercy (Romans 11:30-31; 12:1), Christians offer themselves to God as living sacrifices to serve Him using the gifts he gives (12:1-8). The renewal of the mind leads to an understanding of the will of God (12:2) and voluntary self-conscious humility (12:3). It is no coincidence that Paul goes on immediately to show that the Spirit gives the will and gifts of power that enable Christians to serve others through speaking for God (prophecy), ministry to one another, teaching, encouraging exhortation, giving, leading and showing mercy (Romans

12:6-8). Paul proceeds to show how Christians guided by the Spirit are loving, tender-hearted toward one another, diligent, fervent, rejoicing in hope, patient in sufferings, continuing steadfastly in prayer, and contributing to one another's needs (12:10-13). Within this God-centred view of the world, Christians seek harmony with their spiritual family and all men "so far as it depends on you" (12:18). Confident of their own salvation and freedom from condemnation (8:1), Christians are at liberty to seek the good of all men, including their ene-

mies (12:19-20). The renewed mind allows Christians to overcome evil with good (12:21), to respond appropriately to governing authorities and to love those with differing opinions (13:1-15:13). A profound paradigm shift occurs for those in individualistic western cultures: renewed minds allow Christians to see themselves as part of a group vs. just individuals, as members of a body, members of one another (12:5), with minds and lives being transformed into the image of Christ.

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6. Judge the motivation of the other party on any previous experience that showed failure or unkindness. Keep track of any angry words.

7. If the discussion should, alas, become serious, view the issue as a win/lose struggle. Avoid possible solutions and go for total victory and unconditional surrender. Don't get too many options on the table.

8. Pass the buck! If you are about to get cornered into a solution, indicate you are without power to settle; you need your partner, spouse, bank, whatever.

– Ron Kraybill, *Tell it to the Church*,

Lynn Buzzard, David C. Cook, 1982, p. 23.

God's way:

Having considered how we usually handle conflict we need to think a little about what God would have us do. There are a number of fairly simple principals that when applied will not only help us to deal with conflict and move on but in most cases will help everyone involved to come out better. Most of these principals are found in three texts: Matthew 5:22-26; 18:15-18-20; II Timothy 2:23-26.

The first thing that God wants us to do is deal with conflict immediately. "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison" (Matt 5:23-25). Don't wait for your feelings to build don't wait to tell all your friends about how badly you were treated simply go and be reconciled to your brother. This simple step is often the hardest for us. Our instinct is to first make sure that we have the upper hand. We think, "what if they become angry or abusive?" What if after our meeting they say bad things about me? What if I am embarrassed or have to admit that I am wrong? We should be thinking, "what if I trusted God and did it his way?"

The second simple thing God wants us to know about conflict is that it should never be over stupid stuff (2Tim 2:23). This seems straight forward and yet I know of churches that have had major conflicts over where to meet for Wednesday evening Bible Study, Who will manage building use, and whether to use chairs or pews. And I have known individuals to get into conflict about an invitation or lack of one, a look, or even a Facebook post. These are not things that are worth getting into a conflict about. Love always assumes the best of its object giving the benefit of the doubt (I Cor 13:4-7).

Further although the Bible assumes that as humans we will find ourselves in conflict, we are strongly warned that a disagreement should never become a fight. After all, "The Lord's servant is not quarrelsome." *Fight* is about the closest English equivalent to the word translated here *quarrel*. This means that there is simply no excuse for a Christian to allow a conflict to descend into a fight. We must always keep this at the forefront of our minds in any conflict.

Although the Bible does assume that conflicts may happen, there is no doubt about the goal of any conflict. "And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will." The end result of any conflict should be that everyone involved goes to heaven. Our goal as Christians should be to go to heaven ourselves and to take as many people with us as possible. And every conflict must be entered into with this result in mind.

God also wants us to work under the assumption that we can arrive at the truth. This can be a real challenge for us since our typical approach is to go on wanting to be right. Arriving at truth may mean that one or both parties will have to admit that they are wrong. Notice we are to be patient able to teach and to correct with gentleness

(2 Tim 2:23-24). The Bible recognizes that there are right and wrong ways to live and act (Col 3:1-17). Our approach to conflict must always be to seek God's will for the situation not our own.

Our attitude, when dealing with conflict, is absolutely essential. Gentleness and patience are the key (1Pet 3:15-16; 2 Tim 2:24-25). Again remember that we must love everyone including those we disagree with and there is a certain way that we treat people we love. It is worth remembering here again that we want everyone to go to heaven. This attitude can be hard to maintain, especially when we become emotional. Remember anger is not a sin, but we are fairly warned, "Be angry and do no sin" (Eph 4:26). We must never allow our emotional state to control our behaviour.

There is one last principal that is essential in effectively dealing with conflict and that is, get help! After you have spoken with, love, patience, humility and tried to reconcile in such a way that you can both go to heaven. If you have not been able to deal with the problem then ask for help. First bring another Christian to help you. Many times this is all that is needed. Numerous disagreements have been solved with a voice of reason. If that does not work then bring two or three others. Finally if you are still unable to reconcile then include the whole congregation in the situation (Matt 18:25-27). While doing this don't forget that the principals above continue to apply to everyone who becomes involved.

