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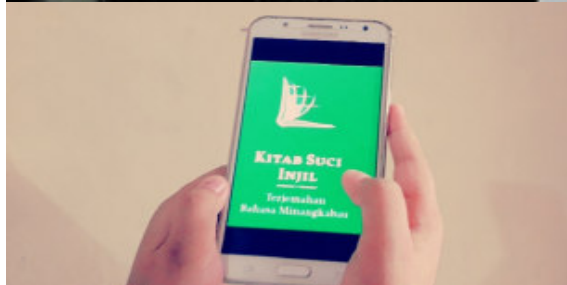
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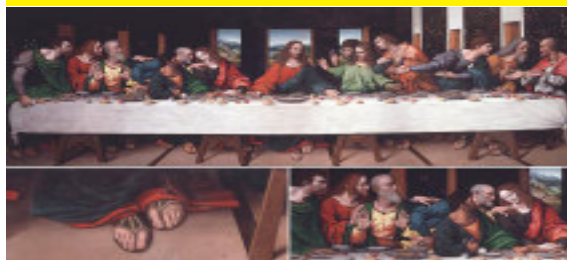
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A mobile phone application that enables members of an Indonesian tribal group to read the Bible in their own language has

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NEW GOOGLE TECHNOLOGY REVEALS NEVER BEFORE SEEN DETAILS OF 'THE LAST SUPPER'

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CHINA DEMOLISHES HOUSE CHURCH ONE MONTH AFTER VIOLENT RAID

International Christian Concern (ICC) has learned that on June 11, local authorities brought in more than 100 officers from four different agencies to demolish Xingguang Church in China's Xiamen city, Fujian province. The demolition came a month after the violent May 3 raid of the house church, during which several members were injured.



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TWO MEMBERS OF PAKISTANI CHRISTIAN FAMILY SHOT DEAD

Peshawar: A Christian family in Pakistan was shot for buying a house in a Muslim neighborhood. On June 7, police in the city of Peshawar in the Khybar Pakhtunkhwa province arrested the sons of a man accused of shooting two members of the Christian family after they purchased a home in late May in the



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Rev. Manuel Joseph Th.M.
Sub-editor, End-Time News



Happiness, I think, is a choice every Christian has to make! At least, this is what the scripture says! In Philippians 4: 4, Apostle Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice." Have a look at the structure of that sentence! It's an imperative statement. It can be a command or an entreaty! I would rather take it as a command. Apostle Paul demands all his readers in Philippi to choose happiness no matter what happens with them. They were, in fact, going through tough times of their lives. They were persecuted for their faith in Christ.

They had opponents who troubled them (Phil. 1: 27-29). In the midst of such troubles, they had no choice but to rejoice.

Apostle Paul had a lot of things to be unhappy about while composing that verse. First of all, he was not in his comfort Zone, but rather was imprisoned in Rome. He

REMAIN HAPPY IN TIMES OF A GLOBAL CRISIS!

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BAPTISMS, MIRACLES TAKING PLACE IN REVIVAL AT SITE WHERE GEORGE FLOYD DIED, CHRISTIAN GROUPS SAY



A number of Christian groups that have been holding revival services at the site where George Floyd died in Minneapolis say they're seeing many people turn to God in baptisms and miracles are happening.

"So tonight God's moving. There's a lot of people that gave their lives to the Lord again. We were baptizing people right here at the memorial. God's on the move. It's wonderful," said Joshua Lindquist, a young Christian leader with Global Revival Harvest, who has been broadcasting the Unity Revival on his Facebook page since it started on Wednesday.

"I have a friend of mine, his name is J.T. Thomas, he said, 'revival is the new form of protest.' Meaning, when injustice happens

and the pain is there, the best way to heal hearts and to bring what's right and to bring what's truly real, is to petition Heaven. When revival breaks out it's the kingdom of Heaven breaking in," he said in a broadcast from Thursday night.

Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was shown on eyewitness video dying on May 25 with the knee of white officer Derek Chauvin pressed into his neck as two other officers with the Minneapolis Police Department held onto his back and legs while he was handcuffed and on the ground. Four officers were at the scene and none took action to physically pull Chauvin off Floyd, who said he was struggling to breathe.

