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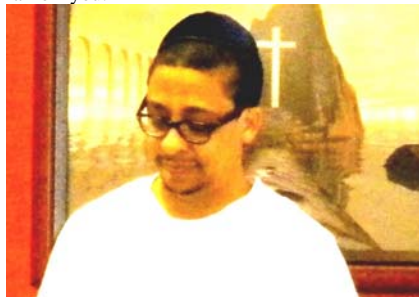
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## Rabbi Avraham

By: Richard Dean:

"I am not the message," Began Rabbi Israel Avraham at Anointed Hands Healing Center, "So it doesn't matter if you like me or accept me. It is not about me. Life is not about you. When you realize this, the cares of life seem to fall off you.



Rabbi Israel Avraham

"Sarah and I just got in from Israel. We are working on a book and a speaking engagement. The Lord said, 'Count off 7 weeks and be home.'

I know it is Christmas time, but I am Jewish. We remember the Meshiach with the Pesach (Passover), not the pagan celebration. We celebrate his death and resurrection, not his birth. We are not told when he was born, only when he died and was resurrected. (see pg 4)

## Two Church Baptism

By: R. D. Hempton

The people of Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Hoschton and the folks at Braselton Tabernacle of Praise came together on 8 December 2013 to baptize three young men; Trey from Living Hope and Rob & Kyle from BTOP. All 3 young men were baptized on the



Pastor Jon Jackson with Trey, Rob & Kyle

same day, while the people of both churches watched and celebrated with them. The baptism was preceded by a dinner.

John Burk, a Roman Catholic deacon from St. Catherine Laboure in Jefferson baptized Rob, while Pastor Jackson baptized Trey and Kyle.

"Get plugged in," Pastor Jon Jackson as he held up the branch of a tree, "If you are a branch and you're not plugged in, you are gonna die. Get plugged in."

Immediately after the actual baptism, Kyle spoke, "I feel like God brought me (see pg 5)

## Five-fold Conference

By: Richard Dean

The conference directly addressed the gifts of what is called by many the 5-fold ministry. The conference dealt with teachers, pastors, evangelists, prophets, and apostles.



The First Lady Liquita Cooper

### Teachers

"As a little girl," said Ms. Cooper, "my teacher had a very great impact on my life. I would go home and teach my baby dolls. If she paddled a student, I would go home and paddle my baby dolls. Look at the news and see how many young people are stealing and killing because of a lack of good teaching. We must be (see pg 6)

## Tea for Two (Dozen)

By: R. D. Hempton

First Lady Wanda Stevens gives a women's tea once every year in December at Living Hope Christian Fellowship. The ladies were served an incredible dinner by the men of the church. Further, it was cooked by them as well. The



Pastor Patsy Garret of JGT

evening was capped by Pastor Patsy Garrett of Jefferson Gospel Tabernacle, who preached on blessings.

"Sometimes," said Pastor Patsy, "I think things, but they don't come out of my mouth the way I think them. When I was in Alaska, a man was interviewing me for a documentary on Alaska. I started to speak and I thought, 'I lost my train of thought,' but what came out of my mouth was, 'I think I lost my mind,' and I just kept on speaking as if nothing happened.

"In I Sam 9:15, God told Samuel about Saul because the people wanted a king instead of the judges. Sometimes God gives us stuff (see pg 8)

## Kingdom Intercession

By: R. D. Hempton

On 21 December many came together to pray intercessory prayer for the unity of the body of Christ. Those who were present crying out to God are blessed. The blessing was revealed.



Robert Kirkpatrick

Several of God's people showed up to pray for this one particular thing that the Lord himself prayed for in John Chapter 17.

Robert Kirkpatrick shared the story in II Sam of Obed-Edom the Gittite, who was greatly blessed in every area of his life for three months because of the presence of the Ark of God in his house. This is what has been shown(see pg 8)

## Watch Night

By: R. D. Hempton

On 31 December 2013 there were several Watch Night services in the five counties of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance. Cover which one?



Watch Night Service at Encounter church in Hoschton. Adults and children saw the New Year in with worship of God

This reporter was given the assignment of covering the watch night service of those ecstatically happy people at Encounter church. There was no ritual, there was no tradition of any kind, there was no stuffy religion, only jumping for joy, laughing, clapping, loving on each other, and worshipping the One and Living God. There were no deep spiritual truths shared, only, "God loves you and so do I." The worship was loud, joy-filled, and filled with smiling children and adults (including this reporter). Pastors Jimmy Maisonneuve, (see pg 9)

# On Prayer XIV

## Intercession: The Person

By: Mozelle Davis-Weeks

Seattle, Washington July 2013 –

I'm sitting in Ventura, California, at Water Wonderland. I am here with my family and there have been some truly spiritual moments associated with this day. When I am in places such as this one, where there are a lot of people, I often find myself observing, thinking, and sometimes praying for people that I see. I find myself contemplating the loneliness around me. If you look past the pretense, you can see the truth in their actions, as well as in their eyes and their faces:

} A young girl flaunting her body, searching for acceptance and for love;

} A man's roaming, lust-filled eyes searching for pleasure and someone else to conquer;

} Teenagers playing who-can-be-coolest, striving for a sense of worth, a sense of identity;

} A macho, domineering father and husband, feeling a need for power;

} The person all alone, looking for someone to come along and fill the aching need for companionship;

} The practicing alcoholic who decided long ago that a temporary, drug-induced high was better than no high at all.

None of them realize it, but they're all looking for the same thing – the fulfillment, peace, and sense of identity that can be found only one way – through a **relationship** with their Creator, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12 tells us, "There is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved" (Jewish New Testament).

This word "saved" means so much more than a ticket to heaven. It also means wholeness, well-being, soundness, and peace – things humans crave that are found only in the person of Jesus Christ. There is no other name given to mankind by which we find them.

This is why I prayed here at Water Wonderland, and it's also why I encourage you to be an intercessor. Your prayers and mine **will** make a difference. We must become convinced of this. Our prayers can be **irresistible** to God and **indefensible** to the evil one. That is pretty strong language, isn't it? Do I believe it? Absolutely, and so can you.

Back in my study, Concrete, Washington:

I recently listened to a radio talk-show host state his conviction that prayer really didn't motivate God to do things. "God doesn't answer prayer," he postulated. "It's benefit is simply to help us emotionally." What a waste of time! A bottle of liquor can accomplish that, at least temporarily. So can pleasures, money, even tantrums. I believe what the Bible says about prayer: "Ask, and it shall be given to you" (Mat 7:7).

What is it that brings about such faith? What is it that can make us the confident intercessors that actually make a difference? The answer to these questions is found in understanding the **person of intercession**. We have spoken about the **priority** of intercession – our relationship with the Living God, we have spoken about the **plan of intercession** – us, God's decision to work on earth through us. It is time now to speak of the definition of intercession and how it flows through a person, Yeshua the Christ.

Our **prayers** of intercession are offered through the **person** of intercession.

