# **THE BRIDE'S MESSAGE**

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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.



# Literature by Reverend B. R. Hicks, Founder





The LORDS's Institution of Marriage consists of His uniting a man and a woman as husband and wife. It is the legal union of a man and a woman for life. True marriage is a holy occasion, when the LORD God rejoices with His children whom He has brought to be made One in a sacred marriage union. The ones who are thus joined in marriage also rejoice in the LORD for their new relationship as a husband and wife. God said to Adam the First, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him." "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him ... Therefore, the LORD God caused a Deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while he slept: the LORD took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. The man said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:18,21-25). The Hebrew Word for the man who was put to sleep is eesh, which means a husband, a mighty man, a steward. The eesh part of man is his spirit, not his body. So the LORD took a rib out of Adam's spirit and made him a spiritual wife, a female companion, called ish-shah in Hebrew because she was

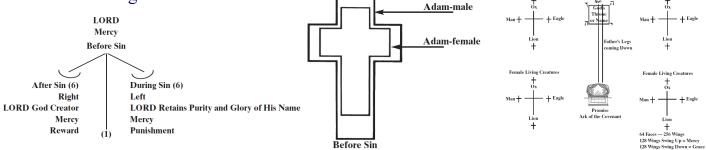
taken out of the eesh man. "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man" (Genesis 2:22). The LORD made an eesh-husband (male) and an ish-shah-wife (female) before man (Adam-male and Adam-female) entered into sin and death. In the beginning, the LORD took earth-born substance and formed it into the Image and Likeness of God; therefore, man's character was spiritually Divine. Also, in the beginning, God created man to be immortal or an Image of His Eternity. As a result, man is capable of loving, knowing, and enjoying spiritual communion with God, a Divine Being. Because God has endowed man with reason, man is capable of being submissive and of subduing his will to the LORD's Infinite, Divine Headship, and Supreme, Sovereign, Authority. In spiritual nature, the LORD made the male and female akin to the LORD God. When the LORD God instituted the Holy Marriage Union between the eesh man and the ish-shah woman, it was before sin and death had entered into them. They were still under the Unbegotten Father's and His Only Begotten Son's Eternal Headship. From the beginning, the unbegotten Father worked through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, making Him the Head, the Governor, and the Guide in the Holy Marriage Union. Then, man rebelled against God's Headship and sin and death entered the hearts and lives of mankind, destroying their Unity with God. Today if sinful souls have repented and laid hold of the LORD's Mercy-and-Grace Blood, the LORD will bless their marriage union, even though sin and death now reign in man's world. It is God's Purposive Will and Master Plan for the Marriage Union to grow and to produce fragrant buds, blossoms, and fruit, called children, who result from their marriage union. As long as Jesus Christ remains the Holy Head, the Governor, and the Guide of the home, the husband and wife will continue to enjoy His Spiritual Satisfaction, Joy, and Peace. As long as the hearts and the minds of the husband and wife remain crowned with a vision and goal of the LORD's Sacred Holy and Hallowed Headship, their marriage will reflect the reverence of His Holy Name. In addition, their marriage will be a picture of Jesus Christ's Spiritual Marriage with His Holy Bride in the future New Jerusalem, the New City.



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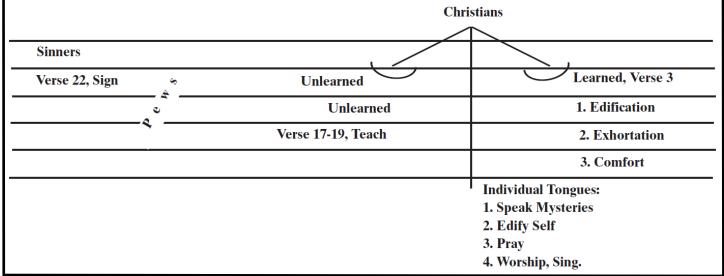
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Sermon Study #636B — THE SCALES OF THE NAME LORD — 5TH MESSAGE PROVING TONGUES IN CHURCH ANDWOMEN PREACHERS — (SUN PM

9/21/80) — The ministry to the church divided into three classes of people: The Learned and the Unlearned Believers, concerning the gifts of the Spirit, and the Sinners in First Corinthians, chapter fourteen: •The Learned Believers in First Corinthians 14:1-4; •The Unlearned Believers in First Corinthians 14:16-19; 23-25; and •The Sinner in First Corinthians 14:20 Consider how you can bless one another in ministry. Paul alternated his advice to the individual and to the whole church. The Holy Ghost in you can bring forth any gift God wants to use if you yield to Him. Pg. 1.

