



## Christian Ministries

# September October November December 2009

### Are you suffering from a misplaced heart syndrome?

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**R**ecently the Holy Spirit brought to my understanding a passage of Scripture that had me puzzled for several years. The passage is found in Ecclesiastes chapter 10: 2-3:

**“A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool.”**

**A**s I read these verses I could not figure out what they meant. I thought to myself: “How can it be? Anatomically, the heart is neither to the left nor to the right. It is at the center of the chest cavity tilted somewhat to the left.” My natural knowledge had me stocked on this reasoning like a car tire spinning in the mud.

**W**hen the understanding of these verses came I was not praying or seeking any

kind of revelation from the Bible. The scripture came to me strung to other passages of the Bible and suddenly I understood or at least I knew what the Holy Spirit was trying to convey to me.

**P**erhaps, those of you that are reading this article remember how on some occasions I have made reference to what I call the “lava lamp effect.” I liken revelation knowledge to a bubble surfacing inside one of those lava lamps from the sixties. So, knowledge is given by the Holy Spirit to our understanding via our born again spirit. It is like a bubble softly and gently exploding in the mind or as a light suddenly lighting a dark place.

**I**n Ephesians the Scriptures read:

**Ephesians 1:15-20**  
**“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to**

**give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”**

**A**lso in chapter 2 of the same book:

**Ephesians 2:4-7** **“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

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**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."**

**Moreover, the Holy Spirit pointed out the following scriptures:**

**Colossians 3:1-3 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."**

**The word seek is from the Greek word *zhtew zeteo dzay-teh'-o* which means: to be (go) about, desire, endeavour, enquire (for), require, (X will) seek (after, for, means).**

**Another interesting word in this passage is the word *affection* from the Greek word *ronew phroneo fron-eh'-o* which means: to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): --set the affection on, (be) care(-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind(-ed), regard, savour, think.**

**Remember that we are there, "where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God". This is not just a positional proposition or theory, it is true. That place is the**

place of son-ship and inheritance. From that vantage point we are truly "more than conquerors."

**The scriptures not only compels, but commands us to go after, to desire the things above and to discipline ourselves to have them ever present in our minds. This does not mean, as some would say, that one would become so heavenly minded to the point of being no earthly good. That kind of thinking is plain crazy. Just hogwash!**

**Matthew 6:19-25 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

**The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."**

**It is quite obvious that whatever it is that a man values, that it is there where he will have his interest focus. He will invest his time, energy and whatever resources he has, to go after that which is precious to him. In occasions, a man will spend**

sleepless nights and will find no rest until that which is like a consuming fire in him is quenched. In other words, what a man treasures reveals or exposes where his heart is: "**As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.**" Proverbs 27:19

**If what Christ has done for us becomes truly precious, valuable to us, we would treasure it more than anything in this life. Our hearts would be there also, not to have an ethereal, platonic, mystical relationship with Christ, but a dynamic communion with the Father in which his will for humanity would be evident through every believer. Or as the Scripture says: "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**" Philippians 2:5-8**

### ***Cuba Mission Trip Note***

*Victor returned home on the 11th of August. The trip went very well.*

*Below is a picture from the baptism ceremony where 24 people were baptized by Pastor Armando and Rev. Burgos.*



# September

# October

**Tuesday 1st 6:30 PM**

**Shilo Inn Tacoma**

7414 South Hosmer Tacoma 253-581-6373

**Sunday 13th 5:00 PM**

**Rose of Sharon**

26193 HWY 101 Sequim  
360-681-0184 Pastor LaBoy

**Sunday 20th 6:00 PM**

**The Vine**

4000 Whitman AVE Seattle  
206-601-4595 Pastor Brandon Rainwater

**Saturday 26th 10:00 AM**

**Set Free Ministries & Chapel**

4102 110th ST SW Lakewood  
253-582-2639 Pastor Jan Ginter

**Sunday 27th & Monday 28th 7:00 PM**

**Faith & Vision Ministries**

At Lifegate Foursquare Church  
307 East Main Street Auburn  
253-850-1300 Pastor Jack Bernard

**Tuesday 29th 6:45 PM**

**Hill Residence Limited Parking**

5919 Lagoon Lane Gig Harbor  
253-265-6575 Cynthia Hill

**Tuesday 6th 6:30 PM**

**Shilo Inn Tacoma**

7414 South Hosmer Tacoma 253-581-6373

**Sunday 18th 10:00 AM**

**Harvest Life Christian Center**

1105 Tracey Lane SE Lacey 360-412-5471  
Pastor Michael Burkhardt

**Sunday 25th & Monday 26th 7:00 PM**

**Faith & Vision Ministries**

At Lifegate Foursquare Church  
307 East Main Street Auburn 253-850-1300  
Pastor Jack Bernard

**Tuesday 27th 6:45 PM**

**Hill Residence**

5919 Lagoon Lane Gig Harbor 253-265-6575  
Cynthia Hill **Parking is limited**

# December

**Tuesday 1st 6:30 PM**

**Shilo Inn Tacoma**

7414 South Hosmer  
Tacoma 253-581-6373

**Sunday 6th 5:00 PM**

**Rose of Sharon**

26193 HWY 101  
Sequim 360-681-0184  
Pastor LaBoy

**Sunday 13th & Monday 14th 7:00 PM**

**Faith & Vision Ministries**

At Lifegate Foursquare Church  
307 East Main Street  
Auburn 253-850-1300  
Pastor Jack Bernard

**Tuesday 29th CANCELLED**

**Hill Residence**

# November

**Mission Trip 1st through the 17th to  
New Zealand and W. Samoa.**

**Sunday 29th & Monday 30th 7:00 PM**

**Faith & Vision Ministries**

At Lifegate Foursquare Church  
307 East Main Street Auburn  
253-850-1300 Pastor Jack Bernard

**Tuesday 24th CANCELLED**

**Hill Residence**



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Hope you enjoy and have a safe **Labor Day!**  
Sept. 7th.

First Day of **Autumn** is Sept. 22nd.

November 1st is **Daylight savings**—don't forget to set your clocks back!

November 11th is **Veteran's Day**—Thank you to all our armed forces. Let us remember that freedom isn't free!

**Happy Thanksgiving** to all of you and your families. Remember to be thankful for all the things the Lord has done, not only for you, but for this country. We have a Godly heritage to be thankful for!

\*You may want to call our office or check the web page to see if there are any changes to the meeting schedule.

We wish each of you the Merriest Christmas and a prosperous New Year. From all of us here at Victory Christian Ministries.



*Our office telephone number is #253-581-6373 Office hours Monday & Tuesday 10:00—3:00 pm*