



comes from the heart, and is not “kosher.” God demands truth and obedience from *everybody*— Jewish, Christian, Muslim, etc.— religious or atheistic. 1 John 3:4 literally says “*sin is lawlessness.*” Sin ignores, neglects or opposes God and His law of love. Oh, God’s Plans and Promises *also* have a *time-table!*

Residence in *Eden* was conditional, as was residence in the *Promised Land*. This same conditional aspect is true regarding our present, personal relationship with God, *and* regarding one’s acceptance into “Heaven.” The eternal “city” that God has prepared for those who love and obey Him is sufficiently described in the Bible for any sensible home-seeker to want to be a resident there...forever!

The Bible lists some of those barred from that wonderful city. While the heavenly city is filled with holiness, truth, joy, etc., the other brims with evil. But don’t think hell is just a wonderful eternal absence of God and good (that’s bad enough). It is a friendless place of real torment, and where desires can never be satisfied...and, *No*, you are not in hell *now*. In hell are “*sorcerers, whoremongers and murderers* (like the drug cartels) *and idolaters*” (Rev. 22:15; see also 21:8!!) **Idolatry** was one main thing God forbade the Hebrews from copying from the previous inhabitants. By the way, **Covetousness** (wanting more and more of this world) **IS idolatry!** (see Col. 3:5). *Anything* that keeps a person from walking with God is an idol. Worldliness and murder are partners.

The Rev. 22 exclusion-list, above, had one more type it excluded: “*and whoever loves and makes a lie.*” Deceivers of all sorts are banned along with murderers. God requires truth. John, “the apostle of love” boldly and faithfully informs us: “*If we say we walk in communion with God, while we are actually walking in darkness, we lie and do not live and practise the truth*” (1 Jn. 1:6). God’s City has Law. Entrance **THEN** is assured to those who become “citizens” **NOW**...and keep an up-to-date passport! **God lovingly extends a full welcome to one and all! Don’t miss out.**

**Ireland violence was cut more by the God-blessed conventions of W. P. Nicholson than any other single factor. So many stolen tools were returned to the mining company during the Welsh Revival that sheds had to be provided to put them—all because of hearts “convicted” by the Spirit of God. Britain simply needs to return FULLY to the God of the Bible. Someone well said “There is an everlasting ‘right’ to which our nations, our business, our racial relationships, our schools, our churches, and our personal lives must be adjusted, if salvation is to visit us.” The crowd cried out to release Barabbas the murderer, robber and causer of insurrection, but crucify Jesus! (Matt.27:16; Mark 15:7; Jn.18:40). Many will do anything EXCEPT obey God. But a flood of GENUINE revival CAN save and change Britain! Like the Flood of living water (Ezek.47 & Jn. 7:38)—Jump in! Swim! Tell others!**

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“A Decade of HOPE”

BIG changes for good CAN take place faster than you could imagine...IF! (Please carefully study and apply this.)

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The above-title was given to the two-page article written by the “unrivalled astrologer” of one of our big newspapers. In that same issue, their political writer appeared to offer “a second opinion.” He seemed to say that a true basis of hope is conditional— meaning there is hope, IF! “Conditions” accompany real hope of success or recovery in any pursuit.

**Believe it or not, I am optimistic about the future.** My optimism is based on a Foundation that is solid and sure; tested and true. We know well that *false* hope of prosperity and peace has been boldly and knowingly given *without* true basis. Such “hope” mocks and manipulates the public.

The “unrivalled astrologer” tells us: “**Forget the prophets of doom, this will be a decade of...HOPE.**” Those dots between “of” and “HOPE” are in the original title. I wonder if there is a reason. If not, perhaps there *should* be.

The word, “Decade,” may seem to represent a comfortable length of time to many, but **it is a drop in the bucket.** The present world chaos has been in the works for *generations*; not just “a decade.” Crafty evil powers have been working behind the scenes with unceasing dedication to bring this world into their own planned order. It looks like they may have nearly perfected it. We will know, too late, when the bottom falls out. **This will not be “the sacking of Rome,” but the sacking of Home!** “Home is where the heart is,” and man’s heart is the source of this global decay.

**Yet, true, powerful and widespread HOPE can begin without delay.** So says the word of our God, who is love (1 Jn. 4:16; Eph. 2:4) and who cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). God has made an agreement with the human race, and has committed Himself in writing! The final draft of that eternal **document** was written in blood, and we will commemorate it again, in a couple months’ time.

