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Calling All Canadians Back to The Bible

Radio Report from Pastor Ian Goligher:

Over the last few months, Beulah and I have gone through a lot of changes. Leaving our congregation in Cloverdale was not easy and packing up was quite a challenge after 37 years.

We spent one month in Penticton before travelling across Canada, which went very well apart from one threatening snow storm in Northern Ontario. We thank the Lord for safe travels and thank you for your prayers.



This is a picture of my "mobile" recording set-up, which, apart from the monitor, fits into two brief cases. Wherever I go this setup must go so I can keep up my daily recording schedule. All I need is a quiet spot with some soft furnishings to create the right acoustics and a good internet connection.

It has been nice to have extra time each week to introduce a variety of segments on the programs. Presently, I am pursuing the theme, **Calling all Canadians Back to the Bible**. These are short recordings that lead up to the preaching segment each day. It is tragic that the majority of Canadians are strangers to Bible Christianity, simply because they are strangers to the Bible. Liberalism and worldly Christianity either deny or neglect the Bible, so it's absolutely necessary to call people to a full commitment to the Bible as the word of God, and as the only rule for faith and practice.

Reasons cited on radio for calling all Canadians back to the Bible:

- Because you are going to live forever.
- Because without the Bible the gospel is unthinkable.
- Because God's grace in Christ is contrary to human reason.
- Because only the Christian Bible teaches the gospel of substitutionary atonement (See other side for this message in print).

Responses & Prayer Needs:

Each week we receive a variety of responses by phone, by email and by letter along with donations to the church. We are thankful for these means of contact as it lets us know people are listening and benefiting from the programs.

I have had some interesting and encouraging phone calls, and am thankful for opportunities to open the Bible, talk things through with callers and pray with them. It makes my day when I can point someone to the Bible and ultimately to the Lord for help.

Pray for a New Station Covering Greater Toronto, Southern Ontario & Western New York State.

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we commenced airing programs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WDCX Radio 970 AM from Buffalo, New York. The station reaches a large part of Southern Ontario and simulcasts on a separate station in Rochester, New York, on 990 AM and FM 107.1. At the close of these programs we are able to advertise the Sunday services of our churches in Port Hope, Toronto, Barrie and Buffalo, NY. We covet your prayers for these weekly messages to be blessed to Sunday morning listeners, at a time when people may be looking for gospel ministry by radio.

Pray for our Broadcasts on Taiwan Int'l Radio

Since January 2020, 15 minute programs in English have been aired at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning on Taiwan Int'l Radio, which reaches into Southern China and Hong Kong. With the help of Mr. Donald Chu, former member of Cloverdale FPC, as translator, we have also aired some programs in Cantonese. To date, we have had no direct responses from this program. We have been told not to expect much direct response from Christians in these lands, as they may be fearful of persecution. So, with the help of a generous donor, we continue to air programs and pray for God's blessing upon His word to precious souls who may be listening.

Calling all Canadians Back to The Bible

Segment of radio program aired on June 9, 2021

"Welcome to Let the Bible Speak. This is Pastor Ian Goligher calling all Canadians back to the Bible, because only the Christian Bible teaches the gospel of substitutionary atonement.

There are many false theories about the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross of Calvary. There is the martyr theory that states that the Lord died to demonstrate his commitment to the cause of freedom. That sounds very noble and it lifts the cause of the Lord Jesus to a higher plane than the normal course of a man's life. But what would martyrdom accomplish? It might motivate others to suffer for all kinds of causes, but that would only promote cruelty for the sake of cruelty. It does nothing for men and women who are already broken and suffering from the trials of life, and from the burdens of sin.

Then there is the moral influence theory, which erroneously claims that the Lord Jesus died to motivate men to reach a higher moral standard in life. The notion is that if we constantly keep the suffering Saviour before us it will draw us away from petty thinking to a higher realm of thought and better living. But in such a view of Christ's death there is no atonement; no price paid for sin, and therefore no answer to man's guilt.

None of these theories even touch the gospel. For there is nothing of mercy there. There is nothing of love there, and there is certainly nothing of reconciliation to God from the depths of sin.

