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WELCOME TO BIBS NEWS

After a long hard struggle to keep our heads above the troubled waters, the last academic year was characterised by relative calm; held together by our determination to redeem the time lost and to remain focused.

Bethel Institute of Biblical Studies (BIBS) is purpose driven; always mindful of our calling to edify and build up the body of Christ. There is also a continuing hunger and thirst for the Word which, by God's Grace, is continuing to grow in BIBS.

So, true to our calling and the cause of BIBS we forged ahead and the new academic year commenced right on time; in September 2008 forty-five new students enrolled on the Foundation and Certificate courses and fifteen students on the Degree course.

This growth was evident in October 2008 when over 40 students graduated from BIBS with recognised certificates as evidence of their achievements. They were strongly exhorted to be good soldiers and endure hardship, even to be faithful unto death. Read the testimonies from the Graduates about their BIBS experience inside this issue.

BIBS, under the umbrella of Parkersburg University, was also privileged to award its very first doctorate to our Presiding Bishop, Sidney Alexander Dunn; a well earned PHD for the work accomplished during his 54 years of ministry. This was indeed an honour for our Presiding Bishop and BIBS, as is evident from the photographs.

Find out the latest happenings in the BIBS Family: why congratulations are in order for one student and why we said farewell to another.

'Did You Know' that there is a resurgence of interfaith movements all over the world?

Their purported aim is to unify all religious beliefs. The summit for Religious and Spiritual leaders, hosted by the United Nations (UN) in August 2000, was held to promote world peace, however it is evident that their means to this end is the same.

The Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) organisation is backing Karen Armstrong with her Charter of Compassion idea to unify the various religions of the world. Yet the only means to true world peace is Jesus; the one being evicted from all their proposals.

Beware! The stage is set for a 'ONE World Religion'.

The next summit is due to take place in 2010 so arm yourself with the Word of God and beware of the doctrines of men. In this edition of BIBS News we uncover the real intentions of the Summit, under the guise of world peace and present the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ; which is the power of God unto salvation.

God always preserves a remnant for himself who knows and upholds the truth of his Word; so why not take time out from your busy schedule to study the Holy Bible; in it you will find the mind and will of God.

Join the diverse students from all walks of life who come to BIBS with one aim: to arm themselves with the Word of God.

On behalf of everyone at BIBS I thank all those who have given their time and money towards improving the school's premises. We your continued support and welcome any help that you are able to give. Many thanks also to all our readers who give this magazine purpose.

BIBS News is written with you in mind so we welcome any comments or ideas that you may have for improving the magazine. In the meantime ENJOY.

Evang. M. Taylor
Dean of Studies



A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

BIBS is the Bible college of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (UK). The college teaches the holy Scriptures without bias and asserts that the Word of God is the final authority.

Our mission is to edify the body of Christ and equip men and women for a victorious life and ministry. We also encourage students to strive for excellence.

Students who successfully complete the certificate and degree courses will receive a recognised certificate as evidence of their achievement.

Courses on Offer 2009/2010:

Foundation

The aim of the course is to equip learners with an introduction and overview of the Bible. The style and pace of learning works extremely well for new converts and those who want to know what the Bible is all about but can only commit to one year of study.

Certificate in Biblical Studies

The two-year Certificate course promotes disciplined and systematic study of the Old and New Testament Scriptures and aims to provide a deeper understanding thereby. The units include: The Pentateuch Writings; Israel's Conquest and life in Canaan; The Return of the Jewish Remnant from Exile; The Four Portraits of Christ's Life; The Principles of Christ's Doctrine; Christian Church History to A.D.325; The New Testament Epistles.

Degree in Biblical Theology

The recently launched course in biblical theology is run over four years to provide in-depth knowledge of the major doctrines of the Bible. Prior knowledge of the Bible is essential. The units include: Interpreting the Biblical Scriptures; What the Bible Teaches about God; The Biblical Concept of Salvation for Humankind; Christ and the Church; Biblical Account of the Future; Jewish Studies; Understanding the Hebrew Language of the Old Testament.

