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# Isaiah 53

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

## If YOU don't reach the lost souls WHERE YOU ARE, WHO will?

# 'It's Your Choice!' Booklets

Well, 10,000 went quicker than we could have ever imagined. The next 10,000 have just arrived; so if you are thinking about ordering please do so before they all go again. The orders have already started coming in!

## **Correspondence!**

Many of the letters we have received recently have been in regard to our NEW booklet 'It's Your Choice!' which seems to have been well received by most. Thank you to all of you who write regularly encouraging us in the work we do; please keep the letters coming, there are not many of you around these days; 'the church' is very cold!

## **Donna's Health!**

Well, her arthritis has caused quite a few problems of late! Her knee was twice the size it should be so they had to drain it & then give her **two** steroid injections. The doctor said that he took more than a 'can of coke' worth of fluid from her knee. She is also back on the prescribed drugs. Please pray that it stabilizes again.

### **Overseas Orders!**

Would all those who are ordering our booklets/tracts, outside of the UK, please send payment IN **STERLING** rather than Dollars i.e. 'postal orders' etc. as it is such a problem to bank the money transfers! Thank you for your help here.

## **Please pray for...**

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Nick (an old work colleague) who has recently lost his wife because of a brain tumour; he has two teenage daughters; Mary Ainslie who has to undergo her second knee replacement; Tim MacLeod who has had 3 operations on his shoulder; Rhoda who has recently lost her husband, also Muriel in NI who has lost her father; SOULS TO BE SAVED - down your street & mine! Please also pray for Chris who is looking for a career change after giving up teaching; pray he makes the right decisions!

'Deep' Questions Needing 'Deep' Answers!

If you died right now where would you go? What have you done with your life so far? Who have you pleased by the way you have lived? What do you regret? How much of your life involves the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you doing what God wants you to do or are you living for yourself? List down the 10 most important things in your life? List 5 things you do not care about? For someone contemplating suicide what would you say to them? Do you *really* understand what is going on in this life & why? What are your ambitions? HOW do you know what you're doing *is right*?

Hay on Wye – the book capital of the world!

Hay on Wye is a small town in Herefordshire 'full' of book-shops. It boasts the largest second hand bookshop in the world. Donna, LaToya & I went for a few hours recently after our car was serviced. We spent some time just walking around dropping here & there into book-shops & cafes. The one thing that really stood out to me was how large the section on the occult in each shop was. Hundreds of books on the occult were situated at the FRONT (as you walked in) of every book-shop we entered. It is another sign of the times in which we are living in today. We took over twenty of our booklets 'It's Your Choice!' & "You Asked The Question!" & scattered them throughout the occult sections! Pray that those interested in the occult will find the TRUTH instead.

# The Past!

Donna & I sat up the other night talking about what we had been through especially regarding the Christian work & the churches we have been involved in through ministry of preaching etc. I keep a book, including dates & places, of where I have preached & on what subject. We used to visit over 30 different churches preaching; now we visit very few. We asked ourselves why & what has changed? Some of the churches we helped at have moved on; new people have come in, & we were no longer needed. Some of the churches (perhaps most) didn't like the 'straight-down-the-line' kind of preaching that I'm called to! They didn't like us mentioning Hell, 'judgement' or the 'version issue'. Looking back over the years I sometimes preached over fifty times a year in different services, now we seldom visit other places. Our ministry has certainly changed from the Trinity Centre, Birmingham City Mission, Salvation Army Hostel work & Chester City Mission. We are now more involved with a few of the youth at Hope Chapel who we have spent the last five years inputting into their lives through Friday night meetings, Sunday Bible Class, 'Discipleship Group,' 'Reading Evenings' & outreach work through tracting etc. I must say that while talking with Donna I did feel a little saddened as to how the church, generally, has fallen so far from the truth of the Bible. We have seen so many just drift away & backslide back into the world again. Even in the short time I have been saved we have seen quite a lot, but as each year passes we have noticed that Bible Believing Christians are getting harder to find. We have had many letters from you saying that you are also