Officer Thomas Lane, who was holding on to Floyd's legs, twice asked whether they should

roll Floyd on his side, saying he was concerned about "excited delirium." The final time Lane asked that question Floyd was already unresponsive. Chauvin, however, continued to press his knee into Floyd's neck even after he was dead. All the officers involved in the tragedy have been fired.

Chauvin, 43, has been charged with second-degree murder while former Minneapolis officers [J. Alexander Kueng](#), 26, [Lane](#), 37, and [Tou Thao](#), 34, have been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for their role in Floyd's death.

Massive protests nationwide and globally have been calling for justice and police reform.

Pointing to the "Parable of the Unjust Judge" told by Jesus in [Luke 18](#), Lindquist said the Church can help bring justice to the crisis beyond what the world can offer. In the parable, a poor widow seeking justice is initially rejected by a judge, but because she is persistent with her demand, he eventually responds.

"She was persistent and [it] says in Luke 18, shall not God avenge his elect that cry out day and night and she cried out for justice. ... The earthly courts can only do so much, politicians can only do so much, we need to petition the politicians ... ultimately petitioning the throne of God, revival is the new form of protest," Lindquist said. "I just believe that the church can step in and see a

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The Christian life should be one that is consistent and steadfast. It should be the most satisfying and the most productive. It must be unwavering and dependable. An unsteady life of ups and downs, highs and lows, will not produce the “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding” work to which we are admonished in 1 Corinthians 15:58. Let us look some things that will help us to accomplish the goal of consistency.

1. Avoid even the appearance of evil

We all know that we should avoid evil, but we should also avoid things that might appear to be evil. We certainly should not ignore the scriptural instruction which says, “Abstain from all appearance of evil.” 1 Thess. 5:22. I have heard people say, “I don’t care what people think. I know I am not doing anything wrong and I am going to do what I want.” That is not spiritual maturity. The Bible teaches that we should not let our liberty become a “stumbling block.” 1 Cor. 8:9

2. Ascertain and adept Bible Principles

Understanding the principles of God’s truth is a process of growth that brings Christian convictions and biblical standards for all aspects of our lives “All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Tim. 3:16. By studying the Bible we learn about God’s design and purpose, what is right and wrong, what God wants us to be and to do. We begin by faith and grow in knowledge, which enables us to live in obedience to the Lord’s commands.



A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

3. A daily walk with the Lord

Our walk with the Lord is something each one of us must do personally. It is a personal life of faith and trust that will take us to greater heights of joy and a deeper sense of devotion. With that come greater understanding and a desire to please the Lord. Then we become grateful followers. He will give us wisdom as we walk in the light. “Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they walk, O lord, in the light of thy countenance.” Psalm. 89: 15.

4 The importance of Church.

The importance of assembling together and working together through the church is a big deal. A good church should be a place of worship where your eyes are off the world and the things of the world and on God and His goodness. It should be a place that warms your heart and motivates you to cleaner living and grater service, a place where you join together with people of like faith and devotion. We are admonished to be faithful in church attendance. “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.” Heb. 10:25.

5. Select your fiends carefully

It has been a privilege to have some very devoted and godly people as our friends. Their honor, integrity and unselfishness are monumental. It is so important to us because their friendship has encouraged and strength-

ened us. If a friendship causes you to turn away from the Lord and pursue worldly things, that is not a good friendship. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?” 2 Cor. 6:14. “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” Psalm 1:1.

6. Do not let discouragement live at your house

Hard work and fatigue can take us to a state of weariness and despair if things are overdone and overvalued. Work for the day; then set things aside and rest a while. If they are overvalued, we will have trouble focusing our thoughts on the things of true value. Criticism can bring great discouragement. It doesn’t matter how clean and upright you are, criticism will come. Some people will not like your standards of conduct and will find some fault, however small, for which they can tarnish you. Of course, we should correct any wrongs, but avoid forever any counterattacks. That could take you to a verbal warfare which would be counterproductive and add anxiety to your discouragement. What should you do? Take it to the Lord in prayer and leave it there. ‘Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.’ 2 Pet.5:7.

