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The Power of Christ

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” Romans 1:16

Editorial

It is truly wonderful to witness the transformation that takes place when someone comes to know the Lord. I for one have seen the undeniable evidence of many lives dramatically changed to the glory of God. For years, I worked at a Christian conference center and addiction recovery ministry whose motto is: “Where God speaks to hearts and transforms lives.” There has been no other place in my Christian journey where I have seen so many lives so powerfully changed. They walked through the doors of that place and then through the main Door—Christ (John 10:7) and were wonderfully saved.

When Saul of Tarsus is introduced in Acts 7, we see him consenting to the death of Stephen, the first martyr of the early Church. He must have had quite a reputation that the townspeople laid down their garments at the feet of this young upstart. Soon he is *“breathing out threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord.”* His hatred of the followers of the Way, was intense.


But on his journey to Damascus to further persecute believers, he had a dynamic encounter with the risen Savior that would forever change his life. It was an encounter like none other. Some believers, like the Ethiopian treasurer come to know the Lord through the personal witness of others (Acts 8:35), others through the public preaching of the Word (Acts 10:34). Still others like Saul, come to know the Lord without personal intervention. Saul’s conversion began with just two questions: *“Who are you, Lord?”* and *“What would You have me to do?”* One deals with salvation and the other deals with service, both of which would be answered in short order. The first answer was that it was Jesus whom Saul had been persecuting, connecting the Church, the Body of Christ, with its divine Head in Heaven. The second answer would be equally amazing: that he would someday stand before kings, Gentiles, and the nation of Israel (v. 15) as a witness for the Lord in a ministry that would span the known world at the time.

What happens next is nothing short of exciting as the events of Acts 9 unfold. They would validate the conversion of this once insolent man, and avid persecutor of the Church (1 Tim. 1:13). Enter Ananias, sent by the Lord to confirm that *“Brother Saul”* (v. 17) was indeed a fellow believer. Imagine what that must have sounded like in the ears of the one who had previously made *“havoc of the church”* (Acts 8:3)! What

a change had taken place in this man’s life! When Ananias was told who to look for, it would be the one who was praying—praying not as before, but genuinely communing with the living Christ.

As a further proof of genuine faith, Saul was then baptized, spent time fellowshiping with the disciples, and then witnessing of his newfound faith as he preached Christ in the synagogue. All of this underscore the genuine expressions of new life in Christ and substantiate the things that accompany salvation. We often sing, *“What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my life”* and indeed this is what happened with Saul of Tarsus and will happen to anyone whose heart is opened to allow Christ to enter in.

A lot would occur in the intervening years of ministry that the Lord entrusted to this once staunch persecutor of the church. He would be sent out to regions beyond along with Barnabas (Acts 13); he would be used of the Lord to establish many local assemblies in his missionary journeys. He would receive an abundance of opportunities to preach the Word and an abundance of revelations to share with others. But with these many privileges, he would also suffer many things as the Lord told him at His conversion. With the abundance of revelations, came a thorn in the flesh to keep him in place and to accentuate the power of Christ (2 Cor. 12:7-10). He would also have *“fightings without and fears within,”* describing the external and internal pressures of ministry.

Yes, Paul suffered much for the Lord, but he was also mightily used of the Lord. They often go hand in hand. The Lord had gotten a hold of him in a powerful way, and it demonstrated the power of the gospel and through it, the power of Christ. May it be that way for each of us also. 



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The Final Words of a Faithful Servant

2 TIMOTHY 4

A lot of water had passed under the bridge of the apostle Paul's spiritual life by the time he wrote these words in 2 Timothy 4. Writing from the Mamertine prison in Rome, Italy, Paul used his dungeon cell as a pulpit, sharing with Timothy important truths pertinent to every believer. It is a clear reminder that we can effectively serve the Lord no matter where we are or what circumstances we are in. Sensing that his departure was at hand (v. 6), this venerable servant of the Lord would highlight key reminders as he prepared to graduate to glory. In essence, these are the final words of a faithful servant, and it lays out for us important principles of faithful service to Christ.

The Reminders for Faithful Servants

One of the primary reminders that Paul shared in this valedictory address was to remind Timothy that one day his service would be evaluated at the judgment seat of Christ. Service for the Savior should be with the motive to please Him who called us to Himself. Motives and methods need to be according to His standard and not ours. How sad it would be to have spent vast amounts of time and money in the Lord's work, only to have those works burned up because it was not deemed to be "gold, silver or precious stones" in its quality (1 Cor. 3:12-15). "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." Let us keep in mind there is a great

assize coming in which our works will be reviewed and rewarded accordingly. The Lord said in Revelation 22:12, *“Behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to His works.”*

The Responsibilities for Faithful Servants

Another timely word by Paul to Timothy comes in verse 2. It is the preaching of the Word. How important this is! It is only the Word of God that is going to change lives. Only the Word of God can penetrate the life of a person and convict an unbeliever of their need for salvation or a believer to get back on track with the Lord. The Word of God is both living and powerful and it is the only thing that pierces the soul, something that mere words cannot do. Every servant of the Lord must know the Word and use it like a master swordsman to be utilized on every occasion. Someone has well said that there are only two seasons for the Christian to share the Word—in season and out of season. This means all the time, whether it is “convenient” or not. We should be able to convince others (saved and unsaved alike) through the logical, clear, and accurate use of the Word.

