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A Note from the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

At a conference in Oklahoma earlier this year, one of the comments I heard multiple times from people meeting me for the first time was, “You’re much taller in person than you look on *Transformed by Grace*!” Evidently, television doesn’t quite capture my full height. Another question I was asked, but one I’ve heard before, was “Let me see your hands. How big are they?” So I look shorter, but my hands appear especially large on camera. They aren’t quite as enormous in real life. It’s always enjoyable to meet viewers in person. These lighthearted comments usually lead to warm conversations, and I’m thankful for the opportunity to get acquainted with those who faithfully watch *Transformed by Grace* and to hear how the Lord has used the program in their lives.

Earlier this year, the *Berean Bible Society* Board of Directors decided to expand the outreach of *Transformed by Grace*. As a result, beginning in August, the program began airing six days per week on World Harvest Television (WHT), significantly increasing its reach. World Harvest Television is available in approximately 15 million homes across the United States through DirecTV, Comcast, and WHT’s streaming service.

Transformed by Grace (TBG) will now air on WHT Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. ET (7:30 a.m. CT) and every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. ET (8:00 a.m. CT). TBG will continue to air on Christian Television Network as usual, Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m. ET.

We are also reaching out with our new Grace Study Bible (GSB). Our hope is to get the GSB into the hands of as many grace believers, pastors, and churches as possible. Further, we want to make the GSB known and available beyond the grace movement. Therefore, we decided to produce a 60-second commercial introducing viewers to the Grace Study Bible and highlighting its unique features and value as a resource for understanding God’s Word. We will use the commercial within episodes of *Transformed by Grace* and also broadcast it by itself on various television networks.

Please remember these ministries in prayer and help us make others aware of them. We have free, two-sided TBG/GSB informational business-size cards available. Contact us at BBS by phone or email, and we will be happy to send them to you in any quantity without charge.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President



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“Why Am I Here?”



Many people, both saved and unsaved, ask, whether expressed to others or only to themselves, “Why am I here?” or “What is the purpose of my existence?” People want to know why they were born, why God has allowed them to exist. The Apostle John gives one of the best answers to these questions in Revelation 4:11, where we read, *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”* It’s really that simple! Mankind’s purpose is to bring glory and honor to the God Who created us.

Maybe you’re wondering, how can I give God the glory and honor that is due to Him? First, for the unsaved, it is to take God at His Word regarding salvation. The Apostle Paul tells us what the gospel (good news) is in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. By placing your faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, you can have eternal life in Him. Once believed, God the Father sees the righteousness of His Son in you (2 Cor. 5:21). God receives all glory because we cannot do anything to earn our salvation (Eph. 2:8-9).

The second way to bring glory and honor to God is to work as His ambassador. Each believer is given the job of full-time ambassador for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20). It is God’s desire to see all people saved and come to a knowledge of His mystery program today in the dispensation of grace (1 Tim. 2:4). It’s our job to bring the good news to them as His representative. This is accomplished primarily in two ways: opening our mouths to proclaim the gospel (Rom. 10:17), and supporting ministries with the same mission.

King Solomon wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes to show that, apart from God and His Word, life has no real meaning or purpose (Eccl. 1:2; 2:17; 12:13). Many today try to find meaning and purpose through the temporary things offered in the world, but those things offer no real hope and will fade away (1 John 2:17a). Only God, through His written Word, gives us the answer to why we’re here and what our purpose is. Why not resolve today to offer your body as a “*living sacrifice*” to God? This is our “*reasonable service*” (Rom. 12:1) and God’s will for all believers. Doing this brings Him all glory and honor.

—Pastor Jim Tollar



GOD'S TIMETABLE

Overview



(Taken from episode #348
on *Transformed by Grace*)

PASTOR KEVIN J. **SADLER**
BBS President/Editor

“There was once a handyman who had a dog named Mace. Mace was a great dog except he had one weird habit: he liked to eat grass—not just a little bit, but in quantities that would make a lawnmower blush. And nothing, it seemed, could cure him of it.

“One day, the handyman lost his wrench in the tall grass while he was working outside. He looked and looked, but it was nowhere to be found. As it was getting dark, he gave up for the night and decided to look the next morning.

“When he awoke, he went outside and saw that his dog had eaten all the grass in the area, around where he had been working, and his wrench now lay in plain sight, glinting in the sun.

“Going out to get his wrench, he called the dog over to him and said, ‘A grazing Mace, how

sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me.’”¹

Currently, we live in the dispensation of the grace of God (Eph. 3:2). This dispensation is all about God’s amazing grace that He is showing to the world today and revealing through the Church.

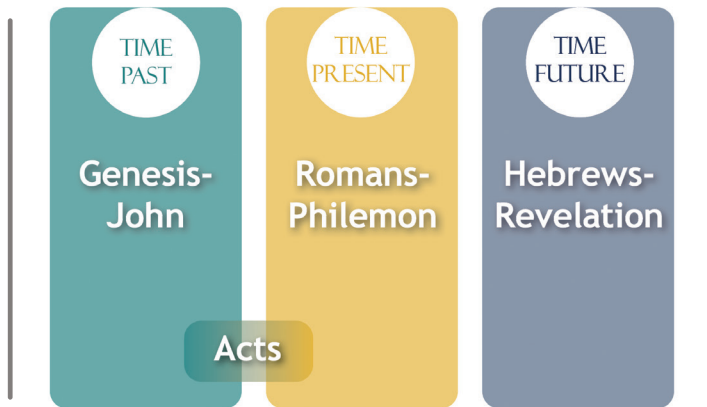
The dispensation of grace is what God is doing in “time present.” By looking at the Scriptures through the framework of time past, time present, and time future, we can gain clarity in understanding its overall structure and God’s current dealings with mankind.

