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# The End of the Secret Administration and the Celestial Appearing of Christ

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

*When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in Glory (Colossians 3:4).*

We currently live in the “Secret Administration,” a time when Israel’s Kingdom is under suspension and their prophetic clock stands still.<sup>1</sup> The next events in God’s timetable are the close of this current, un-prophesied administration, and Christ’s appearing in the Celestials. He will be manifested there in order to begin taking rightful charge of the Universe. There are no revealed timetables for these.



God in the universal affairs of all creation – will take place through His Son, Christ Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Since Christ’s rule will encompass the entire Universe – the Heavens and the Earth – Israel’s Earthly Kingdom<sup>4</sup> will be reestablished at that time. Christ will inaugurate His rule on the Earth, from the Celestials, through the instrumentality of Israel, while at the same time initiating His rule in the Heavens through the instrumentality of the Body of Christ.

When the *Secret Administration* has been completed and Christ makes His Celestial appearing, we – the members of His Body, His divine complement (counterpart) – will appear with Him in Glory to assume reign and rule of the entire Universe together with Him *from the Celestials*.

Israel’s Kingdom will have its reinstatement long before Christ’s Second Advent and His physical presence on the Earth during His “Millennial” reign.

The prophecies of Israel’s “*Kingdom of Heaven*”<sup>1</sup> will have three distinct phases:

“*The Kingdom of God*”<sup>2</sup> – the manifest sovereignty of

- For more informat on on Israel’s Prophet c Clock, see:
  - Christ’s Appearing and Israel’s Prophet c Clock, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #567](#);
  - Living Outside of Prophecy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #656](#).
  - The Prophet c Clock Has Stopped, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student’s Notebook #821](#);
  - “End Times” Prophecy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #822](#).
- For more informat on see,
  - An Introdunct on to “*the Kingdom of God*” and “*the Kingdom of Heaven*,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student’s Notebook #793](#).

- “For He [Christ] must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet” (I Corinthians 15:25).
- Scripturally known as “*The Kingdom of Heaven*” (KJV) – i.e., lit. “*The Kingdom of the Heavens*” (various versions) over the Earth (cf. Daniel 2:44).

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- **Phase 1** – Christ's rule from the Celestials over the Earth;
- **Phase 2** – Christ's physical return to rule on the Earth;
- **Phase 3** – the establishment of the new Earth.

Traditionally, when most have considered the prophecies concerning the reinstatement of Israel's Kingdom, they have merely seen the *center* phase: the "Millennial" reign of Christ on Earth. In so doing they have mistakenly assigned nearly all of Israel's unfulfilled prophecy to the events surrounding this phase.

Some, through diligent study, have justifiably questioned the inconsistencies of the combining of such diverse prophecies into one incoherent event. Those who have written regarding the first phase of these prophecies have sometimes referred to the period as the "Pre-Millennial Kingdom," so as to emphasize its timing and distinction from the Millennial Reign of Christ. This "Pre-Millennial Kingdom" is merely the first phase of the resumption of Israel's coming pro-

phetic Kingdom.<sup>5</sup>

5. For more information on the "Pre-Millennial Kingdom," see:
  - Alpha/Beta, v1/v2 Kingdom (Editor's Desk), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook 743](#);
  - The Coming Greater Exodus: A Study and Comparison of the Former and Future Exodus of Israel, David R. Hetema, Part 1 [Bible Student's Notebook 767](#), Part 2 [768](#), Part 3 [769](#);
  - Cyrus, One of God's Anointed, M.B. Hammond, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook 756](#);
  - Daniel's 70 Weeks Are Future, M.B. Hammond, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook 741](#);
  - The Day of the Lord, Ot s.Q. Sellers, Part 1 [Bible Student's Notebook 764](#), Part 2 [765](#);
  - Divine Restraint in the Coming Earthly Kingdom of God, Ot s.Q. Sellers, [Bible Student's Notebook 787](#);
  - The End is Not Yet, Melvin E. Johnson, [Bible Student's Notebook 752](#);
  - God's Next Manifest Act, John C. Ribbens, [Bible Student's Notebook 757](#);
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  - A Neglected Prophecy, Ot s.Q. Sellers, [Bible Student's Notebook 735](#);
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  - The Order of Events, Ot s.Q. Sellers, [Bible Student's Notebook 700](#);
  - An Order of Events as Relating to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, Ot s.Q. Sellers, [Bible Student's Notebook 753](#);
  - The Parousia of the Lord Jesus Christ, Ot s.Q. Sellers, [Bible Student's Notebook 785](#);
  - The Restoration of the Davidic Scene, John C. Ribbens, [Bible Student's Notebook 761](#);
  - The Seventy Sevens of Daniel, J.G.H. Steedman, Part 1 [Bible](#)