Study Tours

Study Tours to Bible lands are an essential part of the BIBS learning process; retracing the Exodus from Egypt via Mount Sinai to the holy land or Paul's footsteps on his missionary journeys to Europe and Asia.

Student Testimonies

"It has been a great honour and privilege to be part of the BIBS family. My soul has been richly blessed fellowshiping with others who have the same desire".

Ann Jones

"I've learnt so much about the heart of God and his unfailing love for his children. I've learnt so much about myself, through the lectures, some of which has brought me to tears such was the impact of the lectures".

Diane Campbell

"I thank God for the strength and determination to have come this far and I will continue to patiently become the disciple that He wants me to be".

Dean Wright



How to Apply?

Please contact the Secretary by:

Email: applications@bibsuk.org
Tel: 07515 407 808 or
collect an application from the BIBS stand in the Bethel Convention Centre 26-30 July 2009.

Please send your completed application and deposit of £100 (Cheques payable to 'BIBS') to:
The Secretary, BIBS, PO Box 14755, B6 9BW

Enrolment

5th September 2009 from 10.00am - 4.00pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich; or by post to PO Box address above

BIBS Weekend Dates 2009/2010

Weekends	
1	12/13 September 2009
2	17/18 October 2009
3	14/15 November 2009
4	12/13 December 2009
5	9/10 January 2010
6	20/21 February 2010
7	27/28 March 2010
8	17/18 April 2010
9	22/23 May 2010
10	19/20 June 2010

A warm welcome awaits you

BIBS FAMILY

HEALING FOR THE NATION

In just over four weeks I will be setting out on my medical elective to the other side of the world. After much prayer, to which I must thank the BIBS prayer team, I have decided to go to Guyana and Papua New Guinea (PNG) for eight weeks. It wasn't an easy decision and was met with much discouragement and disbelief.



Most people who want to "help people" choose more common places like India and Africa. However I had a strong desire to go to PNG because the country was just as needy but hardly anybody goes there. The hospital to which I will be attached has one doctor, so there is much work for me to do. The hospital runs bush and river patrols to meet the needs of the communities that live alongside the Fly River.

Doing BIBS reminded me that it was when David was in the wilderness on the run from Saul that he was

prepared for the position God had called him to; and so this trip is likely to be an eye opener and life changing experience for me too.

Recently I completed a sponsored walk on the River Thames to raise money for my medical elective, people were taken aback that I was going to PNG. I am requesting your prayers for my trip; firstly that God will cover me as I go, secondly that I will be able to help with the healthcare needs of the communities I meet when I am abroad. And most importantly that I will be used as a witness during my travels.

During my foundation year of BIBS I loved our study of the book of Joshua, so much so that the scripture I will take with me is, "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" Jos. 1: 9.
Sis Renisha...

"JOY BELLS RINGING IN HER HEART..."



Congratulations to one of our degree students, Sis Deidre Maddix, who was married on the 16th of May 2009 at the Beulah Apostolic Church in Manchester.

"My wedding day was a perfect day as I was able to feel the peace and the love of God", commented Sis Deidre. "Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ; all that we need we are able to find in him. I thank him for his faithfulness, his goodness and mercy towards me. I am truly blessed by God."

Not only was the day a blessing but a few weeks later her mum (who flew in to attend the wedding) gave her life to the Lord. Hallelujah...



Tribute to Sis Abbey

On the 18th June 2009, we said goodbye to our sister and former student, Inola Abbey who went home to be with the LORD.

At the age of 68, Sis Abbey joined the Bethel Institute of Biblical Studies. The fact that she would be one of our oldest students did not deter her. It was the desire of her heart to know more of God's word.

Sis Abbey enjoyed student life to the full. In addition to attending class, completing assignments and making presentations, in March 2001 Sis Abbey traveled with us to Turkey. Together we retraced the footsteps of St Paul through Asia Minor.

