

# Religion

## Is your faith in God—or in what he can do for you?

Some people know who God is, and they love Him because He is God. They know He created their world and they, through experience, know they can count on Him to uphold them through trying times. They, like Habakkuk, can say, "Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is not fruit on the vines, (though) the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food,

though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the victorious God of my salvation." (1) What a faith!

There are other people whose faith rests on whether or not they get exactly what they want. If things don't go well, they shake an angry fist at God and wonder why He has failed them!

I believe that we all must decide what we will do when the big financial crunch comes. It doesn't take any great wisdom to see that many nations, burdened by interest payments on their massive debts, are headed for financial disaster. To believe otherwise is not facing reality. The Bible confirms that such a time is coming by foretelling the rise of a world leader who will

### Hope for Tomorrow



insist everyone have his credit card stamped on arm or forehead which will contain the number 666. Without this stamp, no one will be able to buy or sell. (2) Why would such a world leader be able to assume such authority unless there is to be a world-wide financial crisis?

While the theologians are busy arguing about when our Lord will return to rescue His people from this evil ruler (3), let us remember Jesus said we were not to know the exact date. (4) If we are not to know, we will not know. We can only be certain that it will take place, and that increased famines and earthquakes will precede Jesus' rescue mission. (6) Our future lies in His hands.

The question is, will we lose our faith in God when bad times come? Does our faith depend on things going well? Or does it depend on the knowledge that God knows what He is doing, and that He will never leave us? Habakkuk told us what to do to keep our faith, "Rejoice in the Lord." (6) If we rejoice in spite of our trials, this makes God happy! (7)

Do we then look to our circumstances, or do we look above them to the God who made us? Does our faith depend upon having no trouble, or does it depend upon the assurance of God's care in them midst of trouble?

The key to being an overcomer

is to worship and praise God even when we don't feel like it. Rejoice in Him, and He will give us the victory. Just as King Jehoshaphat won victory over an army of overwhelming odds by putting singers at the front of the army (8), we too can win our battles if we persist in praise and worship of God for who He is!

We won't stand in the days ahead if we fail to heed this warning. We are told the "gathering together unto Him...will not come...unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come." (9)

If our faith rests on the prosperity gospel or the gospel of self-esteem, we will be part of the 'falling away.' Our faith must rest on more solid ground, on the prospect of His coming kingdom, and then He has promised to feed and clothe us as well (10).

"There is no fear in love" (11), and I do indeed love Him! Whatever I must go through, I will not fear. I know He will go through it with me. I will ever look up!

*Amp V - Hab 3:17-18; Rev 13:16-18; Mt 24:38-44; 24:42; 24:7-8; Hab 3:18; Ps 50:23; 2 Cr 20:20-30; 2 Thess 2:1-3; Mt 6:25-34; Jn 4:18*

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### 112th Anniversary

Ballinfad United Church will be having its 112th Anniversary at 11:30 a.m. May 6. The guest speaker will be Rev. Judith MacGillivray and a lunch will be served following the service.

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<p><b>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Maple &amp; Guelph Pastor Edwin H. Mitchell 877-6665/0320</p> <p><b>Sundays</b> 9:45 a.m. Family Bible Study 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. WORSHIP &amp; PRAISE</p> <p><b>Weekdays</b> CLUBS - Bible Studies - Choirs Youth Recreation - Ladies Coffee Hour - Jolly Seniors - Little Cherub Nursery - Growth Groups <b>A FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b></p>	<p><b>Christian Reformed Church</b> Trafalgar Rd. <b>SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. &amp; 4:30 P.M.</b></p> <p>Rev. B. Slofstra Rev. P. Stadt 7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820 7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108 9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460 and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20 5:00 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6-22</p> <p>Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. George's Anglican Church</b> 60 Guelph St., Georgetown-877-8044</p> <p><b>Rector:</b> Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B. Th. <b>Curate:</b> Rev. Richard M. Jones, B.A., M.Div. <b>Pastoral Archdeacon:</b> Ven. John H. McMullin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D. <b>Director of Music:</b> Ms. Valerie Nichol, A.R.C.T., Services Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. for all ages Thursday 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH</b> Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.h. 877-3404</p> <p>Service at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">All Are Welcome!</p>	<p><b>ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH</b> Minister: Rev. Judith H., MacGillivray B.A., M.Div, Th.D. 89 Mountainview 877-4482</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - Sunday School - Nursery Facilities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Building Tomorrow's Church Today"</p>	<p><b>KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Corner Main &amp; Church Georgetown</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Junior Congregation Nursery Facilities <b>Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister</b></p>
<p><b>Mountainview Baptist Church</b> 102 Mountainview Rd. S. Pastor: David Caldwell Church: 877-5854 Home: 873-2184 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study Wed. at 8 p.m. Seniors: 3rd Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Nursery meets During Service <i>Christ Welcomes You</i></p>	<p><b>SALVATION ARMY ACTON CORPS</b> 114 Mill St. E. 853-1140, 853-1435</p> <p><b>SUNDAYS</b> -- Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages -- Morning Worship 11 a.m. -- Gospel Service 7 p.m. <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> -- Prayer &amp; Bible Study 7:30 p.m. <b>THURSDAYS</b> -- Home League (Ladies' Group) 7:30 p.m. <b>Captain &amp; Mrs. Wade Budgell Corps Officers</b></p>	<p><b>Halton Gospel Temple</b> Phone (416) 877-2759</p> <p>Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown Affiliated with P.A.O.C. Rev. David Tapley, Pastor Youth Pastor Dale Reddekopp</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. Family Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Praise <b>TUESDAY 10:00 a.m. Ladies Coffee Hour</b> <b>WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Family Night</b> <b>FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive</b></p>

## TWO MINUTES

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### The Cross and the Christian

Nothing will prove so helpful to a Christian in overcoming sin as an appreciation of Christ's death for sin on Calvary. The Bible teaches that:

1. The cross stands between the believer and his SINS; the wrong things he does, or is prone to do, in thought, word and deed.

"And you, that were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled, in the body of His flesh, through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight" (Col. 1:21,22).

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Pet 2:24).

2. The cross stands between the believer and his SIN. It is not only men's sins that keep them out of heaven, but their sin; not merely what they have done, but what they are and would do; not merely their deeds, but their nature. But Christ's death took care of this too.

"...by one man sin entered

into the world, and death by sin...but...much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many...that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:12,15,21).

"For God hath made Him to be sin for us, [Him] who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21).

3. The cross stands between the believer and his SINNING.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?...Our old man [nature] has been crucified with Him...that we henceforth should not serve sin...Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof; neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin: But yield yourselves unto God, as those who are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (rom. 6:1,2,6,12,13).