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Editorial

Hard Times, a Sign of the Times.

Denominations today in the Western World are having a tough time. We frequently hear how church attendances are falling and some church spokesmen will occasionally publicly deplore the lack of interest in worshipping God. But what is not said, is that with falling attendances has come a decline in church incomes.

In the heyday of church attendance—from 1850-1950—the generosity of the person in the pew enabled many denominations to build their ‘flagship’ institutions like schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes and other businesses. Whenever these institutions needed more capital to upgrade or expand, an appeal was made to the congregations, and the money was usually forth coming.

Today, most congregation struggle to pay their way, there is little over to provide capital for the ‘flagship’ institutions. Recently it was stated at the NSW Presbyterian Assembly, that the turnover of the congregation was eleven million dollars and the turnover of the institutions was fifty seven million.

With this large disparity in incomes, there is no way that the congregations can continue to provide the capital needed for the ongoing reinvestment programs of the church institutions. It is only a mat-

ter of time before they are sold off—just like Qantas, the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra.

Most denominations are going through the same problems. Although they say little publicly, one can, from time to time spot the signs. One such sign is the two letters from the Seventh-day Adventist Church administrators regarding the work of Dr Desmond Ford, mentioned in our last magazine. They have charged him with (amongst other things) *open solicitation of tithes*.

Most churches use the term ‘tithes and offerings’ to describe the income received in the church plate. But it is between God and the person concerned how much is set aside and how it is placed. A church has no right to demand it or expect it, and to lay this charge against a faithful and well known servant of God is quite preposterous.

Could it be that the finances of the SDA Church are so finely balanced and budgeted, that if a few of its members also support the work of Dr Ford, there will be financial problems within that denomination?

The financial problems of the denominations are but another sign of the times. A while ago I read a sermon by a minister of a church in the heart of New York. He said he was troubled by falling church attendance. ‘It was,’ he said ‘God trimming his Church back to fighting weight.’ Yes, the trend is to get leaner and more efficient. Parishes are getting bigger; ministers fewer, with more expected from them.

I believe God is leading his

Church back to where it was in the book of Acts, when there were just small groups led by lay-elders. Those tiny groups faced a pagan world—which was sometimes openly hostile to them. They had no colleges, hospitals or other ‘flagship’ businesses, all they had was the gospel to preach to a lost world.

Yet against great odds, those early Christians persevered. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, they preached the gospel very effectively and many were saved.

Yes, God is in the process of stripping his Church of all its excess baggage. He is slowly leading us back to our core business—the preaching of the gospel of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Calling people to repentance in His name for the remission of their sin—as Des Ford has been training us to do for many years.

Although the decline of denominations is *a* sign of the times, one of the most important signs is Matthew 24:14 ‘*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then will the end come.*’ This sign is not yet fulfilled, but God will see that it is fulfilled despite the decline of the denominations.

Let us put ourselves at God’s disposal right now, so that he may hasten the day when this sign is brought to fulfillment.

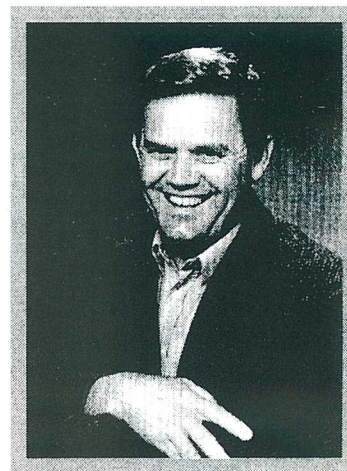
Roger

Roger Jones
—Editor



Focus on the Gospel

**'For I am convinced that neither death nor life ...
will be able to separate us from the love of God that
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:38-39**



Dear Friend

What do men and women really seek for in religion? Someone has answered by saying they are searching for the certainty that there is a God and that he loves them. What could be a more compelling inducement to such a faith, than the existence of people who possess such certainty, and tell others of it.

One such person was Paul. Perhaps a braver and more splendid thing was never said of God than what we read in the closing lines of Romans eight. The assurance offered there is exactly of the kind to equip people for survival amid the bewilderment and shocks of life.

