

TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!

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It could be today!

Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. Ecc 7v29 (See also Rom 1v30)

How true this Scripture is! God made us 'upright' yet we are *bent* on sinning, we constantly rebel against His will & go our own way; we DESERVE to go to HELL! Mankind is always searching out inventions, mainly for evil purposes! Think how much money the world has spent in putting man on the moon, & for what reason? *To try to prove there is no God!* For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. (Rom 7v18) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (Rom 7v21-25) Isn't it time we repented of the sin in our lives & really started to walk a godly & pure life? What sins are we committing at present? Looking back over our life so far, what have we REALLY done FOR THE LORD?

The World & the Christian in 2005

What will this year bring I wonder; the Lord's return? Imagine that; it could You could be be this year! 'physically' standing & looking upon the Lord Jesus Christ very soon; spend some time thinking about that! How long must this present evil world continue before the Lord returns? It is SATURATED in filth & sin & not only that, but it is promoting such wicked & vile works that are so perverse I cannot even write about them. There are things going on in this sin sick world that are beyond belief, yet we are growing 'accustomed' to these wicked devices because we are being brainwashed by the media, especially The Christian spends very little time reading & studying the Scriptures (maybe on a good day we'll read a couple of chapters!), therefore many of us are only 'lukewarm' in our walk & relationship with the Lord & we a constant situation are in 'backsliding'. We don't even know what it is like to have a CLOSE walk with Jesus Christ! What a state to be in; yet some of us are in this state if we're honest; I said IF WE ARE HONEST! Do you & I want to change? Do we REALLY want to get close to the Lord or do we just talk about it on occasions? We're good at 'talking' but very poor in living the Christian life EVER DAY! May God fire us all up this year (2005) to LIVE FOR HIM in EVERYTHING we do & LOVE HIM with every fibre of our being; may God HELP US ALL. Amen.

Another 1000 "You Asked The Question!" Booklets Distributed in Blackpool!

Brother Paul Singleton & his church are doing an excellent job shining the light of the glorious gospel of Christ up there in 'dark' Blackpool! *If you walk along the 'sea front' you would know what I mean!* Please pray for Paul & the work he does.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless their every effort to win lost souls for Him!

Tract Distribution in Las Vegas!

Brother Ed Morrison is distributing our tract cards 'He Loves You!', 'Who Cares?' & our latest tract, regarding 'MONEY' around Las Vegas! Please pray the Lord will bless these tracts & sinners shall be converted. We all ought to be distributing tracts around our CITIES, especially businesses; with this MONEY tract card! How about it? Send for some free of charge today!

Thanks for ALL Your Encouragement!

Thanks for sending the 'I'M STAYING!' response forms back! We appreciate so many of you standing with us in the work we do. We shall be changing the 'content' of 'TfT! News!' a little in 2005, as you will see. We would love to hear from you more often in regard to how you are doing & what work you are involved in, so please keep dropping us a line. Thank you to all those who send us gifts towards the work we do! For those of you who send us gifts from 'overseas' it would really help if you sent Sterling rather than a cheque or postal order in Dollars as we find them very difficult to convert with the bank or post office plus they use most of it up on charges! (Please don't be offended; we certainly do NOT covert or expect your gifts (*Except from Barney!*). We are grateful to the Lord for always meeting our needs & grateful to you if you're a part of it!)

Please Pray!

Bernard Avery who has undergone a heart operation & for his wife who has also had a rough time; Jack & Rhoda from Hill Top, especially Jack's health at present; please continue to pray for David Quilleash & Peter Yates for health & strength; for Dr Peter Ruckman & his constant workload; the same goes for brother James Knox. Please continue to pray for our friends in the USA prisons; for outreach work in ALL our churches; for Donna's arthritis (Please pray the Lord will take it away completely).

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD!

