

Dear Friends of Jesus,

One of the first names Christians were given was, *'Friends of Jesus'*. I rather like that. To be a Friend of Jesus is precious. "...And there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Prov. 19:24); Jesus says: *"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Master doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you."* (John 15: 14,15)

In 1855, **Joseph M. Scriven** penned this great song: *'What a Friend we have in JESUS. All our sins and Grievs to bear. What a privilege we carry, everything to God in Prayer.'* 'In the message *'The Church in the Last Days'*, I seek to bring out the Truth that we are not just servants of God, but Members of His household, adopted children of God and heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

That we are living much closer to the end of the age than when we first believed is true. His Coming is nearer than the world and even many Christians believe. **A genuine Revival is needed NOW.**

"For through Him, we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone." (Eph. 2: 18-20)

A March 4, 2021 report from Ipsos for found that a majority of Canadians - six in ten (60 %) are currently experiencing Mental Health issues.

What Canadians need is a meeting with Jesus Christ at an old fashioned Church altar and at the side of their bed before retiring for the night! Let JESUS take away the anxiety, fear and heavy burdens!

Today is the 47th anniversary of Wayne Pratt's conversion to Christ, when after a week-end of heavy drinking, carousing and fighting, the heavy duty mechanic finally got home Sunday morning in time to make a coffee and turn on the TV. In his little trailer in Fernie B.C. with wife and children still fast asleep, he turned on CFCN TV from Calgary and I was preaching from Romans 7:24 and 8:1,2. He fell on the floor weeping and crying unto God for forgiveness. Hallelujah!

Write or e-mail us with your prayer requests!

**Your servants for Jesus' sake,
Pastor Max & Donna Solbrekken
2 Cor. 4:5 / Heb. 13:8**



GOD GAVE ME A MIRACLE! - SEE PAGE 15



Adolph Bulmann &
Pastor Max

Max & Donna with Pastor Ernie & Faith Slopianka
Evangel Pentecostal Assembly, Valleyview, AB

CAMP MEETINGS IN CANADA!

Camp meeting in Canada

Doctor Called My Back a "Disaster Area"!

says Spencer Bishop, High Prairie, Alberta.

Spencer Bishop's back had been fused for over twenty years, and he had 85 chiropractic treatments in his life time. The last time he went to a doctor, the doctor said his back was fused from top to bottom, and could only bend at the hips. He said there was very little he could do, and he labelled Brother Bishop's back a "disaster area". When Brother Bishop came to Max Solbrekken's crusade in High Prairie he went up for prayer. It was discovered that one leg was 1 1/4" short. As Brother Solbrekken prayed for him God lengthened his leg and healed his back. Brother Bishop was immediately able to bend and touch his toes. He is completely well and he gives God all the glory!



Bro. Bishop lifts Pastor Lagoré without any effort
after God has healed him!

End times News

GAMBLING:

A Losing Proposition!

by Pastor Max Solbrekken

Everyone stands to lose when the reckless spirit of chance invades a government, a segment of the community and society at large!

Some lose more than others because gambling has been designed to take from the many and give to the few: but everyone loses something of value and dignity, even if they win!

There are several reasons for this - the first being that gambling has always been associated with the *'slippery slope crowd', crooks, loafers, con-men* and the *mob!* Plain and simple - *gambling is shady business, which is nothing to be proud of!*

Oh, it's true that our governments - both federal and provincial - have put their stamp of approval on the lotto, VLT's and recently on casino operations, yet a person's conscience still says that *good reputable people* are not proud of their gambling hang-ups and addiction!

WHY IS THIS?

Society as a whole has taken a strong stand against gambling. President George Washington stated, *"Gambling is the child of avarice (greed), the brother of iniquity (evil) and the father of mischief (trouble)".*

Moses spoke against the sin of covetousness or greed 4,000 years ago - *"Thou shalt not COVET thy neighbour's house,*

WHEN I HEARD MAX SOLBREKKEN ON TV MY HEART LEAPED FOR JOY!

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I was a terrible drunkard & sinner but more hope sprung into my heart. I kept reading the tracts and magazines & watched Pastor Max on TV. The doctors & nurses had told me that in two weeks, they would begin giving me therapy in the swimming pool to try to get some feeling back in my legs and hips.

MY HEART WAS ON FIRE AS I LAY IN THE HOSPITAL BED THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE PREACHER HAD WRITTEN AND WHAT HE HAD SAID ON THE TV PROGRAM!

