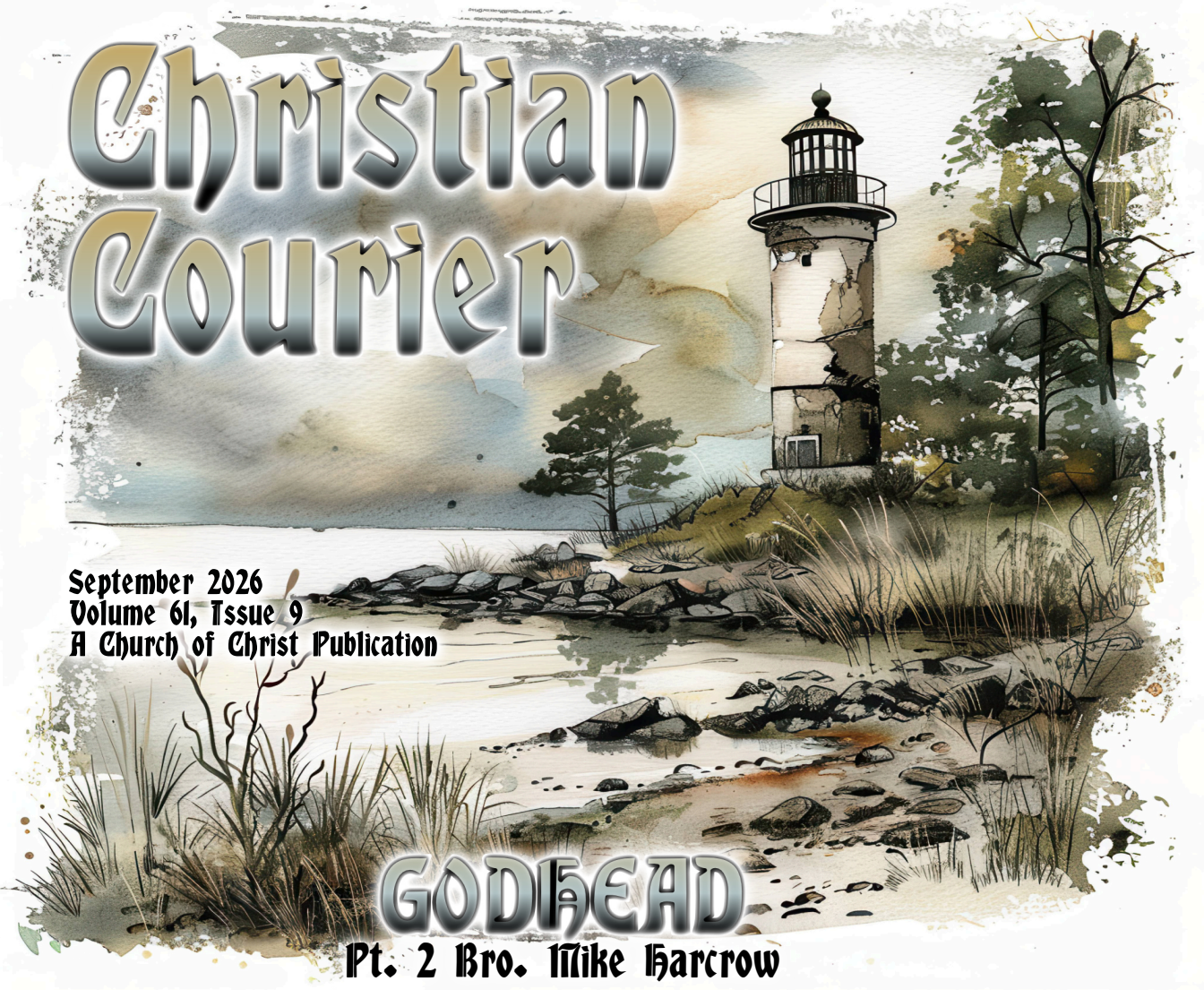
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GODHEAD

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In part one we looked at "what" and "who" GOD is. As noted before GOD is a name not a number. There is one humanity or human race but there are millions of people that are human. We can see in Gen 1:27 KJV *So God*[H430] *created man in his own image, in the image of God*[H430] *created he him; male and female created he them.* GOD created man (singular but meaning mankind) in His image BUT "*male and female created he them*". So one man (humanity) consists of male and female, so then we can understand one GOD (deity) consists of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Gen 1:1 KJV *In the beginning God*[H430] *created the heaven and the earth.* God[H430] 'ĕlôhîym *el-o-heem*' **noun masculine plural,** (plural intensive - singular meaning) GOD[H430] used 32x in Genesis chapter one is from the Hebrew *Elohim* which is a word that is referring to a plurality.

