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John & Donna's Newsletter

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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.

Romans 10v9

David from Dorset - a GREAT encouragement!

David wrote back on his response form the following... *'Very impressed with your material & continue to use the CD 'LIFE' which I have reproduced 1000 copies & placed in nursing homes, hospitals (Poole Hospital ASKED for 100) when going in for my Chemo treatment. When I had my MRI scan I had the CD playing & staff requested a copy! I am now talking to 4 radiographers about salvation truths. One has started attending Gospel meetings.'* David has 'photocopied our tract 'When do you become a Christian?' 600 times & distributed them!' As soon as I received his response form with his letter, I called to thank him for his encouragement. I also said that we would send him a box of tracts etc. Please pray for David as his health is not good at all, yet he keeps battling on trying to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. A challenge to us all I'm sure! He is one guy who has never complained about the 'negativity' or tone of our newsletters, he has never said that I need to stop attacking the 'brethren' & show more love to everyone; he has got on with the job in hand i.e. trying to win lost souls in this sin-sick world for the Lord Jesus Christ! *Makes you wonder about those that just keep grumbling, complaining & murmuring about me not showing love to everyone doesn't it; I wonder if these 'cream-puffs' are soul-winners themselves!*

Marta from Mexico gets SAVED!

(Marta is the nearest to you in the photo!)

Four years ago (while at my previous company) I was out on a sales call with our Mexican supplier Marta. We spent most of the day together & I had the chance to share the Gospel with her. Unknown to myself at that time, she was on a 'spiritual' search in life, she later told me! Marta was very open & receptive to the Gospel & asked many questions. She also took some Christian literature from me. Marta was brought up a Roman Catholic but had ventured into Buddhism & Taoism etc. To cut a long (yet amazing!) story short, our meeting really did get her thinking. she met another guy who also talked about our meeting in she now needed to make a the Lord Jesus Christ & reject Him & go her own way! decision to receive Jesus years later (i.e. 16th Sept Birmingham & she ran to tell become a Christian! We met up with her a week later when she unfolded the whole story of how she became a Christian. Marta's conversion from Roman Catholicism to Biblical Christianity has been a great encouragement to us. Four years ago I bought her an AV Bible in Spanish (from the Trinitarian Bible Society) which she has read ever since! She now attends church weekly & also goes to a Bible study twice a week!



When she got back to Mexico witnessed to her & they England. He explained that decision; to either believe on receive Him as her Saviour or Praise God she made the Christ as her Saviour! Four 2007) I met her at the NEC in Donna & I that she had

We shall continue, Lord willing, to keep in contact with her.

The time is coming; the time IS here! – 2 Tim 4...

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

What an amazing statement Paul has declared here! There is coming a time (v3+4) when Christians will NOT endure SOUND doctrine! We are IN this time period in 2007 folks! This passage has been called Paul's 'last will & testament!' *What is YOUR 'last will & testament?' What 'legacy' are YOU going to leave behind?*

In the first FIVE verses of 1 Tim 4 there are THREE sets of 'THREES' that describe some 'charge'...

The first three charges are involved in the command to 'PREACH THE WORD' (v2)

- Reprove
- Rebuke
- Exhort

The second three charges describe what is meant by 'THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE!' (v3+4)

- They will 'heap to themselves teachers'
- They shall turn away...FROM THE TRUTH!
- They 'shall be turned unto fables!'

The third charge is 'WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS' (v5)

- 'Endure afflictions'
- 'Do the work of an evangelist'
- 'Make full proof of thy ministry'

So Paul warned us all those years ago (in the apostolic period) that there is coming a time when CHRISTIANS will NOT endure sound doctrine. What about the church you attend; what are you really learning there? When was the last time YOU took notes through the sermon; – *was it worth the paper you were writing on?* When was the last time you heard about 'rightly dividing the word of truth' (2 Tim 2v15) & how the Scriptures are NOT all directed towards the Christian DOCTRINALLY? There is so much talk in the world today about *healthy eating; watch what you eat, make sure you get a balanced diet etc.* But what about your 'spiritual' diet; what are you feeding on each week, *milk or STEAK, or is it all 'junk-food'?* How much have you 'grown' in the last year? Isn't it about time you started to *really* get INTO the word of God & FEAST on the word, rather than rely on your pastor, elder or visiting speaker?

