



# BIBS NEWS 2010

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# WELCOME TO BIBS NEWS

It is said that religion is the main cause of strife and wars over many centuries and it is no wonder since the views are rather divergent. While most religions are quite dogmatic in their beliefs, Christians have become quite passive over the years in the interest of peace.

However the Church is a living organism set apart unto God for a holy purpose. Though living in the world, the Church is not of the world but are ambassadors for Christ on the earth. This means that we must vehemently oppose all doctrines that are anti-Christ.

In our last edition, we brought to your attention the proposed plan of the religious and spiritual leaders to unify the religions of the world, under the charter of compassion, in the interests of world peace; however two cannot walk except they be agreed.

From our experience of the coalition government in the United Kingdom (UK), each entity was forced to compromise important elements of their beliefs to make the alliance work. Any alliance of the different religions can only result in another gospel being propagated instead of the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe.

The theme of this edition is 'Contend for the Faith'. We take a good look at the UK Equalities Act 2010 and its impact on the Christian faith. While purporting fairness for all, the Christian Faith is being sidelined and the Christian is being muffled; under threat from the law for obeying Christ's command, to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Reminisce with us over the early Church's passion for souls and re-ignite your enthusiasm for evangelism. It burned so deep in their own soul that despite being under threat from the law, they were propelled to seek out and rescue the lost.

Many believers are also being seduced by the doctrine of humanism and the bright lights of our secular society; struggling with Christ's command to 'love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him'.

This is not strange to us because Paul foretold that some believers would give heed to seducing spirits, doctrines of men and of devils in the latter days of the Church; consequently the characteristics of the unregenerate man would be prevalent. Are these signs apparent to you in your Church? Find out more inside...

Far from being silenced, BIBS will continue to propagate the truth of God's word. Mindful that many cannot commit to a year of study, we are launching a series of short courses; beginning with interpreting the Biblical Scriptures in October 2010: more details on page 3 or call the Secretary.

Are you willing to make the sacrifice to find out the truth of God's word? Knowledge of God's word is the only effective weapon in the war against false doctrine. Whatever your ability, if you have the will to study God's word there is a course suited to you. Read the testimonials of BIBS students inside...

Want to know more? Our teachers will be available to discuss your needs with you on Saturday 11 September 2010 from 10am to 4pm.

I thank God for our Board of Bishops, our teaching and administrative staff, our diverse student body, our financial sponsors and prayer partners, without whom there would be no BIBS; I thank the team of people who made this magazine happen and you, our readers, for whom it was produced. Enjoy!



*Evangelist Mavis Taylor  
Dean of Studies*

# A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

In these last days, the Bible is the only light that can penetrate the darkness of worldliness; the only antidote that works in believers to combat the sinful desires inherent in our nature.

BIBS is the Bible college of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (UK). The college teaches the holy Scriptures without bias and asserts the Word of God as the final authority. A recognised accreditation body accredits the courses.

Our mission is to arm men and women with the truth of God's word, to edify the body of Christ and to propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our academic year commences 18 September 2010 and the courses on offer for the year are as follows:

## Foundation Course

The aim of the course is to provide a basic understanding of the Bible. The style and pace of learning works extremely well for new converts and those who simply want to know what the Bible is all about but can only commit to one year of study.

## Certificate Course in Biblical Studies

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

## Short Courses

These courses are designed to edify and fortify Christians in subjects that are relevant for the times we are living in. Applicants should have a deep desire for Bible truth and already have a working knowledge of the Bible.

Course 1: Interpreting the Biblical Scriptures 16 October and 13 November 2010

Course 2: Christian Church History 11 December and 8 January 2011

Course 3: Understanding Things to Come 19 February and 12 March 2011

## 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 Testimony

"I hadn't planned or even prepared to study at BIBS. Only a week before enrolment, I felt 'an unction' of the Spirit to go on the course; I didn't know how I was going to find the funds but God made a way for me to study the certificate course. I am so glad I was obedient to his 'unction' as I have been brought closer to God through knowing His word in such depth."

Sister Lorna



## How to Apply?

Request a leaflet and application form from the Secretary by:

**Email:** applications@bibsuk.org; or

**Tel:** 07515 407 808 or

**In person** from the BIBS stand at the Bethel Convention Centre (BCC) 25-29 July 2010

Send your completed application and deposit of £100 to: BIBS, PO Box 14755, B6 9BW (Cheques are payable to 'BIBS')

## Enrolment

**Saturday 11 September 2010**

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Venue:** Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich; or by post to the address above.

