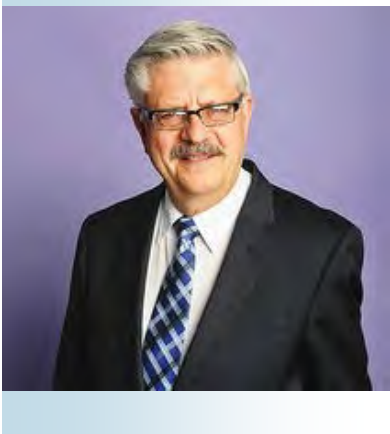


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Dear Servant of the Lord:
Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am very thankful for the 2017 National Convention in London, Ontario. Thank-you Rev. David Kelsey, Faith Tabernacle of London, and

the committee for the fine work you put into the convention. This was a historical convention with Rev. D. Karl Thomas (National Leader of the Apostolic Church of Canada), Rev. Dr. Jeff Farmer (President of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America) and Rev. Dr. David Wells (General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies Of Canada) taking part.

Thank-you I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) for acclaiming me as your General Secretary. My wife Virginia and I are honoured and deeply humbled by your ongoing support.

THE CHURCH IN TRAVAIL

Isaiah 66:1-24

Text: Isaiah 66:8 *Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*

In the total scheme of things, birth comes only after travail. Just as physical birth must be preceded by labour pains, so also must spiritual birth. The travail need not be long, only genuine. False labour pains are agonizingly unfruitful. Isaiah stresses the need for real, spiritual travail by saying that spiritual birth follows so quickly that it is as though the birth came first: “Before she travailed, she brought forth.” (66:7) Yet he goes on to explain, “For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth children.” The travail is necessary but not lengthy.

But what does Isaiah mean? We must look first at Zion. Zion is the famous hill on which the Jerusalem temple was built, the place of David’s original fortress. Later Zion came to include the whole city as the people of

God and ultimately came to include the church as the people of God.

The immediate birth to which Isaiah refers concerns the restoration of the exiles from Babylon, the return of a nation to the Land of Promise. But Isaiah always points ahead to a greater fulfillment, and such is the case here. Within his statement lies the birth of the church in the days of our Lord’s ministry and the great in-gathering on the Day of Pentecost – three thousand born in a day!

Isaiah sets forth a great principle that remains relevant in 2017; spiritual victories are not given by chance; they require a personal, agonizing search and sacrifice. If the church today is truly to be the church, it must be in travail. Because we are often guilty of activity without unction, we must give careful attention to what genuine travail involves on the part of a church lest we be deceived by false pains.

MAKES WORSHIP PERSONAL

Isaiah 66:1, 20

Isaiah refers to those who have taken such pride in the glorious temple of Solomon that they have forgotten the God to be worshipped: “Thus said the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me?... For all those things hath thine hand make... but to this man

will I look even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.”



God is not impressed with beautiful buildings, since His hand created all the materials anyway. What God really desires is the repentant and reverent heart. It is rather tragic that during the earthly ministry of

our Lord the Jews were engaged in rebuilding the temple. The project was begun by Herod the Great before the birth of Jesus as a means of gaining the goodwill of the Jews. The lengthy process was still in progress when Jesus was crucified. While busy building a temple, the Jewish leaders plotted the crucifixion of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

Group worship is a failure unless each person also engages in personal worship. Unless worship comes from a yielded heart, it is blasphemy. God will accept no man’s gift unless his heart is repentant. Therefore Isaiah declares that God looks upon the man who, in formality, brings his ox as a sacrifice as though he had

slain a fellow man: “He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man.” (66:31)

Real sacrifice comes as an outgrowth of a surrendered heart. Isaiah’s prophecy began with God’s question “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me, saith the Lord?” (Isaiah 1:11)

Nothing is more irreverent than the formal offering accompanied by a rebellious and wayward heart. When David wanted to worship God he bought the oxen and threshing floor of Araunah, refusing to accept it as a gift, saying “Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.” (2 Samuel 24:24) To be content with anything else is to divorce worship from all feeling and spiritual travail.