Suddenly I felt God's power come all over me and I said, *"Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ. Yes, I believe He can save me and heal me too like He did when He was in earth and like He is doing at the Bible Camp."*

A surge of life came into my body and I moved myself out of the bed. I was standing. Feeling had come back. My paralysis was gone, I began to walk around!

A nurse came running towards me. She said, *"Mr. Auger you can't do that. You must get back into bed. It's against doctor's orders!"*

She was in shock I think and I was smiling and laughing and saying, *"Look at me nurse, I can walk, I can walk, I'm alright. I'm going home".*

I WENT HOME WELL!

The doctors & nurses were scratching their heads and I was so happy and free. Praise God!

Next summer I went to the *Old Fashioned Bible Camp*, and answered the altar call to follow Jesus and was baptized in water! Hallelujah.

In the last few years I have had 2 heart attacks but God brought me through them as well! Oh how I praise the Lord for those television programs I saw from Max Solbrekken's ministry and the people who brought me the gospel tracts and his magazines!

It's been 23 years since Jesus Christ came to me in a hospital room in Edmonton and healed and saved a wicked, undeserving sinner like me! Amen.

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)

JULY, 1999

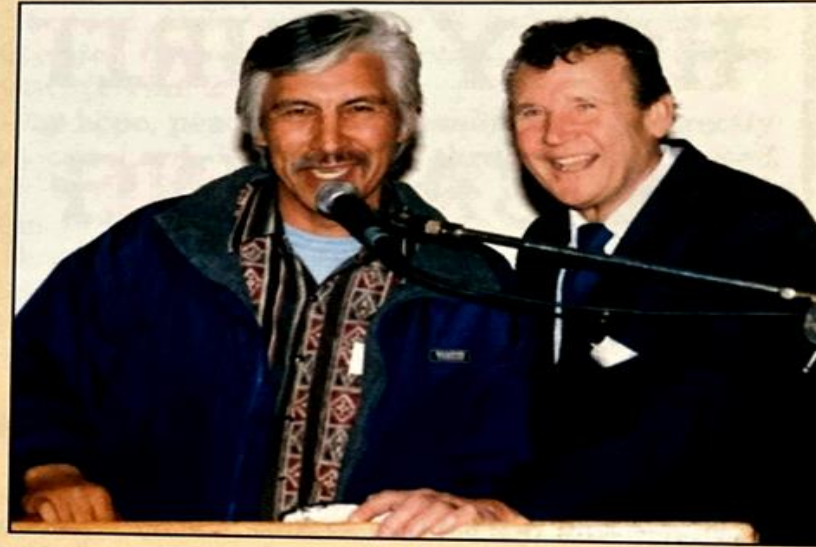
How Wonderful: GOD SAVED & HEALED A WICKED SINNER LIKE ME!

says Johnny Auger, Slave Lake, AB

I was paralyzed due to a car accident. My wife and I had been drinking & smashed head-on into a light standard. I was pinned - from my waist down - all night under the vehicle! For seven and one-half weeks, I lay in the hospital in Edmonton with a *pulverized pelvis* (broken straight across) and *paralyzed from the waist down!*

My wife and I were terrible sinners. Alcohol was our downfall. We did not know Jesus Christ, so our lives were a mess! Anyway, while lying in the hospital those 7 1/2 weeks, I was pondering my future. Everything seemed so bleak. How would I be able to live as a cripple - no feeling in the lower half of my body! **IT ALL LOOKED SO HOPELESS!**

Then one day some Christians came, passing out gospel literature. They were from *Pastor Max Solbrekken's Church*. I read the magazines with great excitement because they told of God reaching out to the poor, needy, sick & diseased in the Bible and that He was still doing those things today!



Johnny Auger & Pastor Max Solbrekken in Slave Lake, 1998

A NEW HOPE CAME INTO MY HEART.

Then, I saw Max Solbrekken on the television. They were talking about the **'Old Fashioned Bible Camp'** in Sandy Beach where hundreds were attending. Many were receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour & their lives were changed! And many sick people were receiving miracles of healing from Jesus Christ through the ministry of Pastor Max Solbrekken!

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*Jesus Has
Taken Away
Every Pain!*

testifies Mrs. Erna Schmidtke, Rimbey, Alberta.

