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...To Keep It *Holy*

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“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” (Exodus 20:8-11)

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OUR BASIS

- Belief in the triune God whose grace is manifested in the love and righteousness of God the Father, the redeeming work of God the Son, and the quickening power of God the Holy Ghost.
- Belief in the essential Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Incarnation and Virgin Birth, the truthfulness of all His words, His all sufficient atoning vicarious death upon Calvary for sin, His bodily Resurrection, Ascension, and Coming Again.
- Belief in the whole Bible consisting of the 39 Books of the Old Testament and the 27 Books of the New Testament as the inspired Word of God, and therefore true and Divinely authoritative and as God's sufficient revelation in all matters of doctrine and practice.
- Belief that all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God: and in the necessity of the New Birth by the Holy Spirit in those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Belief in the Divine Authority and perpetual obligation of the Christian Sabbath or Lord's Day and conviction of the necessity that all effectual assertion, observance and defence of the Lord's Day rest, must be on this basis.
- Belief that in asserting the obligation of the Lord's Day the Gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ should be proclaimed.



The Sabbath Day and the Lord's Service

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.
(Psalm 132:9)

In the Old Testament the Lord appointed priests to labour in His house. In the New Testament there are no special priests because all God's children are called to be priests who offer themselves as a living sacrifice to Him.

The text prays, "*Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.*" That word righteousness is very important. We can be very concerned about our clothing and looks. But it is far more important for us to be clothed with righteousness. Righteousness is the most blessed covering you can think of. The Lord Jesus, the great High Priest of all His people, is arrayed in such garments and desires to clothe His people with them as well.

What is this righteousness? It means to be washed from your sins in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It means to have the Lord Jesus as your payment before God. It means to have his perfect obedience cover all our sin in God's sight. Have we learned to discard every merit of ourselves? Do we have only Jesus Christ as our righteousness and salvation? That is essential for every person.

This righteousness of God imputed to you is then not your own but that of Jesus Christ. Just as your clothes are laid upon you, likewise the righteousness of Christ is laid on you as a covering. You wear the garments of salvation or robes of righteousness.



But we can also view this righteousness as the fruits and effects of this righteousness that are shown in daily life. Then we are speaking in terms of righteous living or holiness. Holiness is also essential for true spiritual life. That has everything to do with the way you talk, dress, and act. How do we speak about others? How is our attitude to them? Do we esteem them above ourselves? C. H. Spurgeon uses the example of a train that was speeding on its way to Edinburgh but broke down because a little screw broke. Failing in something we think is insignificant can spoil our spiritual life. Sloppiness will lead to spiritual declension and ruin spiritual life. We can have heaven at our tongue's end and yet the world at our finger's end. As Spurgeon says, "Avoid little debts, unpunctuality, gossiping, nicknaming, petty quarrels and all other of those little vices, which fill the ointment with flies."

You will only receive holiness when you know communion with God. God will make you devoted to Him only in the way of personal communion with Him in a life of prayer. Seek Him; confess your sins, failings and weaknesses. Ask for His strength and wisdom to fill you. Ask Him for His love in your heart and His Spirit to be your constant Guide. Then you will be clothed with righteousness and others will sense you have been with Jesus. God lives with His holy people and His presence also makes them become holy. Therefore we need God's presence in our lives.

The result will be to have joy in your heart. The text says, "*and let thy saints shout for joy.*" Holiness and happiness come together. Where the one is found the other will be close by. God gives real joy. The world gives no true joy. Holy persons are a joyful people. When you know this life of holiness you will know peace and happiness. You will be joyful in the Lord. For you know that He heard you and He saved you.

In spite of all indwelling sin that still gives you sorrow and grief, you will still have joy in the Lord. His love lives in you. The power of sin in your life is broken. You belong to your faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He is your full and perfect righteousness and you long to be made more devoted to Him. You have been humbled and broken on account of your sin. You loathe yourself for what you are and do. You need Christ to cover you and live in you. You thirst for Him. You desire to live for none other. The result is that you rejoice as one of those whom the text calls "*Thy saints.*"

If you live for yourself and your pleasures, you are not right with God. At bottom, you are unhappy. You have no peace with your Maker. You are serving sin. Sin never makes a person happy. At best, it gives temporary pleasure, but leaves you wandering in the dark, close to the crater of a burning volcano. You can fall in any moment. But you fail to see this, for sin has blinded you. God is a consuming fire for those who defy His Word. He is angry with those who ignore Him. See your need and flee to this Saviour. Turn from your wickedness and beg God to be gracious to you and to save you. Pray for the blood of Jesus Christ upon your life and ask Him for the saving work of His Holy Ghost in your heart.