in this kind of a situation. Your church doesn't teach & preach solely from the AV, they compromise just to get folk in, use gimmicks instead of preaching the word & have watered down doctrines in order not to offend those that do come! Today the church is taken up with 'everything' other than reaching the lost with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church is arguing among its 'members' about the smallest of things & therefore missing the 'big' picture of a dying world needing the Saviour. We have Christians who go out of their way, wasting their time, trying to find 'mistakes' in the Bible, wasting their time fighting over their 'pet' doctrines (which they took from their favourite authors) & instead of doing what they should be doing, the Devil has them where he wants them & they can't see it. Most weeks I receive a letter from someone who is not happy either with something I have said or written. Every month I get a letter from someone who wants to tell me what I am doing wrong! It is quite amazing how upset people get & over what reasons! Donna & I also discussed our newsletter 'Time for Truth News?' again. Is it sending the right message to you all; are we too negative; should we be more positive? But as I went through the UKCB (United Kingdom Christian Handbook) the other day I saw thousands of Christian 'organisations' trying to do something for God yet I see the church in the United Kingdom very ineffective in most ways, being honest. So what has gone wrong folks; why are we in the state we're in? Is there any way we can pull things round & really make an impact in the lives of the people around us? I think first of all before anything, before we try to put things right in the church etc. we NEED to get our own lives RIGHT with God! That means we need to depart FROM SIN; the sin in our *daily* lives; the 'sin which doth so easily beset us' (Heb 12v1). Are you & I living a clean & pure life before the Lord; have we really asked the Lord to help us live a HOLY life before Him or are we still playing 'in & with' the world? Until we are right with God we will NOT have any effect on the people around us! Another thing I thought of while Donna & I were discussing the past was this...what are we doing with what the Lord has given us? I thank God that He has allowed Donna & I to work together 'full-time' & earn money that we can use to put into the ministry. I thank God that we no longer have to rely on Christians or churches for 'support.' God has blessed us with a job whereby we can finance the Lord's work including the literature we produce. Over 40,000 "You Asked The Question!" booklets are out there in the world; over 10,000 'It's Your Choice!' booklets; over 15,000 'Who Cares?' tracts, 10,000 'Eternity!' flyers; 20,000 'He Loves You!' tract cards & 15,000 money tract cards! I say this NOT to boast but to show an example that none of this literature could have been produced without GOD providing the money to do it through the jobs He has allowed us to have. Most Christians I know are very tight with their money; they pour it into the things of the world rather than the things of God i.e. reaching the lost with the gospel. We certainly don't want 'your' money & we certainly are NOT begging for gifts as many so called 'Christian' organisations are! We trust God for what He gives us, we work hard in what we do & we try our best to do what HE wants us to do! Where we can we try to support those who are less fortunate than us but we cannot meet the demands alone! What are YOU doing with what God has given you; building up riches on earth? Time is going so quickly & there is a great need for all of us to DO more for the Lord, BUT, if you don't KNOW the Lord Jesus Christ very well i.e. you don't LOVE Him enough, you will NOT work for Him or DO what He calls you to do! Please take this as a personal challenge (before time runs out) & get as close to the Lord Jesus Christ as you can & DO MORE to reach the lost souls of this world in every way possible! I challenge you again; HAVE YOU PUT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH EVERY DOOR DOWN YOUR STREET? If you did, over 500 streets in the UK would receive the gospel. Why not do it this week before you 'forget' or before you change your mind OR before the Devil gets you involved with everything BUT the gospel? I finish with this, life is very short & we have only one chance to make an impact on the people around us. All of us could do more if we really wanted to. We could all distribute 10 tracts a day before we get home or before we settle down in the evening. We all could try harder to talk to someone when we get the chance to witness. We could all do more couldn't we? Donna & I thank the Lord for the years we have spent so far in serving Him together; we shall continue to pray to do His will; please continue to pray for us, thanks! The main *preaching* I do now is through this newsletter I guess!

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# The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:

Proverbs 14v14

## A few suggestions where to leave tracts!

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In library books On buses, trains, taxis On the table in restaurants, cafes & service stations also in garages etc Telephone boxes Through letterboxes of houses & businesses

Post tracts back in the FREE junk mail envelopes you receive

Shopping trolleys

Park benches

Under windscreen wipers or through sunroofs of cars (but be careful not to get caught!) Canteens at work, notice boards at college (again be very careful here!)

(If you have any other good ideas about where to leave tracts please write & let me know & I shall put them in the next newsletter!)

#### Why NO Revival!

There will be NO 'worldwide' revival on this earth before the Lord returns; every dispensation ends in apostasy & failure! (If you think there WILL be, you are certainly NOT a student of the word of God!) But there may be 'pockets' of revival all around the earth! But why aren't our churches seeing the blessing they once did? Why aren't more people getting saved? OR, are YOU one of these 'crazy' people that think we are seeing revival, or will see it before the Rapture? Here are a few reasons why I think we are NOT seeing the blessing we should see in our churches...