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- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the Body of Christ (Colossians 3:4);
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It is essential for us to understand that the unfulfilled prophecies of Israel's prophets will be brought to pass over a *very long period* of time (some 20,000 years or more<sup>6</sup> – Phase 1: perhaps encompassing some 500 years or more; Phase 2: 1000 years; Phase 3: 18,500 years or more).

The so-called “end time” events that capture the attention of most all of Evangelical Christianity (*i.e.*, the “tribulation period” – the “cataclysmic” events of the Middle East) fall between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phases of Israel's restored Kingdom. Thus, instead of these sensational events (along with Christ's physical return to the Earth) being so-called “imminent,” they are prophetically perhaps hundreds of years after<sup>7</sup> the time of our *appearing* with Christ in *Glory*.<sup>8</sup>

[Student's Notebook 754](#), Part 2 [755](#);

- Three Chronological Stages of the Prophet c “Kingdom of God” on the Earth, David R. Hetema, [Bible Student's Notebook 745](#);
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- An Kingdom Overview of Events from Greek Scripture (Editor's Desk), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook 705](#).

6. See the article “A Thousand Generations,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., in the next issue, [Bible Student's Notebook 836](#).

7. See, “This Era is Limitless!,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #488](#).

8. For more information on Christ's appearing/manifestation (Greek, *phaneroo*, make-APPEAR), see:

- Rapture? or Appearing? Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #490](#);
- We Have a Better Hope, E.W. Bullinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #492](#);
- Christ's Appearing and Israel's Prophet c Clock, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #567](#);
- The Hope of Paul's Prison Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #582](#);
- Will We “Always Be Together With the Lord”? (Reader's Ques-

To reiterate, we currently live in the *Secret Administration*, a very distinct time-period when Israel's Kingdom is under suspension and the prophetic clock stands still.

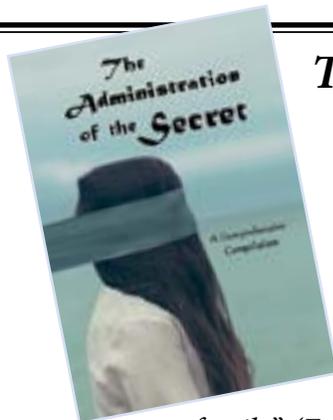
God's next move will be Christ and His Body's joint appearance in the Celestials. This event can't be dated – most especially by Israel's prophetic calendar.

Since we are operating *completely* outside of any prophetic timetable, the timing of our appearing has no signs to watch for, and thus we focus on our current daily life and work. Thus, after meticulously revealing the *Secret Administration*, Paul goes on to unfold our high duty of fulfilling our God-ordained roles of husbands, wives, parents, children, employers, employees, neighbors and joint members of the One Body (Ephesians 4-6). These seemingly mundane duties are carried out as a divine result of being filled with God's spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and are seen by faith as a divine investment in our role in the Celestials.<sup>9</sup>

One divinely appointed day CHRIST (the Lord Jesus and His Body) will rule the Universe. This manifest sovereignty will establish itself in the government of the Celestials and flow down to that of the Earth. Long

t on Box #38), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #809](#).

9. Our role “*in the oncoming eons*” will be that of “*displaying the transcendent riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus*” (Ephesians 2:7). However, the glorious revelation by Paul is that even “*NOW*” at this current time, through the ecclesia, an advance work of making known “*the multifarious wisdom of God*” has ALREADY begun “*to the sovereignties and the authorities among the Celestials*” (Ephesians 3:10).