In January 2002, Sis Abbey graduated from the school with the BIBS Certificate in Biblical Studies. The standing ovations, cheers and shouts as she received her award, were an acknowledgement of all that she had accomplished at the age of 70. Her achievement was an encouragement, a real inspiration to all.

May her example live on...



BIBS RETREAT MAY 2009

The Theme “...Cast down but not forsaken...” 2 Cor. 4:9

The call went out, “Come away my beloved, I will give you rest”.

After seven days of preparing the heart with fasting and prayer, over sixty men and women, both young and old travelled from across the country to spend three awesome days in God’s presence.

From day one the Spirit of the Lord moved mightily! Session by session the Lord kept taking the layers off. Hope was restored, fear dispelled and mightiest of strong holds pulled down. There was a tremendous deliverance as the raw power of God swept through the place. “We were so blest, our souls at REST... Oh Lord we give you thanks!”

I’ve got a Testimony...

Early this year, I received a phone call from my son who told me that there was to be a retreat and that he wanted me to go. I was not to worry about the cost; he would take care of it. On the 14th March he sent me a text message saying, "Make sure to book time off. It's important for you to go".

By this time I was full of fear and self doubt, why oh why had I agreed to go? I wouldn't know anyone or what to expect. I searched my mind for an excuse not to go and then I remembered that I would be called in to hospital for surgery on my right knee. The hospital set the date for my operation, Friday 10th April. I knew it was unlikely that I would recover in time for the retreat however I now know that God was in control, as two days before my operation I developed a heavy cold. I still went in but was sent home as I was not well enough to have a general anesthetic.

The retreat was such a blessing. I have never experienced such joy in the Lord. I spent three days in total praise and worship to Christ my king and I didn't want it to end. It was a time of deep self examination and it required honesty, especially as I listened to the teachings on

'Suffering', 'Overcoming Fear' and 'Strongholds'. I had to deal with strongholds that I didn't even know had me bound. I needed to be set free and I couldn't worship God unless I identified my strongholds. I asked the Lord to help me. I prayed, "search me O Lord..." I had to mash down some walls. I went to the retreat cast down and found my deliverance. I sought the Lord and he heard me.

Sis Shirley

I was glad when I heard about the BIBS Retreat 2009, It was an opportunity to spend some 'alone time' with the Lord. Two days before the retreat I was not feeling good, it started off with me feeling very cold but I was burning up with a high temperature. I also experienced shortness of breath and numbness in my hands and feet. My daughter was a great help to me, she sent a text to everyone - pray for my mum. I was taken to hospital, examined and on my request discharged. Friday morning came so quickly, I got up still not feeling good in my body. I said to the Lord I can't go. His reply to me was you're going to have to push your way through.

It was my first retreat, so I never really knew what to expect. The prayer time and the teaching sessions were beyond earthly words. However it

was while we were basking in the presence of God, I felt the cold chill all over again. I started to shake so much that I asked the sister that travelled with me, to pray with me. Before I knew it, I was taken into the prayer room, where I was anointed and God released the sickness from my body again. Thanks be to God I was able to be in the evening session, standing in awe of his healing power.

Sis Sarah

I was totally detoxed in different areas of my life; I soaked in the presence of God, as he spoke through the different speakers in the meeting. I was renewed in mind, body and soul. From that moment I forgot the distresses that held me down and God proved to me again he has the last say...

Evang. Taylor said at the retreat, "Saul had the crown but David had the anointing", for me that was a defining statement concerning what I am up against in my walk with God. She also spoke of submission and how it is a platform for heights in God. Those words to me were very profound and provoking. I came away from the retreat with a deep yearning and thirst for the order of God in my life..."