The implications of Paul's triumphant utterance, are, that persons clasped in the love of God are safe for time and eternity. A bold affirmation like this would never have come from Paul had he been thinking in terms of his own adequacies and strengths. Instead, he was inspired by the thought of God's mighty grasp of the world and its affairs—our security rests not on our knowledge of God, but his knowledge of us. Not on our love for him, but his love for us; not our choosing him, but his choosing us.

There are no grounds for optimism when the world and its destiny is seen as held in the hands of fickle people with all their conflicting ambitions. Hope takes root upon a faith in God, who is at the centre of things. Our temper varies constantly, being poor grounds for reliance. We have dark times when love for God grows cold. But he never stops loving us, and therein lies our safety. When Oliver Cromwell was dying, he spoke saying, 'Faith in the Covenant is my only support, and if I believe *not*, He abides faithful.'

Neither death nor life, says Paul. It seems odd to speak of death first. We would proceed from what we thought was the lesser to the greater threat. We would have thought that death was far more likely to separate us from God, than life. Not so, Paul. He spoke from the perspective of the Gospel in which death may separate us from our fellows, but never from God. And if we remain in God's keeping even in the face of death, naught that life shall be able to throw at us will sever us from him.

The last part of verse 39 says that this love is '*... in Christ Jesus our Lord.*' Only in the story of Christ do we learn of a love that will not let us go. Only in the light of the cross did Paul make his terrific statement.

*'For Him who loves me now so well,
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death or earth or hell?
No! I am his forever.'*

May the love of God sustain you and give you hope.

Yours in service

RON J ALLEN

Relax and Enjoy the Ride

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which, when a man found, he hideth and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.' Matthew 13:44.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not just some piece of property amongst other pieces of property—simply one that a person happens upon. No indeed, the Scripture says it is something that brings great joy, in fact the joy is so great, that a person would be prepared to part with all their possessions in order to gain this treasure. This kingdom once tasted cannot be forgotten, driving people to pursue and cling to the prize.

What is it that evokes such single-minded passion in the lives of people? I suspect that it is something like the pursuit of wealth, power, influence, fame or security. However, I do not think that these were what Jesus was talking about when he made this statement of the kingdom. For many, the passion of their lives is grinding out their pet indulgences—without regard for others.

What we need is to be at peace with God. If we are at peace with our Creator and Redeemer, then we can be at peace with ourselves, the world and even our enemies. When we acknowledge our need of God and our own sinfulness, his mercy and love take on a new importance. The realisation that God accepts us just as we are, does indeed bring great joy. What could a person possibly offer for such a gift? How tragic that so few people are prepared to accept such a simple, yet powerful truth.

Rejoice, and then rejoice again—Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and many other saints, is exceedingly good and kind.



Clem Moss.

Laughter is Good Medicine

Pat Jones

A recent ABC news report said that researchers have discovered that people who can laugh readily, are healthier than those who don't. Laughter, they said, can even save life. For example, if you have been in a serious life threatening situation, and saw the funny side of things, you actually would survive, because of your sense of humour.

The journalist was saying that these days many people are losing their sense of humour, and don't readily laugh. Looking at the world around us, I can see why people would feel this way. However, I wasn't surprised at the report, because I know the Bible has a few words to say about it. In Proverbs 17:22 we read, 'A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.'

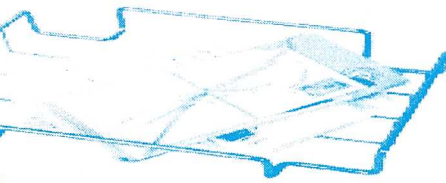
Dr Hunt (Patch) Adams discovered the connection between healing and laughter and a movie was made of his life called *Patch Adams*. His

medical career was traced from the time he signed himself into a mental hospital and later to his graduation as a medical practitioner. The film showed hilarious scenes, and patients who were terminally ill, if they could smile at something, were helped considerably.