- Satan has entered our churches through modern Bible PER-versions Enough has been said for now about this subject BUT, I will state again that God will NOT bless satanic counterfeits of the word of God; if you or your church use anything other than the AV, I wouldn't expect a blessing! I await your lovely letters in response to that statement! (BEFORE you do write, how about researching the subject first or are YOU too lazy, or you believe everything you hear NOT to bother?)
- Worldliness/materialism in the church Have you looked around recently at the churches in your town? How much is being spent on the BUILDING rather than EVANGELISM? We are too rich in our country; we are too concerned about what we look like rather than pouring our energies into reaching the lost with the Gospel! Where does the money in your church GO?
- Unholy living How are you living OUTSIDE of church? What TV programmes are you watching; what music are you listening to; what preparation do you make BEFORE coming to the prayer meeting (if you go that is) or to the Bible study (if you go) or the Sunday meetings? A quick read of the papers first; & you expect a blessing? How 'prepared' are YOU when going to church? What is your own relationship like with the Lord at present?
- A place of 'entertainment' rather than worship You like the 'band,' the music, the singers, the songs, the drums! The church is so geared up trying to please the 'young' with trendy music & gimmicks that they don't even know what worship is these days let alone HOW to worship! Do you know the difference between 'soul-ish' music & 'spiritual' music? Do you recognise it when you hear it?
- Fighting & bickering over the smallest of matters Has your church seen a split over recent years? What was it over; the colour of the carpet or wallpaper, some brothers pet doctrine such as the head covering or was it over a more serious subject like 'she is sitting in my seat!' Where is the UNITY in the church today? How can you have unity when there is so much discord among us; we all want our own way, we know best; either do it my way or I'm leaving! Is this your attitude? When was the last time YOU backed down & let someone else have their own way for the sake of the LORD?
- Using the pulpit as a place to give opinions rather than preach the word The pulpit is to be used to PREACH THE WORD from & NOTHING else! It is not a place to air your views or harp on about your pet doctrines. It is NOT a place to embarrass,

punish or 'tell off' a certain individual! It is a place where you preach what the Lord has given to you; come to think about it, when was the last time the Lord gave you something to preach rather than YOU preaching what YOU wanted to? I wonder how many preachers seek the Lord to find out what HE wants them to speak! Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. (Jon 3v2) And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. (1 Sam 3v17-19)

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- Reluctance in GIVING! I won't mention by *name* the church that I have attended in the past, but I had discussions with the eldership over the subject of 'giving' a gift to visiting speakers. The elder said to me that he thought it okay to just give them £5 or £10 if they were coming a distance to preach! I wonder how the 'elder' would have felt if he was living by faith' IN the ministry? I 'bet' those preachers would queue up to preach at his church knowing they were going to get a 'fiver' afterwards to help support their family & pay their bills! How much a week could YOU live on? I KNOW it's NOT about money! I KNOW it's NOT about how much you get as a gift; but I also know the following Scriptures... Mt 10:10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. Lu 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 1Ti 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. When the preacher comes to your church what blessing do you give him? Have you thought about how he is going to pay his bills? Do you care? Does your eldership? Think about blessing the preacher next time he comes; if he uses the NIV give him £2.50 & tell him to get the bus home & DON'T BOTHER COMING BACK!!! (*Give us a smile folks*!) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9v7)
- Rebellion Are you rebellious towards the word of God, the pastor/elder, other people, authority etc.
- No Bible teachers There is definitely a very short supply of good, fundamental, Bible believing, sound doctrine, 'dispensational' Bible teachers in our churches. I cannot remember the last time I heard a good Bible teacher IN church; the best ones I have heard are usually on cassette tape!
- Love of the world! Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. - 1 John 2v15 You would rather join in with the world than with the church?
- Cold hearted towards the Lord & towards Christians! Do you really know what love is?

## 'Mother-in-laws'; come on give us a smile!

- ✓ A mother-in-law is the bark from the family tree!
- ✓ My mother-in-law has come round to our house at Christmas seven years running. This year we're having a change; we're going to let her in!
- ✓ I haven't spoken to my mother-in-law for 18 months; well, I don't like to interrupt her!
- ✓ My mother-in-law talks so much last summer her tongue got sunburnt!
- We now have a mother-in-law sandwich; cold shoulder with salty tongue!

## A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Pro 27v15

## Some Legendary Quotations 'Good & Bad'...

- 'Power tends to corrupt, & absolute power corrupts absolutely' Acton, First Baron (1834-1902)
- 'You know life...it's rather like opening a tin of sardines. We are all of us looking for the key.' - Alan Bennett (English, stage, film & television dramatist; actor & diarist) If anyone knows where this man lives I would ask you to try & reach him with the Gospel or send me his address & I will try!
- 'We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over!' - Aneurin Bevan (1897-1960)
- 'We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities...still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.' - Charles Darwin (1809-1882) Think of what damage this 'man' ('chimp') has done!!! So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. - Gen 1v27
- 'It is well known, that among the blind the one-eyed man is king!' -Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)
- 'The broad mass of a people...falls victim to a big lie more easily than to a small one!' - Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) - (Mein Kampf, My Struggle - 1925) BE WARNED!
- 'LET THERE BE NO VIOLENCE IN RELIGION!' ('Koran' chapter 2) Oh please!

