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TIMOTHIAN TIMES



PASSAGE FROM INDIA



Dear Friends

Thank you for your prayers for my India trip. I actually spoke 15 times in 5 days, a record even for me.

In the Conference at the new FEBA HQ, we had about 70 on Friday evening and a little over 100 for the Saturday and Sunday meetings. God was very gracious and most people were very receptive to hearing what was presented on the End Times.

Of those who came up to speak to me, these were memorable: one man who had just come out of Hinduism 3 years ago, in great excitement about what he has learnt concerning the End Times and his need to share his faith, wanted to go North so that he could share with 2,000 RELATIVES! He and his wife plus a Nepalese girl - all 3 seemed to have come to faith at the same time

Another young man, who came from a Christian home, was told by God to come to Bangalore some time ago and is now working or enrolled in a college(?) - very hungry for God because of the call of God on his life. He wanted me to pray for him and was so eager for a copy of what was spoken that he wanted to go out during the break to buy a thumb drive! But Suma gave him a CD and we had the files copied for him. He came the second day and so enthralled was he with what he was learning that he brought his parents and a friend on the third day. Others were just grateful to be present to hear God's Word on the End Times and I kept pointing them back to God and His Word and their need to pray, pray and pray! Some who only came on the third day had a little problem adjusting to what was said because they weren't present earlier. All the sessions were taped, so do pray that God will use these to help increase the understanding of those who bought them and the notes that were available. It will be made available to you all later.

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◀ EDITOR'S NOTE ▶



DEAR FRIENDS & CO-LABOURERS,

It has been an exciting and busy 2006 for all of us here at 2Tim2-2.com. We thank the Lord for opening doors for our ministry to introduce the IBS methods both here and overseas. As a ministry striving to obey our Lord, we will continue to labor wherever the Lord leads. Come 2007, we will be having classes, workshops and seminars at various locations in Singapore as in the past. Do check out our website.

There will be 2 Bible tours - Turkey in March / April 2007 and Israel in November / December 2007. The purpose of the tours is to experience the Bible in 3-D and experience the 'Acts 2' living (apostolic teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer).

We are still looking at office spaces to centralize our classes and to conduct various events. Do continue to pray along with us as we will follow where God leads. We thought we had an ideal place, but God shut the door which means, He either has a better place for us, or wants us to continue as status quo for the time being.

We thank the Lord and our faithful friends and supporters who, at our 4th anniversary dinner, gave over S\$50,000 to support the various activities and projects we are about to embark.

Our recent polemic against TB Joshua was an attempt to make a stand for the truth. It has also polarized believers into 2 camps, those who will stick only to the Word, and those who add experience (or some other standard of authority) to the Word.

We thank God that you are willing to stand with us on what God says concerning this matter. Being politically correct but Biblically wrong is *never* our goal. In the days to come, false prophets and false teachers will arise amongst the people and all must choose. Obedience to the Lord will always be the goal of our ministry.

'How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.'... (1 Kings 18:21)

The ministry by God's grace is growing and we need to follow God where He leads us so that His people would know Him (John 17:3) as they obey His Word (see John 14:15,21,23) in order to be equipped to fulfill the Great Commission especially in these last days.

May God help us!
His bondservant,

Jeffrey Loh

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◀ H1, 2007 ~ TEACHING SCHEDULE ▶



Cecilia's Schedule

MONDAY EVENINGS:

- ⌚ Time: 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm
- YWCA, Fort Canning
- **Diving into the Depths of Daniel (Part 1)** (7 lessons)
- Commencing 12 Jan '07
- Commencing 8 Jan '07

TUESDAY EVENINGS:

- ⌚ Time: 7:45 pm to 9:45 pm
- Hakka Methodist Ch
- 1B Evelyn Road, S309298
- **Plumbing the Depths of James** (14 lessons)
- Commencing 9 Jan '07

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS:

- ⌚ Time: 9:15am to 12:15pm
- Hakka Methodist Ch
- 1B Evelyn Road S309298
- **Plumbing the Depths of James** (14 lessons)
- Commencing 10 Jan '07

THURSDAY MORNINGS:

- ⌚ Time: 9.45am to 11.45am
- International Baptist Ch
- 90 Kings Road
- **Plumbing the Depths of Jude** (7 lessons)
- Commencing 18 Jan '07

FRIDAY MORNINGS:

- ⌚ Time: 9:30am to 12pm
- Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel
- 12 Galistan Ave, S669686
- **Plumbing the Depths of Hebrews Part 3** (11 Lessons)
- Commencing 12 Jan '07



Jeffrey's Schedule

THURSDAY EVENINGS

- ⌚ Time: 8 pm to 10 pm
- Melrose Park Clubhouse
- Kellock Road
- **Plumbing the Depths of 1 Thessalonians**
- Commencing 11 Jan '07

OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENTS



As a ministry, we will be conducting our trip to Turkey from March 28 to April 8, 2007. Do join with us as we will be teaching on the 7 Churches (Rev 2-3), and speaking on the Book of Revelation on the island of Patmos itself.

