



Neighborhoods to Nations

The New Testament Church Newsletter

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS *The Cross of Christ*

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
Galatians 6:14

As we near the end of the book of Galatians, it is important to review the main point of the book itself.

The first two chapters taught us that the Apostle Paul had a revelation of Christ and who He was. That revelation, that came by the Spirit of God, was that Christ accomplished the work of making us acceptable - we cannot do it ourselves!

Chapters 3-4 of the book of Galatians then establishes that one of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith is simply this - *we are justified by faith before God and not by our works.*

We cannot make ourselves worthy, and neither can we become good enough to be accepted before a holy God. We must accept and embrace the fact that Jesus Christ was the perfect substitute for our sin and our acceptance!

When we come to chapters 5 -6 there is a practical side of how we are to live in relation to this faith in what Christ has already accomplished.

- We stand fast in the liberty Christ has given;
- This liberty gives us confidence to love one another in His strength;
- Walking in the Spirit is not mystical, but practical, producing good fruit rather than the works of the flesh.
- We can now bear one another's burdens as well as expect those wounded to accept their responsibility!

The theme of the book is the cross. The cross of Christ cancels our debt of sin and makes us acceptable to God. It also becomes the principle of denying self so that we are no longer attracted to the things of the world.

The Scripture above has a declaration that we will not boast of our own strength but of what Christ did on the cross! It then yields two applications:

1st - *the world is crucified unto me* - in other words, it no longer holds the attraction it once did - it is personal growth, separation from sin, and holiness unto God.

2nd - *I am crucified unto the world* - in other words, I have no fear of entering into the world to serve, be salt and light, and allow the light of Christ to shine!

Sharing the Gospel *Crucified unto the World*

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified unto me, and I to the world.."
Galatians 6:14

The closer we walk with Jesus, the purer we become and more separate we are from worldliness. Thus, the world is crucified to us, or in other words, holiness is not yielding to temptation.

However, that is only half the story. The work of the cross is two-fold, not just *separate from the world, but now given to the world.*

The cry of the believer has to be two-fold; save me from the evil of this age and keep me pure, but also *show me where you are opening up avenues where I can serve and influence others within my culture.*

As we allow our character to build a platform within the culture, we are then able to share the gospel that is accompanied by good works so that others may glorify God.

Let us pray that we can see the opportunities God opens before us to share the gospel as a result of being crucified to the world!

Volume 28, Issue 4

September-
October, 2019

Inside this issue:

<i>What has God done after 40 years?</i>	2
<i>The Glory of God South Shore - Joint Prayer</i>	2
<i>Bible Study & Revival at Mass Maritime!</i>	2
<i>Small Group Corner</i>	3
<i>Women's Teen Challenge coming to TNT</i>	3
<i>What you learn on a Boston State House Tour - October 4</i>	3
<i>Book Review: Letters to the Churches, by Dr. Ronald Bernier</i>	4

Highlights for
Intercession

- *Lord, help us to sow good seeds that we might reap good fruit!*
- *Lord, help us to walk closer to you that we might be separate from the evil that surrounds us!*
- *Lord, help us to give ourselves to our culture by walking uprightly and sharing when you open up the doors of opportunity!*

WHAT HAS GOD DONE? *In Honor of Our 40th Year*



I remember September 8, 1980 when 28 students in grades K-5 lined up by the old church entrance ready to learn! It was our first year of school here at The New Testament Church.

We added a grade a year until we covered K-12 with our first graduating class in 1988 of three students, one of which still attends our church and the other two occasionally visit. That first class gift of a flag pole still stands! In fact, they said:

As the first graduating class, we hereby give this flag pole to The New Testament Christian School and succeeding classes of students to commemorate the two dominant themes for which our school stands. First, to always glorify God and Jesus Christ, who birthed America. Second, to remember to pray that the United States of America remain as "one nation under God."

We have now had 134 graduates, but hundreds of students who have attended at least a year throughout our 39 years of education!

- We have remained true to a Biblical worldview
- We have taught by Biblical principles
- We have utilized a methodology of reasoning
- We have taught children to fear God and serve others in love!

THE GLORY OF GOD JOINT CHURCH



Once a month, the churches on both Cape Cod and the South Shore continue to meet for united prayer, worship and an exhortation on revival from the

Our church has, for some time, has joined with churches on Cape Cod for the Glory of God united prayer and worship and will do so again

when we join with Mashpee Baptist Church in Mashpee on Wednesday, August 28.

We are now vitally involved in the once a month uniting of churches on the South Shore, stretching from Plymouth to Norwell and over to Middleborough. Believers are joining together in prayer and worship and getting a visual representation of the Kingdom of God!

If you have gone to one of these meetings, now is the time to do so! We will be meeting the next two months a bit north of us!

This fall the prayer meetings for the South Shore will be hosted by:

- September 22 at New Hope Chapel in Norwell;
- October 27 at North River in Pembroke



On Sunday, September 15 Professor Ron Smith will be bringing cadets to share testimonies

MASS MARITIME BIBLE STUDY AND RETREAT!

On April 30 the Bible Study at Massachusetts Maritime Academy got a real boost when Jeff Struecker, the Ranger who led Black Hawk Down back in 1993, showed up to share both his experiences and testimony! Several people gave their hearts to Christ on that

night!

Over 50 from our church attended that evening, and we also told Professor Smith that we would continue to invest in the work God is doing on campus - from veterans sharing testimonies to helping students with rides to church.

Each year, through the Bible Study Group, Cadets are taken on a retreat where they hear the gospel and are able to pray with one another. Our church has invested in helping that become a reality each year. We have a chance to invest again this year on Sunday, September 15 as several cadets will give their testimonies.