IS SERIOUS ABOUT CHOICES

Isaiah 66:3-4

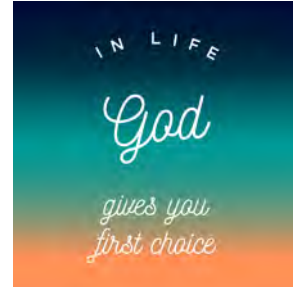
Spiritual travail is marked by serious decision-making. Life itself is the sum of an individual’s choice. The making of wise decisions requires an accurate sense of values as well as the vision of the long haul.

I can well remember how we, as youngsters at school, chose players for a ball game. First one side got a choice and the other side chose a player. In life God gives you first choice. Your decision then determines His choice for you. This becomes a continuous procedure throughout the life of an individual as well as of a church. “Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I will also choose their delusions, and bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear; but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.” (vv. 3c-4)

God offers us direction. Sometimes He impresses us toward certain decisions while we are in private devotion, sometimes in public worship, sometimes amid our daily labours. The danger is not that God’s direction may not come, but that they may pay it no heed. When such is the case, God chooses to grant us delusions, to let our fears boomerang on us.

As a result, we often revel piously in our own blessed delusions. We assume that if we scrupulously do what past generations has done, we are defenders of the faith. We assume that if we draw out every decision over a long period of time we are sure to be doing God’s will carefully. Imagine a church service

suddenly interrupted by a shout of fire. Wouldn’t it be ridiculous for someone to ask, “Shall we call the fire department?” And what if the response came, “Let’s appoint a committee to study that matter and to see if other churches have ever called the fire department, and if so, what were the results.” If the discussion lasted long, the final decision would come too late to matter. It has been said that while the Bolshevik revolution was raging in the streets of Moscow, the leaders of the state church held a three-day meeting to decide what colour the clerical hat should be – red or black.



Jesus was not marked by a conservative outlook. He stepped over most of the fences built by human tradition. He cast the money changers from the temple. He exposed the current religionists as hypocrites and whitened sepulchres. He proposed to confront the pagan world and the Roman Empire with twelve unarmed men. He proposed to set men free of sins by allowing Himself to be crucified, declaring that He would be resurrected on the third day.

Most of our hesitancy to follow Christ comes, not because we are uncertain of His will, but rather because we are uncertain of the price. We are afraid discipleship will make misfits of us. We fear that if we witness we will lose popularity. We fear that godliness will be too dull.

LIVE OUT THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Isaiah 66:8-10

Isaiah, more than any other Old Testament prophet, looked ahead to Christ. The travail of which he spoke is akin to that which marked our Saviour’s earthly ministry and which He bequeathed to His disciples. John Foster in THEN AND NOW tells about a Hindu inquirer who came seeking Christian baptism. Somehow a New Testament had fallen into his hands, and its message had captivated him. He determined to make Jesus his Master, but he had no intention of joining a church until his reading brought him through the Gospels and into the Book of Acts. There he found that the ministry of Jesus’ life was taken up and carried out by the church and where Jesus had left off, the church continued. Said the Hindu, “I

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must belong to the church that carries on the life of Christ.”

The church has never grown when separated from the travail of Christ. God did not deliver Israel from Pharaoh until their cry went up to him. Pentecost did not come until 120 disciples gathered for ten days in expectant prayer at the danger of life itself. The price of travail has often been the blood of the martyrs.

Savonarola, the great preacher of Florence, was excommunicated because he preached against the sins of the pope. Nevertheless, the citizens of Florence protected him, at first, because they recognized him as a prophet of God. Then the pope applied such economic pressure that all the businessmen faced ruin. At that point Savonarola's own friends felt forced to arrest him. He was then strangled and burned at the stake. Shortly before his execution, he said, “If you



ask me in general as to the issue of the trouble, I reply, Victory. If you ask in a particular sense, I reply, Death... But Rome will not put out this fire; and if this be put out, God will light another.” That was in 1498. Just nineteen years later Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door at Wittenberg and the resultant flames ignited the Reformation. We will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation October 31, 2017.

Jesus was aware of a divine timetable. He was possessed by a sense of urgency. He felt compelled to work while it was day, knowing that night would soon arrive. The church, with the only available word of hope, stands in the midst of perishing people.