When Yeshua instructed us to ask the Father in His name, he was not giving us a formula, but rather describing a legal premise for asking. Consider these verses:

} John 14:6: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.'"

} Hebrews 10:19: "Therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus."

} I John 2:1: "And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

} I Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

God is telling us with these verses and others, "If you want something from me, there is only one way I can give it to you – on the basis of what my son has accomplished." He operates on this premise, not because he is a legalistic, narrow-minded dictator. He demands this approach to him because only through the legal sacrifice of Yeshua as our substitute can we enter into relationship with him and partake of the privileges such a relationship provides. It is impossible for him to relate to us any other way. When we comprehend this and we pray in the name of Yeshua – in other words, as the representative of Yeshua – we come before the Judge of the universe on the proper legal grounds: through the finished work of Yeshua.

Please get this: When we pray in Jesus' name, we are praying as his representatives. It's not just something to tack on the end of our prayers. We cannot pray in his name unless we are living in his name. When the cop yells, "Stop in the name of the law," it is because he represents the law. We are saying in essence, "Father, I don't come to you on the basis of my own worthiness, or on the worthiness of the person for whom I am praying. I come to you on the merits of your son, Jesus, and the blood he shed. I am asking in **his** name." The Father responds because of his son, the cross, and because the messiah's passionate love for us are **irresistible** to him.

Peter was used to heal a lame man who had been that way for many years. The man was so well known and the miracle so overwhelming that all Jerusalem was amazed (Acts 3:1-10).

When questioned about how this miracle took place, Peter answered, "On the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:16).

I witnessed a similar healing at my Cousin Edward's church in Ephrata, Washington. A young woman had become paralyzed on one side of her body. She, her family, my cousin, and his church had been asking God to heal her. On a Sunday morning, as Edward prayed for this young woman **in the name of Yeshua**, God answered the prayer. It was earth-shaking! The power of God went through her body and completely healed her of all paralysis. She began to **run** around the inside of the church as holy pandemonium reigned in the meeting. Don't let anyone tell you Jesus doesn't heal today.

What about our prayers being indefensible for the forces of darkness? When Jesus made the great declaration on the cross, "It is finished"

(John 19:30), he was not announcing his death. What he actually said was, "Tetelestai!" It is the Greek word used in the markets that means, "Paid in full." He was saying, "I have paid the legal penalty and debt of the human race for their sin and disobedience to God. Every person can now go free from Satan's dominance and oppression." No wonder rocks split, the earth shook, dead men came out of their tombs, and the veil in the temple was torn in two when Christ made this thunderous declaration (Mat 27:50-54).

To expound on this, the scriptures state in I John 3:8, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." In this sentence, the word "destroy" is the Greek word *luo*. It is a Greek legal term that means, "To determine or pronounce that something or someone is no longer bound; that which was legally binding is no longer legally binding."

Satan, of course, knows this, but he is skillful at keeping people ignorant of it, in order to prevent them from believing in the finished work and accepting and internalizing the results. It is true nonetheless. Our job as intercessors is to enforce this truth in prayer, using the **name** of Yeshua. (Remember, praying in his name is meaningless unless we are living in his name – having a **close** personal relationship with him.) We will examine various parts to do this as these articles continue. At this point, however, we will simply attempt to understand that the legal foundation of intercession is Jesus.

A friend of mine once prayed for a young woman in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the neck down. The pastor informed her that the woman had been that way for two years, but that the doctors could find no medical reason. My friend Gloria was prompted by the Holy Ghost that the cause was demonic, so she knelt by the wheelchair and prayed: "Satan, I break your hold over this young lady **in the name of Jesus**. I command you to loose your hold over her and let her go." She was announcing that the woman was no longer bound and declaring that the debt for her freedom was "Tetelestai" – paid in full.

No immediate change occurred, but a week later she began to move slightly, and within a month she was totally freed from the paralysis. This is understanding the person of intercession and **enforcing** the victory at the cross.

We have already spoken about why we must ask the Father for those benefits Christ has provided – for ourselves and others – even though it is a finished work. Our asking, however, will be somewhat weak if it is not rooted in the following truth: God's plan for redeeming people is found in a person – His Son, Jesus Christ. Our prayers must flow through him and the power he released at the cross.

No doubt you have noticed that I have not provided a succinct definition of intercessory prayer. That is because it is far more important to understand concepts and principles than some unwavering definition. Rather than a definition, consider the following recapping principles:

} It is born of relationship with God.

} It is necessary because of, and to fulfill, our assignments of governing, and stewarding the earth for God.

} It is a representing (re-presenting) of God's will and provision to humankind and of humankind's needs to God.

} It must be done through Christ, in his name, that is, as his representative, his loved one who is walking in relationship with him.  
 } It enforces the victory of Jesus on the cross.



The Reverend Mickey McConnell

## Almighty God Refuses Access

By: Mickey McConnell

READER'S NOTE: There are many advantages to the body being in unity – many things we cannot do unless we have it. We continue to lose battle after battle because we have not yet attained it. But it is not just a good idea; Almighty God commands it. Mickey has been a pastor, a missionary, and worked with troubled teens. He is a teacher, a speaker, an author, and a godly brother in Christ. Rick

#1 Doctrinal Error Example;  
 Eternal Security Controversy

If you will pay close attention to this first set of examples I give you, then you will very likely be able to rightly divide for yourself, and will not need any denomination to confuse you in their favor. You can proudly stand as a "Kingdom of God" or "Kingdom of Heaven" person, instead of a denominational person, this is the way we are supposed to be. We are to be submitted to Almighty God, and not to the traditions of men. Please take your time here, and come to comprehend the value of all of scripture, that Almighty God has given to us by his spirit. Please learn to settle for neither half-truth doctrines, nor be controlled by them. They are far less than Almighty God's best.

A: One of the largest controversies of the church that I have been around during my lifetime, is the dispute over whether a Christian can lose their salvation or not. This is really a confusing question from the very beginning, and sort of an oxymoron. The word saved basically means delivered. If a person is delivered, then they are delivered. Can a person be both delivered, and at the same time not delivered? Furthermore, from what is the person delivered? Yeshua Jesus came to save his people from their sins. Are we saying a person is saved from their sins, or are we saying they are eternally saved from hell and the lake of fire? I would rephrase the question to something like this: Can a person who has truly been born again fail to make it to heaven? I think you could ask this question as well and get to the heart of the controversy: Can a professing Christian have a pure heart and also practice sin? Generally speaking, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc. believe that, once a person trusts Christ for salvation, that person will never walk away from the things of Christ; and therefore, believers have eternal security here, on earth, regardless of whether they once again practice sin, or not. I will refer to this first group as #1.