I don't know whether Patch Adams knows what the Bible says, but he is putting into action what is written there. Patch has built the *Gesundheit Hospital* for the poor and those unable to pay medical insurance, and at the time of filming, had a list of over 1,000 physicians who have offered to leave their current practice and join in Patch's cause.

So after reading this, if you have been walking around with your worries showing all over your face, then take a dose of God's medicine, have a spiritual face-lift and start smiling. God has taken care of your sins and he will 'supply all your needs from his riches in Glory, because of what Christ Jesus has done for us' (Philippians 4:19).

Mail



Dear Sir

In your article, *Who's on Trial in Daniel?* we read, 'This is our point, in Daniel 7 the judgement condemns the little horn and vindicates the saints. The judgement is a friend of God's people, not an enemy.'

I have to agree with you one hundred percent. My concern regarding the vindication of the Saints, is in relation to the little horn. Adventism says the little horn is the papal power.

This power, the Roman Church, claims to be not only Christian, but 'The Christians.' They are the *only* way to salvation. The Roman Church is the way to salvation over the true saints of God in this case. The question in the judgement (a discernment, not a condemnation—this is a tribunal) is, 'Will the real Christian please stand up?'

So in essence, all Christians and only those who have taken the name of Christ are considered in this judgement. In the end the little horn is shown to be what it is and it's body handed over, but the other kingdoms go on for a little while—clearly pre-advent still.

While the verdict given the true saints is a vindication, that is, judgement found in their favour, that which we have here in this judgement is what is pictured in the parable of the wedding feast, in which the man who was without a garment was cast out, also, a picture of Joshua, the High Priest in Zechariah.

In other words, the judge-

ment (discernment) is not a weighing of your works to see if you merit heaven, but a verification that you're wearing the garment of Christ's righteousness. This is the only way we can 'deserve' to be with Christ in the new kingdom.

K W USA.

Dear K

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the judgement of the Little Horn, its judgement, and the vindication of the saints.

I liked best your comment to the effect that no one could possibly merit a favourable verdict. It seems true to us also. The only safe course is to be clothed with Christ, who alone has attained heaven by his own merits.

May God bless you always

RON

To GNU

I am sending a donation to help along your good work.

Many thanks for the tapes you send me each month and the literature. I can't begin to tell you the joy and knowledge my friend and I enjoy, as we listen to them each week.

So pleased that Dr Ford is back in Australia. I pray for him that he will be kept in good health to carry this work on. I pray for you all that are connected with GNU.

Thanking you once again.
Christian regards

S W AUST.

Dear GNU

I have been a Seventh-day Adventist for five years.

Through various circumstances I realised that Ellen White's writings were not officially from God. By mistake in putting in the wrong words for a web-site I found the Ellen White web-page through Dirk Anderson, which led me to Pastor Cleveland's web-page, which eventually led me to your site.

I am a lay person, not a theologian. I do many things for our church at this time. Children's ministry, substitute teacher for our school sometimes, and the custodian for our school.

I have emailed Pastor Cleveland and he most graciously responded to my questions, but I am at a loss as to what to do with all the information I know. I still don't understand end time events.

If you could somehow help me with sources, that would be beneficial. There aren't any other Sabbath keeping churches in my area and I don't know of any one in the church who believes the same way I do.

I keep praying and asking God to help me to do what is right.

S AUST.

Dear S

My wife and I read your letter and we both agreed that God is leading you.

We went through the same experiences regarding Ellen White's writings and trying to find an alternative Sabbath keeping church some twenty years ago. Today we worship with the local Presbyterian Church, although we keep the Sabbath as a private day to ourselves.

You say in your letter you are at a loss as to what to do with all the information you now have. You have not spelt out that

information so I cannot comment on specific matters. However, all you know has to be understood in it's relationship to the Cross of Christ.

When Jesus died on the cross at Calvary, he died for the sin of the world. That means every sin from the first Adam and Eve to the last sin of the last person to be alive before his second coming. That means all your sin, past, present and future, was taken care of and forgiven you at the cross two thousand years before you were born. Christ's death was an all time cosmic event.