CHALDEAN CHRISTIAN EVAN JABRO AT THE HEAD OF THE MINISTRY FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS, KUWAIT



Baghdad (Agenzia Fides) - A Christian professor belonging to the Chaldean Church will manage the policies of the Iraqi government regarding the migratory emergency and the relocation of internally displaced persons. Her name is Evan Faeq Yakoub Jabro, she teaches biology and has distinguished herself in the past for paying attention to social emergencies concerning the younger generations, usually neglected by the blocks that dominate Iraqi politics. On Saturday June 6, with a second vote of confidence, the Iraqi Parliament approved the appointments to lead seven of the 22 ministries of the government led by Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi still without a titular. Al Kadhimi, former director of Secret Services, became Prime Minister in Iraq on May 7, 2020.

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Around 9:00 a.m., dozens of chengguan, or Urban Management Law Enforcement officials, lined up outside of Xingguang Church in Jimei district, before storming the church located on the fifth floor with other dozens of fire fighters, public security officers, and religious affairs bureau staff. The house church, purchased by the members and also the home of several members, was soon was reduced to rubble. Since the authorities barred the church members from entering, when a churchgoer managed to record the demolition, a chengguan yelled, "What are you filming with your cell?" while attempting to knock away the phone.

The furniture and personal property stored at the church were also confiscated by the authorities illegally. A member documented the aftermath and debris left behind by the authorities in a video.

Preacher Yang Xibo from Xunsiding Church, shared his anger on Facebook. He said, "Xiamen Xingguang House Church now encounters a forceful demolition, which targets a private property, someone's home. The Property Law [in China] is nothing but a wastepaper.

The task the new Christian minister will have to face appears delicate and demanding. The dossier concerning the tens of thousands of Christians who fled in 2014 from Mosul and the Province of Nineveh due to the advance of the jihadists of the Islamic State, will also be within her competence. Most of them found refuge in Erbil and Iraqi Kurdistan, and have never returned to their homes and villages.

In the past, Evan Jabro worked with the NGO Al-Firdaws, founded by Fatima Al-Bahadly in 2003, and committed to developing social and work projects aimed primarily at women and young people. The new minister also held the role of adviser to the Governor of Mosul on minority issues, and in the May 2018 Iraqi political elections she had competed as a candidate for the assignment of one of the 5 seats reserved for Christian minorities, according to the "system of quotas".

Evan Jabro's appointment to lead the Ministry of Migration and Refugees has not been immune from controversy and conflict. In recent days, a statement from the Chaldean Patriarchate denied as unfounded the fact sheets that attributed Evan Jabro the role of "adviser" of the Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako for questions concerning the Christian communities of the Nineveh Plain.

The government of Xiamen has been gansterized... This also gives you a glimpse of how China has been gansterized in recent years."

The church has already been raided twice this year – on April 19 and on May 3. The church's preacher, Titus Yu, was threatened with a notice that his church would face disbandment as punishment if he did not correct his 'illegal' act.

Gina Goh, ICC's Regional Manager for Southeast Asia, said, "As stated in the latest United States Commission on International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF) report by commissioner Johnnie Moore, 'There is no question that China is the world's foremost violator of human rights and religious freedom.' China's rule of law is merely a slogan, since the authorities can simply crack down on anyone whom they consider a threat. We regret to see the Xiamen authorities' continuous oppression against Xingguang Church. This serves as a great example of the absence of religious liberty in the communist country."

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Sawati Phatak colony. The alleged perpetrator, Salman Khan, is still at large.

After Khan found out that his new neighbors were Christian, Khan told the family they had to leave the neighborhood immediately because Christians are seen as the enemies of Islam. What followed was days of alleged harassment against Nadeem Joseph and his family. The family was said to have been threatened with consequences if they did not leave their new home.

Khan is accused of giving the family 24-hour ultimatum on June 7. But Joseph refused to leave his home. He tried to call the police once he noticed that Khan and his sons had returned with weapons. That's when Joseph was shot in the stomach by his attackers who also shot his mother-in-law in the shoulder.

Joseph and his mother-in-law were taken to a nearby hospital and their injuries do not appear to be life-threatening. Joseph recorded a video message from his hospital bed, according to International Christian Concern, a U.S.-based Christian persecution watchdog group. From there, Joseph said that at one point, he was told that his new neighborhood was "meant for Muslim residents only" and that "Christians and Jews are the opponents of Muslims."

