



# TIME FOR TRUTH NEWS!

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## **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

(John 14v6)

What a great verse! What a clear/plain verse! Jesus said that He was THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE; there is no one else who could ever say that, NO ONE! Three absolutes; no indefinite articles! There is ONLY ONE WAY to God the Father & ONLY ONE WAY to Heaven, & it is THROUGH the Lord Jesus Christ. Any 'other' way will lead you to HELL! *How clear a teaching can you get?* So no matter what *religion or cult* you 'pick' if it doesn't lead you TO & THROUGH the Lord Jesus Christ you will die IN your sins & land up in Hell; you have been warned. There is ONLY ONE WAY to God, to Heaven, & to have your sins forgiven & it is through the Lord Jesus Christ!

Are you a...	Roman Catholic	Muslim	Hindu	Buddhist
	Jehovah's Witness	Mormon	Spiritualist	Christadelphian

*Or any one of a thousand others!!!*

If you haven't asked JESUS CHRIST to forgive your sin & come & save you, you're NOT saved; for HE ALONE is the ONLY ONE who can save you!

*Read also what JESUS said about Himself...*

**He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.** (Mat 27v43)

**And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.** (John 6v35)

**I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.** (John 6v51)

**Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.** (John 8v12)

**Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.** (John 10v7)

**I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.** (John 10v9)

**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.** (John 10v11)

**Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?** (John 10v36)

**Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:** (John 11v25)

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** (John 14v6)

**I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.** (John 15v1)

The Lord Jesus Christ is my Saviour; my Lord, & He is my BEST Friend! I love Him & I cannot thank Him enough for saving me; I don't deserve His love & I CANNOT earn a place in Heaven! He has done IT ALL; He shed His precious, incorruptible BLOOD to save me. It is the ONLY 'substance' that can wash away my sin, my filth - **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**: (Col 1v14) I'm trusting in Christ ALL THE WAY; *what about you, what are you trusting in?*

***“Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God or the Messiah!” said a Methodist!***

Recently, a man who was a Methodist said to me, “*Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God or the Messiah!*” *Scripture soon answered his statement!*

- 1) **The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.** (John 4v25+26)
- 2) **But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** (Mark 14v61+62)
- 3) **Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. (John 9v35-38)
- 4) **When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** (Mat 16v13-17)
- 5) **And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation (Luke 2v25-30) Simeon saw the Messiah, the Christ! See also John 20v31.**
- 6) **Even the devils recognised Him - And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.** (Luke 4v41)
- 7) **One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.** (John 1v40+41)
- 8) **But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:** (Acts 9v22+23)

How much more evidence do you want? Lazy Christians, who don't study or *even read* the word of God, often open their mouths without thinking! Jesus Christ was not only the Messiah, the Son of God, **HE WAS GOD!** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.** (1 Tim 3v16) **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** (John 1v1) Jesus Christ IS GOD!

**The Famous Five in Warwick!**

Chris, Mary, LaToya, Donna & I spent a 'solid' hour & a half tracting in Warwick; we must have distributed well over 500 tracts around the main road into Warwick (i.e. near to Warwick Castle). Please pray that the word of God will penetrate these peoples lives! After this we went back to the church & discussed in depth the letter we received from 'Ecclesia of Christ' regarding the 'Return of Jesus Christ!' It was a great day spent together!

## Another New Year!

The mayhem of Christmas is over & now its back to reality; I wonder what this year will bring; I wonder if we shall see this year through? Will the rapture happen? Are we ready for the Lord Jesus Christ's return? *Will we ever be?* What plans have you made for 2006? Is the Lord included IN them; did you make them without consulting Him first? I hope & pray that this year will be the best year yet of walking close to the Lord. Let us love Him deeper than ever & let us serve Him in everything we do. So often Christians when they get together talk about everything *other than* the Lord, yet He is the One who we really ought to be LIVING for. 1 Cor 10v31 **Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.** Col 3v17 **And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.** Col 3v23 **And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;** Maybe it is time to seek the Lord for a change in your life i.e. work, college, church etc. NOW is the time to break that habitual sin & really start living for the Lord! When was the last time you tried to reach someone with the gospel to