Gen 1:2 KJV *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God[H430] moved upon the face of the waters.* We see here the Spirit of God(Elohim) was present and *moved upon the face of the waters.*

We can also see this in Gen 1:26 KJV *And God[H430] said, Let **US** make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

Notice the words ***US*** and ***OUR***, these are plural pronouns meaning more than one. Now some people will say that GOD was speaking to angels in this scripture, BUT angels are created beings NOT beings that can create. So that can only include the others in the Godhead that are GOD. It is not until after the works of creation were completed, that we see in the second chapter of Genesis *Jehovah* along with the plural form *Elohim* when referring to GOD.

Genesis 2:4 *These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD[H3068] (Jehovah) God[H430] (elohim) made the earth and the heavens,*

We can see that the Godhead made all of creation and was present in the plurality of the Godhead. If we understand that the Old Testament word translated *LORD[H3068] (Jehovah)* is referring to the same deity that the New Testament word in English (God[G2316] *theos*) is referring to, then a lot of the scriptures regarding *LORD[H3068] (Jehovah)* in the OT are easier to understand. Many times people believe *Jehovah* is the name of God the Father but it is not, it is the name of the same deity. The "what" is *Jehovah* in the Old Testament and *God* in the New Testament. The "who" they are in the Old *(LORD, word, spirit)* and New Testament *(Father, Son-Jesus, Holy Ghost)*.

If we look in John 1:1 KJV *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* So that there would be no misunderstanding about who he was writing about John wrote in John 1:14 KJV *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

We know from these scriptures that the Word is Jesus. But Jesus did not just come into being at His birth, Jesus is eternal just like GOD the Father and GOD the Holy Ghost. Some people get the wrong idea that Jesus had no part in creation or in the Old Testament period because

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John 1:14 says " *was made flesh, and dwelt among us*" and that was Christ's beginning. That was the beginning in the physical flesh, but we need to remember **Christ is eternal**.

Look in Jeremiah 1:1-8 and read and then notice in verse 9 Jer 1:9 *Then the LORD[H3068] put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD[H3068] said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth*. We see that the LORD was present and physically put forth His hand and physically touched Jeremiah. We can casually read over this and think "oh, GOD appeared to Jeremiah and touched him on the mouth and gave him words to speak". But how can this be when we read in Exo 33:20 *And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live*. LORD *(Jehovah-the Father in this context)* was speaking to Moses and we understand that no one can see GOD the Father and live. John 6:46 *Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.* This was Jesus speaking in the context that no human had ever seen GOD the Father except himself, Jesus.

We can begin to understand many of the verses in the Old Testament in light of one eternal GOD in three persons.

In Exodus 3:1-6 we begin reading and when verse 2 says "*angel of the LORD"* it is easy to think an angel is giving Moses the message. But when we look at verse 4 *LORD (Jehovah)* saw that Moses had turned aside to see, then we see *God(Elohim)* called out to Moses. *God* told Moses in verse 5 to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground, made holy because of the presence of *God(Elohim)*. In verse 6 *God(Elohim)* told Moses He was the *God(Elohim)* of his father and God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When we look at this in light of the Godhead, in verse 2 "angel of the LORD" APPEARED he was visible, angels never receive worship in the scriptures and explicitly reject it when offered. Both Hebrew references to deity are used *LORD(Jehovah) God(Elohim)*. We know that no one can see GOD the Father and live. When the "angel" appeared and was seen and then spoke to Moses as Jehovah and Elohim that excludes the Spirit/Holy Ghost of GOD. This leaves us with the pre-incarnate Christ, He is the only one who can visibly appear and Moses not die.

