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What's Next?

Let us suppose it were possible to Google an ^{center} information ^{center} in Heaven.

Question: What is the next event on God's calendar for planet earth? Answer: The Rapture of the Church!

But we have a source far superior to a "search engine" — Bible!

The exact words — Rapture or even Second Coming do not appear in Scripture. But "I will come again" (Jn. 14:3) and "second time" make the fact very clear. (Heb. 9:28)

(2)

John 14:3 "receive you ... myself"
1 Cor. 15:51 "changed" (transformed)
Phil 3:14 - "pursue ... begin calling"
21 = remo

Also the word rapture comes from the Latin "rapto" a translation of the words "caught up" in 1 Thess 4:17.

Many folk talk about prophecy in terms such as "doomsday, ^{Someday but not Today!} end of the world" Armageddon, aliens etc - e.e. one big bag and it's all over! Simple but wrong!

The Second Coming of Christ is a very complex event consisting of two Phases: The Rapture and The Revelation.

* (Wake Forest College move)
1951 - Truman - 1 ~~agreed~~ 2 phases)

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1 Event
2 phases

One great Event
7 years apart

POINT:

Signs always relate to
the 2nd phase - His glory
and the judicial aspect.
→ Appearing.

For the Rapture -

Signless and imminent!
(could happen at any time)

Coming
events
often
cast
their
shadows
forward!

There are two imminent
events in the believer's life.

(1) death (2) Rapture.

3 QUESTIONS: / 3 ANSWERS:

I. What the Bible Says About
the Rapture of the Church

Rev 6:1
"Comet
See"
See...↑

A. 1 Thess 4:13-18

V14

"ignorant
brother"
largest
den.

V. 13. "Sleep" = death of the Body
"the sleeping"
3 ref. here.

dead in
Christ
with
Him -

V15 "we alive" (Paul believed he
"the living
ones" (GK.) might be alive
when it happened.

V. 17

④ These young believers had no idea what would happen to their loved ones in Christ when they died.

"prevent" = precede

Q Davu - go before hand outstrip.

v.16 - "Himself" - some things only I/he can do! (1Th.1:3)

cb.

Saul's Conversion
and Saul
hear the
works!

Michael - highest order of righteous angels
(Daniel protector)
(Bolt of Moses
Satan's defector)
being

v.17 "Remain" (τεπελελτιν)
"Survive" or "left over"!

But not left out or behind! (Verb Ware)

"Trump of God"

Final Assembly
of the Church

Trumpet = O.T./N.T. call of the people of God to assembly.

"Caught-up" (ἀρπάζω)

"To seize by force, snatch, pluck up or catch up."

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Resurrection -
Transformation -
Translation -

The English word rapture
come from a Latin word
"raptō" - "harp" (pluck)
harpoon - to catch
whale.

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Point There is no reference
to our Lord travelling the
earth - that comes
later at the 2nd phase.

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"in the
air"

75 C. (Jer. 14:4) "Meth in the air"

Rise to meet Him
and then to

Return with Him. (Acts 28:15)

Know how ones
know more than
they now! Yes.

Blessed Hope.

(Other verses T.T.S 2:11-13)

II. Will the Church Go Through
the Great Tribulation?

The term Pre-Tribulation

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The Church will not go thru the Tribulation because it is a period of wrath and the Church has been granted immunity from that period. Believers are never warned to prepare to enter that time of judgment.

Here's why?

(1) Dan. 9:24

God promised Israel 490 yrs. of punishment for their sins that would end with the re-establishment of a righteous in Israel. Daniel tells both the start of the period ~~the~~...

Point: No judgment falls until
the breaking of the seals in
Ch. 6—

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(2) Rev. 3:10

Not just trials & testing in
general true of a believer's
but the hour a special or specific

Rev. 14:7 "the hour of judgment" → period of time — that will fall
upon the whole inhabited earth.
EK — out of not dia thru
it or delivered out of.

(3) 1 Thess. 1:10 | 5:9

EK — the wrath — coming

Point: (Zeph 1:18-19)

There is no mention of
the church as such on earth
during the period from
Ch. 4-19. But its presence

Bodies
of saved
people
in heaven

In heaven is implied
by the terms: wife — marriage
supper in heaven
(Rev 19:1-9) tabernacle — 13:16
"dwelling place of God"
Revelation

Seals of Ch. 6 not begin until
the church is in season... then...

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associate judges
seats
Elders (Rev. 4-5) three
Judicial
language.

Principle:

God does not have two
different programs on
earth at the same
time or during the
same dispensation.

(1) No two trains on main
line at same time.

(2) 2 Teams on the field.

The 70th Week of Daniel
does not include the
church - neither any
of the 69 Weeks. However, the
O.T. declared that Israel
will go through the Great
Tribulation. (Jer 30:7)

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Edman: Prophetic
Comp.
R. Robin

Elsie
Subject: Therapeutic
Interest - not then!

III. How Should This Doctrine Affect My Life?

In a world where sometimes
there seems to be tittle or
NO hope. There is hope.

(Sick room where the doctor
say - no hope) Series Hope

(2) Promotes Holiness. (1 Tim 2:11-13) ^{Exposing}

(1 John 3:1-3) (3) Affects
our habits (Heb. 10:25)

(4) Matter of the hereafter = ^{life} after death.
(Death Ware - Not)

Question: ARE you ready?

If not when? Today -

If in
this life
only...

Frank
Brown -
London

Scrooge
Came to
you ch.
What
would
you do -
Say Twilight
Nothing
different
Dread
Now!

Intro.

1A

"Then and Now"

Acts 9

The word "Then" is the first word in 4 of the 43 verses in this Chapter.

3 of these verses relate to Ananias, Peter and some unnamed disciples — one to Saul of Tarsus or Paul the apostle as it relates to his conversion. →

1. Augustine, Luther, 2. ^{written}

3. Alex. Solz., Chock 4

Johnson, Dom. Romagnoli 5

6. to none more
than Saul of Tarsus

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"The Church That God Blesses"

(Acts 9:31)

"Church multiplication"

The early Church did not have large buildings, programs, budgets — all the things we associate with success. What they did have was power with God!

1 Cor.

2:4

"None of ^{my} ^{princ} the attractiveness of a clever mind..."
(PHILIPPS TONS)
but power on the Spirit of God.

Preaching of the Gospel charged the Roman Empire — great conversions in great numbers but none more dramatic than Saul of Tarsus!

(It overshadows everything else in this chapter —

BUT v. 31 = the characteristics or marks of a God blessed Church!

9:13

① then of a Terrible Past

② then of a Secret Deliverance

③ then of a Miracle Healing

④ then of a County-Wide Peace Program

Spring Fork
Bas Ch. 1950's

24 Page Notes

~~God~~
Governs
Direct

1
2

Rom. 5:1
Justifying Peace
Sanctifying Peace
Col. 3:15 let
RUEZ To preside
as a judge
umpire

"Call the shots"

88 times in N.T. -
in every book!

2

Strike
Ball

I. Peace - (εἰρήνην)

"Rest" not talking about
"repose" but a period
of peace after widespread
persecution... one replaced
the other... and it
continued... Paul's Testimony
(Gal. 1:13 | 23)

"I have no
peace" about
it!

Prison
Winged

Mrs. Cornell
Whitesburg
Ky
people said
not us
the Church!

She = ~~See~~
a troublemaker
Not a
peace maker
(Mat. 5:9)
Not Peace - Love!

Point:

Churches will not grow
or be blessed of God that
are constantly backing,
fighting over petty things!

Verses:

(New 700)

(John C. Trapp)

#3!!

Rom. 5:1 - 15:33

John 14:27 - 16:33

Gal. 5:22 | Eph. 4:3

The Holy Spirit brings
peace to a church

The war is over between
me & God - So fellow believers!
no sin here but act there!

Churches
grow in an
atmosphere
of love
not hate!

Chicken
sickness
preach
to health!

(3)

Phil 1:6 =
God at work
have under
construction! (Matt. 16)

Build blocks
NOT Stumbling blocks!

Acts 20:32

II

EDIFICATION

To Build up

"Edify" = to build a
structure is called an
ediface! (1 Pet. 2:5)

The Church = God's Building.
The word is edify not
entertain! Church time
is NOT Show time!

(1) You must Jump up
Wind up, (1) Pumped up, (2) Stand up
propped up, rather than
built up! "fix me" Sunday

A word to our preachers—
Dr. Charlie Stevens—
farm lesson on how to
get work done—horses
(1) whip them hard Best hen
(2) feed them well feed em

(John 21)

* Man on desert island
bldg — 2 chs. — 1 altar
before the spirit!

Edify

If you...
Goto
Branson!

1 Pet. 2:5

Correct
"up"

Sheep need
To be sheared
but not
long Sunday

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QwBos

III.

Reverence

"Walking in the fear of God"

That attitude or frame of mind when one comes into the presence of a Sovereign Being (Isa. 6) is they were "And fearing people"!

POINT:

The missing element in our Society. (Rom 8:18 — "There is no fear of God before their eyes")

Hospital Sign

Quiet please... patients are sick! — Hotel Sleeping!!!

Quiet please

God is here!

Act appropriately!

Isa 6
Uzziah

Jehoiachin's 10th
year at age
16 ruled
32 yrs —
many successes
military +
at home but
struggled along —
sm. the with
leprosy —

Traverse
City

Hospital

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IV.

Comfort... "of the Holy Spirit"

John 14:16 / 26

15:26

16:7

Get the picture —
He is the one who
comforts the believer.
(cf. pagan religions —
funeral - professional
mourners = no comfort —
Jesus does. (2 Cor. 1:3)
(1 Thess. 4:18) "ALL"

The ministry of the Church
to affect the comfortable
and comfort the
afflicted.

Pastors
who
needed
comforting

Bill
Bentley
son
shot!

Ch.
son
Lengel
himself

Doug
Packard

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V. Multiplied = "growing in Numbers"
(Phillips Translation)

Bible Arithmetic:

(1) Added - Acts 2:41-47

(2) Divided - Acts 8:1

(3) Subtraction - Acts 5

(4) Multiplication - Acts 9:31

And wants ^{His} your Church to grow - Some of the Saints are happy with

(3) The "stated quo"

"Big is bad - Small is Spiritual"

(Spurgeon) Size.

