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## From the Heart of Pastor Don Grosvenor

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We've heard a lot about replacement theology over the past few years. In essence that is when they replace the doctrines of Christ with the doctrines of men or even devils.

Let us also consider another replacement in modern Christendom that has resulted in a form of godliness and even apostasy. I refer now to the replacement of the presence of the Holy Spirit with man made programs. Many of these programs are beautiful and impressive but they truly lack the anointing.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit was the characteristic of the ministry of Jesus. Isaiah prophesied of Jesus in Chapter 61 verse 1, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me

because the Lord hath anointed me to..." and then mentions what he was to do. Acts 10:38 says how God anointed Jesus with power.

Without the anointing we can be orators, comedians, promoters demonstrating great ability and skill but void of God's true enabling ability. Paul addressed the Corinthians in his first letter chapter 2 and verse 1, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God." Verse 4 says, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power?"

I would suggest that Jesus and Paul were both pretty good teachers and preachers. We

think of Jesus as the model teacher and Paul as the model preacher.

This past week we learned of the Episcopal Church endorsing gay bishops which follows along with the bishop's words that the new birth was heresy and idolatry. These trends pursue when people depart from the faith and abandon the presence of the Holy Spirit.

When we look at all the things happening in the world today, which includes the family, the home, the church, the workplace and the government we see how desperately we need to see a fresh move of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Don

## Upcoming Events

### August 1st

The Way of the Master One-Day Evangelism Crash Course  
9a-1p First Baptist Chandler

### August 2nd

Jose Torres— Costa Rican Evangelist speaking in the evening service.

### August 3rd

Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm

### August 9th

Senior Saints Luncheon— Souper Salad

*Be sure to attend the weekly Sunday Night Prayer Meeting*

*at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

### Angel Tree Outreach Christmas Program Coming Soon!

If you start saving \$3 a week, you could provide a clothing and fun gift for one child by November.

Contact Linda & Ron Ayres if

## Come and Go

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

To every toiling, heavy-laden sinner, Christ says: "Come unto Me...and...rest".

**B**ut there are many toiling, heavy-laden believers too. For them also is this invitation meant. Note well the word of Jesus, if you are heavy-laden with your service, do not mistake it. It is not; "Go, labor on", as perhaps you imagine. On the contrary it is stop, turn back, "Come unto Me and rest". Never, never did Christ send a heavy-laden one to work; never, never did He send a hungry one, a weary one, a sick or sorrowing one away on any service. For such the Bible only says, "Come, Come, Come".

The first evangelist of the New Testament records the invitation on which we are writing. The last gives us the similar one: "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink". The New Testament almost closes with the words: "Let him that is athirst Come, and drink of the water of life freely".

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How many of the Lord's redeemed people have spent hours, or days, or even months, in sorrow and self-reproach from some imagined duty which they had not courage or strength to perform, heavy-laden all the time! How many can tell of the journey by bus or rail that was a time of intense distress, because they felt they ought to be speaking to their fel-

low-passengers about thief souls, but could not. And how many have done far worse: have spoken, when they had no message from God, and have done harm rather than good.

Oh! How different it would have been had they but first come to Jesus: found rest and living water; and then, when the waters were welling up within, the rivers would have flowed naturally and irrepressibly, and the happy countenance would have said more than the heartfelt words were uttering! No one would then have looked at the face of the speaker and felt, "What a dreadful religion his must be!" For the "Come" is not intended to exclude the "Go," but to prepare the way for it.

Reference: Hudson Taylor's Legacy, Selected and Edited by Marshall

## Missionary Spotlight

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"For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" Isaiah 2:3b

**G**eroge Ekeroth is the Editor of the INSIDE ISRAEL NEWS-LETTER, a publication by the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research. The newsletter is only one of the many ministries reaching to the Jewish people under the excellent leadership of Shlomo Hizak, Founder and President.

The newsletter contains up-to-the-minute information about the conditions in Israel politically, economically,

Biblically, new scientific endeavors for societal improvement, pollution and contamination concerns, high-tech programs that are going into effect in Israel, earthquake studies, study results and information to help autistic children, and even information as to the living conditions of Jewish people who are in other countries.