The Reasons for Faithful Servants

The reason for faithfulness to these responsibilities is given in v. 3. Both Paul and Peter his associate in ministry, as well as John warned of a coming apostasy, when there will be widespread departure from the faith. We are clearly seeing it in our day, when men will call good evil and evil good. The population in general will have turned their ears to fables to the sensational, to accounts of aliens from outer space to movies with demonic themes—to anything and everything except toward that which will give them the help and hope that they need. “Room for business, room for pleasure, but for Christ the crucified, not a room where He can enter for the heart for whom He died.” Room for everything but Him who gives the promise of eternal life and peace and joy and everything that they need but whose eyes have been blinded by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). The Bible says it clearly: they have been *“turned aside”* because they have rejected the truth of God’s Word. Because of this widespread departure, there is a corresponding need for faithful men of God to fearlessly stand out, stand up, and stand for Christ. Men who in the power and spirit of Elijah and John the Baptist bravely speak for the Lord *“in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation”* (Phil. 2:15).


The Requirements for Faithful Servants

For faithful service to come about, there are certain requirements that need to be present in the life of the servant in order to be deemed faithful to the Lord. Faithful service to the Lord for **every** Christian means to be watchful in all things. The private lives of Christians need to be an open book. Hebrews 4:13 reminds us that *“all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him, with whom we have to give an account.”* Paul told the Ephesian elders that he taught them *“publicly and from house to house”* (Acts 20:20). He had both a public

and private ministry and was a model of consistency, having always lived in a manner that was above and beyond reproach (Acts 20:18). Paul was a faithful servant! Because he endured affliction, his advice to Timothy was the same, to always be willing to share the gospel with others and to do the work of an evangelist. That is our calling also, to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and to help fulfill the Great Commission as the Lord asked us. Am I doing this? Are you? For Paul he was ready to present his body as a living sacrifice. He was ready to have his life poured out like a drink offering, a final deliberate act to designate the completion of his service for the Lord, knowing the time of his home call was near at hand. Paul was always ready – ready to submit to the Lord, ready to serve, ready to suffer, and ready to see the Lord. Are we ready in the same way? If we are, then (and only then) can someone say of us that we are a faithful servant.

The Rewards for Faithful Servants

For Paul and every faithful servant of Christ there is a glorious reward ahead. It is not just having a sense of fulfilling our ministry given to us in the Lord, but instead it is receiving the crown or crowns that will be given at His appearing (v. 1; 1 Thess. 2:19-20). Paul had indeed fought the good fight. It was not an approbation of his spiritual achievements, but rather it was declaring that it was a fight worth fighting, the battle for the truth of God. He had indeed finished his course, the course that had been laid out for him when he first came to know Christ (Acts 9:15). More importantly, he had kept the faith—not his own faith (the Lord was responsible for that, John 17:12), but instead he had faithfully kept that which was entrusted to him and passed it on to others without compromise (1 Cor. 11:23) as a faithful minister of the gospel (1 Tim. 1:12). Praise the Lord for these final words of a faithful servant!

And how about us? Are we aware that just as Paul was charging Timothy, so the Lord is charging us? Are we aware of the responsibilities and reasons for faithful service and what it requires of me? If we do this, and expectantly look for His return, we can be sure as Paul was, that there is a crown (and perhaps more crowns) waiting for us in heaven. May the Lord challenge us day by day to be faithful to Him who has been faithful to us. 



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by Mark Kolchin



WHAT EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES

I recently suffered a sports injury that acutely drove home a spiritual truth to me. After tearing the anterior ligament on my right ankle, I learned, very painfully, the truth that we are all members of one body, and that each member has a vital role to play.

In the physical realm, we need every part of our bodies to function optimally to influence our world. In the spiritual realm, the same is also true. For a local church to function optimally, we need every member to function and participate in cooperation with the rest of the body. *“If one member suffers,”* Paul teaches, *“all the members suffer with it”* (1 Cor.12:26). This is because every member of the church is interconnected and has an influence on the whole body.

While the bride is the perfect metaphor for worship in the church, the body is the perfect metaphor for the service of the church. Our vehicle for service is the body. It is composed of seen and unseen parts, each one diverse and unique, which, working together, make the whole body achieve its purpose in the world. The church’s purpose in the world is to love

the lost and to rescue the perishing. Therefore, we build up and equip the saints to fulfill this mission. The gifts of the body help to fulfill the Great Commission.

What My Ankle Said to Me

My private tutor for the last month has been the little verse found in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. *“Those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary”* (1 Cor.12:22). I now understand that every ligament is necessary.

The all-seeing eye cannot say to the sightless hand, “I have no need of you.” Nor can the all-commanding head say to the practical feet, “I have no need of you.” My ankle, the small ligament of my ankle, made me cry out on multiple occasions, “I need you, oh, I need you!”

Let me describe the ways my life has been impaired by that little ligament that “seemed weaker” but was necessary. I couldn’t walk straight, let alone run or jump. I could not drive a car. I could not exercise, stand for long periods of time, or travel much. My sleep was restless, my livelihood

was compromised, and my family life was hindered. In short, the quality of my life was running at about sixty percent or less. I was not functioning optimally at all.

No Spiritual Gift?

You may not think you have a spiritual gift, or you may feel you have not discovered it yet. You may think no one sees you at church or that your presence does not matter. It may feel like you are a very small and useless ligament.

But when you are not there, especially for long periods of time, people start to miss you. People miss the way you smile or greet them week after week, making them feel welcome or appreciated. People miss the sincerity of your prayers or the patient way you listen while they talk. But your deep respect for the Word or God or your joyous presence creates a palpable void when you are not there.