The Old Time Methodists, Church of God people, Nazarenes, etc. believe that a person who has trusted Christ for salvation, must live a godly life after being born again; or else that person is in danger of hellfire. I will refer to this group as #2. Group #1 is saying that, once you start with Christ, the deal is forever settled; and group #2 is saying that you can start out with Christ and, by being careless, or even blatantly sinful, lose out on eternal life. This we know for sure: these two doctrines contradict one another; therefore, they are either both somewhat wrong, or one of them is wrong, but they cannot both be right. I submit to you that they both neglect certain parts of the Holy Bible. Neither one of these doctrines can stand all alone, because they are what I call half-truth doctrines. Remember earlier on we discussed this? A half-truth can be much more deceptive than an outright lie, because an outright lie is too obvious. Only part of the truth, mixed with what is not acceptable cannot possibly be sound doctrine.

Let us ponder two separate Holy Bible passages. #1 Mat 7:22-23 reads: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess to them I never knew you: depart from me you that work iniquity." #2 Rev 3:1-6 says: "And unto the angel of the church at Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that you have a name that you live and are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you do not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be dressed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

## Pastor Larry Pruett on Unity



Pastor Larry Pruett

In I John 5:7-8, John says, "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in the earth: the spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one." Not on heaven, but in heaven, not on earth, but in the earth thy will be done. The Spirit, the water, and the blood: one. I came to declare the power of unity. If unity in that Babel environment can bring down the presence of God, how much more so can unity in the body usher in the (see next column)

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## Pastor Larry (from prev col)

presence of God? Not only do we need the person and the presence, but the **power** of God. There is no place that God is not, but he does not manifest himself in every place. If you are doing your own thing, God will let you do it until you give it up and let him do it. There must be unity in the body of Christ for us to accomplish what God has for us.

God is doing a work. Whether he will do it is not the issue, but whether you will do it with him. Dysfunction = disunity. A crowd only means potential: for great things or for a monstrosity.

So important is this regeneration of your mind that Paul says in Rom 12:2, "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, (divided and divisive, which is endeavoring to divide and keep divided) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and prove what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Our nation is divided because our communities are divided. Our communities are divided because our churches are divided. Our churches are divided because our homes are divided. Our homes are divided because our fathers and mothers are divided. (Don't say anything about how young people act until you deal with how crazy adults are acting).

There are physical wars because there are wars in the heavenlies. What we are seeing now are only the sounds of the end times.

The world is divided. Mat 24:5-8 reveals the catastrophe of living in a continued state of division and separation from God and one another through the spirit of disobedience; wars and rumors of wars. (Rumors survive when there is no valid communication. Divided and disunited peoples can't, won't, and don't communicate). "False Christs and false doctrines... ..Nation shall rise against nation, kingdom shall rise against kingdom." Disunity produces confusion and chaos, for Jesus tells us that there shall come famines, pestilence, earthquakes; and the end result of disunity and rebellion is that all this is only the beginning of sorrows, betrayals, hating one another.

Protection and power over these calamities is found in Phil 2:5-8, "Let this same mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ, who **being in the form of God**, thought it not robbery to be equal (unified as one) with God, but made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in the fashion as a man, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross."

### Rabbi Avraham (from pg 1)

"God sends us the rejects – the ones not accepted by the P'rushim (Pharisees). We are not rejected. It is the Lord who rejects the system that has become what he never designed. What people and the world say about you is not what God says about you. A man does not need someone to tell him who his mother and father are. You know. You don't need some one to tell you this is your Father.

"Yeshua says do as they say (the Pharisees), but not as they do (Mat 23:3). God is not intent on knowing **your** heart. He wants you to know **his** heart. The "kingdom" is crumbling, but the real government is as strong as always. The "shut down" does not affect the real government. All of that other government is made of pride. Pride! The Reverend Doctor, the Prophet so-and-so, the Apostle so-and-so. The **house** of God is not the Church. The righteous are not judged with wrath, but with rewards and kindness. A judgment is not just a negative or unpleasant thing. Everybody has their own sound, and if their heart is pure to God, it is the purest melody to him. Do not use the world system as your standard. Go by what the Lord says is good. Who and what does **Yeshua** say that we are?"



Hennehni



The rabbi raised his arms to the Lord. "Hennehni," he uttered (pron huh-nay-nee). "Hennehni. It means here I am. It is like when a little child holds his arms out to his father and asks to be picked up. Just tell him, 'hennehni. Here I am. Here I am. Hennehni. Like a little child, pick me up. I want to come where you are always. Hennehni. When David wrote those

psalms, he was just saying his heart. Hennehni." The rabbi spoke softly with his arms raised to God.

"There is no corruption in it. Hennehni."



Yosef Ben-Avraham the prophet

Yosef Ben-Avraham spoke. "God says he has broken the dams in this region, 'I called you to restoration. The blinders are being removed so they can see me.' As he cleanses the earth, he will cleanse his people. He is bringing judgment."



Dr. Lorrie at the beginning



Dr. Kenneth



"He is building a new foundation." Rabbi Avraham picked up, "it is not a new foundation, only built with new substance. 'The substance,' he says, 'is my glory. I relegate to you the stewardship of my glory. Before you were not a steward, but a slave. I establish my glory and so **you** become a steward. I will establish myself in you, no longer to continue in darkness. Don't waste time with that thing. I dealt with that. Now you will see darkness **coming**. The intercessors must be trained. I will remove the scales placed on their eyes. I will solidify the weak. What was once the spine must now be a

sword.' You must nail pride to the cross once and for all. Pride keeps us blind. You have been seeing by his mercy; now see by his grace. Mercy is what he allows until you are ready. **Grace is power!**

"God says, 'The darkness in your bloodline, I will deal with it. I am destroying the darkness in your bloodline. Choose you this day whom you will serve. I want to put my presence in your life, but first I will put it in your bloodline.'"

A steward is a manager. He realizes it is not **his** but his master's. I am not the leadership. I am the **leadersheep** You are in front of somebody and behind somebody else. It's not that you are over them, you are in front of them.

"You are here to be **do** zero. You are here to be equipped to be **sent out**. If the disciples of Yeshua had stayed in Yerushalayim, you would not be saved. You must be healed to be anointed because God does not anoint broken things.



Sarah Avraham

"Don't let your regular 'church seat' become your high place. Then you are worshiping your god. There is only one true high place – Him.

"We see our truth in Ps 139:16-18. If you were an unformed substance, what was that substance? We ourselves do not yet have a blueprint. In all of that, he knew you. He knew you when you were in your mother's womb. He knew you because you were a substance unshaped. We allow people and the world, the past and our shame to shape us, and it creates an image that God never knew. He **knew** you when you were in your mother's womb.

"Yeshua said life is not eating and drinking. He knew what was before. He prayed before his death, 'The glory which I had with you before the world was' (John 17:5). He has been given authority over **all** flesh (John 17:2), not just over himself, but over **all** flesh.

"How can Adam have a sin nature and be in the presence of God? He didn't. He made a choice and took from the tree that which was not part of him. The act of doing so (rebellion) became part of him. With the foreign substance the act was introduced into Adam.

"Angels do not necessarily have wings. They literally bear the word of God. They move only on the word they bear, and if you are moving by the revelation word, the word of God, **they** can move.