## BIBS Weekend Dates 2010/2011

Weekends	
1	18/19 September 2010
2	16/17 October 2010
3	13/14 November 2010
4	11/12 December 2010
5	8/9 January 2011
6	19/20 February 2011
7	12/13 March 2011
8	16/17 April 2011
9	21/22 May 2011
10	18/19 June 2011

***A warm welcome awaits you.***



# THE BIBS FAM

## STUDYING & SHARING

**Our students spend ten weekends a year here at the school; worshipping, studying and fellowshiping together. Here's why they enjoy BIBS.**



"Believe it or not, I am enjoying the course so much; I can't wait for the end of the month to come to BIBS. I pray to God that my life will be changed that wherever he leads me I will follow. God Bless BIBS."



"Coming to BIBS has been a wonderful experience in terms of worshipping and learning more about the Word. As a new convert, so much has been expounded by the Holy Spirit to our teachers. I must say it has been a revelation. To God be the glory."



"BIBS has been an awesome experience for me, teaching me more and more about my God. The Spirit of God is definitely in control. The lessons are awesome; full of revelations. I truly thank God for BIBS and I pray that BIBS will continue to grow."



"The food is great and the fellowship; I get to talk with my brethren from around the country. I love lunchtimes as being in the building with the other participants is wonderful as we can share with each other about our faith."

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL



Abigail Anisha Holness; was born on June 16, 2010 at 2:44am, weighing 6lbs 11oz. She entered this world healthy, through a water birth without any medication or complications.

We give God thanks for her life and the joy that she brings to us both. Thank You Lord.

Andre & Raj Holness

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## BEING A PART OF THE BIBS TEAM...

**Here at BIBS our hearts desire has always been that “Yahweh’s school” reflects the body of Christ, a living, thriving, organism; with people of all ages, races, men and women from all walks of life and church families. Learning the truth of God’s word and growing together in the fear and knowledge of our Lord.**

**Not only have we seen this remarkable move of God at BIBS but God has done far above what we asked or even thought. It is the joy of our hearts to have the brethren from the Beulah Apostolic Church working as a part of the team; passionately teaching and administrating at BIBS.**

Bishop Lanford Gregory, who is known for his brilliant illustrations; those every day life experiences we can all relate to, remarked: *“I am humbled, yet honoured to be considered a part of the BIBS team; it is my greatest pleasure to serve in my humble capacity as a teacher. I do hope my contribution is profitable to those whom we serve.*

*I acknowledge the strenuous task and the challenges that faces the Dean and her frontline staff in training those students who wish to be educated in the word of God; capable workers in the kingdom of God.*

*The leader of BIBS has shown maturity in inviting others from outside of Bethel to participate in BIBS, so that the oneness of the Body of Christ is illustrated to all. Those of us from Beulah Apostolic Church are delighted to be a part and will always be. Thank God for BIBS.”*

Sis Michelle Lee, who gracefully works alongside Sis Tracey and Sis Liz attending to the needs of every student, had this to say:



*helpful they were. In the back of my mind, I always thought I would love to help out at BIBS. The call to help in BIBS came in 2009 which was such a blessing as I am from Beulah.*

*Being a helper has taught me how to look after and serve the saints of Christ. I love every aspect of BIBS, standing at the door waiting for the saints who have travelled from near and far to help in any way I can. Sometimes you see the brethren come to BIBS tired from the week, but by the time they are ready to leave their countenances are beaming. Just being at BIBS has greatly impacted my life. Truly it is a privilege and an honour to serve at BIBS.”*

*“When studying at BIBS, a few years ago, I used to watch the secretaries as they did their jobs; how*

*Our lives are far richer for the fellowship we share with the body of Christ, in fulfilling this God appointed mission of equipping men and women for life and ministry. It’s great, as we believe the same thing and teach this apostolic doctrine with conviction of heart. Overseer Keith Linton (Beulah Apostolic Church) who joined the teaching staff about five years ago, having seen the school grow to embrace the whole body of Christ, echoed the sentiment that: “BIBS is much more than an Institute of Biblical teaching and learning, BIBS is a ‘Family’; the school has all of the characteristics of a loving and caring family unit. Everyone has and shows a great amount of respect to each other; lecturers respect each other as well as the students, and likewise all the students show respect to the*