I was recently speaking with an older brother in my assembly, and he felt he still did not know what his gift was. But the rest of us knew. His gift was exhortation. He is a forthright brother who speaks his mind and who gives words of wisdom and encouragement to all who will listen. He is a “wise reprovener” who knows how to speak *“a word in season to him who is weary”* (Isa. 50:4). Just because you may not see the value and function of your gift does not mean others cannot see it. Sometimes, when we lose these “ligaments,” then we see the value and function they once had. But then it may be too late.

Powerfully Small

The fact that people miss you means you are contributing to the body. Like an ankle ligament you bring stability, mobility, and strength to the rest of the body parts. Like a small joint, you may be the link that enables someone else to develop or use their gift in the church. Your words of encouragement may give birth to the next young preacher. Your faithful service may inspire the next faithful deacon. Your thoughtful gift may fan to flame the flagging faith of the fainthearted.

You indeed may be small, but you are powerfully small. God made you that way. Your contribution may be unnoticed, but it is not insignificant. Your words may be few, but they are forever. By design you were made small. We serve a God who loves to work with small things! (1 Cor. 1:29). In fact, you may be the very reason some people come back to visit your church, or the reason why some people look forward to attending on Sundays. You may be the one who encourages someone to press on or inspires someone to live a godly life. No matter how small or insignificant we may perceive ourselves to be, we are all contributing to the optimal functioning of the whole body.

Other Ligaments in the Body

I appreciate the example of my wife. She does not attend church only for the sermons or the singing. She is also


interested in the conversations she has with people and the service she can provide to them. She goes to the church to serve, not to be served. She attends church to feed others, not just to be fed. Often in the nursery, she does not even hear the sermon but ministers to others through relevant conversations. She herself receives encouragement too, through the nourishing words she is given. A mouth may be preaching on the pulpit but my wife, the ligament, is supporting the feet in the nursery.

Those who serve are also “ligaments” in the church. Without those who dedicate themselves to serving, where would be the fellowship of eating and drinking around the table? The table is one of the most important environments for *“speaking the truth in love”* into each other’s eyes and hearts, and the serving gifts enable that fellowship. It takes a massive amount of work to prepare for, and feed, and clean-up after sixty, eighty or hundreds of people. Those who serve support *“the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry,”* and *“for the edifying of the body of Christ”* (Eph. 4:12).

Joined and Knit Together Perfectly

God has placed each one of us, large or small, exactly where He would have us in the body. Whether large or small, we all have a role to play, and size means nothing to God. He created the planet Jupiter but also the microscopic amoeba and He knows how to use them both.

Peter says, *“as each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”* (1 Pet. 4:10). We are managers of God’s grace and responsible to give it to one another. Your gift is either a speaking one or a serving one (1 Pet. 4:11) and your purpose is to edify others in love. If your gift is speaking, then find someone to speak to—an individual, a group of children, a stranger, or a congregation—and speak the Word in love. If your gift is serving, then find a need and fill it. Jesus fed the multitudes, cared for the sick, listened to the hurting and blessed the children. Go and do something similar.

You may think or even feel you are insignificant, but you are vital to the functioning of the body. God’s intention is that we may all grow up into Christ *“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together from what every joint supplies...causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love”* (Eph. 4:16). 



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by Shane Johnson

Resting IN CHRIST



THE TESTIMONY OF
DWIGHT SABOURIN

"COME AND HEAR, ALL YOU WHO FEAR GOD,
AND I WILL DECLARE WHAT HE HAS DONE
FOR MY SOUL."
PSALM 66:16

COME & HEAR

I was born in Ottawa, ON, Canada on February 23, 1943, in the middle of World War II. I was my mom's first child, and the first grandchild of my dad's parents who we lived with all during the war. For a time, I was the "fair haired boy," that is until my dad who had been away in the air force came home. I did not appreciate his arrival home; he was a superior rival for my mom's attentions. This caused a lifelong tension between my dad and myself. I was a sickly child, missing many days at school with asthma.

We were a zealous Roman Catholic family. As the oldest son, at thirteen years of age, I was sent to study for the priesthood at a monastery in Nova Scotia. I decided that this was not for me, so I left the monastery after the first year, never to return. I never did tell my parents the reason. I associated religion with God and turned away from both for 25 years.

Fast cars and a worldly lifestyle occupied my teen years. In my early twenties I met Trish. We married in 1966, (she has now been my wonderful wife of 57 years). Trish soon gave birth to two special sons, Christopher and Robin who brought us 8 grandchildren.

In a 1968 automobile accident, I killed a young 13-year-old girl who was riding her bicycle on a busy highway. This event left me traumatized and turned my peaceful life upside down. I continued my running pastime, eventually

working up to running marathons. While out on one of my runs, as I reviewed my life, I realized something was missing. I prayed to God that He would take control of my life, "IF" He could improve it. "What a strange prayer!" I thought afterwards, after years void of any meaningful religious or spiritual activity.

I was employed in the Narcotics Control Division of the Federal Health and Welfare Department for nine years and 49 days. One of my duties was transporting millions of dollars of heroin to the incinerator at Tunney's Pasture, a block of government buildings in Ottawa. I was uneasy about transporting this in a small Ford Falcon, with no armed guard. My boss told me, "Don't worry, no one will ever suspect this method of transport," thankfully he was right.

