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Catholic/ Maronite priests descend on Brother Tony's small assembly in Lebanon with the intention of closing it down. Another came on Monday supported by a black SUV with blacked out windows to reinforce the threats.

Nevertheless, two were baptised in Jesus' Name that Sunday afternoon and now this news is out! Unlike here in New Zealand, the priests there are far more powerful than government authorities. It is the priests who run the civil justice system. Not the Courts. Baptism is under their jurisdiction, so anyone baptising without proper credentials is breaking the law and is considered a criminal.

Your continued prayers for us and the Brothers who were recently baptised are needed. We must stand strong and have great wisdom in these treacherous moments, as many more are hungry to hear The Word of God!

Bro. Branham said: 'When we pray for someone, we are taking them right into the Presence of Jesus.' Amen!

[Read Bro Tony full report on pages 5 & 6 & 7]



Obituary

Brother Ferlin Hiku

Everybody who knew our Brother Ferlin Hiku, is aware that he was promoted to higher service on the 31st July, 2009. We, the Church had the privilege of having had our Brother fellowshipping with us since 2005. He was an amazing man – always testifying of the goodness of The Lord. Not one time did his physical impediment stop him from being on his feet rejoicing during the worship time and when The Word was being preached. Amazing!

He was a man who always welcomed the believers to his home, especially those that were new to this country. I was one of those. When I first arrived in New Zealand, I was privileged to meet him and his late wife Saloti, at their home and from then on, we became firm friends. When you visited him, the Prophet's Voice was always heard in the house and The Bible lay open on the table. Yes, he loved The Lord.

The Sunday before his going home, during our worship time, the song 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' was being sung and he was once again on his feet – but this time it was different – as if he knew this would be the last time he would be in Church with his arms swinging and his feet stamping on the floor, with that lame leg and arm, testifying of The Lord Jesus' faithfulness. It was truly amazing.

At 11.30 on that fateful evening, Sister Vivienne phoned to ask us to pray for Bro. Ferlin as he was having difficulty breathing. I hurried to his home but by the time I arrived, the paramedics were unsuccessfully trying to resuscitate him. At 12.05 a.m. our Brother was declared dead. It is then you realise, as you look at that body lying there, that thirty minutes ago, that Brother was part of us in the land of the living. It reminded me of the song:

"Life at best is very brief, like the falling of a leaf, like the binding of a sheaf. Be in time.

Fleeting days are telling fast that the die will soon be cast, and the final line be past. Be in time".

There'll be no time to make anything right; no time to say 'sorry' and that has again made me realise how I should live, with my ticket in my hand. I would also like to thank Bro. Donaldson for the support he gave us by preaching at the funeral service. The Word was tremendous. May God bless you Brother Derrick and your precious wife.

Pastor Freddy Esau.

An Obituary: by Ferlin's brother, Sepona George and Mokafeu, and all of his family:

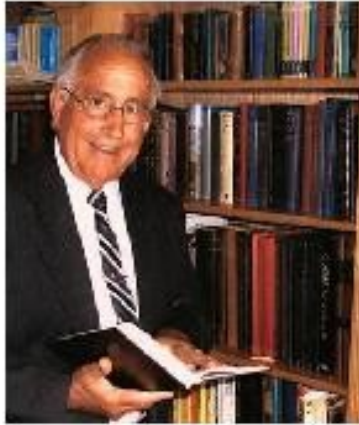
Ferlin Fapusa Hiku was born 1/3/45 at Makota Alofi North, Niue, to Feuaki and the late Siaoisi George Hiku. There were eleven children, the eldest being Ferlin, followed by Talaese, Sepona George, Georgina, [dec'd: Manuhiku, Roger Sewell, Sipau and Vakasa] with three adopted children: Patricia, Roger and Willyatt. Ferlin had twin sons, Terry and John. Terry with his partner Rangī, from the Cook Islands, have four boys and two grandchildren. John is married to his wife Larnie, from Tonga, with eight children.