# The nonsense of 'Evolution' – taught as FACT!



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I took this photo while in a museum on holiday in Wales. The sign says the following... 'Trilobites - Trilobites were one of the most successful animal groups of the Palaeozoic Era (542-245 million years ago)', & their skeletons can be found commonly in a large number of localities throughout Wales & the borders. Although they look rather like woodlice, they are actually more closely related to 'horseshoe crabs' (or xiphosurans, to use a less misleading name). What we see as fossils are only parts of the armoured outer skeleton, which was made of the mineral calcite. Like all arthropods (e.g. insects, crustaceans, spiders), trilobites grew by moulting their skeleton, so a single individual could produce many fossils during its life.'

#### Witnessing / Reaching the LOST at school!

LaToya has been sowing the seed i.e. 'the gospel' in the school she attends for some time now. Recently one of her friends to whom she has been trying to reach has just got SAVED! She now attends a church & shall be visiting us at Friday Club shortly. LaToya talks with her regularly at school about Christian things. We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for this soul He has saved.

### **Good Christian Literature!**

I realise that some of you use our literature, & we really appreciate you doing this; we have also been put in contact recently with another Christian literature supplier. I think I am right in saying that they only supply the AV text also! If you would like to contact them you can reach them at... 'Light & Life Literature', 119 Sherwood Street, Warsop, Nottingham, NG20 0JU, England, 01623 842380. They do send out samples & a catalogue upon request.

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What to do & where to go? Donna & I continually pray that the Lord will just lead & guide us as to where He would have us. It is sad what has happened at Hope Chapel regarding their Gospel service & the permission of modern Bible per-versions, but like the majority of churches today, some would rather please MAN than God. I appreciate one of the elders standing with us on this issue. I still can't believe that Christians who believe the word of God is PERFECT & PRESERVED in the AV are the 'perpetrators' WE say what WE believe i.e. that the word of God is INERRANT (i.e. without error!); if you ask us to give you a copy of the INERRANT word of God WE would give you the Authorized Version Bible! 'THEY' (i.e. hypocrites!) will say that THEY to believe the word of God is INERRANT but when you ask THEM to give you a copy of the INERRANT word of God THEY DON'T HAVE ONE TO GIVE - they are hypocrites! They start running around shouting 'in the originals' etc. yet they have NEVER seen the originals; & if you do NOT have a copy of the INERRANT word of God FOR TODAY -YOU do NOT have a FINAL AUTHORITY to stand upon in ALL matters of faith & practice! One 'preacher' who attends Hope Chapel believes just that!!! When I wrote to him asking him to give me a copy of the word of God WITHOUT ERROR guess what... he never replied; funny isn't it – what Christians say & what they REALLY believe! So regarding church we shall continue to pray & seek God for His will!

## What do you hate?

I will set no wicked thing before mine eves: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. Ps 101:3

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Ps 119:104

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. Ps 119:113

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. Ps 119:128

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love. Ps 119:163

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? Ps 139:21

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Ps 139:22

## Holiday in Knighton!

Well Donna booked up the log cabin in Knighton again for a week's holiday. It was really peaceful. We mainly stayed in & relaxed, read our Bibles, watched a couple of DVD's & ate! Barney travelled over for a few hours on the first day just to get a quick lesson on how to play chess. He went down 5-1 to no surprise & kept blaming his losses on 'I can't tell the difference in the pieces!' Funny how everyone else in the world can! Donna & I also made good use of the hot-tub in the evenings watching the stars & listening to the sheep & cows. It was probably the most relaxing holiday I've ever had. We ventured out a couple of times, once to Llandrindod Wells & once to Newtown. We also delivered 300 'It's Your Choice!' booklets through letterboxes. We are thinking (Lord willing that is) about booking another week up at Christmas or even moving the DG holiday to Knighton next year?

## The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.

Proverbs 21:31 Who or what are you trusting in for your safety?

## The internal enemies of the New Testament local churches are...

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...Jealousy (1 Cor 3v3), the desire for vengeance (1 Cor 6v1-6), false apostles who profess to be Charismatics (2 Cor 11v1-13), ambitious church Leaders (3 John 9), teachers of false doctrine (Matt 13v33), religious sacramentalists (Matt 23v1-33), religious leaders who make 'the word of God of none effect' by 'tradition' (Mark 7v1-13 + Col 2v8), puffed up equivalent to think that science is of equal authority to the Bible (1 Tim 6v20), ambitious would-be millionaires (1 Tim 6v17), who think 'that gain is godliness' (1 Tim 6v5), schismatics who want to get the pulpit for themselves (Acts 20v30), pious, professing Christians (Matt 24v5), who profess to represent Jesus Christ (2 Cor 11v10-14 + Matt 7v15), & educated 'asses' who think that the sun rose & set on Greek scholarship (1 Cor 1-3)' - Taken from Dr Ruckman's book on Church History – A MUST!!! This quote from Ruckman is so true in most aspects, if not all, in every church I've seen; how sad. Pride is a KILLER!

