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# Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

(Deut 16v17)

"Unless I am convicted by Scripture & plain reason – I do not accept the authority of popes & councils for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot & I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God. Amen" – Martin Luther

## Discipleship Group (DG)

We're just a small group of Christian's who meet once a month to study the word of God & encourage each other to walk closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our latest meeting was on the 12th November from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm. We started with a questionnaire, then went on to complete our regular 'personal survey, mentor update & Bible reading plan' sheets. After this we have a brief chat about was has happened recently regard to our Christian walk, the church, witnessing i.e. any news to report? Then we have a section where two or three folk will give us a brief study on a certain subject or usually on a character i.e. John Wesley; this time it was on the Amersham martyrs & a booklet by A.W. Tozer called 'The menace of the religious movie.' After this we move onto a section called UNDER PRESSURE! Here we all choose (by vote) a person who takes a seat up the front where I turn on the pressure with a bombardment of questions challenging their faith, & questioning why they have got it right & ALL other religions/cults have got it wrong. The chosen person 'fights back' with his/her SWORD i.e. the AV Bible! This is an intense time but the youngsters certainly stand their ground & have become very confident in answering this 'bully!' After this we have a role play which consists of another set of challenging questions! The next item on the agenda is to set their homework i.e. this time it was to produce a study on the following 'I love the Lord Jesus because...' - this then is displayed on the DG notice board. After this we read a chapter of the Bible (we are going through Acts at present) & have a brief study. Then there is a coffee break & straight after we launch into our main study which usually lasts for 1 / 2 hours. If I didn't stop these students they would carry on all night! It really is a great time of fellowship together & we all love to read & study the word of God.

#### The Return of Jesus Christ!

A talk/lecture took place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in Kidderminster Town Hall on 'The Return of Jesus Christ.' Unfortunately I couldn't make it but I did write to the organisation that ran it, twice, requesting literature! On the 17<sup>th</sup> November I received their reply! I photocopied the information they sent to me & passed it on to some of the DG & a couple of other folks to have a look at & prepare a 'case study' to find out whether this 'organisation' was 'friend or foe!' It was a good exercise for all of us to look at their doctrine & compare it to the word of God. We then met to discuss what they believed! Unfortunately they turned out to be 'cultish!' *Write for further details!* 

## Donna's Arthritis – Update

We went for an allergy test recently to see if that would illuminate anything in Donna's diet that could be causing problems. It highlighted that she should cut down a little on chocolate, coffee, tea, garlic, coke, egg & the red currant family. How accurate this test is we can't say but it's worth a go!

## **Tongues – Are They For Today?**

At last I have finally completed this study & have put it onto cassette. If you would like a free copy please drop us a line. Already we have had quite a few folks asking for a copy of this study – there is a lot of confusion in the church regarding this issue! *I have just started this study with the DG!* 

## **Another Apology!**

With regard to LaToya's interview in Issue 26 there was a mistake! It should have read thus... Johnny Davis BY FAR 16 out of 10!!! My apology for this LaToya!

#### Yehlex Badminton Bonanza

WOW! LaToya had 5 weeks to prepare that's all! I did push her quite hard in our training sessions & she coped very well. I introduced her to a badminton club I attend & she took to it like a duck to water! We entered the competition & couldn't believe that we reached THE FINAL! Unfortunately we lost to our

Chinese competitors, but did walk away with a silver medal! We were as shocked as anyone & really do thank the Lord for blessing us.

## Holiday!



Donna managed to drag me away again (she's getting quite good at this now!) & took me to Knighton, Powys, which is on the Shropshire / Wales border. It was a picturesque setting & we stayed in a Canadian log cabin which was just superb. LaToya, Chris & Mary stayed with us for the first couple of nights & then went home & we stayed for another 5 days. It was an incredible time. I managed to take the

computer & catch up on my letters the one day, & then I studied for the next few days,

which was just great. We watched a few old black & white movies (Deana Durbin) & just relaxed. There was a 'hot tub' outside (something neither, Donna or I, had ever been in before) & we went in it most evenings. On the last evening we got in about 11.30 pm on a clear star-lit night, it was amazing!



#### Wanted by the Police!

We send out lots of literature & letters weekly; sometimes to folks who haven't requested anything but somehow we have received a publication or piece of literature from them! Well, recently an 'elderly' lady phoned our house (while we were on holiday; & spoke to my dad unfortunately!) crying & complaining that we had sent her some Christian literature (I can't remember her or what we sent) & said that she was going to

call the police! Well she did, & now they are trying to get in touch with me over this incident! What a nightmare! I haven't spoken to them as yet because I don't know where they are calling from & dad never received a contact name or number. Please pray that this situation will get sorted & that this lady will realise that without the Lord Jesus Christ you have NO HOPE! (I haven't ruled out that it could be a hoax!)