This is the gospel as understood by all the great reformers at the Middle Ages and is the basis of the Protestant churches ever since. Your acceptance of the gospel—what Christ has done for you—brings you your salvation (your conversion).

To this great salvation, Ellen White has added all sorts of other demands, rules and restrictions. To such an extent, that with her, salvation is almost impossible. You have no doubt become aware of this, hence your rejection of the authority of her writings.

All the information necessary for the salvation of humanity is contained in the Bible. Ellen White's writings are unnecessary and superfluous.

Please feel free to correspond with us on any problems that you have, we are here to assist folk like yourself. Continue to pray for God's help in this matter. Remember, he has led you this far. Do not be impatient, it took my wife and I five years of working through everything before God took us out. Since then he has had us presenting the gospel to all kinds of people.

We pray that God will continue to lead in your life and that you may rejoice in the great salvation he has brought you.

In Christ's service

ROGER.

Dear GNU

I have recently read Robert D. Brinsmead's *Reflection* and he raises a number of issues which I think Christians need to address.

What do you think?

D T AUST.

Dear D

I have looked at Robert Brinsmead's material. It would take a very large book or series of books to deal with it. But the work has been done by better scholars than I, particularly by Meier, a Roman Catholic scholar in *The Marginal Jesus*, and by Tom Wright, a Protestant scholar, in several books. I haven't time to repeat all they have said.

Robert is right in many things but not the crucial ones.

Certainly, conviction of truth comes through the Spirit—listen to my debate on the matter of proof and faith (Brian Wilshire debate) Certainly there was diversity of interpretation, certainly it took time for the whole truth to filter down, certainly the Church in all ages has believed and taught many foolish things.

But not the New Testament. Bob is shockingly wrong when he repudiates man's fallen state.

As Chesterton said, 'The one doctrine of the faith that needs no proof, is original sin.' From this mistake of Bob's, others flow.

The Jesus Seminar he approves is now rejected in its findings by top New Testament scholars around the world.

If you want personally to

read more on this, I can give you titles of the best scholars, but begin with Meiers' *Marginal Jesus*, which rejects the distinctive teachings of Bob and agrees on the minor, as I also do.

DES.

Dear Reader

Below is a portion of a letter that was sent to me. It is a comment regarding a lesson in a recent Bible study pamphlet on 'near death experiences.

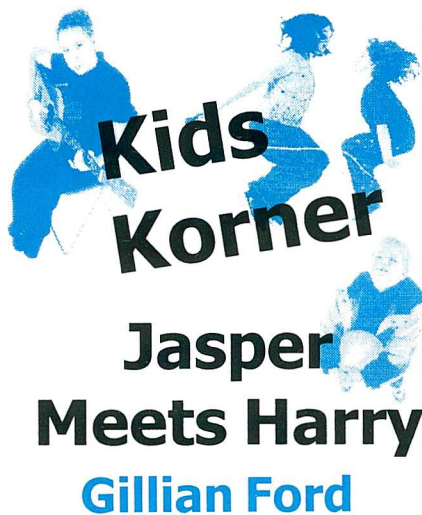
ROGER.

This weeks lesson and helps for teachers suggests that those who have had near-death experiences are unwitting subjects of Satan's deception about the state of the dead and immortality of the soul. As one who has had a 'near-death' experience (i.e. leaving my body and travelling down a tunnel toward a light, and so forth), I have never for one moment thought of it as anything other than a dream, a mental state produced, possibly, by stress of some sort—and that was the opinion of my physician as well.

I certainly never thought that it had any kind of reality, which would cause me to think I actually was approaching my loved ones in heaven. In fact, the loved ones whose affection I felt strongly drawn to in the light I saw at the end of the tunnel in that experience, were alive and well at the time I had it!

The lesson writers, it seems to me, have made a straw-man out of this matter. That is, I cannot deny my experience, but to suppose that I or other persons who have had such experiences, necessarily draw the same conclusions about what it means—as our lesson writers have—is ridiculous.

R W AUST.



