

Coping with the Death of a Loved One

Sooner or later we all have to face the death of beloved family members and friends. How does God want us to respond? Do we live our lives with an awareness of the future?

Recently I had the sobering experience of standing quietly with my wife Dee at her mother's bedside as we watched her mother stubbornly succumb to cancer. Other than her stepfather, his two children and the hospice nurse, no one else was aware of what was happening, and a passerby on the street would have never suspected what was transpiring in that little house on the corner.

Just a few days later I was riding quietly with Dee on the way to church services when, along with the whole world, we were jolted with the tragic news that seven astronauts, all in the prime of health and fitness, had suddenly, unexpectedly and tragically lost their lives in the space shuttle disaster.

Sometimes in life we walk through 'the valley of the shadow of death' (Psalm 23:4), but it isn't our personal valley – it is that of our loved ones. We are just accompanying them, holding their hands as they go on their last journey.

Whether figuratively as a nation or literally as a family, the rest of that verse, the parts about not fearing evil and being comforted, become extremely meaningful. When you are in 'the valley' with someone, especially a loved one, the personal value of the truth tends to increase. But when you have opportunity to share that truth with others, and you see it unlock their chains of fear and sorrow and give them courage to face the shadow of death, the truth becomes priceless!

Jesus Christ declared: 'You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free' (John 8:32). The more we experience life, the more we learn that not only is the truth priceless, but also the freedom that it brings has many dimensions. We find in the truth of the Bible not only a godly way of life, but the resurrection, a tremendous source of motivation.

Setting our houses in order

Please consider with me one particular dimension of God's

truth – the opportunity to set our houses in order. The world desperately needs to get its house in order, and so do we as Christians!

Two days before my mother-in-law died I had a long phone conversation with an old friend in Illinois. In the course of catching up on passed time, she quoted Psalm 90:10. 'The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labour and sorrow.' 'I'm 81 now,' she said, 'and that verse is right! Those extra 10 years haven't been easy. However, I'm still making it along.'

Moses was also perhaps 81 years old when he wrote this psalm. If so, he had yet another 39 years to go! So was he a moaning pessimist? Not at all. He was simply leading up to a great lesson about life. Verse 12 reads: 'So' – that is, with the understanding of the consequences of the speed of life and the wasting nature of sin (verses 3-10) – '*teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*' (emphasis added throughout).

At what age do you think Moses would have recommended a person begin numbering his or her years and start gaining a heart of wisdom? Most people wait far too long. Human nature being what it is, we easily tend to become preoccupied with the insignificant. It is usually only when we have to deal with death that we ponder what is really meaningful and ask questions like: What is life

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about? What is our reason for being? What is our destiny? Is this life a means to something greater? Have I gained a heart of wisdom?

As early as possible is the best age to begin numbering our years. Anyone at any age who listens to Moses and sets his or her heart to make the most of his time on this earth has already begun to gain a heart of wisdom.

Moses also added: 'Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands' (verses 16-17).

Psalm 96:9 explains this 'beauty of the LORD': 'Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!' Humans value physical beauty, but God uses a very different scale. Only those who value the beauty of holiness as God does will be numbering their days and be motivated to pursue godly wisdom and establish godly works in their lives.

This is what Moses was saying and my old friend was affirming. Time is precious, it flies by, and we have no guarantee of how much we have. So we should make the most of it! Later God told King Hezekiah, in essence, the same thing: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live' (2 Kings 20:1). Even though Hezekiah asked for

and received 15 extra years, God's statement eventually still came to pass, as it will for everyone.

If my life suddenly ceased tonight, I think my physical house is pretty well in order: the insurance is adequate, important papers are in the safe, all the finances are in organized files, and the will is up-to-date. But there is another house

that is even more important – my spiritual house. How about you and your spiritual house?

Your spiritual house

We all rejoice in the truth of God assuring us that loved ones who have not accepted the truth of God will someday be able to put their spiritual houses in order. They will rise in a physical resurrection, and the books of the Bible will be opened to their understanding as Revelation 20:12 explains: 'And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened which is the book of life' (KJV).