The gospel, then, is found in the truth of substitutionary atonement. The Bible clearly teaches that the Lord Jesus died as a substitute in the place of sinners. When our Lord suffered and died He did so in our stead. He was standing in our place to bear the curse of our sin, bearing all the wrath of God due to us.

Some of the greatest words in all the Bible are, "Christ died for us." If it only said, "Christ died" that would be history, but when it says that Christ died for us, that is the gospel. The Biblical text demands substitution in that statement. The gospel is the work of Another coming into this world to live the life we should have lived and to die the death that we should have died. Every believer in the gospel of Christ can say, "On the cross of Calvary Christ died for me. He took my place and died for me, as my substitute."

This doctrine of substitution is found throughout the Bible. The principle of worship by sacrifice is found from Genesis to Revelation. Every sacrifice that Old Testament people used to worship was substitutionary in nature—in the place of someone.

God taught His people never to approach Him in worship without bringing an animal sacrifice. Its blood was poured out unto death and the worshipper understood that the sacrificial animal died in his place. Worshipers were accepted by God on the basis of the shed blood of the animal that died. Its blood was life-giving for it was in the place of the worshipper's life. On the night of the Passover, when the Israelites escaped from Egypt, God commanded each Israelite family to take a lamb, kill it and put its blood over the doorposts of their home. The angel of death turned away from striking the first-born in homes marked by the blood. God accepted the death of the lamb in the place of the family, whose trust was in the blood of the sacrifice on its doorposts.

So, the gospel calls sinners to trust in Jesus' blood. It requires faith in His substitutionary blood, because Jesus' blood was shed for, or on the behalf of, guilty sinners. Believers in Jesus death plead His blood for mercy. The believer in Jesus is forgiven through His sacrifice made on his or her behalf.

John the Baptist preached that Jesus died as a substitute:

"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The apostle Peter directly stated this truth in his first epistle:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1Peter 3:18).

The Bible clearly teaches us that Jesus' death was substitutionary. Go to the Bible yourself and you will find the clear message of substitution—that Christ died in the place of the ungodly. This Biblical truth of substitution holds forth the hope of salvation to everyone who ceases from sin and self and trusts in Christ's death.

Without the Bible, men could never have imagined that the Creator, who is God, would die in the place of the creature, who is a sin-cursed sinner. It is, therefore, a God-revealed doctrine embedded in the Bible. This is the good news reveals Christ as the all-sufficient Saviour of sinners. It declares that all who trust in the substitutionary death of Christ are saved from the guilt of sin and are truly reconciled to God. I challenge you to learn these things by reading the Bible for yourself. Read John's gospel, then the book of Romans.

John's gospel will give you the narrative on Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The book of Romans will give you the explanation of the essential work Jesus accomplished in His death, while He suffered in in place of sinners.

In the book of Romans you will discover Paul the apostle's strong emphasis on Christ's substitutionary death for sinners:

"Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Ask your preacher if he is committed to the gospel of substitutionary atonement. If he is, rejoice. If he denies it or hesitates to preach it, it is time to find a new church. No one who loves the gospel of Christ can tolerate a ministry that doesn't make the substitutionary death of Christ the central theme of gospel preaching. It must be the constant theme of every preacher and the delight of every Christian."

PRAY FOR OUR CANADIAN BROADCASTS

Sunday Programming Schedule

- Prince George, BC — 8:30 a.m. — Rev. A. Simpson
- Vancouver, BC — 9:30 a.m. — Dr. L. Saunders
- Calgary, AB 10 a.m. — Rev. P. Backhurst
- Swift Current, SK — 9:30 a.m.
- Portage La Prairie, MB — 9:30 a.m.
- Buffalo, NY — 9 a.m.
- St. John, NB — 6 a.m.
- Fredericton, NB — 8:30 a.m.
- Maritimes on Harvesters FM Stations — 9:30 a.m.

Weekday programming Schedule

- Vancouver Mon — Fri 5 a.m. & 5 p.m.
- Calgary Mon — Fri 4:30 p.m.
- Maritimes on Harvesters FM Stations Mon—Fri 6 p.m.
- Nipawan, SK — Mon — Fri 6 p.m. Rev. A. Foster

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"My word ... shall not return unto me void..." Isaiah 55:11

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