I am thankful to my Lord that He gave His life for me. He bought me with His Precious Blood and also filled me with His Holy Spirit. Therefore I am thankful to Him; He has healed my body many times. I had a sickness in my back and today I am free from it and also blood clots in my varicose veins. A brother prayed for me and then spoke in tongues and said to me, "Jesus will heal you". I went to Brother Solbrekken's meeting and he prayed for me; when I was not healed immediately I was almost discouraged, as I saw others were immediately healed and I wasn't, but the words that the brother had said kept coming back to me, "Jesus will heal you". Two days later my pains vanished, and to this day I am free from pain. All Glory and Praise to Jesus for this!

Kati Kutryk



*Jesus Has
Healed My
Back, Ears,
and Eyes!*

Says Mrs. K. Kutryk, Edmonton, Alberta.

Sister Kutryk, who had suffered many years with back trouble was instantly healed when she was prayed for in one of Brother Solbrekken's meetings in the Victoria Composite High School some time ago. At the same time she was healed of infection in both of her ears. She also received a miracle from God about a year ago, here at the Edmonton Revival Centre. Sister Kutryk had worn glasses for over twenty years, and she could not read without them. After Brother Solbrekken prayed for her she could see well. She has not worn her glasses since, and she can read anything without them! Sister Kutryk praises God for her healings!



Max & Donna Very Good

PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD INC. MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

By Rueban Candelaria (April, 1966)

God moved mightily during 26 days of glorious meetings in Bethel Temple, Manila under the ministry of Canadian evangelist Max Solbrekken and his associate Thomas Tutyko, including four nights at Plaza Miranda. Thousands of precious souls were swept into the Kingdom. Sick bodies were healed in outstanding miracles and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Bethel Temple will long remember this revival. It was sent by God. Ever since the great Philippine revival, twelve years ago, at Roxas Park under the ministry of Evangelist Clifton Erickson and Lester Sumrall, this is the first great revival when God moved again in a mighty way.

The anointing of God and the presence of the Holy Ghost was very real in every service. You could feel the joy, presence and liberty of the Holy Ghost, as the people sang and worshipped the Lord. The people responded spontaneously to the mighty preaching of God's word through the evangelist. Every night the altar was full of people seeking God in deep repentance. Over eleven hundred precious souls were born into God's Kingdom, in the Church meeting.

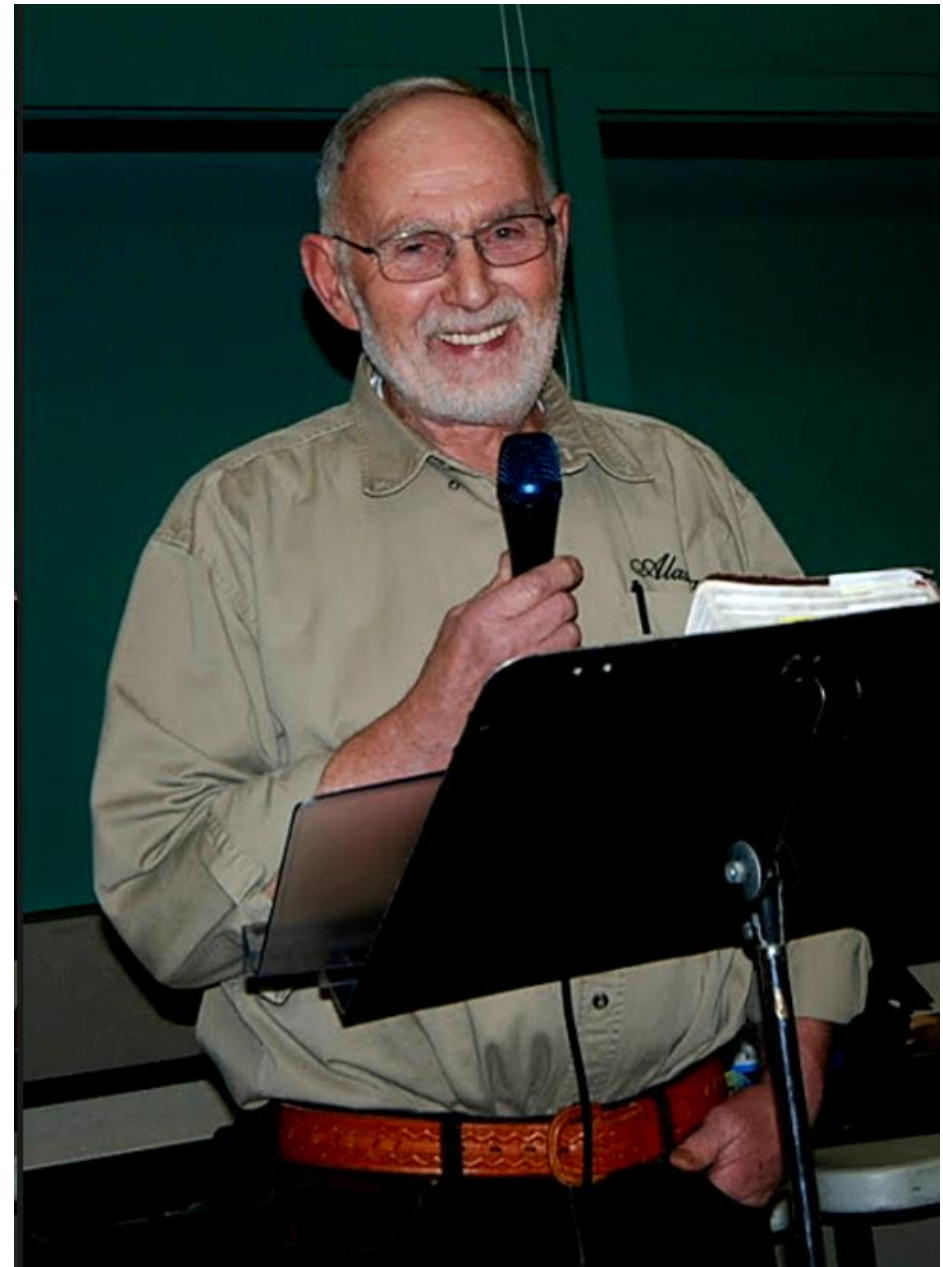
There were outstanding miracles of healing. There would be no space to relate all of them. A boy, twelve years of age, deaf and dumb from birth was brought to the meeting by a neighbour, who had also experienced the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ. That very night, the boy was instantly healed. He spoke clearly and his hearing was perfect. There was a woman totally blind in one eye. After prayer, she began to see and as she continued to attend the meetings, she testified to a complete healing of her blind eye. Goiters disappeared, the lame walked, the deaf heard, scores of afflictions were healed just like in the days of Jesus upon the earth. Truly we can say, "Bible days are here again."

