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SPEAKERS ON THE WORD TODAY

F E B R U A R Y

By now most of you are aware that I had a serious fall on December 12th. Most of my days were filled with pain as I tried to recover. As of January 21, I am finally almost back to normal. In fact, Sylvia and I are still going to try to go to Florida by the end of the month—in order to spend February there.

God blessed me, even in my pain, by the many gifts that you sent in during the end of December.

WE HAD THE BEST END OF DECEMBER THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD--\$79,000.00 WAS SENT IN BY OUR LISTENING AUDIENCE FOR THE YEAR 2013! PRAISE GOD!

Many will meet us in heaven as a result of these broadcasts.

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BUT...

...*So that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20*

“Yes, but”. Someone once suggested that *BUT* was an acronym for **B**ehold the **U**nderlying **T**ruth—the real reason we do not do what nobly preceded the “but”.

- We want to read Gods' Word, but...
- We want to give more, but...
- We should speak to our relatives about Christ, but...
- It would be great to go to Bible class, but...
- God knows I am trying to serve Him, but...
- Missions are certainly important, but...

No doubt, some are sliding toward hell on their “buts.” Let's stop making excuses, stop avoiding the commitment.

God offers to renew our minds. God offers to transform us. We have become *new* people in Christ—free from the hindering nature of sin.

No more “buts.”

COME

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20

Please Jesus, come soon! We long for your return! Life on earth brings with it many hardships, pains and sorrows.

Almost half of the Psalms David wrote speak of his sorrow and despair. But, in every case, he ended up rejoicing in the God of his salvation. That is our certain hope. We are on our way *home*.

As we journey here in this foreign land, we must keep from becoming too attracted to the pagan rituals of the godless. God forbid that we dwell among them and adopt their sinful practices.

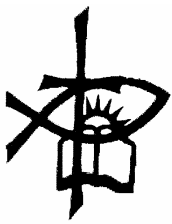
As Jesus prayed (John 17) for us, “Oh Father, keep us safe from the world.” Though we live in it, keep us safe *from* it.

Come quickly, Lord.

Sincerely,
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His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

February

SEE ISRAEL IN JUNE OF 2014

I am leading a ten day tour of Israel from June 12 – 21. The cost will be around \$3600.00 from Chicago. A deposit of \$500.00 will be due in March. Please contact me at 414-421-2060 or bethb@ourshepherdlutheran.org if you would like a brochure and to learn more about this exciting travel opportunity!

ARCHAEOLOGY DIGS UP INTERESTING THINGS

The average person has no clue how extensively the ancient Biblical world has been corroborated through archaeological work in places like Jordan, Italy, Greece and Israel. Especially in Israel, where prodigious amounts of ancient artifacts are unearthed continuously, new discoveries cement the reality of Bible "stories."

The Bible is routinely discounted, mocked, waved away as collections of myths, often being redacted, rewritten mentally by liberal professors – even professors at religious universities! While Muslim children are prodded like slaves to commit to memory a text with questionable reliability, the Qur'an, nominally Christian lecturers revise the Bible, turning it into a fable rather than an account of history.

Once in a while a critical find causes a shake up, such as was the case this last week when a potsherd (a broken piece of earthenware) containing the suspected phrase, "inferior wine," in Hebrew was discovered in Jerusalem. Big deal, so they labeled wine jugs. It may actually be a big deal, as it could be confirming evidence of the empire of King Solomon in Jerusalem. The ancient Hebrew script being discovered in the Holy City confirms that writing was in widespread use at the time of Solomon, which in turn supports the Biblical account of his reign. How so? It is assumed that "inferior wine" was given to laborers to drink, and Solomon's empire certainly used plenty of laborers for the build out of his empire.

While the discovery of the potsherd does not make this scenario certain by any means, it certainly does implode ridiculous liberal theories (Yes, the kind of theories which come out of liberal religious studies departments at big universities and make their way onto "Bible Discoveries" shows and Time Magazine covers) that the Israelites didn't inhabit Jerusalem until long after the Biblical record of Solomon's rule, or that the Judean king Hezekiah built the temple credited to Solomon. Such weak assertions are laughable, but become truly stupid when enough archaeological evidence shows up, and more is always on the way!

Never, trust Public TV or National Geographic to get the story right; there is far too much bias and politics of educational institutions for the Biblical Christian to buy into. Meanwhile, steadily, and incredible amount of hard evidence has bolstered the Holy Book – enough that theme Bibles like "The Archaeological Study Bible," complete with hundreds of pictures and information sidebars bring some of the wealth of history to the reader, as well as confidence in the Biblical record!

Blessings!
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