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NEWS OF THE NIGHT

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

I don't really have any new "news" this month. I am enjoying my work with media in the evenings. It is challenging but very rewarding. My plan is to continue working with the media department through at least July. My prayer time from midnight to 6am is a joy as always even though intercession is hard work at times. Thank you for supporting me through prayer, money of both!

PRAYER POINTS

I would love for you to pray for me. Here are a few requests:

- For **"a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of [God]"** (Eph 1:17) that I may partner with His heart and His purposes.
- For financial supporters. My biggest financial need at this time is still for **consistent monthly or yearly supporters**.
- For **spiritual protection** as I intercede for our world.
- For **physical strength and energy** as I work with media in the evenings
- For a **new laptop** because mine died last month.

TRUTH TIME

WHAT GOD IS TEACHING ME

At IHOP, we believe that the Lord is raising up messengers to prepare the way for the 2nd coming of the Lord. Their ministry as forerunners, like John the Baptist, is to prepare hearts for the arrival of Jesus. As part of the Media Apprenticeship in which I am participating, I got an assignment to write a 3 page paper on the question "What is the forerunner message?" Following is the first part of that paper. You can find it in it's entirety at <http://www.intercessorinformer.com> (Continued on page 2)

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WHAT GOD IS TEACHING ME (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

What is the forerunner message? Or to phrase the question in the more widely known vernacular of the western evangelical church, what is the gospel of the Kingdom? In short, the forerunner message is the good news that, through Jesus, we have been brought into intimate fellowship with the eternal Trinity, true, unselfish, self-giving Love, and that currently God is in the process of restoring all things to again reflect His perfect goodness. The next major step in that restoration process is the literal and physical return of the Man Jesus Christ to rule the earth for 1,000 years, preparing it for the eternal dwelling of God the Father on earth with His creation.

Since the end of the 1st century AD, the full gospel of the Kingdom has not been preached. The blessed hope of the Church as presented in the New Testament is "the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13) When the Roman Emperor Titus completely leveled Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in 70AD, it sent the Church into a state of confusion. Their main question was, "How is Jesus going to return physically to Jerusalem and the Temple as prophesied in Scripture if the Temple is destroyed?" Since that time, the presentation of the gospel has shifted from the restoration of all things, both physical and spiritual, to merely the restoration of our souls, our spiritual entities. This has caused our gospel preachers to say something like this, "Jesus died to save you from hell, the punishment for your sins." While this is true, it is not the whole gospel.

The full gospel is summarized by Paul in his inspired letter to the Colossians. "It pleased the Father...to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him [Jesus], whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who were once alienated and enemies...yet now He has reconciled." (Colossians 1:19-21, emphasis added) A conversation in eternity past can almost be imagined between the Triune Members of the Godhead. They are so overflowing with self-giving *agape* love that together they came up with the whole plan of creation and redemption to put that love on display. True love "does not seek its own" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but seeks to give itself. Jesus Christ is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," (Revelation 13:8) because the Lord chose the plan of redemption before time. When man sinned, God did not say, "Oh no! I didn't see this coming! What are We going to do now?" His perfect plan from eternity past was to display His perfect love in the supreme horror and supreme beauty of His Son on the cross. The good news of the gospel, that eternal plan, is that man, though once enemies of God because of sin, has been reconciled to right relationship with God through the blood of Jesus, His Son, who came to die as an expression of His love, His mercy and His justice. And not only has the cross of Jesus restored man to God but it also restored all things to the right relationship to God as He has originally created them. God said 5 times in Genesis 1 that His creation was good. When He created man in His image, He declared that it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). The sin of Adam has caused everything in creation to be twisted and dead. But the good news is the reconciliation and resurrection of all things. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:22, emphasis added) All of creation, including man, is being currently restored and will be fully restored in the age to come. That is the gospel.

(Part 2 is coming in next month's newsletter)

MINISTRY MESSAGE

WHAT IS IHOP ALL ABOUT?

On September 19, 1999, a prayer meeting began which continues to this day. From dawn to dusk and through the watches of the night, prayer and worship continues twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Prayer Room is the heartbeat – the essence and origin – of all that goes on at the International House of Prayer. May the fire on the altar never go out.



The Global Prayer Room is the central location for the missions base. It was designed to reflect the tabernacle of David (1 Chronicles 22–24), where worship and intercession never cease. The prayer room itself is a large room arranged with chairs and tables, which is open to the public 24/7, day and night. Here we worship our Savior and intercede for our world. IHOP is one of many houses of prayer that the Lord is raising up across the world. We are so blessed to live in such a time as this!

More information about IHOP, including links to the IHOP website and our Statement of Faith, can be found on the Organization Details page on my website, <http://www.intercessorinformer.com/ihop>