We were thankful that in spite of the fact that our application was presented only a few days before the meeting our City Mayor was kind enough to give us a permit of four nights at Plaza Miranda, which is the "Hyde Park" of Manila. The Plaza faces Quiapo Church, one of the famous Catholic churches in the Philippines. Thousands upon thousands of people gathered nightly for the meetings. As the sick and the afflicted were ministered unto, the people saw God's wonder working power right here in the open air before thousands of onlookers. Thousands of people were saved through this revival, I believe. Here is a typical illustration of what God can do. A retired engineer was attracted to the preaching of the evangelist. He was a Roman Catholic. He had been to America and to other countries for his healing. He had a need. He had to stay when he heard that "Christ is the Answer" to our every need. As the evangelist offered a mass prayer for all of the people that were sick and afflicted, instructing them to put one hand on the afflicted part of their body and to raise the other hand to God and to trust completely in God's healing power, this man was instantly healed. He came up to the platform and testified what God has done for him. The crowd was electrified, they raised their hands in spontaneous praises and thanksgiving to God. Another miracle was a Roman Catholic lady whose goiter disappeared, she ascended the platform and gave her testimony. Many others raised their hands stating that they were healed when the evangelist asked for a show of hands from the crowd. One thing to bear in mind, is the fact that this crowd was predominantly Roman Catholic. We praise and thank God for these wonderful and decisive manifestations of his power among the people.

Evangelist Max Solbrekken is the only one of his kind that we ever had in Bethel Temple. His life story is a thrilling one from beginning to end. God has worked in his life. He gave his whole heart and soul to his preaching. No wonder the Lord has honored his ministry with signs and wonders. We shall never forget this anointed and mighty preacher of God's word. He loves the sinners but he hates sin. He gave the devil no quarter and the people are with him in such kind of preaching. We believe as we resist the devil he will flee away from us. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

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Philippines Report 1966



Wayne Pratt 2016.

THE CHURCH IN THE LAST DAYS

JESUS' Great Commission has been routinely held as the Church's *Marching Orders* for the past 2,000 years. He issued it to His disciples and followers shortly before His ascension to His Father's Throne in Heaven. It is recorded in the Gospels of both Matthew and Mark and alluded to in the Book of Acts, as well.