Discipleship Group (DG) Meal

Recently we took the DG for a meal at a Toby restaurant. Afterwards we all went to Stratford-upon-Avon for a walk & ended up distributing tracts through the letterboxes of the shopping centre! It was a great evening!

Work!

The Lord is certainly blessing me in my job; sales for the company have never been so high the boss told me, & he is extremely happy with the way things are going. By the way he has cut down his swearing & blasphemy 99%! Donna & I really like him & his wife, please pray that the Lord will save them.

More of 'Those' Questions...

- 1) What is the number one priority of the church?
- 2) Which Bible today is God's PERFECT & PRESERVED word?
- 3) If the 'original manuscripts', which were PERFECT of course, (yet no one living today has ever seen them!), no longer exist, where is the PERFECT word of God today? Very interesting don't you think? Has God taken the PERFECT word away? Has He hidden it from us?
- 4) What language is spoken in Heaven? Scripture backup!

How About Writing a Letter for a Change?

I would really appreciate it if a few of you would write to Mr Paul Bailey (HV6101) D2-18, HMP Albany-Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5RS, UK, who would love to hear from you; it would be a really good encouragement for him! If it wasn't for Susan, Paul said, he would never have come to know Jesus! Praise God for faithful sisters & brothers in the Lord who sow the seed of the word of God! Obviously Paul is in prison but he is a Christian on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ! Write & encourage him!

Another Great Quote Regarding the AV...

'Go by the Book. You have the Book. Read the Book, preach the Book, memorise the Book, love the Book, live by the Book, & die by the Book. The Book was given to you by God. Don't spit in His face with a lot of claptrap about the 'verbally inspired originals!'

Good old Ruckman! Have YOU got a copy of **THE BOOK**? 'Well I have an NIV' – I didn't say HALF a book with ERRORS in it!!!

The Pope's False Doctrine

'All heretics have continually failed in this one point; they do not rightly understand or know the article of justification. If we had not this article certain & clear, it would be impossible to criticise the Pope's false doctrine of indulgences & other abominable errors & vexations. If we only permit Christ to be our Saviour, then we have won, for He is the only girdle which clasps the whole body together, as St Paul excellently teaches.' - Martin Luther

The Film, 'Martin Luther'

Recently Donna & I watched the film 'Martin Luther', & what a film! What a stand he took, against the Pope & the Roman Catholic establishment; God really used this man! Boy we could do with a 'Luther' today? Luther kept being driven back to the Scriptures for answers; he lived in them. When challenged he studied the word of God & kept studying it. He was also a very HONEST man in his search for the truth. Christian brother/sister, STAND upon the word of God & KEEP standing upon it! If your friends, your fellow Christian's, even the church depart from the word of God, YOU STAND, & God stands with you!

The Bible on Cassette!

There is nothing better than reading the word of God! The next best thing would be listening to it! I am putting the book of Romans on cassette for myself to listen to in the car while driving; if you would like a copy please let me know. My voice is certainly NOT Shakespearian & no doubt I pronounce many words incorrectly but hopefully you'll understand most of it. If you suffer from insomnia my voice on this tape may help! What could be better than listening to the word of God while going to sleep??? It will also help you to remember Scripture! The quality of recording is excellent! Let me know if you are interested.

Tape Ministry Progressing - 'slowly!'

Well I'm actually catching up a little on the tape ministry; I'm now on sermon number 9 (Yes THAT dreaded sermon no 9!!!); the woman's role! I shall be sending out this sermon to those who have requested it already; if you haven't requested it yet, but want a copy, drop me a line! If you want to be added to our tape mailing list (the cassettes are sent out as & when we produce them, depending upon the work load!), again just drop us a line.

Chris O'Conner Has Some News!

Well he finally did it! What? Got a job? No! Gave up that ridiculous Psychology course that he should never have entered into? No! Stopped his idolatry of computer games? No, they are still an idol in his life! What then? HE GOT HITCHED! Chris O'Conner asked Mary Neale to marry him — and she said YES! (He must have caught her at a weak moment!) On a serious note—CONGRATULATIONS! To think of a couple of little Chris O'Conner's running around in the future brings tears to my eyes! (Will Joe O'Brien follow suit?)