Throughout his 64 years, he lived to the best of his abilities. He was good at sport, such as rugby and cricket and was also a very fast runner. Then later he found Jesus Christ through the prayers of his brother, Sepona George. His first wife, Saloti, died in Niue. Before this, Ferlin helped Saloti look after her children and adopted Daffina Leiataua, who is married with four children and currently residing in Australia.

Ferlin was sad and lonely for a while but God still had plans for him and through the prayerful encouragement from believers, he was introduced to sister Vivienne from South Africa. A friendship developed and blossomed, and finally Ferlin and Vivienne were married. For four years they were happily married until God took him home.

A huge 'thank you' and appreciation to Vivienne who cared for him during their time together. We have this hope of meeting him again, a perfect man without any human frailties, in the presence of God. His job here on earth was done and we, his family, thank The Lord God.

From the Editor's Desk



God bless you, Saints. This week I was thinking of those who give tirelessly of their service to The Lord, in their particular calling. We see the blessing that comes when people are reached with the Message through the efforts of a faithful messenger and we see those people changed by The Holy Spirit. It is a wonderful thing to see.

A few years ago, an old Bible Class friend of my wife's was diagnosed with cancer, for which she had major surgery. Joan exhorted her to call for the Elders of the Church to pray for her - James 5:14-15 *and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and The Lord shall raise him up.* Her friend [also named Joan] did ask for prayer and Brother Malcolm Wano prayed, and our Lord raised her up.

That was three years ago and she was completely healed. Praise The Lord.

She has travelled up here to the Bay of Islands to join my wife and her twin sister in the celebration of those three ladies' seventieth birthdays - a time of thanksgiving for us all.

You will have read of Brother request for prayer at this time of persecution in Lebanon. I'm sure we all feel burdened for our Brother in their dangerous situation and as I was looking to The Lord, I recalled how Moses' hands were heavy when he was interceding for Israel against Amalek, their enemy. And Aaron and Hur held his hands up and his hands were steady 'until the going down of the sun'. And the enemy was defeated.

Let us hold our Brother up before The Lord, Brethren, that The Word of

God may continue to be preached without hindrance and that the Will of God may be fulfilled in the distribution of the translated Message Books.

Our Committee sends you much Christian love.

God bless you.

*Bro Charles
Editor*

Letters to the Editor

~Bro Adrian Gray's Prayer Request~

God bless you Saints. At the end of this month I will be heading back to the Philippines, accompanied by my wife, to hold church dedicational services over four days. As we know, the hour is late and the positioning of the Bride is at the forefront of every minister's heart. Pray that The Lord's Will be done at this time.

Also Brother Paul Moffitt and myself will be taking a ministers' meeting on Ambae Island in Vanuatu at the end of October. Logistically it is very difficult to get the Brothers together with the transportation, communication and financial difficulties. Nothing is impossible for The Lord, but He wants to hear the Saints petition Him for the fulfilment of these needs. I lay these requests before all the prayer warriors that His Will be done. SHALOM.

Brother Adrian Gray
Rapturing Grace Tabernacle
Stratford

We invite testimonies, comments, news, interesting anecdotes. Anything that would glorify God and could encourage your fellow pilgrim. And suggest that any doctrinal questions be directed to your Pastor.

I am NOT here to entertain you -
But to get You to the Place -
Where You can Laugh at the Impossible
Bro Smith Wigglesworth

God Sent His Word - To Us - On D'Urville Island

By Bro and Sis Gilbert Leov

“And He must needs go through Samaria” St. John 4:4



Brother Gilbert and Sister Barbara began their married life on D'Urville Island which is situated on the north of the South Island by Cook Strait. Their six children were all born during this time when they were on the island. Life was very hard for them with only horseback as transport. Contact with the mainland was by boat. Before the births of their children, prior arrangements were needed to be made with the Nelson Hospital and all transport details finalised. Their twins were born six weeks prematurely, on the Island as there was no time to make the sea journey to Nelson and they were born at home. The District Nurse arrived by boat shortly after and they wrapped the two baby girls warmly in blankets and lay them in a bassinet with hot water bottles and more wrappings and they were taken by boat with their Mother and the District Nurse to Nelson Hospital. Barbara was away from home for nine weeks. This would have been very hard for her and also Gilbert.