Isaiah, strangely enough, did not end with some inspiring word of hope, though he wrote much of hope. He did not conclude with a grandiose, poetic presentation of the messianic era, though his prophecy contains several such scenes. Rather, he concluded on a note of judgment as he described the plight of people without God “Their worm shall not die; neither shall their fire be quenched.” (66:24)

Christ set our pattern. We must continue His travail if we are to be the church in 2017.

May I say thank-you to the Assemblies/Ministries and individuals that have donated and continue to donate to the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada). Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Paul McPhail



*Rev. Paul McPhail had the privilege to minister/attend:
February 22 – 25, 2017 – Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America meetings in North Charleston, South Carolina, USA*

April 4 & 5, 2017 – The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada meetings in Jackson's Point, Ontario

April 6, 2017 – Empowered21 meetings in Toronto, Ontario

June 2, 2017 – lead Rev. Myra Tamburo's funeral in Troy, Michigan, USA

Important Housekeeping

Please keep the General Secretary in the loop. Please notify Paul of any changes of contact information i.e. telephone number, address, e-mail address, etc.

As your General Secretary, I have the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

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Rev. Dr. David R. Wells, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Rev. Paul McPhail, General Secretary of the Independent Assemblies of God International (Canada). Rev. Dr. Jeff Farmer, President of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America. All together at the 2017 National Convention in London, Ontario.

It is great to see unity among the leadership.



This was a powerful moment of walls coming down between two bodies of believers. Rev. Paul McPhail showed wonderful humility and grace by apologizing publicly for the times that hurtful attitudes, actions, and words took place towards the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Without hesitation Rev. Dr. David Wells responded in a similar manner to Paul and I. A. O. G. I. members. There was a genuine season of humility and unity at leadership levels in the Lord's Church in Canada. Let's endeavor to keep the unity in the bond of peace and believe He will "command His blessing."



See page 8 for the convention report and page 13 for the PCCNA article

2017 National Convention pics cont.



Worship leaders all on stage



Praying over the youth Committee



Pic of the crowd



Praying over the ladies in ministry



May 8, 2017 – FAITH TABERNACLE OF LONDON , LONDON, Ontario
Licensing Mr Jason Elliot
L-R Rev. Kitamball Mafu, Rev. Paul McPhail, Mr. Jason Elliott (Licensed Minister), Rev. David Kelsey, Mrs. Shelby Elliott

Also of note: Rev Paul McPhail sporting his family tartan with his new kilt courtesy of Rev Yvon Stabili and their trip to Wales in 2012.

2017 National Convention pics cont.



Thank-you Rev. Lillian Hurley for your service over the years. Rev. Lillian Hurley has stepped down as Regional Secretary for North Central Ontario. May God continue to bless and keep you.



Introducing the new Regional Secretary for North Central Ontario. Rev. Rodney Deforge was elected May 11, 2017.

May 27, 2017 – HARVEST CHURCH, PRESCOTT, Ontario
Licensing Mr Ronald Asselstine
Ordaining Rev Martin J. Smaglinski

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Rev. Paul McPhail – Mr. Ronald Asselstine (Licensed Minister) – Rev. Martin J. Smaglinski (Ordained Minister) – Rev. Margaret Kirkby
Rev. James Kirby and Rev. Margaret Kirkby - Pastors



The IAOG Prairie Region Fall Convention will be held September 28 and 29 in Edmonton, AB at Refuge Temple Outreach Centre, 3140 Parsons Rd. NW. (Pastors Robert & Norma Barnett 780-463-3923). Guest speakers are Rev. Paul McPhail, IAOG General Secretary, and Rev. Glen Forsberg, the FCA fellowship pastor. For more convention or hotel information call Pastor Karl Kienle 306-630-0041.

Promoted to Glory



Rev. Myra Tamburo (DOB December 22, 1947) was promoted to Glory - at 8: 30 AM - June 2/17 at the Karmanos Cancer Institute in a Detroit, Mich. USA.

She is survived by her husband - Rev. Daniel Tamburo and four daughters (Rev. Kate, Kelley, Kaylee & Kendall).

Rev. Myra and her loving husband Rev. Daniel pastored the Leamington Christian Centre, LEAMINGTON, ON. Please remember the family and the Leamington Christian Centre in your prayers.

