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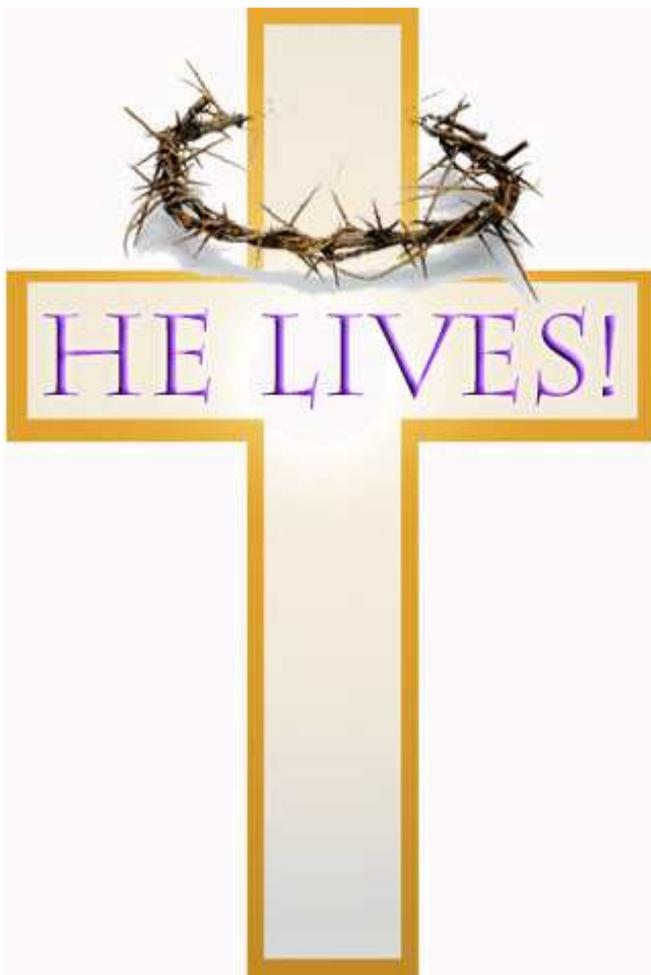
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He existed with the Father and Holy Spirit before time began. He was sent by the Father (John 3:16), born of a virgin into our sinful world, lived among us, knows all our temptations yet never sinned. He died on a cross to shed his blood to redeem you and me from our sins - past, present and future - and rose from the grave on the third day opening the way for us to have a personal relationship for eternity with our Heavenly Father. He is Risen! His Name is Jesus Christ. He is Alive! Alleluia!

How do we accept the gift of His finished work and enter eternal life now?



WHAT IT IS TO BE SAVED!

By Canon David A. P. Smith

[“By grace you have been saved through faith”. \(Ephes. 2:8\)](#)

“**B**rother, Sister, are you saved?” I have not heard this question in a long time. Perhaps I do not move in the right circles. But I often have heard it in the past, even addressed to myself. And I used to ask myself, what does that mean anyway? Saved? Saved from what?

To be saved from drowning? I understand that. To be saved from a “fate worse than death”? That too is clear.

But then it was explained to me that to be saved in the Christian sense is to be saved “from Sin and Death”. From Sin? Well, from being trapped by a sinful fixation, like alcoholism, or sexual perversion, or from an ungovernable temper. From Death? From the fear of dying and total oblivion.

“Sodzo” – to “cure” or “heal”

The word for “saved” in the New Testament (as in the quotation from the Letter to the Ephesians above) is “Sodzo”, but like so many Greek words it has a broader meaning than simply “to save” or “rescue” from danger or fear. It is also used in the sense of “to heal” or “cure”, as when Jesus turns to the woman with the haemorrhage and says, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well (i.e. “saved” you. Matt. 9:22). The woman was thus delivered (“rescued” or “saved”) from her sick condition and given a new and richer life. As Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus enables us truly to live, not only in the hereafter, but in His Kingdom in the here and now.

Healing in the OSL

OSL statistics indicate that every year large numbers of people become new members of the OSL but that the overall membership in the Order does not increase. This is because just as many people do not renew their membership. And why is that? I am sure that many people simply forget, or just do not get around to it, but I suspect that there are many in the healing ministry who become disillusioned and discouraged.

When people first discover the message of OSL, that Jesus heals today, they are generally caught up in joyful anticipation that all their hurts and afflictions will be cured. And for many, they are. But others, often, are disappointed because their expectations are not met. But why are they not healed in the way they want to be? We do not know. We cannot see the whole picture. We know that God wants us to be well and whole, but we do not know His agenda. And we do not know the extent of our needs.

I can be very conscious, for instance, of the pain in my back, or in my gimpy knee, but at the same time be totally unaware of my grumpy bad temper, or my hurtful, critical manner. It could be that God is telling me, let’s deal with the serious matters first.

