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(AN OVERVIEW OF DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH)

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Part 16

ISRAEL'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN A Brief Survey of the Greek Scriptures:

THE CIRCUMCISION EPISTLES: THE BOOKS OF I, II & III JOHN

John was one of the prominent apostles of the Circumcision and had a ministry limited to Israel (Galatians 2:7-9). The epistles of First, Second and Third John were written to his "little children" (I John 2:1, 12-13, 18, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21; III John :4).¹



E.W. Bullinger, *Companion Bible* (note for Leviticus 27:40)

"Forgiveness" is at the core of Israel's message. However, our freedom from sin is not based on "forgiveness," but on the righteousness of "justification." Justification is not mere forgiveness, it is to be constituted or made righteous.²

Their message was concerned with the fact that the prophetic Messiah (Christ) had come in "flesh" and that he had "handled" Him (I John 1:1). This confession was the test of divine activity in an individual (I John 4:2-3; 5:1; cf. II :7).

As a divinely appointed representative of the nation, John, in I John chapter 1 alone, uses pronouns that speak collectively of Israel as a nation some 31 times ("we," "our" and "us"). John's emphasis is on a prophetic, conditional, confessional cleansing from sin (I John 1:7-9) – Israel's national cleansing (Leviticus 27:40).

This [confession of sin] is the one abiding condition for national blessing and restoration. –

Additionally in John's writing we see:

- Christ as the "Advocate" (or "Entreater," CV – παράκλητος, *paraklētos*) for sin (I John 2:1). Such a position denotes an ongoing, rather than completed work. Conversely, being justified, members of the One Body need no

2. For further study about the grand theme of justification see:
 - Book: [Ultimate Liberation: Beyond Forgiveness \(The Justification from and of Sin\)](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Bible Student's Press (see the [order form](#) under "Pilkington");
 - Video: [Are You Forgiven or Justified?](#) by Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (40 minutes).

1. As well as "the elect lady and her children" (II John :1, 4), and Gaius (III John :1).

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such intervention.

- The emphasis on the keeping of the Mosaic Law (I John 2:3-4), in contrast to Paul's Gospel that we "are not under law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14).³
- The issue, as in Peter's letters, is that of Israel's national, new birth (I John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18). It must be remembered that Israel had a prior national birth (Deuteronomy 32:18;⁴ Exodus 4:22⁵). Members of the One Body are not "born again," but rather "created in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:10) as a part of "one New Man" (Ephesians 2:15),

the "one New Humanity" (CV, WNT, GWT).⁶

- That prophetic "grace" was conditional, not pure and absolute, as there was a "sin unto death" (I John 5:16) – which in the context of the epistle was related to the idolatry (I John 5:21)⁷ of "antichrist" (I John 2:18, 22; 4:3; II John :7).⁸

(see **RIGHT DIVISION**, last page)

3. For more on the nature of the grace of God, as revealed through Paul, see the compilation work:
 - [The Absolute Despotism of Grace](#) Bible Student's Press (see the [order form](#) under "Compilations").
4. "Of the Rock Who had begotten thee, thou wast unmindful,—And didst forget GOD who had given thee birth" (Deuteronomy 32:18, REB).
5. "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, 'Thus saith the LORD, Israel is My son, even My firstborn.'" (Exodus 4:22).

6. For further study about this topic see:
 - [The New Birth: \(A Compilation\)](#) Bible Student's Press (see the [order form](#) under "Compilations").
7. "The sin to death is probably the same as that of the sixth and tenth of Hebrews – apostasy from the faith of Christ, or, in view of the times for which this is written, the reception of the emblem of the wild beast (Revelation 14:10). That this is the setting in which this passage is to be interpreted is further suggested by the phrase in :19 "the whole world is lying in the wicked one." This will be especially true in the time of the end. Furthermore, we have the striking conclusion of the epistle, which can hardly be understood in any other light. "Little children, guard yourselves from idols." What idols? Does it not seem clear that the apostle, with prophetic eye, is anticipating that marvelous image, which all will be compelled to worship under pain of death? (Revelation 13:15)." – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), *Concordant Commentary on the New Testament*
8. For more related to this Jewish theme of unforgivable sin, see:
 - [The Unpardonable Sin: A Compilation](#), Bible Student's Press (see the [order form](#) under "Compilations").

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- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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For definitions of abbreviations/acronyms, see the [online key](#).

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Editor's Desk

A Year in Review

Since we work well in advance on issues of the *Bible Student's Notebook*, as I write this editorial the second week of January has drawn to a close.

It is always my intention to have more frequent, personal editorials, but they seem to rarely materialize. So, as another year has closed, I will share some of the highlights of the past year.

New Titles

In 2021 we were grateful to have 36 new titles released by Bible Student's Press, bringing our total published works to 508. We are thankful for those who so graciously and faithfully co-labor with us to make all of these rich resources available.



Our new stock arriving.

This past year also saw two critically needed resources graciously provided. These materials allow us to continue reaching new contacts.