Please would you send me Thomas Hooks & Leo Spences' 'NUMBER' at the CCI as their newsletter was rejected & came back to us the last time; thanks!

### Just like YOUR church; I trow not!

If we are to believe the historians of early church history, the first real Christian witnesses were fanatics in the exact sense of the word. One writer has stated that they committed the crime of bringing Jesus Christ out of the Temple & scattering Him all over the neighbourhood. They lived like sheep, they prayed like saints, they preached like lions, & they died like flies! - Also taken from Dr Ruckman's book on Church History! (NOT for the faint hearted by the way!)

### We are survivors! ~ For those born BEFORE 1940...

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split-atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before dish-washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes... and before man walked on the moon. We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors, or young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word. Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the terminus. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coalhouse, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a fond mother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an icecream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a generation gap today... BUT

## By the grace of God... we have survived!

(This article was passed on to me by David Ainsley & was taken from the November 2006 SAGA magazine.)

#### **Martin Luther**

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Luther, Martin (November 10, 1483-February 18, 1546), was the leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and was renowned for his enduring literary contribution of translating the Bible into the German language. He became an Augustinian friar and in 1507 was ordained. In 1510 he visited Rome, where he was shocked by the worldliness. He received his doctorate of divinity and in 1512 was appointed professor of philosophy at the University of Wittenberg, where he was promoted to the position of district vicar.

Martin Luther preached daily, and grew immensely popular through his exposition of the Holy Scriptures in the common language. After objecting to the methods Johann Tetzel employed to sell indulgences, Luther posted for debate his 95 Theses, October 31, 1517. He was fiercely attacked, especially by Johann Eck. On April 18, 1521, when the 21 year old Emperor Charles V summoned him to Diet of Worms to renounce his views, Martin Luther stated: 'Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen.'

Declared an outlaw, Martin Luther was protected by Frederick III of Saxony in the Wartburg castle. There he translated the New Testament into the German language in just six months. He attempted to be a moderate, opposing the Peasant's War and resisting the more progressive elements of reformation. In 1525 he married a former nun and together they had six children.

Among his many works, Martin Luther wrote...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the word of God must become corrupt.

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking. I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that one point.

Where there are no Christians, or perverse and false Christians, it would be well for the authorities to allow them, like heathens, to put away their wives, and to take others, in order that they may not, with their discordant lives, have two hells, both here and there. But let them know that by their divorce they cease to be Christians, and become heathens, and are in the state of damnation.

In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in his death, he is a sacrifice, satisfying our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest.

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#### 'Evensong' at St Paul's Cathedral!

While visiting London recently with two friends we were invited to 'Evensong' at St Paul's Cathedral. The place itself was an amazing 'piece' of architecture, incredible in fact, but the service was pure 'religion' if you get my meaning? Robes, chants, the 'Apocrypha' etc. I watched as the masses of 'religious' people who were trusting in 'works' to get them to Heaven (I speculate but I believe accurately) sang the hymns, 'chanted' the prayers & read 'the word!' I was amazed as everyone read together the 'Apostles Creed' ... 'I Believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven & earth: & in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, & buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, & sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick & the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic (universal NOT Roman, but still an unfortunate choice of a word) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.' How about that? But do the people go because they enjoy the service or because they REALLY believe what they are reading & participating in? I fear that the majority just do NOT understand & 'religion' has blinded them. Many folks shall go to HELL even though they have gone to church all their life – *think about that for a while!* 

Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27v4-6

On October 31st at 9.00am John Humphrys started a series of three (I think it's only three) radio programmes regarding proof that there is a God. He is interviewing three leaders from three different religions, Christian, Jewish, & Islamic. The one I heard today was his interview with Rowan Williams head of the Church of England. John Humphrys is a journalist & has travelled extensively covering all kinds of things including wars etc. He said that he was brought up believing in God but due to all the suffering he has seen in the world he cannot reconcile a God of love to what he has seen. He was looking for answers, to the questions he raised, from Rowan Williams. Now think for a moment that this 'leader' of the Church of England has prime time on national radio reaching the masses (i.e. millions of people), so what answers did he give to the reasons for all the suffering etc. Simply, he did not! He was asked all kinds of things regarding God & why he believed in Him; how did he know there is a God, where does an 'unbeliever' go AFTER death etc. Only once (I recall) did Rowan Williams refer

