



Dear Servant of the Lord:  
Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*THE NEED FOR MEANINGFUL WORSHIP*

John 4:20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*

21 *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

Text: Matthew 4:10b *Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

Meaningful worship is one of the deepest needs of life and of our assemblies. Individually and collectively we need to discover the importance of worship and give it the vital place that it deserves.

The weakest point in the life of most of us is our worship. The absence of spiritual power, the lack of inward peace, and the failure to be genuinely Christian can be traced to failure to worship.

During the Second World War, Japan had a special division of pilots who flew suicide missions. They were called kamikaze pilots. The Allied forces considered them to be fanatics, and some even said that they were drugged. Those who are acquainted with Japanese history and customs recognize that these suicide missions were an expression of a combination of the highest patriotism and the deepest religious devotion.

The story behind the kamikaze began in 1281 when a huge armada of Mongolians landed at Hakata Bay determined to seize that portion of the empire of Japan. Before they were able to deploy their full forces ashore, a typhoon descended on the fleet and destroyed it, bringing the invasion to a disastrous conclusion. To the Japanese the typhoon was the kamikaze, or the divine winds, protecting the land of the gods from the invasion of foreigners. So during World War 2, pilots volunteered to become kamikaze – that is, the wind of god – to destroy the enemy and to protect their homeland. Their



*From the Desk of the General Secretary*



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action illustrates the truth that intense dedication to a god (albeit a false god in

their case) results in a special kind of people.

Is our failure to be a distinctive and unique people to be traced to the inadequacy of our worship? Is it possible we have been fooling ourselves into believing we are worshipping when in reality we are not?

### 1. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF TRUE WORSHIP IF WE ARE TO BECOME THE SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT GOD DESIRES US TO BE

- A. If one were to visit an uncivilized tribe somewhere in the interior of an undeveloped country, he/she would discover crude forms of idolatrous worship involving war paints, native dances, rituals, and possibly even witch doctors and voodoo.
- B. From time to time accounts appear in the media reporting that in places even in today's world men seek to worship by offering human sacrifices.
- C. Some people think that just by going to church they are worshipping. They listen to the pastor preach and hear the special music, then they go home thinking that they have worshiped.
- D. We must recognize that true worship is both an attitude and an activity. It is a response of the soul to God's act of revealing Himself. True worship is an experience in which man/woman receives what God has to give and simultaneously gives what he/she is and has to God.
- E. True worship is the adoration and appreciation of God by the grateful worshiper.
- F. True worship is an experience of meditative communion with God in which the soul is in dialogue with the Eternal. Worship is an inner posture of the soul rather than an action or posture of the body.
- G. True worship is the most dynamic and creative experience of which man is capable.

### 2. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF TRUE WORSHIP

Vital worship relates man/woman to God Who is the source of wisdom and inward power.

- A. True worship brings a consciousness of sin that leads to confession and to the joy of cleansing.

Isaiah 6:5 *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.*

*6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*

To behold the holiness of God is to be deeply convinced of the uncleanness of sin. Confession from the heart brings the forgiveness and cleansing of divine love. This we all need, and this we can have.

- B. Real worship brings a person's soul into harmony with the will of God. To bring the mind into conformity with the mind and will of God brings an inward peace because destructive tension and friction has been removed.
- C. True worship gives the worshiper a sense of security. God becomes very real and very near in love, grace, and power. The worship experience makes possible a faith that God will be present triumphantly in whatever the present or the future might bring.
- D. True worship helps the worshiper to rise above the temporal and the transitory. The world is so much with us that we are inclined to view it from the worm's eye view rather than from the angel's perspective. As we worship, it becomes possible to set our affections on eternal things instead of being lured by the promises of material things.
- E. Real worship aids in problem solving. As a pastor stood at the door greeting the departing worshipers, a woman said, "Pastor, your sermon cured my headache this morning." She explained that she had arrived at church suffering the torments of inward turmoil and uncertainty. With a mind and heart searching for fellowship and for certainty, she went into the house of God with a hungry heart and an empty cup. God did not disappoint her. She departed with a testimony similar to that of the psalmists "My cup runneth over."
- F. True worship always brings a new sense of responsibility toward God and others. After Isaiah had seen God, confessed his sin, and experienced cleansing, he heard the voice of God calling. He volunteered.

If you/or the assembly have no sense of personal responsibility for those about you, and if you/or members of the assembly have not volunteered to help God in His ministry of mercy, then probably it has been a long, long time since you have really worshiped.

### 3. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

If we are to be a distinctive people of God, called out and separated from the world, then we need to understand the conditions that lead to fruitful worship experiences.

- A. Adequate preparation must be made if worship is to

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be beneficial. One needs to prepare his/her mind and heart before arriving at church if he/she is to experience the greatest possible blessing. One does not automatically enter God's presence by walking through the door of a church.

While a warm, friendly spirit is of great value in an assembly, it will be easily recognized that many are so concerned about seeing and greeting their friends that they give little thought to the fact that they have come to the House of the Lord to see Him, to receive from Him, and to give to Him.

Perhaps the most important part for public private worship often do for the work of your assembly. When did you last minister to the individuals in the congregation?

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Our service should lead us to worship.

most important of preparing worship is probably how people pray at worship services. When did you last pray for specific individuals in the congregation?

- B. Wholesome participation in worship is essential. One can attend a football game and be a fairly inactive spectator. To enjoy the game fully he/she must participate by identifying either with individual players or with a team.

When the Word of God is read encourage your congregation to let God speak to their hearts. When someone leads in prayer encourage them also to pray. Encourage even the young children to sing with the congregation.

### 4. THE INSPIRATION OF WORSHIP MUST BE CARRIED INTO LIFE

In Jesus' temptation experience the Devil did not say an-

thing to Jesus about service, when he made an appeal for his worship, but Jesus' reply "He declared that worship and service are never to be separated." Service is as inseparable from real worship as man is from his shadow in the brightness of a noontday sun.

- A. Our worship should lead us and our assemblies to service. To have a life-transforming experience with the Eternal brings such a joy into the heart of the worshiper that he/she will desire to share this joy with others. To genuinely worship produces a joy within the heart that cannot be concealed. It has to express itself in service of one sort or another.
- B. Our service should lead us to worship. Jesus told His disciple, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." John 15: 5

We live in a world of vast spiritual need. Within our individual selves, we are inadequate for the task of ministering. Only as we worship and receive the wisdom, the guidance, and the power of God can we serve in an acceptable and productive way.

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins has said that "worship is the human soul in search of that which is supremely worthwhile." Recognize the supreme worth of Jesus Christ to your own heart, life, and ministry.