SEQUENCE SIGNALS

“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens

SCRIPTURES



from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

“...Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God” (Eph. 2:11-13,19).

In these verses, you find time words: “In time past,” “But now,” and “Now.” Paul is teaching about how it was for Gentiles, or people of the nations, in “time past” under the program of prophecy with Israel. And it wasn’t good! We Gentiles were without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Then, Paul says, “But now.” Ephesians 2:11-12 explain how it *was* for Gentiles in time past,

while verses 13 and 19 show how it *is* in time present. In time present, under grace, we learn that we, who were far off from God, are made near to Him by the shed blood of Christ. Now we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens in the household, or family, of God.

God has turned from Israel to the Gentile nations to have a program with us, and we learn through the Apostle Paul about our up-to-date position before God and the amazing opportunity that is ours under grace.

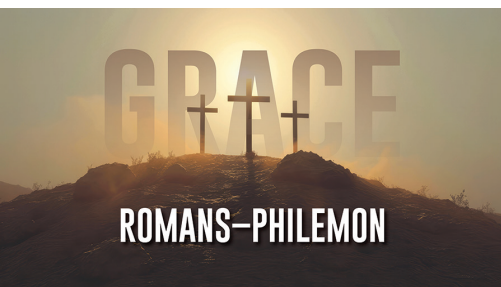
SCRIPTURES

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4).

All of the Bible is “for us.” 2 Timothy 3:16 states, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction,

for instruction in righteousness.” We believe all the Bible. It is all God’s Word. We find teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness for us from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21.

Paul tells us that the “things...written aforetime were written for our learning,” but notice that Paul does not say that they were written for our *obedience*. That’s because they are not always for our obedience; many things under the law do not apply under grace, such as its sacrificial system, feast days, Sabbath, and tithing. These things were required under the law, but they are not for our obedience under grace. All the Bible is for us and for our learning, but not all the Bible is written directly to us and for our obedience.



When you look at the Bible through this time lens, we find that the Scriptures for time past are Genesis through John. The Book of Acts is a transitional book, recording the change from time past into time present. Now, in time present, our Scriptures are Romans through

Philemon. In time future, the most relevant Scriptures will be primarily Hebrews through Revelation.

God has two major programs, one with Israel concerning the earth and one with the Church, the Body of Christ, concerning the heavens. In time past, God dealt with Israel. In time present, God is dealing with the Body of Christ, Jew and Gentile alike in one Body. In time future, God will resume where He left off in His dealings with Israel.

In time past, the Scriptures were about prophecy for Israel. God gave prophecies and fulfilled prophecies during that time. The prophetic message concerned Israel, the nation, and her land, her Messiah, and her kingdom. From Genesis 12 through the Gospel of John, the message is consistently about these things for Israel.

However, when Israel fell due to her unbelief in her Messiah, God turned to the nations and ushered in a dispensation of grace that had never been made known anywhere in prophecy nor anytime in time past. The current dispensation, with its Church—the Body of Christ—and our hope of heaven, was made known in what Paul calls “the revelation of the mystery” (Rom. 16:25). The Scriptures of time present, Romans through Philemon, have to do with the revelation of the mystery, not prophecy.

The mystery is much more than Jew and Gentile alike in one Body. It is “the faith” (1 Cor. 16:13; Col. 2:7) for this dispensation, the whole message of grace truth that was kept hidden by God in time past (Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:26), and was first made known to Paul. It is now fully revealed, made manifest, in Romans to Philemon.

These books of your Bible are written directly to the Church today and apply expressly to us today. The Scriptures of time past and time future—Genesis to John and Hebrews to Revelation—are all for us. They are all for our learning, and are profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. However, Romans to Philemon are Christ’s “time present” Scriptures, message, and will for His Church, the Body of Christ, under grace.

God revealed within the mystery that this age will close with the pre-tribulational Rapture of the Church. When the Church is caught up from this earth before the Tribulation begins, God will then return to His dealings with Israel. That is when the Scriptures of Hebrews through Revelation will directly apply and must be obeyed in faith.

Many prophecies given to Israel in time past in Genesis to Malachi and Matthew to John, will also find their fulfillment during the Tribulation, and those who are on earth at that time will use and need those

“time past” Scriptures to navigate the future Day of the Lord. But it is Hebrews to Revelation that will primarily guide believers in that day.

Just the fact that Hebrews to Revelation are in God’s Word shows that there will be believers during the Tribulation. Many will be saved after the Rapture through the testimonies of the two witnesses and the 144,000. Revelation makes it very clear that many will be saved and be martyrs for Christ in time future, “of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues” (Rev. 7:9).

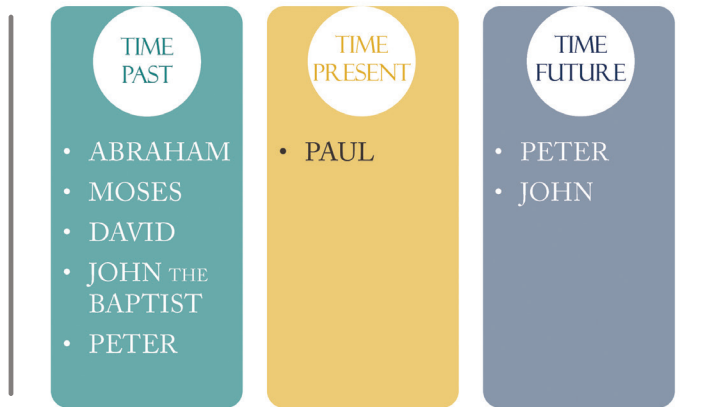
In the future time to come, believers will be challenged and commanded through the teachings of Hebrews to Revelation to persevere, overcome, live out the love of God, prove their faith by their works, confess their sins, keep the commandments of God, and believe in Jesus as the Messiah and God’s Son. And the Book of Revelation is actually a guidebook for kingdom believers to live by, day by day, month by month, and year by year through the Tribulation.