"Adam walked at the speed of revelation, walking with God in the eternal revelation. Then he ate and, like God said, the day he did it he was separated from God (dead). So now you and I see everything in terms of good and evil. We are not supposed to be like God, but godlike. Yeshua said, 'If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.' They are one.

"Gen 1:27 says he created him male and female. The man was created as both male and female. The Hebrew does not say that God took a 'rib.' It says that God took his 'side.' He took the side with the womb. He took the female side. This is why a man and woman come together as **one**.

"When Adam took the fruit, he entered into his own will. There is not 'free will.' There is only God's will and some other will. The only time I am in 'free will' is when I am out of God's will.

“When God looks at you, he sees your mother and father, your grandparents; all the way back generations through your DNA. Satan will make an opening in your DNA (like a virus does) and inject his genome. God says in Isaiah 27:1, ‘I will deal with the leviathan in the sea.’ (your twisted DNA double helix in the sea of your blood.) Sickness, aberrant behavior and the like are demonic DNA. This is why you try with all your might not to be like your parents, but you are anyway. DNA is the book of life that has recorded everything since Adam. We have to apply the blood to all of this. It is the blood that breaks all the curses.

“Realize that eternal and everlasting are not the same thing. Eternal has no beginning and no end. Everlasting may have a beginning, but it has no ending.

“As the issues come up, you place them on the cross. Why do we not place things like unforgiveness on the cross? It’s because some of these things are a spirit.

“The Lord is so very fair. His people rejected him because he did not have the appearance they were looking for. He did not look the way they thought he should. He is so fair that he must allow the same thing for the Goyim (Gentiles). We have had 500 years of churches rejecting him because he did not look like they thought he should.”

People were prayed over at the end of the service.



People being prayed over



As it is said regarding Anointed Hands Ministry and Healing Center, “It’s not your regular church service.”

### Baptism (from pg 1)

back home. God has called me,” he said with tears, “to be a youth pastor. “Call me, anybody who needs me. I am here because He has given me purpose.”



Pastor Jon Jackson with John Burk the deacon



Rob about to be dunked



A wet hug



Kyle about to be baptized by Pastor Jon



A wet Trey Gooch just out of the water



Johnny Gooch, Trey’s grandfather

“If I had more time,” said Pastor Jackson, “I would have asked Grand Daddy to be up here with me because it is not just for the pastors to baptize, but also for the fathers and grandfathers. Raise them and baptize them at

home in the word. After being baptized, Trey sang *My Home in the Sky*. (Cont. on pg 6)

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**Baptism** (from pg 1)



Trey Gooch in song



Rhonda Percifield with Katie & Amber

Rhonda Percifield went onstage with two little girls, Katie Pirkle and Amber Percifield. "Love," said Katie, "is something if you give it all away, you'll end up having more."



William and Ruth Pirkle began the singings



This collaboration between two churches was a first and we hope there will be many more.

**Five-fold** (from pg 1)

aware of 3 things about teachers:

1: Teachers must know who they are and **whose** they are, that God anointed them to teach the word of God.

2: You have to study the word to teach the word (You will never be a good teacher unless you are a student). Even though you minister, things are going to come against you.

3: You must know the word, but more importantly, you must **live** it. Never twist the word to fit you."

Ms. Cooper asked several people to stand in the middle of the sanctuary. "Close your eyes and take 4 steps forward and 4 steps back. That was scary because you don't know where you are going, who you'll step on, or who will step on you. There are many hurting people out there who need the word of God. Go and teach them."

**Pastors**

Pastor Janice Town of For His Glory International Church began in Eph 4:11, "some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers... for the equipping of the saints. He gave us a responsibility. It is important that we know our calling, but also that we operate **in it**. I am a pastor because it is deep down inside of me. There is nothing new under the sun, but there are new things in the church.



Pastor Janice Town

We are doing new things in the church to get people. We are getting people, but leaving God out. If we are properly training people – equipping the saints – **they** will bring new people. It is not the pastor's job to bring in people. A pastor is to have a **heart** for the people – to be their shepherd. We must be able to set aside our own motives – to encourage someone else's.



Jewell Leige, the apostle of Grace Deliverance Church in Athens, opened speaking on unity in the body of Christ and the college



Ms. Tiny Jackson of Kingdom Community Worship Center opened in prayer



Angela Leige, the prophetess sang with such anointing that it was as if the light of Christ shone from her.



Chiquita Moses, the prophetess and associate pastor of Miracle Deliverance House of Prayer, welcomed all present

"A pastor says, 'Get up; you can do it; you can make it.' We equip people with the word. People confuse the grace of God with his favor. Favor will take care of you, but grace will give you the power to do what you're not able to do by yourself. A pastor must have the attributes of the divine call. It is a **divine** call. It's not based on you education. You must be anointed.

"You must have the divine call, your motives must be consecrated, and you must have a personal experience with God. Knowledge alone won't do it. The pastor has to have been through some things. They didn't lie on Jesus for nothing and people have not betrayed me for nothing. You have been chosen so, when things get rough, you don't have the ability to quit."

**Evangelists**

The Rev. Dr. Yulonda Lewis Ph.D. spoke on the evangelists. "We get to a point in our calling where we step away from the caller and set ourselves up as if we owned the company. We are just workers. **We** make mistakes; **He** makes decisions. People make you think you're in trouble with God, but He says, 'I didn't do that. You did that.'



The Rev. Dr. Yulonda Lewis



The Rev. James Mays of KCWC



Close your eyes; take 4 steps forward, 4 back



Music of Larissa Jean and Keith Campbell

"In evangelism, you have to keep yourself in a safe place. It takes time. God called you this morning and you're gonna preach this Sunday? You and the devil are telling a lie.

"God says, 'You are in my way. Every time I try to do something with you, I have to go around you.' It's not important how big **your** church is. Scripture says, 'Upon this rock I will build **my** church. We go to a place called a church and God says, 'I'm down the street because half these people don't honor me, they honor the pastor.'

Evangelism is a response to the message of grace. A lady told me, 'I've been around you a long time and you've taught me nothing.' You can't get upset with people like that. I said, 'I'm sorry; I tried, and before I apologize, you're gonna meet God, because he's gonna apologize too, because you learned nothing in 20 years.'

"God says, 'If I wanted you to be comfortable in-house, that's where I would've sent Jesus.'

I know there are people who didn't like what I said, but it's all He gave me to say. After that first fight, people are gonna drop that evangelist.



People in worship

"You think you have been waiting a long time, but you have hit targets. It's not that I know all your business, but I know all I need to know. God will give it to me. When you find a **real** apostle, he will have what came directly from God. There is so much playing going on that it weakens those of us that are trying to fight. You will go through some things you've never been through before. If you really love God, he will make you ready for where you will go."