We needed help in order to grow so....
15 yrs

So. Carolina
March Fant.

this week Newport NC donated!!!

2 Servants
See

mission
mandate

Confession
500-
15!

How To
Get Rid
of pastor
Ch. Gay
hugger,
best
So excited
Pleasure
hugger
To death!

Can't feel
a pulse for
the reason
front!

Supplement:

1. Is having peace the "acid test" for decision making for a believer?
2. What place does edification have in a worship service?
3. How can a person both fear and love God?
4. Is it the comfort or the Holy Spirit or the effects of Valium or some other drug?
5. ~~Is~~ church "multiplication" part of church life today?

(2)

"The Ever Open Door"
"The Lavishness of Jesus"

(I had over 20 of his books of sermons)

Point:

"The Timeliness of Jesus"

Silence

"Gentleness"

Surprise

Thoughtfulness

Tactfulness and

Generosity of Jesus which he calls "uncalculating"

generosity "!" on

"lavishness" ... i.e. not measuring everything exactly.

* One Scot describing another as "long full control of his generous impulses."

Let us Examine several areas re Jesus "uncalculating generosity"

"calculate"
moral
usage
To scheme
or promise
Self-
interest
the position
(Webster)

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I. THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS IN HIS MIRACLES (which He Did)

(Too casual usage today)

A miracle is: ^{the} manifestation
of Supernatural power, the
results of which cannot be
Explained by Natural law
or human efforts. It is AN
event in Nature so
Extraordinary in force, power
and character that it is beyond
human ability to Explain or
duplicate.

A John 6: 12-13 (5-14)

General observation:

5000+ - Phillips said

nothing could be done,
Too many people - Too few resources!

Phillip
thought the
answer
was
Money!

30 d.
Judas!!

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Point: "Jesus provide for physical needs but not my spiritual needs. (Matt 9:36)"

Conclusion: Send them away!

Correction: Set them down!

Nothing is every too small when given to Jesus -

5 loaves + a few fish

$5 + 2 = 15,000 ???$ (Andrew)

Divine Calculation.

There was no want and no waste - any virginity leave from

Lesson Jesus the Break of life!

(6:35) God's "left overs"

were greater than the

original gift. (cf. to the

Pharisees = Cold & Calculating

in sing - Counter heart, seek yet unhelp about the poor.

John 2 - water to wine.

(Matt 23)

say/do

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IV. The Generosity of Jesus In The Parables (Which He Told)

The word parable (Παραβολή) means "to cast beside".

Method:

Reveal
and
conceal

It is a method of teaching
that compares two objects
for the purpose of teaching
often in story form.

Good Summary!

Wm. Barclay says they make
truth easier to understand.

One
Century
Text

Most people do not readily grasp
abstracts (darkness) / soul person
easier. Folks tend to think in
picture. ("a short story with
a lay meaning")

Matt. 20:1-12

6 AM
To

5 PM

House master (owner)
went out ~~at~~ different times
during the day, hired men

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Mexico - still
practiced

lay on
the ground -
get it built
in there!!

each time: The secret was
a race against the clock.

Market place = To recruit
more workers - all paid
same amount!

Point:

God does not measure
service by how long
it takes to do the task.

The problem is about att. time.

① Early workers ask for a
contract. Latter workers

trusted the landlord
to be generous and do
the right thing - and he
did. (See Barclay) a bonus ②

Un. Sub Possession

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Della - her - ~~first~~ watch to 6 - (Platinum)
Jim - Gold Watch - (father)
Diamond Studded
hair comb!

En. gave all they
had to give!!

~~In the Bible~~ ~~Dickens~~ ~~Jesus Ministry~~

III The People Who Practiced ~~the~~ ~~Jesus~~ Generosity in Giving (As their Lord)

A. Mary - (Sister of Martha) Lazarus

(John 12:3-ff) =

(Love's Extraordinary Very Costly)

A Very Large Gift almost a eyes wage!

- A gift born out of worship
not out of coercion!

the lavishness of love!

no gift to great or good
for Jesus! (O. Henry)

Mary gave the best she had,
freely, joyfully the result
of love

B. A Widow (Mark 12:41-44)

Not "low-much" but "low"
she gave



a very small gift.
note = smallest, least valuable
of all

coin $\frac{1}{16}$ of a penny
She had 2 she gave 2!!

No attempt to keep any!

She had nothing left! =

"selfless abandon!"

of
Giv.

(Martha and Lazarus' mother -
"She gave enough she
had")

IV. The Cross, A Symbol of Jesus's Generosity

The people for whom
Jesus died were not
loving fans - they were
guilty sinners - enemies
of God! (Rom. 5:8) ^{yet} "sinners"

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Jn. 3:16 - (world provision!)

a world of sinners =

generosity beyond measure.
While Jesus was dying,

Question:

Why didn't Jesus save both
thieves? Only one believed He
could!!! (Faith = Salvation
unbelief = no faith
is to refuse to
do it God's way!

~~Cumme~~

He took ~~time~~ to save
a thief and robber who
ask for His help.

No — "don't bother me
now, I've got troubles of
my own" reply.

Dying to save 1 world and
1 lost sinner — the
man nearest to Him
Hope for others all!

- Dr. Thomas Dooley
grad. from Medical school
in 1954 and went into the
army and to Vietnam. There
he saw disease, famine,
poverty and death on a
scale he had never imagined.

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Point: He was dedicated to his profession and the people of Vietnam & he gave it all he had.

When his term of duty was ended he returned to Vietnam & volunteered as a medical missionary where only 1 trained doctor for every 2 million people. It was discovered that he had malignant Cancer — after several operations — doomed to die, yet he returned to Vietnam to die — why? "I cannot do otherwise. If I stop now, I will probably die sooner." He died in 1961, one day before his 34th birthday. Dr. Tom Dooley was a Roman Cath. but he understood — dedication & duty, generosity — even in the face of death.

(1)

"Finding Jesus"

① Andrew

Fond Peter
v. 40-41

John 1:45

... we have found him!!

4:29

Here are many great

② Philly
Fond

Nathaniel
v. 45

"fishes" in Scripture

• Adam - cf. Gen 1:31 and

2:18 Went to sleep a

Bachelor and woke up married!

• Sampson - went to sleep

in the "Devil's Barber Shop" woke up - great strength gone!

• Boaz - went to work one morning - found his future wife - Ruth.

• Thief on Cross - Place where he was going to die - found life after death.

(Today I write me "Paradise")

• Dead Sea Scrolls - 1947

Arabic Balaam - "the most one you later 1948 - "my greatest find"

Greeting: "How are you?"

"The Lord be with you!"

"The Lord Bless you"

What about the other thief? Never heard from again!!

Dead!

(2)

"the most important discovery ever made in O.T. manuscripts" (Wm Albright)

Life's greatest "fish" or discoveries are not monetary or material - they are mental and spiritual. (Mel Fisher 400m.) but lost his son in the process - Give it all away to get him back!

Finding Jesus = Life's Greatest Discovery - (John 1 Ch. 4.)

God's heart from heart - Ask!!!

Blue Song

I. The Shepherds Found Jesus in An Unlikely Place - Luke 2:15
"a manger"

A manger in a stable for live stock is not the place (Angels & Stars) ~~and~~ men where

Wmo
Kali

— Best hospital in England
future king of England.

(3)

where kings are expected
to be born, especially one
who is "King of kings" — none
else or ever like Him!

(Mixed with a ^{cries} ~~cries~~ ^{feasts}
lowing open bleating sheep —
and worshipping men!

His unusual mission:

Matt. 1:21 | Luke 19:10

Isa 52:2 — "a root out of
dry ground" — "Israel not a

paradise ... a political/spiritual
wretchedness" — Unlikely place
for a king to come to earth!

Shepherds — not a political,
social, religious anathema.
Common ordinary — But
high on God's list! Worshippers'

unlikely
people

www

unlikely
place

unlikely
people

(4)

Matt. 2:8 ^{wisemen} ~~Nicolas~~ ^{hepp. clean} ~~I may~~ ^{can't workshop him} ~~also~~ ^{Simile!!}

They could be trusted to tell the good news!

II. Jesus' Parents Found Him in a Familiar Place -

(Luke 2: 40-52 (46))

It was Passover in Israel (Ex. 12) A special day.

Jesus stayed behind - not out of disobedience but of dedication -

He understood his purpose in life!

Obey his parent but also obey God!

Reason: Women left early
Men came later - meet later.

They ~~found where to find~~ ^{found} them - Temple (3 days) ^{Search}

Religion
Teacher -
available
for
questions -
Time
Please
Respect

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Point:

Jesus had the place
when people usually
"find Jesus" - not the
Tavern, Theater, Opera,
museum, concert hall,
amusement park -

- Opinion find Jesus:
1. Theater at 11 months
2. Croquet Court
3. School
4. Matt 55 NABSC

III. The Disciples Found Jesus In a Solitary Place -

(Mark 1:35-37)

Jesus did not allow the
pressure of ministry to
rob Him of prayer & fellowship
with God:

- ✓ a. Calling his disciples - v. 16-17 / 14-20
- ✓ b. Teaching in Synagogue - v. 21
- ✓ c. Delivering Demon possession - v. 25
- ✓ d. Healing Samaritan's wife v. 30
mother.

14 "wonder" Continued
v. 35 Events
a day in
the life
of His ministry

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- e. After sunset another Service v. 32
- f. Constant clamor for help - v. 33-34
- g. Jesus from late at night - last user!