The ministry of the Independent Assemblies of God International (Canada) is made possible by the Grace of God and your faithful prayers and support. Thank-you and may God continue to bless and keep you. Your servant in Christ,  
Rev. Paul McPhail



## Itinerant Ministry of our General Secretary

July 2/16 – solemnized the marriage of Rev. Jerome Gabriel and Kimyata Neil in TORONTO, ON.

– CONGRATULATIONS Jerome and Kimyata on your marriage.



July 30 – 31/16 – Kinsella Community Church, KINSELLA, AB – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Pastor Harold Ferguson

**LOOKING FORWARD Mark your calendar now –**

**May 8 – 11, 2017 - NATIONAL CONVENTION, London, ON.**

Rev. Dr. Jeff Farmer, President of PCCNA will be the main speaker. Location TBA



**May 7 – 10, 2018 – I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) 100th Anniversary, Surrey, B.C.**

## Tapping Into the Secrets of the Early Church!! - Colin R. Wellard

From the desk of Pastor Colin R. Wellard

**“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...!”**  
(Acts 1:8 KJV)

The source of power and authority for the early church believer is the same source of power for the church today. Christ wants to empower us as His followers in this generation just as much as He did with the first followers. Those first believers understood the secrets of the Jesus life and as a result saw both blessing and success. I am convinced we can enjoy the same by observing the principles they did as the church got off to such a dynamic beginning where “...all Jerusalem was filled with their doctrine.” What did they do that was so significant? If you meditate on the first five chapters of Acts the following four things begin to stand out:

1. They worshipped God with their whole heart.
2. They believed and taught the Word of God.
3. They were filled and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
4. They knew the authority of the name of Jesus and walked in it.

**The Worship** – demonstrated the manifest presence of God

They gave themselves unreservedly and with abandon to worship the Lord in such a way that it produced an unmistakable presence of the living God among them. This can be seen in verses like, “They took note that they had been with Jesus” or “Behold how they love one another.” These were all signs of the presence of God among them that was born out of the dynamic of worship.

**The Word** – convinced the people about Jesus Christ

They proclaimed the Word with boldness until it resonated in the hearts of people and they believed on the Lord

Jesus Christ. We must always keep on sowing the Word because the scriptures remind us that it will not return void but will accomplish the task to which it is sent. Sow the Word into people as often as you can; then watch it work!!

**The Spirit** – was the power that produced the miracles  
As those first believers ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit it was so huge that whole cities were shaken, multitudes were saved, the sick were healed, the demon-possessed were delivered, and the dead were brought to life. Seek to draw closer to God and let His Spirit move through you.

**The Name** – was their credential and authority  
The authority of His Name was effective against demons, diseases, and impossibilities, so that the godless officials trembled before their faith and influence. Remember Acts 3, “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!*” Exercise your spiritual authority in His Name – there’s power in that Name!!

All these four tools are available to us today as leaders, believers, and as a corporate church, and they have not lost any of their power or dynamic. So let us submit and surrender ourselves to the Lord daily and pray: “God touch us afresh with that same power to affect our families, our friends, our community, our country, and the nations!”

Hmmmm... Think about it!!

Colin & Mary Wellard are an itinerant ministry ordained with IAOGI. Their ministry is Oasis Christian Ministries International based out of Abbotsford, BC. They seek to build up the body of Christ and our fellowship through renewal, revival, and restoration. Please visit their website at [www.oasiscmi.com](http://www.oasiscmi.com).



## 2017 Koinonia Leadership Conference - Christ The Answer Int. Ministries

Revs Jim & Shelley Christian (Christ The Answer Int. Ministries), invite all IAOGI members to our **Annual Koinonia Conference, January 19-21st, 2016, Saskatoon, SK.**

Our keynote speaker is **Dr. LaDonna Osborn**, world renowned evangelist and educator.



Dr. Osborn has carried on the anointed ministry of her parents, Dr. T. L. and Daisy Osborn, in over 90 nations of the world. Dr. LaDonna’s national and international travel and ministry include: Osborn Gospel Training Seminars,

Mass Miracle Evangelism Festivals, Pastors’ and Leadership Conferences, Women’s and Missions’ Conferences and Bible School training.

**Registration fee is \$40.00** for the entire conference. (Nightly meetings open to the public where freewill offering will be received). This cutting edge leadership training event will be held at **City Centre Church, 701 20th St W, Saskatoon**

Please call 306-978-9788 or email: [shelley@ctaim.com](mailto:shelley@ctaim.com) for more details. Registration info will be on our website shortly: **www.ctaim.com**.

Jim & Shelley Christian  
Christ The Answer Int. Ministries

I want to share a different perspective than what one might usually hear concerning the miraculous. One of the things that I am convinced of is that we all experience miracles, a measure of divine intervention, on a daily basis, yet many times fail to perceive them as such.

You see, it's typical human nature to downplay the small things...the things that seem insignificant on the surface. What we do tend to recognize are the big things...the things that stand out from the ordinary. We have become accustomed to evaluating miracles based on the size of their impact on our lives...by their 'noticeable-ness'. We might call it the 'wow' factor. But it is my belief that the Lord does not perform what we might term big, medium, or small miracles per say. As I see it a miracle is a miracle! One definition given for a miracle is:

*"A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency."*

Notice that in this definition it portrays a miracle as something that is 'surprising'? So, it would seem then that if it doesn't catch us off guard—if it doesn't have the 'shock and awe' factor—it doesn't fit the bill as a genuine miracle? I disagree...

Another definition of a miracle is:

*"An extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs."*

I would agree that the miraculous is extraordinary in nature... that's what makes it miraculous! It is God's gracious intervention in our 'human' affairs. In our humanness we are weak but through His intervention we become strong (2 Corinthians 12:10). If we are recipients of grace we are experiencing the miracle power of God because grace by biblical definition is divine intervention. Sometimes though we tend not to see God in our situations right away but the timing of our perception does not negate its miraculous nature. It's still a miracle...it's still divine intervention.

We simply take it for granted because it didn't fit our definition, our perception, of a miraculous event or act. Like the two men on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is walking along side of us, ministering to our hurt and despair, but our eyes haven't been opened to 'see' it yet (Luke 24:13-32). Or like Jacob at Beth-El who simply failed to perceive that God was in that place with him until God revealed it to him in a dream (Genesis 28:16). We are just like that many times too! God is working in our lives but we just don't see it! But ignorance of the situation does not demote its status from the miraculous!

As a born again believers our lives are touched every single day by divine intervention whether we know it or not. Sometimes it's too simplistic. We rejoice over the creative, the financial, and the healing miracles that we receive...which I agree need to be celebrated...and I am so thankful when the Lord does these things...but I also believe that we must learn to walk in an attitude of thankfulness and gratefulness recognizing that in our everyday walk with the Lord there are things

going on—divine interventions—that we have yet to perceive.