Kids Korner

Jasper Meets Harry

Gillian Ford

Robin Eva is a friend of Des and Gill Ford. Robin knew Des' brother's wife when he was just a child. Robin lived in Caloundra, so Dr Ford had a ready-made friend, who helped him unpack the shipping container when it arrived from the United States.

Robin loves dogs. I mean he really loves dogs. He loves them more than people. When Gill asked the name of a good vet, Robin said, 'Harry Stevenson is the best.'

Jasper was going to a vet already. He'd had all his shots, his flea medicine, his worm medicine, and he wasn't sick. But Gill was a bit worried about him.

When Jasper first came to the Fords, he had a number of little seizures. He would gaze into thin air and not respond to her hand waving past his eyes. His head would sometimes go wobbly, going round and round in little circles. It didn't happen a lot. There was also the matter of his right ear.

Jasper's Flicky Ear.

Jasper's right ear flicked a lot. It seemed to bother him much of the time. When the ear was rubbed it didn't seem to hurt. When you looked inside the ear it was quite clean and nice. The first vet said he didn't have ear mites, if he did he would have dirty ears.

Gill thought it might have been fleas. When cats get fleas, they often get itchy ears, but Jasper had *Advantage* on, to get rid of fleas. So it wasn't that either.

At night, when Jasper got hyper and flew around the room like a tornado, his ear got really flicky. His head seemed to flick about 360 flicks a minute.

Gill wondered if the irritable ear made Jasper bite a lot. That's why she took him to Dr Harry.

Harry the Homeopath.

Gill packed Jasper in the cat carrier and put him on the front seat of the car where he could see her. He didn't like being in the carrier, even though she'd bought a new plastic one with a grille on it.

Jasper just wanted to be free to run around in the car. But Gill knew that it was dangerous to let him out if no one else was in the car to hold him. If he ran under the seat and got under her foot pedals, it could cause an accident. So, she left him to yowl in the carrier.

At first, she drove right past Harry's office and went about five kilometers too far. She turned around and came back, found the office and took Jasper in. It was then that she learned that Dr Harry was a homeopathic vet.

What Homeopaths Do.

Dr Harry was busy and fitted Jasper in between patients. When Harry called them in, he asked Gill what was wrong with Jasper. She told him how he bit a lot. She showed him her wrists and ankles telling him that the scratches went all the way up her leg (Jasper often climbed up her leg to get onto her shoulder. One time, he even jumped from afar and

slid down her back with his claws out)

Gill told Harry that she thought Jasper had a problem with his electricity. She thought that Jasper bit a lot because of his irritable nerves. She told him about the seizures and the flicky ear.

Harry examined Jasper closely. He looked into his ears with a flashlight. He took the ear between his fingers and rubbed deeply into the fur. It didn't hurt. Then he watched the cat on the table. Jasper flicked his ear several times Gill said it was much worse at night. Harry put Jasper on the floor. Jasper walked away very confidently.

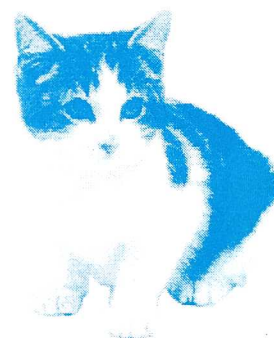
Harry said, 'Boy, he's not scared is he? He acts as if he owns the place.'

Gill said, 'Yes, he has a real strut.'

Finding the Remedy

Harry agreed with Gill that Jasper had a wiring problem. He thought Jasper did have some problem similar to seizures. He said this was not an easy disorder to help. It might take time with trial and error. But once he found the right remedy, he was confident it would work right away and keep on working.

Gill was glad she had come to the homeopath. She didn't want Jasper on seizure medicine that would make him sleep all the time—not unless it was necessary.

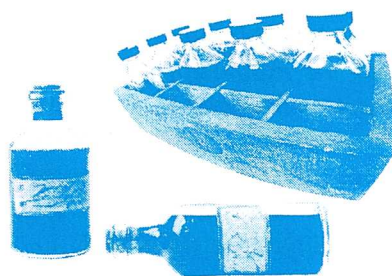


Homeopaths work quite differently to conventional practitioners. Many people think homeopathy does not work. But Gill knew quite a number of people who were helped by it. In England, the Queen and the Royal Family use homeopathic remedies a lot.