October DG!

A real 'soul-searching' meeting this was! We were all challenged to walk closer to the Lord & let Him lead & guide us in every decision for the future. We all also realized that we MUST do more to reach the lost souls of this world! Worldliness, materialism & 'career-mindedness' is a killer to really LIVING for the Lord & seeking HIS WILL, *no matter what anyone says!* A life pleasing to God should be your NUMBER ONE priority Christian!

Two very interesting verses for you to ponder on...

Luke 16v8 - for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Luke 16v15 - And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Issue 38 Response Forms Returned!

Well even though there has been a postal strike & some of the 'response forms' are still filtering through, we knew we would lose quite a lot of folk from our mailing list this time around! Most leave because they say they don't like the 'tone' in which I write i.e. I DON'T show love (they say), I DON'T edify the brethren (they say), I'm too aggressive (they say) & it goes on & on. It's funny because the people who LOVE TRUTH seem to receive a blessing from the newsletters, *strange isn't it!* Here are some comments received via the response forms... *Thank you for your encouragement!*

- ✓ Would like to receive your newsletters, they are so encouraging! - Pembrokeshire, Wales
- ✓ This newsletter has been commended by others! It would be nice to see 'TfT News!' more widespread. To see it on newsagent counters at 20p per copy for instance! Why not purchase your own printing press John? - Isle of Man
- ✓ Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your magazine is a great encouragement for me! – Australia!
- ✓ I'm grateful for your magazine which is excellent! PS Thank you for your booklets & your cassettes. Most of the booklets have gone out to English speaking people here. My friend has gratefully taken the cassettes & I think one has been sent to her sister. – France!
- ✓ Thank you for your ministry! – USA
- ✓ I enjoy your most welcome letters – USA
- ✓ Very interesting! – Rochdale, England
- ✓ Just to let you know we are completely with you on your stand for the good old AV. One man said you are a very brave man to stand out so clearly against a lot of opposition – Milton Keynes, England
- ✓ Thanks for the DVD, just great. Keep up the good work! – Watford, Herts.
- ✓ Your 'TfT News!' always gives me something to look forward to! – Bolton, Lancs.
- ✓ Thank you for your literature. It has been so useful for the church – Harrow, Middlesex
- ✓ Thanks for the latest newsletter & DVD which you sent. Good news, I have brought an Authorized Version Bible! – Worcs.
- ✓ We love your work – everything you send us we check with the Bible – it has helped us to understand many things clearly. It took us weeks to study your Scriptures on 'tongues' & once again (John 8v31b-32) made us free! We copy your CD & have sent it to Malaysia & Spain as well as giving it to our friends here. Be encouraged & keep up the good work. Fight the good fight! God bless you & God bless your work! – Southampton
- ✓ Press on! - USA

When Should You Break Bread?

It has been brought to my attention recently that a Christian should only break bread when they have been BAPTIZED! I can NOT find any Scripture that backs this up, CAN YOU? I would be interested to hear some of your thoughts regarding this. If a saved sinner comes in to the Sunday morning meeting wanting to break bread, on what authority dare you say that he CAN'T? (From the Scriptures please – I care NOT for TRADITIONS of MEN!) I asked Barney's thoughts on this regarding his own church & he said that he would *allow* anyone to break bread as long as they were saved! (He did *push the boat out* a little further than most but I won't include it as you may think he is a bit of a... *we'll leave it there!*) Note again the 'breaking of bread' in Acts 2 & be VERY careful here! I still find it amazing that MEN act & judge upon TRADITIONS rather than come under the authority of God's word! How many times did Jesus say "It is written!"

What does THE BIBLE say...

The Christian Institute!