This will afford them a marvelous opportunity to repent and find complete reconciliation with God. But for us, now, 'the time has come for judgement to begin at the house of God' (1 Peter 4:17). We must all be striving daily to put, and keep, our spiritual houses in order. The apostle Peter wrote those words to motivate and stir us up – not to live in fear, but to live in zeal!

The apostle Paul serves as a great example of how this worked in his life. When hauled unjustly before the Roman governor Felix (please read all of Acts 24 for the context), he gave this powerful testimony: 'This I confess to you, that according to the Way which they [falsely]

call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that *there will be a resurrection of the dead*, both of the just and the unjust. *This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men*' (Acts 24:14-16).

In other words, Paul made the connection between the future resurrection and his daily behaviour. That truth stood so powerfully in the forefront of his mind that he committed his life daily to keeping his spiritual house in order.

In later conversations with Felix and his wife, Drusilla, we read that Paul 'reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgement to come' (verse 25). Simply put, righteousness is living God's way with self-control. The importance of the judgement to come has to do with understanding the impact godly living has on our future.

Interestingly, 'Felix was afraid'. Why would someone as powerful as a Roman governor be afraid of the same truth that had set Paul free? A clue is found in his command to send Paul away until 'I have a convenient time [when] I will call for you.'

No time like now

Confronting the truth is difficult because it demands a decision of whether or not we will set our spiritual houses in order by conforming to that truth.

For Felix, as with so many of us, this was not a 'convenient' time. He obviously had other worldly values such as money and image determining his priorities (verses 26-27).

What about us? Do we ever wait for a more convenient time to set our houses in order? Or do we, like Paul, believe so strongly in God's plan for the future that we 'always strive to have a conscience without

offense toward God and men'? Do we consciously live with an awareness of the future, 'the judgement to come', so that we strive daily for righteousness and self-control?

You see, Paul the prisoner was not the one who was really in chains. Paul had taken Felix and Drusilla on a collision course with the truth. What we see in their lives, though, is the fact that the truth will only set you free if you accept it, become motivated by it and avidly conform to it. Paul had; Felix and Drusilla had not.

There was another collision with the truth that occurred in Christ's time, but with quite a different ending. Luke 7:11-12 describes two 'large crowds', one a mourning burial party going out of the city of Nain, the other a group following Jesus Christ. One group surrounded a man who had been defeated by death; the other group surrounded the Man who would defeat death. The first was a particularly sad occasion due to an untimely death. The deceased was the only son of a widow who, 'when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her' (verse 13).

Only the cold-hearted could have observed the families of the seven astronauts killed in such a dreadful and untimely way without compassion.

My mother-in-law's death was deeply saddening to the entire family, but it wasn't unexpected, nor was she tragically cut off prematurely in the prime of life. The natural order of life for us wasn't turned upside down as it was for the astronauts' families and, in fact, people around the world. Considering how much these seven lives touched the world, think about the sorrow that will suddenly intensify, perhaps in many nations, if the conflict with Iraq breaks out into war. Perhaps by the time you read this, many will already be affected.

Death raises seriously important questions

Regardless of where anyone in this world stands politically or religiously, any time we deal with death, serious questions begin to churn: When will death come to me? What will happen when I die? What will happen to my loved ones when they die? I suspect such questions were on the minds of the people going out of Nain, when they suddenly witnessed the unthinkable. Jesus commanded the young man to rise up out of his coffin, and the power of death was reversed through a physical, bodily resurrection. (To understand more about the nature of this resurrection and others to come, please request our free booklet *What Happens After Death?*)

Unlike Felix's reaction, in this case 'Fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us," and "God has visited His people"' (verse 16). While this was wonderful for those people, it is not just a great story of a young man restored to life. It is the story of humanity and the future. God, through the power of the

resurrection, will destroy death (1 Corinthians 15:54-55).

