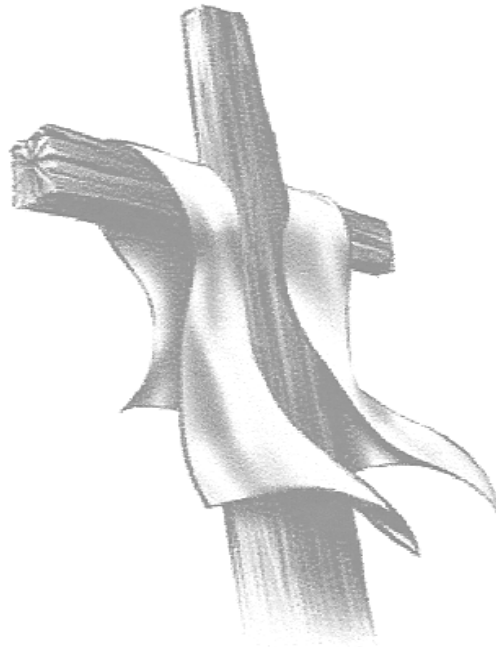

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Month In Review

I hope no one is too disappointed, but this month instead of an article from Andy Blake I want to inform all of my supporters and readers of the different leadership roles that the Lord has placed me in here at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. I was placed in most of these new roles after I returned to Kansas City after spending five weeks back in LA this summer. The only leadership that I was doing before the summer was as a prayer leader for one of the worship teams. This position is different according to what type of set we are doing, but if you have ever seen the web cast during a Worship with the Word set, the prayer leader is the person on stage that is not playing an instrument or singing. The prayer leader guides the worship team in developing the passage by quoting Scripture and Biblical language. It is hard to clearly explain with words what the prayer leader actually does, so for all who are confused go check out the webstream @ www.theprayerroom.tv. The first leadership role that I took on once I arrived back in KC was presented to me by Stuart Greaves, director of the Nightwatch. IHOP U just started a school that is specifically for students who are called to the night named NSM (Nightwatch School of Ministry). Stuart asked me to be on his leadership team for the practicum for all the 3rd and 4th year Apostolic Preaching Program (APP) students. This practicum is geared towards hand- on-training that prepares the students as forerunners to proclaim the gospel through apostolic preaching by creating for them situations to preach and prophesy and minister to those in need. It also includes leading a prayer room team for the students that meets every night before the students go into the prayer room to encourage them into the place of prayer, fasting, and the study of the word. I have also been asked to lead another prayer room team that is for nightwatch staff members. All staff members who are not on a worship team must join a prayer room team (PRT). This PRT is similar to the one for the students with a focus on studying material that remind each of us why we are here and why IHOP does what it does. I am the supervisor of this team, so I provide pastoral care (addressing absences, support raising, and/or personal issues etc.) as well as encouraging and provoking each member into the fasted lifestyle. The last of the new leadership roles I find myself in is leading what is called an E12. This is a group that meets once a week for 1½ to 2 hours devoted to the study of eschatology (or end-times study). I lead this meeting each week as basically a facilitator of discussion of end-time Scriptures. With all these different leadership positions I find myself very busy and very blessed. I have a real daily opportunity to pour into and lead those who are the spiritual leaders of the body of Christ of tomorrow!

A Word From Louisiana with Josh Boudreau

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:12-14 (NLT)

As believers, we must always remember that, when we became saved, our sinful nature did not disappear. The only thing that makes us right with Christ is Christ. His blood alone cleansed us from our sins. But, when we became saved, the wicked desires within our heart did not disappear, only the stains of our past sins against the Lord. So, we must remain sober in the fact that we are still have wickedness in us even with God's Spirit in us. But, now, because of the love of the Father, the grace of Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are free from the control of our sinful nature. This is why Paul tells us that we are not obligated to it anymore.

We must always be mindful that the devil will try to get us to pridefully believe that, because we are saved, we will not fall in to sinful ways. The truth is that, because we still have wicked, selfish desires within us, we must continue to call out to Jesus just as we did when we asked Him to save us from hell. Just because Jesus is in us now, he will not automatically stop us from letting our wicked desires turn into actual sin. We must continue to cry out to Him, reminding him that we are but flesh and need the Power of His Spirit to produce love which conforms us into the image of Christ. As it says above, we must, through the power of the Holy Spirit alone, put to death the sinful desires within us. Unfortunately, we have heard the words "through the power of Jesus", or "just lean on Jesus", or "the Lord will help you". All these words are true, but it is not an automatic process. Leaning on someone means that you make a move toward them in leaning on them. Making a move toward Jesus means that we take time to open our truthful heart to Him about our wicked thoughts and desires and cry out to Him for help, along with keeping ourselves in His word. And, we must continue doing these things until he changes that area within us until that part of us is like Him. This process never stops; it only stops when we stop allowing Him to continue to show us the true selfish nature of our hearts. But, if we do stop reaching for Him, we will become self-righteous and think that we are free of succumbing to temptation because we are close enough to Jesus now. But, if we remain humble in realizing that Jesus alone can continue to deliver us from evil, we will gradually become like him and walk in His love and power, and, of course, be truly led by the Holy Spirit.