As a child I was raised in a religious home and attended a typical mainline church. It wasn't until my teen years that I came to know the Lord and was born again. My spiritual journey was rich. I learned a lot of great things. But I must confess that it wasn't until a series of life events that prompted me to inquire of the Lord that I began to see to see things in this way.

*"An extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs."*

In 1994 my daddy had a stroke. At that time a series of tests revealed that he had had an undetected heart attack approximately 6-8 years earlier. The doctor's prognosis was not good. He said that throughout his many years of experience dealing with heart attack patients he

had seen better looking hearts in people who had passed away from massive heart attacks. He was shocked that he was still alive and as active as he was.

My daddy did not go to be with Jesus until 2003 and up until the last 8 months of his lifetime here with us he was well and able in all aspects of life. Every day for 15 years my dad was a walking miracle. I'm sure you would agree with me that it is only through divine intervention that a man can be well able and live with less than half of their heart still functioning. My daddy never had a pace maker, heart transplant, or medical intervention in that timeframe because he didn't even know he needed it! Every day from the time of the undetected heart attack really was a miracle for him and us. An unperceived miracle!

In 2004, after hitting black ice and taking out a power line pole, paramedics arriving at the scene of my accident said that they expected to find a dead person. They had witnessed accident scenes, where vehicles with a lot less damage, had taken the lives of the occupants. Not only was I alive but I was coherent! Over the years as I have continued to deal with this (while still believing for total restorative healing in my body), I have learned, through multiple tests and examinations, and by talking to many doctors, that in most cases similar to mine, people that have had similar diagnosis, usually go into seasons of major depression and have in some instances even taken their own lives in order to escape the chronic and painful effects in their body. But through divine intervention I can testify that I have not had to deal with any of those added issues. PTL! Everyday there are miracles in our lives. But do we perceive them?

I believe that in most cases when we ask for a testimony of miracles many of us expect to hear about the healing miracles, the creative miracles, the salvation miracles, or the financial miracles—which as I stated before—they need to be celebrated! But may I present to you today that there are divine interventions taking place in your life every single moment of every single day. The key is learning to perceive them. It's a miracle that many of us can even walk and have peace in the midst of

## Perceiving The Everyday Miracle Cont. - Pastor Lisa Harris

the things that affect our lives. You see, the day of salvation and every day thereafter is a miracle because divine intervention is a natural way of life from that day forward.

So I challenge you today to be aware. Be thankful, be grateful. Recognize that because the Lord is involved in your life you are experiencing miracles every day. Not only that but you are a walking miracle from the day you chose to make Him Lord and Savior in your life.

Blessings,  
Pastor Lisa M Harris

*Pastor Lisa has been a teacher of the word for 25+ years teaching in childrens, youth, young adult, and ladies ministries. She has been co-pastoring in all aspects of ministry alongside of her husband at Bethel Christian Church in Cottam for 19 years. She has been Children's Ministry Co-ordinator for 14+ years. Pastor Lisa has a passion to help train and equip the body of Christ through teaching the full counsel of the Word. Pastor Lisa has a prophetic mantle. She has a passion for worship, seeing marriages prosper, and experiencing the body of Christ fulfill their destiny in bringing His kingdom here on earth. Pastor Lisa and Pastor Jason have been married for almost 23 years and have two children Micah (19) and Madeline (16) who are both gifts from the Lord. Pastor Lisa is currently working towards completing her masters in ministry. She lives to learn, enjoys the outdoors especially the beach, and spending time with family.*



## The Canadian Mantle in Full Colour!

As Mr. Keith Koke from Express Copies and Printing delivered the July 2016 Mantle, he had a surprise for Rev. Paul McPhail. Keith took out a copy of the Mantle and displayed the Mantle in full colour. Express Copies and Printing printed and will continue to print the Mantle in full colour at no additional cost. What a blessing!

## Licensing and Celebrations



September 18/16 - L - R Rev. Paul McPhail, Mrs. Tammy Hermitt, Mr. Franklin Hermitt

Commissioned Christian Worker



Michael Doupe was licensed to the ministry at the Chatham Christian Centre, CHATHAM, ON. September 11/16.

September 27, 2016, Rev. Wendy Taylor was Ordained at the Chatham Christian Centre. Rev. Wendy Taylor and her husband Rev. Glenn Taylor pastor the Rose City Community Church, Windsor, ON.

L – R Rev. Paul McPhail, Rev. Wendy Taylor, Rev. Glenn Taylor



September 11/16 - Zion Christian Church, CHATHAM, ON. celebrated their 27th Church Anniversary, and had a Licensing Ceremony for Jason and Jennifer, their Youth Pastors.



L-R Rev. Janet Fahrner, Jason Fahrner, Rev. Dr. Leonard Gardner, Jennifer Fahrner, Rev. William Fahrner



MOUNT ZION HOUSE OF PRAISE  
September 9/16 – Mount Zion House Of Praise, BRAMPTON, ON – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Dedication of their new building – Pastor Richard Edwards



September 22, 2016, Rev. Paul McPhail was able to meet with Rev. Steve Schroeder.

Rev. Schroeder is the President of the Christian Ministers Association Of Canada. CMA was formed in 1927, registered as the Evangelical Churches Of Pentecost in 1946 and then in 1967 changed their name to Christian Ministers Association Of Canada.

After 4 solid years in India we have returned to Canada. The years in India have been hard physically for Lorri and she will need to rest and regain strength. As the leaders of our ministry it is important to be in Canada to strengthen the ministry and have increase in support.

After 4 years of training our India leaders have taken over the leading of the India Trust. They are our "Timothies"; they will be gathering young men that they will in turn train to take the district of Kandemal for Christ. They are strong leaders having stood against extreme persecution in their villages and through their witnesses whole villages have come to Christ as well as other villages being opened for the gospel with many hundreds believing and baptized.

Our goal is to equip young men to do the ministry. We will start training right away.

As mentioned before, the Kandemal district was where the greatest persecutions against Christians in the history of the church happened, with many martyred, 100,000 having their homes destroyed, plus all churches and ministry centers broken down.

God used this to stir the whole church world-wide to pray. God has brought protection and most have been rebuilt, yet God has used this attack by the radical Hindus to prepare what we believe will be a massive harvest. This is in Odisha, which brags as having more temples and shrines than all of India combined. This is where we believe God wants to show His glory by bringing His kingdom to replace the darkness that has been in this place for many thousands years.