A resurrection lies ahead

It was wonderful to stand in the memorial service and assure friends and family that a resurrection lies ahead. How much is that truth worth to us? For those in 'the house of God', it is not only worth comfort and security for the future, it is also a real-life reminder to keep our minds on righteousness, self-control and the judgement to come. Then we will be motivated to keep our spiritual houses in order.

We should continue to do all we can to spread the good news of the Kingdom of God, especially during these times of confusion and uncertainty. Above all, let's diligently strive to live as Christ's ambassadors of that coming Kingdom.

Clyde Kilough, Chairman of the Council of Elders – United Church of God. Adapted from a recent letter to the Church.

Would You Like to Fellowship with Others?

In the near future, the United Church of God *British Isles* is planning to establish additional regular groups for fellowship and solid biblical teaching. We would like to know how many would be interested in attending such meetings. Scotland, Essex, and the general area of Bristol, Wiltshire and Dorset are being especially considered, but other areas are also possibilities if there is enough interest.

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What Is

Eternal Redemption?

The word redemption is rightly associated with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. But even in the New Testament, redemption has more than one meaning.

To help us understand the various aspects of the sacrifice of Christ and God's plan of salvation, the Bible uses several practical metaphors – usually things we already comprehend pretty well. For instance, we go to the law courts for the legal term 'justification'. But in this article we go to the marketplace to help us understand the word 'redemption'.

In terms of Christ's sacrifice, redemption essentially means deliverance from evil by payment of a price. The imagery emerges from the marketplace. To redeem is to buy back, whether as a purchase or ransom price. Our sins against God made a supreme act of divine rescue absolutely necessary.

But before we fully explore the vital subject of redemption in the New Testament, we should first understand just how the Hebrew Bible normally uses this important word, and also comprehend its early implications for our personal salvation.

National deliverance from Egyptian slavery

God delivered a message to His nation through Moses and his brother Aaron. "Therefore say to the children of Israel: "I am the LORD. I will bring you out from the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and *I will redeem you with an outstretched arm* and with great judgements. I

will take you as my people, and I will be your God who brings you out from the burdens of the Egyptians"" (Exodus 6:6-7).

What is the background of this inspiring promise?

The ancient Israelites resided in Egypt for some 400 years. Then after the patriarch Joseph died, persecution soon set in, and the growing family of Jacob, whose name had been changed to Israel, cried out to God for national deliverance.

God heard these prayers by preserving and protecting the infant Moses, and then seeing that he grew up as a part of Pharaoh's privileged household. Moses needed special training for the task God would entrust him with. He was educated in all the worldly wisdom of the Egyptians and 'was mighty in word and deed' (Acts 7:22). When Moses was 40 years of age, God revealed Himself to this unique individual in the desert.

But it would be another 40 years before Moses was sufficiently trained, tried and tested, and spiritually qualified to lead the Israelites out of Egypt under severe circumstances and massively stubborn resistance. This period of time in the wilderness was an exercise in humility – entirely away from all the previous grandeur and privileges of Egypt. It worked very well. Moses became the most humble man on earth (Numbers 12:3). He didn't feel adequate for the job for which God

had painstakingly prepared him.

Personal deliverance from problems

But God's deliverance is not only national; it is also very personal. The patriarch Jacob testifies to this fact: 'And he [Jacob] blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, the Angel [Messenger] *who has redeemed me from all evil . . .*"' (Genesis 48:15-16). Probably this Personage (note the capital letter 'A') was none other than the Word mentioned in John 1:1. (If you would like to know more about this incredible Being, please request the free booklet *Who Is God?*)

King David of Israel was also the beneficiary of many instances of personal deliverance from multifaceted difficulties and problems during his turbulent life. In one of his many heartfelt prayers, He asked his Creator to 'draw near to my soul and redeem it' (Psalm 69:18).