Moses, Paul, David
all knew the importance
of the "solitary place"
(Poem)

IV. Two Disciples Found Jesus
in the Common Place (Luka 24:13)
a Public Road | ^{Private} Supper Table.

Words of the Bible are
familiar to Bible students:

(1) Damascus Road - Saul
↓
JESUS

Jesus knew (3) What he needed
(1) Where (4) When he needed it
(2) Who "Today"

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(2) Jericho Road - Lk 19
Zacchaeus - came to See
went out To Seave

(3) Good Samaritan - Lk. 10
(Marty Schauf - Good To Dunbar)

The picture of 2 sad disciples
walking & talking enroute to
Emmaus - 7 miles from Jerusalem

3 observations:

1. They were talking About
Jesus - ^{Probably} thought him
still dead! a dead ~~hoco~~

2. They were talking To
Jesus - Amazing he had
not heard or events
did not know or believe
the prophet had written!

3. They were talking with the
Disciples ^{How} About the Risen
Christ (Lk. 24: 31)

RKS
Coal River
Road -
Mouth
of
Browns
Creek

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They did not recognize Jesus until He blessed the bread at Supper!

(LK 24: 35)

Something special when Jesus at the table

~~The "drew near" them~~

~~peripherally~~ and talked to them - ~~unrecognized~~
~~middle~~ ~~emphatically~~ then they knew Him.

Ordinary road, ordinary
Supper - Any special
Person - The risen Christ

Have ^{you} found Him!?

He is searching for you!

2 Seekers

"Seek | save | lost"

Follow
up a
corn
field!

5

③ Totally dependent on others - food, Bathing, Clothing, Transportation - Sleep a lot - ^{From} playpen + playground - ^{immaturity!}

App.

Joyce
Brown
every day!!!

Worst
case
ill.
downsizing

^{ASTOR}
Needs for attention

One hand (Saved Seed)

Married Education +

Ministry - Something else!

No every day / week /

month - Some new

Toy to play with!

IV. THE DISCRIMINANT TEST (V.14)

^{Judgment}
The word means "to make distinction" between good + evil. Make good or right decisions based on the Word of God.

When?

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THE Generosity OF Jesus

2 Cor. 8:9

The desire to be Rich has made the lottery ~~a~~ popular ~~thing~~ in our culture. Few (none) want to be rich in order to give it all away helping the poor become Rich. The Pharisees gone in a narrow, cold, calculating way that measure everything exactly — Jesus never gave a little always a lot. Canva — great quantity & quality (over 150 gallons) Matthew — no minimum amounts — Satisfied + Surplus!

As Sons of God we are expected to follow His Example — His work on earth depends on His people. (1) Many — no effort to keep part — all.)

Most of us react — resist — Resent those who beg, brow-beat, arm-

(2)

Twisting tactics to raise money for their "Christian cause" —
The appeal never stops —

"The sermon on the Amount"

Fund raising has become a necessary effort to keep things going But would not be necessary if all of His children were serious about Stewardship:

(1) Did treat God as a writer:

(T.P.)

(2) Left-overs — left-outs of an income

(3) Test — Take offering X 9 See if live

Two Streets Investment Tip on it

* Wall Street → * Golden Street

Math. 6:19-21 — we live but profit Paves Sts

"Thief Proof Investment" with it!
• There are leaving treasures — invest in them!
This chapter underscores the idea of generosity in stewardship:

Stewardship

20/80
30/20
50/0

No Investment Co - says this!

Jesus gave until He had
Nothing left to give except
His life - gave that too!

Theme: Offering Paul
Received from Churches in
Macedonia for the "poor
Saints" in Jerusalem. (Rom. 15, 26)
- Let us examine the
idea of generosity.

I. Generosity ^{MAY Be Demonstrated} ~~by the~~
poor As well As the Rich
v. 1-3 (misconception: Rich are generous
poor ARE NOT! MRC 250)

A famine - suffering in the
Jerusalem Ch. Infra. shared
with Chs in Macedonia -
gave far more than expected
because they themselves were
poor! (Ph. 1. 4:19!)

(1) B.C.C. S.S. Senior Trust
Bond - Motion to
move!

Gileads

(2)

300 Program

Ordinary folk - extraordinary
giving - Budget + $\frac{1}{3}$ in 1 yr!
no wealthy people.

(3) Widows ² Mites - Mt. 12:

13 collection Boxes 42-44
called trumpets.

Many Rich ... Much
more than all —

she gave all — how much
how much left!

II. Generosity Should Be ^{Part of} A
Life-Style Not A Single
Performance (V. 10-11)

You were 1st to respond to
need — So finish what you
started!

(1) Barnabas — "Son of Encouragement"
~~for~~ "Mr Generosity"

(1) Saul / Mikhail —
Generous with his money!
(Acts 4: 34-37)

(5)

He gave while alive!

• Man went to a
psy. — miserable
"give it away" cant!
~~Wants to~~ ^{to him} pastor — same
story — TEST:

(1) Window — what do you
see — people
in park, Trees,
Clouds —

(2) Mirror — what do you see?
myself —
Should make diff —
oneself or others!

III Generosity Is A Two
Way Street v.1/v.14.

Reciprocity is an
interesting word & means A
mutual cooperation or return
in kind. (how enforce a given
one state to another (Shepherd))

(6)

Principle: God repays
generosity w. the generosity.
We do not give... to get —
but God will be no
man's debtor & we cannot
outgive Him! (Luke 6:38)
(Dad)

How you measure to others
— how you will be
treated —

IV. Generosity Is ~~not only~~
a Blessing to Us ~~and~~
to Others ALSO. 24

Point: When one church
does something special in
stewardship — encourage
others too. People's Ch.

- Take St
- Faith Promise Program

- Amazon Hosp. Project
letters — U.S. Overseas
help to as — what a
Blessing

Adh
Rabben
Vasanth
Cami
Tanya
Gita
Sulha
Barina



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⑧

IV. Generosity Is A Blessing Not A Burden v.8/24

Often a grin / not a glad
subject. "Seeman on the
Amount"

Cool gives us investment
advice Matt. 26:19-20

No Wall St. But Golden St.

(2 st. investment tip)

Invest in quality -

Buy the best if you want
it to Last. Point: Riches

Invest in

that does it

not wear out

~~not out~~

~~not out~~

Stolen!

have a place

in life - not

first place!

Time

Lasting

Even

lasting

Some investments have little
to do with money.

Remember the monkey test.

We Prove ... By Do

• Simpson - E. VIII

1936

Abdication

Duke of
Windsor

Exile

in France

(Bro) Geo. IV

7

TEXAS

Pastor - entertained in
home of wealthy man -
after dinner a large
view - oil derricks
cattle landscape -

"I come to the Great pool
perilous ^{every direction} - ^{all mine!}
Thousands of acres ^{in every direction!}

"Reflection - "How
much is that dinner.

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• The late Geo. ~~St~~ Thwett, 1st. B'p
Dallas — wealthy ^{friend} ~~man~~ ^{dinner}
Glass window — derrick,
cattle — land — "this is all
mine" I came to this ^{country}
poor & penniless — now as
far as you can see in every
direction — "it's all mine"

• Ring in Thwett's name —
my friend how much do you
own in that direction?

① THE Generosity OF Jesus
2 Cor. 8:9

(A verse on the pre-existence
of Christ!) (Rep. of quasi)
at BCC for many years

Nov = Stewardship Month. (1) Usually in
a Capital Funds Program (2) New
Believers started - learn to be
good stewards. - Pete Thane - 17 yrs
- see you in Dec! Catechism
Syndrome - Take only what like!

Geo. H. Morrison - Scottish
preacher - past gen. - Glasgow
1902 - 1928 - Wellington Ch.
- to hear him preach! -

(I have 20 or more of his books
of sermons - "THE Lavishness
of Jesus" - he spoke of Jesus
generosity as - "uncalculating
generosity" not a selfish or
scheming kind. Unlike the
Pharisees who were cold &
calculating measuring everything

Beating
Profuse
abundant

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Exactly - even to small
seeds & herbs - "had full
control of their generous
impulse."

Jesus' uncalculating & lavish
generosity seen: (1) Parables -
a sower - generously even on
hard, unproductive ground.

a servant - gave a full days pay
for 1 hours work

[Jack Welch's book - The generous
with employees in job & termination)

a son - Came home broke,
broken & heart -

best robe - ring, sandals,
music feast -

all ^{Sinners} ~~sins~~ - for sins -
adequate provision -

"Uncalculating generosity!!!"

(2) Miracles - 150 gal. "sand"

Cana - quantity & quality

Multitudes - Satisfied + Surplus!
(8m 4) Jn. 6: 10 &

3

In this ch^{apter} which ^{is} speaking of our generous land - other truths about - Generosity.

I. THE GENEROSITY OF THE POOR - V.2.

There is a common notion that the rich are generous and the poor aren't - wrong!

The church at Jerusalem had fallen on hard times - famine or something. (Rom. 15:26) Characterized there as the "poor saints ... at Jerusalem." Paul shared this need

A. with the chs in Macedonia - Philippi, Thess - others which he characterized as in "deep poverty"! i.e. poor giving to poor!

Former
slaves!
no #.

idea = very bottom - "last dollar"!

→ One commentator - adoption of Foster Thomas in large #s = poor!

B. Widows Mite - Mk. 12: 41-44

how = att. tide how much = amount

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widow - a same blow
poor widow - double blow - no social programs

mite = "thin one" = $\frac{1}{16}$ penny
the smallest of all coins -

Lessons: (1) She had 2 & gave 2
Sacrifice! No effort to keep 2 - 50%.

the lesson foreign to today - 100%
give but receive in return -
no gift - no giver!

She gave with selfless abandon!
She had nothing left!!!

Practical

(1) BCC no rich people -
1st. Bond - lady on S. Security
also made the motion to move!

(2) 300 Program - $\frac{1}{3}$ increase
in one yr - 3 - but 7 yrs!
Ask them to stop.

(3) Clerk - E. Phillips
(B) \$50,000 ^{Toward} for organ!!

(4) 7 pines +
New organ

Elgin
w. low
True
TEST
of
faith!

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"One Time effort"

II Generosity Should Be Our (A) Life-Style Not Just In Times OF EMERGENCY - (V. 10)

Cointhians were quick to respond to the need but slow to follow - then - a yr. had passed & promises to give had not been done - Pay what you promised. Easy ^{to} start & slow ^{to} stay.

