

North Christian Church -

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9/1/16 - Seven Years and Seven Months

#7 - E. W. Bullinger

"[Seven is] the great number of spiritual perfection. A number which, therefore, occupies so large a place in the works, and especially in the Word of God as being inspired by the Holy Spirit."

Our Beloved Deliverance

EBC (Eusebeia Bible Church), FICM (Freedom In Christ Ministries), and NCC (North Christian Church) combine to complete a 7 year and 7 month journey. That's how long it took to deliver this congregation unto the completed Gospel message!!!

Taking a Deep Breath

We're at one of those moments in time, after a REALLY long, hard-fought battle...when it's all over, the warrior doesn't always know how to live OFF of the battlefield!

A Shepherd's Adoration

I love you. All of you. I have fought hard for you, by grace, in humility. I have watched you delivered unto the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and nothing is sweeter for a shepherd, like me.

May we never depart from the supreme intimacy of the Gospel. (eg. Jn 15)

Holy Intimacy

God is love. There's nothing more intimate and eternal than God's love. We are able to experience His love supernaturally (1Jn 4:7-11).

Holy Intimacy

Jesus never had sex. Paul, as far as we know, after his conversion, never had sex. Neither were deprived of the greatest love and intimacy. In fact, one might argue they were spared the "distraction" of having sex (not that the temptation wasn't present).

Regarding the Great Commission

"Finish the sentence!" Don't just go out and "win souls" (that's a great endeavor, of course), but continue with Jesus' guidance. Encourage new converts to seek a

place of learning (eg. NCC or the like).

Teaching and Teachers

Jesus commanded the Great Commission. He also gave the "Helper", the Holy Spirit, to teach us. The Holy Spirit inspired the Word of God and the spiritual gifts to teach us by (eg. pastors and teachers).

Vested Interest

Each person evangelized must be considered a potential for personal assignment. A new convert is just about the best investment opportunity you'll ever be given! The greatest investments we can ever make are in our relationships with others.

The Familiarity Phenomenon

There have been many lessons given on the Gospel over this past year, incredibly timely and well-placed. Yet, sometimes it takes another man, an unknown one, to grab my own sheep's attention!

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Who To Honor?

We believers need to change our perspective. We, especially in America, have been trained by the world to honor the beautiful and the rich. WE'VE BEEN WRONG! (1 Co 12:20-26)

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I'm tired of "apologizing" for the stark words found in the Bible...especially those made by Jesus that seem to "offend" our contemporary "sensibilities"!!! By not defending my Lord's honor in every possible way, what am I saying to the world???

Isa 55:8

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD."

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My beloved, you have been delivered up to the Gospel. You know it now. You've seen the scripture. You understand it. Now go live it!