Jos 5:13-15 KJV *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? (14) And he said, Nay; but as captain[H8269] of the host of the LORD[H3068](Elohim) am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? (15) And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

Notice Joshua SAW a man and

approached and ask him *Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?* And the man answered Joshua *Nay; but as captain*[H8269] *of the host of the LORD*[H3068]. Captain gives the idea of the head person; general; lord; master, prince; ruler, and He said *of the host of the LORD*[H3068] *(Elohim)*. Joshua fell on his face and **worshiped him** and called him **lord** and that he, Joshua was his servant, and was then told to remove his shoes *for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.* Joshua knew and recognized and worshiped deity. Angels do not receive worship in the scriptures. Joshua just like Moses, was told he was on holy ground and remove his shoes, he was in the presence of deity. Again if no man can see GOD the Father and live, this can only be one member of the Godhead or trinity, the pre-incarnate Christ.

Let us look at 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and read. when we read over it we can easily come away thinking "the LORD spoke to Samuel". When we look at verse 1Sam 3:7 *Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him*. Samuel did not know the LORD(Jehovah) and notice the "word" of the LORD(Jehovah) had not revealed (or shown himself) to Samuel yet. But we need to notice in 1Sam 3:10 *And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth*. The LORD(Jehovah) came and stood. That means He was there present and standing and called to Samuel again. This was not just a disembodied voice that was being heard, it was the LORD standing there. The one person of the Godhead/Trinity that could stand in the presence of a human and them not die. GOD/JEHOVAH is eternal, has no beginning and will have no end. JEHOVAH / GOD has always existed in three persons. We know "what" they are is JEHOVAH / GOD. We know "who" they are is the Father, the Son/Jesus, and the Holy Ghost.

There are a number of other scriptures in the Old Testament that, when studied closely in light of a more complete understanding of the Godhead, will show evidence of the plurality of the Godhead. This month shows a few of them regarding the second person of the Godhead, God the Son, the pre-incarnate Christ. John 1:1-3 KJV *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

In Christian Love,

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God and Christ are 2 Separate Beings

God The Father, and Jesus Christ, The Son of God
by Bro. Bob Musgrave (pt 2 of 2)

God in Heaven. Christ on Earth

Matthew 1:21-25	Jesus Born on Earth of the virgin Mary
Matthew 3:16	Jesus Christ baptized in River Jordan. God in Heaven said, "My Son..."
Matthew 4:17-22	Jesus Christ taught Kingdom of Heaven and chose the Apostles
Matthew 6:9	Jesus Christ taught disciples to pray, "Our Father in Heaven..."
Matthew 7:21	Jesus Christ taught, "...But he that doeth Will of my Father in Heaven..."
Matthew 16:5	God revealed by The Spirit Jesus Christ his Son
Matthew 17:5	A voice from Heaven.
2 Peter 1:18	Comes from God in Heaven
John chap 17	Jesus Christ prayed to God in Heaven
Matthew 26:39	In the garden, Jesus prayed, "O My Father if it be possible..."
Matthew 27:46	"My God My God Why hast Thou forsaken me?"
Luke 23:46	"Father into thy Hands I commend my Spirit."

God and Christ Both in Heaven

John 17:11	"I Come to The Holy Father."
Acts 1:10-12	Jesus Christ went to Heaven in the cloud
Mark 16:19-20	Jesus Christ received up into Heaven. Sat on right hand of God
Acts 2:29-32	In Heaven exalted at right hand of God
Acts 5:55-56	Jesus Christ in Heaven standing at right hand of God
Colossians 3:1	Jesus Christ sitteth on the right hand of God
Hebrews 1:3	Jesus Christ sat down at right hand of the Majesty in Heaven
Hebrews 8:1	Jesus Christ set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven
Hebrews 9:24	Jesus Christ in Heaven, in the presence of God, for us



Milk of the Word

THE PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

Matthew 20:1–16 — KJV

Jesus told many parables to teach spiritual truths using things people understood in everyday life. In **Matthew 20,** Jesus tells the story of a man who owned a vineyard. Throughout the day he went out and hired workers. Some began working early in the morning. Others were hired later. Some were hired near the end of the day. When evening came, the master paid all of them. The surprising part was that they all received the same amount. The workers who had worked all day became upset. The master answered: **Matthew 20:13** Then he asked: Matthew 20:15 Jesus ended the parable by saying: **Matthew 20:16.**

The householder went looking for laborers. **Matthew 20:1**. Coffman understands the householder as representing God, the vineyard as God's church, and the laborers as Christians who are expected to work in God's service. God doesn't call us merely to sit and watch. He calls us to serve. **Matthew 9:37–38, Ephesians 2:10.** God has work for His people to do. We shouldn't ask:**"How little can I do?"** We should ask:**"What can I do for the Lord?"**