Giving Equation:

20% 80%
30% 70%
50% 50%

God's Pattern of Giving -

1 Cor. 16:1-2 - if followed - no specific Fund ~~Drive~~ Drive needed - ⑥ 16:1 - 1:10 ①

"Now" - ④ 12:1 8:1 ③ 7:1 ②

Voluntary
Propriate
Systematic
Integrity

"Collection"
Saints - missions
Order - direction i.e. adopt ^{the} plan.
Churches (2 things)
First Day - Public worship
Every one
As... God...

Reciprocity - state of by reciprocal
cooperation
Trade - 1 side trade = 5p.
advantage to get 5 pieces adv.

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III GENEROSITY IS A TWO-WAY STREET - V.14 - (9:8-11)

3 ~~Things~~
very
Familiar

- You To Them - NOW ^{A heap toward plenty... not plenty}
- Them To you - FUTURE
- God To Both of You!

Reciprocity = mutual
cooperation - respond in kind.
(Shepherd-Ticket)

Give little God repays generosity
set little with generosity — He
Give much
Get much
Will be no persons debtor.
We cannot outgive God!

2 Cor.
9:6

Sow
Bountifully

- Years ago - a farmer
known for his generosity
myster to friends - more he
gave away more had. Friend -
why? how? "I keep shoveling
unto God's Bin - ^{Better} than mine -
His shovel bigger than mine!

- Trans World Radio - \$5.00
- Grace - can't tithe | can't
not tithe

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The Generosity of Jesus

2 Cor. 8:9

20 = 80
30 = 20
50 = 0

Pete
Shaw
"Catholicism
Significance"
Christians

2 Pastor
HAMILIN
Masterson
NC
Jack

IN my former church, November was Stewardship Month. Usually I would bring at least 1 message designed to encourage new believers to begin to give God His proper place in Stewardship of time, Talent and treasure. — which also applies to all of us! ~~that's~~ there comes a time when we need to ^(hearing us say) STOP "Tipping God" as the offering plate is passed. Or "giving Him the" left-overs" & "left outs" of our resources!

~~I have never been a~~
"big" for Jesus." The Bible gives us the Best investment program info. in Existence — you need to enroll — today.
(Math. 6: 19-20) (5 minutes after desk —

50	80	70
30	20	70
50	0	

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Dr. Geo
Thruitt

This is a "divine promise" investment program. If all of God's people would follow this program - need no distasteful tactics to raise money for Christian causes.

Geo. H. Morrison, a Scottish preacher of a previous generation spoke of Jesus generosity as an "uncalculating generosity". Unlike the Pharisees who were cold & calculating in their giving. (Counting small seeds and berries, unfeeling about the poor - esp. widows)

(1) The Generosity of Jesus in the Parables.

(a) Servants - The lord of the parable gave a full days pay for 1 hr. of work!

(B) Son - Came home broke, broken & heartbroken - Best Robe - The best treatment

Scottish
Pastor -
His Cong.
has full
control
of their
generous
impulse!

The
Order

(3)

IV TE Lance
Charlie Bremer

Caryl
Dad -
Aileen
Clothes -

(2) The Generosity of Jesus
in His Miracles

CANA - Quantity + Quality
"Logos" "Best"

no
may
over
6:00
John
But

Multitudes - Satisfied / Surplus
(John 6) "over + above" ^{the}
Sick - "all" ^{went}
^{to}
^{his}
^{servant}

(3) The Generosity of Jesus
in Redemption

- John 3:16 - "gave"
Rev. 1:5 "Loves us"

Galat
Bapt
Trump
no!

(4) The Generosity of Jesus
Manifested in His Followers

✓ Barnabas = "Man of Generosity"

Widow's mite - (Mk 12)
41-44

more than all

She gave all - not how much
But how much left!

Generosity is not in the size

but the sacrifice - (didn't keep!!)
(Got nothing in return!) No half back!
John 6 - all he had!

Leptone
"a thin one"
Smallest of
a coins
1/16 of a penny

Little Lal

(4)

The Corinthian Church was very gifted in many ways but also loaded with problems.

(cf. Tongues) In the Second letter Paul suggested there was one quality the church need to add to its ministry, a quality the churches of Macedonia manifested.

1 Cor.

16:1ff

I.

Giving Is a Gift of Grace (8:1-6) + v7

Point - We are saved by grace and we are ~~steward~~ by grace. In other words "grace giving" is not based on circumstances. "Needs giving" is!

2 Cor. 8:9
the greatest
grace
gift!

1 Cor. 16:1
ff

grace
gift

The Mother Church in Jerusalem was poor, severe poverty. When Paul stood

A.T. Robertson: "They demanded the opportunity to share in the offering."

(5)

That info with the Chs in Macedonia, the response was amazing! Even though the churches were made up in large measure with slaves and had very limited means they gave beyond all expectation without being begged, urged or shamed! The volunteers and considered it an honor to do so. (Amazon Offering)

* (Ta Bernack)

It was the poor helping the poor!

Application:

Ask God to let you begin a Stewardship program and do it as a grace effort.

Begin this month - even if you ~~are~~ are taxed to the limit. See what He will do.

Add
generosity
to your
VIRTUES!

Give me
grace to
give

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II. Giving Is A Mark of Dedication - (8:4-5)

Self
Before
Substance

Giving involves more than money. But the Corinthians had promised to give a year before and had not done so! So here's your promise! Lack of generosity = Lack of Dedication

Many years ago, I read the story of Dr. Thomas Dooley. He was right out of medical school and went into the army in Vietnam (1954) there he saw disease, famine, poverty - ~~THIS~~ never seen before. When his term ended he returned to the country and volunteered as a medical missionary where only one medically trained doctor for every 2 million people. He returned there because he could not do otherwise!

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Short time later ~~he~~ he was
designed to have malignant
cancer. Several operations
back in U.S. — yet doomed
to die. "If I stop now, I will
probably die sooner. He died
in 1961 — one day before his
34th birthday. Dr. Thom Dooley
was a Roman Cath. but he
understood the meaning of
dedication. (Rom. 12:1-2)

our
family

I have a debt to God I
cannot ^{fully} repay — dare I
hold back on Him what I
owe? Remember: God will
never be a debtor to any
person — He always outgives
us.

III. Giving Is A Proof ~~(Test)~~
Of Our Love — (8:8 + 24)

We prove our love for

⑧

the Lord by what we do
not what we say.

- Look to us - Rom. 5:8

Jm. 3:16 - ck. Book = a

ck. of accountability
of Stewardship -
greater than IRS A.k.a.!

* English history 2 classic illus.
of love proven by death

① T.E. Lawrence - 1915

Trip across desert with some
Arabs. Food/water almost gone.

Desperate - wind-sandstorm -

Where is Jasmin? No reply

on Tin Camel! Shot? Fainted?

Doesn't matter - worthless soul!

Roke on - not Lawrence turned
back - 1 1/2 hrs. - no wonder they
revere Lawrence!

(2) Mid-1930 Edward the VIII
in line to become King of England

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On a cruise of Adriatic Sea —
met an American divorcee
Wallace Winfield Simpson —
1936 — a divorce of abdication
— her. Geo VI = King —
Edward = Duke Windsor
Exiled to France —

Proved his love — gave
up a ^{kingdom} ~~kingdom~~ for the woman
he loved! (2 Cor. 8:9)

Prayer:

Lord, I want to be a better
steward of my time, Talent, Treasure.
this month I will test
your promises in my life —
I will sacrifice something for your
sake to be a better giver.

For the next 30 days — I will
give as generously as I
can — you be my partner
in financial affairs beginning
today (Luke 6:38) I claim!

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"The Man In Christ"

(2 Cor. 5:17)

To be "in Christ" means
to have Christ "in" us
and to have a permanent
position in the family of God.

164 times in N.T. this phrase

is used to describe the believer's
standing or position before

God — "in Christ" (Eph. 1:6, Rom. 8:1)
"In Adam" or "in Christ"

(1 Cor. 15:22... "in Adam all
die... in Christ shall all be
made alive)

Question:

What kind of person is

the person who is "in Christ"?

Human address
Heavenly address

Being justified
freed by the
good of them.

Romans:

3:24

8:1

8:39

16:3

Eph:

Eph. 1:1

2:6

2:10

2:13

3:11

"in" Eph. 1:1
"in" Christ
1:6

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The Man Tw Christ Is A Changed Man (V.17)

He is a new person spiritually...

Completely changed! God does not reform, repair or renew the old person - He makes ^{MAN} new - He ^{redeems} ^{represents} new

"old world"
2 Pet 2:5

new - "new Birth."

Dead -
Flooding

Frank
"menial to a
fool"

"Dead things" - the use to be

things - appetites, affections
& associations - "passed away"

gone, passed by or
disappeared - "new"

Picture a grave where a
dead person placed - then
see him rise up -
new life, new direction -

Explain
a picture

Illus: Saul of Tarsus - Acts 9
Samaritan woman - Jn. 4
Ron Rompelli -
(Romans)

prayer
must
be
the
Tavern

Can
work
even
problem
rel. god

3.

C.T. Studd

Eph. 2:10 "Poem"
"workmanship" - ΠΟΙΗΜΑ
(~~Something~~ he designed)
Product Made.

"all I can say, same
skin on outside but a new
person inside."

NOT: want to be
going to be
that to be!

II. The Man In Christ Is A Concerned Man -
(v. 11)

Paul had a holy concern for the
unsaved - he felt a sacred duty
to get the gospel to them.

The "terror" or "fear" not a fear
of terrorism but a reverential
respect or fear of God. "By the
fear of the Lord, men depart from
evil" (Prov. 16:6) Today, men
seem to fear everything else
except God!

See men as one heart beat
from the hereafter. (Neighbor's
house on fire - get out now!)
(Jn. 3:18)



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Mark 2:1-12

(1) Concern resulted in
Cooperation - They worked
together to get him to Jesus.

Concern will carry knives
they of the door! Feet on their
Prayers!

(2) Concern Overcame Obstacles

Concern will climb when
the doors & windows are
blocked. (Didn't quit because
the usual way not open)

(3) Concern Will Try A Different
Method to Get People to
Jesus -

This never been done
before or since!