This is God's way of dealing with conflict. As I think about past events I can't help but wonder how different things could be if Christians had always chosen God's way rather than their own?

We have considered our options. Man's way of handling conflict versus God's. As with many things there are times when what God tells us doesn't seem to make sense. Truly his ways are not our ways (Is 55:8). Next time we face a conflict I pray that we will stop and make a choice. A choice to abandon the usual and to do things God's way and just see if things don't turn out better, I have no doubt they will.

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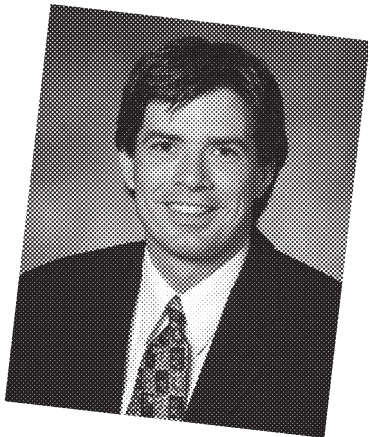
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Sessions on Friday and Saturday will be led by:



Dr. Mark Love, Director of the Resource Centre For Missional Leadership at Rochester College. Mark has experience facilitating PMC groups in the southern as well as the north-west United States. Mark will be leading the workshop with the help of Dr. Stephen Johnson.



Dr. Stephen Johnson, assistant professor at ACU's Graduate School of Theology. One of Stephen's passions is exploring the intersection of Christian faith and contemporary culture.

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Reminder: To be published in the following month's Gospel Herald, each congregation's information should be sent to Walter Straker by the 10th of the month preceding the date of issue, which is the first of each month. Please clearly mark the email or the envelope: "NewsEast." When reporting an event, please state the specific date (month/day/year) of that event. Also, to make sure that information you wish reported is included, please note that reporters forward to NewsEast only the information received from congregations. They do not check each congregation's website.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: In June, we did a large mail drop of 4470 postcards. A woman called as a result of it. She said she might attend services sometime in the future. In July, the Tarko family from Quebec joined us for worship. We also had two visitors come out in response to the mail drop in June. On July 11, we were joined by John & Lola Amyx (members of the Lord's church in Texas) and Lawrence & Corrine Taylor (members in Arkansas). The men helped out with our worship service sharing wonderful thoughts and God's word with us. They attended Moncton's Wednesday Bible study class and our Thursday Bible study class. What an encouragement to have them with us! We had about 128 visits to our website in June and July. Please include our link on your website: <http://saintjohnchurchof-christ.org>.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: A corn roast was held on August 16 at the home of Geoff and Jan Taylor. Shirley Perry and Alex Boudreau presented an acoustic folk concert on September 4, with financial donations to their India trip being accepted as admission. The congregation had a brainstorming meeting on August 24 to share hopes, dreams and

ideas regarding Sunday evening services. A Small Group Fall Kick-Off was held on September 22. The congregation plans to host a Missional Church workshop on October 22 and 23 with Dr. Mark Love.

Bramalea: Frank and Justin Bonsu, twin sons of Tony and Tina, were baptized Saturday, August 28. Chloe Burrows, daughter of Rick and Ann, was baptized by her father on Sunday, August 29. Riyadh Dos Santos, son of Laurence and Charmaine, was baptized by Laurence on Sunday, September 5. These baptisms united all three families in Christ. About 20 Ghanaian brethren and visitors participated in a city wide barbeque and picnic on a very cold and windy Saturday, September 4, 2010. A farewell pot luck was held September 18 for Gip Woothitha, a Christian from Thailand who has been with the congregation for 2 years. Gip will leave October 5 to return to Thailand for 3 months, then on to Tauranga, New Zealand, to attend South Pacific Bible College for 2 years. Gip needs to raise money for part of her living expenses while she is in New Zealand. If you are interested in supporting this worthy young woman, please contact the Bramalea elders. Worship service time has been changed to Sunday, 10 a.m., with Bible classes following.

Cambridge: On August 22, Allen Garcia,

summer intern from the Bramalea church, preached his first sermon for the congregation. The congregation hosted an appreciation dinner and devotional on Sunday, September 26, for those who have supported the work there.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): The members were encouraged to visit someone else in the congregation during the summer in an "each one visit one" event. They were also challenged to make Sunday, September 26, a red letter day by attending at least one of that Sunday's services. Information sessions for Habitat for Humanity were held September 11, 2010. An Alzheimer coffee break was held at the church building on September 16.


Fenwick: The "giveaway" was the biggest and best ever with donations (about \$250) going to Avril Keoughan in Ghana. The "Friends Day" and picnic was well attended. The numbers were down at singing on the lawn and the congregation's corn roast devotional, but the events were enjoyable and spiritually fulfilling, with several from the community attending. The neighbourhood barbeque brought eight neighbours to fellowship with the church. "Kids for Christ" kicked off with a "fun fair" at which each activity presented a short Bible story. Most of the regular students came as well as nine visitors. Ralph Perry is in the middle of a Wednesday night series called "How to Study Your Bible." In an effort to reach others residents with the Gospel, Bible reading is held once a month in Harold and Betty Bruggen's apartment building common room. A short church service is now being held once a month at a local seniors' residence. Over \$1000 was donated to help buy a "Gospel Van" for the work in Ghana. Jim Dickie, Donald Perry and Harold Bruggen have been guest speakers, and Avril Keoughan gave a special presentation about the Ghana work. Wayne Turner is scheduled for a series of lessons from October 24-27 on "Conflict Resolution."