stop them from going to hell; do you care enough? Let us all seek God for more zeal & compassion to win souls for Him. May this year be a year where we look to change for the better i.e. get rid of our arrogance, our pride, our backbiting & criticising; let us love & encourage each other in the Lord! May 2006 be the best year we have ever had for reading the word of God & prayer. Let us read the whole of the Bible in 2006; every word – *now that would be a great achievement!* *When was the last time you read the whole Bible; have you ever read it all the way through?* How about making 2006 a missionary year? Why not choose a missionary out there on the front line & SUPPORT them in prayer & financially? How much money do we send to missionaries, if ever; & if we do is it out of what is left each month or is it sacrificial giving? May 2006 be a great year for letter writing! When was the last time you wrote a letter to encourage someone. There is just SO MUCH to do & so little time; I pray that 2006 will be the best year yet of loving & serving the Lord Jesus Christ. *Most Christians I meet are 'lukewarm', what about YOU?* What difference are you making to those around you?

## THE END of "You Asked The Question!" – Or is it?

Well there are 35,000 copies of "You Asked The Question!" out there all around the world. We have had some amazing letters back in response to the booklet & I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing it so much. Since the printer we used has now gone into liquidation, we are seeking a NEW 'printer' but it all depends on set up costs etc. I have written to a number of Christian printers & already most of them are just too expensive. I am perusing 3 of them & shall know more soon. We leave it with the Lord. Just recently I have written another Gospel orientated booklet but much more brief & straight to the point. We are praying that we can set this up & running soon with a printer also. Please keep praying for this work. In these last days we want to reach as many sinners with the gospel as quickly as we can & we need literature that will, 'TELL IT LIKE IT IS!' I hope this booklet will be widely used for that purpose. I shall be selling them at cost when I get them printed so please feel free to order as few or as many as you like. *Watch this space!*

## The Destination of Tft News!

Every issue, when we are putting *your* address labels on the envelopes to send out Tft News! we always look to see where this newsletter is going! Here are some of the places...46 go to the USA! 60 go to Amsterdam! Over 50 go to Ireland (Northern & Southern); Tft News! is also sent out to India, Tobago & Trinidad, West Indies, Kathmandu, Nepal, France, Zambia & Ghana, Africa, Singapore, New Zealand, Germany, & the good old UK! We are amazed at where some of the letters come from & how people have found out about us! To think it all started in March 2001 because a few folk wanted to know what we were up to so they could pray for us. It has been such a blessing & we cannot thank the Lord enough to allow us to continue in this ministry. PLEASE keep the letters coming; **it's GREAT to hear from you all!**

## Ministry on TAPE!

We now have a number of ministry tapes, *preached by myself*, all good quality recordings, which we would like to make available to our readers. If you would like any of the following tapes, free of charge, please write & request which ones you want! Subjects are as follows...

- 1) **Evangelism – soul-winning & witnessing** (*contains great ideas on how to reach the lost, also includes a little humour!*) Preached while we were ministering at the Chester City Mission (CCM)
- 2) **The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ** – Some amazing facts! ‘*Where is the Blood of Christ today? What type of Blood did He have?*’ You may be amazed! *John Macarthur wouldn’t like this tape!*
- 3) **My Final Authority – Bible Versions; the AV is PERFECT!** – Straight down the line preaching why I believe the AV is God’s word, & the ONLY Bible to read! All other versions are CORRUPT! This will open your eyes if you think all Bible’s are the same! If you or any of your friends read any other Bible other than the AV, you should listen to this tape & then pass it on!
- 4) **Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth!** – Why Christians CANNOT apply EVERY verse to themselves DOCTRINALLY! The Scriptures are written to the Jew, Gentile & the Church of God! Most, if not all, heresies come from NOT being able to rightly divide the word of truth!
- 5) **The Pastoral Epistles; Studies in the book of Timothy – 13 Studies so far on 7 tapes!** – Subjects covered are... *the HORRIBLE doctrine of Calvinism! Are there apostles TODAY? What to wear! How to preach! The woman’s role ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE; i.e. can a woman preach & teach in the church? Can a woman lead or take a position of authority in the church? Qualifications of a bishop, pastor, elder & deacon! Should a Christian drink ALCOHOL? (This set of tapes is Barney’s nightmare!)*
- 6) **Tongues – Are they for today?** – An in-depth study on why tongues are NOT for today! If you are confused about this subject these tapes will certainly help you. Answers are given FROM the word of God & every passage on tongues is dealt with on these two cassettes.