New Bulk Catalog

The first resource was a newsprint catalog. This was our first bulk catalog in over 20 years. Interestingly, at the time of the printing of our last newsprint catalog we had none of our own published books, but books only from other publishers.



Pallet of bulk catalogs.

Bulk Book Printing

The second resource was a bulk printing of our book *Nothing Will Be Lost*. Having them printed in quantity allows their individual cost to be considerably less, thus enabling us to send something substantial to those who inquire concerning the ultimate salvation of all.



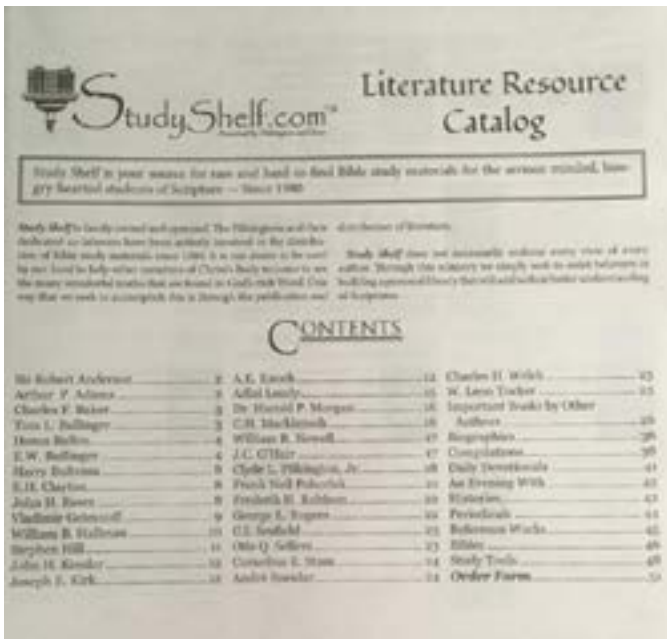
The Third Heaven - Our Celestial Destiny

A Comprehensive Compilation

11 authors, 31 chapters. Author's include: Arthur P. Adams, Oscar M. Baker, John H. Essex, J.H. Evans, Vladimir Gelesnoff, Donald G. Hayter, A.E. Knoch, William Mealand, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Frank Neil Pohorlak and Charles H. Welch.

212 pp, PB

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Cover of the newspaper catalog.



Outgoing Book Orders

Literature orders were brisk throughout the year, having multiple Post Office hods filled with packages going out on a daily basis.



Hods of packages awaiting the postal carrier's pick up.

A Visit from Dean & Chris

April of 2021 saw a treasured visit from our dear brothers Dean and Chris. Dean Wilkinson has been to the Pilkington Abbey numerous times over the years. It has always been a rich time of fellowship and study. This time Chris Carnahan came with him. What a refreshment the two of them were to us. These are men with large hearts for the truth and an ample manifestation of God's spirit.

Dean and Chris have a great weekly video teaching on YouTube that they call simply, *DCTime* (Dean and Chris Time).





Clyde III, Ashley & Samuel

Due to COVID related issues we have not had our son and his family here in PA in over two years. In December Clyde III, Ashley and Samuel finally came up from FL. It was such a joyous family reunion: all of the children and grandchildren together again!



Clyde III, Ashley & Samuel



All of the children: Clyde, Susannah, Jason & Nathan



All seven grandkids
Back row: Izzy, Ana, Jake, Emma
Front row: Melora, Samuel, Percy



Fun with the grandkids



The whole family together

BSN 900

The *Bible Student's Notebook* was designed to collect material that might have been lost or buried, as well as to record our own studies. 2021 saw us bring an end to the 800s issues and embark into the 900s. When we began this endeavor back in 1989, we never could have even imagined where this journey would lead!

Year's End

The ending of the old year and beginning of the new is always busy for our ministry, and this was one of our busiest times in recent memory. Perhaps the reason that this time of year is so busy lies partly in the fact that folks have had time off to read and study during the holidays, and this causes them to reach out. In the first 11 months of the year we had 818

new contacts – averaging 74 a month. Yet, in December we had 204. We are certainly thankful and humbled at such response.



Our best seller during the month of December was *The Salvation of All*. We shipped out 155 copies.

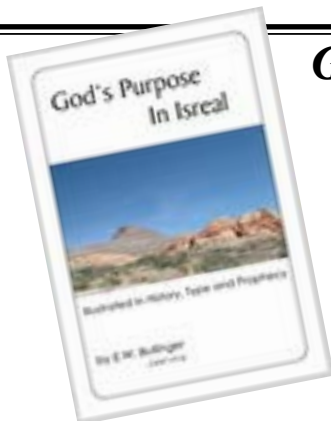
Much gratitude fills our hearts for all of you who join with us in this work.