Cecilia & Jeff are planning to build on the excitement about God's Word that He brought about from their trip to the Philippines. Seven pastors were present and they, and perhaps the members as well, were busy using the IBS skills they learnt at the workshops and teaching to their church members! God be praised!

Do pray for God's leading as Ron in the Philippines helps to coordinate and plan for the workshops and conferences.

Strictly by registration.
Kindly refer to the website for more details.



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

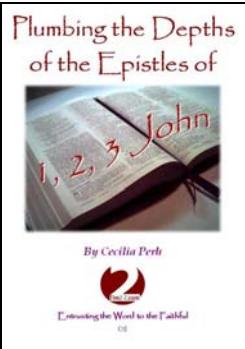
Cecilia will be speaking on James on several Sundays at Everlasting Life Baptist Fellowship, 7A Kampong Bahru Road.

Dates:

Jan 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 25; Apr 15, 22, 29; July 15, 22, 29; Oct 21, 28, Nov 4
Service starts at 10am.

Kindly refer to the website for our speaking engagements at www.2Tim2-2.com

◀ WORKBOOK ▶



The Epistles of John contain some of the sublimest truths that true believers hold to. In it is 'the high serenity of a mind that lives in constant fellowship with the greatest thoughts and is nourished at the eternal fountain-head; but also the fervent indignation and vehement recoil of such a mind in contact with what is false and evil', one whose mind is dominated by God's truth (R. Law, ISBE). First John has been called 'the most passionate' book in the New Testament written by the 'Apostle of Love'. It is full of antithesis and clear statements of spiritual reality. 'The absolute antagonism and incompatibility between the Christian life and sin of whatsoever kind or degree is maintained with a vehemence of utterance that verges at times upon the paradoxical (1 John 3:9; 5:18). So long as the church lays up this Epistle in its heart, it can never lack a moral tonic of wholesome severity' (ibid).

You will be transformed if you will take these truths to heart. Never was there such a time when these basic and essential truths have been under greater attack by those within the church. The clarion call of these epistles to live pure lives as 'He is pure' (1 John 3:3) must be heeded if we don't want to be ashamed when our Lord Jesus returns (1 John 2:28).

Cost: S\$25

◀ MEDIA & RESOURCES ▶

⌚ JUST A CLICK AWAY....

The lessons and conferences conducted by 2Tim2-2.com are now made available on the internet!

The location is @

www.2tim2-2.com/video/index.htm



- Browse to the page and save the files to your local hard disk! All you have to do is right-click on the topic with your mouse and select 'Save As Target'.
- If you want to view it via video streaming, right-click on the topic with your mouse and select 'Open in New Window'. This will trigger the opening of another browser with the media player in place.

Note: These links are provided **free-of-charge**. By downloading the videos, you hereby agree that the information is for your own private use. All rights reserved to 2Tim2-2.com.



More links to some resources in the internet are below:

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<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermonsspeaker.asp>
<http://www.arabicbible.com/index.html>
<http://www.waltermartin.org/cults.html>
<http://www.audio-bible.com/bible/bible.html>
<http://www.audiotreasure.com>
<http://www.talkingbible.com/multilingual.html>
<http://www.i-am.org/audiotext1.htm>

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On Sunday morning, I spoke to about 1,000 people at a Methodist Church on 'The Greater Exodus and the Two Witnesses' using Rev 11:1-4. Two on the Missions board came up after and said they thought it was Missions Sunday because it felt like it! I was directing them to pray so that when God poured out His Spirit (Joel 2:28-32) He would also pour out His Spirit on them. Then they could go out to be witnesses for Jesus wherever He sends them (Acts 1:8).

In the evening service, I spoke at a small Baptist church, Emmanuel Baptist on Mystery Babylon (Rev 17) and though we had about 30-40 people, the spiritual reception was much more enthusiastic. In fact during the singing I thought I was back in my own church in the early days because of the songs sung and the relaxed atmosphere and open sharing.

I was a little fearful that they would be opposed to what was being presented, because I was speaking to them of the compromises that have been made in the church of Jesus Christ and calling them to pure doctrine, pure love and a pure faith. But God was very gracious and the people who came to speak with me were either positive, excited that someone has spoken on such a sensitive topic or just glad that someone would dare to bring this up. One girl told me that she was in this church for 5 years and had read Dave Hunt's books concerning this area and that I was the FIRST to speak on this sorely needed issue. The pastor was sorry that so few turned up though he said he urged his congregation to come and assured me that next time (if there ever is a next time), he'll ensure more turn up!

Then on Monday and Tuesday, I spoke at New Destiny, a church started by Pastor Ruth from SG. Here the spiritual reception was even better and although there were a little over 20, there were 8 pastors and other workers and church members present. Ruth says that God's not only laid the state of Karnataka on her heart, but this time has increased it to the whole of India! She is one on whom God has definitely laid His hand and the many miracles of physical healing that she received through her 21 years as a believer, plus God's extraordinary protection on her life when she was in Indonesia in a church where people entered to kill believers (she said, they didn't see her at all though she was spattered all over with blood) and her miraculous deliverance from a car accident in India where the driver of the lorry died and the driver of the auto she was in had broken ribs because he jumped out but she was perfectly okay with not one bruise on her....

