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***"THE  
RIGHTEOUS  
SHALL LIVE  
BY FAITH."***



***Martin Luther  
servant of God  
1483-1546***

## *a heart for the city*



Just a few weeks ago I went fishing in Algonquin park. Bryan, his brother Scott, Matty and I loaded the car to the roof (literally!) after our St. G -Milton service and drove up to Smoke Lake. After a 3 1/2 hour drive we arrived at the boat launch, emptied the car, loaded the boat and set out for the Hunt's cottage. We piled into the freezing cold cottage around midnight, tucked the littlest dude into his bed and stayed up late for some grace-filled dude-bonding time; the kind of time you can only have with faithful brothers in the wilds of the park.

The next morning we awoke to fresh, crisp air and a calm, cold lake reflecting the bril-

liant autumn colours on the surrounding hills. We spent most of the day on the lake, canoeing and trolling for lake trout.

I am telling this story to paint a picture in your mind. If you are like me, just the description of such a time and place evokes deep emotion. Is there anything more beautiful than Algonquin park in early October? The lakes, the trees, the wildlife all sing out the glory of their creator. Now that's beauty.

So, now back to reality — my suburban reality anyway.

After a few days at home and back into my rhythm Smoke lake seems a lifetime away. Sitting in people-crowded coffee shops, phones ringing off the hook, emails piling up at a rate of over 100 per day, conference calls, crisscrossing the continent for meetings all make my simple

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soul cry out for the beauty of solitude. A lake, a canoe, a fishing rod and trees.

Stationary bikes are a recent addition to my suburban life. Sweating at the gym gives me time to listen to my iPod — usually the daily office or the bible in a year. But last week I listened to a teaching by Tim Keller, recommended to me by Joe Biggar (the king of online sermons!). Tim’s teaching changed me.

He was looking at the story of Jonah and the great city of Nineveh. His big point was that God cares about redeeming cities — a good point and one well-made by a master orator.



He arrived at the point in the story where Jonah is angry that God had relented and spared Nineveh despite their half-hearted repentance. Jonah’s anger was compounded by the wilting of his shade plant that had grown for his comfort over night.

Highlighting the difference between men and God, Keller said something like this (my paraphrase, not a direct quote), “We put pictures of trees (and plants) on

our calendars. God has pictures of subway cars filled with people.”

His point — God cares about nature, He created it and will redeem it along with everything else; but his crowning creation, the thing most beautiful in his eyes is not the autumn scene in Algonquin park. God revels in the beauty of people. Crowded cities, sprawling suburbs — now that’s beautiful to the Master.

Can we see our cities and our towns the way God sees them?

### ***GOD’S HEART FOR NINEVEH***

***“And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120 000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”*** *Jonah 4: 11 [ESV]*

Can we see our cities and towns the way God sees them? Does finding yourself in a crowded coffee shop or a packed subway car evoke the same awe as sitting in a canoe surrounded by trees and water? God, give me eyes to see the beauty and a heart that beats for the loveliness of the people for whom Christ died.

***Ray David***

## **We will remember them**

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*

*Beneath the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.*

*Isaac Watts 1719*



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## Healing Prayer Services at St. George's

Healing Prayer services have started up again at St. George's. These are intended to offer an opportunity for ministry to those of us seeking individual prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil. We end with the Eucharist.

The next service will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Crossroads chapel. In the meantime, if anyone is looking for this kind of ministry, please talk to any of our clergy to arrange it.

## *A WARM GIFT*

Our **Youth Group** are asking the congregation to participate in their current mission to Kinosota and Amaranth churches where they did the summer mission. They are collecting hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and other winter accessories for the children who live in the Reservations nearby. Sizes for both adults and children are acceptable and the Youth Group will be sending them off before the weather gets too cold. Please ensure the items are either new or as-new (no holes or really bad stains). If you are able to participate please bring your items to church on **Sunday Oct. 25th or Nov. 1st**. There will be a bin marked as such for you to drop them in.



## ***DISCERNMENT 101***

Over the past several months I have been discerning the Lord's call for my life. Slowly but surely I have been hearing His voice say to me "Come and follow me." Not wanting to sound as if I had flipped my noodle, I had mentioned it casually to Ray David who did not seem all that surprised or shocked at what I was telling him.