Then there are those who join the OSL in order to learn the techniques of healing. They think, “Wouldn’t it be something to go around healing people in the name of Jesus! That’s a power I really want to have.” Then they discover that the healings they attempt do not happen after all, at

least not in the ways they expect. The fact is, God does heal, and He wants us to be well, but He has His own programme. He does not allow us to manipulate Him simply to fulfill our desires.

At the last OSL conference I attended there was a gentleman who came asking for prayer for the healing of his hands which were afflicted with arthritis. As it happened, his hands were not healed, but later, in a session of prayer and praise he suddenly exclaimed, "I can hear!" He had been stone deaf in one ear for years, but now, all at once, he could hear normally again. What joy there was at breakfast the following morning when he told us about it!

God has his own agenda

God knows what is best for us, and He will not be manipulated by those who think they know better. We might well consider the "sons of Sceva" in the Book of Acts (19:14ff.). They thought that they could use the power of God for their own purposes. But magic has no place in God's scheme of things. To engage in magic is to be involved in powers that are not of God.

And there are many such powers. The New Testament refers to them as demons. Modern psychology, I believe, deals with them as obsessions. Call them what you like, they can maintain a powerful grip upon us. The most obvious victim is the alcoholic. He thinks he is in control but in reality he is helpless. And the consequences of his disease, as we all know, is often disastrous. Until he admits his condition and recognizes that he needs help, he has no escape, no salvation. That is why the A.A. program directs the victim to a "Higher Power".

And so it is with every such affliction. Obsessions to gambling or sex, depression, chronic self-centredness (called "pride" in theological circles) can hold us aloof from the outreach of God's grace. God longs to save and heal us but until we turn to him in humility and trust (faith) his saving purposes are frustrated.

God's love for us

God so loves us that he has given us the most precious of all gifts, the gift of free will, the gift to choose, or, in other words, the gift to love in return. To love is to freely choose in favour of the object of our love. Our obsessions, many of which we do not

even recognize, distract us from freely reaching out in love to God and others. Perhaps there are obsessions in us that He wants to deal with first before he turns to our broken arm or duodenal ulcer

We all know people, I would think, who are severely handicapped in some way - confined to a wheelchair, or are paraplegic, or diagnosed with terminal cancer - and yet they continue to bear their condition with inner joy and peace. They are more concerned for others than for themselves. In knowing them we have to conclude that they are far healthier human beings than others who have all their physical faculties. God knows us inside out. He knows the way we really are.

"All things work together for good for those who love God" (Rom.8:28)

When we respond to the First and Great Commandment to truly love God and put Him first, then, in my experience, the issues of life seem to sort themselves out. Events and experiences fall into their proper place. Coincidences, what we might call "little miracles", happen more and more often, because the channels of God's grace are opened up. Life is not necessarily easier, although it often is, but frustrations disappear as we "let go, and let God".

In Leviticus we read, "Be holy, for I am holy!" (Lev.11:44). God calls us to be the kind of person He created us to be. He has made us in His own image, to be holy just as He is holy, to bask in the glory He shares with us.

Jesus died on the cross to make us holy. He has won for us our salvation. And when we turn our lives over to Him, and abide in His love (John 15:9) we discover that we indeed have been saved.

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An Easter

BIBLE STUDY

The Rev. Canon Don Beatty



Alleluia, Christ has risen. So rings out the Easter proclamation as we greet the Day of the Resurrection and celebrate the most important Christian Festival.

What does the Bible say about Easter? Although the word Easter never appears in scripture, the Day of the Resurrection is mentioned in all four Gospels, howbeit as a kind of postscript. The Gospels are primarily passion narratives, climaxing with the crucifixion. There is a long prologue about the two to three year ministry of Jesus, then a brief epilogue about the Day of the Resurrection.

Although each Gospel tells the story somewhat differently, on one thing they agreed. The tomb was empty on that first Easter Day. The place where Jesus had laid two days earlier was empty. Then Jesus appeared to a number of different people over the next few days and weeks

Let's look at each Gospel in turn. Matthew begins his account of the Resurrection with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary coming to that tomb early in morning on the first day of the week. Suddenly there was a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance. He announced to the women that the tomb was empty. Then Jesus appeared and told them to tell the others, He would meet them in Galilee. (Matthew 28:1-10).

In Galilee, Jesus gave his followers the great commission, "Go therefore and make

disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20).

Matthew adds a little antidote about the High Priest bribing the soldiers to tell everyone that Jesus' disciples stole the body from the tomb. This story had no merit. Why would they risk everything to proclaim a false gospel? This Easter proclamation would cost most of them their lives!