He said: **“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned. And these Signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents and if they shall drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover.”** (Mark 16: 15-20)

The **commands** as well as the **promises** of Jesus have been etched in the minds and hearts of His servants down through the centuries, as the disciples of Jesus Christ have been led by the Blessed Holy Spirit to make Him known around the world, by preaching His unadulterated Word and praying in His all-powerful Name!

Without doubt, His followers took Him and His commands seriously which is proven by the historical fact that every writer of the New Testament with the exception of John the Beloved, died as martyrs for Jesus Christ! They went to their deaths with the knowledge that they were glorifying God through their preaching as well as martyrdom.

MARTYRS FOR JESUS CHRIST!

STEPHEN was mightily used by God, but was accused of heresy by Jerusalem's Religious Council and put to death by stoning. The Bible says: **“*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*”** (Acts 6: 8). After Stephen delivered a great sermon about God's dealings with Israel and accused them of crucifying their own Messiah, the Chief Priests went ballistic.

“When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth, but he being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven, and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried with one voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord. And cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their stones at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had this, he fell asleep.” (Acts 7: 54-60)

When the Holy Spirit fell upon the 120 in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, the Church of the Living God was born, and thousands were saved, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. They were accused: “Did we not straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up JESUS Whom you slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, Whom God hath given to those who obey Him.” (Acts 5: 28-32)

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

The Holy Spirit worked with the disciples as they went to the Gentiles with Christ's Gospel. The pagans said: *“These men who have turned the world upside down, have come here also.”* (Acts 17:6). When Saul of Tarsus met Jesus on the Damascus Road, he fell to the earth. His eyes were burned from the LIGHT which shone around him and was blind for three days.

Lying in the dust he heard the voice of the Lord, saying, *“Saul Saul, why persecutest thou Me?”* He cried out: *“Who art Thou, Lord?”* Jesus answered: “I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest.” Saul asked two very important questions: **“Who are You, Lord?”** and, **“What do You want me to do?”** These are the two most important questions everyone should ask the Lord!

In his Pentecostal message, St. Peter said: “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the Times of Refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you, Whom the Heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:19-21)

THE TIMES OF REFRESHING!

The *“times of refreshing”* which the apostle declared would come before Christ's return, most definitely refers to times of seeking God. There have been numerous seasons that God has stirred His people to repent and seek His face during the past two millennium. ***Revivals of righteousness must continue until the Church is revived, believes the Word of God, and puts into practice the commands of Jesus!***

Repentance of sin and genuine **CONVERSION** must occur in an individual's life before his sins are blotted out. If there is no change in the life of sinners, even if they begin attending church, does not amount to a revival. A genuine Refreshing from **ABOVE** entails heartfelt remorse for offending Him by an impure lifestyle, unbelief, pride and rejecting the forgiveness He offers through the vicarious death of His Son Jesus Christ!

We need go no further back in the history of the backsliding church than the opposition by large denominations of so-called Christian churches to the ***March 3-5, 2017 Vancouver, B.C. Franklin Graham Crusade***. Why did those 'Yes-Men' denounce Franklin Graham, who is a man of God seeking to turn lost and dying souls to the Saviour Jesus Christ?

They were offended because Graham was against the sins of **Sexual Perversion, Abortion**, and by calling the Muslim political/religion inherently evil. And since when is it wrong to preach the Gospel and tell the truth?

MARTIN LUTHER, the great Reformer stated: ***“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the Word of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Him. Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle front besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”***

If they can't stomach the preaching of Franklin Graham, how could they handle the much more powerful preaching of Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Simon Peter, Stephen, St. Paul, Martin Luther, John Knox, John Wesley, William Booth and Charles Finney?

WHY REVIVAL TARRIES!

There are some reasons why more of the mighty works of God are not manifested in this generation, even though Almighty God has promised in His Word to work in and through us for that purpose.

1. Because the Church is no longer tarrying before the Lord in fervent prayer, for God's love and healing to be activated in people's lives. The prayer room has been exchanged for the TV and Lunchroom. And the holy altar waits for the sweet smell of hot tears from supplicants, desperate for God to save their friends and loved ones!