In Ray David's last letter to us he wrote these prophetic words; "Take a look at your life and at the needs around you. A prayerful evaluation of your own gifts, talents and abilities, combined with an equally prayerful assessment of the needs of your church, your family and your community, can develop a laborer's heart."



The Lord has blessed me tremendously with a wonderful wife and four terrific children, with a fifth to arrive in early 2010! Ray David assures me that I will single-handedly ensure the church roles continue to grow at St. George's! I have had successful careers in both the public and private sectors. Traveling to many parts of the world, I have met many famous and powerful people along the way. Yet the words of Luke in Chapter 10 still ring in my ears; "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

The time has come for me to roll up my sleeves and labor in the Master's fields. I believe that we at St. George's have a tremendous opportunity before us to expand our ministry beyond the small country parish that we once were. A revival is at hand in our land, I can feel it in my bones! We need to ask ourselves if we are going to be spectators or participants.

Pray that the Lord will give us a vision and a plan to carry the Gospel message forward beyond our comfort zone. Pray for Ray David that he will be strengthened and encouraged in his role as our rector. Pray also for more laborers for the harvest, who will join with him and with us! Peace.

***Derek Kerr***



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## THANK YOU, CHILDREN

The children collect money each Sunday in our F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God) container, listening to the change cling, clang in. Our spring mission donation included toys for Milton District Hospital Diagnostic Imaging (x-ray) department.

The photo shows Kathy accepting from our delegation the Zig Zag Zoom bead toy for the waiting room and a full box of stuffed animals for the patients to hold during procedures. We received a thank you letter as follows:

**To the “animals” at St. George’s Sunday School,**

**You need to know the impact that your sweet gesture of donating the stuffed animals to our department has made. I have x-rayed a young boy recently who was terrified to be at hospital. He had a very bad fracture (broken bone) in his elbow and was in so much pain. I hand-picked a tiger stuffed animal and presented it to him before I took his x-rays and told him he would have to be as brave as a tiger while he was at hospital. He was able to muster up enough courage to endure the positioning for the x-rays never letting go of his little tiger! I am not sure he would have done as well if he didn’t have a little friend to cling to!**

**In another instance, a little girl from Romania who spoke very little English was also frightened to be having her x-rays because it was difficult to explain to her that x-rays do not hurt. When we finished her exam I gave her a little red bear and her eyes lit up with excitement. It made me feel so good to make her feel so happy!**

**I smile every time I look at the bin of stuffed animals and think of the little children that have been so thoughtful to donate them to our department. Thank you so much for your kindness.**

**Annette M.R.T.**



## ***CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY***

When you receive this issue of By George, Christmas will be less than two months away. Again, St. George's will be supporting the Christmas St. Matthew's House Adopt-a-Family program. Have you begun to think about gifts and all the activities that are associated with Christmas? Would you like to consider a special way to share your Christmas with someone less fortunate than you? If so, I invite you to join with fellow parishioners from St. George's in making a more joyful Christmas for a low income family by supporting the St. Matthew's House Adopt-a-Family program. For over 44 years, St. Matthew's House has given Christmas new meaning for thousands of families. Every year the number grows. Last year they helped over 3000 individuals who through poverty, unemployment and economic hardship had insufficient income to make Christmas a special day.

As a church we would "adopt" **one or more** families at the cost of \$125 - \$175 per family depending on the size of the family, and provide for them:

- A winter jacket/coat for younger children
- Toys for children or suitable gifts for teenagers in attendance at school
- A food voucher from Fortino's in Hamilton to cover the cost of their Christmas dinner of meat/fowl, potatoes, vegetables, and dessert.

Fortino's do not reimburse any unspent money from food vouchers but require all of the money to be spent in the store on food items, thereby assuring all of the money is spent on food.

Envelopes marked "for St Matthew's House" will be in your church bulletins on Sunday, November 22 and November 29, 2009. Please place your gift in the labeled envelope on the offering plate not later than December 6. Cheques should be made payable to ANiC, Milton Project, with the notation "St. Matthew's Adopt-a-Family" in the memo line. Please be sure to include your name and address for income tax purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact me either after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, by email at [drumard@sympatico.ca](mailto:drumard@sympatico.ca) or at (905) 873 1918. (Voicemail records after 6 rings if I am unable to take your call.