Eventually my Thaasophobia (fear/dislike of boredom) got the best of me while working mostly in clerical and microfilm duties, (though I did well, winning the highest value suggestion award in the history of the department up until 1972). I left the government, to the chagrin of my family, and began to recruit on the street for a cosmetic company, (great for overcoming fear of rejection which served me well later doing door-to-door work as a Christian). As I progressed in the cosmetics company, we moved in 1973 to Toronto. When the company closed in

1975, I worked as a headhunter for DGS Group. During that time, I was recruited myself as the Toronto rep for an Ottawa pollution detection company. We later moved back to Ottawa where I became sales manager for that struggling company. As sales increased, my commissions decreased. It so happened that my friend who was doing engineering, was also unhappy. We got together and decided to start our own business. We aimed at building an electronics company but had no startup funds (I had previously worked for an office cleaning company during high school).

We borrowed \$250, bought a used floor cleaning machine, and built ADEUM Cleaning one customer at a time. We built ADEUM electronics in the daytime and cleaned offices at night. ADEUM Electronics grew quickly, serving many international clients. Several years later, my conversion to Christ would cause division between my partner and me. When he left in 1991, I ran the business for a few more years then retired.

During my travels after office cleaning, I began listening to Bible preaching on the radio, (not biblically correct teaching as I now realize), but there was much scripture from the book of Daniel which didn't return void (Isa. 55:11).

As I was listening to a radio broadcast several years later, on a February Sunday morning in 1984, I realized that all my many sins had been forgiven. I believe that the speaker quoted from 1 Peter 2:24: "Who His own self [Jesus] bare our sins in His own body on the tree." I realized that He is "the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world" as stated in the Gospel of John.

I knew nothing about the "brethren assemblies," so I called several local churches and asked Bible questions. An elder at Rideauview Bible Chapel gave the best answers, so we showed up on a Sunday and hurried past the greeters to avoid questions! They explained later, to my surprise, that I had been "born again" at 41 years of age. Truly this was the work of the Holy Spirit since we had been told often in the Roman Catholic church about the death of the Lord Jesus, but I had "head knowledge" only.

In 1987, Jim Paul, a full-time worker in Ottawa, was beginning a prison ministry at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre and asked me to join him. The thought of prison was repulsive to me at the time, so I flatly refused. I soon lost my peace, and reluctantly agreed to accompany him. The ministry grew quickly, but my peace was again disturbed a few years later when Jim announced that he was moving away. How could I, as a relatively new believer with zero prison experience, possibly lead a prison team, and represent an international ministry.

Soon after I began, I was unexpectedly asked to join the board of directors of New Life Prison Ministry, where I served for 24 years. The Lord blessed, upheld, and enabled

me to continue as team leader in Ottawa for 33 years. God was indeed faithful!

As we attended Rideauview Bible Chapel, it came to our attention that a new work in Kanata, a growing city west of Ottawa, was planned. This sounded interesting, so we attended the initial startup meetings at the home of Fred Shaver, one of the elders, and Bridlewood Bible Chapel was born in 1984, initially meeting in a house.

The Lord kept placing me in positions where, in myself, I was completely inadequate. With no assembly background, a few years later in 1992, I was asked to begin a new ministry as an elder at Bridlewood Bible Chapel which I continued in for over 12 years. I had no idea what that meant but the Lord was with me. He strengthened and helped me (Isa. 41:10). As the assembly grew, and building plans took shape in the new assembly building, I was asked to take over as treasurer, with absolutely no accounting or bookkeeping experience. Brother Harry Norris came alongside and mentored me through the successful construction completion. As I look back, I realize how completely it was the Lord who carried me through (like the "Footprints" poem).

In my final days, I am enjoying door to door ministry with excellent reception in the Bridlewood neighborhood, as well as VIA magazine distribution in my own neighborhood. Recently diagnosed with incurable liver cancer at age 80, my life expectancy (according to doctors), is 6-12 months.


I am completely at peace. Jesus said:

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

JOHN 14:27

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

"And even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you" (Isa. 46:4)

Surely these promises of the Lord have been and continue to be true in my life! 



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by **Dwight Sabourin**

Report: FBH International

Sharing the Gospel through YouTube Advertising

For many, YouTube is an everyday part of life and has become a household name. Originally, it was created as an on-line video sharing platform, but in time, it became a search engine for all types of media content.

YouTube meets the needs of many different people all around the world, with diverse backgrounds, and has become a go-to for the Do It Yourself (DIY), person a source for research information, and more than anything it is a wellspring for entertainment.

What's the Scope?

Just to give you an idea of YouTube's worldwide scope, here are some statistics and facts collected from the website, "Demand Sage."

- YouTube was launched in 2005 and is now the biggest video-sharing platform and the second-largest social media platform in the world, with over 2.68 billion users.
- It is estimated that the number of YouTube users worldwide will reach 2.85 billion by 2025.
- 62% of YouTube users in the U.S.A. access the platform daily. That is equivalent to 153.14 million people.
- Users consume 1 billion hours of videos on YouTube every day. Content equivalent to 500 hours is uploaded on YouTube daily.

A Captive Audience

Due to YouTube's huge viewing audience, many businesses and corporations see it as an excellent platform for advertising their products or services. For those who have not paid for a Premium subscription, which removes advertising, exposure to video commercials is part of the YouTube experience, which in turn creates a huge captive audience.

We are surrounded by many forms of advertising, and, in most cases, it may catch a split second of our attention and we can easily turn away from it. However, the advertising that YouTube presents makes it hard for us to ignore.

How many times have you found yourself watching a video

advertisement on YouTube, waiting for the countdown of the "Skip Ad," to appear? Should we perceive this as an annoyance or an opportunity?