Didn't ask for permission,
Sauls over stuff!
Maybe messy! Dust
Disruption

Fisher of
men -
so when
the fish
are!

Found
one!

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Conclusion:

He walked home!

(RKS - Sleep)

Bessie Escoe - Concerned!

III. The Man In Christ Is A Constrained Man
(v. 14)

Three ^{different} words trans. "constrained"

in N.T. - this one GURÉXW

"to be ^{quickly} glorified" - {Seized ^{or} Held
pressed upon

as with fear or a fever.

Martin Luther "Here I stand, I
can do no other."

Motivation of missions - Amazonia
2 American doctors.

↓ Very loved ones
Bad health ... Resistance of people.

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IV. The Man In Christ Is A Committed Man — (v. 18-20)

"Given
unto us"
vs

"Comm. ttd" — "To place or
deposit for safe
keeping

Rocket ↑ Parachute ↓

Chicken — Pig
(Involved) (Comm. ttd)

We are committed to the
minist. of Reconciliation.

In the death of Christ God
changed the relationship of the
world to Himself... now possible
for all men everywhere to be
saved. God's divine invitation
inviting men to come.
Now Ambassadors.

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The Man In Christ Is A Confident Man (v.6-8)

Phil 1:24-25
"Confident" - her of good cheer encouraged

Ch = In this context Paul
"Tent city" used the picture of the
human body as a tempory
Phil 1: tent or house - death =
21-22 a departure - a homegoing.
Dr. Stevens Story -

al
grand
hosp.

1
EPHESIANS
2:18-22

STEPS IN THE SPIRIT'S Ministry: Indwelling

The word may be made clearer if we use the "in" - put at the end -
"dwellin" i.e. "to inhabit or it"
points to the fact - "Someone lives there"
From "cave dwellers to city dwellers"
- "Someone lives there" (1600 Penn Ave)
Indwelling = where the H.S. resides!

NOT A New idea -
For God dwell
in the TAB.
+ Temple
in O.T.

His place of Residence -
where He lives!

In Eph. the Church is set forth
As: A BRIDE - 5:23-27

A Body - 4:12/16

A Building - 2:18-22

The word building in the text may
be used as both a noun + a verb.

As a noun: - The church is a
Structure - a Building. (The Empire State
Building)

As a verb: the church is in the process
of being built!

(2)

i.e. THE Holy Spirit is Building
the Church - His Building!

(Both ideas are in this ^{passage}.)

Let us examine this ~~idea~~ ^{passage} of
sidewheel from a Building context:

(By the way, I Corinthians reveals
Two ideas of indwelling ^{the} Spirit:

(1) Individual - 1 Cor. 6:19

(2) Collective - 1 Cor. 3:16-17

I. THE Foundation OF THE Church 2:20

A&P. The word "of" in v. 20 does not
mean they were the foundation of
the church but rather they helped
lay it! These were N.T. Prophets
^{+ Apostles} whose gift or office disappeared -
they were foundational gifts such
as the writing of Scripture who
gift ceased with the completion
of the Canon. According to 1 Cor 3:11
Christ is both the Foundation &
chief cornerstone of the church.

Scarfolding
of a
house!

According to Peter believers are "living stones" in that "living organism" indwelt by the "living Holy Spirit".

(Misunderstanding + Misint'g.)
 of (Mt. 16:18) - Peter were the foundation ^{or that Peter} he sure d. int know it! (1 Pet 2:5-8)
 (No living church could be built on a dead man!)
 Lesson: (MATT. 7:24)

II. THE FRAMING OF THE CHURCH 2:21

(A) "F.T.I.g framed together" - i.e. "parts fit properly".

When the O.T. temple was built, the stones were hewn off site & shipped on carried to the Temple site. During construction, no sound of a hammer! 'The Lord is building His church today quietly, silently - pieces ^{people} all fit!

1 Kings 6:7

④
B. "Growth" = present tense
The church is a living, growing
organism/organization.

(Living things grow.)

(Dead things rot!)

(*) Church Growth Ministries!

The word grow is translated
increase in Jn 3:30

(1 Pet. 2:2, 2 Pet. 3:18)

We ~~grow~~ - ch ~~grow~~.

III. THE FILLING OF THE CHURCH

2:22

The word "habitation" comes
from the word "tabernacle". (O.T. TABERNACLE)

God dwelling among men.

No spot on earth was as sacred to
Jews as the temple area in Jer.

David purchased the site, stored
materials for construction but not
permitted to build it.... Solomon.

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The Temple was not large in size - 90 ft. long - 30' wide 45' high. Designed not for assembly but a special dwelling place for God. Compared to other religious buildings - small in size & splendor. Today, the ~~glory of the~~ Church is not Architecture - a different Sanctuary - 1 Cor. 3:16-17

2 ideas or observations
Summary: re Indwelling

(1.) ~~ALL~~ Unsaved or UnBelievers
are NOT ~~ALL~~ Saved or Believers
ARE. (Rom. 8:9)

(2.) The H.S.'s indwelling is
Permanent NOT Temporary.
(John 14:16-17)

It is A Resident not
a renter - or guest.
(cf. ~~Box~~ ^{appt} Box - House)

3 ~~main~~ structures
on each
floor
① House
② Box
③ Box

1.

"What Jesus Said ABOUT: MAN"

The creation of ADAM was the Summit of the Creative Week...

* God's greatest work! There was no assembly line: a personal being who bore the marks of his Creator — a person, A rational, moral being capable of Reflective thought. For example, there is a great Chasm between ~~the~~ mankind and animals.

MAN
GO TO
MOON
Animals
Howl / Look
at
it!

Dogs - talk - "I love Momma (never 'I love God!)"

^{Lion & T. gss}
~~Dogs~~ - don't go to S. School

Dolphins - don't sing in Choir
Collectively all animals in world
couldn't produce a Church
Bulletin. ("Arthropods")

Paul

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I. Jesus Said That Man Has
Spiritual Needs That Bread
Alone Cannot Satisfy - Matt. 4:4

✱

The daughter of a wealthy
man overtaken by a serious illness.
Had the best & could lay — Cans,
clothes, CLUBS, Crowds of
adoring people — in Hospital
arms around father: "Daddy I
want something but I don't know
what it is!" (Augustine) ^{Hunger}
^{Hole —}

Pursuit of the Material + Empty +
physicall only = Empty +
unfulfilled on the "Satisfaction
Seek" of life
(JOHN 6: 31-35)

Bread is essential to maintain
+ sustain life ... cannot live
without it. If man were a
a physical being — bread
m. sat be enough but I

(3)

more! v. 33 "he" a person
He alone can satisfy the
deepest longings of the soul!

Satan's desire - lure men
to seek the Natural pleasures
and abandon the Spiritual!

* Scroggie: WWI trenches —
in darkness a soldier cried:

"I captured a prisoner

"Bring him in

"He won't come"

"Come by yourself"

"He won't let me"

Satan captives — the world
of the material only!

II. Jesus Said That Man's Soul
Is more Valuable Than
His Skin — (Matt. 16:26)

* Suppose make a contract
with the Devil — "a
littler mentality" = Real loser!

W. H. Whitehead
100x
3x

4

5 minutes after death —
terrible mistake! (Luke 12)
(Spent his life preparing to live
unprepared to die!)

A Fool!!! Bad Bargain!

Nothing we possess is as
valuable as our Eternal Soul!

Matt. 10:28

up there! ↑
|| (Scarborough Story)
("If you want to save your
soul — invest in Eternity!")

Matt.
11:28

III. Jesus Said that Man
Is In The Dark About
Spiritual Realities — John 3:16-21

Ketters

SP. Light

closed!

In 3:16 we know

3:19 not so familiar!

Man is born with his back
toward God — in spiritual
darkness. (2 Cor. 4:4)

Love
darkness!

Darkness = preferred lifestyle!

not just
Talents!

(Eph. 5:8)
Gospel light the antidote!

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Disease in Country!
Good health is not!

Judas

The pull of Satan is ever
downward into deeper
darkness! God = upward
and eternal.

- 2 ways
- 2 Task *
- 2 Passes
- 2 Foundations

Matt 7:13 Series 7 2's

IV. Jesus Said That Man Needs
A Heavenly Birth Before He
Gets A Heavenly Home - J. 3:37

✱ Song Book (2 Book) Plane
There must be a spiritual
change. (Titus 3:5)

We cannot do this - only
God can! MAN incapable of
New Birth -

Why change? (Reproducing kind)
that which is...

(1) Unchanged - dig up street
of gold - take to Devil's
Pawn shop. (Turn Heaven
into a Hoax!)
or Hock shop!

(2) Unsatisfied without St.

Excursion - misery

Unchanged = unhappy there
if now - not then

Church
location
won't stay
condition

Church Growth In Two Directions

Acts 9:31

Intro.

Two years ago, phone call
pastor of Ch in Va - like for us
to come to his church for a
Sunday... make some recommendations
re growth — "We aren't interested
in numbers — take what God gives
us — we just preach the Word."

Analysis:

- (1) poor Location (2) ^{Too} Small site
 - (3) Facilities - Shabby / run down
needed "face lift" ++
 - (4) Limited parking
 - (5) Few programs / youth / adults
 - (6) poor financial profile
- just for starters!

— No wonder no growth —
yo-yo syndrome.
100 less than when
he became pastor.

(2)

Trees grow in at least 2 directions - up & down.

Dr. Luke says that these churches grew spiritually (and) Numerically. (not one or the other!)

The Conversion of Saul or Tarsus = Shockwaves thru-out whole church. (Gal 1:13)

Walter Exe - drunkard, feared to favored - shook the neighborhood.

I. THE CHURCHES SPIRITUAL GROWTH (4 areas)

J-G-S
NAT. wide -
Revival!!!

① Peace

Rom 15

v 5 - PATIENCE

v 13 HOPE

30-31 - Peace

"Churches" = Singular = Collective idea

"Rest" = (ἐλπίς καὶ εἰρήνη)

Peace not persecution

"Kept on having" = A period of peace.

Gal. 5:22, John 14:27

Jn. 16:33 / Jesus legacy!

"Peace I leave with you my peace, I give unto you... NOT AS the world giveth... Let not your

Something # could not bring!