Sis Andrea



GRADUATION 2008

The day of the Graduation had arrived. From the moment you entered the foyer, you could hear sounds of laughter coming from all around the room and see familiar faces lit up with joy. Yes, it was graduation day! Everyone was so excited. In fact there was a real sense of achievement in the air as the graduates congregated with their families, pastors and friends. The love of God was flowing as the brethren embraced, shook hands, and straightened each other's hats and gowns.

Echoes of Praise the LORD! Hallelujah! Praise the lord filled the room; the ceremony had begun. As far as the eye could see, all around the room there was a warm smile on every face. It was a joy to behold so many well wishers. With the atmosphere charged with worship, the opening address went forth, "Welcome to BIBS Graduation 2008". From the outset we were so blessed. The student presentations on integrity, commitment and faithfulness, provided solid spiritual food. It was awesome...

Integrity

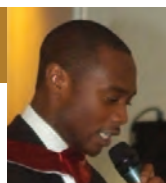
"I believe that integrity is seen and not heard. It professes loudly about who we are, it characterises us and is the most essential attribute of the righteous."



Sis Paulette went on to say, "Not long ago my own integrity was called into question, this resulted in me being suspended for a short period of time. My prayer was that my integrity and uprightness would protect me. Accusations were brought against me but God was with me. Instead of dismissal I was reinstated. In all of this I refused to sin with my lips, I would not lie and was determined to hold on to my integrity and would not let it go. My integrity saw me through."

Commitment

"Committed means - 'I give'. It is a personal commitment to give yourself to a person or thing. It is the willingness to work hard and to give 100% energy and time, sweat or blood to a job or activity. Jesus then is the ultimate example of commitment... his commitment on earth was to give his life that we might live. Jesus hung in complete commitment, even unto the death of the cross. My commitment to God must then be tested; unless it is tested commitment is worth nothing. It's going to cause me to sweat, it's going to cause me to bleed sometimes but my commitment MUST remain true. Commitment requires responsibility. Bro Marlon ended by saying, 'the question is... are we committed to Christ or to the world?'"



Faithfulness

"What is faithfulness? The explanation is in the word itself. Faith in its most general terms means assurance, belief, persuasion and Trust. If I have faith in you, I trust that you will be loyal, dependable, trustworthy and full of integrity. Now fullness is completion; not only do I trust you to be loyal, dependable and trustworthy but it must be to completion. I trust you not just to do it in part but in whole. Christ was so faithful in his work that the completion took preeminence over his feelings. We have a wonderful example in Jesus of how to endure hardship; he suffered to completion saying, 'It is finished'. Sis Jade ended by saying. 'The mentality of one who is faithful must be unto completion. Faithfulness has no day off, no lieu day...'"



BIBS AWARDS ITS FIRST PHD...

The moment we all had been waiting for had arrived...

The Dean of Studies invited Bishop Sydney Alexander Dunn and Dr. Colin Cawley (from Toronto, Canada) to make the presentations. This year was so different; as the first student came to receive their award several members of their family jumped to their feet and joined them. It was so nice!

Thanks be to God, over 40 students graduated. What a blow to the enemies' kingdom. Yes! The army of the Lord is marching on...

The crowning moment of the Graduation ceremony was the presentation of the school's first doctorate to our

PRESIDING BISHOP - SYDNEY ALEXANDER DUNN.

Dr. Joe Nelson from the Parkersburg Bible College in West Virginia (USA) stepped forward to make the award, "Bishop!" he said, *"There are five major academic areas: Education, Philosophy, Theology, Administration, and Counselling. I stand before you today and proudly announce to this congregation that it takes 168 hrs of academic study for a BA degree; 128hrs plus 32 hrs and an*

assignment for a masters degree. It takes the pre-requisite studies plus 32 hours and a dissertation to obtain a doctorate. Today we present to you an earned, not an honorary PHD".

The congregation was ecstatic, amidst the standing ovations were tears and shouts of joy. The entire room acknowledged that Bishop Dunn had earned this qualification for over 50 years of relentless work in this great ministry.