On our journey back to Canada we spent time with our leaders in Katmandu, having a great time. Katmandu had almost no Christians 40 years ago and bragged on being the only fully Hindu country in the world. Two years ago Nepal suffered a great earthquake. The main temples were damaged and some completely destroyed. Again the world prayed. Now we are told that Nepal has the fastest growing church in the world. Our

main leaders there oversee several hundred churches and have plans to train hundreds of new pastors. They want us to be an oversight to them. Nepal also has the greatest number of women sold into the sex slave trade. We have plans to rescue these girls, bring Christ to them, and equip them with poverty-breaking skills. These girls cannot return to their homes, and they must be able to support themselves. We will need to have funds so we can buy land and have a center for these girls.

Lorri and I plan to mainly station in Singapore and travel from there to the mission fields. We have close relations with a very strong international ministry in Singapore that we wish to work closely with. They have a world-class farm for training 3rd world leaders to become farm experts. They have successfully broken poverty in 4 third world countries by this training.

We wish to use the farm facility to train our leaders so they can break poverty in villages. Our plans are also to train rescued sex slaves to be self-sufficient through hydroponics and other farm methods. Many girls return to brothels as they have no other choice, but by training them and providing land they will be able to be free from this horrible trap. We will bring God's gospel of grace so that they will be truly free!!

We will need significant increase in funds for the ministry. We will be doing much more travelling, and we will need to see increase in funds so we can run with the vision.

This is a great time to invest in the ministries in Nepal and India. Kell will be available to meet churches and speak with leaders while he is in Canada, to properly share the vision. He can be reached at [gracelifeministries7@yahoo.ca](mailto:gracelifeministries7@yahoo.ca)

Kell and Lorri Frandsen

For further info please see our web site at [www.gracelifeministries.info](http://www.gracelifeministries.info).



## Important Housekeeping

**Please keep the General Secretary in the loop. Please notify Paul of any changes of contact information i.e. telephone number, address, e-mail address, etc.**

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## Introverts in Ministry - Lani Page

Do you remember the feeling of buying a new pair of shoes that were just right? Were you so overcome in your comfort and joy that you preached your “Gospel of ‘Good Shoes’” to anyone? The shoes fit you, so therefore they must fit everyone!

I felt this way when I read an article on being an introvert. “This is me!” I righteously proclaimed to my walls. I sent the article to my friends - “This is why I am what I am, why I do what I do! There is nothing wrong with me!”

I started lightly researching what are traits of introverts and extroverts. I did the Myers-Brigg test for Careers and it told me even more so that I was an Introvert, at a whopping 67%. That shoe fit so well I was telling everybody. I told my family, I told my friends, I talked about it at church and at work. I was absolutely sold on this piece of identity that I had found. This validated my natural behaviors that I felt my whole life people were always trying to change. Whew, it wasn't always me; sometimes it was them trying to make me something I wasn't.

Now, this article may shock some people who know me, who know that I do public speaking, can preach, do announcements every Sunday, teach classes, and can work a room and get people talking to each other. When I told my mom in casual conversation that I was an introvert she was shocked. Even with all my hours of reading, writing, staring out the window deep in thought, it never occurred to her. Because I also like to talk! I can talk for hours! But I like to talk one-on-one. I like to have a deep conversation and find out what people think. Hence how this article came into being.

I started talking to ministers about introverts in ministry. How many passionate, wonderful, anointed ministers can pour their heart out, engage their congregations, and grow people's con-

...you preached your “Gospel of ‘Good Shoes’”

nections with God from the pulpit, only to not be able to handle the after-sermon conversations and mid-week get-togethers. Ministers whose social skills are below par, and maybe even offensive to some. In the pulpit preaching the Word they are great, but outside of the pulpit are a lot of people's issues and conversations that seem like a waste of time, no depth. A very general definition of introverts vs. extroverts is that extroverts gain energy from being around people, and introverts gain energy by being alone.

Most introverts read a lot. When a problem arises, they need time to think it through. They may not talk in a group of people, but one-on-one they will talk forever. They are generally very deep “feelers”, and because of processing internally when hurt can lash out for no apparent reason. Sometimes the need to be alone and think about things can be seen as rejection, but it's most likely not. Some people call it “giving them some space” but it's more likely processing time. Remember, introverts tend to be very thorough! I spend a lot of time praying, talking to God, meditating, listening for Him to talk back.

My shoes fit me. My “introverted-ness” fits me. There is no “one size fits all” in personality types or behaviors. But maybe this can help identify your quiet ones in your congregations and travels, maybe in your children or your marriage.

If you don't know where you fall in the introverted/extroverted scale, I would encourage you to do some research. There are many “tests” online like the Myers-Brigg tests, or Finding Your Love Language, Finding Your Dominant Giftings, etc. These should not tell you who you are, but just confirm what you already know about yourself. The Word of God tells us WHO we are in Jesus, and through Him we can do all things!

Disclaimer: Lani does not hold a psychology degree; this article is personal opinion. Lani has many friends who are extroverts, and plays nicely with them



## Credential Renewal Fees 2017

The time of credential renewal is upon us. This year the renewal fee is **\$155.00** if sent in by **January 31, 2017**.

Please make all cheques/money orders payable to I. A. O. G. I. (Canada).

**After February 1, 2017, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$155.00 = Total \$185.00.**

For a minister 75 years of age and older your renewal fee is free. All you need to do is complete Form # 3, give us your birth date and we will gladly renew your credentials with no charge.

Please complete Form # 3. Forward Form # 3 with your cheque to your licensing or ordaining pastor/church. The pastor/church will send the material directly to me.

We are pleased that a few have taken advantage of forms being offered on the web [www.iaogcan.com](http://www.iaogcan.com) and have renewed early.

**Thank-you for your prompt attention to this important ministry matter!**

## Promoted to Glory - Rev. John Maurice Hilliard, Rev. Ernest D. Clarke

Rev. John Maurice Hilliard (DOB April 27, 1939) was promoted to Glory July 16/16. John joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) September 7, 1978. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rev. Beverley Hilliard, his children John Jr. (Bev), Paula (Rev. Tim) Green, and Stuart and five grandchildren. Rev. John and his loving wife Rev. Beverley Hilliard were pastors of the Rose Of Sharon Fellowship, BATH, ON.



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Rev. Ernest D. Clarke (DOB September 17, 1934) was promoted to Glory August 5/16. Ernest joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) April 10, 2000. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce Clarke, his children Janet (Dan), Sandra (Rev. Neville), Kevin (Sandra), Jeff, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Over the last 40 years Ernest and Joyce have been faithful in serving the Lord together in ministry.

He was father-in-law to Rev. Neville Edwards (Sandra), brother-in-law to Rev. Bentley Linton, Rev. Lloyd Linton and uncle to Minister Lorraine Linton and Pastor Richard Edwards.

