

NEWSLETTER 38 July 17th 2015 *Victoria, Canada*

I am sitting at home in a heat wave that has struck British Columbia, causing many grass/forest fires and drought conditions. We have major water restrictions – no watering lawns or gardens! This has made our town look brown with parched lawns and roadside verges – quite unusual for this beautiful city.

How wonderful to know that we can always come to our ‘rock’ and speak to Him so that waters (of the Holy Spirit) can flow into our thirsty souls! (read Numbers 20). We, like Moses, are invited to come with the authority given us as ‘a royal priesthood’, and speak to the rock. May we not be as Moses, who disobeyed the word spoken to Him. May I suggest for more understanding of this, that you read my poem *Obedience better than Sacrifice* on my ‘Poems’ page.

New doors are opening to me for ministry – I have been invited to speak to a small group of University students every other week during the summer; also, our youth pastor wants to get together with me to plan some discipling sessions with our church’s “college and career” group. That is about 15 young adults who meet each Tuesday. Added to these, I have been told that the weekly Bible study group does not want me to take a break for the summer – that’s fine by me! I have just completed a study of 1,2,3, John. [*1 John 1,2 – God is LIGHT - walking in the light; 1 John 3,4 – God is LOVE - walking in love; 1 John 5 – God is LIFE – walking out this life – dealing with sin, loving one another and obeying His commandments/words.*] [2,3 John – walking in the TRUTH]. Following that, I did two weeks study on Healing in the Atonement. This was well received. I have attached copies of my notes on my ‘Teachings’ page. It saddens me that my church, begun as a fraternity of believers emphasizing the correlation between the deeper life and physical healing, has become a denomination which has drifted so far from that (Biblical) position.

I have also started a men’s singing group! We plan to sing at a service soon – to everyone’s surprise (and delight?). This group is unusual in that, of the 5 of us, three think of themselves as ‘top (1st) tenor’ – usually the most difficult part. The Brisbane choir (see last newsletter), consisted of ~ 45 voices with only 5 top tenors!

I continue to mentor some young men, one a pastor with whom I chat on Skype each week for an hour. Another emailed me from the Czech Republic where he is ‘apprenticing’ with a man with a fine ministry of deliverance. Sean wrote that he has just shared in ministry to a group of Czech pastors. I can hardly wait to see him when he returns home and to hear what good things the Lord has been doing in and through him while in Europe. You can also see his interview on 100 Huntley St – web details are on my ‘Home Page’ in that bright colour!

As in Australia, I still take rides on my bicycle to maintain the ‘excellent’ health my doctor said I had at his last check-up a month ago.

Thanks for reading these newsletters. I trust they, and my web page, are a blessing to you.

Gareth