Mark tells of the women coming to the tomb on that first Easter. Again, he included Mary Magdalene, together with Mary the mother of James and Salome. They found the stone already rolled back and an angel says to them, go and tell Peter and the others to meet Him in Galilee. Mark then tells us that the women were so afraid that they told no one. (Mark 16:8).

In the longer ending to Mark, (16:9-20) the author has Jesus meeting alone with Mary Magdalene and then with the couple walking in the country (the Road to Emmaus from Luke's account?) and finally in Jerusalem with the eleven disciples giving them the great commission.

Luke has a number of women coming out on that first Easter morning. He includes Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and others. Two angels tell them Jesus is not here. The tombstone had been rolled away. When the women told the disciples, they didn't believe them, so Peter checks it out and is amazed.

Want to Improve Your Listening Skills?

Listening means listening to others, to ourselves and to God - this is Christian Listening. Learning to listen effectively helps us to improve relationships, grow as human beings and deepen our spirituality. Listening can be life changing. We all need to be effective Christian Listeners.

Christian Listeners

Listening is also at the heart of the church's ministry. Spreading the good news of Jesus, practically helping others in need, prayer, whatever the church's ministry, it will inevitably involve listening.

Listening isn't about sorting people out, it's about:

- Helping people to get out what's locked in
- Helping people to move forward
- Helping them identify feelings
- Affirming people by reflecting back in their own words

"Listening is a ministry that's within – one that everyone can do. It transforms chance conversations into something different." (comment from a Listening course participant).

Life changing and equipping, Acorn's listening courses help to equip church members for ministry in their church and community and can be transforming for those who attend one.

Acorn offers a range of courses from introductory to advanced level to help you develop a listening attitude and effective listening skills. They are all interactive and provide time to practice effective listening skills.

There is a possibility of a group being formed at this time in Toronto for those interested in Christian Listening. When sufficient members have joined, trained tutors from Acorn Trust will be made available to lead a 4-week course for beginners. Training can also be provided in other parts of Canada. For more information or to join a group, complete a brief survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X6QB8ZL>

Keith Bird attended an Acorn Listening course and found it to be life changing. He wrote an article to share his experience and to encourage others who may be interested. Read more at: http://oslcanada.org/article_bird_listening.htm

Support and Encouragement for OSL Lone Members

Lone Members can sometimes feel like embers... that cool when removed from the fire. OSL Members who have no chapter to attend are invited to call or email Beula Cooke to request a time for a chat and prayer. Often a talk with an OSL Friend like Beula can be like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. All conversations are strictly confidential. She may be contacted by email at beulac@storm.ca or by telephone 613-253-2756

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THE LOGOS: ONTOLOGY FOR CHRISTIANS

Colin C M Campbell, PhD



“**O**ntology is the study of what is real. Secular healing is based on the ontology of atoms and molecules. Christian healing is based on the ontology of God’s Providence, exercised in two ways: In our spirits by the Holy Spirit and in the material world by the Logos. In OSL we are familiar with the work of the Holy Spirit in spiritual and inner healing. The work of the Logos is most prominent in physical healing and in the miracles of Jesus. It is these that most trouble those wedded to the ontology of science. The Christian world is ready for a Logos-based Christian ontology, compatible with the ontology of science. Quantum field theory and Bell’s theorem suggest a way to do this.

According to science, we are material beings whose minds and bodies can be explained by scientific reductionism. Mental health is just psychology. Psychology is just biology. Biology is just chemistry. Chemistry is just physics. And physics explains everything using the Standard Model of the Universe.

According to Christianity, we are spiritual as well as material beings. “We live, move and have our being” in a Providential God, who created a world that is “a pale reflection of his glory.” His Providence “neither slumbers nor sleeps” in its watch over us. God does this by his immanent presence, as Logos and Holy Spirit.

The belief in One God as a Great Spirit is common to many religions. What is shocking about Christianity is its claim that Jesus was both God and man. This truth was hard won! In the fourth

century, Arius would not accept it. The Cappadocian Fathers, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa and Gregory of Nazianzus, argued that Jesus was “homoousios”; that is, possessing the same substance as God. Their opinion carried the day at the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea and Arianism was declared a heresy.

However, the belief defended at Nicaea, did not originate there. In the Fourth Gospel, John equated Jesus with the Logos of the Stoics and Hellenistic Judaism. To Philo of Alexandria, God’s utter transcendence and separateness from the world was necessary for him to remain uncontaminated by it. However, the philosophers were aware that there was a basic order beneath the world of transient phenomena, suggesting God’s activity. They called this organizing principle, the Logos.