## ***The Administration of the Secret***

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The Secret Administration, revealed through Ephesians and Colossians, is characterized and empowered by the dispensing of transcendent grace (Ephesians 1:7; 2:7; 3:2). Now, believing Gentiles are “*no longer guests and sojourners*,” as they were in the Pentecostal and Readjustment Administrations, but are “*fellow-citizens of the saints and members of God's family*” (Ephesians 2:19). This outstanding work includes 45 chapters, by 17 authors, spanning nearly 200 years. Author's include: Oscar M. Baker, Tom L. Ballinger, J. R. Caldwell, E. H. Clayton, J.J.B. Coles, John Essex, J.H. Evans, H.W. Fry, Vladimir Gelesnoff, William B. Hallman, Richard Holden, John H. Kessler, A.E. Knoch, Adlai Loudy, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., and Charles H. Welch.

after this phase has begun Christ Jesus will physically return and personally take up His *official* governmental position on Earth (His *parousia*). Even after His physical presence on Earth, He will not, however, be limited to the Earth geographically, since His rule is Universal. The same will be true for us. The idea is that *CHRIST* (Christ Jesus and us together) will fill the Universe with our ruling presence (Ephesians 1:23).

Our “*allotment*” is His dominion. While Israel was promised the domain of the Earth, it will, however, be a part of Christ’s *universal* reign – *i.e.*, Christ will rule the whole universe from the Celestials, and includes the Earth, while not *yet* being physically present on Earth.<sup>10</sup> This means that, as the Heavens are over the Earth, the Earth will certainly fall under the jurisdiction of the Heavens. What this means for us is that our dominion extends down over all of the Earth as well. We, the members of His Body, will be executing the righteous rule of God’s Universe as the *CHRIST* from our position “*far above all Heavens.*” During our Head’s day-trip<sup>11</sup> to straighten out Israel’s Earthly reign, our major focus, as always, will be “holding down” the Celestials, as it were.

In the climax of the ages, God is said to be not only “*All in all,*”<sup>12</sup> but His being so is remarkably stated to be through the complement (counterpart) (Ephesians 1:23) of *CHRIST*. Thus, we, the Body of Christ, are Christ’s complement so that *CHRIST* (the Lord Jesus and His Body together) will be God’s complement (Ephesians 3:19), that in the end He may be “*All*

*in all.*”<sup>13</sup>

Our “*Sonship*” position,<sup>14</sup> rooted in God’s delight to make *CHRIST* His “*heir,*” is that of our being joint-enjoyers of His full “*allotment.*”<sup>15</sup>

To focus on Israel’s prophetic signs, and the so-called “*rapture*” or “*snatching away*” which is founded upon Israel’s Hope, is to miss our own *pre-expectation*<sup>16</sup> by hundreds of years.

### NO TRANSITION FROM THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE NEXT

The end of the Acts Administration and the beginning of the Secret Administration were abrupt, *not* transitional. In fact, because of the very “*secret*” nature of the present administration, the two were mutually exclusive.

The Acts Administration, as with all prophetic ones, requires the Barrier Wall to be up, with the distinction between Israel and the nations being fully in place; while the Secret Administration requires the Barrier Wall to be down, with all such distinctions removed (Ephesians 2:14), which occurred at the close of the Acts period.

10. For more on this theme watch for the coming *Bible Student’s Notebook* article, “The Earth, Christ’s Footstool.”

11. Day-Trip: The “Millennial Reign,” for prophetically, one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years, one day (II Peter 3:8).

12. I Corinthians 15:28.

13. Ephesians 1:23; 3:19; 4:13 (CV).

14. For more detailed information on this glorious theme see the book entitled *Sonship* on the order form under “Compilations.”

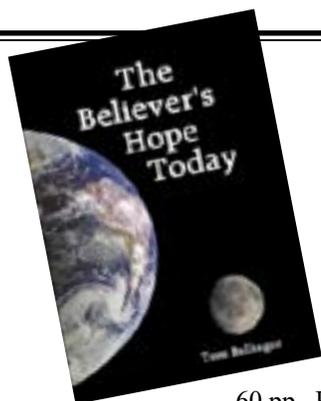
15. Ephesians 1:14, 18; 3:6 (CV).

16. “*That we should be for the laud of His glory, who are pre-expectant in the Christ*” (Ephesians 1:12).

“*Having taken pre-expectancy in the Christ*” (Dabhar).

This is a reference to an *advanced-hope*; (*proelpizo*), “before-expect” (CKC).

“We come into our expectation before others can expect to do so.” – John H. Essex (1907-1991), *Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 64.



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## *The Believer’s Hope Today*

by — Tom Ballinger

This is a look at the believer’s “*blessed hope*” at Christ’s appearing as contrasted with “*the hope of Israel*” in the Acts period. It will show that the hope about which Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 4 and I Corinthians 15 is found not only in the Old Testament Scriptures, but was taught by Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry in Matthew 24 and other places. It also reveals our hope for today as found in Paul’s latter epistles. *See order form.*

Thus, the Secret Administration belongs exclusively to the revelation contained in Ephesians and Colossians. While Israel's prophetic Scriptures are indeed progressive, the Secret Administration's Scriptures are not.