SPOKESMEN

“(For He that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)” (Gal. 2:8).

There were different spokesmen, leaders, and key figures for each of the periods of time past, time present, and time future in Scripture.

SPOKESMEN



In time past, in Genesis through Malachi, God worked through three prominent patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—beginning by giving Abraham the promise of a great nation in a great land. Later, God raised up Moses to deliver Israel from her bondage in Egypt and to dispense His law to Israel at Mount Sinai. King David was given a covenant of an everlasting throne and kingdom through his seed (2 Sam. 7:12-17). In time past, the prophets who were raised up and sent by God to Israel all prophesied of that kingdom and called Israel back to God's law.

Also in time past, in Matthew to John, John the Baptist came on the scene baptizing, preparing the nation for her Messiah, calling on her to repent, and preaching that the kingdom was at hand (Matt. 3:1-6). The Lord Jesus raised up twelve apostles, who will one day judge the twelve tribes of Israel in the kingdom (Matt. 19:28).

The kingdom church in time past was built on the foundation of Christ, according to Peter's confession of Christ's identity: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). That is the rock upon which the kingdom church was built and what people needed to believe to be saved in time past and become a part of the kingdom church.

Israel crucified her Messiah, though, and persisted in her rejection of Him as demonstrated by the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:54-60), and thus Israel fell (Rom. 11:11). Instead of bringing in the prophesied Tribulation at that time, God turned to the Gentiles—the nations—with a program of grace that was never previously revealed.

In accord with this purpose, when Israel fell in Acts 7, God raised up a new man in Acts 9—Saul of Tarsus—saving him and calling him to be the apostle of the Gentiles. For time present, the Apostle Paul is God's

spokesman, leader, and apostle (Rom. 11:13; 2 Tim. 1:11). Paul laid the foundation of Christ for the Church under grace, the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 3:10-11), according to what Christ is doing today, that “Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the Saviour of the Body” (Eph. 5:23).

After the Rapture of the Church, God’s plan reverts back to His dealings with Israel, meaning that the apostles—primarily the Apostle Peter—will once again be God’s spokesman, leader, and apostle that Israel needs to follow in time future. Peter’s apostleship and writings (1 and 2 Peter), along with the writings of John (1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation), are what will primarily guide Israel in time future.

SAVIOR

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name:

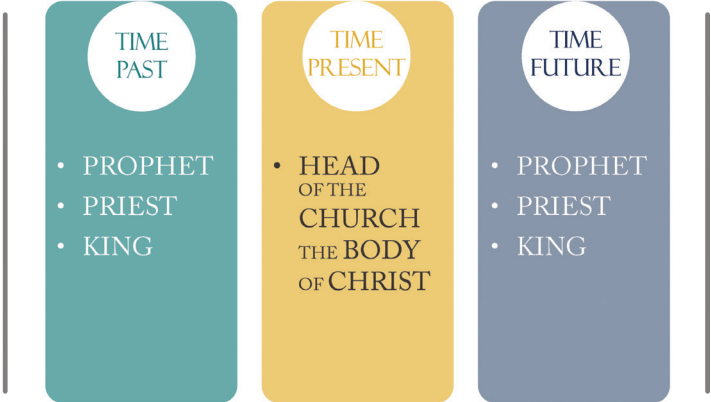
“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11).

Time past, time present, and time future in Scripture are all about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit authored the Book that is all about the Lord, and it gives Him honor, glory, and praise.

In time past, the Holy Spirit made known the office of Christ as Israel’s Savior, as well as her Prophet, Priest, and King. When Christ came to this world, He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and to seek and to save that which was lost (Matt. 15:24; Luke 19:10). He ministered to Israel and powerfully demonstrated by His teachings and miracles that He is her Messiah and the Son of God.

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Ministering under the law and prophecy, Christ kept the law perfectly and fulfilled prophecy completely concerning Himself and His ministry. The Lord also prepared Israel for the Tribulation and His earthly kingdom. As Paul wrote of the Lord's earthly ministry, "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision [the Jews] for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Rom. 15:8).

Of course, we know that Christ died for the sins of the world, was buried, rose again, and ascended to the Father. After Christ ascended, the Holy Spirit was sent to Israel at Pentecost in fulfillment of prophecy (John 15:26; Acts 2:4,14-18). When Israel continued in her rejection of Christ, concluding in the stoning of Stephen, she "stumbled at that Stumblingstone" (Rom. 9:32). God temporarily set Israel aside in unbelief, and His program with her was put on hold for a time.

God then raised up a new man, the Apostle Paul, "to bear My [Christ's] name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15). In time present, the Holy Spirit revealed to Paul that Christ is the Head of the Church, the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). This is the office Christ is currently carrying out today in heaven at the Father's right hand.

Today, in exaltation, Christ Jesus ministers to and through

the Body of Christ. He gives His Church grace, wisdom, and power as we serve Him as His ambassadors and representatives in this world (2 Cor. 5:18-20; Col. 2:19), and He makes intercession for us at God's right hand (Rom. 8:34). Christ is offering the world grace and peace in this dispensation, and is saving any person who, by faith alone, trusts Him and receives His free gift of salvation (Rom. 10:13; Eph. 1:12-14).