Rev. Myra Tamburo joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) – November 9, 1999.

Psalm 116: 15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

To God Be The Glory!

This year's conference was unlike any we have seen in years. I felt the Lord had laid on my heart way back in January the Scriptures Gen. 26: 18 – 25. This was a year to uncap the wells of our predecessors, and to build new wells. My generation has yet to see a revival that touches a nation. We have seen and been to Toronto, and other places where God was moving. My parents drove all over Canada and the USA while the Latter Rain Revival was moving and touching lives. **BUT I WANT MY OWN REVIVAL!** I do not want to read about it in a history book. I want to walk in the midst of a real powerful revival, and uncap those wells of revival.

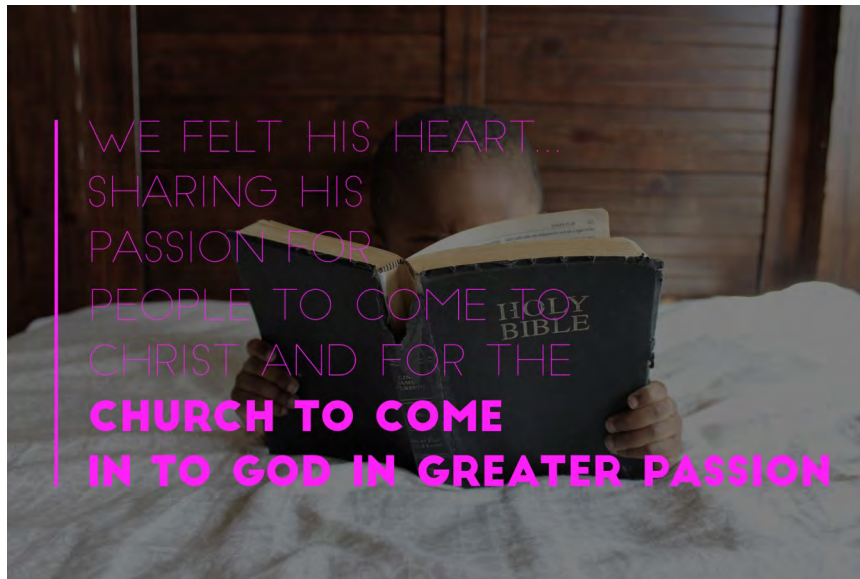
The Holy Spirit moved in such a way at every service that lives were encouraged, re-energized in the Lord. Pastors and leaders came and were re-fired up to go back and press in again. To dig those wells, and to uncap the wells that had been plugged up. Healing wells, wells of Tongues, Holy Spirit, and whatever flow or giftings that once flowed to be released again.

We were so blessed by the worship team from Faith Tabernacle. Every night was a stepping stone right into the throne room. His Presence was real, tangible, and powerful. The worship opened doors for the Holy Spirit to move and bring what was needed for that service. Each night was different yet heavily anointed.

It was a very unique convention, too, with the fact we had three other national leaders join us to speak and be a part of the IAOG National Convention (Karl Thomas - Apostolic Ch. Of Canada, David Wells – Gen. Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and Jeff Farmer of the PCCNA). Never before had God ordained such a time of healing between the IAOG, and PAOC. The uniqueness of the moment was to have all those leaders offer repentance for words and actions said and done in the past. The flow of forgiveness was power-

ful and God was pleased. Thank you to Pastor Paul McPhail for leading in this attitude of reconciliation, and forgiveness. Truly this is the heart of the Father.

There were a few new changes this year that really seemed to bless people. Tuesday morning's sessions were amazing. Pastor Karl Thomas spoke on "Systems" or "There's Poetry in the Plumbing". He emphasized that you can have a mighty move of God but if you do not have the right systems in place it will go nowhere. If the plumbing is not working right, there comes a stench and not a blessing. It was very good. Then Rev Gwen Dreger followed up with a session on how to follow the Spirit in your ministry and it tied in wonderfully with Pastor Karl's.



Wednesday morning was Rev. David Wells from PAOC. It was a very real and touching time. We felt his heart as he often broke down sharing his passion for people to come to Christ, and for the church to come in to God in greater passion.