"Make
your
aim"
(3)

"Endeavoring To keep the unity of the Spirit
in the Bond of peace" = "One in the Spirit"
NOT divide!

The quest for peace is world wide
also churchwide. (Eph. 4:3)

"No Church will EVER grow
that is constantly bickering,
quarreling & fighting over petty
things" "Blessed are the
peacemakers NOT Troublemakers!

Unquench, unheeded Holy Spirit
Brings peace to believers
& churches. (MRS. Correll in Ky —
non saved in ch — homes
sent to other churches — Pastor Wagon)

(* Desert Island - 2 chs.

Why? One I attended before
the split!)

(2) Edified

This word used by Jesus in
Matt. 16:18 translated "Build."

An "ed:face" another word
for building (Acts 20:32)

Building blocks or STUMBLING
blocks — ch. workers or
ch. workers — can't run —
Ruins!

(4)

⊛ 1 Cor. 3:17 - "Ch. wreckers God will wreck" (A.T. Robertson)

Dr. Chas. Stevens:

Two ways get horse / mules
or oxen to work: (1) Whip
them (2) Feed them
(Nutrition + addition go
together) (Jn 21:15)

Churches with the "up"
syndrome (Church ups)

- (1) Pump ups - excitement
- (2) Jump ups.
- (3) Prop me ups - "Fix me up"
- (4) Shake me ups
- ⊛ (5) Build-ups = Bible Truth

③ Reverence "Fear of the Lord"
(Qu'bos) = they were
living reverent lives.

Reverence = awe on experiences
in presence of a Superior
- Being God's presence =
Effect on their lives!

"God
Fearing
people"

Isa
6.

5

Missing element in Society
(Rom 3:18 - Matt. 10:28)

Theology: terms

① Immanence of God

"down here - God in the
world - that's my friend
buddy"

② Transcendence of God

"up there" God in Heaven
Worship Him - above all!
Both = true.

Lost
idea
→
Same
worship!

Lack of reverence 2 areas:

- there are many

① Attitude -

Too Casual about
God - "Man upstairs (J. Wayne)
"Big Guy in Sky!"

② Apparel

* Trance City

* Selma Ward

* Stearns Spencer

* Green Under

* White House -

Business
Interview

"Dress
Code"

Odd
Source

*
Red Line
Pink
Wine
Jesus A
High Five!

Win your Case
Gary Speer

Scott
Patterson

"Everything we wear makes
a statement."

don't
Roll the
Wobster

^{Fashion}
Flashy dressers = I am
wealthy, a dandy lawyer!
Look at me!

~~R~~ Shabby Dresser
Scuffed shoes, worn
shirts & collar 'baggy'
unpressed suit = I am
careless & don't make
be careless about work!

Should See:

Some who hear it good
~~take it~~ as the culture -
~~expect the gang of the~~
~~law - respect for jobs,~~
~~ing - women dress~~
~~to look, styles & -~~
~~to modest!~~

Say - I am a professional
reliant & trustworthy
— How we dress sends a message!



COMFORT OF,
✓ Scripture
✓ Spirit
✓ Saints - Rom. 16:1

(6)
④ Comfort - "of the Holy Spirit"

— Pagan religions = Comfortless -
Holy Spirit = Divine Comforter
(Jas 14:16) all comfort.
* Bill Bartlett - son
accidently shot by grandson

Elizah
1 Kings
19



II The Churches Numerical Growth

"multiplied" ^{"Continued to grow in member" Phillips Trans}

④ This root word kin to the
word "multiple" give idea
of the EXTENT of growth.

Churches that do God's
work in God's way — Should
grow in SIZE!

* (Spurgeon - what size?)

500
over
5!



Prayer you will seldom
hear - "Lord, our church is
just too small!"

Wood
Family

Paralyzed
Dead!

Multiplied or Petrified?

← "To convert organic matter into
rock - stone-like substance!
To make rigid - harder - lifeless, inactive

Supplementary material

Feb 11:10

"looked" = looking forward in
Expectation

"a city" - NOT a tent which
characterized his pilgrim
life = NOT permanent
Resident!

"Foundations" - ^{12!!!} pl. ref. to size!
(Rev. 21:14) *

Builder - "Master-builder"
ref. to a craftsman.

Jesus was a carpenter!

Architect :=

One who designs
& oversees the
construction of bldgs.

Colo. 1:16-18

(Soldier - ^{Present} where is your
carpenter now?)

Maker (public + works)

i.e. designer of public bldgs.

(Hapi Lay.) Divine Architect

New Jer. - Same bldg !!

Nothing on earth like it!

Danvers
mile
from
city

1566

sq.

Good \ Builder

①.

Ask - Gen. 6:14 ft

DIVINE SPECIFICATION

450 ft long

75 " wide

45 " high

Designed for Storage

Float not Navigation

(See. in size to the T. Tank)

Why - another Type of
picture of Chart

Salvage - for those who
interest the Ask !

Eph

Build of Left
Material " Living
Stone "

N

God The Builder:

2. Tabernacle - (Ex. 25:8-9)

"pattern"

Model

Form

POINT:

plan after which
something is to be built
= a "blueprint"!

architect
make
a
Model
first!!

car's

clay
model

This "tent" would
remind men that there
is one way to God
in redemption and
relationship. All who would
come to God - His way
no other (Jn 1:14 | 14:6)

3. Temple -

Appointed of God -
a place to dwell among
this people -

What the Church Is Like: Three Pictures of the Church In Ephesians

(Eph. 3:10)

Images of the Ch. in Ephesians

Let us walk thru the Ephesian letter as one would a picture gallery looking for pictures of the Church - the Church is like: (1) A Building (2) A Body (3) A Bride. (Battalion) (No Time)

Three Blind Men describe an elephant. (a) like a wall (b) " " " tree (c) " " " Rope

Light Bulb

SOME today people say the Ch. is like (1) A Country Club - pay your "dues" - get certain privileges.

(2) Retirement Home - people who have great history but no future - keep things as they are. Ch. in decline

(3) Shopping Mall - Park near the door. Run in/out don't talk to many - get what you came for & home!

(4) Theater - entertainment - a show - keep it short! (5) Funfair - (6) Retirement

3A Hospital

Sick sinners
Sick saints
Sick healed

Present
Past
Future
Present - Past
Future - Past
Future - Present

2

Revision:

Billy Martin:
Can't build a church w/o
a wrecking ball.

General Obs. - God is a Builder

(HAB. 11:10 NOTES)

I. The Church Is like a Building

(2:19-22)

HEB. A Foundation -

11:10

NT.
ap) prophets part in
laid of foundation
HE is the Foundation

Jesus info. + illustrations about
foundations - MT. 7:13ff.

- a series of 2's - 7:24

1) 2 Foundations - "wise men"
"Foolish men"

Rev.
21:14

Israel - dry river bed can become
a raging river - washing away!

* Points: Life in construction terms

- ... its impossible to build for
eternity apart from Jesus
Christ! A house built on sand
may seem to be OK - the storm
will reveal - wrong foundation!

Mt. 16:18 - Jesus no. Peter =
ideal man!!!
Foundation of Church!

Holy Spirit
Associated
w/ the
Benedict
Pew
(KJM)

Gal is truly a building

B. Framing

"Tails fit perfectly" = NO
misfits

"fitly framed" - it all fits
together - no misfits!

④

II. The Church Is like A Body - (4:4, 12, 16)

Ours is a "body conscious
society" body builders

gymns, v. tamins, diets,
Exercise. A Healthy Body
is vital in church life.

^{DIET} (Nutrition) | ^{EXERCISE} (Exercise -)

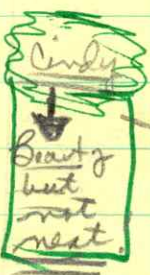
2Tim 4:3 = "Sound doctrine"

"Hygiene" = the science of the
promotion + preservation of health.

Church viewed as a living "body"

Two primary characteristics:

- (1) Unity of life is a common
life! = ^{Version} eternal life (Jn 17:1+22)
- (2) Diversity of Gifts (1 Cor. 12:12)
many parts to a Body



Spiritual malnutrition

"Healthy Teaching"

Like 7:10 = "whole" (υπαρξια)

NOT uniformity



(5)

different function ... not
in competition - cooperation.
(The Corinthians desired other
gifts rather than develop their
own. Nose to feet - You stink
Eye to hand - Your nails...

~~Goal~~ Goal:

Maturity!!! Eph. 4:15
1 Cor. 3:1 Heb 5: 6:1

III the Church Is Like A Bride -
(Eph. 5: 25-27)
The word "Bride" 5 Times in
N.T. - 4 of these in Revelation
(21:2) "paraul" = adorned =
(κομμεν.) "cosmetic"
1. The Picture

Woman's
World

1. Birth -

She adapts

2. Wedding

Here

Coming

Bride

3. Funeral

How

much

loves

her

6

$$\text{Gen. } 1-2 = 31+25 = 56$$

$$\text{Gen. } 24 = 67!$$

The largest Chapter in
Genesis is NOT a Pent
Creation of Universe | Man
— Together! A wedding! Why?

2. A Prophetic Picture

God is preparing ^{the} a world
for a wedding banquet! **SUPPER!**

1. Loving Father —

2. Trusted Servant's Mission

3. Beloved Son ^{ISAAC}

4. A Believing Bride ^{RELATIVES}

Brandy
Ryan =
a walking
invitation!

Today:

Get ready for the
Wedding — (Matt. 22:1-14)

When guests arrive
King provided a
garment ... required!

Gen. 3:21!

Rev. 22:17

("God's Last Invitation")
"Himself"

1)

IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE?

(2 Sam. 18:29)

Biblical Background:

This chapter reveals David's uncontrollable grief when he learned the Absalom was NOT safe - but dead. This question is one of interest to every parent - on when are they NOT safe?

I. He (she) IS NOT SAFE WHEN LIVING IN A DIVIDED HOME

A. A Home When FAVORITISM IS PREVALENT - (Jacob | Esau) (Rebekah)
(Gen. 27:6-17)

Isaac

- Rebekah = "Smother" love.