The message was clear, Bishop had served God faithfully with all his heart, soul and strength... He had evangelised, established churches, led the Bethel organisation, taught & preached in different countries - crossed national and geographical boundaries, wrote books, gave counsel, and trained the elders. Being fully committed to the faith of the fathers he gave all with no thought of reward.

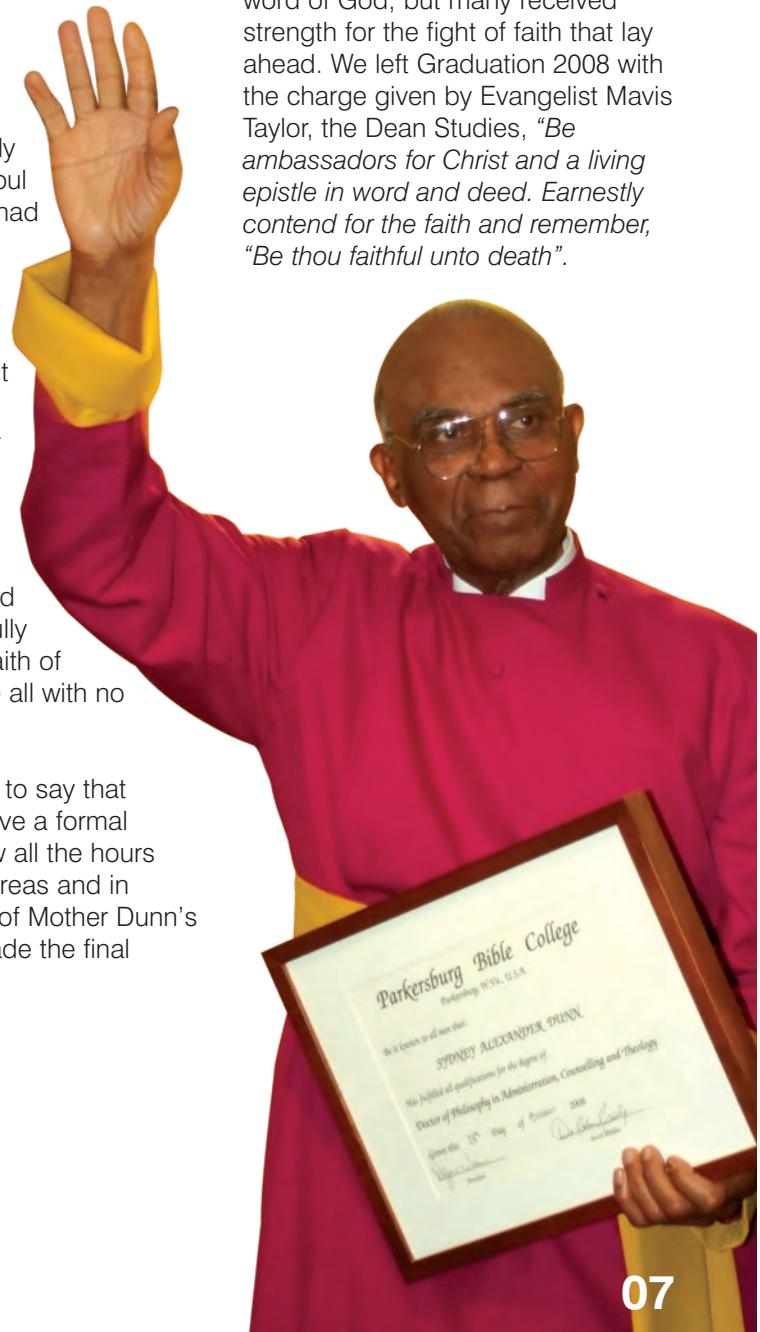
Dr. Nelson went on to say that Bishop would receive a formal manuscript to show all the hours earned in the five areas and in acknowledgement of Mother Dunn's contribution, he made the final presentation to her.

Bishop Dunn with
Mother Dunn
receiving award

The Finale

The evening ended on a high note, Dr. Colin Cawley ministered the word of life...