SMALL GROUP CORNER: *Small Group Ministry*

Spontaneous Small Groups

Pockets of believers from within our church meet as they are led by God to do so. Let us pray that in the near future strategic groups form!

Strategic Prayer

Prayer groups continue: women on Friday mornings at Carol Soucy's, men praying for one another at monthly breakfast meetings, and small group prayer meeting at various places. Check the office for more information.

Home Groups: New groups may start soon this fall so watch the bulletin or if you want to suggest a study please contact us in the office!

Adult Fellowship / Family

Periodically Chuck and Jean Lindberg host families with children at their home. The church hosts fellowships of various kinds both at the church and in homes. Watch the bulletin for times and places.

Men's Groups

Men and Son's Breakfasts & Bible Studies will take place monthly. Men's Night Out - fellowship, dinner, worship, speaker - continues every other month in Halifax.

Ladies Bible Studies and fellowship! Watch the bulletin for new events!

Youth Group

Arise Youth Group meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:30 PM) with Ben Harris. If you are a teen and not going, we welcome you to join!



Small Group Ministry is an important part of the discipleship process within our church. We have several groups which may expand in the fall!

Seriously consider attending a group that will edify you in your walk with the Lord!

WOMEN'S TEEN CHALLENGE AT TNT!

Our Church has supported Teen Challenge for decades. We have hosted both the men's and women's choir as a chance to be inspired by testimonies as well as invest in their ministry.

Two opportunities await your investment in the women's Teen Challenge Ministry.

First, the Women's Teen Challenge choir will be ministering on Sunday morning, September 29 this fall. You will have a chance to hear testimonies and invest.

Second, you will have the opportunity to help bring supplies to *Bloom*, the Teen Challenge center for girls. Prepare to invest!



WHAT YOU LEARN ON A BOSTON STATE HOUSE TOUR

From time to time, Pastor Jehle conducts State House tours of our State Capitol. You may not know why you should consider taking such a tour if at all possible.

Pastor Jehle began researching the State House murals, paintings and sculptors more than 25 years ago. He has conducted them for pastors,

legislators, public officials, intercessors and historians.

Consider learning

- The Biblical foundations of Massachusetts;
- How pastors led the way in establishing a proper practice of liberty;
- The history of prayer

proclamations

- How Christianity helped heal the nation after the Civil War;
- The ingredients that made our Revolution successful;
- And much, much more!



Pastor Jehle will conduct a Boston State House Tour on Thursday, October 4 from 10 AM to 1 PM

*Preaching Christ from
Neighborhoods to
Nations*

The New Testament
Church Newsletter

1120 Long Pond Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

Phone: 508-888-1889
Fax: 508-833-0920
Email: questions@tntchurch.net

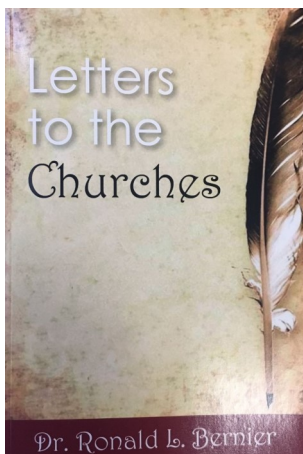
**CHURCH WEB SITE:
WWW.TNTCHURCH.NET**

Our Mission

The members of The New Testament Church wish to fulfill the call of God upon Plymouth and its geographic area in restoring the light of the gospel to impact every area of life. We desire to bless our neighborhoods locally and the specific nations of the world as God directs by performing the works of Jesus, empowered by His Spirit.

Our Vision

The calling of the Church of Jesus Christ is to be the agency through which God shows the world His manifold wisdom. We at The New Testament Church desire to be part of the bride that Father God can present to the Son while at the same time being a glorious temple built of living stones. We want to bring the seamless, all encompassing, life-changing message of Jesus Christ to others, discipling those who respond "to love the Lord with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind... and to love their neighbor as themselves."



Letters to the Churches
by Dr. Ronald Bernier

Discounted copies for \$13
are available in the office

BOOK REVIEW

By Paul Jehle

I have known Dr. Ron Bernier of Masterbuilder Ministries for more than three decades. He is both a scholar and a teacher. When you read his latest book, you will agree.

Located in Fall River, Massachusetts, known for its stand for the gospel as well as economic trade, its name was derived from the "falling river" which the Natives called Quequechan. For more than a century (1811-1911) its mills drew thousands of immigrants from all over the world who cherished religious and civil freedom.

In this book, you will see that Dr. Bernier does not view the history of his town in isolation from the Church that he serves. He sees them connect-

ed, for that is why God places both people and Churches providentially in the part of the world He intends to influence with His Kingdom principles.

It is also why each church is referenced in the book of Revelation in relation to its location; i.e. *to the church of Ephesus*, etc. Jesus taught us to pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." As each church is referenced, the history of the city in which it dwells is connected to the spiritual truth that is conveyed to make them more influential.

This book is a refreshing look at the seven churches addressed in the book of Revelation, chapters 2-3. As

Revelation 1:1 declares, the theme of the book is "*the revelation of Jesus Christ.*" Too often the book of Revelation has been treated only as a book of the future or end-times and this can cloud its application for churches today.

Ron does a tremendous job highlighting how the attributes and "unveiling" of Jesus Christ can be seen through each individual letter addressed to the individual churches of the first century.

Ron's applications for today are priceless, and his conclusion wraps up with a great summary of the teachings contained in the New Testament. I highly recommend this book, and pray it re-ignites your vision for your city!