***Betty Pristol***



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## ***GOOD NEWS FROM STONEY CREEK***

Stoney Creek Project has a name!

With Bishop Don's approval and encouragement we have adopted the name St. Paul Anglican Bible Church for the Stoney Creek Project. We have been meeting for prayer and study since September 2008, and began holding services at 3 PM on Sundays this August. On Oct 4<sup>th</sup> we moved to our new worship space in the John Knox Christian School gymnasium, 795 Hwy #8, Stoney Creek (Fruitland). We are enjoying the space and lovely facilities and look forward to meeting all the new worshippers God will send to us!

On Saturday Oct 10 we held our first Garage Sale Giveaway at the school. The Gideons joined us to hand out Bibles and other resources. We were blessed with fine late summer weather and we were very pleased with the turn out and the response. People were amazed that we were just giving it all away. Each person was encouraged to take a small note that said:

**St. Paul Anglican Bible Church**

Meeting Sundays at 3pm

at John Knox Christian School gymnasium

795 Hwy #8, Stoney Creek (Fruitland)

StPaulABC@bell.net

Yes.....it really is free!

We hope this small act of kindness brings some light today.

It's a simple way of saying that God loves you--  
no strings attached.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

St. Paul Anglican Bible Church

Jim, Jude, Dave, Marg, Jim, John & Zandra

One dear lady cried and called to her husband "Come over here and do something! They won't let me pay!" Several attempted and even tried insisting on leaving a donation and were really surprised when we adamantly refused to take any money. Will any of them become members of our church? Have we sparked an ember that will awaken a sleeping-



faith? Will someone accept Jesus because of what we have done? We don't know. We will pray. Will we do it again? Absolutely! We got so much more than we gave away that morning. The people who came really knew that this new little group is here to serve in the name of Jesus. The rest is in the Father's hands!

The whole experience really enhanced our celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving that Sunday as we prayed for the people who came and the seeds we hoped had been planted.

If anyone is interested in more information about St. Paul Anglican Bible Church please contact us at:

[StPaulABC@bell.net](mailto:StPaulABC@bell.net).



Celebrating Dave's 70th birthday



Jim preaching October 4th





## *opportunities*

### **Get acquainted**

The Rev. Ken and Joan Bombay would like to get to know St. George's folks a little better and would like to do that over tea in your homes. If you are willing to host an evening of meet and greet with six to eight people, then please contact Ken directly to schedule a visit. 1-519-759-5241



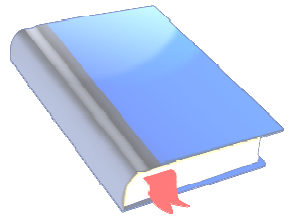
### **Take the bus**



If you are interested in taking a bus to and from the consecration service (November 13), please email Donna at [office@stgchurch.ca](mailto:office@stgchurch.ca) or telephone 1- 905- 335-6222. The cost will be approximately \$20 - \$22 and we will need at least 40 people.

### **Scripture Union Notes**

Scripture Union provides today's best Bible reading guides for children, teens, and adults. To preview the material, see the display in the Town Square or see the SU website at [www.scriptureunion.ca](http://www.scriptureunion.ca). There is a special price of \$20 for new subscriptions, regularly \$36 this year. Linda Calbery is our Scripture Union rep. Contact her to place your order: [lcalber1@ford.com](mailto:lcalber1@ford.com), or telephone 905-878-5195.





## Installation Service for the **Right Reverend Charlie Masters**

The service is Nov. 15, here at Crossroads, at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. However, if you plan to attend and/or can help with the reception, please contact Donna Rigo at the church office.

## Operation Christmas Child



If you wish to participate but did not receive a shoebox, any shoebox from home will do. Label it for a boy or girl and indicate the age bracket. The return date is November 8.

## Visit a church plant and be encouraged.

**Church of the Messiah:** meeting Sundays at 10: a.m., Upper Deck, 4 Stover St. N., Norwich, ON.



**St. Paul Anglican Bible Church:** meeting Sundays at 3:00 p.m., John Knox Christian School gymnasium, 795 Hwy #8 Stoney Creek (Fruitland).



**Toronto Centre ANiC Project:** meeting every second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2009,

12 Upjohn Rd, Unit 9, Toronto, ON,  
Come a little earlier at 7:00.

We want to take the opportunity to have time for fellowship with coffee and tea.