to the Scriptures (a modern perversion of course!) to answer the questions put forward to him. When John Humphrys asked him about where he would go if he died an unbeliever Rowan Williams 'ducked' the question & said that he would probably get other chances AFTER death to be reconciled to God!!! I cannot tell you how angry I was listening to this broadcast & seeing this ridiculous 'leader' of the Church falling & failing at EVERY He gave NO answers, NO hurdle! Scriptures & NO GOSPEL to the world. He is totally 'unqualified' to lead any kind of church & to be absolutely honest & frank with you, I am amazed if the guy is even SAVED, & I mean that! It was THE worst 'stand' I have ever heard for the truth; I don't think Williams even knows the truth. I have sent John Humphrys some of our literature plus an Authorized Version Bible; I sent it to Radio 4, BBC House, The British Broadcasting Company, LONDON. I also sent a covering note! Pray it gets there. *Rowan* 'Atkinson' probably knows more of the Bible than Rowan Williams does & they are both idiots!

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Seven things TO DO during one of Barney's sermons - to help you stay awake!

- 1) See how many words you can make out of the word Methuselah
- 2) Pass a note to someone called Bernie, but first make sure there is no one called Bernie in the congregation!
- 3) Start from the back of the church & try to crawl all the way to the front, under the pews, without being noticed!
- Shout a loud 'Amen!' at the conclusion of a sentence that isn't particularly inspiring! 4)
- 5) Once Barney begins his sermon, set the alarm on your watch to beep after 20 minutes... & every 5 minutes thereafter until he has finished!
- 6) Though you are sleepy, loudly applaud Barney at the conclusion of his sermon. He'll think he made a vivid impact on your life. As an exercise of Christian charity, keep the real reason to yourself!
- 7) If the sermon is 'droning' on far too long, take things into your own hands for a quick finish - Pretend to pass out; slump unconscious onto the aisle floor!

## "You Asked The Question!" Booklet in Blackpool!

While in my days at school there was a guy called Kevin who was a Christian. He used to witness to the high school students but often received some hassle & abuse; he took a brave stand & this impressed me even though I was not a Christian at this time. Well the years passed when suddenly out of the blue, last week Kevin called me. He said that he had 'backslidden' for the last 20 years but 3 weeks ago someone in Blackpool gave him a "You Asked The Question!" booklet & he recognised my name on the front & looked me up. He said that he read the booklet & it helped to encourage him on his Christian walk again. He has now started to attend church & re-dedicated his life back to the Lord. Please pray for him for God to strengthen him. His mother sadly has cancer so please pray for her also! This was a great encouragement to Donna & I regarding the continual distribution of Christian literature.

### **Tracting Challenge!**

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Could you give out 3 tracts a day? If you & I did (i.e. everyone on our mailing list, 500 approx) that would mean that each day 1500 tracts were distributed, each month 46,500 were distributed & each year 558,000 were distributed! All because YOU & I gave out just 3 tracts a day! Let us start by doing it the day you receive this newsletter!

#### **November Discipleship Group (DG)**

The Lord Jesus Christ spent most of His time inputting into the lives of the 12 apostles. Each of them had their own character; one was very outspoken & opinionated, one was jealous, one was very loving, etc. Well, at the DG I only have six people to deal with (more joining shortly though) & like the apostles, they too have their own characters & personalities; one is... I won't go there because they will all try to work out who I'm talking about! But just to say this, like everyone, we all have our problems, within ourselves, our families, our work/college/school & within the church. We try to keep as close to the Lord as possible, encouraging each other to do the same & to DO the best we can wherever & whenever. Now during the November DG I felt for the first time that some of us were not where we should be i.e. some were 'backsliding'; so I felt the Lord lay it on my heart to challenge this & 'fire' us all up again. It seemed to work & most, if not all, agreed that things were a little tough at present & their relationship with the Lord was cold or warm but NOT 'hot!' We had an open time talking about backsliding & problems we face as a Christian. I also targeted the 'roleplay' & the 'under-pressure' sections on backsliding. It was quite a hard hitting meeting & although at the end it was quite a sober atmosphere, there was light at the end of the tunnel 'God's Light' & we were all back walking IN IT again! Pray for the DG please; – Chris, LaToya, Dionne, Sheleen, Mary & Donna. We have five other possible 'candidates' who are interested in joining the DG but it is in the Lord's hands at present. The DG is specifically targeted at going 'deeper' with the Lord & with His word & focusing on LIVING 100% for Him at all times. There has also been in the past a time of 'pruning' i.e. three have shown that they really don't want to walk close to the Lord, therefore they have left us. We all try to keep ourselves in check seeking the Lord Jesus Christ's will for our lives. We are all serious about our relationship with the Lord, very serious in fact; above all else! We *strive* for a deeper, closer walk with God.