As I have mentioned in a couple of previous 'TfT!' newsletters, I would recommend EVERY Christian putting their name on the mailing list for 'The Christian Institute!' They let you know what is going on in regard to the laws of the land, the Government, & what is happening behind the scenes! Their address is as follows... **The Christian Institute, Wilberforce House, 4 Park Road, Gosforth Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8DG – 0191 281 5664** – Get their latest newsletter & see for yourself what is happening!

For what???

Too many 'Christian' parents put too much emphasis on education for their children; they pressurise them into 'further & higher' education, university etc. even pushing / pressurising them into 'subjects' & 'courses' they do NOT want to do! Have you ever considered that the Lord Jesus Christ may NOT want YOU to go to university; *how's that for a thought?* A balance is needed! Too many 'Christian' parents would rather see their children do well in this worldly, secular, GODLESS society, earning lots of money & owning a large house (with 'status' & all that RUBBISH!), than see their children walk close to the Lord not regarding MATERIAL wealth or possessions! And do you know the MAD thing about all this; some of these youngsters who DO put the Lord Jesus Christ first & want to please HIM above all others, are 'ostracized' **by their own 'Christian' family!!!** Now DON'T get me wrong, DON'T misjudge me & DON'T quote me as saying something that I HAVEN'T, I believe 'education' is important, but it certainly is NOT 'everything' & it is certainly NOT what many Christian families make it out to be! Mark Twain said... *'Don't let schooling interfere with your education!'* There is a lot of truth in that! So get the best education you can, but also remember these two words...**FOR WHAT?** Mat 6v33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** If you are a Christian parent reading this, ask yourself one question... 'Is it the Lord's will or MY OWN SELFISH WILL that I want for my children?'

(Before you make judgement on others, what is your own Christian life like?)

Rom 14v12 **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

Extra DG Training!

As you can see from the photo I am now training some of the DG members how to deal with Pentecostal & speaking' Christians! bag 'Barney!' If you 'fighters' to come & sort 'Pentecostals or can negotiate a good will be the AOG at received seven letters lady in Llandudno; once Barney's church I think she really needs some their next stop will be?



Charismatic 'tongue-speaking' Christians! We have named the punch-would like to hire the out any problems regarding Charismatics' I'm sure we deal! I think their first stop Brierley Hill! I have recently from a 'tongue-speaking' the duo have finished at I'll send them to this lady, sorting out! I wonder where

Tennis Champion 2007???

It is with great joy to tell you that I held onto my '**Beat the Pentecostal at Everything**' title, which of course included was on Saturday October 13th. pulled out all the stops & beat next set & I pushed Barney to Did Barney stop there, NO! sure?" "Yes, now get on with another year beating Barney 'poor ol Barney!' – I love it!



tennis! Our last game of the season I went one set up winning 6-3. Barney me 6-0 the second set! It was all on the his Pentecostal limits; beating him 6-3. Another set he cried! "Barney, are you it!" - HE LOST 6-3! So there we have it, & another year of lessons in humility for

**He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:
but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**

Proverbs 28v13

When were you last under conviction from the preaching?

CONVICTION = The act of convincing, or compelling one to admit the truth of a charge; the act of convincing of sin or sinfulness; the state of being convinced or convicted by conscience; the state of being sensible of guilt; as, the convictions of a sinner may be temporary, or lasting and efficacious. By conviction, a sinner is brought to repentance. Men often sin against the conviction of their own consciences.

The act of convincing of error; confutation; the act of compelling one to acknowledge his error, or the truth of what is alleged; as, the conviction of a heretic may induce him to abandon his errors.

(Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

When was the last time you sat under the preaching of the word of God & found yourself under conviction? When was the last time you heard a preacher 'preach' with the anointing of the Holy Spirit on his message? If it has been a while ask yourself WHY? What has happened to these Spirit filled ministers that preached all the counsel of God? (Acts 20v27) Where have they gone? What 'kind' of ministry do you sit under each week? Does the Sunday TRADITIONAL Gospel meeting pour out the same thing week in, week out? Who says there has to be a 'Gospel service' EVERY Sunday evening? A man of God preaching each week will adapt to any situation & bring in the Gospel where & when it is needed; but you can't GROW spiritually living on the Gospel message! Are YOU studying your Bible at HOME or do you just rely on the Bible study at church each week? What time do YOU put in SEARCHING the Scriptures? If the church YOU attend is LIFELESS / DEAD ask yourself WHY??? What has gone wrong? Would the church rather hold onto TRADITIONS (i.e. '*we've always done it this way!*') rather than be led by the Scriptures & the Holy Spirit? Where did it all go wrong & WHY? I CANNOT understand churches & church members that would rather just let things carry on the way they have been for years *just because of traditions*, KNOWING that the church they attend is no longer 'alive!' You KNOW what I mean! *Yes you do, YES YOU DO!* So what is the answer? How many churches & 'works', have been stifled & eventually died because men will NOT let go! How many leaders should have stepped down years ago & passed on the 'mantle', yet because of PRIDE they choke the work / church to DEATH? There has to be a balance, I understand that, yet I have seen a number of churches die & finally close because of the reasons I've just mentioned. Many churches, once the old folks have gone on to glory, are often taken over by Pentecostals, Charismatics or cults WANTING THE BUILDING! If you are in leadership consider the NEXT STEP – what is it? What does THE LORD want? Who will carry on the work?

Tract Distribution!

Please continue to pray as often as you can for the literature that is given out. The DG are delivering around 2000 tracts per month in the area of Birmingham. May God save souls through this work!

Question Time!

- 1) How will a person get saved IN the Tribulation?
- 2) What is wrong with the NKJV? What ERRORS does it contain?
- 3) Who will MISS the Rapture?
- 4) When are you sanctified?
- 5) Where in the OT does it speak about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 6) Is B17 a cure for Cancer?

Please Pray!

For Rebecca Davies who has gone out to Ghana to do missionary work for a year; Mr Aikman who is not at all well; ALL the DG members as they make decisions for university etc. A friend at work whose dad has just been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Orders for Literature!

We have recently sent booklets, tracts, CD's & DVD's to Scotland, the USA & we have had an enquiry from York for materials to use in 'door to door' work. We have also sent more literature to Wellingborough. A man from Leicester has written thanking us for distributing the 'LIFE' CD around his area. He has enquired for more information.

**Hell and destruction are never full;
so the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

Proverbs 27v20

Postage Costs!

For those of you who order our literature, outside the UK, please be aware that the postage costs to send literature overseas is 'astronomical!' We have no copyright on any of our materials & therefore give anyone the permission to copy them; **but please produce them verbatim & do not change the Authorized Version text!** By doing this you may find it works out cheaper for you in the long run, especially if you are ordering & distributing vast quantities of our tracts & booklets. If you do copy any of our literature please would you send us a copy, thanks!

Bike Time!

Maybe I'm 'mad' but I've motorbike! Please safety as we ride this that they can be doesn't have to use a HOME, He could take me Anyway, hopefully I have last accident I had. It is of November! The picture getting! (*Can someone let*



purchased another continue to pray for our *machine!* I understand dangerous but God motorbike to take me home while I SLEEP! learnt my lesson from the being delivered at the end shows the one we are *John Maxwell know!!!*)

Jack & Eddie!

Can you believe Eddie is now SEVEN & Jack is SIX! Both are doing great & are full of energy. We always receive a very warm welcome from them every time we arrive home!

November DGI

What a meeting; our last one in 2007! We started at 5.00 pm with some food (rolls etc.) & then got straight into it by filling in our 'personal survey'. After this we were given the 'book of the month' we would be reading in November, which was Acts. It was then time for 'update on life in general' – what is happening in the DG members lives? Mary's missionary spot came next – who she is writing to & what responses she's had. Then it was onto our study – Rom 11. How many Christian thinks that God has finished with Israel is MAD; God has NOT finished with Israel! You are a very SHALLOW student of the word to think

he has! Another ERROR/HERESY is to think that the Church has replaced Israel – it HASN'T! We read through this chapter & got a lot out of it! We LOVE the word of God! Our study was followed by the 'role-play', 'Under Pressure' & 'Take Your Stand!' – It was very challenging & the whole meeting finished around 10.15 pm! May God continue to bless these youngsters & keep them IN **the word** walking closely with the Saviour 24/7. It is an honour learning about the Lord, following Him, working & living for Him. Pray that this love will NEVER decrease BUT INCREASE!