## ***Church of the Messiah News***

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

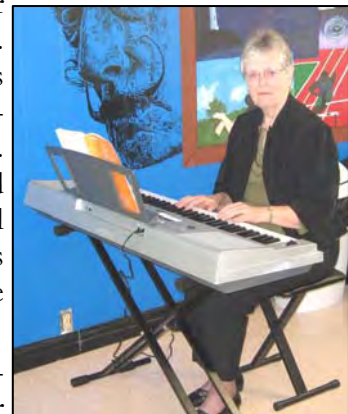
We are thankful for the upcoming Synod and our opportunity to come as a recognized parish within ANiC. God has certainly been good to us! I am sure many of us would never have anticipated this a year or so ago. It certainly speaks to what God can do in so many circumstances. When I look back and think of us as a group of believers meeting in homes, and now as a parish I am so amazed. Thank you Lord!

We recently celebrated thanksgiving and had a time to reflect on all the blessings of



the harvest. Peter also brought us some wonderful news about an upcoming visit from what will be our newly ordained Bishop. What a joy for us to know that Charlie has chosen the Church of the Messiah for his first service as Bishop. We as members of ANiC have been so richly blessed with Charlie's leadership. He has been such a comfort to us all and a wonderful example of a shepherd. I am sure it has been a hectic journey for Charlie over the past months but despite that he has remained steadfast in his love for the Lord.

Prayer has been such an important part of the growth of the Church of the Messiah. God calls us to pray in all our circumstances. It was not long ago that we asked God to bring us someone with the gift of music. Shortly after our prayer, in walked our organist, Anne, much to our amazement. What a loving Father we have and how wonderful that he does hear and answer our prayers. Anne is such a gift to our congregation and we are so thankful that God has drawn her here. When we began meeting at the Upper Deck in Norwich, we had the use of a keyboard but no one to play it. What a wonderful blessing it was when St. George's provided a keyboard to 'bless our music ministry' in our worship. We are so thankful for the support that St. George's continues to give us in so many ways.



ANiC has also been very generous with time and resources. Garth Hunt has generously offered to lead a seminar entitled 'Pursuing Intimacy with God'. We are now in the process of setting a date for this,

sometime in November. This is a much anticipated event in which we hope to deepen our relationship with God the Father.

Another one of the highlights of the past few weeks has been meeting Edward. We know that God has placed us in Norwich for a reason and Edward is part of that reason. Edward is the owner of the Chinese restaurant beside The Upper Deck. One Sunday morning, God placed him in the path of Peter and also other members. Through this introduction we were able to tell him about the Church of the Messiah. As we gathered around pumpkin pie one Sunday, God led us to deliver a piece of pie to Edward. During this visit Edward volunteered to make us egg rolls on a Sunday morning. Last Sunday, we were gathered together in prayer when Edward walked in with our egg rolls. God has called us to reach out into the community of Norwich and that includes Chinese restaurant owners, our neighbours, and our friends. Once again, in joy we say, "thank you Lord"

Fall is a time of *Giving Thanks to God*, and the Church of the Messiah has much to be thankful for. We are thankful for our leadership, for Charlie, Ray David, and especially Peter. We are thankful for the congregation of St. George's, for their servant heart. We are thankful for the upcoming Synod and our ability to participate as a parish. We are thankful for ANIC and for their faithfulness to the King. We are thankful for answered prayer. We are thankful for the gift of music and our ability to praise the Lord. So while we recognize the harvest and all its blessings we also recognize that God has called us into Norwich to reach out to the community and for this we are so grateful.



### *Sheilagh Roloson*

Pray For Us...

**November 8: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

"Pray for us". This is the plea of persecuted Christians around the world. Today around the world over 200 million are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ.

**This year's theme: "Persecuted: Not Abandoned" [II Cor. 4: 7-9]**

*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."*



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## ***a treasure to change the world***

What would be your reaction if you picked up a Bible for the first time? What follows are the stories of two men who found a long lost treasure. The first story is recorded in the Old Testament, 2 Chronicles 34: 8 - 31. It is the story of Josiah, King of Judah, 640-609 B.C., who found the Book of the God's Law, buried away in the temple that had fallen into disuse long before. The second tale is similar. It is the story of Martin Luther (1483-1546) who found a Bible hidden away in the library at Erfurth, in Germany when he was a student there. This story is found in J. H. Merle D'Aubigné's 'History of the Great Reformation of the Sixteenth Century' (1846).