Niagara Falls: The congregation hosted a Singles "Meet and Mingle - Church of Christ Style" event on Saturday, August 28, 2010.

Owen Sound: The congregation rejoices with the baptism of Linda Pickles into Christ by her father, Kevin, on August 27, 2010, while attending Teen Week at Camp Omagh. Average attendance for the recent gospel meeting in August was 66 with 3-4 visitors from the community attending each night. Members from seven other con-

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Conflict Resolution



Lessons presented by Wayne Turner
at Church of Christ, Fenwick

Friday, October 22 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 23 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 24 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Camrose: (submitted by Dave Friesen) We have two ongoing Bible studies with non-Christians and we have also been blessed with visitors from the community. We are following up with these visitors and are looking forward to more souls being added to the Kingdom. It is amazing how many people in this small community do not know that we are here. That is changing for the good. We hosted our annual VBS the last week of July. We averaged 20 children per day, many from the community and outlying areas. We hosted a BBQ wrap up for the VBS and many of the parents of the children that attended

came and saw what their children learned that week. We have been following up with those families that attended the VBS. We also have regular visitors on Thursday evening Bible study and we are looking forward to reaping fruit from that as well. The church is growing spiritually and in unity as we strive to serve our Lord in the community and God deserves all the praise, glory and honour.

Edmonton Northside: A community outreach barbecue was held August 15. A garage "give away" with all "gently used items" was set up for the surrounding community. Members donated an abundance of items and everything was given away for free. Barb and Rachel Jacques are back from their two weeks in Cambodia. While there they shared the Bible from Monday to Friday for 2 weeks and then helped feed hungry children in three villages. They observed that even though the Cambodians endure so much hardship, they are such a smiling people. The back to school Bible school theme is "The Jesus Expedition" exploring the miracles of Jesus. The annual congregational camp was held at Ross Haven on the weekend of September 10-12.

Edmonton Southside: (submitted by Tim

Johnson): Looking back over the summer, several families of Christians placed membership with the south-side congregation, and Lien Tiet was baptized into Christ on May 23. On our annual Friend's Day (May 30), we had 98 people present and Garth Johnson spoke. We're gearing up for our Sept.10-12 gospel meeting with Loren Hollingsworth from Alaska. Kevin Carson and his family spent three weeks this summer doing mission work in Cambodia, mainly on the "Ship of Life."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Our temporary rental room seems to suit quite well, even to continuing our monthly potluck dinners. Norm and Jen Weir were in Abbotsford the whole month of July, as well as the remainder of August, since the scheduled trip to Creston had to be cancelled in order to help with the move out of our building. "The weather was very good, the logging road from Prince George to Tsay Keh and Fort Ware very bad. One tire on our camper had a slow leak, but managed to get us there. Later, one big blowout scattered the rubber to the four winds. The 'resident' addition to the

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Be formed...



Jason has been the Minister of the Glen Elm Church of Christ in Regina since 2006. He and his wife, Shannon, also spent three years teaching English in China. Jason graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree from Western Christian.

School years at Western Christian left a lasting impact on my life. With exceptional staff investing their lives into mine, I was lovingly nudged forward and upward. Much of who I am today—as a man, husband, father, minister, and follower of Jesus—traces its roots back to those shaping days. Come to Western Christian, and BE FORMED.

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PHILIPPINES: Salvador Carnaga was in the States for several weeks this summer to appeal for used but functional laptop computers, digital cameras and cell phones for the work and workers in schools, offices, churches, etc. He said an overhead projector would also be a great help. If you have any that you can donate, please send them to: Give A Goat, Enterprise Square, PO Box 11000, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73136. Donations can be tax deductible. Brother Camaga was also showing fish-shaped bracelets made out of recycled paper beads which turn into a fish-shaped form no matter how folded. Beautifully hand-crafted by Christians in the mission field trying to become self-sufficient in order to support their family and send their children to school, they are colorful and attractive, and the young people love them. He suggests they can be given as gifts to visitors, in door-knocking campaigns, for VBS and other special occasions. Through missionary-initiated programs like this, national churches can support their own preachers and expand the Lord's work in struggling countries. Consignment purchase arrangements are available. Salvador also continued his plea for more goats to give to poor families to use as a source of income as well as milk for their children. See <http://giveagoatnow.com>. Salvador will be visiting Canada next year and is asking for appointments.