Youth BBQ; in 'December'

Every time we have a BBQ at Hope Chapel the Lord blesses the weather! It was a good turnout with 25 youngsters coming & 120 sausages & burgers consumed! Thanks again to our international 'chefs' flown in from halfway across the world (Northfield actually!) especially for this occasion. Thanks also to Hope Chapel for supplying the food! It was a great evening full of fun & games, with a

gospel message to top it off at the end. Please continue to pray for these young ones. Unfortunately we have lost a girl called Amy who has decided that she does not want to become a Christian & follow the Lord Jesus; when she told me she was leaving she was shaking; pray that the Lord will save her! She's one of these girls that wear's black most of the time, leaning towards the darker side I believe.

What a GREAT Verse!

Rom 5v18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Adam messed things up really bad, but if it hadn't have been Adam it would have been you or me! But thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ! For if it was not for Him we were ALL doomed to a lost eternity in Hell! I am made righteous through the Lord Jesus Christ, I've done nothing to deserve it & I certainly cannot earn that righteousness through good works! It is a FREE gift to all those who put their trust solely in the Lord Jesus Christ for their sins forgiven! If you died today where would YOU go? If I died right NOW I would enter into the presence of the Lord because of what He has done for me! Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me! Are YOU saved? For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2v8+9) I saw a young man preach on the streets in Worcester recently & while he was preaching I stopped to listen & took note of the passers by. The reaction of the people was mainly abusive & mockery! I watched young & old alike ridicule this young man & I thought to myself; 'YOU'VE GOT IT! No matter what these 'ladies & gentlemen' (my foot!) may say, YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! You'll get your reward!' I was very encouraged by this young man & very depressed with the way this country has degenerated in its morals, manners & standards.

Here at TfT! WE are Bible Believers!

We BELIEVE that the Authorised Version Bible is THE WORD OF GOD; PERFECT & PRESERVED! It is ABSOLUTELY PURE! There are 1000's of ministries all around the world that 'profess' to *believe* the Bible but they DON'T tell you 'which one' OR, they start correcting & changing the Bible! Here at TfT! we BELIEVE the Scriptures & NEVER correct them or

CHANGE them; we LOVE them! It is GOD'S BOOK & we SUBMIT to it! If you read any other version than the AUTHORISED VERSION you have been DECEIVED; because the AV is God's PERFECT & PRESERVED BOOK! The NKJV, NIV, GNB, NASV, RSV, are CORRUPT COUNTERFEITS; read them at your peril! (We have much information regarding Bible versions & translations; write to us for further details)

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus 1Tim 2v5

Christian's should NOT Drink or even 'Touch' alcohol! – It's as SIMPLE as that!

As I am working my way through the Pastoral Epistles verse by verse, I have now come to verse 3 of 1 Timothy chapter 3. 'Not given to wine...' This is vet controversial another issue among Christians. Yet the truth of the matter is that WE ALL do what WE want to do rather than what the Scriptures TEACH at times! Our 'Final Authority' should be the Scriptures, yet if we are honest it is really 'WHAT WE WANT TO DO' i.e. our 'SELF WILL,' that is our Final If you read the Scriptures Authority! HONESTLY without bias or prejudice, leaving them in their context, you would NEVER touch another drop of alcohol! Christians will make up any kind of an excuse to drink but the Bible is **TOTALLY AGAINST** ALCOHOLIC drink. For a fairly 'in-depth' study on this subject please write & request sermon number 12 in my series on the Pastoral Epistles (Its 24 pages long!). I certainly believe that Christian's should NOT drink alcohol even if it is ONLY at the breaking of bread service; alcohol is NOT of the Lord! Note:

UNLEAVENED bread was used (leaven i.e. 'yeast' is a type of sin in the Scriptures; always used in the NEGATIVE i.e. false doctrine!) therefore it is consistent for the WINE to UNFERMENTED (i.e. without yeast; without SIN). The bread representing the body of Christ & the wine the Blood of Christ; BOTH of which symbolise the Lord Jesus Christ 'SINLESS!' The wine used at the Last Supper, & when Jesus changed water into wine, was 'GRAPE JUICE', NEVER alcoholic! Deut 32v14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. Isa 65v8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, (i.e. GRAPE JUICE!) and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy Drinking alcohol is going them all. against the clear teachings of Scripture & against the will of God! For a 'detailed' study on this subject get the book 'Bible Wines – Laws of Fermentation by William Patton.' (Ignore a couple of comments he makes about the AV of course!)

Christmas Day!

We had a quiet Christmas day at home with dad (who still needs to get saved!) We always get a call on Christmas Day from someone we least expect & this Christmas was no different; Terry, a recovering alcoholic whom we had met & helped at the Trinity Centre years ago, phoned us from his new home in Cornwall. He used to come to our meetings at the Birmingham City Mission & the Lord helped us to provide a place for Terry in a rehabilitation centre where he properly 'dried out!' He is doing well now. Terry professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ & we gave him a Bible & some other literature. He keeps in touch a couple of times a year with us wherever he goes. Please pray for Terry.

Incredible Power!

Just one tidal wave & over 250,000 dead – that is incredible power! Straight away people are blaming God for this devastation (they NEVER thank Him for the GOOD things but ALWAYS blame Him for the BAD – & they say we are hypocrites!); yes He allowed this devastation, maybe it is a judgement from Him, BUT He has continually held out His offer of salvation to anyone who would take it! 2 Pet 3v9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. I am SURE we shall see more of these kinds of things happen to this earth & WE DESERVE what we get because we have turned our back on God & don't want Him interfering in our lives. God's judgement on sin IS COMING, turn to Him now BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! He is a God of LOVE but He is also a God of JUSTICE & JUDGEMENT – SIN SHALL BE PUNISHED – BE WARNED!

"You Asked The Question!" Booklets Given Out at Work!

Sometimes it seems harder to witness to the people you are closest to i.e. your family members & those you work with; but I knew the Lord wanted me to give a booklet to ALL those I work with in my new job; so I did! Please pray that through the word of God these lost souls will get saved! Already I have had an in-depth conversation with the warehouse manager (Matt) & his partner regarding sin, salvation, hell & heaven, faith & works & the word of God as our Final Authority. It was truly amazing

how open this Roman Catholic lady (the partner of the warehouse manager) was; she was really searching for answers. Matt is an excellent darts player & so after spending time witnessing to him & his partner I offered to give him a game – the second three darts he threw he scored 180 I won't bore you with the final score, but just to say I don't think I'll choose darts as a sporting career! We spent a whole evening with Matt & his partner & it was great - he said to me that he had nearly finished reading my booklet! Please pray that Matt Lynn will get saved!

Fighting Against Error!

A lovely brother from Cheshire phoned me over the Christmas period to ask if I could get hold of 10 copies of a book I'd previously sent him, 'If The Foundations Be Destroyed – What does the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible have Against Jesus? – by Chick Salliby'. He realises now that the Authorised Version Bible is THE word of God & wants to share what he has found out with others. Praise God for this man who has looked into this issue of Bible versions HONESTLY & has realised that God has PRESERVED His word PERFECT! If only other Christians were as honest in regard to this subject.

If You Phone!