This program with the Gentiles began with an unexpected appearance of Christ from heaven on the road to Damascus, and it will close with another appearance of Christ from heaven, when He will descend into the clouds to catch the Body of Christ up to meet Him in the air and to take us to heaven to be with Him forever (1 Thes. 4:17).

Then, in time future, Christ will return to His office as Israel's Prophet, Priest, and King. In time future, the primary ones in view are the Antichrist and Jesus Christ.

The Antichrist will come to the forefront and rise in power after the Rapture. His "coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thes. 2:9). During the Tribulation, he will perform mighty miracles to deceive and convince most of the world that he is the Messiah.

After the Antichrist is assassinated at the midpoint of the Tribulation (Rev. 13:3), he will

rise again (17:8) and declare himself to be God in the flesh (2 Thes. 2:4), and the false prophet will require worldwide worship of the Antichrist (Rev. 13:12).

The Gospel records from “time past,” Matthew through John, will be what the Spirit uses during the Tribulation to show that Jesus Christ truly is the Messiah and the Son of God. That is their purpose, because salvation under the gospel of the kingdom is tied to faith in Christ’s identity. As John 20:31 states, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.”



After the Antichrist rises from the dead, the world will be required to worship his image and take his mark (Rev. 13:15-18). At that point, people **MUST** make a decision. If they worship the image of the beast and take his mark, believing in the Antichrist as the Messiah, they are going to hell (14:9-11). If, however, they show their loyalty to Jesus Christ by refusing to worship the beast’s image

or take his mark, they will be hunted, persecuted, and killed by the Antichrist (13:5-7).

It’s in that day that Scriptures like Matthew 10:28 will apply directly: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

The true Messiah will be revealed when Christ returns in glory and power on a white horse at the end of the Tribulation at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21). At that time, the Lord “shall consume” the Antichrist “with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy [him] with the brightness of His coming” (2 Thes. 2:8), and the beast will be cast into the lake of fire forever (Rev. 19:20; 20:10).

Israel’s true Messiah and King will then establish His kingdom on earth and fulfill all that He promised to Israel, because He is faithful.

Looking at Scripture with a time past, time present, time future framework can aid our understanding of God’s Word. It’s important that we recognize what God is doing in time present, so that we do not misapply Scripture meant for Israel in time past or time future, or blend or mix the truths that are unique to the two programs of God. In doing this, we will be “rightly dividing the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). 

1. “My Loving Dog Mace,” Jokes of the Day, accessed August 6, 2026, <https://jokesoftheday.net/tag/dog/>.



Setting the Record Straight *on Nicaea*

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Contributing Writer

Every so often, a claim surfaces online, in a viral video, or from the mouth of a skeptic that sounds something like this: “Did you know the Bible was put together by a vote? Did you know a Roman emperor and his bishops decided in the year AD 325 that Jesus was God?” The claim is stated with such confidence that a believer without an answer can be left rattled, wondering if perhaps there is something to it.

There isn’t. But the claim persists because it makes for a good story—secret councils, imperial power plays, ancient conspiracies. Popular fiction like *The Da Vinci Code* helped spread it, and it continues to circulate today by many who wish to deny the deity of Christ. As believers who hold to the authority of God’s Word, we ought to know both what actually happened at Nicaea and why it does nothing to undermine the Scriptures we hold dear.

What Nicaea Was Not About

The Council of Nicaea met in AD 325 at the request of Emperor Constantine. It was not, however, called to decide which books belonged in the Bible. There is no record from the council itself, nor from the earliest historians who wrote about it, indicating that the canon of Scripture was even discussed at Nicaea. That claim appears to be a modern invention, not an ancient memory.

By the time the bishops gathered at Nicaea, the four Gospels and Paul’s epistles had already been received and read as Scripture in the churches for generations. Peter himself, writing in the first century, placed Paul’s letters alongside “the other Scriptures”:

“...as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they

that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction” (2 Pet. 3:16).

Peter, an apostle, recognized Paul’s letters as Scripture during the apostolic age itself—centuries before Constantine ever called a council. Within a generation of the apostles, Polycarp of Smyrna, a disciple of the Apostle John, wrote to the Philippians and admitted, “Neither I, nor any



other such one, can come up to the wisdom of the blessed and glorified Paul,”³ treating Paul’s epistle to that church as the very standard by which his own words fell short. The early church did not vote Paul’s epistles into the Bible. They recognized what God had already established through the man to whom He gave “the dispensation of the grace of God” (Eph. 3:2). The church did not give us the Word of God. The Word of God gave us the church, and it did so by its own divine authority, not by human ratification.

The second claim—that Nicaea “invented” the deity of Christ—is equally mistaken. What was actually debated at Nicaea was not whether Jesus was divine, but how to properly articulate the relationship between the Father and the Son in light of a specific false teaching that had begun to spread.

The Real Controversy: Arius and the Nature of the Son

A presbyter in Alexandria named Arius had begun teaching that the Son was not eternal, but was in fact the first and greatest of God’s created beings—that “there was a time when He was not.” This was a genuine departure from what the church had believed and taught from its earliest days. It was Arius’s own bishop, Alexander of Alexandria, who first challenged the teaching. When Arius refused to recant and gathered support elsewhere, the resulting division spread across the empire, and this led Constantine—concerned with unity in his empire—to summon bishops from across the Roman world to settle the matter.