### **The Rapture from a Pre-millennial Stand - by Peter Paul Ventura USA**

1 Thes 4v16-18 **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 together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. - ‘Wherefore comfort one another with these words.’** - These words are supposed to comfort the saved in Christ Jesus. Yet I have heard these same words used by those who lack spiritual understanding, & those who cannot rightly divide the word of truth (KJV 1611 AV), as a source of great contention & strife (1 Cor 3v1-3). The confusion (which is not of God, 1 Cor 14v33) which causes so much contention surrounds the timing of the ‘Rapture’. Although the word ‘Rapture’ does not appear in Scripture, the word means to catch away, or to snatch up. Thus, when Paul said ‘Caught up together’, Paul is indeed speaking of a Rapture. Confusion & heretical teachings come into focus when the timing of the rapture of the Church Age Saints is misunderstood. There is clearly more than one rapture in Scripture. The rapture of the Church Age Saints must not be confused with the rapture of Israel as a nation. Moreover, Matthew 24v29-31 speaks of a rapture of God’s elect at the end of the tribulation. This is the same rapture Hosea gives prophecy of. Hosea states: I (Jesus) will go and return to my place (Heaven, till they (Nation of Israel) acknowledge their offence (The Cross, and seek my (Jesus) face: in their affliction (Tribulation) they will seek me early. (See Deut 4v29-31) Come, (Israel speaking), and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn (Tribulation), and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days (2 Pet 3v8) (The Age of Grace) will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight (Mat 24v29-31). Hosea 5v15 – 6v1+2. Hosea is speaking of the rapture of the Nation of Israel at the end of the Tribulation. People are teaching heresy, because they cannot rightly divide the word of God (2 Tim 2v15). This confusion surrounds the ‘trump of God’. When one rightly divides the word of God/Truth, comparing Scripture with Scripture (1 Cor 2v13), one can find these words in regard to the rapture of the church age saints: ‘In a moment (the smallest particle of time), in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, & the dead shall be raised incorruptible, & we shall be