#### Prophets

"He brings us through stages to different levels," began Angela Leige, the prophetess of Grace deliverance, "and the five-fold is in order of the kingdom government. We are kings and priests so we can intercede for others. We have come under the man ordained system in the church. Jesus said, 'Upon this rock...' He was talking about the **revelation**, not Peter himself. There is a difference between what flesh and blood reveals and what the Holy Spirit reveals.



Angela Leige

We don't come to Christ on our own; the Holy Spirit draws us. We will never get the revelation without the Holy Spirit. How do we let him lead us when it comes to the five-fold? When we are stuck in a man-ordained system that left out the kingdom, it is hard to know who you are. Who are you at the core? The five-fold gifts are **who you are**. Even though God called you into your leadership gifts, he will put you under a leader. All that stuff – visions, dreams and the like – must be equipped so that everything is falling in line in God's order and there is a rest on your spirit. This is why it is vital that the pastor recognize people's gifts, and then put them into action. A prophet is to uplift, edify, and build, to be the mouthpiece of God. The prophet does not operate outside the leadership. Elijah cast his mantle on Elisha, but it was not so much the physical mantle. It was the Holy Spirit who cast a spiritual mantle.

"Elijah said, 'Tarry here for the Lord has sent me to Bethel. They both went to Bethel, and to Jericho, and to the Jordan. 'I want a double portion of your spirit.' Elisha told Elijah. How did he know that he wanted it? He knew because of the mantle cast upon him. When you

allow the Holy Spirit to cast his mantle upon you, you will know where you belong. It has nothing to do with the 5 physical senses. For the Kingdom purposes, the Holy Spirit casts the mantle. We don't do the work; he does.

"The prophet is just different. He will usually work closely with the Apostle, and can usually operate in different gifts at different times.

"Do not come against the 7<sup>th</sup> level of demonic forces like you were the apostle. **You** are not fighting "the devil." You are fighting demonic forces on **your level**. Your first level is casting them out of **you**, then **your** family, then your church.

"God wants us to know these things. It is for lack of knowledge that we perish, not lack of funding. It is the Holy Spirit that downloads the word, the message, the revelation into you. Then we learn to get **out of the way**. Just understand who you are, where you rank, where you fit.

#### Apostles

"Apostles **do** go out and start churches," John Williams, the apostle began, "but that is man's dictionary definition of an apostle; that is not it at all. Apostles build people. We must humble ourselves. It is not about the power you have. You have none but that you are given. Zeph 3:9 says, 'For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve him in one accord.'



John Williams the apostle

"This is very specific – 'I will cause the people to have something new in me.' He will cause you to be a servant. While apostles build churches, if an apostle is not building people, he is doing nothing of his calling. We set ourselves aside, but there are no real apostles that do not spend time with God. Apostles are called to govern, he has a spirit to **lead** - lead you to the kingdom. It is **not** an 'office,' but a grace – a gift. God spoke *telios* (complete, mature, of full age, perfect) to me in 1988. I thought it was an angel, but it was God speaking through Christ. Every apostle will have at least one visit from him; some three, some more, and at least one of them will change your life. Remember, every apostle but John died an awful death.

"Apostles and prophets work hand-in-hand. They are the closest. If that person is not teaching, and a student, how can he lead anyone? In scripture you have translations, but the word is still the same. If an apple is red, no matter what the translation, the apple is still red. Look at your left hand. The apostle is the thumb, the prophet the index finger, the evangelist the middle, the pastor the ring finger because he is the one you are married to. The teacher is the little finger. The apostle is the only one that can touch all five gifts.

"The apostle covers all. The apostle will teach you to stand when no one can. Scripture says we are to acknowledge our high apostle Jesus Christ, that we are to copy him. Every child of God, including apostles and prophets can only copy him.

"The apostle in the old testament was called the messenger. The prophet was called *nabi* – he

who speaks for another. Any real apostle will lead you to Christ. All scripture points to Christ. Scripture says that, when the Holy Ghost comes, he will teach you all truth.

"We spend five minutes and think we are in the presence of God. When you can't go to sleep at night, why do you think that is? You are being told to get in the presence of God (see pg 8).

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**Five-fold** (from pg 7)



Pastor Carol Patman

"If you know nothing else of the apostle, know that I have been in his presence, and not just for 20 minutes. I'm talking about days with Jesus. I am an educated man, but it is not about my education. I am smart enough to know I can't make it without God."

Pastor Carol Patman closed the service in prayer. The service was a definite glorious educational experience – education for the eyes of your heart.

**Tea** (from pg 1)

that we don't need, but we keep asking, so we get it. The Lord told Samuel, 'At this time tomorrow I will send you a man... ..because their cry has come to me.' Saul came looking for the seer. He was looking for someone to put him in touch with God.



Beautiful table



Men serving the women



Pastor Allen Stevens testing the soup



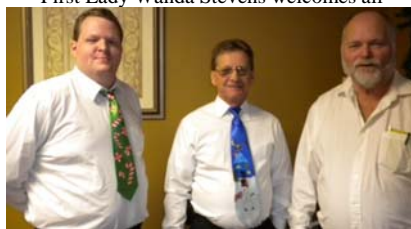
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"Maybe you have felt small like that, but you're the one he called. He called you to do something no one else can do. It's not about you; it's about him. Nothing disappoints God more than to hear, 'I can't.' He's not interested in your inability, but what you will do. If you **could**, would you need him? He wants us to say, 'I don't know what to do,' so he can teach us.

"Some times you just have to stop and listen. Be still and let him put a part of himself in you. Don't just take all the blessings and keep them; give them out. Start looking for somebody you can be a blessing to. We are not seeing God's work because we are not blessing people.



First Lady Wanda Stevens welcomes all



Jonathan, Jeff & Larry part of the wait staff



Head waiter Jeff



Austin the waiter



Lem bringing dinner

"There came a time when Saul got his focus wrong, got out of his calling. It cost him the throne and his life.

"In the book of Jeremiah, the prophet preached and they would not listen, so he said he would not talk anymore about God. But it became as a fire shut up in his bones. When the word of God is on the inside, it's gonna come out. You'll preach to a tree, a dog, a cat. You may even think you can't help yourself. When you are at the bottom of the bottom, that is when His strength is made perfect. That is why he says, 'Let the weak say, "I am strong."'

"In Deut 2:3 God told Moses, 'You have skirted this mountain long enough.' Stop going around the mountain. You will not stay in the same place forever, but until you learn. Sometimes it's the way we pray. He did not save us to be beggars, but kings and priests. He wants you to pray, not beg. Instead of begging, pray, and say, 'My God will supply all of my needs according to his riches and glory. I am complete in Jesus because he is the head of everything. In him I live, I love, I have my being. I don't worry about Alzheimer's; every infirmity I have he takes care of because the spirit makes intercession for me. Thank you, Lord for taking care of all my problems.' Tell him he is worthy to receive glory and honor. After that tell him what your needs are because, by then, your faith level is increased.

"I'm not going around this mountain again. Mountain, you are coming down. You will see God change things. Start praying according to his word. Open your Bible and say, 'God, show me the word I need to pray. Lead me to that place.'"