In another of David's most poignant psalms, he wrote: 'Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities [sins], who heals all your diseases, *who redeems your life from destruction*' (Psalm 103:2-

4). These benefits are all bound up in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Bought and paid for

In the Old Testament, redemption is also a marketplace term. One reclaimed a field, which had been lost to creditors, perhaps by a bankrupt brother. It could be redeemed or bought back for him (see Leviticus 25:23-25).

In a similar manner, Jesus Christ figuratively redeemed us from the effects of our sins, buying us back by paying a very steep ransom price. All of us were kidnapped spiritually by Satan the devil (the arch-adversary of God and humanity), but the blood of Christ more than covers the ransom price in full. Several New Testament passages clearly explain these basic truths.

The apostle Paul wrote, 'You are not your own, for you were bought with a price' (1 Corinthians 6:20). The apostle Peter tells us how high that price was. He wrote: 'Knowing you were not redeemed with corruptible things like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot' (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus Himself said that He came 'to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45). Paul adds, 'We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins' (Colossians 1:14).

The Father's role

In the beginning of this letter Paul makes it very clear that it is 'The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ' (Ephesians

1:3). The Father is an essential part of the salvation process. It is to Him that we must be reconciled. It was He who gave His only Son so that we might have eternal life in His Kingdom (John 3:16).

Paul further wrote: 'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God [the Father], being justified freely by His grace *through the*

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redemption that is in Christ Jesus whom God [the Father] set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God [the Father] has passed over the sins that were previously committed' (Romans 3:23-25).

We added the words 'the Father' in brackets because many overlook His role in this whole process of redemptive salvation. Jesus once said: 'I work and My Father works.' Together they direct their efforts towards preparing many sons and daughters for eternal glory in the Kingdom of God (Hebrews 2:10).

Obtaining 'eternal redemption'

The writer of Hebrews tells us that 'with His own blood He [Christ] entered the Most Holy Place, once for all, having obtained *eternal redemption*' (Hebrews 9:12). As we have already seen, there is more to the meaning of redemption than the sacrifice of Christ, important and foundational though it is. So the book of Hebrews introduces us to the concept of *eternal redemption*. That means its effects run on and on into the future. Ultimately it encompasses everlasting life in God's family.

Our redemption in Christ is past,

present and future. Remember, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever' (Hebrews 13:8). Even though our past sins are forgiven through the blood of Christ, still an important aspect of our redemption is yet future. Ultimately, even the Passover service 'finds its fulfilment in the Kingdom of God' (Luke 22:16, New International Version).

To explain further, the testimony of the apostle John enters the picture. He quotes the 24 elders

(powerful angelic beings residing in heaven) as singing a new song about Christ to His Church: 'For You were slain, *and have redeemed us to God* by your blood out of every tribe and tongue [language], and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God: We shall reign on earth' (Revelation 5:9-10). This passage marries our redemption by Christ, including the forgiveness of sins, to our future role as eternal rulers assisting Christ during His coming 1000-year reign on earth.

Jesus Himself spoke of this future event in His Olivet Prophecy. 'And they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great glory. Now when these things happen, look up and lift up your heads, *because your redemption draws near*' (Luke 21:7-8).

The apostle Paul wrote of this same time in future history when he said, 'Do not grieve the Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for *the day of redemption*' (Ephesians 4:30). This occurs at the Second Coming of Christ when the firstfruits of God will be resurrected to eternal life.

But right now the world plunges deeper and deeper into moral

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Tomorrow Never Comes

*How often have you said, 'I'll do it tomorrow'?
Read here how you can overcome procrastination.*

We humans possess a great propensity for putting things off. Somehow we seem to be oblivious to the stress we put upon ourselves and others. We can truly be swamped by tasks demanding our attention, but wisdom dictates that we carefully prioritize our tasks.

Procrastination, or putting things off, forces us into a bind. We disappoint others and cause unnecessary turmoil. Truly it is agonizing to break a habit that we've grown accustomed to, and so we decide to 'start tomorrow'. But as people have found out for generations, 'Tomorrow never comes.'