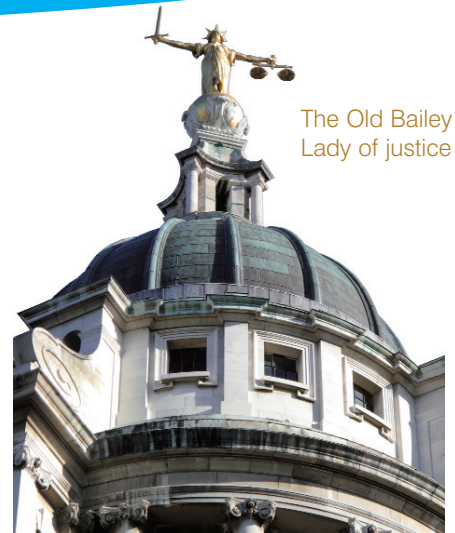
*Lecturers and to each other. BIBS is an outstanding beacon institute, serving the U.K. with excellence.”*



# SIGNS OF

DID YOU KNOW?

## THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010 AFFECTS THE CHRISTIAN



The Old Bailey  
Lady of justice

The Equalities Act 2010 is a new law designed to make Britain "a fairer society"; a place where we all have "the same chances". A fair society is a good thing, however the drive to give everyone equal rights has actually restricted the Christian's freedom to live out and share their faith.

Six ways the Equality Act 2010 affects believers:

**1.** Sharing the Bible truth, that homosexuality is a sin could cost you your job. The Act makes your right to share your faith secondary to a person's right to be gay. In fact, to say that homosexuality is a sin could be interpreted as harassment or discriminatory behaviour (<http://bit.ly/faithattacked>).

**2.** The Act gives equal rights to all people to adopt children. This has led to Catholic adoption agencies closing down, as they refuse to give children to same sex couples. As a Christian you should consider making a will to prevent your children ending up in the care of the state where they may be placed with

heterosexuals, homosexuals or transgender carers.

**3.** The Act also affects Christian business owners and employers. For example, if you own a nursery and one of your employees tells you they are a lesbian, you could be in breach of the law if you tell them such a lifestyle does not please God.

**4.** Any preaching against homosexuality either in a Church building, or in street evangelism could be interpreted as 'harassment' or 'victimisation' under the Act. In effect preaching the Bible could be seen as breaking the law.

**5.** The right of Church leaders to appoint whom they see fit for roles within the Church has been limited by the Act. Leaders can specify that those in a ministerial role must not live an immoral life e.g. Bishop, Minister, Bible Teacher, Choir Leader. However, under the Act it's illegal to deny someone a support role e.g. church administrator, cleaner or accountant because of their sexual orientation.

**6.** If you own a hall and rent it out to the public it would be against the law to refuse people the right to hire your hall on the basis of their sexual orientation or religious belief.

We are moving towards a time when everything will be permitted by our society apart from Christianity. Paul prophesied that in the last days "perilous times shall come", and now they are here (2 Tim. 3:1). The law now limits our freedom to declare the word of God, Think! How long will it be until it is illegal to be a true Bible believing Christian? Be prepared in contending for the faith to suffer for speaking the truth (2 Tim. 2:9).

Sources:

The Equality Act, Making Equality Real (Easy Read Version), Government Equalities Office, 2010, <http://bit.ly/equality2010>

The Equality Act 2010, <http://bit.ly/EqualitiesAct2010>

# THE TIMES

## MUZZLING THE CHRISTIAN

When you hear the phrase 'persecuted Christians'; images of violence against believers in foreign lands naturally spring to mind. However, there is a subtle form of persecution affecting Christians, right here in the UK.

Britain is a Christian nation, or is it? The prevailing view in Christian Britain today, is that you can be a Christian in private, but please don't be a Christian in public. Women's Magazine Stylist highlighted this attitude in the article 'Losing our religion' (April 2010), "politicians can openly talk about sexual orientation, vigorously promoting homosexuality and same sex marriage, but they dare not speak about religion". Alistair Campbell famously muzzled Tony Blair from sharing his faith in a Vanity Fair Magazine interview in 2003 by saying, 'we don't do God'.

The trend towards keeping Christianity behind closed doors does not just affect politicians. In January 2010 Bishops in the House of Lords protested against the governments Equality Bill, which contained clauses that might make a Christian who offered to pray for someone, or share the gospel guilty of harassment; which is illegal. (<http://bit.ly/closeddoors>).

There are already several cases of Christians that have lost their job for their faith.