**Intercession** (from pg 1)

to those who were present at the intercessory prayer session.



Pastor Patsy Garrett, a member of the board of directors of the Whole Body of Christ Alliance was present at the last two intercessory prayer sessions.



Herman Parks the Bible teacher a member of the board of directors of the WBCA was one of



those present on his face on the floor, weeping and crying out to God for the body of Christ.



Pastor Linda Smith was one of those present who grieved and traileed in prayer for those who cannot see God's purpose in the unity.

People who are prayer warriors are like those in an artillery unit. They unleash a barrage of prayer on the enemy. Intercessory prayer warriors, however, are more like the cavalry. They take on demonic forces with the swords they wield. They wield the sword of the spirit. They pull down and destroy strongholds. They ride rough shod over fleeing demonic forces, and they are blessed beyond earthly measure for it.



Bishop Harold Green, a member of the board of directors was present on his knees praying for the rest of the body of Christ to come together and fulfill what Christ prayed for in John 17.



Pastor Roger Williams was another intercessory prayer warrior on his knees crying out to God for the body of Christ to come together.

Those leaders of the WBCA that are pictured are some of those that were present. The rest preferred to remain anonymous. All, however are blessed for what they did and continue to do.

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Rev. Jeff Carr

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Wed svc 1900 (7pm)

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Sun svc 1100/ Wed youth svc 1900 (7pm)

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**Grace Deliverance Church** – Athens

Pastor Jewell Leige (706)612-0864

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Pastor Larry Percifield (706)768-3129

**Hope Fellowship** – Winder

Pastor Johnny Williams (770)867-5339

Sun sch 1000/ worship 1100

Sun healing svc 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 1900 (7pm)

Wed Bible class 1930 (730pm)

Fri supt meeting 1930 (730pm)

**Hoschton United Methodist Church**

Pastor Marvin Mason (706)654-1422

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Pastor Patsy Garrett (706)654-8060

Sun svc 1100/ eve 1830 (630pm)

Youth Wed 1930 (730pm)

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Sun sch 1030/ svc 1130/ eve 1500 (3pm)

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Sun svc 1145/ Tue Bible study 1930 (730pm)

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**Women of Destiny** – Winder

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## Watch Night (from pg 1)

a second generation Christian born in Haiti, has planted a church in Hoschton that is growing in size and in God's favor.



Megan Ellis, Praise leader in joyous song



Pastor Tyler Ellis addressing the people



The people bringing in the New Year joyously worshipping God

It was a wonderful time for all who were present, beginning the New Year in worship.

## Pastor Johnny



Pastor Johnny Williams of Hope Fellowship

Pastor Johnny Williams holds a meeting at Hope Fellowship every Friday evening at 1930 (730pm). Many people in recovery attend. His words of wisdom help and encourage them. It is not a 12-step program. It is not designed for people who believe that they are alcoholics or drug addicts and that they will be so until they die, although all of those people are welcome and benefit from this meeting.

If one looks on the shelves of any pharmacy, many drugs will be seen. Almost none of them cure anything (only antibiotics and antivirals). There is a reason for this: there is little profit in curing diseases. The real profit is in TREATING diseases. Most prescription drugs are designed only to treat a disease or its symptoms. Consequently, "medical science" is no longer in the curing business, but the treating business. It is, therefore, no surprise that addiction is spoken of as just another disease that is to be treated, not cured. This is what the world says. Pastor Johnny and many others say differently. You are free to agree or disagree, but no one can argue with the results.

This column contains excerpts from things he says in these meetings.

### Expectation for 2014

Rom 8:31 – If God is for us, who can be against us? Who dare accuse us whom God has chosen

for his own? When you accept Christ, you are in right standing with God. You had no standing with God before that. We are joint heirs with Jesus and Jesus said, "All power in heaven and in earth has been given to me." Nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even any sin we commit. I'm in his family and I commit a sin. Is that gonna separate me from his love? How many Christians stay in defeat because they don't understand about God's love? He loves us just like he loves Jesus? He sees me through the blood of his son. We see us through our mistakes. II Cor 5:17 says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation." He is a completely new species that never before existed.

False humility says, "I don't deserve it." True humility before God is being in his word. James 4:7 says, "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." The P'rushim (Pharisees) were not able to humble themselves. Saints – us – are those set aside and consecrated for his use. God lives in his people, not inside brick and mortar.

Somebody says, "I don't believe in God." Do you think God is on the throne nervous about it? Do you think he's worrying, not knowing what to do? In II Kings 7:3-11, there was a famine, in other words, hard times. There is a financial famine right here and now. The lepers said, "why sit here and wait to die? We'll surrender to the Syrians. If they spare us we'll be alive, if not, well, we're dying here anyway. What do we have to lose?" The Syrians had abandoned their camp and fled because God tricked them.

This is the same sort of thing as with the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:42-48. She heard about Jesus and she figured she had nothing really to lose. But this woman had an issue of blood, which, according to the Law, made her unclean. So, she sneaked through the crowd because she knew that, if she could just touch the hem of his garment, she would be healed. Her faith was like those lepers. She was dying anyway. She was broke and sick, and had no other hope. Her faith made a withdrawal of the anointing from him.

Addiction is an issue. Science says it's a disease. I won't argue that point because I don't care. All I care about is how to get rid of it. Do you want to argue about it or get rid of it.

The man in the parable of the good Samaritan was robbed and left by the side of the road. He was not dead, but he had the appearance of a dead man. Therefore the priest and the Levite could not legally touch him, but the Samaritan, a gentile, could legally touch him.

Proverbs 4:7-9 tells us to get wisdom, and it tells us why. If a person were to believe this, they may actually begin to get wisdom. Where do bad decisions come from? They come from bad thinking. Bad thinking has to be developed. When you get into drugs, you are forming a mentality. The Bible says, "Get good judgment." So, it must be out there to get. Queen Victoria once handed a Bible to an African king, telling him, "This is the secret to England's success." How much time do you spend in God's word? How much time do you spend listening to godly men? Answer this to yourself with complete honesty.

There is a difference between the person of Jesus and the principles of Jesus. The person of Jesus will prepare you for Heaven. The principles of Jesus will prepare you to be successful here on earth.

Any decision I make on alcohol or drugs would be unwise because my first decision (to use) was unwise. You must learn to maintain what God has graced you with (i.e. your sobriety). When you get to a stop sign, all you have to do is stop. But how many just have to test the water and get to see the blue lights? Why complicate what is simple?

Stress is a choice. Jesus would not have said for us not to worry if it was not something we could do, or if there wasn't something wrong with it.

God does not wring his hands because somebody does not believe what he said. The world is full of unbelievers. Hell is filled with them. They were unbelievers until they got there. Then they believed.