When you know of His saving work in your heart and life, you will sing for joy. Then the text says you have become *hasidic*. You may have heard of the Hasidic Jews. These orthodox Jews wear long beards and black clothes. But do you know what *hasidic* really means? It is the Hebrew word here for "saints" or those devoted to God. That word is from the word *chesed*. *Chesed* means loving-kindness, mercy, grace, and blessedness. When you are sanctified, you have become a recipient of God's *chesed*. You are *hasidic* in the true sense of the word, for you are dedicated to God. His Spirit sheds His love in your heart. Then at times you want to shout for joy, for His presence is most beautiful. You rejoice for all His love, His faithfulness and His strength given to you. This will lead to an eternal joy in the Lord.

Rev. G. R. Procee

A Puritan's Prayer on the Lord's Day Morning

O LORD,

We commune with thee every day,
but week days are worldly days,
and secular concerns reduce heavenly impressions.

We bless thee therefore for the day sacred to our souls
when we can wait upon thee and be refreshed;

We rejoice in another Lord's Day
when we call off our minds from the cares of the world
and attend upon thee without distraction;

Let our retirement be devout,
our conversation edifying,
our reading pious,
our hearing profitable,
that our souls may be quickened and elevated.

We are going to the house of prayer,
pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication;

We are going to the house of praise,
awaken in us every grateful and cheerful emotion;

We are going to the house of instruction,
give testimony to the Word preached,
and glorify it in the hearts of all who hear;
may it enlighten the ignorant,
and awaken the careless,
reclaim the wandering,
establish the weak,
comfort the feeble-minded,
make ready a people for their Lord.

Be a sanctuary to all who cannot come,

Forget not those who never come,

And do thou bestow upon us
benevolence towards our dependents,
forgiveness towards our enemies
peacableness towards our neighbors,
openness towards our fellow-Christians.

- Taken from *The Valley of Vision*

DISCERNING THE TRUTH

Sabbath or Sunday?

by Dr. David Steele (1882)

The Sabbath and the family are coequal with creation. These two divine institutions are therefore equally of a moral nature and of permanent obligation. They are explicitly recognized and assigned a central position in the fourth and fifth commandments of the moral law, when republished and published objectively for the first time by the ministry of Moses at Sinai.

In creating the worlds, God occupied six days. But since the countless millions of the dead are to be raised to life at the last day “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye”

(1 Cor. 15:52) can anyone suppose that the Almighty Architect could not have finished the work of creation on the first day?

To any rational, but especially to a pious mind these facts will be suggestive. The question will spontaneously arise in the sober mind of one who humbly searches the Scriptures: can any reason be discovered why six days were spent in effecting a work which might have been done in a moment?

Among other reasons of minor importance will naturally occur to a reflecting mind the two following, which are pregnant with significance.

1. That our feeble intellects might thus be aided in apprehending the stupendous operation, and our hearts

more deeply impressed by the daily and successive development of the chaotic mass, and each part taking its assigned place in the cosmic, completed organism.

2. A second reason why the work covered a whole week, which a mere philosopher might consider a needless waste of time, is of deeper significance than the former. It is that all mankind might have before them their Creator's own example till the end of the world.

And indeed amid the ruins of our fall that example is not wholly erased from our moral nature, for universal

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history attests that all nations have practiced the dividing of time by hebdomadal sections, that is, by periods of seven days. But

heathen nations could not discover this method of measuring time, by their knowledge of astronomy. None of the motions of the universe provide the means for such computation. This historical fact can be accounted for only on the ground that the Sabbath is of a moral nature, being part of that law inborn with man, and coming down through the ages by tradition (Rom 2:15). Through the same historical medium may be traced the universal custom of sacrifice, up to the primitive institution in the first family of the human race (Heb 11:4).