CHRISTMAS!

I may say it each year but I REALLY mean it; I didn't think we would see Christmas 2007 (& we may not!). I thought we would be in Glory by now, but God is a God of love & mercy & He is not willing that any should perish (**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.** 2 Pet 3v9). Thank the Lord there is still a little time left for sinners to get saved!

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Proverbs 30v5+6

Salvation in a Hair Salon!

What a great encouragement it was to receive a gift from a guy in the USA asking for booklets & tracts etc. to use in his hair-salon, he has already had our DVD! Brother John S. leaves our literature on tables for customers to read before having their hair cut! He has been on our mailing list for 'TfT News!' for some time now & every time he writes he blesses our hearts! Keep witnessing & testifying for the Lord Jesus, brother John; He will richly bless you for doing so!

Arthur P. the Video man!

The video recording for the Gospel DVD (Barnstaple) was taken by a man called Arthur. Recently he wrote to us a very encouraging letter. Thank you Arthur for taping the meeting – from it nearly 1000 Gospel DVD's have gone out all around the world. What a great team, in the Lord's work, some Christians make! Thanks for helping us to get the word of God out – you have really been a blessing!

Heather Goes to Heaven!

On the morning of 6th November 2007, Heather went to be with her Saviour. She was a faithful servant to the Lord & to Hope Chapel where she attended. She leaves behind her husband & her son who is only 10 years old. Please pray for her family as they come to terms with their loss. Heather taught the Sunday School for many years; her daily work was as a doctor ministering to the sick herself. She will leave a great gap in the work she was involved with. I believe her husband is a Roman Catholic so please pray that he will get saved soon!

NO GRIT!

Recently we had returned to us the material we sent out regarding Bible versions, with NO note & NO explanation! What a pussycat Christian! I KNOW who sent it! I won't embarrass HIM but if you read the last 'TfT News!' you could guess who it is! This Christian will NOT stand for the TRUTH of God's word, but instead he will just follow man & tradition! People like this are a 'dime-a-dozen' & that is why the church today is so shallow & weak, full of 'namby-pamby' Christians who know very little about the word of God; they just act out their false 'humility' deceiving everyone around them BUT BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS, & the Lord of course!!!

How about the Gospel for Christmas?

Have you ordered any booklets or tracts for Christmas to give out to relatives, colleagues, friends, even enemies? If you are sending out cards etc. what a great opportunity for enclosing a booklet or tract! If you would like to order some, please fill in the order form & return it to us asap & we will despatch your order within two days so you get the literature in time for posting! Have ALL your family members received the Gospel? If not why not send EVERYONE a card with a tract in this Christmas – go through your address book posting the Gospel to EVERYONE; & then pray, pray, pray that the Lord will save souls before it's too late! Do it today, don't waste anymore time! If you can't afford any tracts or booklets, don't worry, just let us know how many you NEED & we shall do our best to send them to you! Also, if you are attending hospitals, nursing homes etc. to take a carol service, why not take along some literature to give out?

Who have you written to lately?

Don't forget to write letters to those who may not receive much mail this Christmas i.e. prisoners & the older folk etc. It would be lovely for them to receive a letter knowing that you are thinking & praying for them! Christmas can be a very lonely time for some folks!

Have you a heart that *really* loves the Lord?