Ruth said that as I was speaking, she saw a vision of hell with many hands held up for someone to come and pull them out but the workers were so very very few. She also said that God had given her a vision of the persecution that is ahead for the believers and she was warning them concerning it. Perhaps some of the persecution that will start will be because of what they had learnt during these two days. One of the pastors asked Ruth what he should do in the light of what he heard. The church of which he was a member had their people sign their doctrinal statement annually and he asked if he could tick what they want but teach what he had learnt from God's Word and Ruth told him that he cannot do so. Do be praying for these believers who are willing to take a stand for our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

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When she told me that, it gave me another sleepless night because I realized that when truth is proclaimed and God's people walk by that truth, they would be persecuted. But I had to continue speaking what God says because I had to please God above all else, especially in the area of proclaiming truth in our days when truth is being marginalized, compromised or totally ignored! The price of obeying God!

The situation for the Indian church is very difficult ultimately because of the lack of holiness in the church itself. When many leaders are carving out empires for themselves, when anyone who cannot find a job becomes a pastor, when corruption and love for money is everywhere, it is very difficult to find genuine tested believers. Those who truly love the Lord struggle on very little and it is difficult to know how to give in such a way that we do not tempt them beyond what they are able. Ruth's policy is to not give them any cash directly but to push them to God to fulfill their needs. After 2 years of mistakes and learning the hard way, she will only provide for their food and drinks and materials when they attend her training sessions. Do pray for her and our fellow brethren in India. May God raise up people who would live holy lives in accordance with His word. I gave Ruth \$1K to help her in her ministry. If you have thumb drives or other things that she can sell or give to the people among whom she ministers, she would be grateful. I passed her my clothes and toiletries and other things that she might find useful.

The money that we collected for my girls in India (2 years ago, I think) to help them build a house from which they could minister to those whom God will bring to them was finally handed over to them - \$8,201.20. Esther has been working in UK for one year and now is in Canada to work for another year to raise up sufficient money to do so. Her two younger twin sisters have obtained better paying jobs now and God's hand of protection is on them as well. It is very difficult for orphans to be alone with no male protector! Worse, if you're girls. Even Ruth has a difficult time but she says her grey hair helps!

I also gave \$2K to a special needs school started by this Christian couple whom Tom Chandler, former pastor of Grace Baptist, know and work with. I wanted to give the money to a special needs school in Madras where I was last year but since I couldn't meet up with that lady, I trust the Lord will accept this offering given to another special needs school instead

I passed on \$500 to FLEBA to help them defray the expenses of the conference, although they didn't ask me for anything. I also gave the lady who hosted me \$2K to help her defray the expenses for her husband's second operation on his leg which he had broken in an accident. She had to borrow and I knew that it wasn't right for me to not help her when I knew. She was almost in tears when she realized God's concern for her. When she asked me 'Why?', I just said, 'Same God, same family'.

As you continue your prayers (whenever you remember), may your gifts be used for God's glory in India as well.

Thanks and blessings.

Cecilia

PS: I wanted to give you an account of the monies spent, because it might help you to know that much of the monies that are collected when I pass the bag around usually go to help some of the ministries we support or God brings us into contact with. In the past, I used to keep only 1/3 for 2Tim and send the rest to Precept Ministries, as well as those whom I meet or whom God wants me to give to. I recently passed \$5K to a church friend who is going to Thailand for ministry and who had not raised up adequate support.

It's only right now because of the need to pay for usage of premises as well as start an office (if God wills) that we're having the anniversary thanksgiving cum awareness cum fund raising dinner. Many thanks to those of you who join us in this ministry. To God always be the glory for all the good things that He's done for us (Eph 2:8-10)! ■

In 2Tim2-2.com, we want to dare venture into new territories even though we major on IBS and this time we ventured into the Financial World. We organized a Financial Seminar to which participants were treated to a 1-day event at YWCA that addressed the issue of money and finances from a biblical perspective - topics which are seldom taught from the pulpit.

The broad ranging topics covered 'the Basics of Finances', 'Money', being 'Truly Rich versus Worldly Rich', 'Financial dependence versus Financial Freedom'. Cecilia tackled the topic of 'Tithing and the End Times' to wrap up the day's event.

Glory be to God, the turnout for this workshop was beyond expectation even though it was sandwiched between 2 public holidays in October. The speakers for the workshop were Dr Wong YY (Founder of WyWy Group), Mr Benny Ong (Director of Life Planning Associates), Mr David Kriner (An American Businessman) and our very own Cecilia Perh.

Being a Christian does not exempt one from God's laws governing finances. The Bible clearly teaches that money is God's gift entrusted to us that we have to steward faithfully. Unfortunately, much of the church today is woefully ignorant about money and finances - despite the fact that Jesus spoke more about money than on the subjects of heaven and hell. The fact remains: Financial Giving is an index of our spiritual vitality and maturity (2 Corinthians 8:7).