The master went out several times during the day.Some were hired early. Others came later. Still others were hired at the eleventh hour. **Matthew 20:6–7**. This teaches us that people respond to God's call at different times. Some obey the gospel when they are young. Others come to Christ later in life.**Ecclesiastes 12:1, Acts 2:38, Isaiah 55:6.** Don't wait until tomorrow to serve God. The workers hired at the eleventh hour were still given an opportunity to work. But we should never assume we will live until the eleventh hour. **Today is the day we have.**

The workers who came late received the same daily wage as those who came early. The early workers complained. But the master reminded them that he had kept his agreement. **Matthew 20:13–15**. A Church of Christ study from Whitehouse emphasizes the faithfulness and goodness of God in this parable. God's goodness should cause us to be thankful rather than jealous. **Psalm 100:5, James 1:17.** When God blesses someone else, we should not become jealous. We should say: **"Thank God for His goodness!"**

This is one of the strongest lessons in the parable. The first workers looked at what the other workers received and became upset. They weren't complaining because the master had broken his promise. They were upset because someone else received something good. The problem wasn't what they received. The problem was **comparison**. **2 Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:4,**

Philippians 2:3. Don't constantly look around and ask: **"Why does he get that?" "Why does she get to do that?" "Why did they get praised?"** Instead ask: **"Am I being faithful to God?"**

The master asked: **"Is thine eye evil, because I am good?"** The workers had allowed someone else's blessing to become their reason for complaining. The Bible repeatedly warns us about envy. **Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 23:17, James 3:16.** When someone else succeeds: **Rejoice with them.** When someone comes back to church: **Rejoice with them.** When someone obeys the gospel: **Rejoice with them.** When someone receives a blessing: **Thank God with them.**

The first workers had worked all day. But the lesson is not: **"I've worked long enough, so I can quit."** Coffman emphasizes that the payment came at the end of the day, connecting the ending of the workday with the end of life and judgment. **Galatians 6:9, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Revelation 2:10.** Don't quit serving God because you're tired. Don't quit because someone else isn't helping. Don't quit because nobody thanked you. Don't quit because somebody else received recognition. **Keep working until the Master says the day is finished.**

One of the beautiful parts of this parable is that the master kept calling workers. **Matthew 20:7**: There was still work to do. The Church of Christ lessons I found repeatedly emphasize that the kingdom needs workers and that Christians have work to accomplish. **John 4:35, Matthew 28:19, 2 Timothy 4:2.** There is still work to do. There are people who need encouragement. People who need the gospel. People who need someone to pray with them. People who need someone to show them Christ. **There is room in the vineyard for you.**

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard teaches us several important truths: **God calls us to work. God is good. God keeps His promises. People come to Him at different times. We shouldn't compare ourselves with others. We shouldn't become jealous when God blesses someone else. And we should remain faithful until the end.** Jesus concludes: **"So the last shall be first, and the first last…"**— Matthew 20:16. The question isn't: **"Am I doing more than somebody else?"** The question is: **"Am I faithfully serving the Lord?" 1 Corinthians 15:58** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain in the Lord."** **Keep working. Keep serving. Keep trusting. Keep your heart right.** The Master sees the work. And the Master keeps His word.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD

TANZANIA UPDATE

Brothers & Sisters

We greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus. We hope that all are doing well in the Lord.

It is another month that we share with you what we did during the month. We knocked doors during our evangelism program and we would like to inform you that we have gained a small group from the multiple cups. They were left and were moving on alone. As we were teaching the response was so great it showed us that they were thirst of the word and sheep without shepherd. One of them made a comment that they were left wandering.



The Congo brethren are in dark clouds and they don't know what to do because it's now two months NO internet. And the M23 rebels are closer to them. According to a brother there, they worship each Sunday but with caution because when they here gunshots they run for safety.

The brethren there need much prayers because they believe it's power for their safety.

All in all we are thankful for all the brothers and sisters who puts their hands in the African mission. We appreciate the work you're doing and we evangelize people because of you. Rom. 10:15.

We pray that you continue with that spirit of seeing the importance of the gospel in Africa.