## National Prayer Initiative

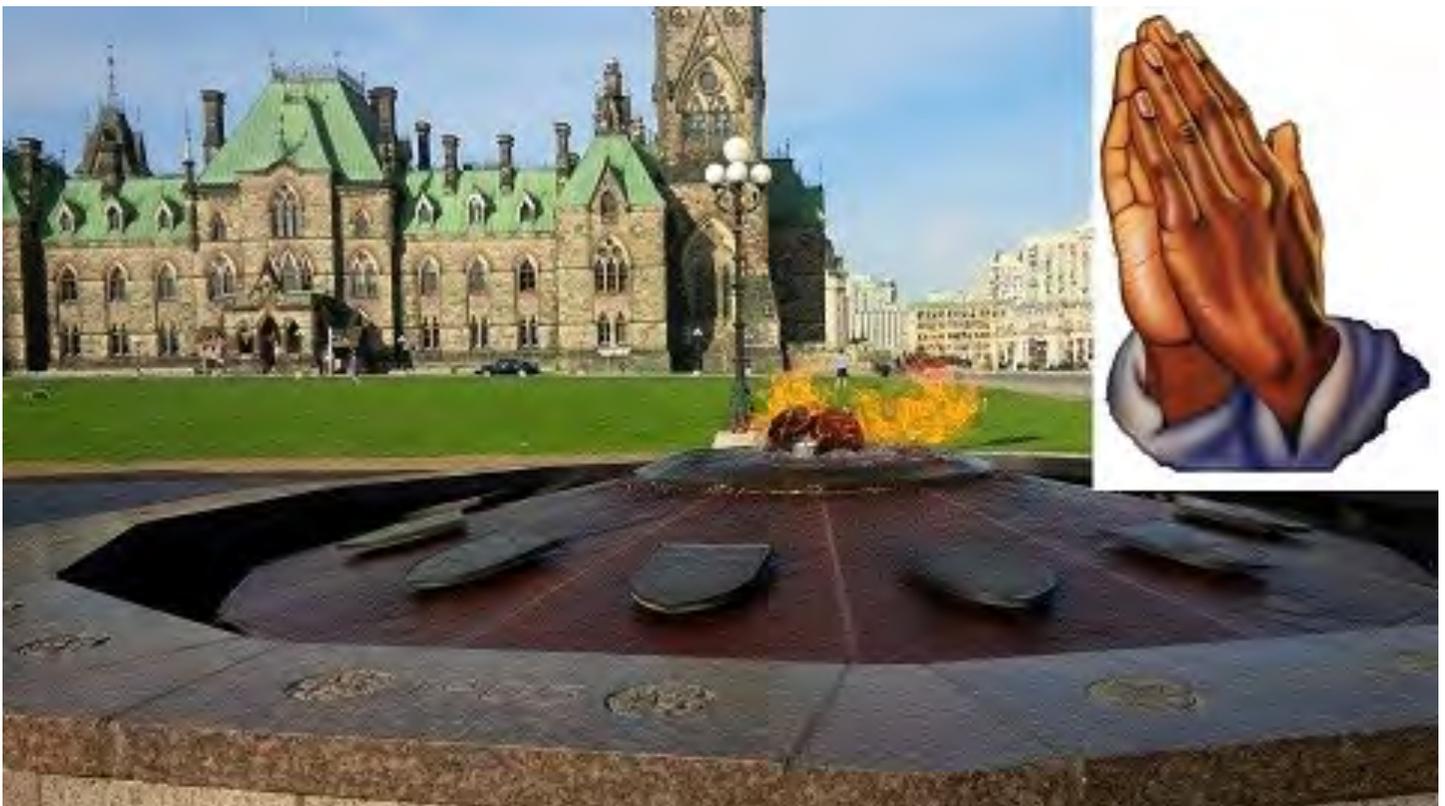
The National Prayer Initiative is a simple concept birthed from a desire as a fellowship to have a quick response in prayer across the nation.

Using social media, when an event happens, like an election, an emergency, a call for help from another country, etc., we have a simple, effective way to get the information out and have our fellow ministers praying as soon as possible.

We all pray—why not join?

Send your Regional Secretary a message and get them to add you!

On behalf of Rev. Gerrit and Rev. Elisabeth Apperloo  
National Prayer Coordinators



## North-Western Ontario Region - Rev Roy Beardy

### Red Lake Christian Assembly Camp Meeting

July 8 -10, 2016 Meetings  
Red Lake Christian Assembly  
Pastor Rhoda Beardy  
Red Lake, ON

Speakers:  
Bro. David Ellyatt from London, ON  
Pastor Henry Demaria from Winnipeg, MB

I had the honor of baptizing 2 believers after the Sunday morning service  
Bro. Larry Beere, Fort Frances, ON  
Sister Jennifer Mckenzie, Thunder Bay, ON



Celebrating  
Pastor Rhoda's  
85th Birthday!

Left to Right:  
Bro Lorne Hall  
Rev Roy Beardy  
Rev David Ellyatt



This was a special time as Sis Jennifer Mckenzie is the daughter of Sis Orpah Mckenzie from the Red Lake Christian Assembly and the Grand-daughter of Pastor Rhoda Beardy. Special moment for myself as Sis Jennifer is my Niece..



### Thunder Bay Christian Assembly Special Services

Thunder Bay Christian Assembly  
Pastor Sarah Waboose  
Thunder Bay, ON

July 16, 2016 Speaker: Bro Peter Monro, Toronto, ON

Bro Peter challenged the Believers to be right with God and place Him first in their lives, in reference to "As in the days of Noah"

Pastors Roy & Marlene Beardy  
Dedication of the sign for the church,  
"Thunder Bay Christian Assembly"



Prayer over the Leadership: Pastor Sarah Waboose & Bro Mervin Waboose

### Big Trout Lake Campmeetings

Big Trout Lake Fellowship Church  
Pastor Levi Mckay  
Big Trout Lake, ON



Licensed Ministers of I.A.O.G.

Speakers:  
Evangelist Gerlene Bogle,  
Winnipeg, MB  
Pastors Roy & Marlene Beardy,  
Dryden, ON  
Bro Randall Crowe,  
Deer Lake, ON



Evangelist  
Randall Crowe



Evangelist  
Gerlene Bogle



Pastor  
Roy Beardy



Pastor  
Marlene

Beardy

There were IAOG ministers in this meeting, Rev Tommy Fiddler (Bearskin Lake), Pastor Enus Mckay (Big Trout Lake), Pastor Levi Mckay (Big Trout Lake), Rev Clem Anderson (Big Trout Lake).