Eureka! A Means of Sharing the Gospel!

FBH President, Stephen March, began pondering YouTube's reach to people when one evening in 2021 he was looking for hymn history videos on YouTube to use during a fellowship night. He noticed that every video he watched was preceded by an advertisement. He also noticed that those ads were separated into two categories: longer ads that could be skipped after the first five seconds, and

shorter ones that the viewer had to watch entirely all the way through. He found that with the shorter ones, even though he was not interested in what they were selling, he paid attention to the whole thing. Then he started thinking, "What if we could present a gospel message in 15 seconds or less on YouTube like the businesses that promote their products and services?" He quickly checked YouTube's policies and conditions, and it turned out there was nothing to prevent FBH International from buying ad time to present the gospel.

So, with that, FBH got to work. Writing the scripts proved to be the most difficult. We learned that 15 seconds is not as long as you want it to be, but we persevered with the Lord's help. Our aim was to give the videos relevant content aligned with the scriptures and to have attention-grabbing visuals.

Testing the Waters

By March 2022, we had two videos ready to go and a third nearing completion. The first video, which targeted Canada only, ran in the middle of the month for three days. That got the message to over 16,000 people. The second also ran for three days, reaching 17,000, and then the third ran for a week at Easter, reaching over 45,000 Canadians. The statistic we received from these three runs was that 35 people clicked on the ad which took them to our "Who is Jesus?" web page. One person contacted us to say they had accepted God's free gift of salvation.



The Gospel into Thousands of Homes

Today, FBH International has expanded its vision of this endeavor to get the Gospel into the hands and homes of YouTube viewers, by also creating one-minute skippable ads, presenting a more detailed Gospel message.

This opportunity is now available for assemblies to work together with us in sharing the Gospel to thousands of people within their own neighborhoods, using customized videos that include their contact information and website address.

YouTube allows ads to target precise geographical areas almost anywhere in the world by mailing code. FBH will prepare and plan the video campaign with the participating assembly's input to help meet their evangelistic needs.

One video entitled "You Are Loved," was translated into French and ran in Quebec, causing us to consider translating into other languages and targeting certain ethnic regions. As an example, a volunteer graciously translated some of our video scripts and recorded the audio in Mandarin Chinese.



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To see some of the videos we have used, visit www.fbhinternational.com/videos or contact stephen@fbhinternational.com or by phone at 1-800-567-1218. 




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by Mark Hillis

FOUNDATIONS

of the faith

IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED...?



The foundation for a well-functioning society was established by God in Genesis 1. In the beginning of our Bibles, we find answers to important questions such as: What is life? What is the origin of life? What is gender? What is marriage? What is work? Clearly, the devil is intensifying his attack on these foundational truths in order to cause social chaos and moral declension. As we observe the rapid, largely irrational, ethical decline of our western culture, we, like David, might be prompted to ask, “*What can the righteous do when the foundations crumble?*” (Ps. 11:4-5).

In response to his own question, David suggests that we concentrate on two infallible conclusions: First, God resides on His throne in heaven and second, that He uses arduous situations to test and refine the righteous. God is always in control of His creation and is never surprised by anything. Hence, as Jeremiah concludes, there will be times that God expects His people to labor and to sorrow while He is bringing about His sovereign plan.

Not only did Jeremiah have to endure Judah’s moral and spiritual deterioration, but he also was tasked with warning his countrymen of what would happen if they departed from Jehovah. This was a difficult calling and one that caused him much suffering; even those in his hometown and own family turned against him. The young prophet speaks to the Lord on this matter (Jer. 20), and in so doing better equips us to properly prepare for times of labor and sorrow also. Five points of application are suggested from this text:

Remember to Talk to the Lord

The message of the broken vessel, delivered in the courtyard of the temple, was not received well by Jeremiah’s audience (Jer. 19). Pashur, the chief governor of the temple, struck Jeremiah and had him placed in stocks overnight. The next day, Pashur released Jeremiah, but the prophet had a message for his oppressor: Jerusalem would be despoiled and destroyed and Pashur and his entire house would be carried away to Babylon as captives. Jeremiah was publicly mocked and derided daily for declaring God’s Word to those who did not want to hear it (Jer. 20:8). It is understandable that he felt deceived by the Lord; he had been promised to be protected and, yet, he had been afflicted for his faithfulness.

Like the prophet Habakkuk, Jeremiah suffered from tunnel vision. These prophets were viewing reality from their narrow slice of time and therefore could not imagine what God was doing. Thankfully, both prophets audibly express their feelings to the Lord. Clearly, “Why?” and “How long?” are fair questions if we have an openness to be corrected by the Lord (Hab. 1:2-3; 2:1). Ultimately, resting in God’s attributes, holy

character, and promises causes us to appreciate what only God can accomplish in the big picture. God enjoys hearing from us; so, when things do not make sense, let us humbly cast all of our cares on Him who cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

Remember Your Calling

Jeremiah had a solution to his problem: when I speak for God, I suffer, so I will just keep my mouth closed. But when he tried to hold back from preaching God's word, he found that he could not: *"But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not"* (Jer. 20:9). The guilt of not doing what he knew God wanted him to do was more burdensome than just doing his assigned work. Jeremiah's oppressors were also constantly watching him, hoping he would stumble and discredit himself as God's prophet, thus voiding his message. Many of the Lord's people find themselves in a similar situation today.