#### **Bible Distribution!**

We have had a request from 10 people wanting AV Bibles recently which we have sent out. It is great to know that there are still people around the world who WANT the word of God.

#### 'Mailing List' Keeps Growing!

It has been great to see folks being added to the TfT! mailing list. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our newsletter, please let me have their address & we'll add them to it. Recently two ladies from Bedfordshire, who have just been added, have requested information on the 'version' issue! Their eyes have been opened to the errors of the NIV!

#### The Church's Death! (By James Knox)

- 1) A Church is in danger of death when it begins to worship its own past, when it lives on its memories instead of finding a challenge in its hopes, when it is taken up with its traditions more than its ideals.
- 2) A church is in danger of death when it is concerned with forms more than with life. There are churches which are more concerned with correct ritual than they are with living vitality. The prelude, the opening hymn, the choir number, the announcements, the collection, the three points & a poem sermon, & out at the stroke of 11.00 am! It's all so perfect, so well planned, so precise, so horribly DEAD!
- 3) A church is in danger of death when it loves systems more than it loves Jesus Christ. There are churches where an infringement of the constitution is the most deadly of sins & where the church manual stands on a par with, & often above, the Bible!
- 4) A church is in danger of death when it is concerned with the material more than with the spiritual. When the church becomes a social club, or an activity centre, it is finished!

## 'Doing' Christians!

James 1v23+24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. The Rushworth Literature Enterprise is an organisation that sends out Christian literature all around the world to poor

people, especially pastors; this includes AV Bibles! If you are interested in this work I would suggest you write to them requesting details at... **2 Dimple Lane, Crich, Near Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5BQ.** Let us all be doers of the word & NOT hearers only! We should all get behind this kind of work!

#### **Tract Distribution!**

Please pray for Mo, a lady in Essex, who, along with a friend, is distributing 50 of our tract 'Who Cares?' every week around her area. They have made some good 'contacts on the doors' & a couple have showed an interest in attending church! *This is very encouraging news!* If you would also like tracts to distribute, free of charge, please write & request some today!

## Changes!

It is very interesting to note word changes i.e. how 'modern' language has altered the true meaning of words or distorted them i.e. Psychology...

- 1) **PSYCHOL'OGY**, n. [Gr. soul, and discourse.] A discourse or treatise on the **human soul**; or the doctrine of the nature and properties of the **soul**. (Taken from Webster's 1828 dictionary)
- 2) <u>Psychology</u> The science of the <u>human mind</u> in any of its aspects, operations, powers or functions. (Taken from the <u>New International</u> Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary)

## How do we know we are living in the LAST days?

Rev 3v14-17 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: We KNOW we are living in the Last Days because we are IN the 'dispensational' Laodicean period, where the universal church is LUKE WARM! The church is in an apostate condition! Once the church stood upon the word of God as its FINAL AUTHORITY; it stood upon the doctrines of salvation by faith ALONE (i.e. without works!), but now so many 'Christians' teach & preach a 'social' gospel, one that feeds the poor & cancels third world debt! The Anglican 'gospel' is a gospel of works; justifying yourself before God by the works YOU do! The church today has quit preaching about HELL as the eternal (Read Eph 2v8+9). destination of the Christ rejecting sinner! The church has forsaken the path of sanctification, being separate from the world; now the church brings the world into the gospel & into its services i.e. do anything just to get the people to come! Where are the REAL Bible teachers of our day; WHERE ARE THEY? Where can we go to hear SCRIPTURAL TRUTH & sound words from the preacher's lips? When was the last time you sat under the ministry of a God ordained preacher & felt pinned to your seat because of the conviction of your sin – God was speaking DIRECTLY to you it seemed? WHERE ARE THE SOUND PREACHERS TODAY? WHERE ARE THE MEN OF GOD TODAY? The church is FULL of smooth talking, trendy showmen who love to be up the front spouting off, tickling the ears of the listeners; they LOVE to ENTERTAIN; but where are the PREACHERS of THE BOOK, where have they gone? What has your preacher, pastor, teacher, elder etc. taught YOU over the last 6 months from the word of God? Has he encouraged you to search the Scriptures further & deeper; what kind of messages have you been listening to of late? Truly we are living IN the last days; a day where the church IS luke-warm & apostate! AND, daily, thousands of souls GO TO HELL! Let us get serious with God & get back to where He wants us to be; let us all seek Him & ask the Lord to help us live according to His word & do His will! We are living in the time where the church is the wealthiest it has ever been materially, BUT it is the POOREST it has ever been spiritually. Have you left your first love? Have you lost your zeal to really live for the Lord; are you backsliding? Get on your knees & come back to the One who loved you so much that He gave EVERYTHING to save you, our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ – repent & come back to Him NOW!

