

FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELISTS AND MINISTERS



By Grace - Through Faith (Eph.2:8)

July 2019 Newsletter



It has been a year of many great contrast's for both Brenda and myself as we have had to face serious health problems. These kept both of us at home for around five weeks. Brenda has damaged several of the vertebrae in her neck, this has left her almost unable to use the left-hand side of her neck and in constant pain in her left arm. Hospital treatment, two weeks ago, has been no help or relief to her. Although this has been on going since about November, there does not seem, at the moment, to be any sign of healing.

For myself, a serious throat infection turned into a major problem as I had a very bad reaction to the tablets the doctor gave me. No one can believe that I have gone through my whole life without ever taking Penicillin. For five weeks I did little but sleep.

But we both have to say what a wonderful God we have. Our home was flooded by get- well cards and we lost count of the

phone-calls we had. One example of how God blesses. Towards the end of my illness, as I was having my personal quiet-time I became concerned that I had not been asked to preach or take a meeting for well over 6 months. As I prayed about this, I found a stillness and a joy in accepting the Lord's will. If it was His will that I should no longer preach so be it. I finished my prayer-time joyful and peaceful, willing to do with my life as He wished.

That was at the end of April. By the middle of May I had four preaching dates. Three of them have now been fulfilled. The first two were very hard as I did not know if my voice and throat would hold up. Praise God they did and we had two wonderful meetings. After both sometime was spent with people talking about what "personal faith" is. Both were entered around the price Christ paid on the Cross. Both different but both very helpful to me as I compared Christ's cost to my own little throat problem. The third service was quite different. Needing a break we took two days out to go and stay near where I was to preach. We were amazed how God provided the money to pay for our stay at a B & B. For what must have been the first time in our marriage, we had enough money to spare and not worry about it.

It was a small village Chapel where I have preached many times in the last 20 years. What a surprise, instead of the usual 10-15 at the evening service there were over 20. It looked many more as the chapel only holds around 30-35. They told us that there Sunday school now has 13 pupils. The text was Song of Solomon 1:4, "Draw me, we will run after thee." It has been a longtime since I have had such freedom in preaching. After the service we had tea and cakes and almost an hour of chat, with the request that we would go back soon. So I have agreed to return in the middle of August, that's of course, if God so wills it.

There are two more preaching dates on the calendar. A talk at a "lunch together" meeting at the end of July and a Monday afternoon meeting at the beginning of September. What great blessing our God pours into are lives, when we completely trust in Him.

Let us imitate our Lord. His meat was to do the will of His Father.
Let us labour for the meat that endureth unto eternal life.
(Octavius Winslow)

Pray that you are all being blessed, Colin & Brenda Ryan.



Lord's blessing to you and greetings from Southport. We are continuing our ministry here in Birkdale. With the Lord's help we are reaching out with the good news. We are continuing to meet at 3pm on a Sunday, although this may change in the near future. We are hoping at some point to move to Sunday at 11am service time. We will notify people via the website if and when this is finalised.

We have a number of special meetings arranged, and we would value your prayers. More details are on our website diary page. But two forthcoming meetings are:

'Mission Aviation Fellowship' on Sunday 29th September 2019 at 3pm. We have not hosted this ministry before and look forward to welcoming them.

'Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry' on Sunday 20th October 2019, meeting time T.B.A.

Another ministry that we have recently supported was 'The Faith Mission' we were all blessed. You can find further details about these ministries via their websites. Please pray for them and the important work that they carry out.

As I meet different people and ministries, I am encouraged and reminded from God's precious word.

Psalm 133v1: 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!'

Hebrews 10v25: 'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching,'

We now have an outreach into two Southport care homes. These have been a great blessing to us, I have the opportunity to teach and sing. There are so many elderly Christian people here. It is not easy for everyone to get to church, therefore we see these meetings as very important. The homes are happy for some Christian services to take place. This encourages us, as we are able to minister to them. Please pray for these meetings.

God bless and kind regards, Pastor Richard.



Show The Scars in Your Sermon

Jesus was wounded, marked and scared in his body on the cross at Calvary. Those scars are still visible in heaven. He has made the scar the eternal badge of honour for Christians who have served and suffered for the Lord in holiness here on earth.

Recently a lovely English Princess in London had her wedding dress designed to show the scar down her back as a legacy of surgery for correcting curvature of the spine. This rather brave act has given courage to other people who have undergone similar surgery.

Zechariah 13:6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

The Scriptures have references to suffering and pain.

Let's look at some. Bandages are wrapped round history.