Jesus proclaimed the organizing principle behind phenomena to be the Kingdom of God and himself as the embodiment of it. To Jewish Christians, he was God’s Messiah. John forced the issue for the philosophers by asserting that he was also the Logos. That is, the order behind nature is not due to some abstract principle, such as the Logos or the laws of physics. It is due to the action of a Providential loving God.

Surprisingly, In the last few decades, the previous ontology of science has collapsed, clearing the way for a Christian ontology, compatible with scientific observations. At the time of the Enlightenment, Isaac Newton introduced the idea that rigid laws of motion dictated everything from red giants to quarks, requiring an ontology of determinism. His

theory made Newton a deist – and it worked so well that it seemed to be true.

In the 20th century, quantum mechanics debunked determinism and John Bell proved conclusively that the future does not emerge from the past in a predetermined way. Instead, quantum field theory is much more consistent with an open future, regulated by human decisions or by the Logos of God.

So, our God is not just “out there,” as Philo thought. He is also “in here,” trying to get out. We might well ask why the world is not a better place. The answer should not surprise us. The world is the best place

that we have allowed God to make. We, in OSL, have work to do!

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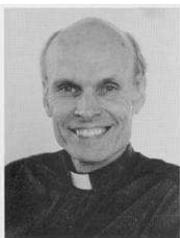
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Feedback From An OSL Member

The Supreme Court of Canada Ruling On Doctor Assisted Suicide



I was dismayed and disappointed by the assisted suicide ruling. We now live in a culture of death, and always the reasons for permitting such things as abortion, and assisted suicide masquerade under a guise of compassion. However true compassion is about helping people to live, and in the case of those terminally ill, providing them with exceptional palliative care.

There are so many risks of abuse from this ruling. How many people will be encouraged to seek their deaths when having a bad day, when in fact it may be the care givers or others who have the greatest problem with the suffering they are witnessing.

I don't even want to think about those with their eyes on the estate of the sufferers!

The church as a whole has been lax in failing to provide hope in the form of healing prayer and healing services. I can understand how individual clergy feel they must "toe the line", but if we believe in a powerful God, then we

must also believe in His power to heal, or give strength to endure until the final healing through death into life eternal. The Order of St. Luke has succeeded in encouraging the healing ministry in some churches, but there needs to be a directive from the higher echelons of the different denominations to incorporate prayers for healing, and laying-on-of-hands for those undergoing surgery, as well as ongoing prayers for the medical profession as a whole. Every church needs to have a regular healing service open to all comers. There is a vacuum waiting to be filled and too many ungodly agents rushing to fill it. How can we find ways to show Jesus' relevance in this post Christian era?

For further reading on this important subject please visit the following for an in-depth article: <http://www.studiobrien.com/euthansia-crime-act-compassion/>

Blessings,
Joyce Winfield, OSL



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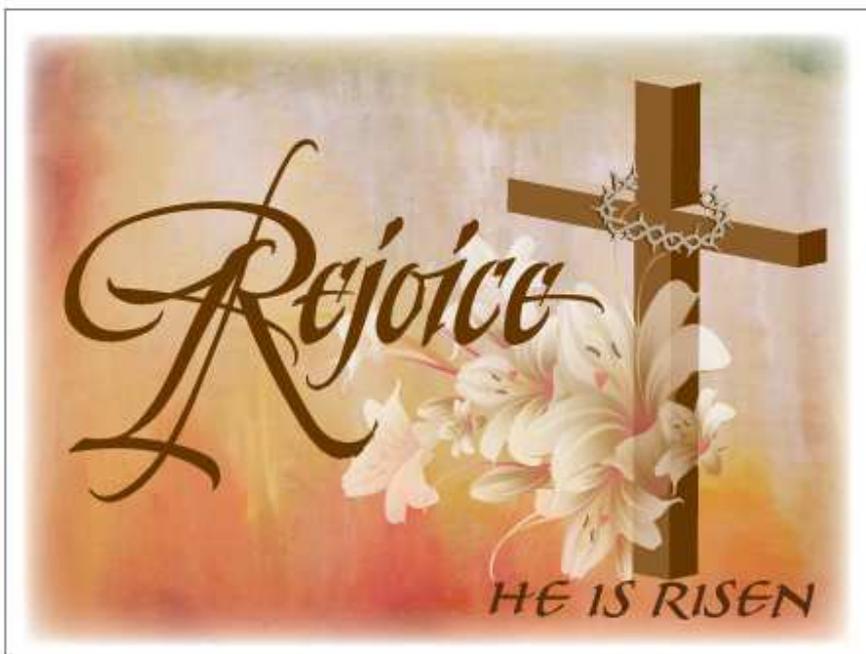
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A Favorite Chorus

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy
I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him
He's always near

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Happy Easter!



Christ is Risen!

*He is Risen
Indeed!*

Alleluia!