With love and appreciation,
Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

The Pilkington Abbey
Paint, PA

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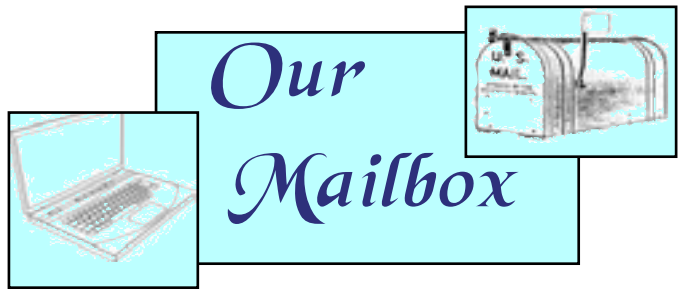
God's Purpose in Israel: Illustrated in History, Type and Prophecy

by — E.W. Bullinger

Starting with the call of Abraham, progressing through Jacob and his twelve sons, and continuing through the rest of the Old Testament and much of the New, Bullinger does an excellent job of tracing God's Purpose in Israel. If the importance of a subject can be measured by the amount of space given to it by God in the Scriptures, then this is one of the most important. Indeed, in order to have a good overall understanding of the Bible we must have some appreciation of God's Purpose in Israel.

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www.EWBullinger.com



I must say, I totally enjoyed [[BSN #903: The Secret Administration](#)]. – *NM*

I received my book [The Salvation of All](#) this week. AMAZING!! I am not quite done reading, but wow. In chapter nine when you explained Paul's conversion and who's pattern that is, tears ran down my cheeks, then by the end of the chapter I was laughing with joy. This is such good news!! – *WA*

Thank you so much for all of the materials I [have been] able to obtain in my constant search for the scriptural truth in so many directions! My thoughts have been bestowed with clarity and understanding without the guidance of the mythical slant from today's "pastors."

I love what is being revealed to me regarding the Secret Administration, Universal Reconciliation, and other topics that have been craftily hidden by the hierarchy of the hundreds, if not thousands, of [religious] doctrines and theologies. – *ID*

Another encouraging issue [[BSN #903](#)] *The Current*

Administration] jam-packed with truth. I feel [that] if a person is meant to enjoy enlightened understanding, they will end up seeing the unique and glorious truth only found in the completing revelation of Ephesians and Colossians. – *IN*

Thank you so much for the *Daily Email Goodies*. These short excerpts can make a big impact! – *NE*

Thank you for all of your resources. I have learned so much, I don't even know where to begin! I read these books almost every day! – *NC*

Thanks for your tireless work in sharing the evangel thru a variety of means. – *KY*

I would like to thank you and the others who are involved with all of the truth of God's Word that has been studied and presented. My life will never be the same again. ... I am trying to learn the truth about a lot of things that have bothered me ever since I got saved and that was 31 years ago. I'm in love with God's truth and I'm having the time of my life learning more about Him and His will.

I'm definitely glad I have a true understanding of God being "All in all" one day. Thank you for your dedication to God's Word and your commitment to wanting others to study the Word for themselves. This understanding has brought my ex-husband and I back together again and is constantly changing us and making us better. ... It's been a long journey. ... I share your books with others that God leads me to. – *CA* **BSN**



Pagan Christianity: Exploring the Roots of Our Church Practices

by — Frank Viola & George Barna

Have you ever wondered why Christians do what they do for "church" every Sunday morning? Have you ever asked yourself any of the following questions: Why do folks "dress up" for "church"? Why does the "pastor" preach a sermon every Sunday? Why are there pulpits and pews? Why "church" buildings, steeples, choirs and seminaries? Where did all of these things come from?

293 pp, PB,
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"Other Authors."

This book proposes that what Christians do in "churches" has no root in the Scriptures! It rather has its origin in pagan culture. As shocking as that sounds, the authors prove their points by documenting every claim they make.

Fully footnoted, *Pagan Christianity* documents the story of modern church practices. If you are content with status quo "churchianity," then you will not want to read this book. It is reserved for those who are ready to embark on an eye-opening venture that challenges every aspect of their church experience.



OBITUARY.

Karyl L. Vogt September 6, 1953–January 9, 2022



Karyl L. Vogt, age 68, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of over 50 years to our dear co-laborer and As-

sociate Editor of the *Bible Student's Notebook*, Mark Vogt.¹

Karyl was the daughter of the late Donald E. and Ada (Miles) Doebler of Altoona, PA. She was a member of the Church the Body of Christ, God's Ecclesia. She was a fervent believer in the universal reconciliation of all mankind.

Rest well, dear sister. We will see you in the morning!

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1. See, “Mark Vogt,” Editor's Desk, [Bible Student's Notebook #668](#).

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The Lake of Fire & The Consummation

by — Warren Young Kimball
(1909-2002)

52 pages, PB (See [order form](#) under “Other Authors.”)



Divine Lockup

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This work deals scripturally with God's sovereignty in the midst of humanity's current condition of, and future deliverance from, unbelief, sin, vanity and corruption. Without question, for all creation, the best is yet to come.

66 pp., PB

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