She would go to ANY length for her favorite son - even lie steal!

②

In the long run she was too clever at too high a price to get the birthright for her favorite! She succeeded in her plot, scheme but the cost too high — Jacob fled for his life & she never saw him again — she got her way — but lost a son! Parents Divide

a home when they practice favoritism — they must share equally ~~among~~ ^{with} ^{between} their children. (Cinderella over mortgage)

3 Bs of favoritism:

(1) The Baby — Give in to "baby"

(2) The Boy — ^{Spots =} Appalachian trait

(3) The Beautiful — good looks over good character!

One child who can do no wrong, Coddled - not unloved - unnoted - Deadly!

25 mins
14:25

UNAppreciated

3

B. A Home Where Discipline Is Neglected -

David - When David heard of his daughter (Tamar's) rape - ^{angry}
He did nothing - He did nothing
to curb Absalom's blind ambition -
Paid a terrible price - too
indulgent. Moral guidelines gone
in many homes & most schools!
^{SEX}
drugs, drugs, dress, disobedience =
an undisciplined generation -

Parents - too busy, too tired -
to selfish - Hollywood = classic Example!

C. A Home Where Parents Are In Conflict -

Parents A constantly quarreling,
^{cursing} ^{Drinking}
fighting, criticizing, belittling each other,
^{Lack of}
money, Debts = Bad Examples -



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Kloster
(mich)

the way parents treat each other
- the way children will treat their
spouse! Home should be
a place of safety + spirituality!

II HE IS NOT SAFE WHEN HE HAS
ADOPTED THE WRONG SET
OF VALUES - A code of "Misconduct"
He practices "the lie" instead of
the truth. He steals with few pangs
of conscience, there is NOT right or
wrong, good or bad - whatever
appeals to him - whatever he
wants! 10 Commandments -
Can't name 3! Disobedient
to parents, too lazy to work
(a four letter word they don't
repeat!) Low / No View of Marriage

See
"parents"
Pg 18

2 Tim.
3:14

* Jack White (clipping)

* Tracy Macy - clipping

Reins with the
wrong crowd

* Rules to the Road to Ruin!

(Option) * (Sangster - values change -
re Titanic)

III. HE IS NOT SAFE When He SEEKS TO FIND PURPOSE IN LIFE APART FROM JESUS CHRIST

* Study - Night, turned
OFF light/lamp on desk -
STOOD up - disoriented in
the dark - tried to go into
the closet! In the dark -
no light = ^{sense & prop} No Direction!

So with mankind - Been
in the dark - (kittens/puppies)
^{sp} Eyes are closed!

(2 Cor. 4:3-4)

cheap end of man: glorify God
enjoy Him forever!

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1. John 10:10

abundant = full, meaningful
(Westminster Confession)

abundant life = more
than physical life — different
kind of life. (Colson) Ekhardt

2. Eph. 3:10-11 (Rom. 8:28 ^{"His Purpose"})

The true "purpose" driven life
His single purpose — a single,
spiritual purpose. Man not
a cosmic accident — creature
from the hand of Creator —
(Little Boat Twice Dashed)

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IKE

To Billy Graham

"How may I be sure, going to
heaven???"

(1)

"What Kind of Church
Should Our Church Be?"

The Right Kind of Church
(1 Thess. 1:1-10)

"Church shopping" is
part of church life
today. Folks look
for a church the same
way they shop for
anything else - so where
you get the best bargains
Get is the key word -
not give! (Not critical of
~~those~~ who want comfortable
facilities - padded pews,
paved parking, programs
for children - ^{H.V.A.C} Nursery.)
Point: The message
is primary - all else

"Mall
Mafia"

SCCM
youth
Ladies
Nurses
Down-
stairs
or
Not at
all!!

(2)

Secondary! (C.S. Lewis)

Paul's first letter ^{was} to
a young church in
northern Greece -
city of Thessalonica.

Key to ministry 1:5

Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4)

1 Gospel -

"of God" - Source

all aspects of Christ - Subject

of the Grace - Nature

Gospel of Kingdom - area of its extent

& Eternity - duration.

C.S. Lewis: in Mere Christianity

it is easy to think ^{that} the Church
has many different purposes: education,
evangelism, building, seminars. The Church
exists for nothing else but to
draw me to Christ... If not that

God's
goodness
for man's
Red.
Condition

The Ideal Church (1 Thess. 1:1-10)

Churches have been a vital part of my life since 1948.

3 churches since 1956—

~~As a result,~~

— all shapes, sizes and conditions... ⁱⁿ church life.

Sizes and conditions... ^{the} church
life.
(most unusual structure —

Most ^{Disincentive} ~~incentive~~ condition

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③

One of our most meaningful trips was to visit some of the great churches in England and Scotland.

(Metrop. Tabernacle - Westminster Chapel - All Souls in London.)

"Church Shopping" takes place every Sunday somewhere in our country - just as they do at the Mall!

Campbell
Margaret
Martina
Edward
Jones

Music

Versions

Facilities

Staff

What do they offer?

① ~~Comfortable~~ ~~Convenient~~

③ ~~Challenging~~ ~~spiritual~~ - ~~motivating~~ ~~inspiration~~

Something for every member of the family

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For some the messages are (is) primary -

③

4. C.S. Lewis Statement:

I. The Ideal Church Understands What It Means to Be "in Christ" (1:1-2)

"SAVED"

"BORN again"

"Redeemed"

Many people are interested in "en groups", Church, politics, socially, = acceptable, sat'is'fick, power. JUST BE "in groups":

"in Adam or "in Christ"

2 Cor. 5:17, 1 Thess 4:16 =

"belonging to Christ (2 Tim 1:12)

(Jack Welch - "Winning")

II. The Ideal Church Understands That God's Work is Hard Work - (1:3)

There are 2 different words for work in Text.

A new person altogether

(Phillips' Iron)

Not what I should be or go to

But not half to be

④

(1) ἔργον - The expend. Time
of energy

(2) κόπος

Exhausting, Bone tired
weary.

1 Cor. 3 - ^② Tillers of the soil
B Builders of a Bldg.

Doing God's Work God's Way!

(Pa. pastors critic)
Aunt Mattie Rice

1 Cor. 15: 58 = "Be ye ^{stead fast} ^{Be ye} Nothing we
Ever do for Christ is ever
lost or wasted.

Gal 6: 7-9

✓ V4 N Let us not lose heart

"in it own time"

NOT free to reap

don't give up. ^{Just!}

NOT Empty! ^{What's}
DY. "always" ^{challenge}
Too soon to ^{give up}
give up

~~THE~~ The Ideal Church Understood
that Believe and Behave
are Twin Truths (1:5-7)

5

We are all examples
of what we believe &
how we behave. ^{Good} God

Doctrine & Department

Hypocrite = ^{"more imp't to} seem to be than
^{act} actors are NOT ^{"To Be"} (counterfeit
Christians)
on T.V. or movies — in Church!
Ch = "ShowTime"

(Oakwood School - Helen Zietz)

IV. The Ideal Church Understands
That Outreach Is Before
Inreach - (1:8)

"Soured out" not "in"!

Our faith is meant to
be spread i.e. a "give
away" ministry

- (1) Mission Church
- (2) Maintenance Church

Fossil

(6)

"Dead To
Change or
progress"

OR "Fossilize" But...
no such word

Evangelism = Spear point!

~~Primary Not Secondary~~
Show me a living church and

I'll show you a church
that has ~~lost~~ vision for the lost!

Jack Harvey -

IV. The Ideal Church Undertakes
that the Second Coming of
Christ is Fact not Fiction

(1:10)

The central theme of the
Bible:

- ✓ 1. OT = He is Coming
- ✓ 2. Gospels = He is Here
- ✓ 3. Epistles \ Revelation - He is
Coming Again

8 Times more refs To The
Second Coming than His
First Coming = A sure
Event!

⑦

Two words in the Text:

⑧ V.3

Patience (Remain - Root)
ὑπομονὴς "endure"

⑨ V.10

Wait (~~α~~ ἀναμενέτω) "up"

(Kate - waiting for e-mail)

"She's beautiful

" over

We are on our way
home —

Norm Sanders

here, there, or in the
air

We will meet again!!!

Bcc Be?

①
②

What Kind of Church Should Our Church Be?

(1 Thess. 1:1-10)

The commentators

Spurgeon

speak of the Thessalonian Church, established by Paul on his 2nd mission

Moble Church
Scofield

journey, as an "ideal Church." The word does not mean "perfect" but "a pattern for others to follow."

Follow the PATTERN!

G.R.S. our clothes Polly Esther!

V.4
Rick

Warren would never call this "a proper driven church!"

What can we learn from that wonderful church where Paul ministered for only 3 weeks! (He sent them 2 letters later on.)

My Kind of Ch.

(a) Any

(With a Purpose)

A church that...

Body

The Right

Kind of Church

(A Church Should)

Understand What It

Means To Be "in Christ."

(1:1-2)

not just a ch. member!

Many people are interested in being part of an "in group"

school, civic org.

politics. yet to be

"in Christ" not a clue.

(Jack Welch "Winning")

Mouse... Cat Criminal... Cop

~~"I in you and you in me" - no mystic to~~

~~the been-again, saved,~~

~~believer. (2 Cor. 5:17, 1 Thess 4:16)~~

~~"Belonging" to a church is vastly different from "belonging to Christ."~~

~~(They guess so, hope so, think so - know so!)~~

~~(2 Tim. 1:12)~~

~~HERD~~

~~Ch. member~~

3

I.

the Ideal Church

in = acceptability Power Satisfaction

INSIDE A CH = in group makes you say

"Being justified freely by his grace, thru the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24)

2 Places

Is a person in Christ

all made alone



to critic
pastors - lao
his super walk

Naugle
"put a burden
on anyone"
(6k. Text.)

4

the Right kind (with a purpose)
↑ Church:

II. (A Church Should)

the Right
Church

Understand That

God's Work is Hard

Work - (1:3) (2:9)!

to L +
Hardship

There are two different
words for work in the
text: 1) ἐργον = the
expenditure of energy.