Kwabena Peat, a senior teacher, was fired and later re-instated for walking

out of a training day that promoted a radical homosexual agenda within schools (<http://bit.ly/ccfnteacher>). Jennie Cain, a school receptionist, was suspended for four months over an email prayer request. This was sent after her daughter Jasmine had been reprimanded by a teacher for 'scaring' other children; saying people who believe in Jesus go to Heaven and those who do not go to Hell (<http://bit.ly/jenniecain>). BBC 1 reported in a recent documentary, 'Are Christians Being Persecuted?' that teachers who share their Christian faith in schools are seen as unprofessional, but at the same time atheists are allowed to share their lack of belief with children.

In the same documentary Professor Roger Trigg spoke of an attitude in the workplace which states; 'do as you're told and if you don't like it give up your job'. Gary McFarlane was fired for refusing to give sex therapy to homosexual couples (<http://bit.ly/garymcfarlane>). Commenting on Gary McFarlane's case the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey commented: "It is, of course, but a short step from the dismissal of a sincere Christian from employment to a religious bar to any employment of Christians. I believe that further judicial decisions are likely to end up at this point..."

Lillian Ladele was bullied and threatened with the sack by Islington Council after seeking exemption from conducting civil partnerships (<http://bit.ly/lillianladele>). BA



employee Nadia Ewida lost her job for refusing to remove her cross (a symbol of her faith), while her employer allowed Sikhs and Muslims to wear traditional expressions of their faith.

We are not far from a day when you may need to choose between your job and your God.

"But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in his name... but Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard'". Acts 4:17-18 NKJV

The fear of being marginalised and treated differently in the workplace is putting Christians under pressure to keep quiet about their faith. We were first called Christians in 1st Century Antioch (Acts 11:26) as a slur on believers, today Christian is once again a word greeted with ridicule. Stylist (April 2010) reported: "It's hard to believe that in a country which places so much emphasis on equality, with strict laws that govern race, sex, age and religious

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## A PASSION FOR SOULS

"Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" (Jer. 9:1)

When I read this passage again the other day, I was greatly moved, as it reminded me of the days of my Christian infancy; when in those old-fashion-prayer-meetings we groaned for lost souls like a pregnant woman in hard labour.

I thought, here is a real man, Jeremiah, one who was not ashamed to cry but only wished that he could cry some more. So great was the burden for souls upon him! Like Paul, he felt that he would die for his people, if that would cause them to turn to the Lord.

Jesus, the man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, echoed the same kind of sentiments as he journeyed to the cross; he looked on the city of Jerusalem and wept over it and cried: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Mat. 23:37)

I can remember the zest and zeal that filled those early immigrants to these shores. We brought with us a divine freshness that flowed from an inner fountain; flooding a thirsty land.

Even though very few of us owned a car, no distance was too far to travel

to reach a single soul and to get a church going there. We travelled thousands of miles around the UK; Manchester, Cardiff, Ipswich, Gloucester, Bristol, London, Birmingham, over and over again; sharing rooms, food and clothes. Wages were low, but that didn't matter at all because our passion for lost souls was so high. The church experienced phenomenal growth during the 1950s, right through to the 1970s.

The question flowing through my mind, dear reader, is "What drove us, what burned so deep within our hearts that nothing was too much for us to reach the lost? What propelled us to go to such great lengths to rescue a single soul?"

- Just like the early church, **we believed that the coming of the Lord was imminent** and to borrow the words of Paul, (2 Cor. 5:11) "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." We sought to bring as many souls as possible into kingdom. If coming of the Lord was so real to the first century Church, for us it felt much closer.
- **Knowing the fate of the sinner;** the coming judgement, eternal death and hell, we moved with urgency to rescue the perishing and to care for the dying soul. Deep within, we knew the time was fast approaching when God would judge the world in righteousness; when both great and small would stand before the white throne judgement, to be judged for the

sinful deeds committed in this life (Rev. 20:10-15). The unbelieving would be cast into hell where the worm never dies; where the fire is not quenched, a place of everlasting torments, (Mk. 9:44-48). We wanted to reach the sinner before it was too late!

- **Having encountered the goodness of the Lord;** such love and mercy; the healing of our bodies, souls and minds; the setting of our spirits free from a past stained with sin and the awe of being filled with the precious Holy Spirit; we were compelled to witness. It was from the joy that flooded our souls; each of us shared our testimony!