While giving is not sufficient for spiritual maturity, not giving faithfully and in particular sacrificially can rob us of spiritual vitality. This is why we must demonstrate consistent and generous giving (1 Timothy 3:3b, 8b) and be free from the love of money (1Tim 6:10).

During the workshop, participants discussed biblical principles of financial giving with the speakers. The participants were warned against becoming enmeshed in materialism, and were encouraged to cultivate a godly way to handle our money and material possessions. A believer's perspective on material and spiritual things is important. 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' (Matthew 6:21). Basically, when wealth is not used for God's glory, it corrupts its owner. ■

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

21 OCTOBER,
YWCA

by Lim Wei Teck



Note: *The recording of Benny, David and Cecilia will be made available for sale during Cecilia's classes. Do look out for it!*

Bible writers have long fascinated their audience with the use of numbers in Scriptures. Jude quoted in triads, the Apostle John wrote in sevens ... Matthew being a Jew is no exception. The Jewish rabbis have a form of interpretation of Scriptures known as *Gematria*. In *Gematria*, each Hebrew alphabet is assigned a numerical value.

The gospel of Matthew, as we know, presents Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long-awaited prophesied Jewish Messiah. We know this from the repetition of the key words, 'king', 'kingdom', 'David', etc. Matthew opens his gospel with the genealogy of Jesus that tracks the lineage of Jesus through David and Abraham. Scholars have long been puzzled over Matthew's genealogy, which seems to be artificially constructed. In it, Jesus' genealogy is presented in a triad of 14 generations. It was for a particular reason.

In the Old and New Testament periods, Jews commit much of the Scriptures to memory as scrolls were scarce and expensive. As such, literary devices were used to help one commit certain facts into memory. It is much akin to using acronyms to help us remember facts concerning certain subjects. So Matthew used 3 sets of 14 generations to assist his readers to remember the lineage of Jesus. This is important in presenting Jesus as the rightful King to the Davidic throne because in AD 70, all genealogical records once held in the Temple were destroyed when the Romans set fire to the Temple. Anyone claiming to be the Messiah consequent to that, will not have the ability to back their claims through these records of their genealogy.

Matthew was not concerned with the absolute accuracy of Jesus' lineage, i.e. the exact details of His lineage. Rather, he was more concerned with presenting Him as who He is, the Son of David, the son of Abraham, the long-awaited Messiah.

There is also another interesting truth to learn from this. In *Gematria* the reader can add up the numerical values of the alphabets which can be compared to other words of the same value. As some Jewish expositors explain, this is not the usual way of interpreting Scriptures, but it can be used to illuminate doctrine, though not define it.

David's *gematria* works out as follows. The word 'David' consists of 3 Hebrew alphabets: a *dalet* with a numerical value of 4, a *vav* with a numerical value of 6 and another *dalet* with a numerical value of 4. The sum of these is 14. What Matthew is trying to say in this *gematria* is that there are 3 sets of 14 generations, i.e. David, *David*, *David* - a very subtle way of presenting Jesus as the rightful heir to the David throne. First there was the historical David, then the prophetic David, our Lord Jesus in human flesh, and ultimately the final David, the Messiah, the King who comes to claim His kingdom. He truly is the Greater David who has come! ■

HEBRAIC ROOTS ▼ JESUS, SON OF DAVID

by Jeffrey Loh



IBS IN THE PHILIPPINES ▼ October 2006



Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your prayers. The people were very receptive and more doors will be opened in the near future for more seminars and workshops, and God willing, in many denominations as well.

Although the numbers who came were smaller than anticipated (31 on Sat, about 50 on Sun, and about 30 on Mon and Tues), we believe that God brought those who are willing to learn and those who are able to pass them on (what we prayed for). Although all the pastors and elders who came were from the Brethren assemblies (7 in all), they were eager and willing to learn and one pastor immediately taught his congregation parts of 1 Thessalonians 1 (what he learned on Saturday) instead of the message he prepared! He is so very eager and one of those who came all four days. We also gave him the workshop notes for all 4 days and our 2nd Coming books and teachings slides. God willing, he himself will study and teach others as well.

Some of the younger leaders from another assembly came with another pastor and mayhap this will be another group where God could raise up future leaders and teachers of His Word.

Ron (the organizer) is blessed and very grateful and is already thinking of ways to incorporate what he has learnt into the discipleship classes he leads. He has a camp for 40 people (discipleship training) coming up soon and plans to incorporate the IBS principles. He's already planning for the visit next year. We will inform you all.

Ron said one of the pastors of the 'biggest' Brethren assembly in Antipolo told him after coming to the workshop on Monday that he is even willing to open his pulpit for a woman! If that is so, Ron anticipates that with a fixed venue closer to where people are, there will be many more who will come. Most of the people struggle with very little and the worries of life are a constant cause of concern and we used the money given for the Philippines to pay for the workshops, materials, food and venue. Many thanks to those who gave generously. We will work with Ron further to see how else we can partner with them for the building of God's kingdom in the Philippines. ■

Thanks for praying.