Just before ascending to Heaven, the Crucified and Resurrected Lord, said: “And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you, but **Tarry** ye in the city of Jerusalem **Until** ye be endued with **Power** from on High.” (Luke 24: 45-49)

“But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be Witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The Key Revival Scripture quoted since time immemorial, has very seldom been put into practice. **Preaching without practice is called Hypocrisy.** The Lord states: “If My people which are called by My Name, shall *HUMBLE* themselves, and *PRAY*, and *SEEK* My face, and *TURN* from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will *FORGIVE* their sin and will *HEAL* their land.” (2 Chron.7:14)

Jesus promised: “*And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever;*

“Even the Spirit of Truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” (John 14: 14-18)

The nearest place to the heart of God is the place of worship, repentance and faith. The Holy Bible abounds with testimonies of people who came to the end of themselves and cried out to the Lord and received forgiveness, healing and deliverance!

PRAYER BRINGS US INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

The shed blood of Jesus Christ makes it possible for fallen man to enter into the 'Holy of Holies', the very Presence of Almighty God! Prayer is the channel through which we make contact with our Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ!

Our Lord stated: “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: 20)

Dr. Ole Hallesby, founder of Norway's Independent Theological Seminary (1931) stated: “*I doubt that I know of a passage in the whole Bible which throws greater light upon prayer than this one does. It is, it seems to me, the key which opens the door into the holy and blessed realm of prayer.*

“To pray is to let Jesus into our hearts. This teaches us, in the first place that it is not our prayer which moves the Lord Jesus. It is Jesus who moves us to pray. He knocks. Thereby He makes known to us His desire to come in to us. Our prayers are always a result of Jesus' knocking at our hearts' doors. This throws new light upon the old prophetic passages: “Before they call. I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” (Is.65: 24)

I have often used that Scripture text as an invitation for sinners to open their hearts to the Saviour. Dr. Hallesby, however, reveals the heart of Jesus longing to spend time with His children. “*Open your heart to me*”, He says. “*I want to sup with you. I want to have fellowship with you.*”

PRAYER is the way to fellowship with Jesus! **“Come and dine”**, He called to the disciples who had fished all night and “taken nothing.” There are times we also may feel as though we have failed the Lord. Then we cry unto Him and are refreshed once more in His presence.

The Bible says: “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalms 16:11). The place of prayer has been nearly abandoned by most Christians and replaced by a place of fellowship and other activities.

Dr. Andrew Murray wrote: *“It is in Prayer that promises have their fulfillment, the Kingdom for its coming and the glory of God for its full revelation. How quickly we are deceived into resting in the form of prayer, while the power is missing.*

“Our early training, the teaching of the church, the influence of habit, the stirring of the emotions, any of these can lead to prayer that has virtually no spiritual power to be taught true prayer – that which takes hold of God's strength and to which the Gates of Heaven are opened wide.”

2. Because the Church is not eagerly awaiting and longing for Christ's Return, and is delinquent in disobeying His urgent call to prepare ourselves for that earth shaking event!

The Word of God says: “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall APPEAR we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:1-2)

Jesus said: “And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come...For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the COMING of the Lord be.

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in Heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your doth come...***Therefore be ye also READY: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.***” (Matt. 24: 14,27,36-42, 44)

“Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, LOOKING for that blessed

Hope, and the glorious APPEARING of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us..." (Titus 2: 12-14)

SERVING GOD WHILE WAITING!

“For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will NOT tarry.” (Heb.10: 37); “For they themselves show us...how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to WAIT for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” (1 Thes.1: 9,10)

JESUS promised that He would return: “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. 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 may be also. I will not leave comfortless; I will come to you.” (John 14: 1-3,18)

“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you,” (John 16: 22); **“And now little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at His Coming.”** (1 John 2:28)

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall do: but we know that, when He shall APPEAR, we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. (1 John 3:3,4)

“And when the Chief Shepherd shall APPEAR, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away,”(1 Peter 5: 4); “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, shall APPEAR, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” (Col.3: 4)

“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 raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” (1 Cor. 15: 51,52)

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that LOOK for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Heb.9: 28).

The first time Jesus came, it was as the sin bearer, as God's Paschal Lamb and our Substitute to put away sin forever through His vicarious death for us all. The next time He comes, it will be as the glorified Reigning King!

Here is the KEY – Unto them that LOOK for Him and are waiting patiently for His return, He will abide and work His miracle power! When that happens Revival fires will burn again in the Church!

3. Because the Church has become LUKEWARM in its love for our Saviour and is in grave danger! There is nothing more dangerous than having only a little oil in our lamp and feeling that we are safe. We must keep our lights burning brightly for Christ continually!