Dr. Jeff Farmer our main speaker, and he brought a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to the

evening sessions that was wonderful to observe. Dr. Farmer brought wonderful messages to us, yet he flowed beautifully with the Holy Spirit. One night he switched his message as he felt the Lord directed us to go a different way. He flowed with it, and hit the mark tying it all together. He worked in a powerful way during the altar times, yet he had such grace as he prayed with leaders, and pastors. We were all very impressed, and pleased with his ministry.

Thursday morning during our business meeting we had felt to do a spouse's session and to minister to the ones who often get attacked when the leader is not affected. I heard nothing but GREAT comments and accolades about that session. 'Really well done, awesome, and so glad I went' were a few of the comments I heard from the ladies after that session. I'd like to thank Rev. Heather Paton for overseeing it and sharing her heart for Pastor's wives.

2017 National Convention Report cont. - Rev David Kelsey

In one of the services the Holy Spirit began to lead us towards blessing the ladies. It was felt and re-affirmed that we (IAOG Leadership) should pray for the ladies in ministry, that God's hand is on them, that He is for them, and that cultural, religious, and old school mentality to hold women back from being involved in ministry is not of God, but of man. It was a great conference.

God moved powerfully. The worship was amazing. The fellowship times knit us together even more. The attendance overall was very good. Over 200 registered



and we had good nightly attendance.

We were privileged to have been a part of it of the conference this year. I believe God did 'Uncap Some Wells' in people's hearts and in their ministries during this year's convention.

Thank You for coming and being a part. I'd like to thank the team also for all of their help making it a success – David Ellyatt, Heather Paton, Teresa Butler, Ken Hurley, Dave Kelsey, and, of course, the Holy Spirit!

God Bless

Rev. David Kelsy
S.W. Ontario Regional Secretary for
IAOG



In the Field



If you or your ministry are ministering outside of Canada, we would like to pray for you! Please let the editor know by emailing a picture of yourself along with your logo and the area you are in to editor.canadianmatle@gmail.com.

National Prayer Initiative - Virtual Prayer event

Prayer Initiative Update

We are still hoping for more Regional Prayer Coordinators to step forward. Please seek the Lord and ask if you are the one called to this important task of stirring our membership up to greater and regular prayer – in all areas

of ministry. Then talk to your Regional Secretary to volunteer.

May God bless Canada, North America, and each member of IAOG Canada as they seek, with authority and power, to bring the Kingdom into all areas of life.



Rev. Gerrit and
Rev. Elisabeth Apperloo
IAOG Canada National Prayer Coordinators





2017 is the year Canada celebrates its 150th birthday!

An important history...

One hundred and fifty years ago in Charlottetown and Québec City, the Fathers of Confederation first dreamed of a united and prosperous Canada.



Fathers of Confederation - Québec Conference

A convincing proposal, first introduced at the Charlottetown Conference, was elaborated at the Québec Conference, and became the framework for Confederation. Three years later, the vision of a union was realized at the London Conference with the creation of the British North America Act. The Act finalized the union of the provinces and on July 1, 1867, gave birth to the Dominion of Canada.

The term 'dominion' was a common term used primarily with British colonies. The Premier of New Brunswick, Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, suggested its use in Canada's name as he was inspired from Psalms 72:8:

*"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
and from the river unto the ends of the earth."*



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SHARE YOUR FAITH!
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Come on Canada – Let us STAND ON GUARD!



In my office, on my blue wall, hangs the beautifully framed license and ordination certificates from IAOG Canada. They look so lovely and they are nicely arranged. They show that I am accepted and approved by something bigger than myself.

Those papers are not the whole story.

Almost 100 years ago, some men had the vision to equip and to send out men and women for the ministry. Their vision was to provide fellowship, have accountability and to encourage God's soldiers to go to battle in Canada.

One of the most essential parts of IAOG is fellowship. We need each other. I would venture to say, more now than at any other time. We need to stand together for our nation. We need to stand together when one of us is weak. We need to stand together and demonstrate unity that is a witness of God's glory to the nations.

We are all too aware of how the devil attacks, but I am encouraging each one of you to focus on how great it is when we are together, that we must fight against distractions or preferences that may try to divide us, that we continue to focus on where we agree in the service to the King to see souls saved, redeemed and delivered.