Ignatius of Antioch stood within a generation of the apostles and, by early tradition, was a disciple of the Apostle John himself. Around AD 107, as he was being led to Rome to be martyred for his faith, he wrote to the church at Ephesus and called our Lord “Jesus Christ, our God.”¹ A little further on in that same letter, he stated

it plainly: “our God, Jesus Christ, was...conceived in the womb by Mary, of the seed of David, but by the Holy Ghost.”² That was well over two centuries before Constantine ever called a council.

And Ignatius was not alone. Around AD 180, Irenaeus of Lyons defended the deity of Christ in words no one could mistake, calling Him “God, and Lord, and King Eternal.”⁴ Near the turn of the third century—still more than a hundred years before Nicaea—the Latin pastor Tertullian wrote just as matter-of-factly that “the Son is God.”⁵ These were not fringe voices on the edge of the church. They were its recognized leaders, simply repeating what the church had believed all along.

Irenaeus tells us something else worth noting. In that same work, he treated the four Gospels as a settled, closed matter—not a question anyone was voting on. “It is not possible,” he wrote, “that the Gospels can be either more or fewer in number than they are.”⁶ Once again, this is roughly a century and a half before the bishops ever gathered at Nicaea.

So let us put it plainly. Long before Constantine sat on the imperial throne, Ignatius called Jesus Christ “our God.” Long before Nicaea met, Irenaeus defended the deity of Christ and recognized the fourfold Gospels. Long before any bishop cast a vote, believers across the Roman Empire—East and West, Greek and Latin—were reading the apostolic writings as authoritative Scripture and worshipping Christ as God. Nicaea did not invent these beliefs. It defended what Christians had long believed.

Archaeology adds another witness. The Megiddo Mosaic, a mosaic floor uncovered in 2005 in northern Israel and dated to around AD 230—nearly one hundred years before Nicaea—contains an inscription referring to “God Jesus Christ.” Long before bishops gathered in council, Christians were publicly worshipping Jesus as God.



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It is also worth remembering the character of the men who gathered at Nicaea. Many of them had survived brutal persecution under the emperors Diocletian and Licinius only a few years earlier. According to the ancient historian Theodoret, writing well over a century later, so the detail should be received with appropriate caution, some of the bishops present still bore the visible scars of that persecution.⁷ One tradition describes a bishop named Paphnutius,

who had lost an eye and the use of a leg for his testimony of Christ. Men who had suffered that much for their faith were not the sort to casually redefine who Jesus was at the emperor's convenience. When the Nicene Creed was presented for signature, the overwhelming majority of the roughly three hundred bishops present signed it gladly—by most accounts, only two declined. This was not a narrow vote settling an open question. It was the near-unanimous confirmation of what the church had already believed, now given careful and precise language to guard it against Arius's error.

Why This Matters for Us Today

Some may wonder why a doctrinal dispute from seventeen centuries ago should matter to us in the Body of Christ. The answer is that how we understand the authority of Scripture shapes everything else we believe. If the canon of Scripture and the deity of our Lord were merely the product of a political committee, then the ground beneath our feet would be sand rather than rock. But that is not the case. Paul reminds us:

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16).

Scripture does not become authoritative because a council, or a church, or even a well-meaning pastor says so. It is authoritative because it is “given by inspiration of God”—God-breathed, in the literal sense of Paul's word. Its authority rests entirely on its source, not on human recognition. The church at Nicaea, and long before Nicaea, simply recognized what God had already spoken. It did not confer authority upon it.

This distinction is not a small one. A judge does not create the law by ruling on a case; he recognizes the law that already stands and applies it. In the same way, no council—however godly its intentions—has the power to manufacture divine authority where none existed before. If Scripture's authority could be granted by a vote, it could just as easily be revoked by one. But God's Word does not rest on the shifting sands of human consensus. It carries the settled, unchangeable weight of the God Who spoke it, whether or not any council ever met to affirm it.



This is precisely why, for the Body of Christ, our confidence rests not on the decisions of church councils, ancient or modern, but on the revelation God committed to the Apostle Paul, who could write, “the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Cor. 14:37). We do not need Constantine, Nicaea, or any human institution to validate God’s Word for us. We need only receive it as it is—the very words of the God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2), given so that “the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:17).

The next time someone tells you the Bible was decided by a vote in the fourth century, you can answer with confidence—and with the facts. Nicaea was called to defend a truth already believed, using language precise enough to guard it against a specific heresy. It was never called to invent that truth, nor to select which books would carry God’s authority. The Word of God did not wait for Rome’s approval. It stands on its own, exactly as it always has: “For ever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89). 

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Question Box



"Where do you get all your jokes?"

This is a common question I am asked! I have always loved jokes. As a boy, I used to drive my sister and parents up a wall telling them knock-knock jokes. When I began to teach God's Word, in addition to finding enjoyment in sharing a good joke, I found humor to be a good way to give people's brains a rest from concentrating and listening for 45 minutes. It serves as a reset for God's people to absorb more teaching from the Scriptures. I do not tell jokes just for the joke's sake, as I understand that I am not to be a stand-up comedian when preaching God's Word. So when I tell a joke, I always try to make a point from it and connect it to my message.

My jokes come from three sources: joke and illustration books, the internet, and people sharing their jokes with me. This is one of the benefits of telling jokes: other people want to tell you theirs! This has helped to grow my library. Over the years, my file folder of jokes has grown substantially thick.

I have never told a joke that I didn't personally find hilarious. However, my jokes don't always land, and at times there is silence after I tell one that no one understands or finds funny. But I even enjoy those times! Those "crickets" responses often end up with the biggest laugh of all.