Although Paul had been imprisoned for serving Christ, he remembered God's calling for him (Phil. 1:17-18) and had resolved to fulfill his assignment despite the consequences. He valued the abiding joy of communing with Christ more than the supposed ease of disobedience. Each believer has been given a spiritual gift (or gifts) to accomplish a work of ministry in the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:13). We will never be more joyfully content in our earthly sojourn than doing exactly what God has called us to do.

Remember God's Promises

Despite his hardship, Jeremiah proclaims, *"But the Lord is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail"* (Jer. 20:11). How is it that the prophet could encourage himself in this way? Jeremiah recalled what the Lord had promised him previously: *"I am with you to deliver you"* (Jer. 1:8). *"They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you"* (Jer. 1:19). Likewise, we can remember Christ's promises: *"The gates of Hell shall now prevail against it (the Church)"* (Matt. 16:18). *"I will never leave you nor forsake you"* (Heb. 13:5). Recalling to mind the promises of God during arduous times safeguards us from discouragement and depression.

Remember that God must Test and Refine Us


Jeremiah understood that God was testing the quality of his faith through this trial (Jer. 20:12); still, he longed for his time of *"labor and sorrow"* to be over (Jer. 20:18). Jeremiah bemoaned his life and wished he had not been born or that he had died shortly after birth (Jer. 20:14-17). He preferred to die rather than to endure these dreadful trials. Have you ever felt like that? Indeed, I have. But praise God, when we look back over the situation later, we can thank the Lord for the peaceable fruit that resulted from it. We find we are the better for the experience, we are more reliant on the Lord, and best of all, God is pleased. Understanding this benefit, may we follow David's example and invite the Lord to examine and refine our hearts and minds (Ps. 26:2). Job

knew that ultimately, the outcome of his severe trial would benefit him: *"When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold"* (Job 23:10).

Remember to Praise God

Though suffering harsh consequences for obeying His calling, Jeremiah's faith and confidence in the Lord was demonstrated by singing and praise. Likewise, an incarcerated Paul proclaims that rejoicing in the Lord is a choice (Phil. 1:18). True, he was a prisoner, but he had found that His contentment was not in His circumstances, but in resting in God's sovereignty and enjoying the peace which comes from God's presence. He had consequently "learned," literally, "to be initiated into the mysteries" of God by what he had experienced (Phil. 4:12). Paul was enjoying *"the secret place of the Most High"* (Ps. 91:1). True faith is having a deliberate confidence in God's character, attributes, and promises even when our circumstances tempt us to do otherwise. Accordingly, when God's people can praise and rejoice in Him and give Him thanks during difficult times, it demonstrates that we really trust Him.

When Daniel found out that the decree had been signed that would commit him to the lion's den if he prayed to His God, Daniel chose to give God thanks. Our heavenly Father is delighted when His suffering children choose to rejoice in Him (1 Thess. 5:10) and give Him thanks in all things (1 Thess. 1:18). Our praise and thanksgiving are most appreciated by God, when our circumstances are most pitiful and sorrowful. It is easier to praise God while being blessed, than when suffering for righteousness's sake, but the latter proves our confidence in the Lord.

As the Lord's coming for His Church approaches, believers must expect increasing hardship to live for Christ during Churchianity's final apostasy (2 Thess. 2:3). At such times, let us remember to: (1) audibly lift up our burdens to the Lord, (2) recall our divine calling, (3) remember God's promises, (4) remember that we must be tested and refined, and (5) remember to praise and to thank God. By rejoicing in God during dire situations, we demonstrate to others that we really know Who is in control. Rejoicing demonstrates faith without constraining God to act according to our preconceived solutions. So let us rejoice in the here and now while God accomplishes what only He can. 



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by Warren Henderson

Music in Assembly Worship

If we want our assemblies to be alive, our worship must be alive, and in turn, so must our music. Many will agree that music reaches and expresses our deepest feelings more powerfully than words alone.

Our worship is redeemed man's loving and living response to God, not conducted for our pleasure, but for the glory of God. Worship is the Christian's highest privilege and deepest responsibility.

Whether one reads accounts from church history or attends a modern worship meeting, music is almost certain to be a common ingredient. Man has a natural inclination toward musical expression, though styles might differ significantly. To better understand the relationship between music and worship, we need first to define worship, understand the (commonly accepted) components of worship, and the role of music in worshipping the Almighty.

Theologians, preachers, philosophers, and musicians have pondered the term "worship" for centuries. Etymologists tell us the word worship was simply formed by combining two Anglo-Saxon words, "weorth" and "scipe." This resulted in the noun worth-ship, the ascription of worth or value to an object or person; and the value one places on an object or person determines one's attitude toward and measure of worship. Let me suggest we simply define worship as our total offering to God of acts and attitudes that have been purged of self.

Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 John, and Colossians 3 can be summarized in four (generally accepted) aspects of worship: 1) Adoration, 2) Confession and Forgiveness, 3) Challenge, and 4) Dedication. While there are other views on this subject, I will use these aspects only as an example to express a thought. The table below demonstrates each section and the associated music:

Steps to Worship

1. Adoration
2. Confession/Forgiveness
3. Challenge
4. Dedication

Music to Support the Steps

- My Jesus, I Love Thee
Who is On the Lord's Side?
Lead On, O King Eternal
Holy, Holy, Holy

This example begins the meeting with "My Jesus, I Love Thee," a hymn of confession sung without adequate heart preparation. Individuals must quickly confess their sins before they have had time for soul-searching. "Who is On the Lord's Side?" presents the challenge before the vessel is clean. "Lead On, O King Eternal" is sung and we do not know where we are going. Finally, we close with "Holy,

Holy, Holy," a hymn that would have been more effective in creating adoration. A more appropriate arrangement of hymns follows:

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Now the hymn texts follow a logical progression to better support the worshipping assembly and the ultimate call to dedication and service.