We have different ministries and with that a uniqueness. These differences can be joints that supply or become like a bone 'out of joint', broken and distant. We must acknowledge that God has made each of us individually, and we must strive to resist the temptation to disconnect because of it.

God calls us to walk hand in hand, not despising each other. As it says in First Corinthians...

1 Corinthians 12:24 *For our comely parts have no need:*

*but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:
25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.
26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*

When you have an opportunity to gather with other members, do it! One of our evangelists, Sister Anita Pearce would say 'DO IT NOW!' We know so little about each other and true fellowship happens as we gather, pray together, sometimes cry together, and other times laugh together.

I am ordained and licensed because someone believed in the heavenly call from Jesus Christ on my life.

The paper acknowledges that. It's why you have

yours, too. We give honour to what they represent when we live out the vision that has gone before and that holds us together.

You need me, and I need you, not paper.

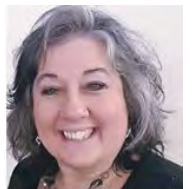
Take some time to consider and value what the IAOG means to you. Pray for our leader. Call someone and encourage them. And find a way to sow a seed of honour demonstrating your gratefulness to be able to carry those papers on your wall.

Finally, remember Who has called you and thank Him for it.

Rev Gwen Dreger is the senior pastor of Celebration Life Ministries in Surrey, BC, and trains and mentors leadership in all aspects of ministry.

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NO QUESTION..... HE IS WORTHY

"And they sang a new song saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and Nation, and have made us kings and priests unto our God...'"
(Revelation 5:9-10)

It is certainly not by accident that among the songs, hymns, and choruses we sing together are many that extol the worthiness of the Lord Jesus like "Thou Art Worthy". It is a key element in our worship. One would have to say that it is highly improbable any pastor, Christian leader, or believer would dispute the certainty that Christ is worthy to be worshipped, for this is an acceptable fact among all Christians. It is, of course, also an accepted reality in the heavens, although in heaven that truth is stated over and over again as indicating there is something significant about repeating it. Up until Revelation 4:8 reference has primarily been to the "Lord God Almighty" Who has been the focused object of worship. However, chapter five takes a bit of a shift. The word "worthy" appears four times in Revelation 5. The characteristics found in this chapter are interesting and important in our understanding of true worship and the worthiness of Christ to be worshipped. Obviously, none is more qualified to receive worship from the saints on earth and in heaven than our Lord Jesus Christ.



Let us first of all be knowledgeable concerning the word "worthy" that is used here in Revelation 5. The Greek word used here is 'axion', which scholars tell us means "worthy by rank and character as well as by ability". It is closely related to the word 'hikanos' which means "capable or qualified". John establishes that Christ is worthy of worship by virtue of rank, character, ability and actions. That Jesus is worthy of worship by virtue of these four things is self-evident. In this chapter John lists five positions that Christ holds that form a working foundation of why He is worthy of our worship:

The Ruler On The Throne – The Eternal Son of God (Revelation 5:1, 13)

As the One Who "sits on the throne", we see Christ as eternal God, equal with the Father. He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." (Matthew 28:18) He therefore holds that place of rulership over all things, including our lives.

The Lion Of Judah – The Conqueror (Revelation 5:5)

As the Lion of Judah, He is strong, forceful, powerful and

unconquerable, exercising His power on behalf of His people. None can resist Him. He is invincible in sustaining and empowering His church on earth. He enables us to accomplish His purposes.

The Root Of David – The King (Revelation 5:5)

As the Root of David, He is the King eternal, the promised Heir Who would sit upon the throne of David. As such, all dominion, authority, power and might have been delivered into His hands. He rules in the oversight of His church and world affairs. We are also reminded that "where the word of a king is there is power." (Ecclesiastes 8:41) Psalm 29 establishes this convincingly in its description of the Lord's voice of authority.

The Lamb Of God – The Savior (Revelation 5:6, 8 & 12)

As the Lamb of God, He is our vicarious sacrifice. Isaiah wrote, "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7) As the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the Book of Revelation declares Him worthy to be worshipped on the highest plane.