#### **Pray for the Shetland Islands!**

As far as I can remember I don't think we have sent out any of our literature to the Shetland Islands; so it was very encouraging to receive our first order there. A shipment of 'It's Your Choice!' booklets has been sent to these Islands. A lovely Christian man (83 years old!) called, requesting some. I asked him how many people lived on the Shetlands & he told me 22,000. Please pray that God will bring salvation to these people!

#### **Remember the 'Minus to Plus' booklet?**

Years ago Reinhard 'Bonkers' wrote a booklet called 'Minus to Plus' & tried to post one (via the postal service) to every home in the UK. The idea was excellent, the booklet wasn't very good (although well produced) & many folks never received one; although MILLIONS did! I would love to do the same but use Christians to deliver them instead of the Post Office! Imagine if every Bible believing 'soul winning' church got behind this idea & met in their churches to pray every Saturday & then a team from the church went out posting 'It's Your Choice!' through EVERY home in their village, town or city! I am sure God would bless our efforts to win souls for Him. Imagine if EVERY home in the UK received the gospel through their doors – people would have NO excuse on Judgement Day! If you would like to take up this challenge & deliver 'It's Your Choice!' IN YOUR AREA they cost me just 15p each; you can have them for the same price I pay my printer! Perhaps if enough were ordered I could go back to him seeking an even cheaper price? 100 booklets would cost just £15 (plus postage) - what did you spend your last £15 on of late; the Gospel?

#### MARY – Mediatrix or NOT? – By Peter Paul Ventura

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For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (1 Tim 2v5) – ONE mediator between God & men; NOT two, NOT three & NOT Mary! Every Christian must agree (those of us who believe the Bible), Mary is a blessed woman (Luke 1v28+26). When Jesus addressed Mary as 'woman' (John 2v4), no doubt Jesus was referring to Gen 3v15. Indeed Mary is blessed. In such a short article, all of the reasons why Mary CANNOT be a mediatrix can not be addressed. However, the following two reasons will suffice. First of all, as blessed as the angel Gabriel said Mary is, Mary admitted the need for a Saviour. Mary said, "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." (Luke 1v47). Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, who came to be the propitiation for our sins (John 1v1+2+14, 1 Tim 3v16, 1 John 5v20, Rom 3v25, 1 John 2v2)... Which brings us to the second reason: Only a man can mediate between a man & a man. A man cannot mediate between a man & a dog, or a man & a cow! Jesus Christ is the divine God-man. Only a man can mediate between man & man. How much more of a mediator is the God-man, Christ Jesus who mediates between God & man (Heb 7v22-25). Mary, although blessed, was not God manifest in the flesh. Mary was a sinner who needed a Saviour (Luke 1v47). As a wise preacher once said, "Imagine a criminal defendant standing before a judge, whispering to his lawyer, 'Its all right, I'll get off, because I know the judge's mother!'" So, let me ask you, who are you putting your trust in to mediate for you? Mary can't save you! So I ask you, do you know Jesus Christ the ONLY mediator who can save you from an eternal damnation in the lake of fire the final destination of ALL unsaved sinners, even those who trusted Mary to save them? The question is, Do you KNOW Jesus Christ? Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? Listen friend, you may be indifferent now, but you won't be after you are dead! There are two dates on a tombstone, the date you were born & the date you died! Now you are going to be dead a lot longer than you lived. Friend, don't you think you ought to KNOW where you are going to spend all of eternity? For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3v16) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Rom 10v9+10) Why die IN your sins?

### Don't forget our friends in prison!

Why not drop them a line or send them a card for Christmas; *How about sending them a book to read?* 

### **Remember to quote their number!**

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## From LaToya's Pen...

2 Timothy 3v1-2 says, 'Thus know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy'.

Over the last 2 years I have constantly read and heard sermons on this passage over and over again. 'The Last Days.' Some preachers talk about the last days as if it means nothing to them; the words seem to roll off their tongues so easily; so insincerely, while others seem to speak so faithfully from their hearts but later do we all too easily forget about it? I know I do!

I just can't seem to understand how bad the world is! I have it so easy - I just cannot understand! We/I talk about it all the time, about how evil the present world is and how the Rapture is creeping upon us when we aren't even ready for it! But really we are only kidding ourselves if we don't mean what we say! John has mentioned recently at Friday Club that going back 30-50 years ago, murder used to be on the front page, sprawled across television, and talked about for weeks on end because it was just so shocking. However what we see now is apathy; people aren't bothered about such crimes as they have gotten so used to hearing about it, they no longer are shocked by it. What shocks you?