GUATEMALA: The news media in early September carried reports of massive flooding in Guatemala causing numerous landslides that buried not only villagers, but those attempting to rescue them. Apart from the devastation of towns, the floods have also wiped out most of the food crops. The situation in this country, while not receiving the publicity that some other places in traumatic distress have had this year, is just as desperate. Because of the extreme poverty, people have resorted to robbery and extortion. A member of the church who owned a drug store was murdered when she couldn't meet the demand of extortionists. Another man has been threatened with death, causing his family

to live in constant fear and contributing to the illness of his wife. Yet a campaign in August brought 52 baptisms, and in July, a total of 145. These additions to the faith are the result of the work of students who have attended the Biblical Institute of Central America, a two-year school devoted to the training of evangelists and church leaders. Since faith still comes by hearing the word (Romans 10:17), we must teach the word to the multitudes. But how? Paul explains to Timothy the secret in 2 Timothy 2:2, a simple formula that works. Timothy was told to do what he had seen Paul do: that is to teach others to teach others. etc. For example, in the first year one disciple teaches 3 others to teach others, which brings the number of teachers to four. In the second year, the four each teach 3 more, putting 12 new teachers to work. The following year, the 12 add another 4, giving 16 teachers work to do. By adding another 3 in alternate years with 4, by the 6th year, there are 4,096 able to teach the Gospel. It is biblical, simple, effective, and practical. It can be done anywhere in the world, even in the USA. All work is mission work. Following this pattern, qualified teachers have been sent into the three Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua with the following results:

Seventh year-18,384 BICA*	BAPTISMS	RESTORATIONS	NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED
Nicaragua	600	375	9
Guatemala	448	238	2
Honduras	649	750	10
	1697	1363	21

1697 baptisms + 1363 restorations = 3060 saved in 2009 by students. Based upon 365 days, that is 8.38 souls saved per day. These results from 2009 prove that this method works!

*Biblical Institute of Central America

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Lae): *Hello again from the land of potholes! Since my last report we have "farewelled" the Aussie team, and experienced torrential rain with two minor floods and a long power outage. We have cut down a large dead tree which was threatening to make a BIG dent in the house, have been angered by theft on the property and have felt disturbed by a fire and subsequent looting at our closest shopping centre, Eriku (pronounced air'-i-coo"). The opportunists effectively shut down much of Lae on Monday as they targeted Chinese-owned stores because of rumours started during the fire. In other words, life is pretty much going on as normal here. As mentioned in last month's report,

with the Australian visitors, we flew to Indogen, which shares an air strip with the neighbouring village of Musep. It is about a 30-minute walk, with the last few minutes being a long, somewhat slippery climb up the side of a mountain. Like Indagen, it is predominantly Lutheran in belief. In the past, there have been only a handful of "whiteskins" (Caucasians) visit Musep, with the last group to come in 2006. This meant that our entry would make quite a splash, and it turned into even more of an eye-popping event than expected! In the early 1980's, when the church of Christ first entered Indagen, the Christians were greatly persecuted by the Lutherans. Our brothers and sisters experienced beatings, stabbings, rejection by family, verbal abuse, etc. because of the mistrust that then existed. In the years that have followed, acceptance and understanding have developed within the village, and the church is now strong and growing in Indagen. In the late 1990's, several people from Musep became Christians when members from Indagen did outreach there. And then the persecution started again, this time against our new brothers and sisters at Musep, as well as those from Indagen who continued to go to study with them. Because of this persecution, the Musep Christians have made the trek each Sunday to worship with the church at Indagen instead of establishing a congregation there, until now. When we arrived at Musep, we were welcomed by the entire community. Not a single person from the village went to work in the gardens that day. Although we were welcomed in a similar manner in 2006, this was different. And as we stood at the entrance to the village, we realized why. The town leaders came forward and spoke of the persecution they had put the church through and how,

afterward, they had started to experience hardships in their own lives: sickness, poor crops, etc. In true Kabwuni fashion, they had sat down and started to look for the reason for the things that were happening to them, and they realized that what they had done to the church was the root of their own hardships. They saw our visit as an opportunity to apologize, not only to the Musep and Indagen Christians, but also to the church as a whole, and to repent before God for what they had done to His people."

— Ruth Zimmerman

PNG (Alotau): "On the first Lord's Day in August, we told the congregation here in Alotau that we intend to move back to North America within the next two years.

Even though we had already been contemplating a move, the timing of our departure is based primarily on my status as a US permanent resident, as my residency is set to expire on October 31, 2012. In order for it to be renewed, I must be living in the States. As our long term plan involves getting my US citizenship, I need to keep my residency valid. With the approval and support of our overseeing congregation, the church of Christ in Champions, we expect to move from PNG sometime in the summer of 2012 in time to be settled before Caleb and Hannah attend school that fall. We will likely relocate to Cheyenne, Wyoming, while completing my citizenship requirements, where I also hope to continue some writing projects I have been working on. In June, July or August of 2011, we will be taking a furlough to visit with as many of you as possible. Once we set an exact departure date, we will contact you with information regarding our needs and schedule. As our plans have changed frequently, nothing is set in stone. But we want to communicate openly with our supporters and keep them updated on our plans. Thank you for being one of our partners in ministry.”

– Craig Ford

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conjugal relationship that involves a panoply of sexual groupings and gender variations.” They want the court to see that “polyamory is a more highly evolved form of family/conjugal relationship that is beneficial to all of its participants—the way of the future...” Mindelle Jacobs, SunMedia columnist adds “the B.C. Civil Liberties Association also wants our polygamy law struck down.” In case you have not realized what polyamory entails, essentially it is the complete rejection of Biblical standards of marriage and morality. Trying to make it palatable and acceptable, they call it polyamory which means many (multiple) loves (sexual relationships). From a Biblical perspective, it is immorality. However, given Satan’s influence and the direction Canadian society and legal system have been going, it seems almost inevitable that eventu-

ally, polygamy and polyamory will become legal.