Jeffrey and Cecilia

From an email dated 11 December: Last Nov. 26 Ronny was the guest speaker for a Makati-based church. This was the 3rd non-brethren church Ronny spoke in our 10 years here. Last Wednesday we received news that a total of 30 people had prayed to receive Christ after the preaching of the gospel. Please pray that these may go on in their commitment to Christ and become true disciples.

Those of you who are familiar with our ministry should need no introduction to Jacob Prasch. Not only has he been thrice hosted by 2Tim2-2.com, he is also a heavy-set man who towers virtually above every attendee in the conference! Hard to escape your notice... More than that, he is a man of courage, honesty and boldness. You can expect no subtleties from him; his teaching is the truth sharper than the double-edged sword. It wasn't easy for some to get used to him in the beginning, especially when it comes to being challenged in some cherished beliefs. But if you stay around a little longer, you will find that he also knows how to apply the balm of Gilead onto discouraged or hurting souls. All these are evidence of his teaching the whole counsel of God - for our God knows His people need both the warnings and the exhortations.

Why such a long introduction on the man itself? It is meant to be a little token of appreciation to the man. Having met and observed him through several conferences, he left quite an impression on me. His strong but often misunderstood stand against false doctrines has somehow lent Singaporean believers strength to stand firm and hold true to what was taught by the apostles and prophets in the Bible. I thank God for that.



◀ CONFERENCE ▶

JACOB PRASCH

AUGUST 2006

by Kelly Nandar



Saturday, 26th August began with 'The Rebellion of Korah' in Kay Poh Baptist Church. More than a hundred eager people turned up; some were amazed at the titles of Jacob's audio sermons at the book table which demonstrated his rich Hebraic understanding of the Scriptures. Then it was the 'Attack of the Remnant' from the account of 2 Kings 18. Jacob gave insights into the strategy of our enemy 'who is not of flesh and blood' but uses a human instrument to attack God's people. He warned us that Satan is fond of shaking the leadership first. He also added clear Biblical instructions on how to withstand Satan's deviously clever schemes in preying on believers' fears, doubts and even love for our Lord. Very insightful indeed!

Later at night, as he expertly expounded on 'When God writes', he also gave a challenge to all to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour now if they have not done so yet. 'When God writes' is a very uplifting message for those who know Christ as we are reminded that our names have been personally written in the Book of the Lamb by God Himself.

◀ EPISTOLE ▶

Dear Cecilia,

Just wanted to say a big thank you to you again as I am so very blessed by you and your teaching and the wonderful materials. You are truly an answered prayer and I thank God that you have been so diligent in His Word as it seems like God has prepared a table in the wilderness - members and even Pastors are so dry and hungry for the Word but right now it's as if there is a famine which I think is because the world is getting darker:

- Amos 8:11 'The days are coming,' declares the Sovereign LORD, 'when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.'

I've been sharing with some Pastors here about your ministry and our need for public teaching of the Word. They are favorable yet it is mostly a matter of timing as we have to make a firm commitment to this way rather than through Cell groups or seminars. Please pray along with me. I do feel that the responsibility to give real food to the Christians here and am wanting to be doing so before the Lord returns.

- Matthew 24:45-46 - 'Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.'

We can pray that the Lord will open his hand towards the saints who meet here at XXX (church) and of course others who will come join from other churches to hear the teaching.

- Psalms 145:15-16 - The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- A Scripture for you:
- Philemon 1:6-7 - I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother (sister), have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

Love in Christ

Pastor XXX.

(Editor's Note: Names have been marked XXX for confidentiality)

◀ EPISTOLE ▶

Hi Cecilia:
Greetings from Bangalore!

How are you Cecilia? You must be busy with your teachings.

This is to thank you again for your time and fellowship and especially for the spiritual food that you have imparted to us. There are requests still coming from people for your notes and CDs. It was a blessing to hear what God speaks through you. It's my prayer that God may use you mightily in the furtherance of His Kingdom.

My husband joins with me in thanking you for your love and support. It meant a lot to us and helped a great extent. Do continue to pray for his speedy recovery and for the Lord to sustain us as we go through this difficult situation.

As I'm sending this mail, I'm also listening to your talk on The Greater Exodus and thank you once again for all the insights you have given to me personally and clearing some of my doubts. I have just made a spiral book on book of Daniel which you gave as soft copy. I will start working on it. If I have any doubts I will write to you.

It was really a privilege to know you and have fellowship with you and I hope God will give another opportunity to meet you some time.

In His Amazing Grace

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Bangalore



Dear 'great woman of GOD' Cecilia

... just want to TKU very much for another great lesson tonight.

You're a very anointed & gifted Bible teacher who teaches from the heart and with passion & enthusiasm ... we are so blessed.

Your lesson last night esp. touched my heart for I too, have been in other desperate situations (nothing like Jonah's death but it sure felt like death to me then) and GOD has always been there for me. And this is what I always tell my cell group - to always remember our history with GOD and as HE has been there for us, HE will continue to be there for us, without fail....

TKU again for your teachings.
Bye & GOD BLESS

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Thanks, Cecilia, for the materials and I respect your instructions and redistribution of the materials. There was lot of positive feedback with regard to the first evening of the IBS workshop - thank you again.