Graduation 2008 was truly a momentous occasion. Not only did it mark the outstanding achievement of those who had committed themselves to arduous study of the word of God; but many received strength for the fight of faith that lay ahead. We left Graduation 2008 with the charge given by Evangelist Mavis Taylor, the Dean Studies, *"Be ambassadors for Christ and a living epistle in word and deed. Earnestly contend for the faith and remember, 'Be thou faithful unto death'".*



DID YOU KNOW?

THE STAGE IS SET FOR A ONE WORLD RELIGION!



Hinduism



Taoism



Baha'i



Judaism



Christianity



Shinto



Confucianism



Native Spirituality



Jainism



Sikhism

Over the past decade we have seen a resurgence of interfaith movements...

In August 2000 Kofi Anan, addressed over a thousand religious leaders gathered in New York for the United Nations (UN) Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. Mr Anan said, "Of course, the practice of religion differs widely, But at heart we are dealing in universal values. To be merciful; to be tolerant, to love thy neighbour; no religion can claim a monopoly on such teachings". He went on to say that the UN was an instrument of faith, inspired by what unites the great religions of the world.

It was the first time in history that all the major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Shinto, Confucianism, Hinduism etc) and spiritual traditions opened dialogue for interfaith cooperation. The goal of the summit was to find a way they could work together on peace, poverty and environmental issues.

This summit ushered in a new era of collaboration amongst leaders of diverse faiths and the UN. Not only did the leaders sign a commitment to global peace but shortly after that they formed -The World Council of Religious

Leaders, "an interfaith ally" to support the UN its aim for global peace and security.

The Council, made up of religious leaders from the UN member states, has created its own laws and constitution; forged links with the World Bank, major businesses, governments and unions in its drive to promote peace, religious tolerance and the eradication of poverty. Sounds good?

It's not, we are being deceived...

For many the ecumenical movement appears on the face of it, to be a good thing; bringing peace, tolerance and even unity of the faiths but when you take the lid off, what really lurks behind it all is the work of Satan. Rev 13:11-18, speaks of one who will have the appearance of a lamb; a powerful speaker who (in the second half of Daniels' week) will usher in a world religion and cause the beast to be worshipped by all on the earth. Rev 13:8 & 12-18, Dan 8:25; 11:36-45; 2 Thess 2:4.

The summit and advisory council in unifying the faiths on key values have provided a door, even set the stage for a one world religion, all under the guise of PEACE.

Ah! Your thinking the book of revelation points to a later time... YOU ARE WRONG.

The mystery of iniquity does already work, 2 Thess 2:7. What prevents the revelation of the man of perdition, (the anti Christ himself), is the church. Once we are taken away, all will be revealed. For now it's the spirit of the anti-Christ that's at work, 1 Jn 4:3. It is so subtle you could almost miss it...

Still not convinced?

Then answer these questions. Why has all the attempts to bring faiths, religions and spiritual traditions together centred on common values e.g. tolerance, compassion? Why do they seek to establish an alternative basis for interpreting scriptures?

Tony Blair's Faith Foundation, set up in 2006, suggests mutual values of respect, justice and compassion. He has set up several interfaith activities, including a 'Face to Faith' online community for school children across the world, with resources and training for teachers; and a faith and globalisation programme with leading research universities. Some strongly argue that the charity's goals can't be realised without, "... the imposition of a politically correct interpretation of sacred Scriptures..."

More recently, Karen Armstrong a former nun had her wish granted by the TED (technology entertainment and design) organisation for the development and propagation of a Charter of Compassion. It is crafted by thinkers from the three Abrahamic traditions Judaism, Islam and Christianity and based on the golden rule of Confucius which is 'do not do to others that which you would not like them to do to you'.

The Charter will:

- Introduce core ideas (values) of compassion and the golden rule
- Suggest actions to "bring these ideas into the world more fully".
- Give guidelines on how to interpret the scriptures.