Using music effectively in our meetings requires a combination of prayer, wisdom, and planning. The power of music to set or change moods must be used with care. A text wedded to the wrong music, a hymn played too fast or slow, in the wrong key, or improperly introduced can have an effect opposite to that desired. The music we use in our worship is not to simply fill time; rather, when used properly, the musical amplification of an idea underscores any portion of our meetings. Music is a powerful teaching tool and plays a significant role in spiritual development as can be learned from the (44+) books of the Bible that mention music in one way or another. Music was a vital element in worship and daily life throughout both the Old and New Testaments making it an important ingredient in the worship of God today.

From the Old Testament choirs until today, music is a vibrant means by which our faith is expressed. The music of the church is part of its very life, and the gathered assembly is a choir—practicing here on earth for our life in eternity, and those who lead the music should enable and empower this "choir" to sing.

Psalm 27 is a well-known Psalm of David, usually known best for its opening verses. David, who is experiencing fear because he is under attack from his enemies, gives testimony to his faith and lays out his strategy for coping with the difficulties he is facing. He explains that he goes to the house of the Lord, gazes on the beauty of the Lord, and seeks safety in God's care. The result is that he need not be afraid, and when he successfully finds peace and safety, he breaks forth in song to God. From this we can conclude that one of the marks of a healthy church is that it sings and makes music to God. The soul of a healthy church needs to break forth in song.

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The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Worship in Spirit & Truth

JOHN 14:19-26

In this passage we find our Lord instructing us concerning worship, "the Christian's highest occupation," to borrow a definition from the title of A. P. Gibb's classic work on the subject.¹

Given the fact that we gather for worship each Lord's Day morning, we do well to ask ourselves, "What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?" (v. 24)

Various versions of the Bible translate these words in slightly different ways. While all of them can be instructive, I have found the following to be most helpful. "God is Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits..." (The Message). Sir Edward Denny writes:

*To Calvary, Lord, in spirit now our grateful souls repair,
To dwell upon Thy dying love and taste its sweetness there.*

Worship is first and foremost an exercise of the spirit rather than that of the body. One may be bodily present at the Lord's Supper, but the spirit may be elsewhere, preoccupied with thoughts and concerns far removed from worship.

The spirit may even be dormant. Thus, we sing, "Awake, my soul, to joyful lays and sing thy great Redeemer's praise."² Or again, "Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace."³ Yet again, "Rise, my soul, behold tis Jesus, Jesus fills thy wondering eyes."⁴ True worship sees with the eye of the spirit rather than that of the body. "Heart and soul, we bow before Thee, glorious now beyond the skies."⁵

The apostle Paul describing a past experience says, "whether in the body, or out of the body," is perhaps apropos (2 Cor. 12:3). Caught up to the third heaven, he experienced something truly inexplicable. The apostle John had to have experienced something similar when, "being in the spirit"⁶ on the Lord's Day he heard "a great voice as of a trumpet" (Rev. 1:10). Admittedly, these were unique experiences, unlikely to be repeated, but they are most suggestive.

Among the early Brethren, there must have been those who experienced something similar. How else could they have written the hymns they did? Robert C. Chapman wrote:

*Oh, my Savior crucified, near Thy cross would I abide,
Gazing with adoring eye on Thy dying agony.*

James G. Deck as well:

*Lamb of God! Our souls adore Thee
while upon Thy face we gaze;
There the Father's love and glory
shine in all their brightest rays.*

The phenomenon was by no means limited to the Brethren. Isaac Watts in his great hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" wrote:

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow, and love flow mingled down;
Did e're such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Also, Elizabeth C. Clephane composed:

*Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see.
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.*

Finally, Joseph Addison penned:

*When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

The hymnwriter, F. W. Faber, by no means an evangelical, using different terminology but pointing in the same direction wrote, "Only to sit and think of God, oh what a joy it is." Here again it is an exercise of the spirit. And how might one go about doing this? A homey illustration might help. Picture yourself enjoying a piece of hard rock candy, rolling it over and over in your mouth. In the same way, you might fix

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attention on a key thought from a hymn, prayer, or passage of God's Word, turning it over and over in your mind.

I often wonder how well we worship; how good we are at truly worshipping. Much of the evangelical church today knows little about true worship, praise perhaps, but not worship. Even though they may call it a worship service, their songs all too often betray them, being self-centered and unreflective.

Even in his day, A. W. Tozer (1870-1963) remarked that "to great sections of the church the art of worship has been lost entirely, and in its place has come that strange and foreign thing called the 'program.'" But worship is not something that can be programmed. It is of the spirit and is spontaneous.

We do well to follow the example of the apostle Paul who said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." (1 Cor. 14:15)

May our Lord help us do just that as we gather around His table each Lord's Day morning. God is seeking worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and truth. 