There was a very good turn out in these meetings, with people arrived from surrounding First Nations Communities, Fort Severn, Webeque, Wapekeka, Bearskin Lake, Wunnimun and more communities! Many were blessed and encouraged as they were ministered to by the Word given and the awesome presence of the Lord!

### The Spoken Word vs. The Declared Word

Are they the same thing? Is this merely a play on words or is there something distinctly different? Until recently, my thought was there wasn't really a difference. Until one intercession night in July when I sensed the Lord speaking clearly to me, I sensed that He wanted me to study both the spoken word *and* the declared word. Is there a difference? Yes! As I see it, the two are different enough to affect the way we think or pray, and even the way we view and respond to circumstances. After prayer and study I believe that the Lord was showing me an important difference between the two.

The spoken word is the logos word...the concepts, the blueprints, the schematics of God's eternal plan. It has been spoken out and written down over time...as men were moved by the Holy Spirit to write and record (2 Pet 1:21). It is the revelation of the Eternal One: Jesus (Jhn 1:1)! It is inspired of the Holy Spirit to teach and train us in the eternal truths of God and spiritual realities. The logos word is our comfort, guide, and firm foundation...the unshakeable truth that holds the soul through the storm (Heb 6:19).

The declared word is the rhema word (Rom 10:17). The declared word comes with power and authority in the kyros (the now) moment. A precise moment in time related to a precise circumstance...delivered by the Spirit in the perfect timing of the Lord. It is the mind of Christ for a given situation...the sword of the Spirit unsheathed and prepared for the day of battle (Eph 6:17). It is the two edged sword in our mouths...declared as the decree of God's revealed (kyros) will (in the moment) that we are to wage war with.

I kept these things in my heart and pondered them a little more. During a recent Sunday service a prophetic word was given about coming up higher in the Lord. It entailed the importance of spending time with the Lord, intimacy with Him being the principle thing in our lives and the catalyst to coming up higher. Near the end of that word the Lord said to me in my spirit; "That is where you will receive the declared word." It struck me so clear I wrote it down and pondered what I'd be shown. It was clear that the Lord was drawing me to receive from Him a declared word. It is in His presence that we hear from Him. Little did I know the Lord was preparing me and teaching me for what was yet to come.

On Aug 8, 2016, a battle hit our family. Our daughter was physically in bad shape. Undiagnosed, she would undergo blood work, ultrasounds, x-rays, many trips to the clinic, was prescribed creams and medications, and told not to work for days at a time. Instead of her symptoms getting better it appeared she was worse. The week of Aug 20 I took her back to the clinic. We were sent to the hospital where she was referred to a pediatric specialist. It was a Friday when we got the news. The doctors used big words and told me how and where I could research things, informed me that our daughter would have to undergo more testing and see more specialists to get to a confirmed diagnosis. Basically, until they knew more, they could only treat her symptoms. The pediatric specialist believed that my daughter had been mis-diagnosed for a long period of time and her blood work indicated the high pos-

sibility of Mixed Connective Tissue Disease (MCTD).

Frustrated, confused, and emotionally drained, I was out for a walk Saturday evening and praying in the Spirit. All of a sudden out of my mouth came, "I've Got This!" It took me back a bit and then I kept repeating it. My faith was being built up every time I said it (Rom 10:17). At that moment I didn't know how, why, when, or what everything entailed but this I knew...God's got this! This was my declared word (Matt 4:4). He has my daughter in the palm of His hand and He's got a plan. I declared from that day forward that it doesn't matter what we go through, "God's got this."

My daughter's symptoms calmed down and some resolved for a total of 6 days leading up to Sept 13 when she was admitted to hospital as every symptom returned with a vengeance. The admittance was for further testing and to set up a team around her to hopefully get some answers with a treatment plan. Although the circumstances didn't seem to show it I still knew that my declared word was my warring word. After close to 48 hours she was discharged with medication and treatment for symptoms while we awaited test results that could take another week. The doctors were certain that our daughter did not have any life threatening illness (which gave us hope and celebration), but they still could not give us a confirmation diagnosis other than that her iron was extremely low, which is common with MCTD.

The following week included specialist appointments; each specialist had their own diagnosis of the symptoms that were related to their fields of training. The rheumatologist indicated that without more testing and clinical notes he was not able to confirm a diagnosis although he would lean toward mild MCTD. His hope was that she was nearing the end of her flare up and that she would be one of his patients that only experienced one major event. He also indicated that he hoped this was a virus that attacked her body. He gave her medications to treat her symptoms and indicated to see her again in 4 weeks.

We are still declaring and believing for breakthrough without any definite diagnosis which has been difficult. But God!

We are still declaring and believing for breakthrough...!

Currently our daughter is doing well. Many of the symptoms have either lessened or disappeared, praise the Lord! We have more appointments on the horizon but we continue to declare His word over her life and push through. I must be real with you here: there were many times that I've been weary, my "faith meter" low, and not sure if I could see this through to a victorious end. In those times the Lord has ensured that I

heard a message, or received a text, was in a prayer meeting, or was in a service where He could pour into me through others. Celebrating other people's testimonies of God's goodness and faithfulness has encouraged my faith.

Knowing that others are standing with us in prayer has been a great source of strength. Most of all, I believe it's about being faithful to make declarations as He lays them upon my heart like I did that night, I declare "God's got this!" Knowing that everyday there are miracles all around us keeps me from doubting and instead trusting that somehow, someday, God will perform His mighty works and use this for His glory. Amen. - Pastor Lisa M Harris

## Why I Got Licenced - Pastor Neil McKeever

The short answer is because God put it on my heart to do!

There is more to it than just a decision though.

I remember being on my knees in prayer during the spring of 2013 feeling overwhelmed by God's love and presence. I knew I wanted to do more for God, but didn't know what that would look like. I asked the question, "Am I to go into ministry?" In my spirit, I knew the answer was yes. But what about my career? I am a designated accountant and thoroughly love working in business. God clearly said that I am to be doing that as well. OK. So what next?

Learn and grow; cultivate your relationship with God; and talk to your family about it when the opportunity arises. That is what is next. There is a reason God says He is a light to our path and a lamp for our feet. He will show you the next steps. Step out in faith. God will show you where the firm ground is. Now, not all people who feel this calling will get licensed or need to get licensed. It was made clear to me that I should though. My Pastor, Rev. Gwen Dreger, asked me to preach.

That took pastoring to a whole new level for me. There was no more "Pastoring in behind the scenes" anymore. I wasn't feeling that certain about it until God spoke to me at the beginning of a leadership Bible study on 1 Timothy. The very first verse!! "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and the Lord Jesus Christ, which is our Hope;" (bold & underline my addition). It was a commandment on my life!! From God!! At that point I made a decision

that I am Pastor Neil McKeever, and that if God called me, He will certainly equip me!!