Blessings,
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Hi Cecilia and Jeff,

Although I have not attended your classes so far, I have heard much about your ministry and am thankful to God for you. It is our prayer and hope that God will raise up more workmen in our church who can accurately handle the word of truth.

I am glad to learn more about your ministry of equipping believers in this area through my chat with Jeff. We are beginning to plan for next year. Let's pray and see how the Lord leads in this. Look forward to opportunities of learning from you.

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Hi Cecilia,

I just wanted to say how relevant your lessons have been in my life. Very often, the lessons I learnt were something that I could relate to my students on Sunday. Guess, we sort of took that for granted.

What was more surprising perhaps (at least to me) was when you mentioned about believers & suicide not long ago, I didn't think much about it. But that knowledge of learning to depend on the character of God in such times was a great comfort when 1 of my colleagues passed away.

Thank you.

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Sunday afternoon arrived with yet more powerful teachings. First, Jacob swept through the histories of past great empires - how they have fallen, giving evidence that God means what He says when He said in Obadiah 1:15 'as you have done (to His ancient people), it will be done to you'. The Lord of justice has in history past brought vengeance to the nations which despised His people and He will never fail in this regard (see Genesis 12:3). This serves both as a warning to those who mistreat the Jews and as a comfort for Christians during persecutions. Later his *midrash* on 'The Ships of Tarshish' opened our eyes to the characteristics of the number '666' and Antichrist. Finally at night, the time to pick Jacob's brain came and the enthusiasts who stayed on, left for home with greater confidence in what they believed as Jacob answered their queries.

All in all, it was a busy weekend for me. But it was worth it! My glowing face on Monday morning convinced me of that! ■



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212 Overview and Chapter Study of 2 Peter (2 days)

213 Overview and Chapter Study of 1 Thessalonians (2 days)

INTERMEDIATE IBS SKILLS

Those proficient with basic IBS skills

301 Structuring Philippians (2 days)

302 Structuring Colossians (2 days)

ADVANCE IBS SKILLS

Handling controversial passages and topics - teachers and leaders

* Mandatory homework to be submitted 1 month prior to course

401 Handling a Controversial Passage - Hebrews 6:4-8

402 Handling a Controversial Passage - Romans 7

411 Handling a Controversial Topic - Once saved, Always saved?

412 Handling a Controversial Topic - What Rapture? Which Rapture?

4TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING & FUNDRAISING

On November 4, 2006, 2Tim2-2.com celebrated its 4th anniversary at Roland's Restaurant in Marine Parade.

Our Growth

2Tim2-2.com started on 28 November 2002 with just Cecilia and Jeffrey and a heart to spearhead Inductive Bible Study in Singapore. Today, after 4 short years, God has been good and 2Tim2-2.com has a regular annual teaching schedule, produced at least 23 workbooks (with more in the pipeline) and a team of volunteer helpers to manage and maintain every aspect of the ministry.

Several of the ministry's old time supporters and friends attended this event, together with students and well-wishers and newcomers, Cecilia and Jeffrey welcomed over 200 guests for this first-time event.

Reverend Tom Chandler, pastor, missionary, evangelist, etc provided the keynote opening speech and prayed for the ministry as it continues to contend earnestly for the faith. Mrs Molly Farlow, International Trainer with Precept Ministries International and long time friend and co-labourer with Cecilia when she was with Precept, also cited the importance of knowing the Lord through your own study of the Word and highlighted 2Tim2-2.com's contribution to teaching the Word of God inductively. The programme during this dinner also included a review of past events, a presentation of current plans and of future direction for the ministry by Wei Teck and Jeff.



Like a family reunion dinner, this was an occasion for committee members, fellow students, supporters and well-wishers to connect and share their learning experiences, perspectives and future thoughts over a scrumptious meal.

Rooted in God's Word

Cecilia also gave a very timely and pertinent message based on the 7 Churches of Revelation. The message was clear - we have to continuously hold fast to the Word and develop a strong foundation in it, coupled with a throbbing first love for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She also emphasized the fact that a small percent of inaccuracy in handling the Word can lead to a huge departure from the truth. The church is *always and only* ONE generation away from extinction (example of the Laodicean church).

'The ministry's greatest contribution has been in the teaching area.' said Mr David Goh, 'while the work books and media have helped me in learning the Word of God. The teaching sessions are the best way for me to absorb, learn and retain these truths!'

The anniversary dinner concluded with an exuberant song of thanksgiving, 'Hallelujah to the Lamb', presented by the committee members and joined in heartily by the audience. We all raised our voice in giving 'glory and honour and praise unto the Lamb of God'!

◀ PRAYERS ▶

Dear Praying Friends,

Our land line was down for several weeks, so emails could not be done from home. Please pardon us if we have not been swift in our replies.

The Inductive Bible Study Seminars brought us joy in seeing people determined to study God's Word for themselves. God willing, the assemblies here are planning for the Singaporean teachers to return next year for more workshops and to teach on the End Times.