When they did get home, their previous little son Bruce, who was epileptic and mentally disabled, had to have around the clock care as well as their twins. It was like having triplets needing Mum and Dad's total care. This continued until sadly he died at two years & two months old. They were isolated from everyone, except Barbara's brother and his wife on the other side of Port Hardy.

In 1967, a lady came to stay with them and she had a book by Brother Branham which they read and joyfully accepted on D'Urville Island. Oh! love of God! How rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall for evermore endure. The saints' and angels' song,

After this, they moved to Blenheim in 1970, where Brother Gilbert worked on farms and their children went to school for the first time, and this made Sister Barbara's work a little easier after home schooling them previously. They then met the Spranges and Bro. Charlie O'Brien, who baptised Brother and Sister in the river, in The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Later on they moved to Southland for twelve years and although there were no Message churches down there at that time, they stayed at home and listened to the Prophet's tapes and read the books. When their family left home, they shifted back to Blenheim. They had not had a Pastor until five years ago when they shifted to Nelson.

“But The Lord kept us all through those years and we can testify that He can bring His Word to us via His Prophet, even in our isolated lives on an Island! And we praise and thank Him.”

Brother and Sister Gilbert Leov,
Nelson Bible Believers

*Our relationship & our
experience
Must be fresh every day -
Or we are serving
An Historic God.*

Bro. J. Jenkins

Missions



-TROUBLE IN THE EAST AGAIN- Brother Tony

This past week in Lebanon saw rockets fired into Israel. They of course retaliated with artillery. Three Catholic priests came to threaten and shut us down...Hizbollah now has chemical weapons...We'll miss the military snipers posted in front of our apartment. That's a good thing I guess, as they were relocated...so it must be safer. And so we live another day with "trouble in the east again."

What kind of environment would one expect to find in the very region of satan's "last stand"? Demon, political and military forces are amassing for the final and greatest of all battles. Yet the prerequisite to the fury of God's wrath being poured out is that war must follow the gospel "trumpet" of truth.

Since warning must precede judgement, Armageddon is on "pause" while we fervently work so the elect of this region can hear the rapturing faith Message in their native Arabic.

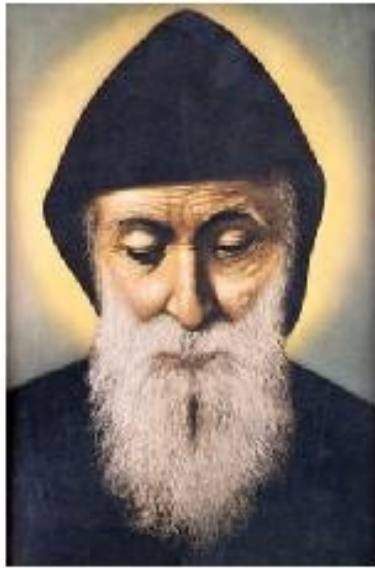
And so by faith we take this battle into the "enemy's camp" to possess the gates! By God's grace, through your many prayers and faithful support - we are doing what we can - and we trust, hastening the day of His return.

Water Baptism of Bros and

This past weekend we faced the fury of the "Beast system" unlike anything experienced before. Several Catholic/Maronite priests descended upon our little fellowship intent on stamping it out. It began when a Priest called on Brother Sunday morning at 7:00, warning him not to go to fellowship. Another priest arrived at the church at 1:30 followed by a black SUV (windows blacked out). Obvious reinforcements in case the "message" needed reinforcing.

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Though the service was postponed, we still went ahead and baptized both Brother and later that afternoon! St Charbel: Monday morning yet another bearded, cape clad monk of the order of St. Charbel (pictured) came to threaten Brother



and to close the meetings.

Aside from set backs, we are busy with numerous things. There is much follow-up as many are hungry for the Word. We continue to move forward with the translation work, which young has dedicated himself to. Upgrades were made to our Church sound system - again a talent provided by - so we can make recordings of the services and as we move forward, to also record the Arabic translated sermons of Bro. Branham.