#### **Rep Wants More Creation v Evolution Tapes!**

One of my reps called me before the sales meeting recently requesting 'lots more tapes' on Creation v Evolution as he found them very interesting! I have sent him some more Kent Hovind, Ken Ham & Dr Ruckman tapes; please keep praying that this man will get saved soon! If any of you have other really good tapes on Creation v Evolution please would you let me have a copy, many thanks!

#### **Printer in Liquidation!**

Recently I tried to contact the printer that produces our booklet "You Asked The Question!" only to be told they had gone into liquidation in April this year. This was a large commercial printer that used to print the catalogue for Oxford University, & other such prestigious organisations; thus we were shocked to hear the news. I have contacted one guy who worked there to see if we could get the 'plates' for our booklet & tracts. If not we shall have to start all over again to find a suitable printer to print our Christian literature. We shall try to keep the costs down as low as possible. We'll keep you posted! We have also sent off samples of what we want printing, to 17 'Christian' printers (the names I took from the UK Christian Handbook); we shall see what they can come up with regarding quality & cost. If anyone has any other ideas regarding this situation we'd be delighted to hear from you!

## **Letter Writing!**

I have taken on two members of our DG to help me out with some letter writing; Sheleen & Mary will be responding to appropriate letters for me to help lighten the load on occasions! So if you receive a letter from one of these young ladies, please encourage them by writing back! If you would also like to join 'the team' writing letters to Christians all around the world please let me know.

### Jack & Eddie!

They are both doing great & send their regards to all of you!

## **Christmas Is Here Again!**

Well another Christmas is upon us! The last few weeks of 'build up' towards it are usually mad & chaotic; people rushing everywhere buying 'stuff' they don't really need & can't really afford! Then the day after Christmas Day, Tesco is FULL of people, 'buying' again! What a mad world full of mad people! We have nearly two weeks off this year & hopefully we shall have a quiet one together. I shall try to get some good solid studying done & try to put a few sermons on cassette. It should be a time where we ALL spend some 'quality' time praying, reading & meditating upon our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. (2 Cor 8v9) To think of what He left to come to this sin sick world to die for our sins is more wonderful than words can tell! Don't you

think its about time we told Him how much we love Him & thank Him for EVERYTHING He has done for us? May this Christmas time be a lovely time spent with your family & friends, but most importantly, with the Saviour! For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa 9v6) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2v11) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Mat 1v21) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4v12)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Rom 10v9)

#### Who are the TWO Witnesses?

## They are Moses & Elijah!

- 1) Bother were on the Mount of Transfiguration!
- 2) James & John wanted their place & couldn't get it!
- 3) The last TWO men in the OT mentioned with the Lord Moses & Elijah (Mal 4)
- 4) Moses & Elijah both went up to heaven in the same place (Mount Nebo)
- 5) Both crossed Jordan where Christ was baptized (Moses sent Joshua)
- 6) Both fasted 40 days & 40 nights
- 7) All 3 on Mount Horeb/Sinai
- 8) They both destroy men with fire (2 Kings 1 / Num 15)
- 9) Moses represents the Law Elijah Prophets
- 10) Rev 11v5
- 11) James 5v17 42 months / 3 years 6 months
- 12) Exodus 3-15 ALL future!
- 13) Zech 4v2 keep going...v6...v11 Mount of Transfiguration
- 14) 1 Kings 17v1
- 15) Exodus 34v5

## THE GOSPEL

I'm a sinner –For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Ro 3v23)

Death is a result of sin - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 6v23)

I need a Saviour - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2v11)

I can't save myself – 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 2:8+9)

ONLY Blood can wash away my sin – In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:  $(Col\ 1v14)$  But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.  $(1\ John\ 1v7)$  Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:  $(1\ Peter\ 1v18+19)$ 

There is ONLY ONE Mediator - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Tim 2v5)

God loved me so much - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3v16)

It's all about His death, burial & resurrection - Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

(1 Cor 15v1+3+4)

Christ is the ONLY WAY - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14v6)

Are YOU saved? - And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16v31)

Without Him? - He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3v18) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3v36) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Psa 9v17)

Everything to gain - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Co 2v9)

So what are you waiting for? Get saved TODAY; NOW!

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