

Christ's Return our Only Hope

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Bible says: **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."** (2 Tim. 3:16)

Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God and the Holy Bible is the written Word of God! In His prayer to His Heavenly Father, Jesus said: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

Christ is the Answer to the questions of life. He made the world, and all things in it! He created man. He rescued man by giving Himself freely to make us the children of God. His resurrection from the dead guaranteed our Eternal salvation and the Gift of the Holy Spirit has given us His power to heal the sick and to cast out devils! To God be the glory! Amen

Please send us your prayer requests and testimonies!

Your servants for Jesus' sake,
Pastor Max & Donn Solbrekken
2 Cor. 4:5 / Heb.13:8 /Matt. 18:18-20



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FACE TO FACE with

Alan JAY



After three months of revival crusades in Norway, the Reverend Max Solbrekken, head of the Solbrekken Evangelistic Association, has returned to his White Rock home. Behind him, he has left a welter of controversy in the Norwegian press centering on a Norwegian woman who was a cripple for eight years, but who threw away her crutches when Rev. Solbrekken laid his hands upon her head and commanded her to walk.

The woman, Brita Gloppen, told the reporters: "It is completely impossible to explain how it happened. All I know is that I, who had been a cripple for eight years and who needed a wheelchair to get around, was suddenly walking, running and jumping up and down."

Latest report on the woman is that she is now able to live a normal life. What she described as "an incurable heart condition" has also apparently been cured.

But this is not the only "miracle" that Rev. Solbrekken has performed.

When I talked to him yesterday, he told me he enabled three crippled people to walk during a revival campaign in India two years ago. During the same campaign, he said, he restored the sight to several people who were blind. But he emphasized that he had no power of his own.

"What I do is done for the glory of God," he said, "and my achievements are accomplished through prayer and faith in God."

But, however it is done, indications are that the results are complete and lasting. He showed me clippings from many overseas newspapers reporting how he had caused the deaf to hear, the crippled to walk and the blind to see. In addition, numerous stories of "less-serious" complaints being cured at the touch of his hands.

Are the cures genuine? It would take a searching, detailed probe into each individual case to find out — and Rev. Solbrekken says his organization and his achievements are always open to investigation.

Rev. Solbrekken quit his job as sales representative of a biscuit company five years ago to launch his association, having been a part-time Lutheran preacher for some years. He is now married with six children ranging from six months to 12-years-old and his association employs a full-time staff of eleven, backed up by three part-time employees.

The association exists on donations and Rev. Solbrekken draws a salary of \$300 a month, plus a \$100 living allowance. In addition to staging revival campaigns in countries all over the world, the association helps to support orphans in Korea, the Philippine Islands and India.

Head office is located in White Rock, where Rev. Solbrekken and his family live. The association publishes innumerable leaflets on its work and also distributes a free newspaper called "Cry of His Coming".

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NOTICE: Photographically reproduced and re-arranged to fit on this page.—Thank you Columbian and Alan Jay.
—Editor.

WAS HEALED OF CANCER!

Says MRS. BEULAH PERRON,
Kelvington, Sask.

I am reminded afresh of Isaiah 53:5 which says "By His stripes we are healed." I am so glad and thankful for what the Lord has done for me. It is now three years since Brother Solbrekken laid his hands on my head in Jesus' Name and prayed for me, in the tent Meeting in Swan River, Manitoba. The Lord healed me of a cancerous ulcer of the cervix, also anemia and nerves, and I no longer need treatments. I've gone back to my doctor several times for check ups and all is well. Praise our wonderful Lord!



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CRY OF HIS COMING

"And at Midnight a cry was made, behold the bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him." (Matt. 25:1-10)

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WHO IS JESUS: Is He God?

By Pastor Max Solbrekken, D.D.

"If Jesus is God and died for me, there is no sacrifice too great for me to make for Him."

- C.T. Studd (1895) - Missionary to China

The BIBLE says: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is ANTICHRIST, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (1 John 2:20,21; 4:1-3)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? (cont. on page 6)

REVIVAL FIRES BURN IN SASKATCHEWAN!



TWO OLD WARRIORS OF THE CROSS

Join together with the Pentecostal Church in Nipawin for a Holy Ghost Crusade! Pastors Jim Nesbitt and Max Solbrekken rejoice over God's miracles!



**MY GOITRE
DISAPPEARED!**

Says Katie Darmokid,
Porcupine Plains, SK



Tommy Bird 'WORLD DOGSLED
CHAMPION 1998' testifies
about God's miracles!

CHRIST'S RETURN MANKIND'S ONLY HOPE

By Pastor Max Solbrekken, D.D.

JESUS said: "In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye will be also." (John 14:2,3)

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the House cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly He find you. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." (Mark 13: 35-37)

"And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy Coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3)

Jesus gave us many **SIGNS** like wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, persecutions, false prophets, deceptions, iniquity, and gross sinfulness! Then He dropped a bombshell: ***"And the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a Witness unto all nations; and then shall the End Come."*** (Matt. 24:14)

The Last Great Sign to usher in the Return of Jesus Christ will be a powerful demonstration of God's Holy Spirit in Gospel Revivals in all parts of the earth, in which mega millions of heathens will turn from their paganism to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour!

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL believed that the return of Jesus Christ was the only hope for our troubled world! The brilliant British writer Kenneth De Coursey stated that Winston Churchill said: ***"The return of Christ is man's only hope!"*** He saw no other solution for our sin-sick, hate-filled, and war-torn world, then that found in Christ's return.