## Prophetic and Healing Crusade

Ministries working together is what the unity mission is all about. Anointed Hands and Touch of Hope are coming together on Friday 31 January, Saturday and Sunday 1&2 February at 1900 & Sun at 10 a crusade will be occurring at Anointed Hands Ministry and Healing Center. Yosef Ben-Avraham, Drs. Kenneth & Lorrie O'Neal, and Pastor Herschel Phillips of Touch of Hope will be there. For those who were not present at the healing services in August, people were healed of some awful things. Miraculous things happened there (see Battlefield News September 2013). People walked out of there on their own legs that were not able to walk in. People came in terrible pain and walked out pain free. If you know someone in a wheelchair, or blind, deaf, sick, bring them. See for yourself what God will do.

## Willie Walker and the Prophecy Factory

Willie Walker, a prophet, will be at Emmanuel Worship Center on 19 February at 1900. He will be there along with **Nancy Haney**. Nancy is the only woman to preach in Mainland China and be invited by the Chinese government to come back and preach again. **Nancy Haney** has spoken at Women of Destiny twice in the last two years. She is a **real** international speaker from Nikiski Alaska. **This is a must attend event.**

## WBCA in History

**By: Richard Dean**

I was reviewing the archives of the Battlefield News recently and happened across some very good articles written by people over the years. It has become a fairly common practice in the past year or so to reprint exceptional articles, and seeing some of those from years ago, it has seemed to me good to reprint some of the better ones, especially some written by saints who have since gone to be with the Lord.

The first article is from BFN December 2010

## Whole Body of Christ Alliance

**By: R. D. Hempton**

Most churches, even within a particular denomination, are isolated. We are all at war with the powers of darkness. Our enemies are highly intelligent, highly organized, numerous, and powerful. The Bible tells us that we don't wrestle with flesh and blood, but the powers of

darkness **do** control people, some of them very powerful people (see Dan 10:12-13). Regardless of our denomination or lack of one, regardless of our variation in interpretation of scripture, our enemies are coming after **all** of us. **Our enemies are much more powerful than our differences.**

There are atheists, antitheists, the godless that control most of the mainstream media, and hundreds of organizations and power fronts that want God's people destroyed or silenced at the very least. Below is only a partial list of organizations that are doing everything in their power to silence us and remove even the mention of Christ from the public square. Many of these organizations are responsible for bringing some of the most ridiculous law suits in history.

Some of those who have declared war on the body of Christ:

The American Civil Liberties Union, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Americans for Freedom From Religion, The American Atheist Society, The American Communist party, The American Socialist Party (which has branched into many suborganizations whose members are already in power in Congress), Radical feminist and racial organizations, lobbyists and pressure groups, organizations that support and promote sexual perversion such as the Gay-Straight Alliance, The North American Man/Boy Love Association. This is only a very abbreviated list. **Our enemies are much more powerful than our differences.**

I can work with anyone who believes that we are born with a sin nature and are only worthy of hell without Christ, that Jesus is the messiah, the spotless Lamb of God, and is in fact God himself, that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and sinless, that he died on the cross for your sins and mine and was raised from the dead on the third day, that he will return for his bride at the appointed time of the father, that the Bible is the inerrant word of God, and that blatant sin is intolerable, and that the church must never tolerate it among its own. I cannot work with anyone who teaches that we kill those who do not believe as we do, that theirs is the only body of believers that will enter the kingdom, or who are filled with anger or hatred for those followers of Christ that do not believe as they do. **Our enemies are much more powerful than our differences.**

For the most part we are all isolated companies, platoons, and squads on the front lines, but this platoon does not know what that platoon is doing. We are not working together at all as we should. The most obvious consequence of this isolation is that we are fairly easy targets. Another is that we do not have the power we need to actually do very much of the kingdom work we are given. For instance I have heard countless preachers make statements like, "We are gonna take back Winder for the Lord," or "Monroe for the kingdom," or "Loganville from the devil." No body of believers is gonna "take back" anything by themselves, no matter how big their congregation is. Still another consequence is far more covert. It sneaks up on church bodies, especially when they think it could never happen to them. It is the fact that, when we are isolated, we run the risk of our programs, our outreach, and even our worship becoming inbred, ethnocentric, chauvinistic, perverted or even cultish – a phenomenon I like

to call the Jim-Jones-kool-aid syndrome. I John 1:7 tells us that if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we will have fellowship with one another.

Another article, also from December 2010, struck us as noteworthy. The author has since gone on to be with the Lord.

## Hypocrites

By: Orville Zellinger

There is an unacknowledged presence that, unfortunately, permeates too many church bodies. Lost and worldly people often refer to this as being "holier than thou." It is the presence that causes those that are not in the body of Christ, almost without exception, to use one word to describe everyone they know who goes to church. That word is "hypocrite." This word is usually used to describe people who speak one ideal with their lips, yet live in a completely different way.

There is nothing wrong with having a set of ideals that we could never possibly live up to, even though we struggle daily to make it as close as we can out of love for the Lord; it is quite another to espouse this set of ideals, acting as if we walk perfectly in them, and become a totally different person away from church.

Isaiah 29:13 states, "...this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men."

Make no mistake; many lost people are lost by choice, and label the people of God "hypocrites" as an excuse not to embrace the truth. Be that as it may, however, too often the label fits. Pastor Kenneth Cooper of Kingdom Community Worship Center calls the people who fit into this category "church folks." The term is used to describe people who honor God with their lips inside the sanctuary, but take off their masks when they leave the parking lot.

How many times have we watched a person make an angry face, scream obscenities, or make obscene gestures at us in traffic, and then we see the outline of a fish on the back of their car?

When a church body is together and the presence that can almost physically be felt is one of never being guilty of sin, of never having been one who has partaken of illegal drugs, gotten drunk, been arrested, or been sexually immoral, one of never having lustful thoughts, condemning or hateful thoughts about others, envious, spiteful, or self-righteous thoughts, then we find ourselves surrounded by the very "church folks" spoken of above.

Far too often in church there is the atmosphere of no-one-has-any-sin. Too often we treat sin as if it was something we did five or ten years ago, but not now. We treat sin as if the only time it happens among God's own is by accident, referring to it as slipping or stumbling, all with the connotation that it was never on purpose. This is not the truth. Although, to be sure, there are sins we commit by accident, much of the sin we commit is absolutely on purpose. We rationalize and justify it before the fact. We give in to temptation and rationalize why it will be okay in this particular case. We even treat it this way when we talk to our God. This is dishonesty. If we ever want to actually have a relationship with Christ, we have to be deep down honest here.

The danger of this mindset is that, when there is one among us who is having a problem with sin, a place we **all** find ourselves in on occasion, we do not provide an atmosphere of love, compassion and understanding for this person, as Jesus did for sinners. If we are always acting like we never sin (a lie), we do not allow that one who is in a weak place to be able to ask for help. How can John call Andrew and tell him he needs help with a problem he is having with pornography? How can Martha call Julia and ask her for help with a drug problem? We all need to read our Bibles again, especially Gal 6:1.