Successful people know the value of the old saying, 'Never put off for tomorrow that which you can do today.' I know many who scrape by, defying that saying. I have seen them struggle to finish projects that would have been done more readily and efficiently had they started on them right away.

When I was a university student, I noticed about 80 percent of the students waited until the last day (or night) to complete an assignment. 'Cramming' for exams is common, and the worries inherent in it bring enormous stress on students. This syndrome often continues into adult life. Tasks that should be done and matters that cry out for attention

litter the path of one who has not learned how to discipline himself or herself.

Putting God first

Luke 12:16-21 carries a strong piece of advice for us all. It is the story of the man who worked hard and was successful, but who had his priorities wrong. He did not pay attention to the most important questions like: What is life all about? Why have I been born? What is my destiny? (Our free booklet *What Is Your Destiny?* will



guide you to the answers.) God says the man was a fool because he was not rich towards God. He did not plan for eternal life. He put spiritual plans off until another day. I always wondered why scientists, who strive to understand the laws governing physical things and who have discovered that a brilliant mind must be behind all that we see, are not seriously and soberly

concerned about the most critical question. The question is: If God does exist, what does He require of me? It is amazing that mankind's greatest minds have been able to simply avoid the most vital questions and the obvious logical conclusions.

Plan for tomorrow

No one can grasp an opportunity if they are not prepared for what comes. We are to plan for tomorrow. The Bible contains many scriptures alluding to this fact. First and foremost, though, we need to be sure we have a constant relationship with God. This we must not put off until tomorrow. Ecclesiastes 12:1 gives words of wisdom by telling the young to remember God before difficult times come. A 'death-bed' repentance just will not do (Ecclesiastes 12:6). We are also advised to live joyfully and to do whatever lies before us with all of our might (Ecclesiastes 9:10), but to always remember that life does come to a close. Proverbs 27:1 cautions us not to boast about tomorrow, because we are never sure what the next day will bring.

I remember that our bedtime prayers as children always included, 'If I should die before I wake,' a good thought for guiding our actions and priorities.

Matthew 25:1-13 records Jesus' parable of the ten virgins. Five were foolish and put off the right preparations. When the time came, they were unprepared. This lesson is written for our admonition.

In the story, one can see the five foolish virgins frantically trying to correct their error. Clearly they were under enormous stress. But the five who had prepared were full of joy and pleasant anticipation. The Bible tells us that Christ will return suddenly (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3). The clear message is to be ready at all times.

The essayist and philosopher Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) wrote: 'A man must make his opportunity as oft as he find it.' Within these and many wise words like them, we can see the common thread of proper preparation. None can grasp an opportunity if they are not prepared for what comes. Even the recognition of an opportunity requires an understanding of what the right goals are.

The importance of setting priorities

When Jesus said to 'seek first the kingdom of God' (Matthew 6:33), He gave us the first and foremost goal for all mankind. This goal includes the obligations we have to family, friends, careers and ourselves. It is one package.

I spoke to a gentleman recently who said, 'As long as I make it into heaven, that is all I care about.' We talked a little and I was able to explain to him that such an attitude would not get him anywhere. (Not that heaven is the right goal, as our

men and women to have eternal life. That is why Jesus Christ's sacrifice was given (John 3:16), and that is the aim and purpose God has ever before Him (1 Timothy 2:4). The gentleman agreed!

Plan Your Life

In our busy lives, we always seem to have too much to do. Sometimes people struggle so hard to complete everything that they break down mentally. It is our mind and body telling us that we are far beyond overload. Wisdom should tell us to back off. Our priorities should be God first, followed by our other responsibilities involving Church, family, career, friendships and leisure pursuits. Sometimes one's family should be the main focus of our attention. And a certain amount of time for rest or leisure is also an important priority.

But how do we define enough? What is enough prayer? What is 'quality time'? How do we balance our careers with loving our spouses? No one method suits everyone, but do yourself a big favour and take the time to stand back and evaluate yourself before your health or other problems catch up with you. Itemize and prioritize your tasks. Not only will you find success, but also peace of mind.