Daily we are in a fight with the flesh; we win some battles & lose others. If you are *really* trying to live a holy life for the Lord Jesus Christ, you know it's a fight & it's going to be tough! Today's world is saturated in 'filth', everywhere you turn there is something you just don't want to see or hear, but it's there. We need today, more than ever before, to saturate ourselves IN the word of God - **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** (John 17v17) **Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.** (John 15v3) By LIVING IN that Book & walking with the Lord through every experience you face, you will live a CLEAN & HOLY life! It has NOTHING to do with signs, wonders, miracles, tongues, healings, prosperity etc. Your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is what matters; (you may be rich or poor - it has NOTHING to do with your relationship with Jesus Christ - **YOU NEED HIM!**) I know of very few Christians who are *really* trying to live a life pleasing to the Lord, very few! I don't understand why they don't want a closer walk with Him, a deeper walk with Him; they seem satisfied with what they have got, well I'M NOT! I want to get as close to the Lord Jesus as I can. I want to know what He wants of me & from me, I want to know where & what I should be doing DAILY, & I want to WORSHIP Him for Who He is, GOD! I have submitted to Him & given my life to Him. If He wants to take me home then so be it; if He can use me still & further His work *through me*, in this crooked & perverse generation, then I want to be used of Him. I love Him & I know that **HE KNOWS** what is best for me. There is no excuse for NOT seeking or obeying TRUTH. So many Christians exaggerate, bend the rules & compromise rather than FOLLOW the TRUTH - I do NOT want to do that. I have failed the Lord so many times in the past & I still do sadly to say; I cannot thank Him enough for His love & mercy towards me. I do believe that it is a very lonely road, with few friends, for the Bible Believer who *really* wants to LIVE & please the Lord Jesus Christ.

How are you finding it, any different? I would love to hear from you.

IF WE SEE 2008 WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP FOR THE LORD?

THE RAPTURE!

1 Thes 4:13-18 **But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. - This is the 2nd greatest passage in the NT regarding the Rapture; the first is found in 1 Cor 15v51-54. Other passages that speak of the Rapture are... **1 John 3v1-3, Phil 3v20+21, Rom 8v21-24, John 11v24-26, Rev 4v1+2.****

Many Christians do NOT understand the Rapture & therefore DENY its teaching in the Scriptures. They believe in the Second Coming of Christ but NOT in the Rapture, yet the Rapture is connected with the Second Coming (Second Advent) BUT it is DIFFERENT!

- 1) Neither the resurrection of the dead or the Second Advent are 'mysteries' in the Bible. They are both clearly mentioned centuries BEFORE Christ 'shows up' - Job 19v25-27 **For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. Ecc 12v14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Also Ezek 37.**
- 2) The Rapture IS a MYSTERY - 1 Cor 15v51 **Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, UNREVEALED till AFTER Pentecost!**
- 3) The local churches & the Body of Christ are LUKEWARM at the end of the Church Age preceding the Rapture; they are NOT lukewarm at the end of the Tribulation - the Body of Christ is NOT EVEN THERE - Rev 7v9 **After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their**

hands; also Rev 3v10 **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

- 4) At the Advent, Christ 'lands' ON THE GROUND - Zec 14v4 **And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.** At the Rapture He comes in the AIR & does NOT TOUCH THE GROUND! - 1 Thes 4v17 **Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**
- 5) At the Rapture there is no change in Satan's position: he doesn't get locked up in any 'pit' as he does at the Advent! There are no changes in NATURE at the Rapture. By the time of the Second Advent, nearly two-thirds of the world has been destroyed on both land & sea (Rev chapters 6-18)
- 6) At the Rapture, Christ doesn't judge any Jews or any nations (as in Joel 2, Hosea 2, Jer 25, Matt 25). At the Advent, He judges the entire world...
Matt 25v31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**
32 **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:**
Ps 47v8 **God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.**
Ps 96v10 **Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.**
11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.**
12 **Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice**
13 **Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**
Isa 60v12 **For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.**

None of His enemies are killed at the Rapture; more than 200,000,000 are killed at His Advent - Isa 63, Rev 9, Luke 19v27

So as you can see, there are DIFFERENCES between the Rapture & the Second Coming!