Christian activist Khalid Shahzad, who is in touch with the family, told Asia News that the shooting is an example of the religious intolerance found in Pakistan. "The main offender is still at large," Shahzad was quoted as saying in an article Monday. "Law enforcement agencies must do everything possible to capture him and bring him to justice."

Open Doors USA ranks Pakistan as the fifth-worst country in the world when it comes to Christian persecution and notes that Christians are generally "regarded as second-class citizens." There are various forms of Christian persecution in Pakistan, including laws that criminalize blasphemy that are often abused by Muslims to take advantage of religious minorities.



Pastor Shibu Thomas
Oklahoma, USA

CHRIST, THE LEADER!

And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. (Matthew 23: 10)



Look at the words of Jesus in Matthew 23: 10, “But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Many strive to be leaders and instructors. Many covet the positions of power. It just

says that no one is interested to be under the authority of someone. The result of all these efforts is that they gather a good number of enemies for themselves. It is imperative to have leaders and leadership positions. But one thing to be considered predominantly is the authority of Jesus over all the authorities and positions. Do not hesitate to invite Jesus, who holds the authority over sin, the world, Satan, the nature, the sicknesses, the death, even the hell, into your family! That’s the only way to make your life good and smooth guaranteeing

that He is with you and helping you take decisions that will not go wrong and steps that will not falter.

Dear friend, those who have been guided by Jesus, will advance in their life triumphantly like a steed set to win, without wavering in difficulties. As high as we lift the name of Jesus, we in turn will become partakers of His glory. Jesus Christ – the anointed one – be in us through eternity.

Prayer – Jesus, the leader of my life and guide me with your heavenly counsels.

BOKO HARAM KILLED 69 PEOPLE IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

Nigeria—This Tuesday afternoon, Boko Haram gunman killed at least 69 people and razed a village to the ground in northern Nigeria's Borno state. The men attacked the village of FadumaKoloram, in the Gubio district of Borno state, starting about noon. They arrived in vehicles and on motorcycles, shooting with AK-47s, razing the village and stealing 1,200 cattle and camels.

A resident, a Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) member and a soldier each confirmed the same account. They stated that, "The men attacked because they suspected residents of sharing information on Boko Haram's movements with security authorities. It's an unfortunate day for us to witness this." According to the member of CJTF, the residents were armed, and had repelled previous attacks but this one caught them off guard. He said the following, "They took us unaware and killed our people."

Boko Haram and its offshoot, Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), have killed thousands and displaced millions in north-eastern Nigeria. In recent months there has




been an increase in attacks on civilians blamed on the group. The decade-long conflict has killed 36,000 people and displaced around two million from their homes in the

northeast. The violence has spread to neighboring Niger, Chad and Cameroon, prompting a regional military coalition to fight the insurgents.

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was in confinement. He didn't want to be prisoner in Rome, but wanted to be an evangelist, preaching gospel to the Romans as per his wish expressed in Romans 1: 8-15. But God had other plans! Yet, he is full of joy. The next reason to be unhappy was the helper, who had come from Philippi, Epaphroditus! This gentleman who carried all the gifts from Philippi (Phil. 4: 18) and tried to help Paul in confinement fell so ill, that he was almost dead. The condition of Paul was not the best at all, but he chose to be happy!

I can tell you reasons why he was so happy!! Though he came to Rome as a prisoner, he could entertain guests and he always had Roman Guards to talk to. For a person like Apostle Paul, what a joy if someone comes to his doorpost every day! It's an opportunity to share the gospel. Moreover, this opportunity even caused the salvation of some residents in Caesar's palace too (Phil. 1: 13, 4: 22). Another reason of his happiness is the boldness of the brethren in preaching the gospel in Rome (Phil. 1: 12-14). They were motivated to preach the gospel more boldly like Paul did in other cities and were even ready to be prosecuted. Another miracle that made him happy was the healing of the brother who came from Philippi! He got cured when the apostle prayed for him. A great man of God was back into life to serve the Lord further. In fact, this letter was delivered to the church at Philippi by Epaphroditus (Phil. 2: 25-30).

Paul realized that the situations will never always be pleasant! Hard times will surely show up in between! But he always chose to be happy! Are you happy today? If you are not, would you rather make it a choice? We are destined to be happy no matter what happens in our lives! Have a happy day and stay happy forever!