Teaching



Once again this month, the teaching part of the newsletter will be a selection from one of the papers I wrote in class during the previous semester. The title of this paper is: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.”

Besides the Cross the supreme example of God’s mercy is seen in the life of David. God’s mercy is seen throughout David’s life, but it is particularly striking in one particular passage. There is not enough space to quote the whole text of 1 Chronicles 21:9-14, so a couple of verses shall be highlighted. God sends the prophet Gad to David with three choices of punishment for sin. These options were: “Either three years’ famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel” (v.12). David’s response is shocking! He says: “let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man” (v.13). Oh the blessedness of being confident in who God is and the assuredness of His great mercies!

“Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer” (Isaiah 53:19a). As seen in this verse, mercy and justice run head on into each other at the cross. However unpleasant this verse may sound to the ear of the natural man, it has been sweet to the ear of the sinner who repents and chooses to put his faith in the Lamb that was slain. Justice shall not complain for lack of punishment because of Jesus, nor mercy for lack of compassion because of Jesus.

At the cross, the plea of justice was satisfied in punishing, and the plea of mercy is received in the pardoning of sin. The Father will “have an infinite sacrifice to content justice; and the virtue and fruit of that sacrifice shall delight mercy” (Charnock, p. 412). We must believe that God’s mercy is boundless, free and, through Jesus Christ our Lord, available to us now in our present situation. God has given His only begotten Son to assure us of this promise. No man ever was nor surely ever will be just in questioning the justice and mercy of God. “Not all the judgments, that have, or shall be poured out upon the wicked world, nor the flaming furnace of a sinner’s conscience, or the irreversible sentence pronounced against the rebellious devils, nor the groans of the damned creatures, give such a demonstration of God’s hatred of sin, as the wrath of God let loose upon His Son” (Charnock, p. 135). The just penalty for sin was paid when Christ our Substitute died for us on the Cross. Thus God is righteous without being cruel and merciful without being unjust. Had man been sacrificed to justice, mercy would have forever been unknown; had man been solely shown mercy, justice would have forever been excluded. In Christ all the wrong things have been made right, though mercy and justice in God have never been wrong.

This is the fifth and sixth paragraph to the paper entitled: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.”

You can read the paper in its entirety on my website, www.bobbyjtaylor.com



Future Events

November 6th – 8th

-Joseph Company (market place)

Call to the Wall Summit

November 13th – 15th

-Prophetic Evangelism Summit

December 4th – 6th

-Practical Prophetic Hearing Intensive

Hear His Voice, Be a Voice

December 28th – 29th

-Something 08 in KC

December 31st

-the Call in KC

Looking Forward

Wow! It is hard to believe I have now been in K.C. for a full year! The last twelve months have been amazing. I can only pray that the next years of being in God's presence go as wonderful. I am such a blessed man to be able to do what I do. The reason I am able to do it is God moving through all of you and your generosity. I am so very thankful for what all of you have contributed. I still have a little ways to go before I have enough monthly support. I found when I transferred my account to IHOP that they will require in taxes 1/5 of all money that comes in. Apparently a missionary is considered a self-employed person, and so they have to pay self-employment taxes. That makes the money I need increase by at least \$300-400 per month. That is a bummer, but I know God WILL provide. Some good news for me being a diabetic, I have found a hospital here in K.C. that will provide VERY cheap healthcare. That is a MAJOR blessing for a diabetic, so my financial need for health care has been kept to a minimum by God!

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From now on please send all your checks to **11315 Grandview Rd #A306, Kansas City, MO 64137**. If you do want your tax deduction, please make your check out to **IHOP-KC** and no longer write my name in the memo blank. If you do not do it this way, it will prevent you from getting any deduction. I will be paying 20% in taxes on all tax deductible contributions. So if you do not want your tax deduction, please continue to make your checks out to **Bobby Taylor** and write anything you would like in the memo.

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