The Charter will be signed off later this year and circulated to institutions, schools and made available through the internet. "It will change the conversation around religion... shift concepts of religion for all people..."

UN Building New York where the summit was held

with the goal of building a harmonious global community". A clarion call to all.

Karen will be working with the UN's Alliance of World Civilisation (AWC), who since 2005, has been focusing on unifying initiatives in the areas of youth, media and education. AWC activities include: the development of teaching materials, training trainers, learning spaces and knowledge exchanges with universities.

These organisations all have major financial and media backing. They are targeting our youth, through websites, and education programmes. PARENTS BE AWARE, don't rely on religious education at school, we must teach our children the FAITH... Deut. 6:7. Values won't save our youth but belief in Christ will, Jn. 3:16.

For Karen, belief in Christ is secondary to compassion and the golden rule. She said, "If religion is not about believing things, what is it about? ...Religion is about behaving differently..."

Answer this, dear reader?

Why have the interfaith movements clearly omitted any reference to Jesus Christ or salvation through belief in him?

The bible declares that **Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life**, no man comes unto the father but by him Jn. 14:6. If you take Jesus out of the equation you remove TRUTH.

If you take belief in Christ out of the equation, man remains dead in his sin, bound to Satan. Think about it... why would God bring together all world religions in an interfaith movement that denies, even silences his name and prevents belief in Christ for the hope of eternal life. That's not God but Satan; he is deceiving men with a strong delusion, yes those who would rather believe a lie, 2 Thess 2:1-13; 1 Jn 2:18-22.

If all of that doesn't get you to think, then consider this advert?

WORLD LEADER wanted...

The world is looking for someone to end the economic/financial crisis, someone to end the war on terror and in the Middle East, in short bring PEACE through policies that eradicate poverty, achieve religious tolerance and international security.

For an application contact...

It sounds like a Job for the anti Christ...

The book of Revelation, Daniel and 2 Thessalonians in the Bible, clearly speaks of the anti Christ;



The Lamb with Two Horns, Rev 13: 11

the one who will offer peace, new policies, change laws and times, make a covenant with Israel, then in the middle of the week, break it and set himself up above God, to be worshipped by all (for a period of 3 1/2 years).

Don't be deceived, any movement that denies Christ as Lord and God is the spirit of the anti Christ ... 1 Jn 4:3

So what is the Answer to finding peace? Turn to page 10

16 ^R 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.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 ^S He that believeth in him shall not be condemned.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son (to the world) that whosoever believeth (relies on, trusts in) in him should not perish but have everlasting life' (John 3:16). These re-assuring words were spoken by Jesus himself, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The problems in the world today exist because solutions are being sought outside of Jesus, the only answer to every situation. However those who believe in Jesus are complete in him and knows that their help comes from the Lord.

In the beginning the sovereign, self-existing, absolutely holy God created human beings in his moral image and likeness that we could have a relationship with him. However Adam, the first man and head of the human race, rebelled (transgressed) against God and unwittingly sided with Satan in his bid to be like God.

The Bible says that 'the wages of sin is death'. Adam's rebellion therefore resulted in him being alienated from God, and the beautiful relationship he had with him, and was subjected

to a life under the influence of Satan. His nature was also tainted with sin.

All human beings, descendants of Adam, are subsequently born with a sinful nature (character, heart) that has the inbuilt tendency to do wicked works i.e. cruelty to others and selfishness and subjected to the influence of Satan, the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:1-2).

Seeking to please and depend upon our creator was no longer natural to human beings. Instead we seek to find solutions to our problems in ourselves rather than in the one who made us and upholds all things by the Word of his power.

Nevertheless the God of love looked beyond our faults and saw our need for deliverance from our sinful state. We were held captive to sin like a slave, with no-one willing or able to buy us our freedom. We had angered the Most High God and his anger needed to be appeased; Sin left us in debt to God that we could not repay; We were found guilty and condemned to death (the soul that sinneth, it shall die); We needed our

sins to be forgiven and only God can forgive sins. We were in a great strait and needed someone with the power to deliver us from our hopeless state; this was beyond what any human being could accomplish; only God could deliver us.