Ephesians 5 describes a world much like ours today. The contrast between Christians and the world they lived in was light and dark. Christians are not to be deceived and be partners with darkness. We are to pursue “goodness, righteousness and truth” and to “find out what pleases the Lord.” We are to have “nothing to do with the fruitless works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

The “prince of this world” has great power in our world. He has gained the hearts, minds and souls of countless millions. As people of God’s light, we dare not minimize the magnitude of the conflict with Satan nor the importance of our role, as individuals. Though the world may descend further into darkness, we must show His light, pure and untainted, in every way possible.

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Tsay Keh building was fantastic. It made the cooking job like home for Jen, as did the new building in Fort Ware. Although the upper level is not complete, the team of six from Tintern, ON, along with our extra passenger, Willodene Wedler, found a place to sleep, either on air mattresses in the auditorium (the padded pews had not come in yet), in the furnace room, in the laundry area, or a couch in the sitting area. The Day School started on Sunday as scheduled. The high number of children for Fort Ware on any one day was 17, but the overall number attending one or more days was 25. The high number for Tsay Keh was 24 with a total of 31 new faces. We had attendees every evening at our evening singings/devo/prayer time in both villages-- sometimes 15, and sometimes only 3 or 4. Jen and Willodene had 11 children in one preschool class. To state it in a very gentle manner, it was a very 'active' class. Having the two buildings was much better in several ways. It gave us the chance to have more connection between the teachers and the parents, as well as time with the children. The girls loved to go for walks to show their teachers their favourite places (swimming hole in the river, locations to pick the best berries, etc.) The boys saw action throwing footballs around and anything else available with

MINISTER WANTED

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the guys. A poignant moment for some of us came when we went to the cemetery to view the burial place of little Keegan, who was at our day camp last year, but died a week later. As is their custom, there is a little roof over each grave for the protection of flowers and a few favourite possessions placed under them. Right behind Keegan's name was a little cross which read 'Love God'. It was the craft that he had made at our Bible camp last year.

Burnaby: Recently, Erol Dogan gave an account of his most recent adventure in living dangerously—i.e., a trip to Israel. Rey Playa also unveiled his plans for establishing a "Missions Centre" on the Philippine island where he was born and poverty conditions are extreme "Living in Light of Eternity" was the theme for the Ladies' Retreat at the Jajak Ranch in Mission last month.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Friends from the Lower Mainland gathered in our building to congratulate Gertrude Kernellu on her 90th birthday at a special tea in her honour on Sept. 11. She has been a faithful member since she arrived in Canada from Germany almost 50 years ago. David Jacobs, son of long-time missionaries to India Allen and Betty Jacobs, spoke one Sunday in September during the absence of Milton Diaz.

Prince Rupert: During the month of August, several people came from Washington to help with planned painting on the building. That painting and some repairs were completed. The time was enjoyed with good fellowship and the satisfaction of work completed. Members continue to invite others and we have been encouraged by the numbers of visitors in attendance at church services. The church is once again seeking a mission minded family to come work fulltime with us.

Salmon Arm: Correction: Ray Fisher and his wife, Laurie, were with us until the end of August. Their expertise was missed as we prepared to take advantage of the Fall Fair last month to make people aware of the church and our mission here.

Vernon: A garage sale in our parking lot to raise money for the Research of Multiple Sclerosis was held in September. At the request of some of the ladies, a monthly "Recipe Corner" was added to our bulletin during the summer, and is still receiving favourites.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg (Central): The annual youth rally was held on September 24-26. Guest speaker, Jamie Azzoparde from Waterloo, ON, spoke on the theme "Beneath the

Surface". Lessons were entitled "Hoax or History", "Lord Lunatic or Liar", "Anointed King" and "Jesus is Lord". Our annual VBS was held on September 23-27. The theme was "Rise and Shine for Jesus". Our church soccer team hosted a free soccer for kids in our community on Saturday, August 14. Free Soccer balls and Bibles were distributed to all participants. Sherlon Hussett was baptized on June 30. On August 14-15 several members from the Central congregation joined the Kenora, ON, congregation for a community service event, BBQ fellowship, and worship.

SASKATCHEWAN

Gravelbourg: (submitted by Wendell Bailey) The church in Gravelbourg remains focused on its purpose of providing an environment that fosters spiritual growth and outreach to the community. Along with our worship together, regular Bible studies and midweek small group studies we are reaching out to the community with a weekly "Moms and Tots" program, a bi-weekly youth/teen evening and a monthly children's activity. In the early spring we were blessed to have Darrell Buchanan and Bill Schwarz, instructors from Western Christian College, present a weekend Seminar on "Healthy Churches." Our annual Vacation Bible School program saw just over 100 children in attendance. We were grateful to have the help of a group of young people from both Winnipeg and Red Deer to assist us with this ministry. We are blessed with many young families and lots of babies! August 15 was a day set aside for dedication. To begin, a sermon text taken from Joshua chapter 24 served to encourage the congregation to proclaim their dedication to the Lord... families and individuals came forward to announce publically and before the elders of this congregation that "They will serve the Lord, for He is God." Three new babies were presented to the congregation and the congregation once again proclaimed their commitment to be examples and encouragers to these young children and to the parents of these young children. We were pleased to recognize Bob Morris as a brother in Christ and a member of this congregation. Bob moved here last year from British Columbia. The blessings of the day continued as three young people, Michelle Trescher, Katja Trescher, and Clayton Foese, all from our teen group, were baptized into Christ. God is good!