Someone stated that “for most Americans the Constitution had become a hazy **document**, cited like the Bible on ceremonial occasions but forgotten in the daily transactions of life.” Such linking of that national **document** with the Bible is striking! It appears that USA citizens are in

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**HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY! There IS Hope (above), for “God SO LOVED the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!” (John 3:16). 1 John 4:11 says “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” If God would open a window in heaven (2 Kings 7:2,19) and send a downpour of holy love that has the stamp and nature of Jesus in it and all through it, it would change our outlook, attitudes, etc. Don’t limit God (Ps. 78:41), for He promised to “rain righteousness on us” (Hos. 10:12) if we will dig up the hard ground of our hearts and heads...prejudices, pride and all! God will do it, and also keep us fresh! (1 Thess.5:23,24). Go 100%! Don’t look back! Reach others!**

## “A Decade of HOPE”

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danger of loosing their great Constitution, their rights AND their liberty, soon. If so, it won't have taken place without their having experienced severe erosion of their national Biblical foundation. *That* spiritual erosion has tragically given the world a grossly distorted image of *true* Bible Christianity.

Britain appears to be in a similar, if not *identical*, situation...but it need not continue. **There is Hope...IF!** An excellent Bible verse to start 2010 is God's promise which *fully and properly* applies to every person in Britain and around the world...**IF** each will meet God's conditions. Yes, that *IS* fair. God says: *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place”* (2 Chron. 7:14,15).

**Such a promise, as the above,** cannot be fulfilled to the half-hearted, the foolish or the proud of *any* group. God promised to “pay up” upon receipt of “payment” on our part, yet **“without money!”** (Isa. 55:1). If we are unwilling, we lose an incomparable and immeasurable treasure that is *within* reach of all—*except the unwilling*. It is *free* to all who *pay* the full price. *That* “full price” is a willingness to turn from *ALL* sin, so that God can save you from *ALL* sin, so that you may love God *“with ALL”*...and your neighbour! (See Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27). This is **the only Hope** for the UK, USA, etc. and is the only true threat to the devil's work in the world.

God extends genuine and full Hope to us all **because of His love**. A *true* and well-known Bible **“Love Story”** is “the book of Ruth.” *It's* Author is alive forevermore! It briefly tells the story of a “Gentile” foreigner who marries a Jewish man, Boaz. They became grandparents of King David and ancestors of Jesus Christ. Boaz, himself, was the son of another Gentile woman, named Rahab, who many believe had been a prostitute. Rahab and Ruth are examples of people whose hearts and lives were changed by the power of a holy and loving God. These two, among other Old Testament true accounts, show us that God loves *all* people. It shows that God accepts *all* who come to Him in total abandon; those who are willing to leave all and follow *Him*.

**Because of customs of the day,** Boaz could not marry Ruth until he had permission of a closer relative. **The relative had “first rights” to marry her.** Boaz offered the land to the relative, who was ready to take it...*until* he realised that he had to take Ruth also, and raise up children in the name of her dead-husband! *That* was their custom in that day. So, why am I telling you this? Here's why...

God has given His unchanging promise, yet we cannot go to God and purposely bypass Jesus Christ. God has made it clear that He will not “do business” with those who purposely deny, demote, disgrace or disobey His Son. When you come to God, you must also take His Son, like the relative could not “take possession” without marrying Ruth. God Himself will shine His sin-exposing, love-revealing light to those especially who have far less spiritual “advantages” than we do. **If you were down in the depths of a deep coal mine** with even-deeper and dangerous drop-offs, would you rather have a bright torch or a few damp matches? **Shine for God and others, then!**

Wait a minute! We have more bright torches of spiritual light available than those large Spanish lorries have tomatoes! Tons of them! Is the **La Tomatina** festival insane, with deep rivers of tomato juice on the ground from over 115,000 kg. (253,000 lbs.) of wasted tomatoes? Similarly, cities the world-over splash around with mad delight in every form of evil. The mud bathers here in **Glastonbury**, like the Tomatina crowd, merely illustrate the mad whole-heartedness of sin from which God is calling us all. No, mud and tomatoes, *in themselves*, are no more sinful than was Eden's fruit in itself.

**Soon-coming Easter** is a reminder of **Hope**. Yet, Christ's resurrection is also a reminder of God's Judgment, and that God will not “overlook” anyone's sins. Christ's resurrection is God's proof of this, for because of it God *“commands all people everywhere to completely turn from their sin and sinning.”* (See Acts 17: 30,31). It is therefore no wonder that people try to undermine the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, just as others deny the authority of the Bible and the existence of Hell, for example.