At the end of October we rejoiced again when 32 people from two assemblies committed themselves to be discipled for a year. They attended a 3 day retreat, where all were touched by the Lord.

To ensure it was not a mere emotional thing or a temporary high, we required of them to work out life issues, doctrines and discipleship in a context of loving relationships and accountability.

This month we have Noela and Julie from Australia to help us in the Audio Ministry. We were glad to know that our recordings are being used by Filipino seamen in Sydney. The Seamen's Christian Friend Society (www.scfs.org.au) has also requested N & J to record their gospel message on Tagalog.

Prayer Requests

- Annie (their eldest daughter) leaves for Thailand on Nov.26 for a school trip & community project.
- Pls pray for safety and a consistent Christian witness to her school mates.
- Audio recording of lessons on Christian doctrine in Tagalog. Wisdom and sensitivity as we disciple members of Tanay and Palangoy.
- Safety as Ronny travels, especially to Tanay at night (hilly terrain).

Until the war is over, and the Kingdom is come.

Ron and Sharon

◀ EPISTOLE ▶

Hi Cecilia,

My mum, Helen, and 5 family members from the city of Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan, praise God for your life and the ministry of 2Tim2-2.com. You are a great blessing to the Body of Christ. Our prayer is that the years to come the presence of our God will continue to grow in you and that you will continue to fight the good fight and finish your course with joy!

Thanking you in advance for forwarding your teaching notes on 'Obadiah' to my mum. She will use it during the church's youth camp this coming weekend.

Also, Lucy and I would appreciate having the teaching notes on '1 Thess 1'. We are learning to use IBS method (at tortoise speed) with a small group of new believers and mature believers in our respective churches. Thanks for inspiring us in the Word and the times we have spent seeking God together and enjoying His presence always.

Love,

Ivy Christie

Turkey Bible Study Tour
'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
THE APOSTLES'
28 MARCH - 9 APRIL 2007

***Day 1 (Wed) – 28 Mar 2007**

Leave **Singapore** at 2310 (TK 67). Arrive **Istanbul** 0615 the next day.

***Day 2 (Thurs) – 29 Mar 2007**

Istanbul – Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Aya Sophya (Hagia Sophia); Underground Cistern - Ferryboat to Yalova – **Nicea** and St. Sophia of Nicea – **Bursa** (O)

***Day 3 (Fri) – 30 Mar 2007**

Bursa - **Pergamum**: Asclepion, Acropolis: temple of Trajan, Zeus Altar, Temple of Athena, theatre and city walls; Archeological Museum; Red Basilica – **Thyatira** - **Izmir** (O)

***Day 4 (Sat) – 31 Mar 2007**

Izmir: St. Polycarp's church - **Sardis**: temple of Artemis, Byzantine church and marble-paved synagogue – **Philadelphia** – **Kusadasi** (O)

***Day 5 (Sun) – 1 April 2007**

Patmos: Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of St. John – **Kusadasi** (O)

***Day 6 (Mon) – 2 April 2007**

Ephesus: Temple of Artemis, Grand Theater – Basilica of St. John and Archaeology Museum of Ephesus – **Pamukkale** (O)

***Day 7 (Tue) – 3 April 2007**

Laodicea: Theatre, large stadium, a water tower and an odeon – **Colossae** – **Hierapolis** (Cotton Castle): Roman spa and the necropolis, Temple of Apollo, theater & Roman baths – **Pamukkale** (O)



***Day 8 (Wed) – 4 April 2007**

Drive to Cappadocia via **Konya** - **Cappadocia** – **Passover seder**

***Day 9 (Thurs) – 5 April 2007**

(CAPPADOCIA)

Cappadocia: Fairy Chimneys, Painted Rock Churches of Goreme, Open Air Museum, the Citadel of Uchisar and Avanos town – Underground city of Kaymakli – Pottery show & carpet production centre - **Cappadocia** (O)

***Day 10 (Fri) – 6 April 2007**

Hattusas: Capital of the Hittite empire, now a designated Unesco World Heritage Site – **Ankara** (O)

***Day 11 (Sat) – 7 April 2007**

Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations where Hittite artifacts are kept – Abant Lake – **Istanbul**: Spice Market – **Istanbul** (O)

***Day 12 (Sun) – 8 April 2007**

Istanbul: Archeological Museum, Grand Bazaar: nearly 4,000 shops of jewelry, gold, carpets and more – Depart Istanbul at 2345 (TK 66)

***Day 13 (Mon) – 9 April 2007**

Arrive Singapore 1525.

Cost: S\$ 2,700

Closing date: 6th Feb 2007

For more details check out our website
at www.2Tim2-2.com.

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Embracing the Future

God has indeed been good – through this event, the ministry raised \$14,170 from the dinner and \$38,785 in donations, with an unexpected gift of \$1,000 given after the event! We are indeed grateful to God and the people of God for their generosity. These monies will help in the initial set up of a training centre, defray the rental cost for next year's classes and also give Cecilia a regular honorarium.

We ask you to continue to co-labour with us in your prayers as God continues to stretch us and the ministry so as to further His Kingdom through the making of disciples who will obey all that our Lord Jesus said (Matthew 28:19-20).