The price was high; above what humankind was able to pay; not corruptible things such as silver or gold, but untainted blood that had power to satisfy all the above needs. Some-one had to die on behalf of all humankind.

In his grace God sent his only begotten son (Jesus Christ) in the likeness of sinful flesh to deliver human beings from their state of hopelessness. Jesus' blood had the necessary power to redeem us from sin and appease God's wrath, so he took upon himself all our sins and gave his life as a ransom for us; he was buried and three days later he rose again and is now seated on high making intercession for those who believe in him. This is the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ.

Jesus has purchased our salvation with his own blood. This salvation is not only wrought to rectify the misdeeds done in the past but also our sinful nature.

Now that God has made provision for all human beings to be saved, every individual must choose Jesus to be restored to the moral image of God and eternal life with him or choose to pay the full penalty for sin, which is eternal damnation.



What do you have to do to accept Jesus as your personal saviour and Lord?

Turn from your sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; Be baptized in water in the name of Jesus (to identify with the death and burial of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ) for the forgiveness of your sins; If you truly believe in him you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in you, to transform you into the image of Jesus, and to baptize you into the body of Christ, the Church. All members of the body are united in Christ, the head of the body. As in the first Adam all died even so in Christ, the last Adam, all who are in him are made alive (1 Cor. 15: 21-22).

Human beings need to be regenerated with a new heart, spirit and mind; In Christ only can we have universal peace. Compassion is an outward manifestation of those who have been baptised into Christ and have the nature of Christ working in them.

No creature can bring peace into this world or unite it except Jesus, the creator of all things; He is our Peace; he upholds all things by the word of his power (Heb 1:3); he holds all things together (Col. 1:17).

Paul, in his epistle to the Roman Christians, who associated power with the Roman Empire, wrote: The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth for therein is the righteousness of God revealed, from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith' (Rom. 1:16-17).

Do not be deceived into believing another gospel apart from the gospel of Jesus Christ. In their aim to promote world peace they are perverting the gospel of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul told the Church in Galatia that even if an angel from heaven preaches another gospel, which is not the gospel of Jesus Christ, let him be accursed (Gal. 1: 6-9).

Be not dismayed, God is still in control of the universe. All these things must come to pass before the end comes. In the meantime seek the Lord Jesus while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Today, if you hear the voice of the Lord bidding you to come to him through this article, harden not your heart.

Call 07515 407808 if you need further guidance about accepting the Lord Jesus into your life. Your life would never be the same again.





Enacting Our Vision (EOV)

If you believe you can contribute to this by working for us, volunteering, or raising funds in London or the South East of England give me a call on **0208 551 0011**

*Delroy Pomell
Director, Barnardo's
London,
East and South East (England)*

Barnardo's Enacting Our Vision (EOV) strategy aims to improve our work with black and minority ethnic (BME) children, young people and their families, and increase BME representation within our staff and volunteers (particularly at senior manager level).

We are challenging ourselves to build on existing and develop new relationships with BME organisations and community groups. We will seek to develop further fostering and adoption opportunities with BME families.

We will extend our fundraising reach to BME communities, through greater involvement in work such as the annual "Toddle".

Barnardo's vision will impact on all areas of practice and will enrich our organisational abilities to reach out to and meet the needs of the communities we seek to serve.



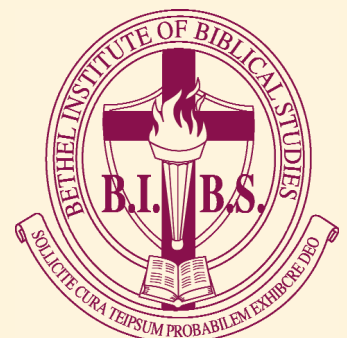
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