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## News & Update

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## What Brings Glory To God?

by Curtis Wood

Have you ever considered the kind of company God keeps? When is the last time you took an inventory of the kinds of persons who found grace in the Scriptures. If you haven't done so, it might surprise you.

Let's begin by noting that God is omniscient; therefore, nothing surprises Him. One man described God's omniscience by stating, "Has it ever occurred to you that nothing ever occurred to God?" God knew everything about us, yet lovingly and kindly offered his mercy and grace to us... "while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8)." Your predicament doesn't surprise Him!

Ever noticed that Jesus viewed people differently than most religious people do today? Think about it... he called sinners "lost sheep," yet characterized the religious self-righteous as, "whitewashed tombstones." Interesting huh?

It's also interesting that, after Adam sinned, it was God who actually came looking for Adam. As a matter of fact, Adam was hiding from God when He showed up, skins in

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hand, offering a covering and an atonement. Truly, He leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one (Matthew 18:12).

The prophet Isaiah declared that the coming Messiah would not discard a bruised reed, nor extinguish a smoking wick (Isaiah 42:1-4). Young Jewish boys would make a flute from a reed; however, if the reed was cracked, the sound was distorted and the reed was broken and discarded for another. Yet Jesus does not discard broken reeds... He heals them! It was also common to quench a smoking wick when the oil ran out in the lamp, lest the impurities smoke up the room and produce a foul odor. But Jesus doesn't extinguish smoking wicks... he replenishes them with his pure oil. Thus, the reed and the lamp go from worthless to priceless under His care!

Truly Jesus is the healer of broken reeds, specializing in the gentle care and kindness of broken people. Listen to His

words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)." In Scripture, no one was used of God until he had been broken (Psalms 51:17; Psalms 34:18-19; James 4:6). Notice the pattern... first brokenness then restoration!

For example, Moses was nothing more than a renegade refugee at the burning bush, but the grace of God made him into a great deliverer. Jacob was a deceiving cheat until he came face to face with God, then became Israel, a prince with God. David was a murdering adulterer, but God established his throne upon which the King of kings will sit. Jonah was a backslidden preacher running from God, but God used him to bring repentance to a pagan nation. Peter was a proud coward who denied Jesus, who, after being sifted, boldly proclaimed Christ and was called a pillar. Paul was a pompous terrorist, fighting against

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## We are Now Registering for the Summer Quarter 2009!

(Class Schedule: July 13 – September 17)

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
8:00 am				Essentials in Theology 8am – 3pm Jul 25 / Aug 22 / Sep 12
12 noon		Basic Theology	Exploring the Supernatural	
4:45 pm	Intro to Psychology: A Christian Perspective	Training & Supervising Volunteers	Introductory English	
6:00 pm	Great Bible Doctrines  Marriage & Family II	Church History  Pastoral Counseling	Evangelism  Comparative Religions / Modern Religions	
7:30 pm	Life of Christ I  Tabernacle / Typology  Ldrshp for Christian Ed	Dynamics of Holy Spirit  Historical Books: Joshua/Judges/Ruth	Old Testament Survey  I & II Corinthians	

## Thanks for your support of Vintage Bible College!

Once again, we are truly grateful and humbled by the generous love and support of our friends.

It is during these challenging economic times that we are reminded most of the faithfulness of God toward Vintage Bible College as we continue to see our needs met.

It has always been our commitment not to burden our friends with constant fundraising appeals and we have resolved to trust the Lord for our sustenance. Our desire is to simply make known how we are supported and then allow the Holy Spirit to speak to those whom He chooses to partner with us.

We sincerely thank you for your kindness to Vintage Bible College. This is truly a labor of love and many would never be able to be equipped for Spirit-filled ministry without your continued prayer and financial support... and in your faithfulness we rejoice!

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Christ and the body of Christ, but upon meeting Jesus, he became an apostle to the nations. The Scriptures are filled with mighty examples of God's grace!

If God will use us, we must first discover our brokenness and be healed by Him. Jesus came to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, liberate the captives, open the prison of the bound, and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord... to give beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness... that we may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified (Isaiah 61:1-3). It is the healing of our brokenness that brings glory to Him!



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