Having been away for a time this summer, it was a welcome sign of confirmation to return "home" to the Lord's blessings upon our humble efforts. Instead of stagnation or stalemating in our absence, the fruits were abundant. Baptizing Brother and was merely a harvest of the efforts of the brothers. Several others were led to a deeper faith in Christ with others also considering baptism.

Not only are the fruits evident in Lebanon, we are also seeing progress in Syria. Brother H came from Syria for a week-

end of fellowship. Though weary from standing alone for the Word, he thankfully acknowledged that the translated messages he received this summer were the "...medicine for his soul that he so desperately needed!"

What I'm sure most fail to grasp or understand, is both the control and power the religious entities have here in Lebanon. The real gravity of our activities is that any spiritual activity outside the "permitted" religious authority is considered illegal.

Priests, pastors and Imams in Lebanon have more power than elected officials. They - not the courts, rule on many civil matters including divorce. Imagine priests or pastors deciding on all the legal ramifications these unfortunate events bring (property disbursement; financial compensation; custody; etc.).

So you see how far reaching their legal jurisdiction is. Baptism falls under their legal supervision. Thus, anyone baptizing without the proper credentials, is therefore conducting a "criminal activity". Now you can appreciate the significance and associated risks of simply following the Word in the Middle East.

Given the tight knit Arabic community in which Brother and Brother live, it didn't take long for word to spread of their new baptism. Having been warned by the priests against doing this, the news that their orders were "defied" has set off another maelstrom.

Pressure is mounting. We are now the priests new "sermon material". In their various masses they are cursing the "Beelzebub's" who are attacking the church. Like buzzards circling overhead, the town is abuzz with rumours and talk. We hear it wherever we go.

However, just as "enemies" of the truth are taking their stand, so we are also finding support. Those long disenfranchised by the corruption, sin and politics within the priests hierarchy, are now emboldened by our simple gospel evangelism - and curious as to what we are doing. The attention is bringing even the curious onlookers by to find out what is the "attraction" on Mt. Lebanon.

To add to this is an interesting tidbit of history I recently learned. The defining event

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which launched decades of religious war between Muslim and Christian in Lebanon – can be traced right back to the very location we are currently ministering in.

Your continued prayers for us and the brothers who were recently baptized are needed. We must stand strong and have great wisdom in these treacherous moments as many more are hungry to hear the Word of God.

I'd also like to share a brief summary of Brother testimony.

The first time Brother brought Brother T to my house, something inside was aroused. I felt that this is someone who will truly care, and listen to me. Who was honest and who truly believes in Jesus Christ. I recognized this was not an imposter, but someone who truly followed the steps of Jesus Christ.

As I heard the Truth being spoken, something happened in my heart. It was like a flame was lit. I felt like I had found the way to a life that I had wanted for so long. Since I was



a young man of 19 I wanted peace in my soul. It took me over 20 years of searching. I tried all kinds of different churches, but only when I met and heard the Word of God from Brother T did I truly find my Lord Jesus Christ.

I trust this blesses you as it does me.

Certainly we can see that this is not the work of a "man", but of the Lord Jesus Christ through His body locally here in Lebanon. One of my primary objectives is to see the 'God called' men within a country rise up to meet the challenge of the work themselves! This, after all is biblical, apostolic leadership - the body ministry as opposed to a "man" or "kingdom building".

Brother Tony & Sister Rebekah

Communion

"I believe that we have seen enough in our day that we live in, that we ought to really give (every) all of our being to God. We - we should really serve God. I believe that He has blessed us with the direct answer to Scripture. As Brother Pearry gave it a few moments ago, that we see that we're at that time. We're not blind, we - we - we see that we're here, we-we've arrived.

65-12-12 Tuscon

~All that is Eternal in
God's Character
Is acquired by
experience~JJenkins

Testimonies



Bro Malcolm Ferris

A Testimony of the Lord's Grace

In telling this testimony there are a great many details and stories I shall have to omit, but all you read is true although the events happened some twenty-two years ago and the memory of them is not as vivid. May this be an encouragement to those reading it.