During the Acts Period and its administration, Paul does transitionally reveal his gospel and many things concerning Israel and the nations' subservient relationship to them, but the very nature of the Secret Administration in which we currently live disallows such a transition and co-existence with any Jewish administration.

While other administrations may overlap, the Secret Administration cannot – due to its nature as standing apart from prophecy. Therefore, it starts and ends abruptly, without transition.

Therefore, no member of Christ's Body can be alive past the Secret Administration, into a Kingdom Administration. Our glorious "pre-expectant" appearing with Christ is what will make way for the "un-pausing" of the prophetic program.

The nature of the Secret Administration, by Paul's definition, is the removal of all distinctions between Jew and Gentile. Thus, after this present administration, we will not remain into the next. Our "secret" appearing with Christ of necessity must take place outside of the realm of "prophetic" times. The very nature of our Secret Administration necessitates its being self-contained from its inception to its end.

God is not calling an unlimited number into the One Body.<sup>17</sup> He is calling out those chosen in Christ before the disruption<sup>18</sup> of the cosmos (Ephesians 1:4).

17. I Corinthians 1:26.

18. [Editor:] For more information about the disrupt on, see:

- "The New Heaven and the New Earth," A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #502](#)
- "The Disrupt on," A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #522](#);
- "The Disrupt on," Edward Clayton, [Bible Student's Notebook #799](#);
- "Blessings Among the Celestials," John H. Essex: part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #611](#); [Bible Student's Notebook #612](#);
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Hence, this calling into the Body will simply *run its course*. Thus, after the last member of Christ's Body dies, they will all be resurrected to appear with Him in glory.<sup>19</sup> By then no one will be missing from among the living. Once the Body and its Secret Administration are removed, prophecy will then be able to resume.

For now, Israel is "Lo-Ammi" – not God's people (Hosea 1:9).<sup>20</sup> They have currently lost their dispensational distinction, standing and advantage. It must be remembered that, unlike Israel's future work – that of reaching the world – we actually have a very limited ministry with no such scope. God has narrowed our ministry to personal faith and study, perfection through suffering, and witnessing to the Celestials (Ephesians 3:10). Only the few called of each generation of the Secret Administration are participants. While the institution of Christendom is yet another religion used to help keep the world in blindness, the Body has always remained virtually unknown.

### "YE SHALL NOT DIE"

By misinterpreting and then misapplying Scripture, Christendom has unwittingly bought into the lie of the Adversary,

*Ye shall not die* (Genesis 3:4, REB).<sup>21</sup>

Sadly, this teaching has infected even those who profess to deny its very error. However sincere and dedicated to Scripture, those who believe in the so-called "rapture" or "snatching away" embrace the Adversary's assertion that at least some of humanity will

[Bible Student's Notebook #825](#);

– "A Scene of Disrupt on: Genesis 1:2," John Essex, [Bible Student's Notebook #825](#);

– A Further Look at the Disrupt on (Forty Years Later), A.E. Knoch, Part 1 of 2 [Bible Student's Notebook #829](#); [Bible Student's Notebook #830](#);

– The Disrupt on of the Pre-Admaic Earth, [Bible Student's Notebook #833](#).

19. Though I say "member" in the singular, obviously it could be "members" in the plural. It could certainly be possible, all by God's determination and in His own timing of course, that instead of the last sole "member" of the One Body dying alone, that the last generation of "members" could all die at once, by "natural" causes, or by being killed, say, by a pandemic, or other natural disaster, or even some "man-made" event such as war.

20. For more information see, *Lo-ammi – "Not My People,"* Charles H. Welch (1880-1967), [Bible Student's Notebook #543](#).

21. "Dying, ye do not die" (YLT); "Not to die shall you be dying" (CV); "You will not die" (DT).

not die. Of course, the truth is that *all die*.

*Death passed upon ALL men* (Romans 5:12).

*In Adam ALL die* (I Corinthians 15:21, YLT).

As A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) correctly states concerning the truth of this verse,

The universality of death, through Adam, is beyond question.<sup>22</sup>

This fact, “*in Adam ALL die*,” is necessary for the resultant truth that,

*so also in the Christ ALL shall be made alive*.