That was July 4th, 2015. I started preaching on a regular basis after that, and fellow leadership and the congregation started referring to me as "Pastor". My thought at that point was, "Maybe one day I will get licensed." I did not want to rush in, but rather make sure I am hearing from the Lord before getting licensed. In the spring of 2016, the Lord started stirring in me the desire to get licensed. Apparently, He had put it on Pastor Gwen's heart as well. I had a mentoring session with her and Ps. Gwen brought up the subject of me getting licensed. That was confirmation from God of what was stirring in my own spirit and so I started the process of filling out the forms. A little side note – when you answer the questions, put what springs out of your spirit! You realize what you believe very quickly!!

I was licensed on Sept. 4th, 2016. It was a great day. My entire family watched online! That was a blessing.

So, why did I get licensed? Because God told me to. Why did it take so long? Because there is nothing better than God's timing to do what He has put on your heart!!

Pastor Neil McKeever

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## My New Book! - Kathleen Kaczmarek

Romans 11:6 AMPC *But if it is by grace (His unmerited favor and graciousness), it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace [it would be meaningless].*

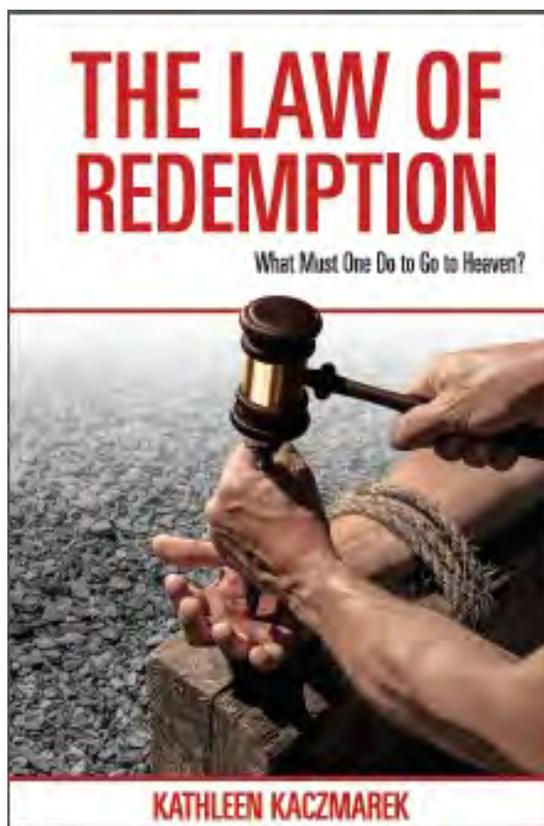
This Bible verse describes the essence of the book so well I felt it was the perfect quote to use in describing my new book, *The Law of Redemption*.

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Kathleen Kaczmarek  
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*Are you serving God to get saved or because you are saved?*

*Shortly after God revealed to me that legalism was my problem, I fervently asked the Lord, "What must I do that if I keep doing it, and doing it, and doing it, I will get better and better and better?" That night, glory be to God, I was able to fall asleep. It was 5:30 in the morning when an audible voice woke me up saying, "What must one do to go to heaven?" The voice began as a man's voice and quickly*



*transformed into a child's voice. The child's voice sounded a lot like my son Aaron's, so I scanned the bedroom to see if he had come in. No one was there. Aaron would have been about six years old and he had already received Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. I remember that all Aaron knew then was that if he had Jesus, he was going to heaven. That's all he knew. He had Jesus, so he was saved, period. That morning, God showed me a foundational truth. He showed me that the faith and disposition of a healthy Christian is that of a child: innocent, trusting, care-free.*

*From that day on, I entered into a journey to learn how to become like a little child again. Someone who is innocent is free from condemnation, and someone who is trusting is free from care; he always expects to be accepted by his father regardless of his performance.*

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2017 is the year Canada celebrates its 150th birthday!

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Fathers of Confederation - Quebec Conference

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*The term 'dominion' was a common term used primarily with British colonies. The Premier of New Brunswick, Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, suggested its use in Canada's name as he was inspired from Psalms 72:8:*

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## Jesus Christ, the Son of God Part 1 - Charles Willner

When God was manifested in Jesus Christ, there began an age-old struggle which is still going on today about the veracity of Jesus Christ being the Son of God and about the efficacy of Jesus, as the Son of Man, becoming the sacrifice in place for the sins of everyone who has ever lived on the cross of Calvary.

While there were many Old Testament prophecies about the Servant Messiah, the Jews of Jesus' day rejected Him as the Lamb of God. They refused to believe Jesus rose from the dead. They bribed the Roman soldiers to say that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus. (Matthew 28:12)

Islam teaches it cannot be possible that "God would have a Son". For them, in order for God to have a Son, it would mean that God would have to have a wife by whom He would have a Son. But this is only human thinking; and God is not human. Further, they cannot imagine that God could "die" on the cross. The disciples must have substituted another person to die at Calvary. In addition, they do not accept that Jesus rose from the dead. The disciples must have stolen the body.

...it is imperative that we as Christians understand the doctrine of Christology...

Jehovah's Witnesses and other cults teach that Jesus as the Son of God would have to be less than God the Father. This is because that, even if Jesus existed prior to creation, that, when He was born of Mary, He somehow must have become less than the Father.

Further, most cults and other religions teach that, if Jesus Christ was deity on earth, then we as Christians believe in polytheism: the belief in the Trinity, of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is a belief in many gods.

So it is imperative that we as Christians understand the doctrine of Christology, in particular the birth of Jesus Christ into this world, His sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, and His resurrection from the dead. First, we must understand these teachings for our own faith. Then, we have to have a reason for the faith that we hold. Finally, we have to be able to show from Scripture what we believe and convince unbelievers of our faith.

### **To Deny That Christ Is Come In The Flesh Is The Spirit of Anti-Christ:**

"Hereby know you the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that (spirit) of anti-Christ, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 John 4:2,3)

"Are You The Christ, the Son of God?":

Several times in the ministry of Christ, He was accused of blasphemy because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.

When the high priest adjured Jesus to tell whether he was the Christ, the Son of God, "Jesus held his peace.... And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you be the Christ the Son of God.... Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He has spo-

ken blasphemy;" (Matthew 26:63,65)

This was the question that was used to convict Jesus Christ to death. The High Priest challenged this man, Jesus of Nazareth, as to whether He indeed was the promised Messiah Who would make the atonement for the sins of mankind. The challenge of the High Priest was how Jesus, Whom they knew as only a man, could be the fulfillment of those prophecies: "Are you the Christ?"