First Corinthians, Chapter Fourteen



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Special Teaching on the Subject of Sex — October 20, 2007 — God's Provision For Sanctified Sex — I. God Has Appointed the Husband and Wife Union. Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband (I Corinthians 7:1,2). Marriage is God's provision against lawless lust by restraining and confining all sexual activity to the holy bonds of matrimony. A. Respect the Conjugal Duty in Marriage, Render Benevolence and Kindness. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband (I Corinthians 7:3). B. The Power of Delight and Judgment Is Given to Both the Husband and the Wife in Marriage. The Husband Has Power over His Wife's Body, and the Wife Has Power over Her Husband's **Body.** The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife ((I Corinthians 7:4). LORD's Law Husband Has Power over Wife's Body • Wife Has Power over Husband's Body II. The Husband and Wife Have a Spiritual Responsibility to Keep Their Married Bodies in Honourable Sanctification. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency (I Corinthians 7:5, Ephesians 5:21-33). Tower of God's Name and Will First **IV. Prayer** II. Mutual Consent to -III. Fasting

LORD's Name **Put Jesus Christ First in Marriage** I. Defraud not Husband and Wife Sanctified Sex Second III. The Husband and Wife Are to Keep the Father's and Son's Headship in Their Marriage. Husband Wife 1. 1. Love Wife's Spirit Knee, Humble Self Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (Ephesians 5:25).

Love for Wife's Body 2.

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself (Ephesians 5:28).

#### 3. Love Wife's Soul as His nephesh Own Soul

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband (Ephesians 5:33).

Submit (kaw-nash), Bend the

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:22).

> 2. Subject (kaw-nash), unto Husband

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing (Ephesians 5:24).

> 3. Reverence (vaw-raw) and Honor Husband as Christ's Head of the Home

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband (Ephesians 5:33).

ThePurpose Of Tithing **This is the purpose of tithing**: that we may find God as our Shield, that we may find Him as our Reward; that we may give honour to God; and that we may receive God's spiritual and natural blessings. These reasons form a Stature of Truth. **I. Tithing Carries the Promise that** 