Endnotes:

1 Alfred P. Gibbs, *Worship the Christian's Highest Occupation*

2 Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

3 Robert Robertson, 1735-1790

4 Joseph Denham Smith, 1817-1899

5 Richard Holden

6 "Spirit" could refer either to the Holy Spirit or the human spirit. In either case John was in "a state of spiritual exaltation best described as a trance" (R. H. Mounce, *Revelation [NICNT]*, p. 75)

7 Boice, J. Montgomery, *Psalms 42-106: An Expositional Commentary*, Baker Books, p. 775



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Several marks of the song of the church stand out:

- The church sings from experience. David first seeks and finds the care of God, and "then" (note the first word of verse 6; HCSB version) he sings. Our song is the result of our experience of God's grace and care.
- The church sings corporately. David went to the Tabernacle to join others. While we enjoy singing alone (and God enjoys it too!), our song takes on new significance when we sing with others.
- The church sings heavenward. David doesn't sing to others, or to himself, but to God. What a phenomenal privilege to think that God is listening while we are singing.
- The church sings intergenerationally. Though it isn't specifically addressed in this passage, the Old Testament practice showed that Hebrew families came to the Tabernacle and Temple together. Their song surely included all voices.

Perhaps a caution is in order here. David speaks of "shouts of joy" and the Psalms repeatedly talk about "songs of praise," and we sing praises to God for who He is and how He has cared for us, but there are many circumstances in life that make it difficult to sing praise. Life's stresses can mute our praise, and in every group, there are a number who find it difficult to sing praise because life has been hard for them. We cry out our laments, our sorrow, and complaints to God.

We sing our confessions and sorrow for sin, or we sing out our testimonies of faith and commitment. The song of the church, like the psalms, has many expressions to reflect and form the body of Christ.

Our music takes on a whole new dimension because of the finished work of Christ. Our song reaches its climax when we sing of God's perfections, His mighty acts in the birth, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, our eternal hope, and our anticipation of the return of Christ, and the final consummation.

Those who lead us in singing have a high privilege and awesome responsibility. Our music must focus on our vision and help us to continue the work Christ left unfinished via the ministry of music in our assembly. What a privilege we have—to use music in such a powerful way to complement our corporate worship together. 



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by **Rich Christen**

ISSUES *and* ANSWERS

"Search The Scriptures..." John 5:39

What is the difference between the indwelling, baptism, and filling of the Holy Spirit?

John the Baptist prophesied: "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." John had baptized in water, but Christ would baptize in or with the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 11:16). After His ascension back to heaven, Christ sent the Holy Spirit, just as He had promised to the first 120 Jewish believers gathered on the Day of Pentecost. Baptized in the Spirit, they were now permanently indwelt with the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 2:1-4).


Since that initial event, Christ sovereignly baptizes each believer in (or with) the Holy Spirit the moment they trust Christ as their Savior. First Corinthians 6:19 says: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" This indwelling of the Spirit is a permanent one-time event that occurs at salvation (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 1:33; 14:16).

The baptism of the Spirit occurred simultaneously with the indwelling of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. It inaugurated the Church, placing these believers in the body of Christ. Since that initial baptism, whenever someone believes on the Lord Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit sovereignly baptizes them into Christ simultaneously with the indwelling of the Spirit. First Corinthians 12:13 says: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." This baptism adds the believer to the universal church, spiritually joining them to all believers, and to Christ their Head. Regardless of background or status, each believer is a member with an equal standing in the body of Christ (Gal. 3:28). The baptism of the Spirit is a permanent one-time event that occurs at salvation.

There was one exception to this (Acts 8:14-17). Phillip, a godly believer (Acts 6:1-6) preached the gospel to the Samaritans, a mixed race of Gentiles and Jews tracing their roots to the Assyrian captivity of the ten northern tribes of Israel in 721 BC. The Jews hated the Samaritans and would have no dealings with them. Upon their conversion, the Samaritans did not initially receive the Holy Spirit. When the apostles heard of their belief, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. There, they laid hands on them praying that they

would receive the Holy Spirit. As a result, they received the Spirit. This delay was necessary to visibly show the apostles and all Jewish believers that the Samaritans were equal members in the body of Christ. These early days of the church were a transitional time, so it was essential for Peter and John to officially welcome the Samaritan believers into the church. However, the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-11:18) and the disciples of John (Acts 19:1-7) received the Holy Spirit in the customary way immediately upon their conversion.

The filling of the Spirit is different than both the baptism and the indwelling. Ephesians 5:18-21 says: "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God." Believers are commanded to be filled constantly with the Spirit. Today's filling does not provide for tomorrow. We must daily drink of the Spirit: acknowledging Christ's Lordship, confessing our sins, spending time in God's Word and in prayer, and regularly fellowshiping with other believers (Col. 3:16; 4:12; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17, Heb. 10:25). The evidence of being filled with or under the control of the Holy Spirit is fervency in the things of the Lord, peaceful relationships with other believers, having a song in our hearts, a thankful, worshipful, and humble heart, and a reverence for God.

In summary, the baptism and indwelling relate to salvation while the filling relates to sanctification. The baptism and indwelling relate to the Christian's standing, while the filling relates to the Christian's state. Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9) and incorporated into the body of Christ, but only believers who walk according to His Word will be filled with the Spirit. 



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2nd Annual Danforth Bible Conference

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The saints at Danforth Gospel Hall invite you to their 2nd Annual Danforth Bible Conference on November 3-5. The theme is "The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ" and the speakers are to be confirmed. For more information please contact Michael Thomas at big_m_prop@hotmail.com or 416-795-0389.

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To Mary, a virgin, in Galilee.
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How could this be with Mary in Galilee?

God prompted Caesar to register the people Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem had to travel.

No room to be had, only a stable.
A cradle from a manger was made

In which the LORD was laid.

An angel appeared to shepherds watching their flocks with the joyful news that Christ, the Savior, was born.

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The shepherds hurried to see the LORD.
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