In homeopathy, a substance is found that creates the symptoms you have. The substance is diluted, (watered down). The weaker you make the dilution, the more effective the remedy is supposed to be.

Harry Asks Questions.

Harry went to look up his books to find the right remedy for Jasper. He kept shouting out questions: 'Does he mind having his paws wet? Does he sleep a lot? Does he eat normally? Does he drink water? How much?



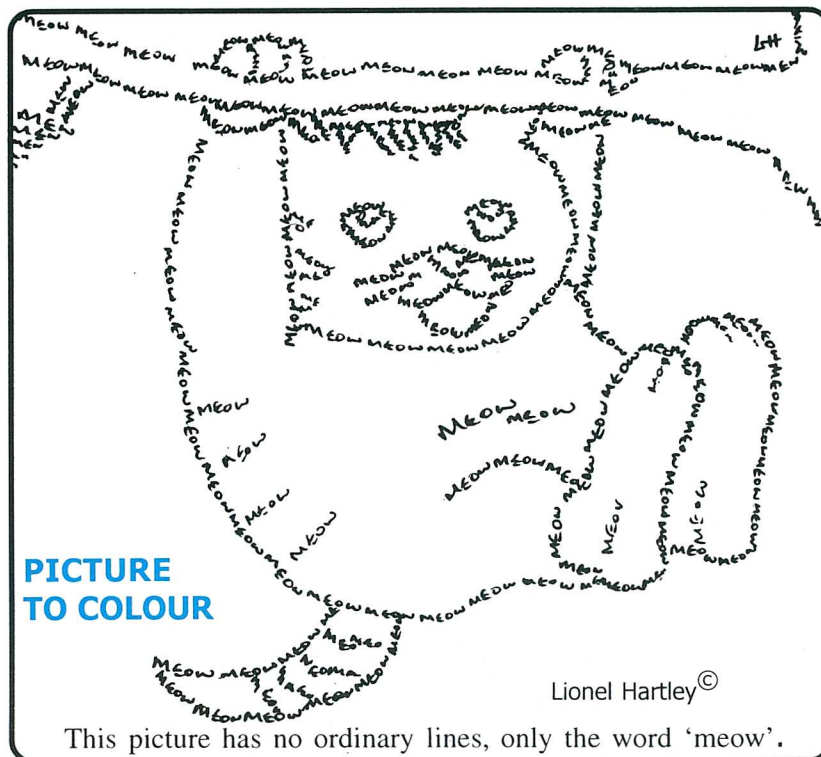
There were many other questions that were very specific. Gill didn't know all the answers.

Jasper Takes the Remedy.

Harry made up a remedy. He grasped Jasper's head and poured the remedy down his throat. Yuck! It was nasty tasting, Jasper shook his head and wiggled his tongue, but shortly he stopped minding about it.

Harry made up two other remedies. He put the bottles on the front counter and told Gill that, if the first one didn't work, then to try the second in one month and the third in two months.

After a day and a half Jasper seemed calmer. He didn't



shake his ear as much. Gill had to go away so Elénne and her daughters looked after Jasper. Gill heard that Jasper was only biting and scratching occasionally. He was having wonderful fun with Coco. He and Coco had been for walks in the park, they also played ball in the house. Jasper would sit on Coco's ball and try to scratch her if she came near.

Jesus, Remedy for Our Sins.

We are like Jasper. We have a problem and need a remedy. Sometimes, the reason we get crabby and mean, is because we are sick. Jesus understands. He knew that we would need doctors to help us. One of his names is *The Great Physician*. It's good to be healthy so you can be nice to others.

Healthy people and even the people who seem to be born nice, are still sinners. We all fall short of God's glory. None of us is purrrfect (Jasper's spelling for perfect). We all need a remedy for sin. The only remedy for that is Jesus.