the LORD Will Be Our Shield from the Enemy. The LORD gave His first Promise concerning tithing when He said to Abram: "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1). God does not take anything from us unless He gives back something of greater value. Who would say that peace of mind, sound reasoning, and good mental health hold less value than money? These are things that money cannot buy. A person who, out of love and gratitude, heaves his tithes and offerings to the LORD will have fewer mental battles, fewer mental troubles, fewer doubts and fears, and less confusion than the person who refuses to tithe. This is true because the LORD promises to be a Shield to us if we tithe. God operates according to the same Principles that He did in Abram's day. If He promised to be a Shield to Abram, after Abram had been faithful to give the High Priest a tenth of all his possessions, then He will be a Shield to us when we are obedient to tithe. The Word of God will come as an armor about our minds to protect them from the Devil. However, we cannot expect God's Promise to be fulfilled if we approach tithing in a mercenary manner. We do not purchase God's blessings with money, for our reward is measured not by the amount of money we give, but by the amount of willingness with which we give it. We all have heard of the widow's mite. She gave with her whole heart, and her mite was more than all the amounts given by the rich. Malachi 3:10 and 11 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,..." and "...I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes..." The Apostle Peter told us who the devourer is. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (I Peter 5:8). Being obedient in tithing can purchase a greater arsenal of defensive weapons than a stockpile of hydrogen bombs, for God says that He will rebuke the one who would devour us. This is something only God can do. Our natural weapons cannot stop the mouth of the Devil from devouring us, but the Word of God will shield us from his onslaught. Jesus rebuked the Devil by using the Word of God when He said, "It is written." The devourer cannot penetrate the Shield of the Word. If we withhold our tithes instead of bringing them into the storehouse, we bring a curse on ourselves. Tithes are God's part of our lives, whether it is a tithe of our money or our time. The Philistines took the Ark of God from its rightful place and set it where it did not belong. It became a curse to them because the Ark belonged in Israel in the House of God. Our tithes belong in God's House. While money should be a blessing to us, it will become a curse if we keep the part that belongs to God. Our giving can be a Shield, a Reward, an Honour, and a Blessing when we give God His part first. II. Tithing Brings Us the Reward of God's Presence and Word. To see our Reward for tithing, we have to look again at Abram and see how the LORD rewarded him, for it was through him that the Law of Tithing and its Reward were established. Abram had been faithful and obedient. He had given a tenth of all his possessions to the High Priest. Then, the Word of the LORD came, saying, "I am thy exceeding great reward." To understand just what the LORD really meant, we need to know that the Name LORD, spelled with all capital letters, was used by the King James translators of the Bible to distinguish it as being the Name Jehovah. This was the secret tetragrammaton Name of God (J-H-V-H), to which the vowels were later added to form the Name Jehovah. It means the Self-existent One or the One Who reveals *Himself.* This was the Name that was written on the tables of stone that were in the Ark. So the Word that was promised as a Reward to Abraham was from the LORD, from the One Who would reveal Himself. God said in effect, "If you are faithful to give Me your first fruits,\* then I will allow you to become better acquainted with Me. I will reveal Myself to you." Could we ask a greater reward than to know more about our God? The LORD promised to reward us with revelation from His Word. The Word of the LORD comes all the way down to us from the Ark at the top of Christ's Stature\*\* and becomes a Shield to protect our growth, all the way from our foundation at the foot of the Cross, to the top of the Cross. Suppose we rent an apartment or a house; when we pay our rent, our landlord usually says something to us. He would not take the money from us and let us leave without saying a ord. This is what the LORD does when we bring Him what we owe. He communes with us. He is our Reward. His Presence and His Word are our Reward.

### THE VICTOR'S CROWN

### THE BRIDAL CROWN SCRIPTURES

### I. I AM The LORD Thy God.

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." **Ephesians 1:22-23** 

### II. Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28** 

# III. Thou Shalt Not Take The Name Of The LORD Thy God In Vain.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

### IV. Remember The Sabbath Day, To Keep It Holy.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" **Philippians 1:6** 

### V. Honor Thy Father And Thy Mother.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" **Philippians 2:13-15** 

### VI. Thou Shalt Not Kill.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

### VII. Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery.

"For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." **1 Corinthians 2:2** 

### VIII. Thou Shalt Not Steal.

"Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." **Isaiah 41:10** 

### IX. Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness.

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." **Psalm 119:18** 

### X. Thou Shalt Not Covet.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff

they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." **Psalm 23:1-6** 

### TEN COMMANDMENTS, Exodus 20:1-17

- **I.** I am the LORD thy God.
- **II.** Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
- **IV.** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother (to live long).
- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's (all things).

### THE BLOOD SCRIPTURES

#### SIN OFFERING BLOOD

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." **1 JOHN 1:7** 

### **TRESPASS OFFERING BLOOD**

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." MATTHEW 6:14

### WHOLE BURNT OFFERING BLOOD

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

### **ROMANS 12:1, 2**

### PEACE OFFERING BLOOD

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **COLOSSIANS 1:14** And, having made peace through the blood of his ross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." **COLOSSIANS 1:20** 