Today we are faced with a real challenge to reach those around us; we need not travel to foreign lands to find those who worship idols or strange gods. We live in a multi-cultural, multi-faith society; right amongst us, living in our neighbourhoods are those of different beliefs; Hindu's, Muslims, Buddhists, even Satanists that need to hear the good news of salvation.

I pray that God gives us the heart to move into, what for some of us are uncharted areas of evangelism, just as Paul and the apostles did in the first century. I pray that God will give us a passion for these lost souls and that we would act as God bids us. "For Implicit in the command to do, is the power to perform; in the words 'come forth', 'go forth', is the power to do."





# R THE FAITH

## JUST LIKE THE BIBLE DAYS!

As with the early Church, 'the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ' is still being noised abroad today. When we read of Peter preaching just one message and 3,000 souls were saved or of Phillip converting the whole city of Samaria to Christ, we wonder if this phenomenon could still happen today?

It can and is happening right now in our time; when ordinary men and women dedicated their lives to Christ, they accomplish great exploits in his name. Billy Cole an evangelist from the United Pentecostal Church, baptized 6,000 people (the majority of whom were Buddhists) in the name of Jesus during his time in Taiwan. He later went on to establish several Churches.

Let's read his story....

### **Jesus reveals Himself to a Buddhist woman**

"Yet another Church was begun by a miracle, because one very elderly Buddhist woman's desperation to have a real relationship with God resulted in the Lord Jesus coming to her in a vision. The woman was the head of her family because of advanced age.

The Buddhist woman did not know how to pray, so she simply chanted this repeatedly: "Oh, God of the universe, if there is a God of the universe, help me. Oh, God of the universe, if there is a God of the universe, help me." Eventually, she

was shown a dream or a vision of a man seated on a throne, who had white hair and a white robe. (The description she gave of her vision matched the description of Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation, although she had no knowledge of the Bible, and could not even read.) In her vision, the man on the throne called her to come to Him, and He gave her a book and said, "I am Jesus." That was the end of the vision.

She got up and travelled to the town nearest her village, and she located the Christian missionaries there. The missionaries, a man and his wife, were from the World Evangelical Crusade (WEC) out of London, England.

The Buddhist woman went to their house to tell of her vision... After about six months of training and teaching they baptized her and all her family... The formula they spoke was: "I now baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." But afterwards, the Thai woman declared, "You must do it again." The missionary asked, "Why?" She said, "He told me that His name is Jesus." She insisted on it, and they re-baptized her in Jesus name. Later, we came into contact with her, and they all received the Holy Ghost. It was awesome like the Book of Acts."



*Extract: The Life and Ministry of Billy Cole*

My prayer is that this 20th century experience of the book of Acts will stir up the gift that is in you, increase your faith and raise your expectation of what God can do.

### **Will you pray this prayer with me?**

Oh Lord, revive in me the passion for souls; loose my tongue and ignite my heart, dissolve my fears and increase my faith.

Place the burden for the soul of my fellow man so heavy upon me that I will move without hesitation to rescue souls today!

### **Did you know?**

**Every second a soul dies**  
**Every hour 3,600 souls die**  
**Every Day 86,400 souls die**



# SIGNS OF

## Muzzling The Christian Continued

discrimination, that women almost 'expect' to be ridiculed because of their Christian beliefs. But the depressing fact is that, many non-practising Christian women are guilty of doing just that". The fear of ridicule prevents the sharing of the gospel, explaining what we did at the weekend, or why we don't go out drinking.

"Therefore whoever confesses me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32-33).

While Christians are being silenced, atheists are speaking out. There is a flood of atheist literature influencing thoughts about Christianity and The Bible, for example Richard Dawkins, 'The God Delusion' or Phillip Pullman's, 'The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ'. This anti-Christian literature and stereotypes of Christians in TV and film (e.g. Ned Flanders) are shaping societies perceptions of Christians. Today, when we say, 'I am a Christian,' you are viewed as being weak minded; believing nonsense or a bigot.

Reflecting on Christianity in the UK today journalist Melanie Phillips said: 'The result is that Christianity is now in

danger of being turned into a despised and marginalised creed practised only by consenting adults in private. Christians are already being forced into renouncing their religious beliefs if they want to remain in certain jobs.'

So, what should we do? Remain silent, while inwardly our righteous soul is vexed (2 Peter 2:8), or boldly stand like Paul who said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation" (Rom. 1:16). Rest in God's encouragement to the end time church that, 'If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God...' (1 Pet. 4:16).