When the work of creation was completed, the six working days were distinguished only by their successive numbers. When literally translated, the Hebrew reads: "And there was evening and there was morning, day one." And thus it is with the five days which follow. Adam was deputed and directed to give names to all inferior creatures, and doubtless he distinguished them by names descriptive of their diverse natures, as he did in naming his wife, whom he called Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Whatsoever Adam called every living creature that was the name thereof. But Adam, even in his state of innocence, was not capable of devising a name comprising the full meaning of the seventh day. Only the omniscient Creator himself could devise the name, Sabbath. It was a name of the same significance to which day soever he may be pleased to attach it.

Now there are certain words which often occur in the Bible and are familiar and pleasant to the Christian's ear, such as peace, rest, home, &c. They are pleasant because they suggest enjoyment. By these the happiness of the heavenly state is indicated. "He shall enter into peace" (Isa. 57:2). "They rest from their labors" (Rev. 14:13). "Man goeth to his long home" (Eccl. 12:5). Oh, how desirable to the weary pilgrim to enter into peace, into rest, into his everlasting home, to go no more out!

Every intelligent person knows that Sunday is of Pagan origin and of idolatrous import, coming down to us through Popery and Prelacy, associated with idolatrous and superstitious ceremonies of

antichristian origin. The infidel Newspaper editor knows the value of this idolatrous term prefixed to his secular journal, as the Sunday Mercury, Herald, &c. Were he to prefix the word Sabbath or Lord's day to his Newspaper heading, the number of his patrons would be quickly reduced. From ignorance of the true meaning of the Sabbath and from hereditary superstition, such a person hates the very word. On the other hand the enlightened Christian, from reverence to divine authority, must dislike a profane substitute.

The Sabbath is the Lord's day, of which no person or nation can rob the Lord with impunity (2 Chron. 36:21; Neh. 13:18). It has ever been a sign between the Lord and his people (Ex. 31:13). Since its first institution the Sabbath has been the Lord's rest, before it can be that of a believer (Heb. 4:1). To the people of God there still remains, after the abrogation of the Mosaic economy the keeping of a Sabbath (Sabbatismos) to be a weekly memorial of the works of creation and redemption as taught in Hebrews 4:9-10. This Sabbatismos is to them a lively emblem, a sure pledge, and real foretaste of their everlasting rest.

- David Steele (1882)

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

- Hebrews 4:9

Children in Church

by Rev. J. P. Thackway

Let us examine what the Bible has to say about the place of children in the public worship of God. Much modern thinking would tell us that we cannot expect younger ones to sit through our “adult” services. Various devices are therefore employed to make it more bearable for them. Short, entertaining “childrens’ talks” are the most common. These generally take the form of entertaining anecdotes with little biblical content, and sometimes all they do is make the children (and adults) laugh and thus lower the tone of the whole service. In some churches a creche system operates for children up to secondary school age; in others the Sunday School runs at the same time as the morning service, thus removing the children altogether. Even in churches where these practices are not found, some parents allow their children to play with toys during the sermon or read books.

All these concessions betray an unbiblical view of the public worship of God. They are out of accord with what the Lord requires of parents and children in the solemn assemblies. When Israel were gathered before Moses to hear God’s Word, we read: “Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God ...*your little ones*, your wives” (Deuteronomy 29:10,11; see also Joshua 8:35; 2 Chronicles 20:13). There is no hint anywhere in the Old Testament that children were removed from such gatherings - or

that alternative provision was made for them¹. God expected complete families to be in His presence on such occasions.



In the Gospels it is clear that children were among the multitudes who followed our Lord around and listened to His teaching. One lad among His hearers provided a meal that was miraculously multiplied to feed 5,000 (John 6:9). Jesus suddenly drew a child from the people to give His disciples an object-lesson in humility (Matthew 18:2). At another time mothers brought their children to Him for His blessing - children who had immediately before been His hearers (Mark 10:1,13-16). And children were quite clearly among His audience when He cleansed the temple (Matthew 21:12-16).



The Epistles, too, are illuminating on this point. Paul writing to the Ephesians and Colossians specifically addresses children (Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20). These letters would be read to the assembled church in someone's house by the elders. In the Ephesian letter he has a word for "wives" (5:22), "husbands" (5:25), and then he says: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord..." (6:1). And similarly in Colossians. Paul expected children to be present for the "sermon" and to hear his words to *them*. Here is apostolic proof that the congregation must not be fragmented, but that whole families should worship the Lord and hear His Word together.

