

NEWS & UPDATE

Welcome to IGC (the International Gospel Church) we hope that you will feel at home whether you're just visiting or you're considering being with us more regularly. Our aim is that IGC will prove to be an inclusive graceful community where you will be enabled not simply to live gracefully, but to live fully by grace.

Meetings are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

B.A.S.K.

Wednesdays: B.A.S.K. & the Prayer Fellowship

A time to flow in the unconditional love and acceptance of God

B.A.S.K. Our Wednesday evening meeting B.A.S.K. has quickly become the go-to meeting for the IGC family. Why not come and be part of a forum for us to come together and simply belong. On Wednesday evening we reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon and discuss both light and heavy-hearted issues in a safe environment. B.A.S.K. is a safe place for safe people to eat together, pray together. Also Prayer Fellowship 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Margaret Wilson Room).

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The Mind Of Christ | Mindful of Man

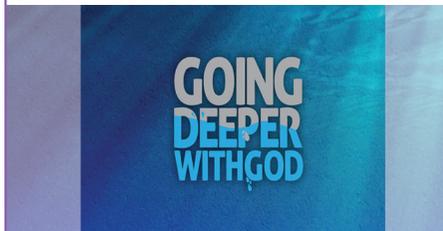
Bring what you can Take what you need



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BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER TERM

The Word and the words begins January 2015



Summer Term begins May 7th.

PAUL ANDERSON - WALSH



Grace for Grown Ups

GRACE FOR GROWN UPS

Until Christ is Formed book two

Paul Anderson-Walsh

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Ephesians 4:6



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THE GRACE OF GIVING: PART TWO

DOES THE HEBREWS TEXT SUPPORT THE ARGUMENT FOR TITHING?

Even the most cursory consideration of the Hebrews text casts doubt on the tithing argument. To begin with, Abraham's "tithe" to Melchizedek evidences a fundamentally different spirit – notice that Abraham refused any gift in return from Melchizedek. He wanted nothing and thus, at the material level, he had want for nothing. The suggestion promoted by the legalistic linearity that giving can be employed as a mechanism for receiving, even if it were true, would be disturbing indeed. Moreover, it is intriguing that nobody, to my knowledge, has ever taught tithing without any anticipation of receiving in return. As one man once quipped, "If the only guarantee which I could give you was that if you tithed, you would have 10% less than you had before, would you still tithe?" There can be few verses which are better known or more misapplied than Malachi 3:8-10.

Mal. 3:8-10 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me. But you say, "How have we robbed You?" In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

If the only guarantee I could give you was that after paying your tithe, you would have 10% less money than before you gave it, would you still give?

A RESPONSE TO MALACHI

As with all Scripture, the section we are considering must be seen firstly within its historical and cultural setting and context.

- To whom were Malachi's comments addressed?
- Can you think of a verse in the Bible which addresses you, a Christian, as a child of Jacob?
- Under what Covenant was God speaking to Israel – the Old or the New?
- Under the New Covenant, will God curse you if you do not tithe?

Whilst it is evident that Malachi 3 is inspired, we simply ask that standing on New Covenant grounds, the reader interprets this and all other Old Covenant verses through a New Covenant lens. Moreover, by the simple expedience of beginning the Malachi text two verses earlier, we can see how dramatically that alters one's perception. For example, in the New Testament, there is a verse which every Christian in the world knows, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling" I imagine that most Christians are familiar with this verse but how many can complete the sentence? "... for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" [Phil. 2:12-13].

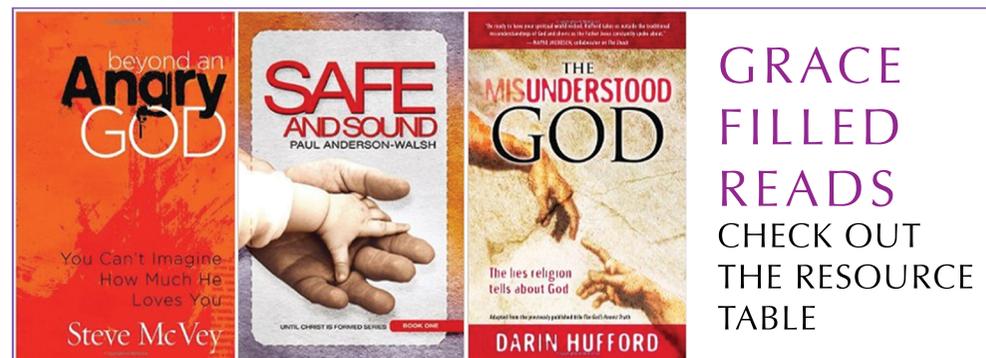
Now, if it is true that we have to be careful to set verses in their context, it is imperative that we also set the text into its historical and cultural context. In order to see these verses in their proper light, we must first ask the question, "Under what Covenant was Malachi writing, the Old or the New?" Quite clearly, Malachi is both Old Testament and Old Covenant. Therefore, any exposition and contemporary application needs to take that context into account.

This year, as with all others, we will be presenting a budget to the church. Our basic running costs for 2015/16 around £110,000.00. We rely on your generous support to not only Balance our books but with careful stewardship to continue to develop the church buildings. So, if you want to partner with us in the ministry of giving and receiving then please do so but do so not as a duty but as a delight ...

Part three of this article will appear in the July edition of ITK.

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JUNE TEACHING

Safe and Sound		
Date	Title	Speaker
07-Jun-15	Agapé Cannot Be Provoked	Paul Anderson-Walsh
14-Jun-15	Agapé Keeps No Record of Wrongs	Paul Anderson-Walsh
21-Jun-15	Agapé Thinks No Evil	Graham Mercer
28-Jun-15	Agapé Rejoices in the Truth	Paul Onifade