Weyburn: Allan and Karen Caldwell were baptized and added to the Lord's family on July 8.

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gregations encouraged the congregation with their presence.

Selkirk: The church was blessed with two baptisms on Sunday, August 29: Levi Page and Nicky Maraj. We eagerly look forward to our hymn sing on October 24th.

St. Thomas: Brian Thompson's mother, Muriel, celebrated her 90th birthday on July 6, 2010.

Toronto (Scarborough): The mid-week Bible study is entitled: "Calvinism and Grace." The youth group meets every third Saturday at 3 p.m. Men's meeting and ladies' class meets every Sunday after worship. Prayer meeting meets every third Sunday at 6 p.m.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation rejoiced with Donney Caliph and his wife Tara, at Donney's baptism on August 22. Key filming was done at Sarnia and Windsor during September. Max Craddock and Marlon Molina are travelling in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, promoting the Key ministry October 4-27. Some from Strathmore and Bramalea attended a debate between a Sabbatarian and a church of Christ evangelist on the evenings of August 25 and 26 in Markham, ON. George Ramocan of the Church of God International (in Toronto) asserted that "The Scriptures teach that Christians are to observe the Sabbath Day"

while brother Kevin Pendergrass an evangelist of the McLish Ave church of Christ in Ardmore, Oklahoma did an excellent job of refuting that claim and showing that the scriptures teach that Christians are to come together every week on the first day. Brother Pendergrass is part of ministry offering free media on different scriptural topics. The debate was recorded and DVDs will be sent to attendees. Their website is www.thegospelofchrist.com.

Waterloo: Great Lakes Bible College is offering several e-learning Bible courses this fall, including "Women's Ministry," with Kathy Holston; "Gospel of John," with Jim Holston; and "Ruth," with David Knutson. A GLBC short course was sponsored at Camp Omagh from August 28-September 3, 2010. A second Singspiration, directed by this congregation, was held Sunday, August 1, at Camp Omagh. The Great Lakes Partnership Dinner and Fundraising event was held September 20 and honoured Brian and Mary Boden for their 40 years of service to Great Lakes. seventy men attended the 31st Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh September 10 and 11, entitled: "Rediscovering Our Roots." This coincided and was followed by an event for college students at Camp Omagh on September 11 and 12.

Windsor (West Side): Sydney Chapados was baptized into Christ on August 8, 2010. Rhonda McDowell was baptized into Jesus

Moncton, NB

Preacher/evangelist needed for the Riverview Church of Christ in Moncton, New Brunswick. Congregation is small but we have our own building. We can help a bit with support. Moncton is a booming town, full of souls to save. We pray that God will bless us with who He deems we need. For information contact: Roger Leger (506) 852-4143 or Christian Maillet (506) 860-6177

for the forgiveness of her sins Sunday, August 29, 2010. On August 29, 2010, the congregation joined in a fellowship and worship service with the Gateway Church of Christ. "United in Christ" is an effort by the metro Detroit area churches of Christ to show the unity they have in Christ that overcomes all racial barriers. On September 18 Key to the Kingdom taped its program at West Side. Max Craddock also presented the Sunday morning sermon the next day. New deacons were to be appointed on Sunday, October 3, 2010.



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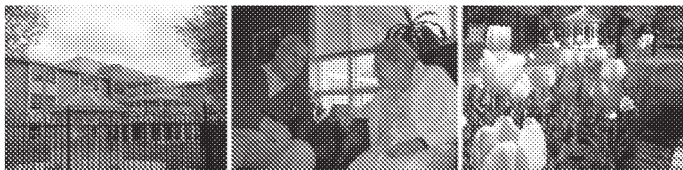
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Stephen: Proto-Martyr

Robert Moore

Canadians who have lived their lives in our pluralistic and religiously tolerant society have great difficulty understanding the ordeals of Christians who suffer for Christ. Yet Jesus taught that persecution would come to His followers. Looking back over history or abroad in our current era, one is soon bewildered at the number of believers who have borne hardships, even death, for His cause. A look at the example of the first martyr may help us to appreciate how fortunate we are to live under the protection of a neutral government, as well as teach us that even when foes are arrayed against God's people, He still will triumph.

Stephen appears in the early history of the church as an Hellenist in Jerusalem who was "full of faith and power." Not only did he minister to the Greek-speaking widows, he aimed at converting other Hellenistic Jews from North Africa, the Roman province of Asia, and Cilicia. Angered by his wisdom, and unable to best him in a fair debate, these men reacted as so many dogmatic opponents do; they arrested him and misrepresented his words. Although the particulars of his discussions with these men are not stated directly, one can infer much from the charge of false witnesses that "he never stops speak-

ing against this holy place and against the law," and that he alleged "Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs of Moses."