As most of you know, my dad lives with Donna & myself. I must point out to those of you that phone, dad is not a Christian & therefore you may receive a strange reception on occasions. I just thought I'd let you know. I would also like to point out that I have not returned some of your calls for the following reasons... 1) I have been out most of the time & by the time I get back it's usually too late to call. 2) Unless it is important or urgent I have tried to spend as much time as possible studying of late; once I get going on the phone I can easily talk for over an hour & at present I just can't afford to spend time doing that! — I beg your pardon for this but I have tried to get my priorities right! 3) Sometimes I do NOT get your messages for whatever reason i.e. dad hasn't written them down; the 1571 answerphone has played up etc. If you do need to speak with me please leave a message regarding what it is concerning, or drop me a line (that's usually the best way!) I would love to talk to more of you more often but working full-time from 8.00am — 6.30pm plus studying, preaching, preparing for DG, answering 'TfT! News' letters, & preparing the TfT! newsletter, plus trying to keep my wife happy on occasions, it is just not possible! Please bear with me for the time being; thanks for your patience.

Late One Night!

Recently Donna & I watched a Christian DVD called 'Late One Night!' – It was excellent; I would say it was one of the best Christian films I've seen & one of the most powerful in regard to the gospel presentation! A great evangelism tool especially for young folk; worth getting! We shall be showing it at the Friday Club & Bible Class.

DG Back On!

What a great night with the DG! 6.00pm – 9.30pm of interactive Bible studies, role play, character studies, & great fellowship & testimonies! Ruth, a young lady who is a school teacher also joined us from another church & fitted in great! If you ever visit Hope Chapel in Moseley be sure to look out for the NEW DG 'notice board!'

Letter from London!

A 21 year old girl from London has read our booklet "You Asked The Question!" (YATQ!) & wrote the following words... 'I read your booklet "YATQ!" & found it really interesting & straight forward; it raised some questions about myself & my salvation with God.' She then goes on to ask whether there are certain things that she needs to give up in order to follow the Lord. It is a great blessing to us to receive letters from people REALLY seeking the Lord. I shall be replying to her within the next few days.

LaToya the Lawyer!

At the DG we have a great group of people & they all have excellent talents & qualities, but I would just like to briefly mention one of them - LaToya the Lawyer! This young lady is only 15, but a very mature 15 year old! I asked the group to answer some questions so that we could put them on the new notice board at Hope Chapel; listen to some of LaToya's answers... Q. 'What do you enjoy most about the DG?' A. 'The thing I enjoy most about the DG is that every month we learn new things about the Scriptures...Many people would think that a three & a half hour Bible study would be very uninteresting & that we are all boring people, but the time goes by so quickly it seems as if we only have an hour!' (Now those of you pastors, elders, deacons, leaders & church members, take a leaf from LaToya's book & DON'T keep putting a time on how long the preacher should preach! Let God speak through his word for hours if He wants to! Some churches I've been to say things like 'Well we usually give 20 – 25 minutes for 'the word!' – and we want revival?') Q. 'What Bible do you use & why?' A. The KJV because it is the only Bible that is not corrupt i.e. verses missing & modifications. (Psalm 12v6&7) God has promised to preserve His word & the KJV is

it, there has never been a proven error found in the AV & there never will be! (Now how about that for an answer? This young lady knows what & where the PERFECT & PRESERVED word of God is! What about YOU?) Q. 'Why & how do you give out tracts & witness?' A. 'The reason I give out tracts & witness to people is to tell them about Jesus so they can be saved!' 'What is the hardest part of your Christian walk & why?' A. 'The hardest part of my Christian walk is when I come back from Church/Friday Club or & the DG & go back into the world again. It's quite hard as people are so ungodly & unrighteous; you feel uncomfortable around them as you know you are different from them. – John 15v19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world Q. 'What is the most hateth you.' amazing thing you have found out about the Bible?' A. 'You can gain eternal life in heaven with Christ WITHOUT WORKING FOR IT!' – LaToya's words NOT MINE! LaToya has been a real blessing to me in her walk with the Lord Jesus Christ! (Only 15 years old folks!!!) Please pray for her & the rest of the DG! Pray that they ALL keep on the straight & narrow!