God will not *unconditionally* forgive sin that is not confessed and forsaken—as seen by the bold-printed words **“If...then”** in 2 Chron. 7:14 above, on the left side of this page.

**Let me add to the earlier comparison of**

**Boaz and Ruth to God and Christ.** Speaking of Christ, the Bible says *“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together”* (Col. 1: 16, 17). **Let the truth of this sink in!** **Everything in the entire universe** was made by Christ and for Him. In other words, if you are out of time with...out of tune with...out of touch with Jesus Christ (**on His terms**), then you are out of harmony with the rest of this glorious universe—plain and simple.

**Many people try to manipulate the universe to be their own servant.** Stanley Jones told of a young man who wrote to a University paper an open letter to the older generation, saying: “I'd like this older generation to get acquainted with this guy called ‘Kick’—he is a wonderful guy—gives you thrills.” Jones felt like replying “Young man, may I suggest that you get acquainted with another guy called ‘Kick-Back.’ He is always a little behind the first guy and always has the last kick. You had better get acquainted with him, for everybody does, sooner or later.” Jones noted that the lad had overlooked the fact that when you strip off the first three letters of “thrills”—*the beginning*, then you have “ills”—*the end*. It's not the beginning but the end result that counts.

**Let us all apply the powerful truth regarding the universe and its Creator.** I have sometimes mentioned groups like the Illuminati, Bilderbergs & Co., who manipulate world events, etc. for their power-mad ends. I also believe they try to work people against people in race, religion, etc. They largely control governments, finances, industry and military...but guess what? They don't control God, and they didn't create this world. Do not fear *them* or the growing world chaos, nor any other...except God! I encourage you to come fully to Jesus Christ. **I challenge you to embrace the courageous spirit of Ruth!**

I believe there are many people from various backgrounds who would accept and worship the Christ of the Bible, if it were not that they fear at least two things: 1) losing their own sense of belonging to their past, culture, etc. Ruth (on the left) happily left ALL to follow her mother-in-law in the *True Way*. 2) being manipulated by *some* from Christianity or false cults, and thereby “jump from the frying pan into the fire.” I invite you and draw your

attention to Jesus Christ of the Bible (sorry, not the Jehovah Witness one). Sure, I am totally aware that self-seeking sin, with its attendant cowardice (yes, I said cowardice) will do its best to prevent you from stepping out to “leave all to follow Christ.” **Sinful pride and fear are some of man's worst enemies.** Yet, both of those “enemies” deceive you into thinking they do not exist, ...along with no sin, no devil, no Judgment and no hell. It wasn't the powerful Illuminati that scared “tough Peter.” It was a young lass that identified him as a follower of Jesus Christ! **Poor “Pete” got “cold feet!”** But, Praise God, he recovered and became a flaming fearless witness for Christ!

Oh, may God send a *spiritual* tsunami of glory and power to sweep multitudes into the communion of His love, and into shining service by His almighty power. Such a work of God's grace would transfer people from a Hell-bound direction to one that is **Heavenward** bound. Tsunamis are often associated with earthquakes. God wants to shake us into the *Unshakeable* (see Heb.12:26,27). *His* power is more than sufficient for London, the rest of the UK...plus *“the regions beyond”* (2 Cor. 10:16).

**One of my wife's young piano students left his little writing pad on our dining room table recently.** We later opened it, hoping to discover its owner. Only the first page was used—with a map he drew with London, Portsmouth, Birmingham...and an area of London not far from *us!* He titled that page “Earthquake”—*days* before the recent horrific ones in Haiti! We need God to send a nation-saving *spiritual* earthquake-tsunami here; doing a thorough job *including every local area*... yes, even “where you and I live!”

I previously stated that the decay of the nation and the world has its epicentre in man's heart. So, a change in man's eternal direction, heading from **Hell** to **Heaven**, begins with a God-sent **Heart-quake**; changing the **H** of **earth-quake**, back to front. *This* is what real repentance does... radically changing a person around, spiritually “back to front.” God demands such a turn-around, as we saw in 2 Chronicles 7:14...and He is waiting, for in the next verse God begins: **“NOW My eyes are open and My ears attentive to prayer!”** God is ready **NOW**...**IF** we are. Thank God for the good and useful and holy things He did through godly people of the past—Yes, “pious,” but practical! Yet, each generation needs a fresh visitation. For *this* generation, *this* decade, *this* day, **There is HOPE...IF!**

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