God bless you all.
Your brother in Christ,
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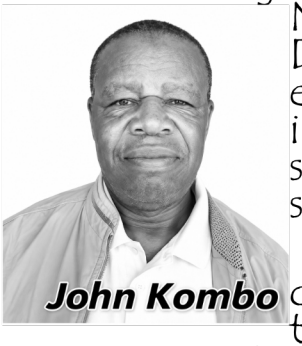
YOUTH SEMINAR AUG 22, 2026

Brethren,

We are glad to share with you about the Lord's Work for the Youths in our congregations at this end. We had a Youth Seminar which was successfully conducted on 22nd and 23rd August 2026 at two different venues: Baruti Church of Christ and Total Junction Londiani. The dates were brought forward to enable as many youths as possible to participate before returning to their various schools.

The main theme of the seminar was sensitization on drug and substance abuse among the youth, with particular emphasis on the challenges facing young people in our slums and communities. The seminar addressed:

- The dangers and effects of drug and substance abuse, and the need to avoid goonism and negative peer influence.
- Encouraging young people to turn to Jesus Christ for guidance, direction, and hope in their daily lives.
- Focusing on their education, careers, and preparing to become responsible leaders who can serve the church, community, and country at large.



The seminar provided an opportunity for youths who expressed interest in strengthening their faith to take the next step. Prayers were offered for their safety, academic success, and spiritual growth as they prepare to return to school.

We are grateful that many youths have enrolled for baptism classes, which will continue during their long holiday in November and December. This is a great encouragement and an indication of the positive spiritual impact of the seminar.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the leadership, members, and youths of Baruti Church of Christ and Total Junction Londiani for their support, hospitality, and good turnout.

Many God's blessings to you all. Your Brothers in Christ,

Bro. John Kombo,
Bro. Robert Keiyo and
Bro. Simion Omwansa

(photos on back page)

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KENYA UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

We are glad to write and share with you what God has done for the Barut Church of Christ during September 2026. God is good and continues to protect those who love and serve Him. As the Bible asks, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35).

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve God, seek His guidance in prayer, and grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

During September, our Cell Group meetings continued to strengthen fellowship, evangelism, and spiritual growth among members in our locality.

Family Visitations: We visited families within our locality to encourage them, share the Word of God, pray together, and strengthen our relationships and fellowship with one another.

Outreach and Fellowship: We extended our fellowship and outreach to brethren from other churches in the area, as well as members of the Muslim community. These interactions provided opportunities to build relationships, share the love of Christ, and encourage spiritual dialogue.

New Members and Baptismal Classes: We are grateful to God for three converts who have joined our congregation. They have begun baptismal classes, where they are being taught and guided according to the doctrine and teachings of the Church of Christ. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith and remain committed to the Lord.

Prayer and the Way Forward: We continue to pray that God will bring more people into the congregation as we maintain fellowship and outreach both away from home and within our locality. We also pray for wisdom, strength, and unity as we serve God and reach out to our community.

We appreciate all the members who participated in the Cell Group activities, family visitations, outreach, and fellowship during the month. We encourage everyone to remain committed to God's work and continue supporting one another in faith and fellowship.

May God bless the Church of Christ and use us as instruments to reach more people with the Gospel. Amen.

Your Brothers in Christ,
John Kombo, Robert Keiyo and
Simion Omwansa

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Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 3:18–19

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

I counsel thee

According to the Strongs concordance the word "counsel" in this verse means to give or take advice, or recommend.

Jesus has recommended to them three different things.

to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich

Mar 8:36-37 *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

Mar 8:37 *Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

The gold or wealth that they had was worthless to Jesus. He had actually created that gold or that wealth, he surely didn't need what they had.

But how could they buy gold if their gold was worthless to Jesus.

Isa 55:1 *Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

Jesus freely gives to those that sincerely desire.

But they needed the gold, being a representation of what was really precious, that was tried in the fire because that's where true wealth was.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Here is the gold that's precious to Jesus. Here's what makes a man truly rich, the faith of a true Christian, more precious than gold tried in the fire. The value of it is praise and honor from Christ, when he comes back to take us home.

and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear

Rev 19:7-8 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

Rev 19:8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

From these verses, and our understanding of baptism, we know that we were made white and given a white robe on the day that we were baptized. We are the bride of the Christ and for her Christ only wants a perfect beautiful garment that has no stains on it. So, he shed his blood so that all our stains could be removed.

And because we are so clothed with a white robe, the nakedness of our sins do not appear.