We accept the perfect life of

Jesus in place of our sinful lives, and the death of Jesus as a sacrifice in payment for our sins. We say yes, amen, to all that Jesus had done for us. We ask him to stand in our place. We accept this gift by faith—the hand that reaches out to take salvation.

When we take the remedy that Jesus offers, he fixes our electricity and calms us down. He takes our cares on him and tells us not to be anxious about anything. Jesus becomes the center of our own lives and peace begins.

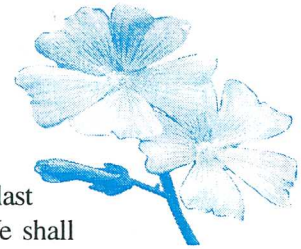
Jesus tells us that the peace and calm he gives us is not like the world gives. It's a peace that works, even in trouble and strife. Around us, life is often crazy, but with Jesus at the center of our lives, the storms are calmed and our hearts can be at peace.*

Where would You Find:

1. The creation story
 2. The Good Samaritan story.
 3. The Prodigal Son.
 4. Daniel and the lions.
 5. Noah and the flood.
- (Answers page 9.)

In Memoriam

Peter John Lawson (23 May 1944 - 12 July 2001)



Peter was a very special Christian. He was loyal without reserve to his God, his family, his church and his friends. He was an active church leader, a professor of chemistry at the University of Rockhampton, and with Jane and family, host of those who loved the gospel.

Peter and I spent many, many hours in fellowship—in his home, his office; on bicycles and walking, as well as in the many gospel meetings he chaired at the university while I spoke.

A man apparently free of vices, he overflowed with virtues. He was a good husband without peer—Jane to him was not just his spouse but his best friend and mate. Each of his children was equally precious to him and the object of intimate care and prayer. He was a respected father, engaging with, and encouraging his children in recreational, manual, spiritual and social activities. He was a very precious friend who could always be counted on.

Peter had no fear of death. He knew and loved the gospel (that we were all justified, died, and rose again in our Representative). He knew that we had been ruined without our participation, in the first Adam, but redeemed again without our participation, in the second Adam. He taught many in the church that we are saved by faith alone—though the faith that saves is never alone. Not by faith plus works, but by a faith *that* works, we receive salvation. He knew that the standing of every committed Christian was one hundred percent ‘complete in Christ,’ ‘accepted in the Beloved,’ though our state is never perfect.

‘Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God’s ideal for his children.’ If our thoughts cannot reach that ideal, how much we always need (and receive) grace. Peter had the verdict of the last judgement as soon as he understood John 5:24 and Romans 3:19-31. He had eternal life that very moment.

Believers never say ‘goodbye’

for the last time. We shall see and embrace him again. Meanwhile, our prayers mingle with our love for Jane and family, his brothers, sisters and other dear ones.

‘The good that men do, lives after them.’ ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labour, and their deeds do follow them.’

‘Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.’

For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass this saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory.’ (1 Corinthians 15:51-54)

—Desmond Ford

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

In his book, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*, A. Leonard Griffith tells the story of a young Korean exchange student, a leader in Christian circles at the University of Pennsylvania. The student left his apartment one evening in April to mail a letter to his parents. As he turned from the mail-box, he was met by eleven leather-jacketed teenage boys. Without a word, they beat him with a blackjack, a lead pipe and their shoes and fists, leav-

ing him lying dead in the gutter. All of Philadelphia cried out for vengeance. The district attorney planned to seek the death penalty for the arrested youths. And then, the following letter arrived, signed by the boy’s parents and twenty other relatives in Korea: ‘Our family has met together and we have decided to petition that the most generous treatment possible, within the laws of your government be given to those who have committed this criminal action ... In order to give evidence of our sincere hope con-

tained in this petition, we have decided to save money to start a fund to be used for the religious, educational, vocational and social guidance of the boys when they are released ... We have dared to express our hope with a spirit received from the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died for our sins.’

When you forgive, you are no longer a victim but a victor. To love and forgive is to set a prisoner free . . . and discover the prisoner was you!

(Matt. 6:14-15) —Tony Valentino.