Creche, of course, is a help for babies and toddlers - not to say

parents! But by school age, and really even before then, children should have been lovingly but firmly trained in the discipline of being present throughout divine worship. Our expectations of children in this matter tend to be far too low. They are more capable than we realise of being still and being quiet, of understanding some of what they hear, and of receiving spiritual grace. Did not God speak to Samuel? God will honour parental faithfulness in this area more than we are prepared to believe.

Taken from Rev. John P. Thackway, *The Lord's Day: principles and practice* (Kent: Day One Publications, 1996)

¹ If Nehemiah 8:2 is cited ("men and women, and all that could hear with understanding"), it must be remembered that here was an exceptional and historic occasion. The Jews had been restored from Captivity and they had gathered to hear the law of God read and expounded to them once again. This was not part of the regular assemblies of God's people, where all were normally present. In understanding the Scriptures, we do not make a rule out of an exception.

"If a man have little time to care for his family on other days, and little heart to do it on the Lord's Day, he has little title to the name of Christian"
- Thomas Scott



ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Thousands Reached Through Billboards

Did you notice a CLDA billboard in your area? In 2013, eleven billboards were used in locations throughout Southwestern Ontario, including Hamilton, St. Catharine's, Woodstock, and Tillsonburg. These remained in place for up to 4 months as a reminder to the thousands of motorists that passed each of them that the Lord's Day is a day of rest because on it the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead.

Thousands Reached Through Newspaper Ads

Did you notice a CLDA notice in your local newspaper? Ads have been placed in local newspapers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. These ads have reminded readers of the Lord's Day being a special day of rest, God commanding us to keep it holy, and Christ Jesus rising on the first day of the week as the Saviour.

Will You Help Reach More People?

Canada is a large country. Do you know opportunities in your area to teach people about the value and meaning of the Lord's Day? Are there stores that have begun opening or activities that have begun taking place on the Lord's Day? Are there ones that are still closed on the Lord's Day? Please help the CLDA be a voice by letting us know of these opportunities."

New Brunswick

Lord's day shopping restrictions are ending community by community in New Brunswick. Last summer, Fredericton city council voted to end its restrictions on Sunday shopping. Only one councilor voted against this change on the basis that insufficient study has been made of the long term effect on culture, lifestyle, and quality of life.

Last fall, Saint John also moved toward expanding hours of Sunday shopping beyond the established limits of noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Its mayor justified this move by saying, "We need to have every tool available to our business community to be successful." His reference to the business community was based on the Saint John Board of Trade survey that indicated 85% of businesses who responded to its survey wanted retailers to set their own hours of business on Sundays.

Also smaller municipalities are changing. For example, March 2014, the Rothesay Council had a public hearing regarding the removal of the "limitation of hours of operation (12 noon – 5 pm) on the weekly day of rest."

Source: www.cbc.ca

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Manitoba

In August 2012, Lord's day shopping hours were extended in Manitoba. Stores are now allowed to open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. rather than from noon to 6 p.m. Since these changes, a number of retailers have opened longer hours, but have found meager increases in sales. As a result there has been no push to extend Sunday shopping hours into the evening. A government representative noted, "The government has not received complaints about the change and there are no plans to make further changes to the existing provisions for Sunday shopping." "No complaints" about the change raises the question: Where is the Christian voice on this issue?

Source: www.winipegsun.com

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CANADIAN LORD'S DAY ASSOCIATION MEETING

On Thursday, April 10, 2014, many attended the annual General meeting of the CLDA, which was held in the Free Reformed Church of Dundas, Ontario. The chairman, Rev. L. J. Bilkes opened the meeting. The secretary, Mr. Len Overbeek, gave a report of the activities of the CLDA in 2013. He also explained that due to changes in the charity structure, supporters will no longer be asked to be members of the association. Supporters are still encouraged to give feedback to the CLDA council and let it know if they have any questions.



Rev. A. Geuze, minister of the Reformed Congregation of North America located in Chilliwack, British Columbia, spoke on Revelation 1:8a: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord." His theme was An Encouraging Word of the Lord on His Day. He began by asking: We support the cause of the Lord's Day, but do we know the Lord of the day? The Apostle John was banished on Patmos, and yet the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to John.