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been removed from the Google Play store following protests by a local authority. West Sumatra governor Irwan Prayitno complained to Information Minister Johnny Gerard Plate late last month, demanding the ministry have the application called Kitab Sucilnjil Minangkabau (The Bible in Minangkabau Language) removed from

the digital distribution service. In a letter to the minister, which went viral on social media over the weekend, Prayitno said "the people of Minangkabau object to and feel very uncomfortable with the application" and that it undermines Minangkabau culture.

The majority of West Sumatra's population are from the Minangkabau ethnic group, who are mostly Muslims. Prayitno not only demanded the removal of the application from the Google Play but also demanded similar applications from being made available in the future. According to West Sumatra Communication and Information Agency head Jasman Rizal, the application has since been removed. He said critics of the move should try to understand the culture of the people of Minangkabau. "It means that the people of Minangkabau are Muslims, and if there are people who claim that they are Minangkabau but do not adhere to Islam, they are customarily not recognized as Minangkabau people," news portal Kompas.com quoted him as saying.

Halili Hasan, research director at the Jakarta-based Setara Institute for Democracy and Peace, criticized the removal. "The Holy Bible in the Minangkabau language ... is not against the law or the constitution and, in fact, is a good initiative to develop interfaith literacy," he said. "The Communications and Information Ministry should have rejected the West Sumatra governor's demand." He said the demand set a bad precedent, adding the application should have been seen as "a digital innovation." "The application deserves appreciation as it is an effort to build interfaith understanding so that prejudices, fears and threats that result from a lack of it can be reduced," Hasan said.

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Through the use of Gigapixel digital camera technology, people can now get an up-close look at Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper."

Millions have traveled to Milan, Italy, to see the beloved painting which depicts Christ and His disciples at the Last Supper, which has been slowly deteriorating for years. The Last Supper is housed by the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

According to the U.K. Times, a Gigapixel camera from Google enables viewers to zoom in closer than ever before to see images of the world's greatest works of art. An "art camera" team from the tech giant spent hours making high-resolution images of the most highly regarded early copy of the famous painting, which was completed in 1498.

The copy of the original painting began fading within years of completion because Da Vinci used an experimental technique instead of the traditional fresco. "Google Arts & Culture has spent the past year there creating Gigapixel images of 20 of its most renowned artworks including 'The Last Supper,' which is thought to have been created by Giampietrino or Boltraffio, who were pupils of Leonardo," the U.K. Times reported.

Now completed, viewers can see the smallest of details that are hard to see in the copies of the painting or have been lost from the original. "You can really zoom into the finest level of detail like never before," said Luisella Mazza, head of global operations at Google Arts and Culture. "It makes the invisible visible."

The feet of Jesus in the original mural were cut off when a door was put into the wall of the refectory on which Leonardo painted, where he applied paint onto dry plaster using egg tempera instead of painting on wet plaster.

Among other details that can be seen with the new camera that are all but missing from the original mural is the finger of Thomas, which is gesturing in way that points to his later doubts about Christ's resurrection. It also shows the hand of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, clasping a bag of money.

The new gigapixel art camera has been in use for the past decade at museums and galleries worldwide and is custom-made to create hundreds of high-resolution close-up images of paintings. The technology utilizes a laser and sonar to capture the most intricate details of paintings that are subsequently stitched together into a "billion-pixel" image. Mazza said the close-up digital image of "The Last Supper" was only the beginning of future endeavors where other great works will also be examined using advanced technology.

"You can see brushstrokes, cracks in the painting. In real life it would be very hard to get close to the artwork for security reasons and even if you could get close enough, how long could you really stand in front of an artwork to examine all these fascinating details," she said.

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move of God that can bring healing to hearts that can bring justice down from Heaven.”

In a broadcast from Wednesday night, Lindquist explained that they were invited into the community by a local church and noted the presence of Pastor Charles Karuku of International Outreach Church, a growing multi-racial congregation in Burnsville, Minnesota, who he said was asked by Floyd’s family to spread the message of healing and forgiveness in the community. “This pastor who is preaching right now, his name is Charles Karuku and George Floyd’s family asked him to come here and share his message of forgiveness and healing through Jesus every day he can. They endorsed him. They said, ‘please, this is the message the community needs,’” he said.