My Conversion Experience

My wife Anita and I were married in Nelson while working on an apple orchard. The orchard was one of the many that had been invaded by well meaning Christian workers from a mission program called 'Apples.' We shared our house with a couple of 'Apple' folk; there was no shortage of talk in that orchard about Jesus and salvation etc. The constant witnessing was beginning to get annoying, so finally we agreed to attend a Bible study one night. After the study the floor was open for questions, and I had a few: 1 - If the first commandment in the Old Testament was to serve the Lord only and have no other gods then why do Christians have three? 2 - Am I really expected to believe that all of the troubles of the world

and the suffering of mankind through the ages was because some woman ate an apple? The answer I got to number one was: 'It's not three gods; it's one God in three persons - blessed trinity.' My question to that was: 'how can one God be three persons and not be three gods?' To which I was told: 'It is a mystery.' It sure was to me, and still is to this day. Of course I got no answer to question number two but these well-meaning people did do one thing right. They gave me a Bible (good news version) and told me to pray. I took up the challenge and asked our house buddies where a good place to begin to read was and I was told to try the gospel of John. I began reading the Book of John and thought to myself, 'it's poetry.' I confess at the time those words meant absolutely nothing to me. So I closed the Book thinking I could just get on with life now, only to be woken at an early hour in the morning around 2am. We had a little puppy at this time and she had woken me up because she needed to go out. I stood at the door waiting for her to disappear into the darkness and return when she was ready to go back inside. Only this time she didn't disappear. I watched as a puddle formed at the side of the step and she waddled off into the dark. It was strange. I watched as the puddle formed into a long rectangle shape. It was then that I noticed a word glowing in the puddle: Matthew. I was disturbed and couldn't get back to sleep afterwards with the name Matthew playing in my mind. I cried inside my head 'what does this mean?' It was then that a calm voice inside me answered 'it's a book in the Bible.' As I flicked open my Bible it opened directly to the Book of Matthew. I don't remember reading a single word. I saw it played out around me and what I noticed was that the people who should have been Jesus' greatest allies turned out to be His biggest foes. When the experience ended I knew that my life was no longer mine and I prayed within myself 'Lord Jesus I will give you my life, even if it means losing this woman who I love, but if there is any way I can serve you and keep her, I am willing.'

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~Molly~ A Story of Love Divine

Part 2

As told to Sister Joan Wilson

After Bro Smith Wigglesworth left New Zealand and returned home to England, the Brethren in leadership desired to officially establish a church in Wellington and they had everything in place for the first Business Meeting.

My friend Molly was invited to be a part of the proceedings, but as The Lord Jesus had told her NOT to join any church organisation, she declined. But when they asked her again, she said that she would go just to be with them, for they were her friends, but she would NOT have a part in it.

Molly continues her testimonies: "I went along with my friends and was sitting in a seat close to the front, waiting for the commencement of the meeting, when a mist appeared in front of us in the Church Hall and three balls, intertwined and glowing, hung in mid air together. Then I saw the Two Edged Sword come forward from the back towards them and it shattered them, and they were no more." Praise God. "After that, there against the front wall, at the side, was a large box full of official looking business papers and the two edged Sword went down and was hidden in them. Eventually, this business meeting that I was at, was finalised but it was The Lord Who showed me the correction that was needed although I suspected the three glowing balls was the trinity and The Word was hidden in the man-made organisations." **It was Brother Branham's message that clarified this.**

"On another occasion, I saw myself walking along in the countryside, away from the town, exploring the green meadows. Finally the sun was beginning to set and it had got cold. I knew I would be very uncomfortable if I stayed outside in the night and looked around to see if I could find shelter. Beside my path in the distance, was a shepherd's hut and I started

to make my way towards it, when I heard horse's hooves behind me. Looking around, I saw a Horse Rider dressed in white, holding a Two-edged Sword in his hand. He was riding swiftly toward me and I hurried to the hut where there were other people sheltering inside. I opened the door and went inside and hid under the window, thinking the Rider would not see me. He stopped outside the Hut and called out, "Come out of her, my people! And with this Sword I will circumcise your hearts and bring you to God."