It is wonderfully refreshing to be with a body of believers who admit their shortcomings, how they have recently "stumbled," and what they need to work on of themselves, instead of expressing disdain for others who "fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23), as if they themselves never do. I have experienced the refreshment of congregations like this, but they seem to be the exception rather than the rule.

In America and other geographically Christian nations, it is "church folks" that are responsible more than anything else for being the barrier to lost people.

Rather than point **my** finger at "church folks," however, I must do something more effective, and more tangible. I must address the tiny portion of the body of Christ that I have control over – namely, me, Zell Zellinger. I do not have any control over "church folks." I must address those things in me that are incongruent with what Jesus wants in me and encourage (not insist or command) others to do the same. In the process, however, I must not be so introspective that the bulk of my attention is on me, lest Christ not be able to use me at all (this is called balancing).

If we are aware of "church folks," the best way to attack the problem is to attack the problem within ourselves. Let us die to the "church folks" inside ourselves.

James 5:16 reminds us to confess our faults to one another and pray for one another that we might be healed. James is not telling us to go into a confessional or other secluded place with a "Brother, forgive me for I have sinned." Instead, we must be open with each other about what we know is wrong with us and those things that we have done recently (even if only in a general way) that we can strive to do better in the future. Be open and painstakingly honest. When we are wrong, we must promptly admit it. We must also be absolutely honest with God in our prayers. Do not avoid the issue with him in prayer. We may **feel** like running away from him when we are sinful, but, instead, we must run **to** him.

Let us not be labeled "hypocrites." If a person is a hypocrite, then there is no better place for them than church. But, keep in mind that we cannot truly be hypocrites simply by having an ideal that we are incapable of living up to. I can only be a hypocrite if I claim, or act as if I am claiming that I **do** live up to the ideal and, **then** hold **your** feet to the fire because you do not.

A third article, also from December 2010, we feel should be taught more often.

## Devil's Tower of Babel

By: Allen Stevens

Gen 11:4 "...let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us

make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

Gen 11:7 “...let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

We see today all the aspects and effects of the confusing of the languages and how mankind has suffered as a result of what God did at the tower of Babel. Their building was stopped. *They left off building the city.* This was the effect of the confusion of their tongues; for it not only incapacitated them for helping one another, but probably struck such a damper upon their spirits that they could not proceed, since they saw in this the hand of the Lord gone out against them.

It is natural for man to seek to be distinguished, and as natural to seek it in a wrong way and for a wrong end. In doing this he will be disappointed. If he would be truly great, and permanently honored, he must seek these blessings, not in the indulgence of selfish gratification, but in learning and doing the will of God.

Unless the blessing of God is present, from which alone we can expect a prosperous issue, all that we attempt will necessarily perish. God declares that he is at perpetual war with the unmeasured audacity of men; anything we undertake without his approval will end miserably.

Now, the devil tries to duplicate all the things God does for his own purposes. I sometimes wonder what he might do in this particular situation. Let’s say man has chosen to build a mighty work for the Lord God Almighty. Being in one accord, in His wonderful will, everything is really coming together for Jesus and his church. What could the devil do to corrupt this plan?

What would happen if Satan started to whisper into the thoughts of a man? “You should always kneel down on your knees to pray the way God wants you to pray.” Yes, this man looks up scripture and there it is in the Bible about people kneeling down on their knees to pray to God. Because the Bible says it, he thinks it must be done this way to be effective.

He convinces all around him to pray in this manner. A stranger comes by where this group is kneeling down praying to God. He doesn’t kneel. He is confused because he believed people showed more reverence praying to God while standing with their hands raised. He thinks that standing is the best way to pray.

With encouragement from the devil, the second man decides to start a prayer group that prays like he does, and the first denomination of God’s people is formed.

Over the next several hundred years, it seems man comes up with many, many things that he and his brothers do not agree upon. Is there anything wrong with this? I don’t think so – not in and of itself. People’s differences are what the Creator has given us to make the great mixture we call the wonderful family of God. Besides, if God has a problem with what someone is doing, I am sure he can take care of any problem without my help. All I’m supposed to do is love and help those who God is dealing with. God doesn’t really need my help cleaning them up.

John 3:16 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.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, shalt be saved.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Satan has used everything (dress, baptism, marriage, eating, drinking, singing, preaching, Santa, etc.) to separate God’s people. We must see through his ploys and not let our individual differences separate us any longer.

In this alliance we hope to bring God’s children closer together and praise our Lord as we lift him up and tell about the wonderful things he has always done for his children and is still doing for his church today.

One God, One people, and One Way... JESUS CHRIST,  
Amen

## Bible Knowledge

By: Mateo Raza

It’s hard to believe that the Battlefield News goes all the way back to 2010, but there is the proof.

How about the answers to the December questions?

More Hairy and Hairless

1: Nebuchadnezzar. Dan 4:33

2: Absalom. II Sam 14:26

3: Paul. Acts 21:23-26

4: Samson. Judg 16:17-19

5: Ezra. Ezr 9:1-3

6: Nehemiah. Neh 13:23-27

7: Jacob (Israel) brother of Esau. Gen 27:11-22

8: A leper. Lev 14:7-9

9: Jews. Lev 19:27

10: Priests. Ez 44:20

11: Ezekiel. Ez 5:1-4

12: Jeremiah. Jer 7:29

13: The Levites. Num 8:5-7

14: cut off her nails and shave her head. Deut 21:10-12

15: Paul. Acts 18:18

The Runners

1: The Gadarene demoniac. Mark 5:6

2: Elijah. I King 18:46

3: Philip. Acts 8:30

4: John. John 20:4

5: Samuel. I Sam 3:4-5

Now for the January Questions:

More Runners

1: What boy ran toward the Philistine army to confront their best warrior?

2: What man, a servant of the prophet Elisha, ran to meet the woman of Shunem?

3: What tax collector ran to a sycamore tree because he was too short to see Jesus?

4: Who ran to meet the Lord in the plains of Mamre?

5: Who sent the Cushite to run to David with the news of Absalom’s death?



6: According to Isaiah, what sort of people shall renew their strength, mount up with wings like eagles, shall run and not be weary, shall walk and not faint?

7: What prophet ran after another prophet to accept the appointment as his successor?

8: What usurper of the throne of Israel got 50 men to run before him?

9: What judge’s mother ran to tell her husband Manoah that an angel had visited her?

10: What Old Testament man ran into the midst of the Israelites carrying incense to stop a plague?



11: What two women ran from Jesus’ empty tomb to tell the disciple what had happened?

Notable Women, and Some Less Notable

1: The only female judge of Israel, she judged the tribes from under a palm tree. Her victory song is famous. Who was she?

2: What widowed prophetess was 84 years old when she saw the young Jesus in the temple?

3: What wife of David had been married to Nabal, who died when she told him the gifts she had given to David?



4: What elderly cousin of Mary the mother of Jesus became the mother of Yochanan the immerser (John the Baptist)?

5: What prophetess active during the reign of Josiah, consoled the king while chastising the people of Israel?

Enjoy figuring out the answers to the January questions.

Love in Christ,

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