Jesus Himself told the woman of Samaria that God should be worshiped in spirit and in truth, not just in Samaria or Jerusalem, and it is likely that Stephen appreciated that aspect of Christianity which distinguishes it from all mere localized worship. This would lead him to focus on the spiritual character of the Gospel and its superiority to the external rites of the Mosaic system. Such an argument would be bound to awaken the prejudices of both Pharisees and Sadducees, who had earlier conspired against Jesus.

The casual reader of Stephen's address is likely to view it as a brief overview of Jewish history, in which Stephen winds himself up and loses his temper with his opponents. Some might even think Stephen brought his own judgment upon himself by insulting the gathering. Such an impression is erroneous, for, if one carefully analyzes his defense, what appears is a skillful and conclusive justification of the Christian faith. In it we see three distinct arguments, all running parallel to one another until the decisive moment when they merge into a point where Stephen can thrust it deep into the hearts of his accusers.

The first point of his argument treats locality in relation to the worship of God. If he had spoken "against this holy place," he plainly lays out that within the history of God's chosen nation there had been true worship in many places outside of Jerusalem, long before the Temple was built; if the Temple passed away, people would still be able to seek the Creator. Abraham had worshiped God in many places during his sojourn on earth; he didn't even hold title to any property in the Land of Promise, aside from his burial plot. It didn't matter where he set up an altar; his offerings were always acceptable to God. Likewise, Joseph's worship in Egypt, or Moses' trembling in Sinai, or the wanderings of the Tabernacle implied that God can render any location sacred if people seek His presence

there. Solomon, wisest and greatest of Israel's kings, recognized that the Most High does not live in houses made by men, and the Messianic prophet Isaiah affirmed that heaven is the Lord's throne, so what kind of house could men hope to build to him? Stephen's opponents plainly saw the point of the argument: locality was not an essential part of true worship, and Stephen was not guilty of blaspheming the Temple.

Another charge raised by the false witnesses accused him of blaspheming Moses, and Stephen's second line of reasoning dealt with the question of the permanence of the Mosaic ritual. Here one sees how his overview of Jewish history lays out a path of ongoing religious progress, with each change reaching forward to a nobler future. First, there was the call of Abraham from a polytheistic society, which led to his separation from Mesopotamia. This was later followed by the covenant of circumcision. After his descendants spent several centuries in Egypt, they were given the ritual of the Tabernacle, which was replaced in Solomon's day by the Temple. In all of these cases, there was an indication that something better and higher was to be expected. While still in Ur, Abraham was promised that all the families of the world would be blessed through him, and this was restated when circumcision was instituted. When Moses introduced the law, he prophesied that another prophet like himself would arise from the people, and gave instructions that the new man

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be heard. By quoting this prediction of the great Law Giver, Stephen effectively swept away the charge that he had blasphemed Moses in truth, it was Stephen's enraged opponents who were at fault, for while they were stubbornly resisting the possibility that this new prophet had arrived in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, Stephen had tested and accepted the fact that the Messianic kingdom had arrived.

His third line of argument was aimed at the consciences of his hearers; like Jesus, Stephen pointed out that their rejection of the Christ was proof that they were still following the path of their fathers, ever guilty of the blood of prophets. Sadly, ever since the beginning they had mocked, despised, rejected and even murdered those whom God had raised up to lead and instruct Israel. Jacob's sons had sold their brother Joseph into slavery; trapped in bondage in Egypt, the Israelites would not receive Moses when he first tried to champion their cause; when he secured their release 40 years later, they weighed him down with their grumbling. Even as Moses was receiving the law on Mount Sinai, they were to be found at its base creating a bovine idol. Forty years in the desert was still not enough to purify these people, and Stephen's audience could not help see themselves in this brief sketch laid before them. It was at this point in his defense that Stephen drove his point home: "You are just like your fathers. You always resist the Holy Spirit!"

Stephen's defense is a brilliant apology, despite the shocking outcome. Stephen steadily pounds away at his learned antagonists on their own territory, trapping and confounding them on their own terms. When he finally pounced, there were only two possible outcomes: complete submission and acceptance of his words as truth, or a violent backlash. Their very characters, exposed so artfully by Jesus in earlier confrontations, became manifest as they yelled at the top of their voices and rushed Stephen, satisfied only when they had bashed him to death with stones.

Yet Stephen's death was not in vain, for there are several lessons it teaches believers. The first is that unwavering loyalty to Truth provokes antagonism. Holiness and sin are opposites. Jesus, whose love and compassion for sinful

men knew no bounds, was assaulted and destroyed by the very ones who should have recognized His claims. Stephen followed Christ in his willingness to help and teach those about Him, and met the same malevolent reaction.

Twenty-one centuries later in North America, the face of persecution has changed. We are to be devoutly grateful that our government protects our freedoms of belief and assembly, but let us never forget that this is only a recent benefit and could slip away. Prior to the Quiet Revolution, religious persecution was sanctioned in the Catholic-dominated Province of Quebec; during both World Wars, some of our brethren were interned as Conscientious Objectors. Beyond our borders, countless numbers of individuals in Communist countries were sent to gulags and labour camps, and in Asia and Africa meeting houses are currently being torched. The opposition we face may not be as severe, but it is still bitter and insulting. It provokes ridicule and scorn, making us the butt of unpleasant jest and sarcasm; but if we bear ourselves well through it, who knows how our conduct may influence others? Antagonism can be valuable; it highlights the true traits of Christian character.