JESUS warned: “Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto *ten virgins*, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. *“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at MIDNIGHT there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

“But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And when they went to buy, the bridegroom came and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut.

“Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” (Matt. 25: 1-13)

BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM!

Appearing to St. John in a blinding light, JESUS warned: “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot.* So then because thou art *LUKEWARM*, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore and REPENT.” (Rev. 3: 14-19)

Out of the seven churches our Lord addressed on Patmos, five were commanded to Repent or Else! The Laodicean church which mirrors many of the churches of today was singled out as needing a strong revival of repentance and righteousness. May Almighty God have mercy upon us all and send us a gracious REVIVAL.

4. Because the Church has taken away from the Holy Spirit the leadership of His Church, placing it into human hands. The One Whom Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, sent to lead His Church has been replaced by men like the Pope, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Pastors!

JESUS CHRIST stated: “And behold, I send the Promise of the Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on High.” (Luke 24: 49)

“And being assembled together with them, commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the Promise of the Father, which ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1: 4, 5, 8)

“And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may ABIDE with you FOREVER; Even the Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him: for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you.” (John 14: 16, 17)

“And Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and WE will come unto him and abide with him.” (John 14: 23).

Almighty God is One, in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ declared that He would return together with the Father in the Person of the Holy Spirit and abide with us. If we love Jesus (verse 21) and keep His Word, the Father is obligated to love us and live within us! (John 15: 5-7; Col. 3:3; Eph. 3: 17; 4: 6)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CHARGE!

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the COMFORTER will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

“And when He is come, He will reprove the world of Sin, and of Righteousness, and of Judgment; Of sin, because they believe not on Me. Of righteousness, because I go unto My Father, and ye see Me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world (Satan) is judged.

“I have yet many things to tell you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all Truth; For He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak, and He will show you things to come.

“He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine and give it unto you. All things that the Father has are Mine: therefore said I, He shall take of mine, and show it unto you.” (John 15: 26; 16:13)

In 1968, God gave us amazing Gospel crusades in the West Indies, Norway and Newfoundland, where our Saviour poured out His Spirit in an extra ordinary way resulting in thousands of souls being saved, many filled with the Holy Spirit and a number of notable miracles. Our crusades across Norway lasted 3 1/2 months with newspapers writing about the amazing Move of God in that nation.

During our Crusade at the **F.G. Bursey Memorial Tabernacle, near Lewisporte** I was invited to go on their Radio Network across Newfoundland. During the interview their leading Radio announcer began to tear-up. I realized what was happening and asked, ***“Are you a backslider?”*** He said, “Yes. Would you please speak for ten minutes on the greatest MISTAKE the Church has made in the last 2,000 years.”

Immediately God gave me answer. I said, **“The Greatest Mistake the Church has Made since it inception is two fold. Number one: The Church has taken the authority and leadership out of the hands of the Holy Spirit and put that authority into human hands. Instead of the Blessed Holy Spirit of God leading the church, men like the Pope, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Pastors are leading the Church.**

“And number two: The Church has rejected the authority of the Word which the Holy Spirit has anointed, the Holy Bible!

I had the privilege of praying with the announcer and for the listeners. After signing off, the announcer and I were walking toward the front desk when I noticed two men walking quickly toward us. I thought possibly they were going to 'ball me out' for causing their announcer to become emotional, but they were as happy as could be. They said, ***“All the telephone lines are jammed. More than 70,000 people are listening. We have a TV Station across the street, please go over there and do the same thing.”***

In 1987, Donna and I were invited to the First Pentecostal Conference of Latin American in Sao Paulo, Brazil. There were six of us preaching at the 35,000 seat stadium. The theme of the Convention was, 'The Holy Spirit in the World'. Earlier, Newsweek Magazine's cover stated: '...LATIN AMERICA PREDOMINANTLY CARDINAL RED, TURNING PROTESTANT BLACK.'

The large article stated that every hour 400 people were converting from the Roman Catholic to the Evangelical Faith. **In my column for the Edmonton Sun that week, I wrote: “*The Roman Catholic Church believes that the Pope is the Vicar or vice Christ of the Church and in that position is in charge of the Church. I’m sorry, Pope John Paul 11, I did not know that the Holy Spirit had taken Early Retirement.*”**

5. Because the Church has forgotten the words of Jesus Christ's Great Commission and have lost the burden for the unsaved. The Church has grown listless in this late hour and needs a massive revival and refreshing to right the ship and return to being a people of “called out ones from the world”; the soul winning Church!