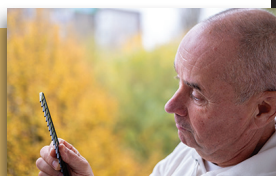
The fact that we have a sense of humor tells me that our Creator does as well. I think you find examples of humor in the Bible, such as Balaam's conversation with his donkey (Num. 22:28-30) or the Philistines' idol of Dagon falling over twice breaking before the Ark of the Covenant (1 Sam. 5:1-4).

Life can be heavy sometimes, but because of God's grace and our bright hope, we have reason to be the most joyful people on earth. When God's people gather, it's good for us to laugh together out of our abiding joy in Christ.

—Pastor Kevin Sadler

A bald man once received a comb for a present.
He told the person who gave it to him,

"Thanks; I'll never part with it."



What Does God Want Us to Know About *Holy Angels?*

PASTOR JOHN **FREDERICKSEN**
BBS Board Member

I recently spent three days with dear Christian friends as the wife was nearing her time to step into eternity. During this difficult time, a family member said that when the time came, she believed angels would take her sister to heaven. In the closing minutes of life for this Christian lady, her sister asked her if she was seeing angels coming for her.

Unfortunately, much of what many believe about spiritual matters is based on what we emotionally want to be true, what others have said, or even what Hollywood portrays in movies. But these things are often simply not true. What we choose to believe must be deeply anchored in the Word of truth, the Bible, and be clearly stated. Our standard must be “Nevertheless, what saith the Scriptures” (Gal. 4:30). Only then do we have a solid foundation for what we should believe.

So, on this basis, what does God want us to know about holy angels?

What Are Angels?

Angels are supernatural beings “created” by God (Psa. 148:5 cf. Col. 1:16). They have often acted as God’s messengers to select humans so that they would carry out His will. While spiritual in nature, they can manifest themselves in male human form (Mark 16:5). Biblical accounts never describe angels as infants or women, and those who are named in Scripture are always given masculine names such as Gabriel and Michael. Nor does Scripture teach that humans ever become angels after death (1 Cor. 15:40). Angels were spoken into existence before the creation of the world and rejoiced when they witnessed the Lord God Almighty creating the stars and planets (Job 38:7).

“...his countenance was
like lightning...” Matthew 28:3



Angels are powerful creatures that, when appearing to mankind, evoked fear, not a warm emotion of well-being or casualness. When “the angel of the Lord” rolled back the stone of the tomb where the Savior was buried, “His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow, And for fear of him the keepers did shake” (Matt. 28:2-4). He told the women who witnessed this event, “Fear not” (v. 5). When these women entered the empty tomb, they saw “a young man [an angel]...and they were afrighted” (Mark 16:5).

When Cornelius saw an angel in a vision, “he was afraid” (Acts 10:4). Similarly, the message was “fear not” when an angel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:30) and when the Savior’s birth was announced to the shepherds (2:10).

Are There Different Kinds of Angels?

The Scriptures identify five different kinds of holy angels.

Cherubim have wings. Their purpose is to serve as guardians

of holy spaces such as God’s throne and to protect the tree of life in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:24; Ezek. 1:1-28; 10:1-22).

Seraphim are also winged holy angels whose purpose is to proclaim the holiness of Jehovah (Isa. 6:1-6).

First Thessalonians 4:16 speaks of “the voice of the *archangel*,” and Jude 1:9 refers to “Michael the archangel.” The term “archangel” comes from the Greek words “arche,” meaning chief or ruler, and “angelos,” meaning messenger or representative. The archangel’s purpose is to serve as God’s warrior against satanic forces (Rev. 12:7) and to announce the Lord’s coming at the Rapture.

Several passages speak of a large countless number of holy angels who stand at the right or left hand of God (1 Kings 22:19). The Old Testament refers to Jehovah as “the LORD of hosts” (1 Sam. 1:3,11; 4:4) or “the LORD God of hosts” (2 Sam. 5:10; Psalms 59:5). Their purpose is to exalt the Lord with praises (Rev. 5:11-12).

Hebrews 1:14 describes *regular angels* as “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.” However, there is no indication in God’s Word that these holy angels have wings. They are described as looking like a man only with a glowing appearance (Mark 16:5; Luke 2:8-9).

Do Angels Interact with Believers?

According to biblical accounts, interaction with an angel was never through a vague tingling sensation or in a non-verbal appearance. Instead, an encounter with an angel arrested one’s complete attention, evoked fear, and brought humble obedience to their message from God.

Angels are also referred to as God’s messengers. In the past, God sometimes dispatched His angels to deliver divine messages.



When Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, and “while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream,

saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:20-21).

When the apostles were imprisoned, “the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life” (Acts 5:19-20).

To prepare Philip to minister to the Ethiopian eunuch, “the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem...” (Acts 8:26).

It is important to see that in these rare instances when angels appeared to humans, it was not a vague, mistakable experience. It was always unmistakable that a male holy angel appeared to give specific divine instructions.

Today, in the dispensation of grace, we can say with confidence that God no longer uses His angels to deliver audible messages because He uses His written Word instead. We learn from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect [or complete], throughly

furnished unto all good works.” In God’s Word, we have all we need to know His will and to be equipped for victory.

Therefore, our focus and confidence are not to be in accounts or experiences that can be inaccurate, which are attempts from Satan to distract us and are contrary to the Bible. Our focus and beliefs must be based on what the Scriptures tell us, as we rightly divide (2 Tim. 2:15) between what was intended for Israel in the past and what is specifically intended for believers today.