"About this time, I was living in the Blenheim district and friends invited me to visit them at Wainui Pa. While there, I witnessed to these people of The Lord Jesus and what He had done for me. In the middle of my testimony, the Power of God came and I spoke in another tongue. Later, they asked me where I had been taught this perfect Maori language? As a result of this message from The Lord, five folk gave their hearts to Him. I didn't know the Maori language at all. Praise God!"

"At this time, The Lord was speaking to me to go and see my Mother again and establish a peaceful relationship with her. He told me that I must forgive her as I myself had been forgiven. Oh, that was a struggle for the old 'Molly', but The Lord gave me the assurance that nothing can stand before His Love. After my unsuccessful attempts, eventually, once again the train wheels headed back to my home in Hamilton. Down the path I walked up to the door and I walked into my sick mother's room, for she was in bed. I threw my arms around her and told her of what The Lord Jesus had done for me. Mother began to weep and admitted her guilt and asked for my forgiveness etc. And THEN - Mother gave her heart to this same Lord Jesus!! And she was freed from man's old religion that had bound her for so long. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!"

Previously, my friend Molly had stayed with us on a number of occasions. I couldn't wait to tell her of our Prophet's message! Would she accept this endtime message, or was she in

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the last dispensation – like Brother Neville’s father? Then I thought, if my heart rejoiced at the wonderful works of Jesus in the previous dispensation, why wouldn’t she see the glorious things that our Lord Jesus was doing in



~Molly on her 98th birthday with Psalm 37:25 on her heart.

our time? And so, on this particular morning I called her into our lounge, telling her that I wanted to show her a video, “Deep calleth to the Deep” in which Brother Branham was under the ‘Eagle’ anointing. After the Video was played, in tears, Molly jumped to her feet, pointing to the screen, and said, ‘Joan, I want to tell you that I have never felt such deep anointing for years!’

My dear friend read Brother Branham’s messages to the end of her life. She just loved Brother Branham’s prayers! It was the Prophet’s prayers! And I would hear her singing and praising The Lord, from her bedroom, as she was reading them early in the morning.

This lady who was told she would die in her early twenties went to be with The Lord when she was 98 years old! Her Lord had his plan for her life.

How wonderful it was to hear her tell how she saw herself walking inside a Palace and The King came along the hallway and invited her to go in to His Throne Room where there were two Thrones – for The King and for His Queen. When she came to the Throne

Room, she didn’t think she had the right to go in, and she looked through the door. The King came along and asked her if she had gone into the Throne Room? And she had to admit that she hadn’t. He assured her that it was her right to go in, for the Queen’s Throne was hers!!

I felt to tell this to you as Molly told it to me in Rotorua, about twenty years ago, unabridged. I couldn’t tell it all, because I have forgotten some of it. But I have heard her give her testimony a number of times and she never deviated from her original story. In her nineties, this lady’s testimony was still very clear and she stood upright while she spoke for over an hour. That’s God, isn’t it. All praise belongs to our Lord Jesus Who is the same yesterday, today and forever. I trust you will all be blessed as I have been.

Sister Joan Wilson - Bay of Islands.

Bro Malcolm Concludes His Testimony

Anita’s Conversion Experience

The Lord first began dealing with Anita some months earlier while she was travelling through Asia and India. One day she was walking down a beach at sunset, and turning to look out at the water she saw Jesus standing on the water. His hands were stretched out at his side as if in welcome and He said ‘are you ready to give your life to me?’ She knew she wanted to, yet found herself saying ‘I am not ready yet.’ The day before we went to the Bible study she had been hanging out some washing. It was a still, fine Nelson day, no breeze or wind at all. Yet whenever she went to peg the item she was holding to the line, a breeze would pop up out of nowhere and blow the line out of reach. After several attempts she was getting a little bothered when she heard the same voice as on that beach say: ‘are you ready now?’ Poor Anita had been holding back her confession hoping I would see the Light at the Bible study. But as it turned out we were both able to surrender to Him simultaneously yet with independent experiences. Blessed be His Holy Name. God bless you.