### **KING JOSIAH**

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. They came to Hilkiyah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had collected from Manasseh and Ephraim and from all the remnant of Israel and from all Judah and Benjamin and from the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And they gave it to the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD. And the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD gave it for repairing and restoring the house. They gave it to the carpenters and the builders to buy quarried stone, and timber for binders and beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had let go to ruin. And the men did the work faithfully. Over them were set Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to have oversight. The Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music, were over the burden-bearers and directed all who did work in every kind of service, and some of the Levites were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiyah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given

### **MARTIN LUTHER**

“Luther as a young student spent in the library of the university the moments he could snatch from his academic labours. Books being then scarce, it was in his eyes a great privilege to be able to profit by the treasures of this vast collection.

One day, (he had been then two years at Erfurth, and was twenty years of age,) he was opening the books in the library one after another in order to read the names of the authors. One which he opened in its turn drew his attention. He had not seen anything like it until that hour. He read the title:-- it is a Bible! a rare book, unknown at that time. His interest is strongly excited; he is filled with astonishment at finding more in this volume than those fragments of the gospels and epistles which the church has selected to be read to the people in their places of worship every Sunday in the year. Till then he had thought that they were the whole word of God. And here are so many pages, so many chapters, so many books, of which he had no idea! His heart beats as he holds in his hand all the Scriptures divinely inspired.

With eagerness and indescribable feelings he turns over those leaves of God's word. The first page that arrests his attention, relates the history of

**KING JOSIAH** continued

through Moses. Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. Shaphan brought the book to the king, and further reported to the king, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing. They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD and have given it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen." Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it before the king.

And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book." . . .

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. [ESV]

**MARTIN LUTHER** continued

Hannah and the young Samuel. He reads, and can scarcely restrain his joyful emotion. This child whom his parents lend to the Lord as long as he liveth; Hannah's song in which she declares that the Lord raiseth up the poor out of the dust and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set him among princes; the young Samuel who grows up in the temple before the Lord; all this history, all this revelation which he has discovered, excites feelings till then unknown. He returns home with a full heart....

He soon returned to the library to find his treasure again. He read and re-read, and then in his surprise and joy, he went back to read again. The first gleams of a new truth then arose in his mind.

Thus has God caused him to find His word! He has now discovered the book of which he is one day to give to his countrymen that admirable translation in which the Germans for three centuries have read the oracles of God. For the first time, perhaps, this precious volume has been removed from the place that it occupied in the library at Erfurth. This book, deposited upon the unknown shelves of a dark room, is soon to become the book of life to a whole nation. The Reformation lay hid in that Book?"

J.H. Merle D'Aubigné

History of the Great Reformation of the Sixteenth Century

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**What does God use to spark reformation? It is the Scriptures! No famine is as deadly as a famine for hearing the Word of God (Amos 8:11,12). If we are truly looking to God for fresh fire in our day, fire of reformation and renewal, let us come to the fire of God's Word (Jer 23:29). We need the fire in our bones! Lord, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand!**

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Lowville,  
member congregation of the  
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**Pastoral Assistant: Rev. Ken Bombay**

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**Rev. Keith Stodart**

**Rev. Deacon Garth Hunt**

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**Ministry Coordinator: Naomi Neeb**

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**Crossroads Centre Chapel, 1295  
North Service Road, Burlington**

**9:00 am Morning Prayer or Holy Com-  
munion, and Sunday school**

**10: 45 family service, nursery and Sun-  
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## CITY OF GOD

*And I saw the holy city,  
new Jerusalem, coming down out  
of heaven from God, prepared as a  
bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a loud voice from the  
throne saying, "Behold, the  
dwelling place of God is with  
man. He will dwell with them,  
and they will be his people, and  
God himself will be with them as  
their God. He will wipe away  
every tear from their eyes, and  
death shall be no more, neither  
shall there be mourning, nor  
crying, nor pain anymore, for the  
former things have passed away."  
And he who was seated on the  
throne said, "Behold, I am  
making all things new." Also he  
said, "Write this down, for these  
words are trustworthy and true."  
Revelation 21: 2 - 5 [ESV]*