He is the alpha or beginning. That beginning flows out of God's eternal council of peace. Christ Jesus then came to secure a full salvation. He is also the one who begins in the lives of his people by exposing spiritual death and convicting of sin. He also continues His work. He gives and satisfies the longing for Himself, makes room for Himself and fills with Himself, makes despair of saving oneself and know in His power. He reconciles to God and leads a sinner to find all in Him. In this way he gives a foretaste of that eternal Sabbath rest with Him.

He pointed us to the Lord of the Sabbath with the desire that we would be brought to Him or led further in Him. He gave the encouragement that Christ Jesus continues to walk among the candlesticks as the Alpha and Omega.

After closing, there was opportunity for refreshments and to meet one another.



CANADIAN LORD'S DAY ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the year ending December 31, 2013

	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Budget 2014
Receipts			
Diary Donations	8,680	14,119	15,000
General Donations	39,726	37,641	35,000
Membership Dues	3,820	3,090	
Prison Ministry Donations	2,905	970	3,000
GST/HST Rebate	1,927	1,562	1,500
Interest Income	209	217	150
Total Receipts	57,267	57,599	54,650
Disbursements			
Advertising Expense	18,876	5,495	6,000
Bank Charges	102	108	120
Diary Printing Expense	23,064	14,894	18,000
Diary Postage Expense	12,460	20,435	15,000
Legal Fees		30	4,500
Literature		175	500
Magazine	3,669	4,003	4,000
Meeting Expense	516	1,882	1,000
Office Supplies	429	1,128	1,000
Postage	694	800	1,000
Prison Ministry Postage	1,946	3,891	3,500
Prison Ministry Expense	3,326	1,011	3,500
Website Expense		68	150
Total Disbursements	65,080	53,919	58,270
Receipts less disbursements	(7,814)	3,679	(3,620)
Cash Balance	37,435	45,248	33,815

William Stands Firm

William and Elise Anderson lived with their six children in a comfortable home. William was a mechanical engineer in a local factory and was earning good wages. Together they brought up their children with God's Word in their home, seeking to instill in them the observance of the Sabbath day. They attended church twice each Sunday, and they spent the remaining hours in Bible study, singing, and prayer.

One Saturday William returned home from his work very late, too late to read the Bible and pray with his family before they went to bed. Elise was still sitting by the fire, waiting for him. He soon related to her the problems of the day at the plant. He said, "One of the main pieces of machinery broke down today, and Mr. Peters, our manager ordered everyone to remain at work tonight and to continue working tomorrow. He wants to repair the machine and catch up with our work so that we will be back on schedule on Monday."

"But William," Elise exclaimed, "Mr. Peters has never asked any of his men to work on Sunday before! What did you tell him?"

William was quiet as he told how he had stood alone. He said, "None of the other men protested. I told him that I would work until midnight, but that I could not break God's commandment by working on Sunday. I think the others were laughing at me."

Elise did her best to cheer him up. "Of course you did the right thing, William. How can Mr. Peters expect the Lord's blessing on his business if he orders his men to work on the Lord's Day?"

As they sat discussing this matter, they were surprised to hear the doorbell ring. It was past midnight, long past the time when they would expect anyone to come for a visit. William quickly went to the door, and there stood a messenger from Mr. Peters at the factory. He said, "William, you are to come back to the factory immediately. We have not been able to fix the machine without you. Mr. Peters has said that if you do not come, you are fired."

William was surprised and also angry. "I have already explained to Mr. Peters why I will not work on Sunday. I refuse to do what my conscience says is wrong. Tell Mr. Peters that I will not disobey God's law for any employer, but I will obey God's law. I cannot come in at all today."

The messenger went away. But it was not long before they heard an urgent knock at the door. Mr. Peters himself stood there, and it was plain to see that he was very upset. "Look here, Anderson, you simply have to come. We cannot possibly repair the machine without your help. You are the only one who understands how that machine works. If you do not come, I will have to hire someone from the manufacturer, and that would be very expensive."

“Mr. Peters,” William said, “I have already told you how I feel.”