Brother Malcolm Ferris
Christchurch

Thoughts



The Human Spirit and the Carnal Flesh

The new birth is the true baptism of the Holy Ghost in the soul of man which comes by, and through The Revealed Word for the age. It is He, the very Person of The Word coming into you and making Himself known to you personally. Christ cannot be known or received outside of what His Word reveals Him to be. This is why it is called a Word birth. We are born again by the revelation of The Word of God in our soul and not by an emotion of The Word in our human spirit,

1 PETER 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by The Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

It is not enough to just believe the message of the hour by a mental acknowledgement with your human spirit reasoning it out and agreeing with The Word in a logical way. This is a good start, but it will take the Holy Ghost birth in the soul realm to cause a man to truly believe in The Word for his age.

The 'revelation' of Jesus Christ and who He is in the day in which you live in, is what the entire church and body of Christ is built on. That is why the importance of revelation by the Spirit to a true believer can never be over emphasized. It is this revelation of The Word of God that is so needed in this end time as it is this that is to control the spirit and body realms of a person. As a dove is cleansed from the inside out, our works on the outside expresses

our faith (Revelation) on the inside.

When a person is first born again by the revelation of The Word for their age it is important to understand that it is 'a new birth'. They become a spiritual 'babe' in Christ and then they have to grow in the grace and the knowledge of The Lord. This takes time as in natural growth - here a little and there a little - and one does not expect a spiritual babe to have the strength, wisdom, and knowledge of an adult believer. He or she has to grow into adulthood through the process of trials and testings because character and maturity is produced in the sufferings and struggles of life.

The Holy Ghost is a gift promised to us after repentance and water baptism (Receive ye the gift of the Holy Ghost: ACTS 2:38) But Character is not a gift. It is a victory, and it can only be procured through the suffering of testings and trials.

1 PETER 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

It is very necessary for the young believer to understand that The Holy Ghost baptism of Fire that burns all doubts against The Word of God out of a man's soul, does not remove the weaknesses of his human spirit or the beastly temptations of his carnal flesh. Please let me repeat that. The Holy Spirit abiding in a person's soul does not take away their human spirit of memory, imagination, conscience, human affection, and reasoning, nor the sinful fallen desires of the flesh. We still have the capacity to be tempted in these realms, and our human spirit will still 'try' and make us reason and doubt The Word.

The apostle Paul told us that whenever he wanted to do good, evil was present. A constant battle was going on within himself. This is where the white dog and the black dog that Brother Branham tells us about, comes into effect and this is where babes in Christ sometimes get confused in thinking that once they receive the Holy Ghost, every human temptation is automatically gone. This is far from the case as God allows these things in order for us to gain the victory of character by becoming overcomers.

Our biggest enemy is not the brother

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in the other church or some evil thing of the world, it is myself. Yes, ME! It is our human spirit and carnal flesh (the ten spies with the evil reports) that causes the biggest part of our troubles, and God in His wisdom allows it for our good.

II CORINTHIANS 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*

King David was filled with the Spirit of God. He was a man after God's own heart, and yet he failed when he committed adultery with Bathsheba. He gave in to his human spirit of sensual lust and the carnal desires of his flesh. Yet from the blackness of David's sin God revealed His own nature and character of mercy and grace to David. This is the same principle of how God is working with us if we could only but see it. It is in our human weaknesses that God reveals his grace, love and mercy to us in a personal way. This produces within us a depth of appreciation and love toward God that could never be established any other way. The Christ-like Character that God so desires for us can only be procured through the struggles, failures, sufferings, and victories that He in His wisdom has predestinated us to, in order to bring the revelation and character of Himself to perfection within us.

I CORINTHIANS 10:13 *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Therefore with meekness may we accept that all the trials and struggles that we endure in this life, regardless of how chaotic and confusing they may seem, are all foreknown and allowed by God for the one purpose of our character development and perfection. King David paid dearly for his transgression, and likewise, if we stray from the path of The Word we will also pay, as God is no respecter of persons. Yet through it all, God is using the darkness and weakness of our human spirit and carnal flesh as a tool in His hand to mould us and shape us into the Image that He has purposed for us.