Don't put it off until tomorrow – do it today.

Robert Berendt

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free booklet *Heaven and Hell: What Does the Bible Really Teach?* explains.)

I explained that we are to love our neighbours as ourselves. Loving our fellow man means wanting all

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Redemption

and political chaos. In Margaret Thatcher's words, 'It is a world of risk, of conflict and of latent violence' (*Statecraft*, Harper & Collins, London, 2002, p. xxv).

The Bible agrees, for the apostle Paul wrote: 'For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now.

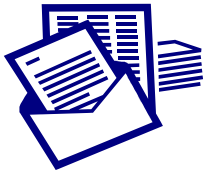
And not only they, but we also who have the *firstfruits* of the [Holy] Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption [or sonship], the *redemption of our bodies*' (Romans 8:22-23). (To understand further, please request our free booklets *What Is Your Destiny?* and *Transforming Your Life*.)

Summing up

We have already seen that in the Bible redemption has both general

and specific meanings. Its meaning as deliverance can be either national or personal.

But more importantly, redemption cancels out our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and looks forward to the day when our physical bodies will be transformed from flesh into spirit. We also understand from Hebrews and other New Testament books that redemption is eternal in its effects.



Letters From Our Readers

Prophecy marches on

Things certainly seem to be moving on the world scene. The thought crossed my mind that we might be seeing the start of the Great Tribulation within the next ten years. The world situation certainly seems to have deteriorated over the last couple of years or so. It would be foolish to be dogmatic, but God knows that only His government can give mankind the peace it so desperately desires.

P P, Isle of Man

The British Supplement

I am writing this letter to express my warm thanks for sending me your magazine *The Good News* as well as the *British and European Supplement*. I like very much the content of your articles, which cover a variety of modern subjects.

G K, Greece

The Bible Study Course

I find your *Bible Study Course* a wonderful opportunity to get to know my Bible better. I also find that your booklets have added a depth to my spiritual development.

A S, Kent

Thank you for your free Bible course. Your materials are created very well. This course is able to improve my religious and English skills. I study at a Pentecostal Bible school and I can use your materials when I prepare papers and sermons.

A H, Czech Republic

Thank you for the final lesson 12 of the UCG *Bible Study Course*. I have been pleased to read the monthly lessons as well as *The Good News* magazine, and consider the similarities and differences of belief between the UCG and other Bible-believing Christian churches, denominations and groups.

J R A C, Hounslow

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Becoming like Christ

I am writing to thank you for all the literature you have supplied to me recently. While I certainly do not agree with all of your teachings as a Church, I am particularly impressed and challenged by your insistence that we develop our character to become 'like Christ'. This teaching is often forgotten in the West, but without doubt the early Church knew how vital it was for Christians to take on the divine nature. You are teaching an essential part of the true faith.

C E, Leicestershire

Observing the Passover

I am writing to you to gain more information about the Holy Days we should or should not follow. Of particular interest is the Passover and its exact observance, as well as the other days.

Does your publication print a calendar which would mark out rest

and religious Holy Days? If not, where could I obtain one?

D M, Welwyn Garden City, Herts

• We have posted our two free booklets *Holidays or Holydays?* and *God's Holy Day Plan*. The latter booklet includes a calendar on pages 32 and 33 showing the days for observance. Please feel free to write or telephone if you have further questions. Please see the box on page 3.

Who Is God?

In light of your comments about the Trinity, could you please send me your free booklet *Who Is God?* I should be very interested in your explanation of Matthew 28:19.

A S, South Wales

• The explanation is given on page 50 of the booklet.

The Ten Commandments

Thank you for *The Ten Commandments* booklet. I will show it to my school students.

G B, Moldova

Becoming a co-worker

I would gladly like to become a co-worker. Please could you send me a little information about the work at present and the location of the Churches. I am receiving *The Good News* magazine and would like to donate my tithe to the present work.

Reader, North Yorkshire

• The information requested has been posted. Welcome to our growing family of co-workers.

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