Similarly, when Jesus was challenged in Solomon's porch of the temple at Jerusalem, "If you be the Christ, tell us plainly, Jesus answered them... I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him." (John 10:24,31) When Jesus asked them why they were going to stone Him, "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone you not; but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, make yourself God." (John 10:33)

When Jesus forgave the man who was sick of the palsy, the scribes reasoned, "Why does this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?" (Mark 2:7)

Here is the crux of the charge against Jesus Christ, that He was making Himself to be the Son of God.

### **Prophecies Of Christ Coming As A Man:**

The predictions that a suffering Servant would come to provide redemption had been made from the earliest of times. The Jews knew the prophecies that God would raise up their Messiah, their Elijah, and their Prophet. (John 1:19-21)

"And I will put enmity between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

"The LORD your God will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brethren, like unto me; unto him you shall hearken; ...I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you, and will put my words in his mouth: and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." (Deuteronomy 18:15,18) (compare: Acts 3:22,23)

"I will declare the decree; the LORD has said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten you." (Psalms 2:7)

"The LORD said unto my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand.'" (Psalms 110:1) Jesus claimed that this verse referred to Himself. "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'?" (Matthew 22:42-43)

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Councilor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

"But you, Bethlehem...yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

### **Jesus Declared To Be Divine:**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1,2)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Fa-

## Christmas Time - Pastor Lisa Harris

When my husband and I married in Nov, 1994, we rented a 1 bedroom apartment, fairly small but our space. I quickly discovered that adjustments would be made when he mentioned that there was no need to put a tree up or decorate for Christmas in such a small place. He reasoned further with, "We are not going to be here in the apartment to celebrate anyhow—we'll be at your and my parents over Christmas for celebrations."

After about 2 weeks we invited friends and family over to view our place. One of our first visitors were our youth/college and career leader and his wife. Lo and behold, they walked in with a house warming gift... a small Christmas tree! Oh boy, the conflict was right in our midst after just 2 weeks of marriage.

Let me explain: my husband loves Christmas for the true meaning. He loves the family gatherings, enjoys giving, loves the sweets at dinner, and the full course meals a few times in December are his favorite. But the hustle and bustle, the over-emphasis on gifts, and decorating aren't his idea of Christmas. I, on the other hand, came from a family where the decorations went up the day of the Santa Clause Parade early Nov, the presents so numerous at times it was embarrassing to tell all I was given. We went to church Christmas Eve to hand in our letters to Jesus and celebrate His birth, but the main emphasis tended to be on giving and receiving gifts.

So how did we take the two extremes and blend them enough to have a peaceful Christmas season, especially as our children came along?

Well, first, both of us had to give up some pre-conceived prejudices and traditions, and came to an agreement that together we would build our Christmas with a blend of what was important to us.

I had heard a church leader say when he found out there was no Santa he questioned if there was no Jesus either—if his parents lied about Santa maybe they were lying to him about Jesus too. From that day it was extremely important to me that we raised our children with the truth and only the truth. This came with some struggles at school, explaining one day when a parent called me to let me know that our child destroyed their child's belief in Santa. But we remained true to our convictions.

Prior to opening gifts, we read the Christmas story from the Word and set up the nativity scene characters, and explain that because the

Lord gave us the greatest gift that first Christmas and because Jesus is our Provider we were able to give gifts to them, too.

We set a budget of how much we were going to spend on our children each year. I always try to get at least 1 item off their lists as a special surprise. It is important to my husband that the materialism of the season isn't a focus. It is important to me that each of our 2 children are treated equal, so they both open a gift at the same time that are of equal value. Because we live 2 hours away from family we celebrate our immediate family Christmas together prior to heading to family visits the next few days.

In my children's younger years they would get caught up in excitement of opening gifts at my mom's, who always had the gifts stacked until you could hardly see a tree. We tried to keep watch for signs of getting off-focus at which time we would take a break from opening gifts and my children handed out their gifts to the other family members, keeping them focused on the importance of giving rather than receiving. Each year we took time to get involved in giving to a local charity. As our children have gotten older it has been challenging to keep this gathering together as a family important as they now want to spend time with their significant others and their families too. So it does become a balancing act to some measure.

You are likely itching to know if we decorate or put up a tree. My daughter's birthday falls on Dec 11, and I always made sure the Christmas tree didn't go up until after her birthday – I didn't want to blend Christmas and her birthday. It still is important to me that the celebration of her day is separate of Christmas. So, yes, we do put up a tree and decorate it, just later. I prefer to do this as a family although it doesn't always work out that way. I do decorate the rest of the home and put out our lights. Overall we enjoy celebrating with our families over a large meal and making the most of our time spent with them.

Our Christmas traditions for our family are a mixture of both myself and my hubby's wishes. I would say what really stands as important is giving more than receiving, spending time with family, truth, and focus on Jesus. Really, they are focuses of a lifetime not just Christmas time.—Pastor Lisa Harris

## Letter from the Editor - Lani Page

My fellow members of the IAOGI Canada,

I hope you have enjoyed the previous issue of the Canadian Mantle, and I look forward to your submissions for future issues. Everyone has a story and a preach in them, and I'd love to hear it! Tell me about a Missions trip you took, or a testimony of how you overcame, or outreaches in your communities. How has the I.A.O.G. ministered to you, and what has God laid on your heart to preach in these last days?

Maybe on paper is not your thing, but if you have a cell phone chances are you can dictate it, or have someone write it out for you to send in. Your experiences and ministry are so important to share!

We have a new couple at our church who have been missionaries for many years. I asked them to write down some stories so I could read them, and they were very casual about it. It was so common to them their life didn't seem like a big deal, but it is fascinating to me! I've never been farther north than Prince George, BC, so any stories about the North are so interesting. I live in the city, but not downtown, so what's it like in a small

town? What's it like in a big city? Are you drawn to a specific type of people to witness to? Has God laid a people group on your heart?

I've heard it said in Rev 4:8 that God is so multi-faceted that as the angels are crying "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Which was, and is, and is to come" they see another side of God never seen before. And they are there for eternity! How big is our God!

I believe that a good way to grasp that idea is that there are approximately 7 billion people alive today, and if you add that to all the people who have died already, with each one being unique and an individual, that's how multi-faceted God is.

Everyone has part to share. I look forward to reading it! Send to [editor.canadianmantle@gmail.com](mailto:editor.canadianmantle@gmail.com)

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## Jesus Christ, the Son of God Part 1 cont. - Charles Willner

ther), full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

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“And behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you him.” (Matthew 17:5)

“That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father, He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent him.” (John 5:23)

“Then said they all, Are you then the Son of God? And he said unto them, You say that I am.” (Luke 8:28)

“...Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I AM: and you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right had of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.” Mark 14:61,62)

“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.” (John 20:28)



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