Greater is the revealed Word of the hour that is in your soul than he that is in the

world of your human spirit and carnal flesh.

My prayer is that we would allow the inner man of faith to have full dominion in our lives. 1 John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.* ROMANS 8:18 *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Your brother in Christ,
Dean Gilchrist
Wanganui

Don't let the economics and the forecast of the future, paralise your faith, saints. This is merely a stepping stone. It's merely a challenge - a challenge for our faith to increase in God.

Amen!

The Lord has taken His Prophet off the scene but He hasn't taken His anointing off the scene.

Bro. Tony

~Looking At The Unseen~

I see a church going in the rapture. I see Jesus coming for His Bride. I see a little neglected bunch of people who are laughed at and made fun of, go in the rapture one day. I would rather be with them than all the groups I know of in all the world - for by FAITH we see by the Unseen. Sure!

Brother Branham - taken from 'Looking at the Unseen'

**Don't love things &
use people -
Love People
& Use Things.**

Anon.

Thoughts

~God, Marriage & Family~

Brother Jeff Jenkins

The Power of the Cross is not just in sin's pardon. God's forgiven you of all your sin. You've been pardoned - you've been set free from all your sins and every time you make mistakes you can put those sins under the blood of Jesus Christ. But the Power of the Cross is not just in sin's pardon. There's a great revelation in the Cross. There is Power. Now listen to me now. You've listened to it all your life but I want you to listen to it. These are brand new concepts: The revelation in the Cross. When you get that revelation, there is Power; there is victory over the spiritually weak minds and emotions. When you get the revelation of the Cross, there is victory over the flesh lying in the Cross. Most sickness comes from the emotional realm - stress related, arthritis, bitterness. Many of them are not just D.N.A.. It comes from not processing hardships properly. But by going to the Cross and seeing the principles and the Cross enables you to process hardships properly. Being misunderstood, being falsely accused, being wounded by someone who loves you. Isn't it interesting that the greatest source of our pain comes from those who we love, but the greatest source of healing comes from those very same people and God ordained it that way. Listen to me now. The great revelation, the victory over the spiritually weak mind, and emotions of the flesh - the Cross - is utter foolishness to the carnal mind, for the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish, foolishness. But unto us which are saved it is the Power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18. The preaching of the Cross is the Power of God. Now I want to make sure that you are availing yourself of the Power of God that resides in the principles of the Cross. Is the Cross to you, Power?

Now why, if I'm preaching on the Family, would I be touching on the Cross

for these few moments? Well, let me put it this way. Don't get married until you've met Christ of the Cross. And even if you have met Christ of the Cross, you must learn the Cross through the hardships and the difficulties, through marriage. It's a very selfish thing to marry and not to have committed yourself to Jesus Christ. You will not know how to submit yourselves to one another if you've never, by faith, trusted Jesus Christ and submitted your life to Him. Now, without the Cross, you and I are simply selfish. We must be applying to how often do we take up our cross? The Bible says, 'Daily'. So I have to die daily. I have to take up my cross daily and follow Him. In the cross is the revelation of just how weak the flesh really is. We can climb Mt. Everest. We can go all the way to the top. We can put our flag there, but when we are confronted with truth about what we have done, we deny it and we lie over it and about our failures. We minimise our faults, but we can climb Mt. Everest. We can achieve brilliantly in the N.F.L. with such determination and discipline, but we can't control our temper, so we pull out a gun and shoot someone. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:32, '*He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his own spirit, than he that taketh a city.*' Men can achieve great things, but can they control their own tongue, or their own temperament or their own lust, because they by-pass the principles of the Cross for personal achievement? We can have a vision and have great determination and remain focused, even from early childhood, all the way up until we become the President of the United States and then we'll turn right around as the President of the United States and dishonour the office, by sexual misconduct. Then lie under Oath, with lust and having no self control. Brains and Education: **B+** Character, self control, fear of God: **F**.

Taken from Bro. Jeff Jenkins' message, 'God, Marriage & Family' on 23.11.08

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