LORD WILLIAM GLADSTONE, Great Britain's greatest Prime Minister/ Statesman said: "More and more, I find my thoughts turning to the great statement, *When the Son of Man Cometh...*" (Luke 18:8)

EPHRAEM THE SYRIAN wrote in A.D. 373: "*For all the saints and elect of God are gathered prior to the Tribulation that is to come and are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins.*"

JESUS CHRIST promised: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, *I WILL COME AGAIN*, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14: 1-3)

ST. PAUL declared: "Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, *in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump*: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (1 Cor.15: 51,52)

"I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Jesus Christ, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, He wrote to Titus: "Looking for that Blessed Hope, and *the Glorious Appearing* of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, *who gave Himself for us*, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar (purchased) people zealous of good works." (Titus 2:13-14)

He wrote to Timothy: "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick (living) and the dead at *His APPEARING* and His Kingdom; Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." (2 Tim.4: 1,2,8)

ST. PETER stated: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold which perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the *Appearing of Jesus Christ*." (1 Peter 1: 7)

ST. JAMES stated: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the **COMING OF THE LORD**. Behold the husbandman waiteth for *the precious fruit of the earth*, and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the *Coming of the Lord* draweth nigh." (James 5: 7,8)

The Bible states: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. *For yet a little while, and He that shall come, will come and will not tarry.*" (Heb.10: 35-37)

TWO REASONS WHY!

There are at least two reasons why our Lord Jesus Christ, has not yet returned in the *parousia* (Gr. return), *harpazo* (Gr. caught up), *epiphaneia* (Gr. appearing, disclosure), *apokalupsis* (Gr. revelation, uncovering)!

St. Peter gives us the answer: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days Scoffers, walking after their own lusts and saying, *Where is the*

promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: *(In Noah's Flood)*

"But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ***But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3: 3-9)

Here are the two reasons that the Apostle Peter used: First, God does not reckon time as we do and Second, He wants all men to be saved and is giving us more time win precious souls!

One Day with the Lord is like a thousand years with us! When Jesus said, I am Coming Soon, that was reality. **He has been gone for less than two days, according to His reckoning!** He will return when "the fulness of time" has arrived and not a second before! He is not slack concerning His promise, but is long suffering, waiting for more sinners to repent!

I believe there is possibly a **Third Reason** why our Lord has not yet returned and that has to do with *the inheritance our Heavenly Father promised to give the Messiah*, as recorded in Psalm 2.

"Yet have I set My King upon My Holy Hill of Zion. I will declare the Decree: The Lord said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." Psalm 2: 6-8)

When God first laid this Scripture on my heart *and* I saw the relevance of the situation world-wide, my heart almost broke. How could God send His Son to rapture the Church, if His promised inheritance was not fully complete? **I have given 60 years doing what I could to bring the heathen to Christ to help make that possible!**

In May 1966, I was sitting on the platform of the **Gandhi Freedom Park in Guntur, AP India**. Suddenly, I heard a voice saying to me, ***"Son, you are helping to fulfill My Word."*** I turned to see who was speaking to me. There was no-one. I was shocked and asked, ***"Lord, is this You? How could that possibly be. How could I, a young preacher from Canada help fulfill Your Holy Word?"***

NOT HEARD HIS NAME BEFORE!

He said, ***"Ask your interpreter, how many in this crowd have never heard the Name of Jesus before."*** I turned to **Sadhu Vandenam**, my interpreter, posing the question. He said, ***"About 95% in this huge crowd of many thousands have never heard the name of Jesus before."*** WOW - That was a wake-up call for me on how interested God is in the work of Missions!

Then God prompted me to turn to **Isaiah** and I read: *"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is NO God beside Me: I girded thee, thou hast not known Me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is NONE beside Me. I am the Lord, and there is NONE else."* (Isa.45: 5,6)

God wants everyone from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same to hear the Gospel and be saved, therefore I was helping to fulfill that Scripture and many others! **It was sobering to say the least! I shudder at our responsibility!!!**

There is NO God but Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ***There is Salvation in none other than Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God.*** He was incarnated (God in human flesh) to meet the demands of divine justice, by shedding His pure and sinless blood on Calvary's Cross to atone for our sins - past, present, and future - thereby reconciling the world to God by Himself! **Hallelujah to the Lamb of God Who rose from the dead and lives forevermore!**

The doctrine of the '**harpazo**' was given to St. Paul. Even St. Peter did not understand the Rapture. He was still preaching the Old Testament 'Day of the Lord' Judgment. He warned scoffers to get right with God because Judgment Day was coming!

Then he used St. Paul to back up his teaching about living holy lives, and he stated that Paul has great expertise on that subject: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye might be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

"And account that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation: even as our beloved Brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you: As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned to wrest (twist) to their own destruction.

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye being led away with the error of the wicked seeing you know these things, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the Wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." (2 Peter 3: 14-17)

WHAT ST. PAUL WAS GIVEN!

"But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you, by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

"For the **Lord Himself** shall descend from Heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then, we which are alive and remain shall be caught up (***harpazo***) together with them in the air and so shall we forever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thes. 4: 13-18)

JESUS stated: "Behold, I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My

voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:11, 20)

My dear friend, if you are longing for truth, tired of dead religion, fearful, lonely, lost, sinful or sick, why don't you call upon His Holy Name today? Jesus Christ wants to save and bless you. Then, contact us please and tell us what God has done for you! Thank you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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