(2) κόπος = exhausting,
weary - "have tired".



How are we to work?

The emphasis is on
quality - "pass the
fire test."

BAS = Both! =

(1 Cor. 3:10) Farmers +
Builder = Do it right!

Hard
Work!

i.e. God's Way!

(1 Cor. 15:58) =

nothing

ever do for them is ever
wasted or lost!

(IN VAIN) =
"empty" Ok.

Fire
Proof!



• Anti
Matter
Rice =
God's
Work!



Start
over
→ 1 Cor. 15:58
"empty"

We are all Examples
of what we say we believe
Some Good! Some bad!

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~~The~~ Church (with a Purpose)

A Kind of Should

III ~~the~~ Church Understands

the Idea that Believe and
Behave Go Together

(1:5-7) Doctrine and Department
are Twin-Truths

Hypocrite is a
word the world likes
to use repeatedly many
church members.
(Actions — Church = "Show time")

"Wearing religion masks"
(Helen Zietz) (with a Purpose)

~~the~~ A Church Should

Understand that
Outreach Comes Before
Inreach - (1:8)

"Sword out" or
— die out = a true saying!
This church known
for "their faith"
Our program is a
"give away" ministry —

More imp
to seem to be
than to be

For
Silly
Examples

3
Oakwood
School
Chen

IV
the
Idea
Church is

Manna —
keep it
out we
go down!

main
8:14
(Ex. 16)

6

Jeff Don

② Mission

① Maintenance

Our "Comfort" zone
is too large!

Evangelism is primary
not secondary.

• Barely

• God reminds us of
that from time to time

• John Elmond

30
year
old
reminds

~~the Responsibility of Church~~

V. A Church Should Understand
that the Second
Coming of Christ Is
Fact Not Fiction (1:10)

The central theme of
the Bible about God's Messiah.

- (1) O.T. He Is Coming
- (2) Gospels - He Is Here
- (3) Epistles + Revelation

He is Coming Again.

8 times more refs to
Sec. Coming than the First!

(8 to 1)

"Love His appearing"
2 Tim 4 - "Crown"

89 yr.
old preacher
wrong
twice -
3rd time
still wrong!

⑦

Whitcomb
Statement!

Sec. Coming
2 Phases or
(Aspects)

2 Thess
2:2

- (1) Rapture - For the Ch.
(2) Revelation - With the Ch.
(2 Thess. 2:8) (2:8)
Both

Tras
Terman -
Wake Forest
To W. Salem
2:19-25

Conclus. m.

Text: Patience (κ3) "Remain"
(ὑπομονῆς) remain
Wait (ἄν.) under
(ἀναμενεῖν) remain
up

2 Tim. 4:3-8

Carry your resp. & ministry
all the while looking
for His coming.

Kate - Watch the E-Mail
Finally: A message - fulfilling
our expectation!
"She's beautiful"
She's ours
"We are on our
way home!"

Homecoming to Home going!

①

(Senses on grace)

Three Dimensions of Grace (In the Book of Ephesians)

The word dimension ^{mean} ~~mean~~ means to measure or take the scope of something ^{magnitude, importance}

1. ^{176 miles} miles round trip from our house to this church. (~~from our house to this church~~)

2. When we lived in country -

House = 1300 sq. ft.

Barn = 2400 sq. ft.

Acre = 37 ^{In Deer H.P.}

Road = .03 of mile to haul road.

Door Facing

Let us "take some measure of scope" of a wonderful term that appears in Ephesians

Song: "Amazing Grace" but known Gospel Song in America - most misunderstood!

Amazing - Most believe the words!!!

"a wretch like me" -

"a wonderful soul like me!"

"Saved"? Not me - No sinners!

Grace: (1) Movement - Always Proper - Shatters dancers (2) MANNERS = Social

In Wesley graces - Charm school stuff!

(3) Mouth - gracious speech, tactful.

"Methodist hand! ...ful hand!"

(Jn. 1:14) Perfect Balance

Mom & Lats at Table

(2)

Salvation is of grace
and for the glory of God!

I. Grace AS A Greeting - (Eph. 1:2)

- * - Wünsche = "greeting" =
his signature greet! So
with Paul - fervent & frequent.
(Corinthians², Galatians, Philippians,
Colossians, Thessalonians², Timothy²,
Titus. Part of Paul's style &
Signature in writing. =

- * Spiritual Trademark. Paul knew
that apart from grace, man
~~will~~ would have no interest in or
involvement with the God of the
Bible. Grace & peace are often
mentioned together - peace within
comes from peace with Him.
Grace - Definition:

- (1) Unmerited favor - Rom. 3:24 "freely"
God does what we don't deserve,
didn't or can't earn. NOT cheap

- (2) Favor without Reciprocity. "RETURN
= IN KIND"
... get a favor & then give a favor.

- * (Banker Shepherd)

- * Invited to a friend's house for
dinner - "How much do I owe you?"
POINT: = No payment is Expected OR
Permitted! (Lunch at Charlotte)

(3)

"The Lamb
Prince"

Mephibosheth had no claims
on David or the kingdom. Yet David
treated him as family.

* Classic EXAMPLE — Mephibosheth
(2 Sam. 9) ^{kindness = the love} ^(v1, 3, 7) ^{for the sake of another}

9:1 | 3 = "god like favor"

Mephibosheth = had not
could not do anything to merit
the royal favor of David —
wholly David's generosity!

Point: We are "lame" & God is
gracious — Grace!

II. Grace AND God's Glory

(Eph. 1:6-7) "glory of his ^{generous gift} grace"
(Riches = "God is too rich to charge us
for His grace & we are too
poor to buy it") ^{Spiritual "rags" to} ^{Spiritual "riches"}
by grace!

God's
Glory is something we don't
talk much about but often
sing about. "Doxology"

Dox = Gk. "doxa" — glory!

Singing of His glory — "to God
be the glory"

* God's glory speaks of His
majesty and all He is, does, and
has. Rom 6:4 — Resurrection of Christ =
glory of God & His Power.

(cf. the "glory" of earthly kings.)
Eph. 1:7 = "through His grace."

Describes
the scene

Fading
glory

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Start of glory of God
is why God made man!

* Rom. 3:23 = The divine indictment of man + his sin.
He has failed in his primary reason for being — the glory of God. (= Crown of Creation)

* Westminster Confession:

"the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Sin = missed the target or goal/purpose.

God's plan for "redeemer" race of men — (Phil 3:21) i.e.

"fit for glory" (make men fit!)

[There is a terrible price to pay for nations that do not honor + glorify God!!!]

Psa. 33:12

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (NOT "who believe in pluralism in worship.")

... Let all the earth fear the Lord
(33:8) (Key — Concern for the glory of God!)

III. Grace AND God's Gifts -
(Eph. 2:8-9, 3:7-8)

A. The Gift of Salvation - (2:8-9)

Dead!

People are born spiritually lost + stay that way until they are born again = Spiritual Birth.

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People "get saved" from being ^{already} lost!
"Spiritually lost" - by accepting
God's gift of Salvation.
(Rom. 6:23) ^{"wage" = death}
^{gift = e. life}

Jan 3: 8/18

"Are you saved?" is the question
skeptics make fun of + bel. the
and associate with religious
fanatics. Question: "Are you saved?"

"Are you sure? Are you satisfied?"

OK. Are you shaky About the Bible
says about personal responsibility
to accept Christ?

☆ "When the Roll is Called Up
Yonder, Will you Be There?"

3 * Bill Lane - dime.

Sent it back years later
"I'm saved"

1 * D. James Kennedy

Listening to Donald Buckhouse
on radio - Mgr. of Dade
Studios in Tampa Fla. -
Clock Radio - Question.

What if just died.

Why should I let you in?

No saved by "God" ^{God's name}
"Place" ^{disposition}
^{Church}
^{family = a}
works!!!



FASTOR:
When you are looking
for is not looking for
you.

B. The Gift for Service -

(3-7-8) "Gift of Grace" (AS HE WILL) (12:11 (1 Cor)) (cap #1)

Paul had no plans to be
an apostle or a preacher of
the gospel. God equipped Paul
by grace to accomplish a
task Beyond natural abilities.
Grace make it possible. (Grace is a gift!)

- Nothing to brag about -

Wholly Complete of Grace!

"Some prayer meeting = Bragging Contests!
Corinthians!

If you must brag about someone,
Brig about Jesus!!!

INTRO.
(Mule / Kg Derby)

①
"Helping Churches Grow"

1 Cor. 3: 6 / 9 "made it grow" (Gk.)

"Fellow-workers"

BCC began with a small Bible class in People's Dept.

Store grew 2 locations ¹⁹⁴⁵⁻¹⁹⁵⁶ 68
to Kan. Blvd. - 2 past ^{HENRIX} (Ironside)

1st. 3 and approx 200
NVL

Don Metley
attendance - RKS IN 1968.

4 years - full and no room to grow. (Mel Spaw - GB Services ^{Edna Stry} and a plan for growth.

(1) Stay by property - 600

(2) Moved - 1200 - 1500
+ grow.

a leasing process for 40.

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New terms: "Strangulation

Factors"

80% principle, ^{2 people} Parker ①
to ² seating, to ^{\$5} ed. space ③
to staff ④

Relocation - more ed.

"if something can go wrong,
it will" (Consider 6 -

2 sentence } ^{obstacles to overcome} MTS - to climb
to grow on. } (1 Cor. 16:

As we planned to grow - as ed.

After 26 yrs - a wider

M.N.istg - ⁴ helping other

Churches - ("WWW - no

"small works, no big projects")

- 300 - 19 State Canada.

no change - all sizes

Shapes! a wonderful journey!!

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Nex,

12yrs

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3 groups:

✓ (1.) Special — Explains

Did lengthy we ^{suggested} ~~not~~ —
more. N.C. 100-1200!
S.C. 10 — 300 —

Marantha — Sissouville
— PASTORS who suffer!

✓ (2.) Sale — ^{Extra} Co. Some
Fayol — Fayette, died
WVa. wife died.

✓ (3.) Strange — EXP

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mas. Deothorpe!

What a privilege —
co-workers with lord!

Small
Cook