Interested in Books?

Due to moving offices from Kidderminster to Ludlow I have a few boxes of books that I just can't fit in at home unfortunately, otherwise I would keep them; therefore I am willing to let them go to a 'good home' (i.e. to be well used!!!); if you are interested please drop me a line & I'll send you the complete list — some excellent material! All free of charge but I would appreciate it if you would cover the cost of postage!

Psalm 118v8 - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Someone has sent me the following... Psalm 118v8 is the middle verse of the Bible! The Scriptures have 594 chapters before Psalm 118 & 594 chapters after Psalm 118. If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118 you get a total of 1188 chapters! It goes without saying that the MIDDLE verse of the entire Bible is so significant - It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Another NEW Bible!

A new paraphrase of the NT called 'Good as New: A Radical Retelling of the Scriptures' takes some striking liberties with the text. Instead of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove at his baptism, Good as New says 'A pigeon flew down & perched on him. A voice from overhead was heard saying, That's my boy!' This project might have slipped into obscurity if it were not for a fond foreword from Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan

Williams – leader of the Church of England & 77 million Anglicans world-wide. But Good as New leaves out NT books the translator did not like, adds the Gospel of Thomas – rejected as bogus by early Christians - & alters Scriptures to suit modern tastes. For example, condemnations of homosexuality are deleted & the word 'wife' is changed to 'partner!' (Agape Press) Article supplied by Ron & Barbara Smith.

Update on Tape Ministry!

I have now put studies 1-10 regarding the first 2 chapters of 1 Timothy on cassette. The woman's role is covered from sermons 8-10 (more shall follow!); subjects covered are... 'Should a woman preach or teach in the church? The woman's role! Should women be bishops, pastors, elders or deacons? Deaconesses?' It's going to get 'hotter' folks!!!

Nelson Mwaba

Our friend Nelson (who is in a maximum security prison in Zambia) has written thanking us for sending toiletries etc, which he has received in good condition – praise the Lord. He mentioned in his last letter that he is not at all well & in hospital at present suffering from swelling to the arms & legs with a lot of pain in his bones – he has asked for prayer; so let's pray! I am sure he would love to hear from other Christians so please take the time to write him a letter & encourage him. Thanks. (His address is – Maximum Security Prison, PO BOX 80915, Kabwe, Zambia)



Meetings Coming Up!

We shall be holding a 'Film Night' (Christian Film) on February 12th & a 'reading' evening on February 19th. At the reading evening we shall all sit around with a coffee for 2 hours just reading the Bible aloud with a brief discussion of each chapter. On Saturday 12th March we shall be holding an 'Outreach' meeting & inviting anyone & everyone to come! It shall obviously be Gospel orientated & shall start at 6.00 pm & run until 9.30 pm! All these meeting will be held at Hope Chapel in Moseley; if you would like to come please drop me a line! Please pray for these extra meetings.

A Powerful Quote!

If you *really* believed in a hell you would do everything in your power to keep me (i.e. lost souls) from going there; if you *really* believed; but you don't because you don't believe in a hell!' Do WE believe in a hell? What are we doing to stop people from going there? What did we do yesterday to stop people from going to hell? Do we care? Are your next door neighbours saved? Have you tried to win them to the Lord? When was the last time you tracted your own street with the gospel? Why not do it TODAY before it's too late? If you don't reach these folks on your own doorstep who will?

Every Day Counts!

Don't waste time! Don't waste a day; try to win souls, get close to the Lord, ask Him to help you in your daily walk to love more, care more & work harder for Him! Manage your time well, be a good steward (Luke 12v42), switch off that TV & go for a walk regularly around your neighbourhood, leave tracts in phone boxes, through letterboxes; sow the seed of the word of God. DO SOMETHING for the Lord EVERYDAY! Keep in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ could return NOW! Every blessing to you all; don't forget to write us!