I have to catch the bus every day to and from school and the language and blasphemy used in peoples conversation is horrific! What I hear and see nowadays has almost become part of my 'daily routine,' I've become so used to it I don't seem to be shocked or sometimes even unsettled by it!

#### The world has forgotten how to blush! Have you?

If we mean what we say and really do think the last days are upon us, doesn't that mean that we have little time left? Little time to save the remaining unsaved of our families, friends and those around us.

### 'This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth.'-Keith Green.

What are we doing sitting down, relaxing and entertaining ourselves? I do not and cannot fully understand the extent of hell and if I did or even tried to I would be DOING more to reach the lost. My thoughts, attitude and motives are all wrong and the Lord doesn't want that for me, He doesn't want it for any of us! Let us continue to say and DO the right things for the Lord Jesus. He gave everything for us...

'If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.' - C.T. Studd

## Want any 'back-issues' of Time for Truth News?

We can print off 'back-issue' copies of TfT News! As far back as issue 18; so if you would like previous copies please drop us a line!

#### Add your name to this mailing list!

'cetf'- 'Contending earnestly for the faith' – 83 Retford Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, S13 9LB (Tel - 0114 269 9554) - Although I do not agree with everything they write about, it is worth adding your name to their mailing list & reading for yourself some of the things that are happening in 'the Pentecostal & Charismatic' churches; it also has some good articles about what the government is trying to bring in regarding new Bills & Laws!

#### Trinidad & Tobago!

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☆ ☆ Please pray for Vera McDougall out there in Trinidad & Tobago! We have sent out more of our literature to her than any other place so far. Pray that those who receive the booklets, tracts & leaflets shall be SAVED! You're doing a great job out there Vera – Keep it going; not long left till the Rapture! WIN SOULS!

### Kent Hovind in Jail???

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Recently I have been told that Kent Hovind has gone to jail in the USA. I don't know the facts & I haven't an update on the situation as I am not on the internet! If anyone could print off the details & forward them on to me, I would appreciate it. Let us pray for brother Kent as he does a marvellous work fighting for Creation against Evolution!

#### The NEW UK Christian Handbook is out now – call 020 8294 1989 to order your copy!

#### This England!

For those of you that would like to know more about England I would recommend subscribing to 'This England' magazine. Personally I think it is one of the best produced magazines (regarding presentation that is) I've seen.

Contact them at PO BOX 52, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1YQ, England.

## A Frightening Dream!

I awoke recently in a cold sweat & very anxious; I dreamt that the Rapture was happening & when I stood before the Lord Jesus Christ, face to face, I immediately realised that I had NOT done what I should have done, with the time given to me while I was on earth! I was sobbing uncontrollably, wishing I had DONE MORE to reach the lost souls around me WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE! It was horrible I can tell you! I pray that we are ALL doing what we should be doing in reaching the lost; what good are you doing in getting the GOSPEL out in your neighbourhood? Let us NOT waste time but use it wisely while we have the chance! You & I only get ONE 'life' here to reach the sinners with the Gospel; DAILY folks are dying & going to HELL - are YOU just watching them?

#### Local & International Evangelist George Miller & the Gospel!

Donna & I were coming home from Ludlow recently & passing through Cleobury Mortimer we noticed a sign saying 'International Evangelist George Miller here tonight!' We both thought it good to go & hear him & to see how other Christians are trying to reach sinners! Ninety people (approx) gathered to hear this evangelist, most from local churches, I think. The meeting started off with two 'secular' songs; 'Blue suede shoes' was the first, can you believe it!!! Then after everyone had eaten (as food was provided) three more 'secular' songs were sung, which were even worse than the first two, & that's saying something! Then George got up (after two Christian songs were sung) to give the Gospel message. This he did 'straight-down-the-line'; the kind of 'old fashioned' type we used to hear. He spoke on the cross of Christ; he spoke about Hell, Judgement, Sin & the Blood of Christ as the ONLY hope of cleansing from sin, & Christ as the ONLY hope of salvation, i.e. NOT of works! He was excellent! He gave an 'appeal' & two young men responded in coming to Christ! If only Christians would understand that 'gimmicks' only hinder the work - PREACH CHRIST & HIM **CRUCIFIED!** 

### 2007 - The Year of the Rapture?

Or is it! Of course we can't put a date on WHEN the Lord Jesus Christ shall return, BUT, how much longer can it go on for? This country of ours, this world, is sinking faster than ever, RACING towards Judgement! I am waiting for my Saviour to come & get me out of this mess; but I realise until then, I have a job to do - WIN SOULS for The Lord!

... it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1v3