changed.’ (1 Cor 15v52). This confusion is in the twisting of Scripture to make the ‘last trump’ the same as the last of the seven trumpet judgements in Revelation 8-11, which it is not! First of all, the last trump is the very last sound of a note blown from a trumpet. Secondly, 1 Thes 4v16, nor , 1 Cor 15v52 say anything about an angel blowing any trumpet. However, Paul does say the trump of God! In Revelation the blowing of the trumpets are done by angels. Paul taught clearly that, Christians are saved from the ‘wrath’ to come (1 Thes 1v10). In the Tribulation there is poured out on the earth, the wrath of the Lamb (Rev 6v12-17), the wrath of the devil (Rev 12v12-17), & the wrath of God (Rev 15v1+ Rev 16v1-21). One of the best pictures of the rapture of the church age saints is found in Rev 4v1-2. In Rev 2 – 3 you find the 7 churches which are of a certainty doctrinally tribulation, but therein is also found the spiritual application of the church age. At the end of the church age, Rev 4v1 ...a door was opened in heaven: & the first voice I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither.... A rapture! And then where is John? Before the throne of God (Rev 4v2). You don’t find the word church used again in Revelation until chapter 22! No study of the Scriptures can be exhaustive, however, I will share yet another picture of the rapture of the church age saints. In the Song of Solomon we find these words: ‘The voice of my beloved! Behold he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, & said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, & come away.’ (S of S 2v8-10). This is a picture of Jesus Christ coming for His church age saints. When Jesus comes for the church age saints, no one but the saved will see Jesus. We are caught up in the clouds with Jesus. However, when Jesus comes back for the Nation of Israel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, which is called by the apostle Peter, the Revelation of Jesus Christ: ‘Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober & hope to the end (Mat 24v13 end of Trib., or life during Trib) for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ’ – 1 Peter 1v13. Things that are different are not the same. When Jesus Christ comes for the church age saints, no one but the raptured church age saints will see Jesus. But, when Jesus Christ comes at the end of the Tribulation, (Mat 24v29-31), everyone will see Jesus. ‘Behold, he cometh with clouds; & every eye shall see him, & they also which pierced him: & all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.’ – Rev 1v7 see also Zec 12v10, Isa 40v5 & 52v10. The resurrection of the church age saints is called by John, the ‘first resurrection’. Rev 20v4-6. But, included in the first resurrection are not only the church age saints, but the Tribulation saints too! You ask how is that. Well, in John 5v29 Jesus Christ spoke of two separate resurrections. One is the resurrection of life, & the other, is the resurrection of damnation, which John calls in Rev 20 v14-15 the second death. The resurrection of life which Jesus Christ spoke of in John 5v29 has three distinct parts. Paul writes about the first resurrection in 1 Cor 15v23-24. ‘But everyman in his own order: Christ the firstfruits (Mat 27v52-53) (Jesus Christ & those OT saints)’; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming (The church age saints – 1 Thes 4v13-18). Then cometh the end (the Trib. Saints – nation of Israel – Mat 24v36-42)’ The resurrection of life, & the resurrection of Damnation are separated by 1000 years – Rev 20v4-7. If you can’t understand that the resurrection of life has three parts, you will get the church age rapture of the saints all screwed up. If you understand Rev 11, you will understand pre-millennialism. Thus the rapture of the church age saints takes place before the tribulation. I hope & pray that this short article will cause you to search the Scriptures for yourself as you continue to grow in Christ Jesus.

### Question Time!

- 1) Prove from Scripture that the soul is ETERNAL! Eze 18v4 **Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.** (See also Eze 18v20) Cults use this verse to prove that the soul is NOT eternal!
- 2) Show one verse from Scripture that states we go to Heaven when we die!
- 3) Hell is the grave *OR is it?* Prove it from Scripture to say otherwise!

**These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. (Proverbs 6v16-19)**

### Donna's Health!

Please continue to pray for Donna. We went back to the hospital recently to see the specialist & all they want to do is put her on even stronger drugs; the next one up would be one they give to cancer patients. We are just praying for God to heal her, or if she has to 'keep' rheumatoid arthritis, for God not to let it get any worse & give her the strength she needs day by day! We leave it with the Lord Jesus & I have committed her to Him, for His will to be done; He knows what is best for both of us.

### Christian's who 'fall away!'

Recently I've been pondering on how many Christians I know who have *given up* the fight & gone back into the world; Its quite a few I can tell you! If you are a backsliden Christian, you know where you should be but you have decided to follow your self-will rather than God's will; how sad that is! You couldn't tell that some of the 'Christians' I know were ever saved & walked the Christian path! We all fall at times & I believe we all backslide at times, BUT, if you ever loved God you will still FIGHT ON & want to live for Him! What is your own Christian walk like right now? Are you cold towards God & the Scriptures? What has stolen your heart away? Come back to the Lord right now & make a fresh start!