Is It Appropriate to Worship or Pray to Angels?

One of Satan’s wicked devices is to draw worship away from the Lord God Almighty. When fasting in the wilderness, Satan tempted the Lord Jesus Christ, offering the kingdoms of the world if Christ would fall down and worship him, a mere fallen angel. The Savior’s response was, “Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve” (Matt. 4:10).

When the Apostle John fell down to worship an angel, God’s messenger told him, “See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant...and of them which keep the sayings of this Book: worship God” (Rev. 22:9). We should be careful not to worship, pray to, or exalt angels. Instead, we need to glorify and worship the Lord, not the angels.

Do Angels Escort Believers Into Paradise?

One of the ways angels could minister to Christians is to escort believers into the presence of their Lord and Savior. When the Lord Jesus Christ described what happened to a beggar named Lazarus when he died, He said, “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom...” (Luke 16:22).



This believer lived prior to our present dispensation of grace. His eternal hope was to be resurrected into the Millennial Kingdom. Therefore, he was taken by angels to the center of the earth, to Abraham’s bosom, or into “paradise” (Luke 23:43), to await his resurrection to the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:6).

The Savior also taught that when He returns to establish His kingdom at the end of the Tribulation, that “He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matt. 24:31). The four winds represent the

symbolic four corners of the earth. Angels will assemble surviving believers in Christ at the close of the Tribulation and take them to Jerusalem to reign with the Savior for a thousand years in the kingdom of heaven on the earth.

We have no clear verses in the letters from the Apostle Paul to document that believers today are taken to heaven by angels. However, the principle of this kind of angelic ministry is clearly established for believers in both past and future dispensations. Therefore, it is possible, even likely, that angels do escort believers today into the presence of Christ when they pass from this life into eternity. Believing we are not alone when we pass into eternity should be a source of comfort and encouragement.

For those who have trusted in the death of the Lord Jesus Christ as their only hope for eternal life, our departure from this life should be one we learn to anticipate with joy. The Apostle Paul wrote, “For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better” (Phil. 1:23). Being in heaven will be far better than anything we experience here on earth.

Revelation 21:4 describes the eternal existence of believers, saying, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any

more pain; for the former things are passed away.” What a day of rejoicing it will be when we are escorted into the presence of the Savior!

Do Angels Take Non-Believers to Hell?

Yes. The Lord Jesus Christ explained this process in Matthew 13:49-50, saying, “So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”



The world that we live on will endure forever because God will sustain it (Eccl. 1:4; Matt. 5:5). What is meant in these verses by “the end of the world” (Matt. 13:49) is the end of the age leading into eternity future. After the Rapture of the Body of Christ, after the seven years of Tribulation, after the Millennial Kingdom, and after the final rebellion of mankind against Israel and the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 20:7-9), those who refused faith in Christ will be judged at the Great White Throne of Judgment (vv. 11-15).

Record books will reveal each individual's sins, which will determine their degree of eternal torment. With their name not found in the book of eternal life, holy angels will cast those who refused eternal life through faith in Christ into an eternal Lake of Fire (v. 15). Angels will be God's agents to take these lost souls to their place of eternal torment.

There are other biblical examples of angels serving as agents of God's judgment. When Herod received the accolades of a crowd saying that his voice "... is the voice of a god, and not of a man...immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost" (Acts 12:22-23). Angels were also God's agents of punishment when the plagues of flood, fire, hail, and frogs were sent to Egypt during Israel's enslavement. In this

context, Psalm 78:49 describes this by saying, "He [Jehovah] cast upon them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them."

Conclusion

It is very important that we choose to conform what we believe about holy angels to what we find in Scripture. The Word of truth teaches that humans never become angels, that an angel always appeared in the form of a male, that an encounter with an angel evoked humble fear, and that angelic appearances are not needed today because we are fully equipped for all we need through the completed written Word of God. Choosing to deviate from these documented facts in the inspired Scriptures leaves us open to dangerous deceptions from Satan. Believe God's Word and make it your standard for all you believe. 