### **ATONEMENT BLOOD**

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." **ROMANS 5:8-11** 

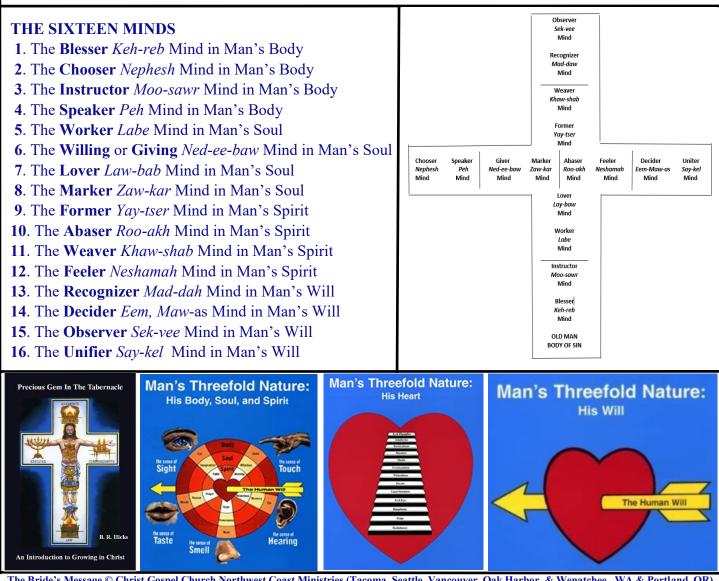
#### **PASSOVER BLOOD**

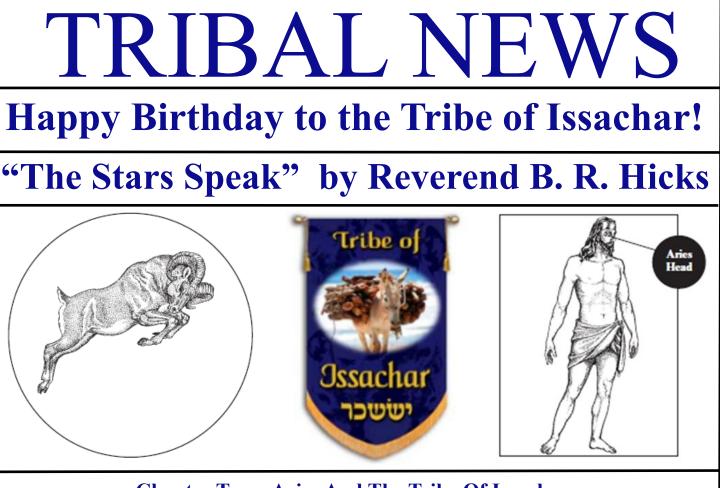
"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." EXODUS 12:13

<ul> <li>TWELVE GOVERNMENTAL NAMES OF THE LORD</li> <li>1. The LORD</li> <li>2. The LORD God</li> <li>3. Merciful</li> <li>4. Gracious</li> <li>5. Longsuffering</li> </ul>	THE REVELATION OF THE UNBEGOTTEN AND BEGOTTEN NAMES OF THE LORD	
<ul> <li>6. Abundant in Goodness</li> <li>7. Abundant in Truth</li> <li>8. Preserver of Bountifulness</li> <li>9. Forgiver of Iniquity</li> <li>10. Forgiver of Transgression</li> <li>11. Forgiver of Sin</li> <li>12. Just Judge</li> </ul>	Eternal Father <b>LORD</b> Eternal Cause of <b>All</b> things	Eternal Son 12 Governmental

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"And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation" **Exodus 34:6,7.** 





Chapter Ten – Aries And The Tribe Of Issachar March 21 — April 20 – Topaz Stone

**Issachar** / Aries — Meaning burden bearer, those belonging to the tribe of Issachar will help bear the burdens of others (*Genesis 49:1-15*).

The sign of Aries is God's eighth prophetic light in the sky. The nature of this sign is seen in the Old Testament tribe of Issachar. God's blessings of power granted to Aries are reflected in the topaz stone.



Disciple: Andrew Color: Green Body Area: Loins

The strength of God is expressed through me as stability and poise.

Contributed by Brother J. McGriff

# Happy Anniversary to all of March's Married Couples!

# **The Word From Our Elders**



Greetings, Brotherhood, in the Precious Name of Jesus!

May the Word of God bless you all.

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. **He-brews 13:4**."

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." Proverbs 18:22.

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one

flesh." Genesis 2:24.