News of Ron and Carmen



Ron and Carmen Allen arrived in Australia on the 8th of August and hope to go back to the USA around the 17th September 2001 (providing their green card comes through in time.) This is the second time they have travelled between the States and Australia this year, as Ron is committed to both the GNU office in Auburn, California and the Tweed Heads office, NSW.

Ron and Carmen have enjoyed getting to know the folk in the US and felt more at home over there the last time around. They say that they have been made to feel very welcome.

GNU will hold it's Annual General Meeting on the 16th September with a Board Meeting following. Ron and Carmen leave for the States a day or so after these meetings.

The following is an interview between Ron Allen and Roy Gee concerning meetings held recently by Ron in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. Carmen went with him. The meetings were held in a lecture hall at Trinity Western University.

(Answers from page 7.)

1. Beginning of Genesis.
2. Luke 10.
3. Luke 15.
4. Daniel 6.
5. Genesis chapters 6-7

Where is Langley, Ron?

You drive north from Sacramento on 1-5 as far as you can go—right to the Canadian border. Then you carefully scrutinize the instructions that have been given over the phone by Dan Ericson. You cross the border and drive ten miles. And there it is, about forty miles out of Vancouver, B C.

Were there many there?

For our GNU meetings, about forty gospel-believers, I didn't actually count. About the same as our Auburn Fellowship on a good day.

The meetings were held on a University campus?

Yes, a lovely campus, beautifully wooded. Trinity Western university is a privately funded Christian liberal arts university with 2,850 students this year. The campus is adjacent to Fort Langley, an historical landmark on the Fraser River.

What was your teaching topic?

I used some updated material on the Gospel of Luke from one of our GNU Bible Schools in Auburn.

There's a hymn I love by Frederick Faber, 'There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy.' My reading of Luke is that God's mercy is wide indeed. 'For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.'

Luke is inclusive. Not in the sense of teaching that everyone will be saved at last, rather, in the sense that what Christ did for us, he did for all. No one is excluded from the love of God in Christ. No one is outside the circle of salvation. Salvation is truly free, and there for the taking.

How was the trip itself?

I drove all the way, about 1,800 miles. Here in the USA, you have to drive all the time. In Australia, you can drive for miles without seeing another car. On 1-5 there was a car in front and a car behind and maybe a huge truck beside us all the way. No dozing!

Carmen stayed awake the whole trip. Once or twice she helped me avoid running over people walking on the highway.

We loved the country. Mt. Shasta was awe-inspiring, also the cascades. The whole experience was very good.

Thank you Ron.

Molly's Haircut



Molly Brown, Good News Unlimited USA, secretary, receptionist and leader of the children's program, had her hair cut!

Molly had 13 inches of hair, weighing 4 ounces, cut off and donated it to Wigs for Kids. (www.wigsforkids.org)

Wigs For Kids uses the hair as replacement for cancer patients who lose their hair during chemotherapy, or from other medical conditions.

Molly grew her hair over two years for her special project. We are so proud of her! She is happy to have shorter hair now.

—Roy Gee

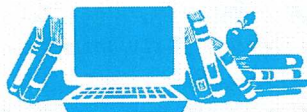
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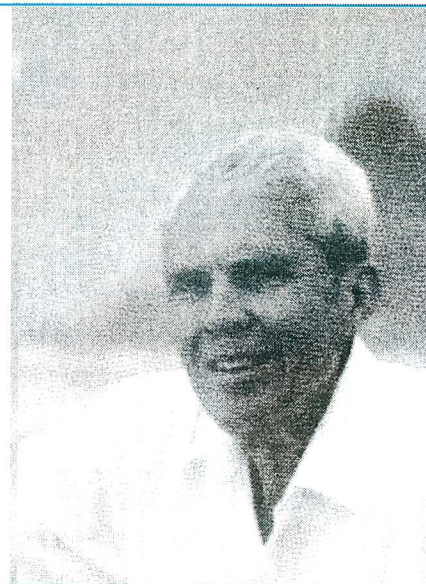
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