He also confirmed that along with a number of baptisms he had witnessed, he also saw miracles. “I don’t know if you believe in miracles but I do, and there was a deaf ear that popped open. God did a miracle. God’s using this tragic situation for his glory. God is shifting the narrative. Out of his (Floyd’s) life, many will come to the Lord. Many will come to Jesus,” he said.

Other ministries that have been at the site include Youth With a Mission and Circuit Riders, a California-based missions movement, Fox News reported. Christophe Ulysse, 37, a YWAM leader based in Kona, Hawaii, told the news network they were witnessing real change in the community. “We’re going from pain and hatred to healing and hope,” Ulysse, who’s a black Canadian Christian leader, said. “We need to show that we can affect positive change,” Ulysse continued. “You have a voice and you can go to the nations. You can carry this on. We’re empowering them to be carriers of hope.” He explained that while the tragedy has affected his diverse team differently, he has been inspired by the hope of the Gospel.

“I came here and I was broken. It affects team members differently, but those of us of color, as we’re here, we’re watching the change happen through the Gospel. My heart is so filled with hope. Those in the neighborhood are saying this is unprecedented unity. They’re feeling an outpouring of love and hope from this nation,” he said.

“For us, there is this deep conviction that we have tried everything to deal with this issue. We’ve tried politics, we’ve tried economics, and we’ve tried social reform,” Ulysse, who recalled the Rodney King riots as a kid, noted. “It’s the same thing over and over. We have to go back to what actually works.”

Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ Our Lord told His disciples that love and obedience were organically united. The final test of love is obedience. **A W Tozer**
- ❖ If I fear to hold another to the highest goal because it is so much easier to avoid doing so, then I know nothing of Calvary love. **Amy Carmichael**
- ❖ There is no wonder more supernatural and divine in the life of a believer than the mystery and ministry of prayer...the hand of the child touching the arm of the Father and moving the wheel of the universe. **A.B. Simpson**
- ❖ Daily living by faith on Christ is what makes the difference between the sickly and the healthy Christian, between the defeated and the victorious saint. **A.W. Pink**
- ❖ “The prime reason the Savior personally acts as the gatekeeper of the celestial kingdom is not to exclude people, but to personally welcome and embrace those who have made it back home.” - **Tad R. Callister**
- ❖ “Spending time with God is the key to our strength and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you never try to work God into your schedule, but always work your schedule around Him.”
Joyce Meyer
- ❖ “Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It’s not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us.” **David Platt**
- ❖ “He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he’s moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain.” – **Randy Alcorn**
- ❖ “We sinned for no reason but an incomprehensible lack of love, and He saved us for no reason but an incomprehensible excess of love.” **Peter Kreeft**
- ❖ Good work is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine work is showing them their worth to the One who matters.” **Criss Jami**



Abigail Thyvilayil John



THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

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The Holy Spirit or the Seven Spirits of God?

While writing about the higher position of the believer in Christ, Apostle Paul mentions the following seven unities that must be kept by the Church of God (Eph. 4:4-6):

- One God the Father who is above all
- One Lord Jesus Christ who is the Savior of mankind
- One Holy Spirit who lives in all true believers in Christ
- One Body of Christ which is the Church of believers in Christ
- One Faith in the Lord Jesus which guarantees eternal salvation

- One Baptism by which believers become members of the Church
- One Hope of joyful everlasting life with the Lord in heaven

When Paul declares: "There is...one Spirit..." (*hen Pneuma*) in Ephesians 4:4, he mentions about the Holy Spirit, who by His omnipresent attribute can dwell in the heart of every true Christian. However, in the Book of Revelation, Apostle John portrays the Holy Spirit as "the seven Spirits of God" four times. All four verses are given below for confirmation:

- **Rev 1:4**- "Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne."

- **Rev 3:1**- And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, "These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars..."
- **Rev 4: 5**- And from the throne proceeded lightning, thundering, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God
- **Rev 5:6** - "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

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From the above verses, it is understood that the Lord who speaks to the churches has in Him the seven Spirits, burning as seven lamps of fire before the Father's throne. These seven Spirits are also these seven eyes of the Lamb of God, who is the Son of God, witnessing everything on earth. Thus, the seven Spirits are depicted as omniscient and omnipresent with the power to be present in all of creation, seeing and knowing all that happens.