Thank you for co-labouring with us in Entrusting the Word to the faithful! ■

◀ **EPISTOLE** ▶

Dear Cecilia, Esther & Jeffrey

Thanks for allowing me to be involved in a small way in the Thanksgiving & Fund-Raising Dinner. I enjoyed myself. It was wonderful to be with you all and meet up with people whom I have not seen for some time. I was really heartened and my heart was filled with thanksgiving to the Lord to see Cecilia's co-worker and friend of many years, Molly and her husband Lowell being part of this very important night of 2Tim2-2.com ministries, to 'witness' their continued love for the Lord and Cecilia, to see Molly being so encouraging towards Cecilia in her sharing and her desire was not to flatter Cecilia but to glorify the Lord and to express her appreciation to the Lord for what He has done in and through Cecilia. It was really marvellous that the ministry had invited them to be part of this important night, to celebrate God's faithfulness and work in Cecilia's life with these special people and friends. I thought it was so appropriate, so fitting and was such a delight for me. I believe it must have also delighted our Father's heart to see the three of you (Lowell, Molly and Cecilia) gathered in such a manner.

By the way, it was a very well organised event. All the Committee members and helpers were so gracious.

May our Lord's favour continue to be upon 2 Tim 2-2 and may He raise many more godly and faithful teachers of His Word. May He tighten the bond amongst you.

Regards
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THE CHURCH AT CORINTH

By David A. Kriner



BONE OF CONTENTION

Some 30 years ago during a driving visit to Greece, I made a brief stop to admire the beautiful ruins of a once-great city, Corinth. It lies on the isthmus between the Greek mainland and the Peloponnesian peninsula and occupies a strategic position there. Its history includes many battles and conquests by various armies. It became part of the Roman Empire after conquest and destruction by Lucius Mummus and its rebuilding by Julius Caesar in 44BC. It also lies in an area highly susceptible to earthquakes and the city was destroyed by earthquakes in CE 375 and again in CE 551, but was rebuilt and regained its influential and wealthy status. In 1858, however, the old city was totally destroyed by yet another earthquake and was moved and rebuilt in a location nearer to the sea.

As a Christian, I have read the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians and tried to draw a number of lessons from his warnings for the church of today. Paul lived in Corinth for about 18 months in CE 51 or 52 and came to know, at first hand, the dangers for a Christian community in such a cosmopolitan city very well, among them:

- Unrepented and Tolerated Sin
- Chasing after Signs, Miracles and Gifts
- Spiritual immaturity
- Use of Civil law to resolve disputes
- Factionalism
- Relationships between husbands and wives
- Role of women
- Orderly conduct of the church

After writing what can only be described as a strong letter in the 1st epistle, the 2nd epistle attempts to soothe the many feathers that were obviously ruffled by the first letter and has a very conciliatory tone, without retracting any of the many warnings given in the first letter. The warnings given to the church sound very similar to many of the contemporary problems in churches today, some of which even use the warnings about what is wrong to justify their actions, taking the entire letter out of context!

However, I have often wondered about what happened to this church after the days when Paul wrote to them. Did the church repent of the errors highlighted to them in the 1st epistle or did the church lead itself into destruction?



Temple of Apollo at Corinth

We have the writings of Clement of Rome, bishop or pope at Rome to thank for updated information. He wrote an epistle to the same church at the close of the 1st Century, some 30-40 years after Paul's letter, which is illuminating. This epistle is often cited as the first documented case of the use of papal authority by the Western church, although no such authority was claimed at that time. It was apparently the result of the church at Corinth (or a remnant) of it, seeking guidance. Due to envy and emulation, a revolt broke out in this church, leading to the ejection of the church leadership installed by Paul and their successors and their replacement by people more to the liking of the congregation. This is reminiscent of the warnings given to Timothy in Crete in 2 Tim 4:3-4. Clement exhorts the church to repent. He specifically makes mention of the factionalism that had been mentioned by Paul in his 1st epistle, but this one, involving factionalism in favor of both apostolic and non-apostolic sources is deemed by him to be the greater evil. Apparently this split in the church had also reached the ears of other congregations of the early church and was affecting them.



Church at Corinth

Apparently the sound advice given by Paul was at least partially implemented but within the timeframe of a single generation much had been forgotten. We do not know whether or to what extent Clement's advice was heeded, but we find few other references to this church in early church history. Mention is made of things being done in Corinth, such as the transcribing and dissemination of letters and staying there, but none of these can be directly related to the state of the church there. Irenaeus mentions Clement's letter in about 180CE as an example of what had gone wrong. The frequent quotations from Paul's epistles to the Corinthians in the works of Irenaeus, however, illustrate that the problems faced by the Corinthians were common and frequent problems in the church, wherever located, through the end of the 2nd Century.

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There are many lessons for the contemporary church. The description of the Corinthian church seems to be a precursor for the problems of the Laodicean church and foreshadows many of the problems in today's churches. We have been warned, but apparently we have ears, but still are unable to hear. ■