### The JW who washed our car!

Usually we put the car through a car-wash but this time we decided to pay a little extra & take it to a guy up the road who cleans it for you, inside & out! We left it with him & returned an hour later to collect it. He said to Donna & I that we seemed 'different' (*I hope he meant it as a compliment!*) so we told him we were Christians! He then proceeded to tell us that he was a JW! The Bible's came OUT! The AV versus his NWT!!! He was a smashing chap & we spoke for about half an hour before his boss turned up! He said that he would like to continue our talk together & so we invited him round anytime; he gave us his number & we said we would contact him to arrange a meeting. Please pray for Jeremy. His background is

that he is definitely searching the meaning & purpose to it all. He has tried studying with the Mormon's; he has been involved with Buddhism & now he has been attending the 'Kingdom Hall' for about 4 years! He has Chrones disease (*Not to sure about the spelling!*) & he has more scars on his body than I have hairs on my head! He has had many operations, some life saving; once he nearly cut his leg off in a chain saw accident! This guy needs to be saved! By the way, the job he did on the car was excellent & he also showed complete honesty when he found a packet of sweets under the seat! He impressed me also with his zeal & knowledge for his cult; much more than most Christians show towards their 'faith'!

### Information Regarding the JW's!

This information is taken from **Dennis Lloyd's** excellent book '**Doctrines of Devils**'. What is a cult? 1) A cult is a religious movement! 2) A cult enlists the support of the Bible; 3) A cult misses the heart of Christianity 4) A cult distorts the truth 5) A cult adds later revelations 6)

A cult displaces a fundamental tenant of the faith with a secondary point. There is a way of recognising a cult – **bring it to the light**; i.e. **the word of God!**

### Some of the DAMNABLE Doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses!

- 1) Their denial of the Trinity
- 2) Their denial of the Deity of Christ
- 3) Their denial of the personality of the Holy Spirit
- 4) Their denial that man has an eternal soul
- 5) Their denial of hell as an everlasting place of punishment
- 6) Their denial of the blood atonement of Jesus Christ
- 7) Their denial of the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ
- 8) Their denial that salvation is by grace alone
- 9) Their denial of salvation outside their organisation
- 10) Their denial of the born again experience – only 144,000 go to heaven
- 11) They believe unbelievers are annihilated
- 12) Their denial of the bodily, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 13) They believe that Jesus Christ is the Arch Angel Michael

### **Man in West Bromwich Gets SAVED!**

Praise God for a man in West Bromwich who has recently become a Christian! He wrote to me... *'Just thought I'd write a few lines to tell you I have found Christ! Some good things have happened inside me like feeling happier & at peace. I feel free, new & a weight taken off my shoulders! What great news this is! I have written back to him & sent him some Christian literature which he requested. Remember when you were saved & the how it felt? What a wonderful letter to receive; what great news to hear in the midst of all this darkness in the land. Thank you Lord!*

### **Some good quotes!**

- 1) The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage!!!
- 2) Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there! (*Barney is like confetti – blown all over the place!*)
- 3) A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him! (*Barney has just completed building a block of flats!!!*)
- 4) Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope!
- 5) A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.A., or a Ph.D. Unfortunately they don't have a J.O.B. – *Education without salvation IS damnation!*

### **Guess what Jack & Eddie got for Christmas?**



### **THANK YOU!**

To all those who have written to us recently! Just before Christmas we received on one day over 20 pieces of mail. We would also like to thank those of you who send in Christian literature i.e. books, leaflets, articles etc. all of which are very interesting & encouraging! In a world where not many Christians are united 'IN TRUTH' we appreciate the few of you who stand with us & encourage us. Thank you also to those of you who sent us cards for Christmas!

### **Letter writing!**

Well we're on our way; Sheleen & Mary have already written to a couple of you so please send them a reply back when you receive their letters. I have also had a request from a man who wants to be added to the 'TfT! Letter Writing Team' so look out for his letters to. I myself have sent out quite a few over the Christmas period so they should be arriving anytime now! It is great keeping in touch & we really appreciate your fellowship. Thank you also to those of you who have written for the first time!