The second lesson Stephen's martyrdom marks out is the deep interest Christ shows in his suffering disciples. When put to the test, the Lord provides special grace to carry on; Stephen began his fight with the visage of an angel, not with an abject, terror-contorted face. Just before the blows began to rain upon our friend, he noticed the ascended Redeemer standing — not sitting — at the right hand of God, indicating His interest in the persecuted victim, and His readiness to receive him home.

Our third lesson is the peacefulness of the believer's death. "He fell asleep." Such a contrast to the violent scene! But the phrase indicates the promise of reawakening. Stephen's attitude at the point of his unjust death seems incredible, but is not extraordinary. When one reads John Fox's Book of Martyrs, one cannot help but remark how calmly so many of those burned at the stake met their fate. Christians know how to die, and the resurrection of their Master ensures they will live again.

Finally, we see that words, apparently spoken in vain, can yield great fruit in a later season. Stephen's speech may have been unsuccessful in saving his life, but the argument was not lost. One of the opponents from Cilicia would become the Apostle to the Gentiles. With his Pharisaic training, one would assume, that on becoming a Christian, Paul would join the party of the circumcision, not rebuke them. But his writings echo the words of Stephen's speech. Seeds which appear to fall by the wayside may not always be lost. Paul could join a mob in killing Stephen, but the address still lived in Paul's mind, awaiting further water and cultivation from another source.

A final lesson stands for the persecutor. His efforts are vain, for even when he appears to succeed, he ultimately will be vanquished. A Christian may be murdered, but the truth he lives and breathes can never be killed. Truly God will bring good

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BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; (Sept. – June – Wed. 7:30 PM, Adult Bible Study at Building), Kirk Ruch, ev., K.M.R.@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth, Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

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MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Class 10:45; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, wjcurrie@rogers.com

NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0 (705)647-5488

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10am, Sunday pm - call for information; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 356-3412, evs., darrin@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. North Bay; 705-840-0303, e-mail: davidrlock@sympatico.ca; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0.

OSHAWA Cedar Park Church of Christ: (formally Ajax) 566 Simcoe St. N. Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday Bible study 7:30 pm; Malcolm Porter, 905-668-3346 (res).

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert J. MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, 613-733-2580 (off); www.ottawachurchofchrist.ca

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

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@wightman.ca

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing Address: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Peter McPherson (705) 742-5349

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; (905) 834-5775 (off).

REXDALE: Meets Sunday for SS 9:30, worship 10:30 at 1485 Albion Road, Etobicoke, corner of Albion and Kipling. mail goes to Derrick Grant, 29 Revelstoke Place, brampton ON L6R 3G3, phone 416-628-9620 (D. Grant) or 416-656-9309 (Rupert Comrie)

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: www.stcatharinescocf.ca

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SARNIA: 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7; Sunday 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wednesday 7; (519) 339-1161 (off.).

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988 Sun 9:40A, 10:40A, call for PM time, Wed 7PM Paul Hillier, ev, 705-987-7679, email: preacher.paul@yahoo.ca Elders: C. Whitfield 705-254-6153, L. Hotchkiss (705)759-0649

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 Alt. Paul Ross: 905-7762644 or glorybound@xplornet.com

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. LOR 2A0, PO Box 451; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

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.sccoc.ca

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; Contacts: John Brush (519) 625-1054; Paul Dale (519) 273-9063

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7 PM; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, email: edklym@unitz.ca, Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. Bible classes & worship 10:30 - 12:00; Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214; Steve May, ev. 705-384-0597

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Jim Kent, sec, Randy Morrirt, ev, 18 Albert St, Box 708, POR 1L0; (705) 842-2344 (H), (705) 842-3340 (O/Fax); Email: randy.lois.church@sympatico.ca

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. call for information; (807) 577-2213 (off.).

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., Dylan Pyeatt ev.; (905) 563 6311 (off.).

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TORONTO (Scarborough): 700 Progress Avenue, Unit # 11 Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2Z7; Sun. 9:45am; 11:00am. (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr. Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7; Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Devon Bennett, ev. 905-686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devonben@gmail.com, Phillip Brown ev. 905-231-9304, cell: 905-406-9160; e-mail: philikare@gmail.com; Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.net

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WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; David Dunn ev., 519-669-4319; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553 (res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycynsmith.com

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

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

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

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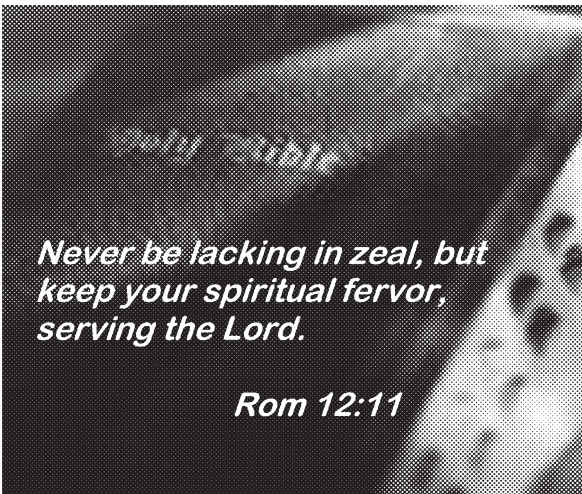
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