Jas 5:20 *Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*

As stated earlier the Laodiceans were famous for their black wool which made rugs and clothing. Jesus knowing the value of the black wool to them was explaining that a white garment is far more precious.

and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

The city of Laodicea was famous for its production of an eye salve that would relieve swollen weary eyes due to traveling. Since the city was already familiar with eye salves and the value of them, Jesus uses it as a comparison for their spiritual life. They were blind, they could not see, but Jesus tells them that the eye salve or words of the gospel would open their eyes so that they could see their degenerate state.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

As many as I love

There should never be any doubt in the mind of man how much that Christ loves us. The demonstration of his love of the suffering of calvary's cross that cost him his life should never be forgotten by any mortal man.

We should also remember the love that God has for mankind because he gave his son to die a terrible death for us. He even had to turn his back on his son when he died, for Christ called out "my God my God why hast thou forsaken me."

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

I rebuke and chasten

I remember thinking as a young child when my dad would give me a spanking and chastise me that he must not love me because of what he was doing to me. Little did I understand that it hurt him a lot worse than it hurt me.

God tells us in

Pro 22:15 *Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.*

Pro 23:13-14 *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him*

with the rod, he shall not die.

Pro 23:14 *Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*

The reason why God tells parents to correct their children is this

Pro 13:24 *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

Heb 12:5-11 *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:*

Heb 12:6 *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

Heb 12:7 *If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*

Heb 12:8 *But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*

Heb 12:9 *Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?*

Heb 12:10 *For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.*

Heb 12:11 *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

be zealous therefore, and repent.

There are two commandments in this phrase for us to do. The first is to be zealous. Zealous of what? Of doing the will of God of course. We should have a fervent burning desire in our lives to do the will of God and bring other people to Christ.

The next is to repent. All through the Bible the Holy Spirit, God, or Christ was always trying to get people to repent of the ways that led to sin. God knows we're not perfect, but he wants us to strive for that perfection. We can't do that unless we have godly sorrow about the things we've done wrong in our life.

2Co 7:8-10 *For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.*

2Co 7:9 *Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*

2Co 7:10 *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

If the lukewarm person or church would simply do this, they would no longer be lukewarm.

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Thought for the Month

"No pain, no gain", they say. At least in weightlifting. If you're not pushing yourself hard enough to cause a little discomfort, you're not gaining as much muscle as you could be.

Sometimes, when life seems difficult I remember this, as well as a lesson I once heard on trials & tribulations and how they not only teach us patience but also temper us so when we face real sadness & sorrows, we're more able to withstand the crushing weight & pain and hand some of it to Him. Then it starts making sense. I believe one of the key differences between a Christian and a worldly person may be that we can look to Him for comfort, instead of turning to other worldly things that can offer only temporary, high-cost relief.

Just struggling with having to learn new editing and layout software (for the Courier - the old software has reached its end-of-life, and is being discontinued) and its associated hundreds of new, reconfigured and moved settings & procedures is proving to be a heavy burden on my inner peace. It's really upping my prayer game; that's for sure!

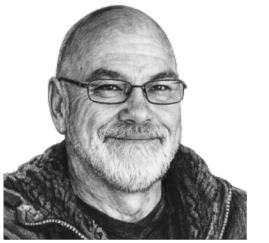
Sure, my emotional muscles will be sore for a while, but then when the fatigue, aggravation and misery are gone, I'll be left with a new understanding and appreciation for all that this new software can do, which is considerably more than the old one. And I'll be even closer to Him! And I choose to look at it this way. I have to! It's better than the alternative of letting the negative build up inside until something breaks.

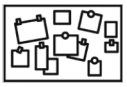
I've read recently where someone wrote that in prayer they close their eyes, take a deep breath and fall into the arms of the Lord. That visualization literally brings tears to my tired old eyes. And to my heart as well. Godspeed my friends!

Love & blessings...

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Prayer List

Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Health Issues including Cancer
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Sandra Hughes	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Melanoma Cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jesse Locke	Aztec, NM	Health issues from Strokes
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cuming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues, back & leg pain
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Susie Davis	Yuma, AZ	Kidney trouble
Suzie Warford	Port Orchard, WA	Cancer
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Dementia
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Gospel Meetings

Broken Bow Meeting	Broken Bow, OK	Nov 13 - 15	Joe Bixler

We have acquired Bro. Ellis Forsman's Study of Revelation and have reproduced it in booklet form. Please let us know if you'd like one. We will be happy to mail you one! It is also available on 1CupHistory.Church as a PDF!

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