Death is one of mankind’s divinely fixed appointments:

*It is appointed unto men once to die* (Hebrews 9:27).

*For I know You wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for ALL living* (Job 30:23).

*ALL go unto one place; ALL are of the dust, and ALL turn to dust again* (Ecclesiastes 3:20).

*For the living know that they shall die* (Ecclesiastes 9:5).

*What man is he that lives and shall not see death?* (Psalm 89:48).

Not even Christ had such an escape from death. Our Head died *because He was a man*. He joined humanity’s lot, in the darkness of our death, so that we would join Him in the light of His resurrection. Our union with Him does not make it possible for us to escape dying; in fact it necessitates our death so that we can be raised in His likeness.

*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection* (Romans 6:5).

*For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead* (I Corinthians 15:21).

What this means to us is that *life matters*. The details of life are important. The particulars of life are strategically designed by God to have meaning and purpose. Do not spend unproductive time imagining that somehow you will escape death and be “raptured” from your divine training ground. It will be a costly mistake. Father is getting you ready for something much bigger. Don’t come up short in your experience for Celestial service.

In the next issue of the *Bible Student’s Notebook* we will be continuing this foundational theme in greater detail, in our article, *Will We Escape Death?* **BSN**

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## Editor's Desk

### Concerning Book Revisions

We have been publishing the *Bible Student's Notebook* for over 30 years now. During this time we have progressed considerably in areas of understanding and doctrine; and for the past 15 years we have been writing and publishing books, during which we have continued to hone our grasp of truth.

Of course, the side factor in all of this is the ongoing need for book revisions. In fact, almost all of my books are in need of some type of adjustment. Some minor, others more significant. Sometimes I even read something that I wrote in the *BSN* only a year ago and ask myself how I would write that somewhat differently now. This a testament to advancement and growth, and thus is the nature of written teaching. These revisions may come in due course, as time and schedule permit.

However, I am reminded, for example, of Bullinger's prolific works in this respect. His bountiful writings stretched out over portions of some 5 decades. The

progress he had made over such a long period is perhaps unprecedented by any author. This is in part what we love about him, but this left his works riddled with inconsistencies. Of his 150+ books and booklets we have only one single title that fully represented his final Acts 28 position – [The Foundations of Dispensational Truth](#). Along the way he never appeared to revise or withdraw his previous works. He just kept spending his valuable, diminishing time moving forward – advancing. Along the way he allowed all of his works to stand as they were, leaving a testament of his persistent adjustableness and progress. Although I'd certainly prefer revision, this may be my own lot on many of my titles as well.

This is why we have long encouraged our *Bible Student's Notebook* readers to begin with the latest volumes and work their way backwards.

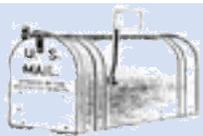
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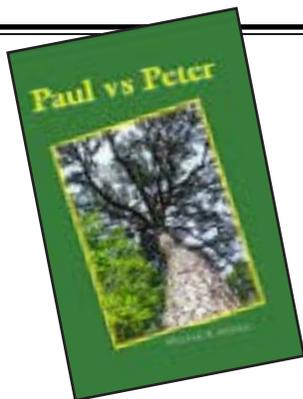
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important work for the understanding of God's current Administration of Grace. I will continue to donate whenever I can. You and your fellow workers are doing fantastic work for God's saints. – GA

Excellent video [[Bible Basics #1 - The Divine Cycle](#)]. I have been watching this channel for some time now and it is really helping me understand God's true love for His creation. This is coming from a former Roman Catholic who was taught that we have free will to lead our destiny.



### *Paul vs. Peter*

by — William R. Newell (1868-1956)

This classic work shows the distinguishing difference between the gospels preached by Peter and Paul. It also includes Paul vs James by F.L. Fallis (first published in 1922).