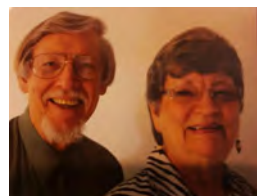
The Redeemer – The Kinsman-Redeemer (Revelation 5:9)

Jesus emptied Himself of His divine prerogatives and took on our humanity so that He would be the closest relative to each of us. Scripture reminds us that He "is a friend that sticks closer than a brother!" Verse 9 tells us He has "redeemed us to God."

Again, when we consider the word "worthy" and the fact that it refers to the rank, character, and ability these five offices fill, together with the scope of what they represent, it causes our hearts to swell with extravagant worship. There is no question... He IS worthy. Let our worship not be taken up with our preference for music style, or merely focus on types of expression (i.e. clapping, dancing, raised hands, etc.). Rather, let the One Who is worthy fill our vision to the extent that He is so awesome, so wonderful, so mighty and so worthy that we would humbly bow in adoration focusing on the glory of Who He is!! The songwriter put it so succinctly when he wrote:

*Fill all my vision, blessed Lord of Calvary
Fill all my vision till I see no one but Thee
May all the pleasures of the world now fade from view
And fill all my vision my whole life through*

Colin & Mary Wellard are an itinerant ministry ordained with IAOGI. Their ministry is Oasis Christian Ministries International based out of Abbotsford, BC. They seek to build up the body of Christ and our fellowship through renewal, revival, and restoration. Please visit their website at www.oasiscmi.com.



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Two Canadian Movements Reconcile



(Photo credit: Jack Skafte) This was a powerful moment of walls coming down between two bodies of believers. David Wells, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (on right) and Paul McPhail, General Secretary of Independent Assemblies of God International (center) asking forgiveness for past sins and both uniting their faith and declaring unity among the body at the National Convention of IAOGI.

A historic reconciliation took place between the Independent Assemblies of God International Canada (IAOGI) and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) at IAOGI's 2017 National Convention in Ontario, Canada. PCCNA President Jeff

Farmer was present and prayed over the apology between Paul McPhail, General Secretary of IAOGI and David Wells, General Superintendent of PAOC.

"IAOGI began in 1918 as the Scandinavian Assemblies of God. The Latter Rain Movement, a revival that started in 1948 when the Sharon Orphanage and Bible School were founded, brought further division between IAOGI and PAOC. Our people became separatists," says Rev. McPhail. "They left denominations and tried to take churches with them."

When Rev. McPhail joined PCCNA in 2005, "I declared I'm building bridges to denominations." Rev. McPhail apologized on behalf of IAOGI to Rev. Wells for "bad actions and bad attitudes." Rev. Farmer prayed for both movements as a representative of PCCNA which promotes unity among denominations and movements. "In reality we have been working together since 2005," says Rev. McPhail. "We work together through the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and Empowered 21."

"Demonstrating unity in the power of the Spirit," is PCCNA's mission. This heartbeat was expressed through this God-breathed moment of unity as PCCNA has provided the platform for relationships and unity between denominations, ministries and organizations.

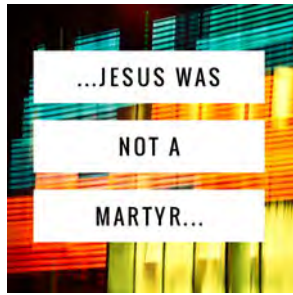
Jesus Made Sin For Us:

“Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.” (Luke 18:31)

“But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straightened till it be accomplished!” (Luke 12:50)

“Are you able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” (Matthew 20:22)



These verses reveal that Jesus had His own will, and therefore, He was a distinct person of the Trinity. He could have chosen not to go to the cross. But to fulfill His divine purpose for coming into existence in human form, He surrendered His will to that of the Father to provide redemption for us.

No wonder that Jesus struggled with great drops of blood to accomplish the sacrifice of Himself to pay for the sins of all the world for all time from Adam to the end of time. He knew that it was the purpose of God that He would become the Lamb of God to take away the sins of those who would trust in him for salvation. Yet, there was unimaginable agony of Himself actually drinking that cup of the will of God, and being baptized with the suffering of death.