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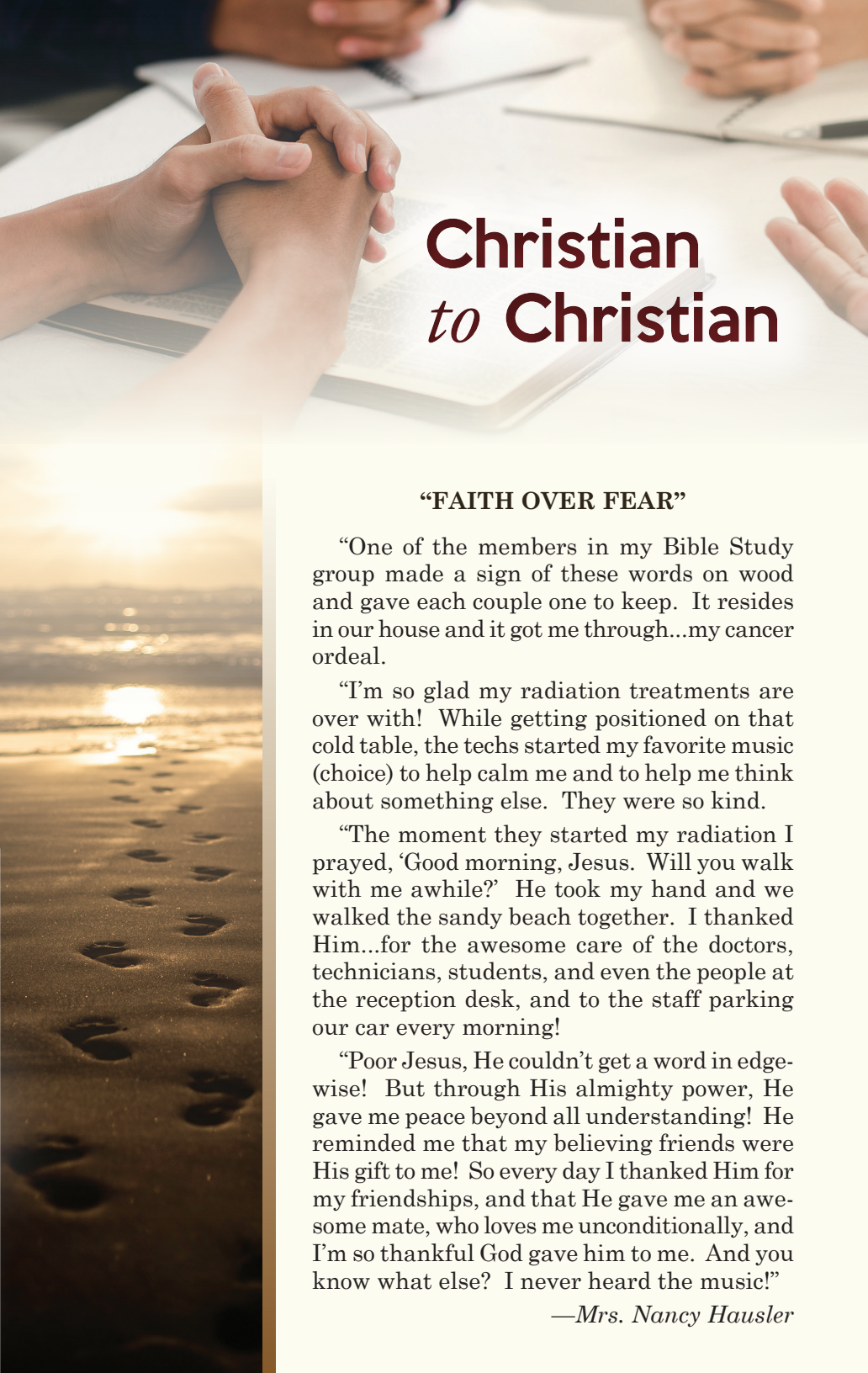
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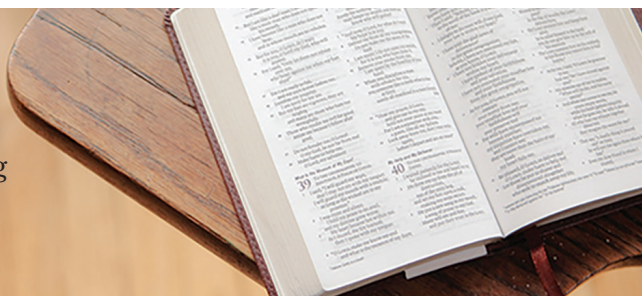
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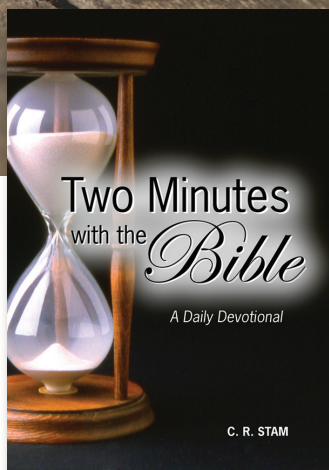
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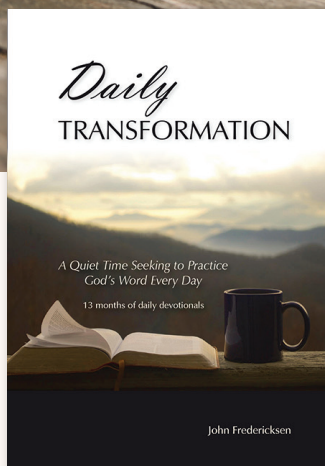


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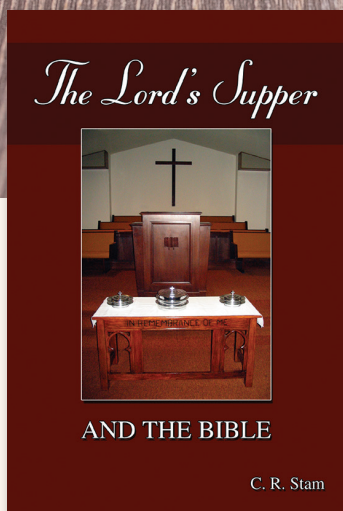
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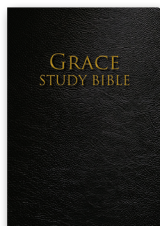
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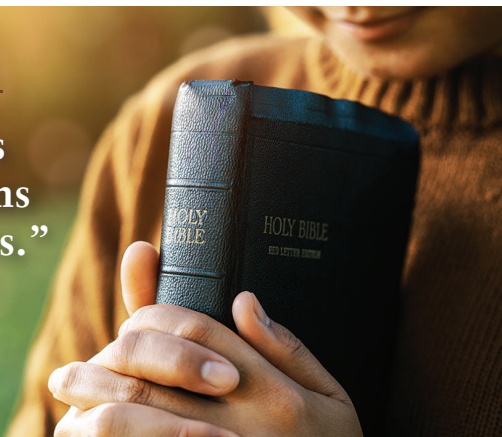
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Scripture; the Book widens
and deepens with our years.”

—Charles Spurgeon—



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