94 pp., PB

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This can't be true, because it makes God weak and our will stronger. We do not believe in a human god like the Ancients have done, but our God is the living God whose destiny is to restore all His creation. I also liked the quote you offered by Thomas Watson,<sup>1</sup> I'll try to think of this when I encounter future hardships in my life. All controlled and prepared by our heavenly Father for the good of us and His will. – **YouTube**

I have enjoyed reading from your most valuable website. I have been a Bible student for about fifteen years, and I continually thank God for all His blessings. – **England**

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the *Daily Email Goodies* about reminding ourselves that as members of the body, we can release our concerns about all the bad news surrounding the country, race relations, impending election. It is good to reflect on our expectation and our Celestial dwelling. It was just what I needed to hear. – **Email**

Finding your teachings a month or so ago has been a real blessing. I had been doing a lot of reading from materials from [Adlai Loudy](#) and [A.E. Knoch](#). I had gone on YouTube thinking that possibly I could find a video of Loudy. Since he lived into the 80's, I thought there might just be such a thing. There wasn't, but, two or three of your videos popped up. I watched a couple, and through them, found your teaching and books. I have placed a couple of orders so far, and will continue to do so as funds allow. I spent the first 56 years of my life very involved in "churchianity" as a deacon, elder, Sunday School teacher, Bible College, youth leader, and on and on. Nine years

1. "I was going to complain. Then I remembered He is the source of all things, even my disappointments." - Thomas Watson (1620-1686)

ago, I walked out right in the middle of a Sunday morning "service" and have never looked back. It took about two years of church detox before I began any real study on my own. Then, it took a considerable amount of time to unlearn all the falsehoods I'd been indoctrinated with for 56 years. There was (and probably still is) a lot of junk that had to go. Almost all of my truth learning has come directly or indirectly from the internet. It is a wonderful tool when used for good. Thank you again for all that you do. – **Email**

Brother, to merely say "Thank You" for all you've done and shared for not only me but the "Body" seems somewhat lacking, but know that it speaks volumes for your labor of love. I'm sure I echo the sentiments of so many. How much is God's truth worth? It's the only thing that brings lasting peace. – **TX**

I just read your excerpt and commentary of "[Forsaking Paul for Politics](#)." I have been struggling with recent political issues. I appreciate you sending this to me. I am still struggling with my political stance and have given myself to much prayer and meditation and Bible reading to "try" and better understand. I thank you for helping me with this article. – **NC**

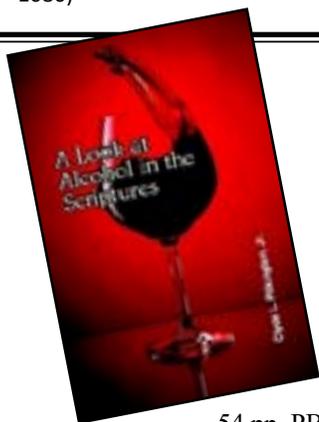
[**Editor:**] Further details are laid forth in *World Affairs and National Politics (And the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus)*:

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I can watch this [[Romans 11:36 \(Clyde Pilkington & Stephen Hill\)](#)] over and over. Nothing better on YouTube.

– **TX**

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sexual abstinence because of carnal sins. This is deceptive and erroneous religious reasoning.

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### Scripture Version

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AV: Authorized Version  
BSV: Bible Student's Version  
CLNT, CLV, CV: Concordant Literal Version  
DAR: Darby Translation  
DT: Dabhar Translation  
ED: Emphatic Diaglott  
ERV: English Revised Version  
EB: Exegeses Bible  
FF: Ferrar Fenton Bible  
GNT: Goodspeed New Testament  
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible  
KJV: King James Version  
MKJV: Modern King James Version  
MNT: Moffatt New Translation (James Moffatt)  
MSG: The Message  
NAS: New American Standard Version  
NET: New English Translation  
NIV: New International Version  
REB: Rotherham's Emphasized Bible  
TCNT: Twentieth Century New Testament  
VT: The Voice Translation  
WAY: The Arthur Way Translation  
WEB: World English Bible  
WNT: Williams New Testament  
WT: Weymouth Translation  
YLT: Young's Literal Translation

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CB: Companion Bible Notes & Appendixes  
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CC: Concordant Commentary (Knoch)  
CKC: Concordant Keyword Concordance (Knoch)  
CL: A Critical Lexicon and Concordance  
(Bullinger)  
CWS: Complete Word Study Dictionary (Zodhiates)  
FoS: Figures of Speech (Bullinger)  
SEC: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance  
TGL: Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon  
TtC: Things to Come  
UR: Unsearchable Riches  
VED: Vine's Expository Dictionary  
YAC: Young's Analytical Concordance

### Reference Notations

*cf.* – compare  
*e.g.* – for example  
*et al.* – and others  
*etc.* – et cetera (and so on)  
*ff.* – and the following  
*i.e.*, – that is