This shows that "the seven Spirits" has attributes that belong exclusively to the Creator God. Hence, it can be concluded that "the seven Spirits of God" in Revelation represent the one and only Holy Spirit who is the Third Person in God.

Why did John see the Spirit as the Seven Spirits of God?

I. Because the Holy Spirit is the Whole and Perfect Life of God

In his vision, John also witnessed the Holy Spirit as the pure crystal clear river of life flowing into creation from the throne of

the Father and the Son (Rev 22:1). As in the above quoted verses, he also described the Spirit as the seven Spirits of God proceeding from the Lord's throne into creation. In many references in the Scriptures, the number "seven" (7) stands for perfection, completion, wholeness, or fullness. Hence, many Bible scholars explain the "seven" here as standing for wholeness and perfection. So, it can be concluded that John's revelation portrays the Holy Spirit as the whole and perfect Spirit of God who flows into creation to accomplish His divine purposes.

II. Because the Holy Spirit Manifests God's Attributes in Creation

It is possible to derive another interpretation from Apostle John's vision of the seven spirits of God. Many of the "sevens" in the Book of Revelation also denotes seven specific individualities as listed below:

Seven churches (1:4, 11, 20)

Seven lampstands (1:12-13, 20; 2:1)

Seven stars (1:16, 20; 2:1)

Seven seals (5:1, 5)

Seven angels (8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7, 8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9)

Seven trumpets (8:2, 6)

Seven thunders (10:3-4)

Seven heads (12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9)

Seven diadems (12:3)

Seven plagues (15:1, 6, 8; 21:9)

Seven bowls (15:7; 17:1; 21:9)

Seven mountains (17:9)

Seven kings (17:10)

All of the above represent seven distinct objects, entities, events, etc., and do not mean "whole" or "perfect." Therefore, there can be another possible reason why John in his divine revelation called the perfect Holy Spirit as the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation is a prophetic book with numerous Signs and symbols. To properly interpret all of these prophetic signs and symbols, a comprehensive knowledge of the entire Holy Bible is essential. Interpretation of all Old Testament prophecies should be analyzed side-by-side with the prophecies in

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the New Testament. Therefore, the subject of “the seven Spirits of God” also requires detailed analysis from both the Old and New Testaments to truly understand the meaning of this phrase.

No one can easily understand the meaning of John’s prophetic phrase “the seven Spirits of God” unless she fully comprehends the functions of the Holy Spirit in creation and how He shows forth “ELOHIM’S DIVINE ATTRIBUTES” in the created worlds.

If the Father created all with His Spirit for His Son, then His divine attributes are manifested in creation itself (Ps 19:1-4).

The Holy Spirit as the Revealer of God’s Attributes

Paul argues to the Roman believers that the unbelievers in this world have no excuse before God, because the created cosmos itself is a revelation of His divine attributes. He writes in Rom 1:20:

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.”

For more clarification, the NLT version of a part of this verse is given here:

“Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature.”

So, the created universe not only declares the existence of the Creator, but also portrays His special attributes, which can be observed by human beings who live on earth.

Since the Father created all with His Very Life, a detailed study of the Holy Spirit can explain His divine attributes.

A thorough analysis of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation shows that the Holy Spirit manifests THE CREATOR’S SEVEN SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES in the created world.

Consequently, it is possible to conclude that when Apostle John saw the heavenly vision, he spiritually witnessed the Holy Spirit, who is the Everlasting Life of God, proceeding from the throne of the Father and the Son into the universe, as the seven Spirits of God.

So, “the Seven Spirits of God” mentioned in John’s Revelation is the “One Spirit of God” who manifests the Creator to the universe through His “seven distinctive divine attributes.”

The created world is silently proclaiming day and night the reality of the Creator and His awesome qualities to the people of the earth (Ps. 19:1-4). The following seven chapters (Chapters 11 to 17) explain from the Scriptures how the Holy Spirit manifests God’s divine attributes in the created worlds.

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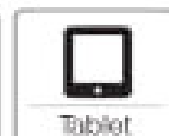
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