Luke 10:34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luke 23:33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Luke 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Psalms 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psalms 109:22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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JESUS was bruised for my iniquities:
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The gospel message is about pain not new projects.

The gospel message is about His agony not human anguish.

The gospel message is about iron nails not individual needs.

The gospel message is about spilt blood not spiritual baubles.

The gospel message is about His Giving not our getting.
The gospel message is about God's love not human lust.

The gospel message is about divine holiness not only human hopelessness.

Ministers of the Gospel seek to fill their pulpits and platforms with purity and pain rather than popular entertainment and blasphemy. Sanctified to serve the Lord Jesus in the power and authority of the blessed Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of Truth

“He is called the Spirit of Truth because it is impossible for Him to lie or be in error. His ministry has its foundation squarely on the truth of God's Word, since He is its Author ... “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3: 16). He will not lead or direct contrary to what the Scriptures teach and say. This is why the Bible is known as “The sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6: 17). Only those who are led by the Holy Spirit have the truth ... “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 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” ... “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of” ... “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” (John 14: 16-17; 15: 26; 16: 13). We must have the Holy Spirit operating in our lives otherwise we do not belong to God or we will fall into error ... “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” ...

“Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error” (Romans 8: 9; 1 John 4: 6).” GJ.H

Ministers Teachers and Pastors

Always Standing in the need of prayer.

“Pastors are no different than anyone else in the church. No better, no worse. But they are called to wrestle with spiritual issues on a daily basis and to help you and your church family to dig deeper into the Word of God. Each week pastors are called to open God’s Word to interpret and apply its truth for the people who listen. Any pastor for whom that fact does not bring a sense of inadequacy, or even “fear and trembling,” ought to consider more deeply what he does. It is no small thing to stand before people with the Bible in hand to teach and preach God’s truth week after week.” (Pastors Are People Too by Jimmy Dodd).

William Cowper wrote this glorious hymn:

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

I do believe, I will believe,
That Jesus died for me:
That on the cross He shed His blood
From sin to set me free.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I though vile, as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow’r,

Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Conclusion

Let us continue to share the Gospel Scriptures together in 2019.

Frank Rowley. Leeds. West Yorkshire. England.



Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first

the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn (Matthew 13:24-30).

I think some rogue is climbing over our garden fence and planting horsetail weeds every night! These pesky weeds seem to reappear like magic every day. The roots of which can go down to about four metres under the soil and are almost impossible to eradicate. As in the parable, these weeds are meant to be burned after lifting them. They not only pop up amongst the flowers and bushes, but between the paving too. Apparently they are poisonous to horses. Some people say I'm a bit of a donkey, so I'd better be careful.

It is all too easy for us to relax when things are going well and not notice that the enemy of our souls is up to his usual tricks. We can rest in the Lord's great provision, but alertness is still required. Though God placed Adam in a perfect environment, He still wanted him to tend the garden. I used to wonder what there was for Adam to do in a beautifully landscaped garden that had no weeds. Maybe the Lord was saying to him, "You are made in my image and likeness, so get creative". It's only after the enemy planted the seeds of doubt in the heart of Adam and Eve that the weeds began to rear their ugly heads and become a pain in the back for every gardener and farmer ever since.

As you know, we are hiring a room for our Sunday evening service from a CofE church. The church is receiving a new vicar in August, and as has become all too common in this denomination, a woman minister has been chosen. I will be meeting with her in August and hopefully find out what she believes. Hopefully no LGBT rainbows will start to appear in the church. I have warned our church that we will have to leave if any of the 'inclusive' nonsense is promoted. Thankfully, we have

nothing to do with the Church of England other than hire a room for a few hours each week.

We are working our way through the book of Revelation verse by verse on Thursday nights. After a year of study we have only reached chapter eight. Maybe the Rapture will happen before we finish. Though I do not record these studies, the commentary is available on our website and as an ebook for Kindle on Amazon.

Please keep our work here in Liverpool in prayer. Though we are only a small group of believers, I do believe that we can still reach out to those who might never step into our fellowship. We use every possible means to get the Gospel out to the lost and the word of encouragement to the backslider.

Yes, we have to be alert, not only for our own souls, but also for those around us. The enemy will plant falsehood and doubt in the hearts of those who do not know the Lord, to keep them from the truth and destroy them. We on the other hand ought to be sowers of the good seed that springs up into everlasting life. Let us all go with the Gospel and see souls saved and backsliders delivered.

Psalm 126:6 ... He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Gary Hall, Liverpool.





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