The Great Evangelist, **D.L. Moody** stated: “Shame on the Christianity of the 19th Century. It is a weak and sickly thing. Would to God that we had a few men like Daniel living here today.”

VANCE HAVNER the powerful Baptist Preacher, stated: “Many years ago in Scotland in a certain community the fires had all gone out. They searched everywhere to see if anyone had fire. Finally they found a humble house where the hearth stone glowed with a cheery flame. Soon they were carrying coals here and there to replenish their own blackened fire places.

"Today, there are weary hearts, discouraged souls, needy churches looking for a soul with fire, someone kept aglo inspite of the world, flesh and the Devil."

Robert Murray Mcheyne said: “Men return again and again to the few who have mastered the spiritual secret, whose life has been hid with Christ in God.

These are of the Old Time Religion, hung to the nails of the cross.” **LEONARD RAVENHILL** stated: ***“The greatest tragedy is a sick church in a dying world.”***

The Bible says: “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

HARVEST IS TRULY PLENTEOUS!

“Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth more labourers into His harvest.” (Matt. 9: 35-38)

The Bible says: “Be patient therefore, 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 the latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the **COMING** of the Lord draweth nigh.” (James 5: 7, 8)

We are asked to be patient with a long patience and not give up, throw in the towel or stop in our quest for souls. The work of sowing and reaping must continue. We cannot, must not and will not stop until our Lord returns. He is counting on us to finish the work He began so long ago at such a tremendous cost!

The Bible states: “Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God the Father.” (Gal.1: 3, 4)

“But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justifications.” (Rom, 4: 24, 25)

“For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver and gold but with the precious BLOOD of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish or without spot, Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world. But was manifest in these last times for you. Who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory, that your faith and your hope might be in God.” (1 Peter 1: 18-21).

JESUS said: ***“Say not ye, There are yet for months and then cometh Harvest, Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”*** (John 4: 35, 36)

THE NIGHT COMETH

“I must work the works of Him Who sent Me (Father in Heaven) while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the LIGHT of the world.” (John 9: 4, 5)

DR. CALVIN MILLER wrote: "Missions is a divine madness that hears the voice of God's only begotten, crying from a mountaintop, into all the world (Matt. 28:18-20). It takes this cry to bed and pillow every night. It wakes at every dawn, as Christ whispers in the heart,

"I was dead, but look--I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades. You must arise for I have come to seek and to save that which was lost. There is no time to waste, the world is loved and doesn't know it."

JOHN HARPER'S LAST CONVERT!

RMS Titanic with 2,224 passengers and crew aboard on its maiden journey from Southampton to New York City, sank in the North Atlantic Ocean at about 2 AM **April 15, 1912**. Four days after their launch they struck a massive ice berg and sank a couple hours later. Some were so sure they would be rescued and refused to get into the life boats, so many left less than filled.

There were only enough lifeboats for half of those aboard. **Between 1490 and 1635 perished.** They had received 6 warnings of sea ice on April 14, but the owner refused to slow down or take a longer and safer route. They wanted to set a record. The Owner stated that nothing could sink the Titanic and the builder had boasted, ***“Not even God could sink that ship!”***

A Baptist preacher **John Harper** gave his life jacket to an unsaved person and had the band play ***'Nearer my God to Thee'***. Harper carried his little daughter to the life boat and kissed her goodbye. He went about urging people to pray and call upon the Lord. He said, ***“Let the women, children and the unsaved into the boats.”***

When the ship went down he found himself in the freezing water holding on to a piece of the wreckage. People were crying, praying and screaming all around. He noticed a young man near him and shouted: ***“Young man, are you saved?”*** ***He answered, “No.”*** ***The preacher shouted, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*** A wave came and carried him away.

A few minutes later, he saw the young man near him again and he shouted: ***“Are you saved now?”*** The young man answered, ***“Not yet.”*** John Harper shouted, ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*** And then, the young man saw the preacher's hands lose their grip and slide down into the water.

A couple weeks later, a young man rose to his feet in a Gospel meeting in New York City to give his testimony. He recounted what I have just written. In closing he said, ***“I am that young man and I'm here to tell you that with several miles of water under me I believed and I'm here to tell you that I am John Harper's Last Convert.”***

Remember, Jesus Christ said: “Come unto Me a ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11: 28); “All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6: 37).

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