### **Echoes Missionary Magazine**

Eddie & Rose Geary recently sent me Echoes missionary magazine. It is packed with missionaries out there on the front line; I would highly recommend receiving this magazine on a regular basis & even consider supporting these dedicated Christian workers! Write to **Echoes of Service, 124 Wells Road, Bath, England, BA2 3AH or call them on 01225 310893.**

### **Living Words of Dying Christians!**

As previously stated I would recommend 'The Reformer' magazine to all Christians (even though the organisation is predominately Calvinistic); it is a good magazine they put out! In the Jan/Feb issue on page 10 & 11 they had some of the dying words spoken by Christians who perished in England around the time of the Reformation. Here are some of those quotes...

**Bishop Latimer** – to Bishop Ridley, going before him to the stake: “*We shall light such a candle by God’s grace in England this day, as trust shall never be put out again.*” To whom Bishop Ridley replied: “*Be of good heart, brother, for God will either assuage the fury of the flame, or else strengthen us to abide it.*”

**Bishop Latimer** – when they were about to set fire to him & Bishop Ridley, with an amiable countenance, said these words: “*God is faithful, which doth not suffer us to be tempted above our strength.*”

**Thomas Bilney** – “*I know by sense & philosophy that fire is hot & burning painful, but by faith I know it shall only waste the stubble of my body, & purge my spirit of its corruption.*”

**John Bradford** – embracing the reeds & faggots (bundles of sticks), said: “*Straight is the way, & narrow is the gate, & few that find it.*” And speaking to his fellow-martyr: “*Be of good comfort, brother, for we shall have a merry supper with the Lord this night; if there be a way to Heaven on horseback or in fiery chariots, this is it.*”

**John Lambert** – “*None but Christ, none but Christ.*”

**Baynam** – “*Behold, you papists that look for miracles, I feel no more pain in the fire than if I were in a bed of down, it is as sweet to me as a bed of roses.*”

**Bishop Farrar** – to a knight’s son bemoaning his death: “*If you see me stir in the fire, trust not my doctrine.*” And so he stood holding up his stumps till one, Garvell, struck him down with a staff.

**For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.**

(Psalm 48v14)

The words of these men are incredible; we truly serve a LIVING God & how wonderful the above verse is. May all of us Christians take heart & stand whenever & wherever we are called to do so.

**God help us!**

### **Summary of Life**

ROBERT MURRAY M’CHEYNE, born in Edinburgh, 21<sup>st</sup> May 1813. Educated at High School & University there; gained distinction in his classes; Professor Wilson awarded him the poetry prize. Studied theology under Dr Chalmers. Licensed by the Presbytery of Annan in 1835. Preached his first sermon in Ruthwell Church. Assistant for ten months to the Rev. John Bonar at Larbert. Ordained to St. Peter’s Church, Dundee, on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1836. Appointed in 1839, one of a deputation to visit Palestine, for the purpose of promoting a mission to the Jews. On his return to Dundee threw himself heart & soul into revival work in that town. Visited the north of Ireland twice, & imparted to the churches there a strong spiritual impulse. Went on an evangelistic tour to the north-east of Scotland, from which he returned much fatigued to his work in Dundee. Seized a few days after with typhus fever. Died 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1843. A man of God!

### **I’ve DONE Twelve Years!**

Well on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2006 Donna & I will have been married for twelve years; we can’t believe how quickly time has gone. We met at Emmanuel Church in Stourport-on-Severn. I’d just got saved & Donna was very much involved in the church. We started going out together & then one day I gave her a Bible study on marriage before popping *the question!!!* (*That’s the way to do it – get em grounded in the word first!!!*) For our honeymoon we flew to Rome & gave out chick tracts in the Vatican – *boy do I know how to treat a girl!* Since being together, like many of you I’m sure, we could write a book as to what has happened; the people we have met & the places we have visited. We now travel around 50,000 miles together each year! It has been an amazing 12 years & I can’t thank the Lord enough for blessing me with Donna. (*I have removed the last couple of sentences in the newsletter I’ll give to her!*). (*PS - Donna is one of three sisters, & I got the one who can’t cook!*)

We pray that the Lord will open up more doors for us in 2006 to serve Him!

Thank you for your prayers!

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