It has been said by some Christians (i.e. the 'Reformed' lot who follow the teachings of Luther, Calvin, Dabney, Hodge, Gill etc.) that the Rapture was 'invented' or 'started' by Darby, Scofield or Bullinger; yet the Rapture of the Body of Christ was taught more than 1,500 years ago! It appears in the writings of Ephraem the Syrian... *'For all the saints & the elect of God are gathered PRIOR to the Tribulation that is to come & are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins!'*

Now how about that! That was a 'Premillennial Baptist Pre-Tribulation Rapture' letter from the 6th century AD ascribed to Ephraem Syrus (306 to 373 AD). It was from a sermon on 'The Last Times, the Antichrist, & the End of the World' & it is cited in a footnote in Alexander's Byzantine Tradition, 1985, page 210.

Remember 'T'???

Well out of the blue 'T' popped over to return some DVD's we had lent him. He is now going to an Elim church weekly & has attended seven sessions of an Alpha course, he told us! He also said that he attended 'meditation' classes! Although he is a little mixed up & misguided at present, he is still seeking & I feel that he is not too far away from committing his life to the Lord Jesus Christ! Keep praying for him!

**For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;
and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.**

Ecclesiastes 5v3

Orders coming in / literature going out!

A lady in France has re-ordered some more booklets to distribute over there. We have sent information on all kinds of different things, including 'eternal security' to a guy in Manchester, & today I had a letter from a Bible CORRECTOR in Brierley Hill who is telling me there are errors in the AV! What a 'life' some Christians have; *trying* to find errors in the word of God – I mean how STUPID can you get? So we sent some information regarding the versions to this 'man!' After that I had to order more stock of books on Bible versions to distribute – we send a lot of this kind of material out! If you have any spare 'good' books on the version issue please send them to me so we can pass them on!

Reading the Bible...

Every verse in the Bible has 3 applications!

- 1) **Historical** – it happened in history
- 2) **Doctrinal** – every verse is aimed at a specific person, for a specific reason, to teach a specific truth
- 3) **Inspirational** – every verse has a spiritual application which can be used to correct or instruct people – 2 Tim 3v16+17 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**

Are you 'Spirit FILLED'?

Have you ever noticed how many times Paul talks about the Lord Jesus Christ? Read his letters & count how many times he talks about the Lord Jesus! Paul is a Spirit FILLED man! A Spirit FILLED man talks about Jesus Christ all the time NOT the Holy Spirit – did you get that Mr Pentecostal / Charismatic? John 16v13+14 - **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.** So remember that the next time you hear some babbling Pentecostal raving on about the Holy Spirit this & the Holy Spirit that & how they need to speak in a heavenly language, how they need the SIGN-gifts of the Spirit etc. etc. A person who is always talking about the Holy Spirit is NOT Spirit FILLED – *tongues or NO tongues!!!*

Why I am NOT a Calvinistic TULIP Sniffer!

TULIP	TULIP	FOR	AGAINST	Comments
T	Total Depravity	Eph 2v1-4 Has NOTHING to do with the 'will'	Ezra 7v13+15+16 Mat 23v37 Exo 35v5+21+29	Total depravity doesn't affect responsibility – John 3v36, Isa 45v19, Luke 17v1
U	Unconditional Election	Eph 1v4 Rom 9v15+21	1 Pet 1v2 Rom 8v29 Eph 1v4 'in him' Luke 10v42	Election is conditioned on FOREKNOWLEDGE!
L	Limited Atonement	John 10v11	1 Tim 2v4+6 2 Pet 3v9 2 Pet 2v1 Heb 10	Did Christ die for the 'elect' against their WILL?
I	Irresistible Grace	Acts 13v48 Eph 2v1-4	Acts 7v51 Mat 23 Mat 12 Gen 6 + Rom 9	
P	Perseverance /Predestination of the saints	Eph 1v5		Predestination is ONLY applicable to someone who has received Christ i.e. after he has been 'born again!'

Don't forget to write soon; it would be great to hear from you!