No wonder then that Jesus prayed three times in the garden of Gethsemane. First, He prayed with Peter, James and John, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry you here, and watch with me.” (Matthew 26:38)

Then He went by Himself, “He went away again the second time, and prayed saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, your will be done.” (Matthew 26:42)

“And went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.” (Matthew 26:44)

“And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” (Luke 22:42-44)

Death by Roman Crucifixion:

When we read the Scriptures of the horrors of being put to death on a Roman cross, we cringe in disbelief.

First, Pilate had Jesus scourged. (Matthew 27:26) Those who were scourged were beaten with lashes that were made with shards so sharp that flesh was literally torn from their backs. This scourging was so harsh that Isaiah had already predicted, “As many were astonished at you; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more that the sons of men: (Isaiah 52:14)

Then, the soldiers stripped Jesus of his cloak and put on him a scarlet robe, and they twisted a crown of thorns and pressed it into His head. (Matthew 27:28) Then, the soldiers would make him that was to be crucified bear his own cross. They compelled Simon of Cyrene to bear the cross of Jesus to Golgotha, the place of a skull. Crucifixions were held in a public place to instill fear into other law-breakers.

There, they nailed Jesus to the cross with two nails through his hands, and one nail through his feet. This meant that someone who was crucified would die of asphyxiation. Hanging from their hands, they could not breathe. But putting their weight on the one nail through their feet would only give them breath for a few moments until the pain would cause them to slump again in exhaustion.

To relieve the agony of prolonged suffocation, the soldiers would break the legs of those on the cross. “But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs; But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and (immediately) came there out blood and water.” (John 19:33,34) Some have claimed that blood and water coming out was an indication that Jesus died of a broken heart.

Jesus Was Not a Martyr:

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he (breathed his last).” (Luke 23:46)

So Jesus was not a martyr: He laid down his own life, and took it up again. He willingly laid down His life.

“Therefore does my Father love, me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” (John 10:18)

Jesus Suffered Much More Than Physical Death For Our Salvation:

Jesus did not die for His own sin. He was put to death for our sin and iniquity and with His stripes we are healed physically.

“Surely he has borne our (sicknesses), and carried our (pain): yet we did esteem him stricken, (struck down) of God, and afflicted. But he was (pierced through) for our transgressions, he was bruised (crushed) for our iniquities; for the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all... Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when you shall make his soul an offering for sin,... he has poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:4-6,10,12)

The Solitude Of Jesus' Death:

Perhaps the greatest pain that Jesus suffered was to be aban-

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done by His Father. Perhaps this was because God could not look upon Jesus being made into a sin offering. Perhaps it was that Jesus had to face death by Himself.

“Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46) This was a quotation from the Psalms, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?” (Psalms 22:1)

The Ramifications Of The Death Of Jesus Christ:

Jesus paid the price for the sin of all mankind from Adam to the end of time. Further, He conquered Satan and all of his hordes for his rebellion against God which resulted in him being cast out of heaven. In doing this, Jesus liberated all those who had been held captive by Satan. Jesus also carried those righteous Old Testament saints into heaven. And as a conqueror, Jesus gave the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

“When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:9-10)

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:15) “I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of

death.” (Revelation 1:18)

“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (1 Timothy 1:10) “That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:14)

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28)

“Wherefore God also has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:8-11)



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Letter from the Editor - Lani Page

This year Canada celebrates 150 years as the Dominion of Canada. And while man may try and change the name and nature of our great country, this country was set in place by God and there is a spiritual decree that was proclaimed “that He shall have dominion from sea to sea.” If you have the opportunity to go to the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, Ontario, you will see these and many other scriptures and references to the Bible engraved and displayed in and on the walls.

We honour our First Nations, Aboriginals, and Inuit brothers and sisters, and believe they have a great part to play in the move of God. If we truly believe Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus,” then we must look forward together. We must put aside our own ideas and preferences and search for the things of God in His Word. His Word is higher than what we think or imagine, and if we truly want to see God move across this land, from east to west

and north to south, our cry must not be what has happened to us, but a cry from the uttermost depths of our spirits that we want to see Him.

It takes each one of us individually. Each one of us has a part. I encourage you to find that quiet time with Him and be honest. It’s a scary place to be to tell the Almighty God that you don’t care, that you can’t see it happening, but that You love Him, and you believe He will help you see. He will meet you there in your honesty, and see what wonderful things will happen. Love Him, and love His Word.

Happy 150th Canada!

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