As Founder and President, Shlomo Hizak represents the Center in his travels for conferences. He recently returned from such a conference in Germany, where they had blessed fellowship with friends from Switzerland, Germany and other nations who expressed their support for the Land of Israel and the Jewish People. Upon returning to Jerusalem, he was busy with activities such as construction and expansion of their lecture

hall, located in the heart of Jerusalem, and open for all people in the Land of Israel. He is also working on the Child Care Center for orphans, help for the Ethiopian Jews, for troubled youth in their Bnei Arazim medical center, and to help "all the seed of Abraham, especially these dear people who came to join us in a time of tribulation when Communism came to Ethiopia. They were persecuted, they were put in prison, they were tortured, and they fled to Sudan. It was a long journey...now they have returned to Zion."

Thank you for your letters and gifts. May the Lord bless you.

Yours for Zion's sake,  
Shlomo Hizak

## From Where I Stand

Watching the civil unrest in Iran has caused me to reflect on a friend of mine of whom I will call Nicky.

Nicky was a war hero caught up in the violence of World War II and sadly was held a prisoner of war by the Nazis. When the war ended Nicky returned home but soon found himself in one of the Force's labor camps, an inmate of the Communist domination.

.Even after his release Nicky was continually pursued by the KGB many times to be assassinated because of his fervent Christian testimony. Nicky came to America and was a well known leader in his church and the Patriarch of His family.

Although his body was riddled with cancer and he suffered excruciating pain he refused any type of pain medication. He constantly reminded

people that Jesus had never failed him before; He would not let him down now.

Nicky's death leaves a great void in many lives but in life and death Nicky was a godly man, an extraordinary example of right living and God's faithfulness. In a world of so many disappointments in personalities, Nicky, my friend and a hero, was a shining light

Pastor Steve Grosvenor

## The Necessity of Waiting on the Spirit

"Tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49 "He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father." Acts 1:4

These waiting days were necessary to enable the disciples to realize their need, their nothingness, their failure and their dependence upon the Master. They had to get emptied first, before they could get filled. Oh, how often they must have thought, as those days went by, of the positions they were now to occupy, the responsibility that was resting upon them, the charge that the Master had committed to them, and their utter inability for it all! How they must have recalled their folly, their unbelief, their strife, their selfishness, their fears, their defeats, and shrunk back into nothingness, and even stood aghast at the prospect before them, until in the very dust they cried to Him for help and strength needed. And so God wants us to go apart and quietly wait upon Him, until He searches into the depths of our being, and shows us our folly, our failures, our need. There is no wiser nor better thing to do on the eve of a

season of blessing than to make an inventory, not of our riches, but of our poverty; to count up all the voids and vacuums and places of insufficiency; to make the valley full of ditches, and then to bring to God the depths of our need for Him to fill. And it takes time to make this work thorough. It takes time to burn it into our consciousness. It takes time to make us feel it. It is one thing to know in a general way our need and failure; it is quite another thing to realize it, to mourn over it, to be distressed about it, and to be filled with sorrow and shame and that holy zeal and revenge upon ourselves which the apostle tells us is part of true repentance.

In the golden stairway of the Beatitudes, the first promise is to those that are poor in spirit; but there is another step still deeper down on the way to God, and that is "Blessed are they that mourn." It is needful that we shall mourn over our poverty, that we shall realize our need, that we shall be deeply troubled over our spiritual wretchedness, and that we shall come with such hunger that nothing less than all the fullness of

Christ can ever satisfy us again. There are some spiritual conditions that cannot be accomplished in a moment. The breaking up of the fallow ground takes time; the frosts of winter are as necessary as the rains of spring to prepare the soil for fertility. God has to break our hearts to pieces by the slow process of His discipline, and grind every particle to powder, and then to mellow us and saturate us with His blessed Spirit, until we are open for the blessing He has to give us. Oh, let us wait upon the Lord with brokenness of heart, with openness of soul, with willingness of spirit, to hear what God the Lord will say! These days of waiting are important also that we may listen to God's voice. We are so busy that we cannot hear. We talk so much that we give Him no chance to talk to us. He wants us to hearken to what He has to say to us. He wants us on our faces before Him, that He may give us His thought, His prayer, His longing, and then lead us into His better will.

Reference Used: The Holy Spirit or Power from on High by A. B. Simpson

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## AUGUST 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm						<b>1</b> Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am  The Way of the Master One Day Evangelism Crash Course
<b>2</b> Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	<b>3</b> Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	<b>5</b> Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
<b>9</b> Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm Senior Saints Luncheon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	<b>12</b> Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
<b>16</b> Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	<b>19</b> Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
<b>23</b> Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	<b>26</b> Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am