Amen and the Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Elders Herman L. Sr. and Tonja C. McGriff

# 2023 Events

CGCII Conventions, Luncheons, & Bible Quiz

- Ministerial Thursday, March 2—Sunday, March 5, 2023
- Ministerial Luncheon Saturday, March 4, 2023
- July Saturday, July 1—Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- Ministerial Luncheon Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- The Bible Quiz Nationals Wednesday, July 19, 2023
- Youth Thursday, July 20—Saturday, July 22, 2023

Tacoma Church Renovations in progress

Weekly Services

Men's Bible Study & Retreat

Women's Bible Study & Retreat

Single's Bible Study & Retreat

Married Couple's Bible Study & Retreat

Youth Bible Study, Retreat, & Rally

Leadership Training

Financial Training

Annual "End of the Summer" BBQ

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" John 14:15.

# **THE NORTHWEST COAST MINISTERS**

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some, pastors and teachers; - Ephesians 4:11

### **REVERENDS MCGRIFF — ELDERS OF DISTRICT 14 & PASTORS IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

Reverends Moseley — Assistant Pastors, Church Operations, & Married Couples Fellowship Reverends Harris — Singles Fellowship Group Leaders & Pastors in Oak Harbor &Wenatchee Reverend McMillian — Outreach Director, & Adult Sunday School Teacher Ministers — Youth Ministers Ministers Lee — Royal Regiment Ministers Minister Gross — Sunday School Superintendent in Tacoma & Seattle, Nursery Coordinator, & Secretary Sister Schick — Administrative Secretary

### **REVERENDS MCGRIFF — ELDERS OF DISTRICT 14 & PASTORS IN PORTLAND, OREGON**

- Dr. Reverend Hintze-Pothen Assistant Pastor
- Reverends Dore Children Services Ministers
- Reverends Miller Youth Ministers & Worship Leaders
- Ministers Miguel Outreach Directors & Sunday School Superintendent
- Sister Swanson Administrative Secretary & Royal Regiment Minister
- Sister Woolbright Royal Regiment Minister

### **REVEREND HUMBERT — PASTOR IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

Ministers Quiroz — Assistant Pastors & Exhorters Ministers V & H Nicolas — Deacons & Outreach Directors

### **REVERENDS MIGUEL — PASTORS IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

Ministers Medina — Youth Leaders & Music Directors Minister Costilla Ministers Rosales — Ushers

### **REVERENDS HARRIS – PASTORS IN OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON**

### <u>REVERENDS HARRIS – PASTORS IN WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON</u>

Minister Aguilar — Bible Study Leader

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name; - Romans 1:5

# THE NORTHWEST COAST MINISTRIES

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

### Word & Spirit Ministry

Elders — District 14 — (<u>McGriff</u>)
Pastors — (<u>McGriff</u> — <u>Washington</u> & <u>Oregon</u>, <u>Humbert</u>, <u>Miguel</u>, <u>Harris</u>)
Assistant Pastors — (Moseley, Hintze-Pothen, Quiroz)
Associate Pastors — (<u>Harris</u>)
Reverends — (<u>McGriff</u>, Moseley, McMillian, Hintze-Pothen, Dore, Miller, <u>Humbert</u>, <u>Miguel</u>, <u>Harris</u>)
Exhorted Ministers — (Quiroz)

### **Auxiliary Ministry**

Bible Study & Cell Groups Administration & Treasury Evangelical, Missions, & Outreach Sunday School — Superintendent, Teachers —Adults, Children, & Youth Prayer, Praise & Worship Music, Adult Choir , Junior Choir, Audio & Media Deacon, Deaconess, & Usher Fellowships —Men, Women, Singles, Married Couples, Youth, Children, Nursery, & Royal Regiment Building, Hospitality, Housekeeping, & Congregation

"The Heart of the Prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge" Proverbs 18:15

### **Biblical Resources**

CGC app

CGC Set — <u>https://cgcset.org/#/auth/login</u>

BIBLE HUB — <u>https://biblehub.com/</u>

BIBLEGATEWAY.COM — <u>https://www.biblegateway.com/</u>

BLUE LETTER BIBLE — <u>https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/66books.cfm</u>

**READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR — CHRISTIANITY.COM —** <u>https://www.christianity.com/bible/year/kjv/bjan01.htm</u>

CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE — <u>https://www.christianbook.com/?tm\_source=google&kw=christian%</u> 20bookstore&mt=e&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1018818&cb\_src=google&cb\_typ=search&cb\_cmp=16515724003&cb\_adg=137 831860961&cb\_kyw=christian%20bookstore&gclid=Cj0KCQiA4uCcBhDdARIsAH5jyUn9RabJ70yak1fAdG0kk-

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

# SONG OF THE MONTH

#### **O** Love, How Deep

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. **Ephesians 3:17-19** 

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, It fills the heart with ecstasy, That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake! For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore, For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew. For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought; By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself, but us. For us to wicked men betrayed, Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death, For us gave up His dying breath. For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here, To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. To Him Whose boundless love has won Salvation for us through His Son, To God the Father, glory be Both now and through eternity. Latin Hymn (fifteenth century)

### My Thoughts:

The mind of man cannot begin to grasp a love that we cannot get around, over, or under; we cannot reason such love, nor can we dream up a wild fantasy that can even come close to the measure of love God, the Son of God, showed when He became mortal flesh for our sake.

In keeping with the Law, Jesus was baptized; in keeping with the prophet's declaration of what is a proper fast, Jesus fasted to free us from our bondage to sin (Isaiah 58:5-6); Jesus was tempted in all the ways we are tempted, and was triumphant over the Tempter (**Hebrews 4:15**) for our sakes.

Jesus came as the ultimate teacher, for He practiced what He taught, in prayer, praying for us, not for Himself; in His works of believing and obeying the Father; His every action and word were done and said to draw us out of the darkness of sin into His marvelous saving light.

In our place Jesus suffered betrayal by wicked men, for us He endured great mockery (Matthew 27:27-31) and bore the shame of the cross in our stead, loving not His own life unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:8).

Thankfully, the story of our salvation does not end on the cross, or in a borrowed tomb; Jesus arose from the grave, ascended to His Father on high to apply His own blood as our High Priest on the horns of the Altar, and to sit as our King on high; and having done thus, He sent the Holy Spirit to cheer and to guide us, and to give us strength to pick up our cross and follow Him.

Learning the dimensions of God's love,

Contributed by Brother M Wilson

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- God's Most High & Holy Will in All Things, Always
- CGCII Headquarters, Affiliated, & Associated Churches, Congregations, & Families
- Elders/Pastors, Reverends, Ministers & Families
- The Brotherhood & Families
- The Deployed, Military, First Responders & Medical Emergency Workers
- The World Leaders and Inhabitants

### THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Tithes: 10% of gross income

First-Fruits: First hourly pay

Offerings: Amount the LORD ask of you

Love Offerings: To help those in need

**Alms**: Amount not spent on food that was saved during a fast (Remember weekly fast)

Missions: Sent to Jeffersonville to help other countries

**Benevolence/Outreach**: \$120 a quarter per couple/\$60 a quarter per single—May the Lord bless you all for your support.

Pastoral Benevolence: Gifts to the Pastors

Pledges: Amount that you have agreed to give

Nursery: Supplies for babies and toddlers

Building Fund: Building Expenses

Travel Funds: Travel expenses for the Pastors

Men's Fund: \$10/month paid to Reverend E. Moseley

Women's Fund: \$10/month paid to Sister Gross

Supplies: \$5 monthly offering for supplies

If you have any question about these items, please the Local Administrator or Secretary.

### **BROTHERLY REMINDERS**

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS & CHURCH WORKERS**

All monthly reports are due by the first Sunday of the month or the third of the month whichever comes first.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS**

Remember to reach out to one another in a Christ-like manner, keep one another encouraged throughout the week, and above all, pray for one another.

### HOUSEKEEPING

- Please check the weekly cleaning schedule and nursery schedule. Copies of the schedules are posted on the bulletin board. If you cannot fulfill your time listed, please find someone to trade with you or contact the Local Administrator or Secretary.
- Before leaving the sanctuary, please check around your seat for your possessions. In addition, please help keep the sanctuary, the nursery, classrooms, and offices tidy, as they are part of God's house that we are entrusted to maintain.
- Please check the bulletin board and/or email for church supplies that might need to be
- Replenished (like toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies).

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### **FINAL WORDS**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—**Ephesians 6:10** 

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.— Philippians 3:1

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—**Numbers 6:24-26** 

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