“William, you are not being reasonable. Listen, I’ll give you a good raise in salary if you will come.”

But William could not be persuaded. He only had one answer. “Mr. Peters, Sunday is the Lord’s Day, and I will not work on that day. I am willing to be there Monday morning at one o’clock, but not today.”

When Mr. Peters saw that William could not be persuaded, he said, “Mr. Anderson, you are a fool. You are fired, and you will never work for me again.” With that he left the house in haste.

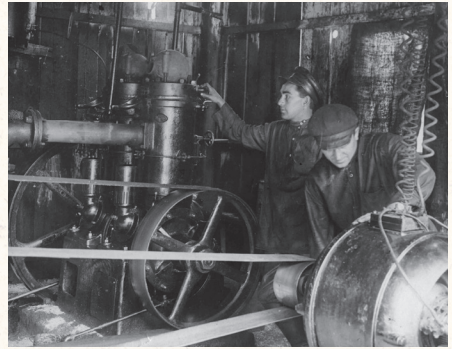
William and Elise sat down in shock, realizing what it meant to lose this job. The Lord had blessed them with a comfortable home, and they had no financial worries. But now they were faced with a difficult situation. Elise tried to be brave, but she sobbed as she thought about it, trying also to comfort her husband. Together they knelt down to pray, and they asked the Lord to provide for them and their children. After bringing their cares unto Him, they retired for the night.

That day they tried to keep Sunday as normally as possible. They sang with their children and attended church together, not speaking about this new concern. Their children did not even realize that there was a problem. In prayer William and Elise placed this problem before the Lord, saying, “Thy will be done.”

At one o’clock on Monday morning there was again a loud knock on the door. William opened the door and found Mr. Peters standing there. This time, however, he was in a very different mood. He humbly apologized for speaking so

harshly to William earlier and said, “Mr. Anderson, would you please consider coming to help us now that Sunday is past? We all apologize for how we treated you, and we promise that you will not be asked again to work on Sunday. We have tried and tried to fix the machine, but you can’t believe how many problems we have had. I finally sent all the men home until I could speak with you again. Please come and help us.”

Gladly William dressed and hurried to the factory. He soon found the problem with the machine and had it back in working order in a short time. Mr. Peters and the other workers were sorry for their earlier treatment of him.



When William finally returned home that day, he and Elise acknowledged the Lord for His faithfulness to them. What a beautiful lesson they were able to give to their children when they told them what had taken place. With the poet they could say, “Let God be praised with reverence deep, He daily comes our lives to steep with bounties freely given.”

Taken from *The Banner of Truth*

PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE

Ministry Update:

- *97 Canadian inmates and 24 Texan inmates are following the Bible course.*
- *CLDA is preparing a second, more advanced Bible course using the Heidelberg Catechism as a guide.*
- *CLDA distributed 75,000 of the 2013 Diaries.*
- *CLDA distributed 66,000 of the 2014 Diaries.*
- *For 2013, the CLDA is planning to print as many as 75,000 copies of the daily diary.*

From Our Mailbox:

Over the years you have made a great contribution to the lives of people in this jail and to the staff. As for the Diaries, each one is put to good use. May God's goodness and peace be upon you.

– Chaplain in Ontario

We pass on the gratefulness of many inmates for this generosity on part of your association. As chaplains we do hope that the daily Bible quotations will provide encouraging religious participation and commitment, though we leave the results up to God.

– Chaplain in Manitoba

Thank you so very much for to study God's Word. This course was very easy for me. Its format and presentation are excellent, easily pointing the reader to the correct answers. The course teaches me that everyone, especially me, is infallible. Thanks to you evaluator for taking time of your freewill to mark my lessons and answer my questions. Just to tell you, a prisoner in an orange jumpsuit really appreciates what you've done for myself and many others alike. This course has renewed my spirit and for that I will forever be grateful. I understand from the onset I would be receiving a certificate and a gift upon completion of the 25 lessons, which again, as a prisoner with nothing, I will no doubt appreciate. The Trinitarian King James Version that I received will forever do me well. I am somewhat saddened that this course has come to an end. If there is another course, I would again greatly appreciate it. I wish upon you peace and happiness and all of the Lord's great rewards. It has been a pleasure and a privilege working with you!

– Inmate in Southern Ontario