## I'VE GOT A TESTIMONY

**"My relationship with God has never been the same."**

In February, I was invited to a revival weekend at Wimbledon church in London. I remember when my sister in Christ contacted me on the Wednesday two days before the revival; I wondered if my husband would let me go as it was short notice. I offered a simple prayer before God and I approached my husband. He asked me a few questions about the meeting and then said ok. I couldn't believe how simple God made it, I was so thankful.

We had no transport or accommodation on Friday morning however we packed our bags in faith and God sorted it all out for us by late Friday morning. When I thought God couldn't do anything more, on the Sunday the last day of the revival I heard a speaker talking about being baptised in Jesus name, and the Holy Spirit reminded me of a conversation I had with one of our tutors at BIBS on the same subject. I thought I did not need to be baptised again as I was baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so I didn't think about it again.

I responded to the altar call and spoke to the speaker, I knew I had to be baptised in Jesus name that day, before I came back to Birmingham. I was baptised in Jesus name and I know as a result, my relationship with God has never been the same.

If you decide to enrol on a BIBS course be prepared to be stretched and challenged in every area of your walk with God.

*Sister Diana*

# THE TIMES

## THE LAST CHURCH AGE

In the book of Matthew, Jesus clearly revealed the signs leading up to his second coming; he said, "...when you see all these things... know that it is near, even at the door (Mat. 24:1-33). Although many are familiar with the signs given to Israel, the vast majority of Christians are not cognisant of the end time events that precede the catching away of the Church i.e. the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:16-17). So what are the signs, what should the Church look for?

Paul writes, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (2 Tim. 3:1-4). Perilous times speak of difficult, tough situations or conditions in the Church that genuine saints must endure in order to be saved. The word of God admonishes us to, be watchful in all things, to endure afflictions, to do the work of an evangelist and make full proof of our ministry (2 Tim. 4:5) despite the cold, lukewarm condition of this Church age. The faithful must remain resilient, God-fearing; continue a lifestyle of love and humility in these perilous times.

Paul declared that in the last days "men shall be lovers of themselves more than God; covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

traitors, heady, high-minded, and lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

In the last days', there will be a great falling away; sadly some will backslide and leave Church, whilst many will actually remain amongst us, in the Church assembly, having a form of godliness but denying the power of God.

False teachers will increase; those who seek to establish the ways of the world in the Church; reject the principles of holiness, sound doctrine and refuse to uphold Godly standards. Their intentions are to divide the Church and establish themselves by telling us what we want to hear. In times like these, the faithful must contend, strive to retain their integrity, hold fast the doctrine of Christ; love the truth. Turn away from such; apostate, false preachers and teachers that desire to make merchandise of any who will follow their pernicious ways (Tit. 1:10-16).

The Word of God declares that in the latter times some will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Being deceived, they become professional liars, full of hypocrisy and without conscience, just like their father the devil (1Tim 4:1-2). They remain unjust, ungodly and filthy despite the loving chastening of Christ (Heb. 12:7-11).

Those deceived by Satan will not endure sound doctrine; but out of their own lusts follow many teachers, have "itching ears" i.e. turn away their ears from the truth desiring to hear something, new, radical, different; looking to philosophies of men and doctrines of devils (Colossians 2:8; 1Tim. 4:1). Paul exhorts us, in the midst of it all to be faithful, sober, endure affliction and to seek the lost (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

The Laodicean Church, in the book of Revelation represents the last church age; where the spiritual condition has deteriorated through pride and self sufficiency; many have become lukewarm, wretched, miserable, blind and naked (Rev. 3:14-17).

Dear reader, receive the counsel that Jesus is giving to you through this article, despite the Lukewarm conditions that prevail, you can be saved; Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Rev 3:20)". Open the door and let Jesus come into your heart...







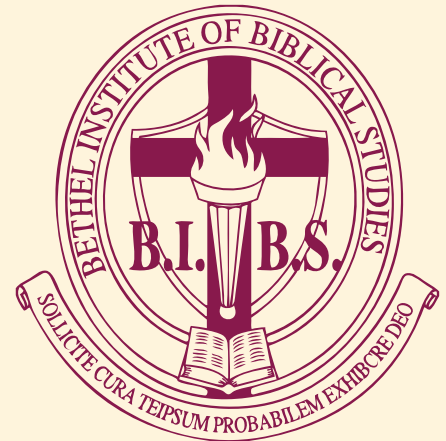
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