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Intro to Ephesians

I have been teaching through the book of Ephesians during December and January. This again was a letter written by Paul while he was in prison to a church he planted some years earlier. You can read about this church plant in Acts 19, when he picks up some of John the Baptist's disciples and leads them into faith in Christ, water baptism and being released in the Holy Spirit.

Then after preaching in the synagogue for about three months to the locals Paul, then led discussions in the lecture hall of Tyrannus for the next two years. The effect of his ministry throughout the province of Asia was approximately a 200km radius. Great miracles were happening out of this ministry that literally shook the city and challenged their idol worship and false spiritual practices to a place where many came to faith and burned their items of idolatry. They shook the place so much that a riot broke out but the church was up and established. Some say the church in Ephesus reached tens of thousands. Paul's final visit and farewell was one of the most moving pieces in the book of Acts (**Acts 20:17-38**).

In this letter of Ephesians, Paul is really empowering the church to be all God had created it to be declaring in Chapters 1 and 2:

- ◆ Its position in Christ
- ◆ Its possession in Christ
- ◆ Its power and authority in Christ.

In Chapter 3 declaring:

- ◆ Its purpose—Ephesians 3:10

In Chapter 4:

- ◆ Its plan for the local church 4:12, 16

In Chapter 5:

- ◆ Its call to practice purity of lifestyle 5:15

In Chapter 6:

- ◆ It speaks of the spiritual authority and the outworking of it that we have here on earth.

Identity

I remember going to a pub with two mates to play pool and to have a couple of beers. When a bouncer asked for I.D, the two guys I was with forgot theirs and we were denied access even though they were over 18, they still needed their ID.

Many believers are denied access into God's blessings, privilege and power because they don't know who they

are. They have forgotten their identity. So many believers are beaten and not living in victory because of this and their lack of identity in Christ. Just like what was mentioned in **Acts 19:15**. When asked **who are you?**, they did not know and so received such a beating they ran naked and bleeding.

A young man named Victor was encouraged to drop out of school because the teacher felt he didn't really have it, so by the age of 32 he had had 76 jobs. What changed his life was the 77th job. He had to do an IQ test, the normal person received 100, but Victor received 161. That knowledge transformed him. Victor Serenko was a genius but didn't know it for 16 years. He went on to become famous for his research in laser treatment and eventually became president of MENSA, an Organisation of Genesis.

THEREFORE

Ephesians 1:15

'Therefore'; whenever there's a 'therefore', we must discover what it is there for. You see in the previous verse, it is speaking about identity; who we are in Christ. So therefore on the basis of who we are in Christ, launch out big on the revelation or the understanding of who you are in Him.

It says in verses 1:1-15 that we are blessed, chosen, predestined, adopted as sons, redeemed, forgiven, given authority, sealed by the Holy Spirit and made a special possession of God, therefore live big, be all God has called you to be.

Two Important Qualities

Ephesians 1:15

"For this reason, (therefore) ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people."

When Paul thought about this, two things drove him to his knees in thankfulness; their faith in Jesus and their love for one another. These two qualities are what make a church. When people are putting and building, their faith in Jesus and not in man, meeting, ministry, movement, models, messages, or method of church, they become a strong church. A Jesus church, a church that doesn't pull back or shrink back because its faith is in Him. The other quality that makes a

great church is that the people are genuinely loving one another despite their differences and diversities. In fact they're going even further. They are beginning to celebrate one another's differences and not just tolerating them—this is truly a powerful church.

These groups that have broken away from the body of Christ and become these little dysfunctional home groups are nothing but immature Christians that have not learnt about that great quality of loving one another; **Proverbs 18:1,2** speak of these people. I'm not speaking about a group that have broken away or launch out from another church because they have a mission for their community, but a group who are together because of what they don't like about their last church.

They are like the guy that had been shipwrecked on an island for 10 years and when his rescuer found him and asked him if he was the only one on the island. His reply was, "yes". They went on to ask him why there were 3 buildings on the island and he told them, "one was his house the other was where he went to church." Then they asked about the 3rd building and looking quite angrily at them said, "that is where I used to go to church!"

Paul's Prayer

Ephesians 1:17, 19

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength.

After thanking God, Paul prayed for two things, wisdom and revelation, so we might know Him better.

He knew that the more we know Jesus, the more we will know who we are which is one of mankind's greatest needs and is met by getting to know Jesus better, knowing Him in a greater way.

The second thing that Paul prayed for was for the eyes of our spirit to be opened, (revelation). That we would be spiritually enlightened.

We are spiritually enlightened to see 3 things:

1. The hope to which you've been called
2. The assurance of His glorious inheritance
3. His incomparable power

Or we could put it this way:

- ◆ our position
- ◆ our possession
- ◆ and the power that is available to us who believe

or I could put it this way:

- ◆ our worth
- ◆ our wealth
- ◆ our work

1. Our Worth

Our worth is when we realise who we have become in Christ. The truth that we die with Him at conversion, was buried with Him in baptism and raised up to walk in this new way of life. We are now seated with Him as co-heirs of Christ.

Knowing who we are in Jesus causes us to live out the true revelation of who we are.

2. Our Wealth

We sometimes live and act too cheap—not fully realizing the abundance God wants to give us. Its like a cruise Tracey and I went on. We boarded and waited in our cabin until the ship got going. I became increasingly hungry so we decided to go upstairs and find out if anything was opened only to find out that it was all opened 24/7 and here I was going hungry. The more we read about what is available, the more we enjoyed and experienced the blessings of that cruise.

So it is with Jesus. The more you understand what He purchased for you, the more you will enjoy it and walk in it (so read the word).

3. Work

We sometimes live weak and defeated lives because we simply do not know or have a

revelation of Gods power that is available to us who believe: Power to cast out devils, power to pray healing for the sick, power to see circumstances turn around.

Marco Polo, when he discovered China said, "China is like a sleeping giant. Once she wakes, the whole world will know."

The church can be easily accused of sleeping but once she begins to wake up and realise:

- ◆ Who we are in Christ
- ◆ What we have in Christ
- ◆ What we can do in Christ

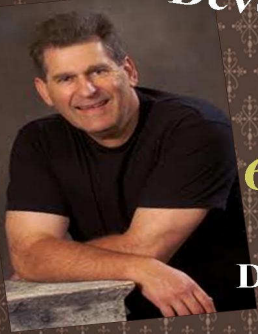
The world will begin to see, feel and hear.

Live big
Kevin



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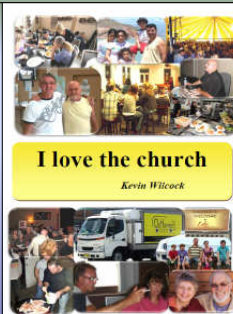
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BALI—Michael & Bianca Zietsch

MICHAEL AND BIANCA'S HOME VISIT

Micheal and Bianca are home until May. Churches, businesses and ministries interested in supporting them, please contact them on:

Mobile: 0426 845 645
Email: Zietsch@swissmail.org

I have known this couple for over 12 years. They are genuine and integral. They are called, hard working, connected and worth supporting.
Kevin

Michael & Bianca
Zietsch
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FIJI—Peter Shultz



CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

Last Friday we celebrated 5 years of living in Fiji!! On the 17th of December 2005 we arrived with 5 suitcases and what we thought we knew of faith.

As a family we reflected long into the night over an Aussie dinner of steak, coleslaw and potato salad. We laughed at early memories and shared about just how awesome God has been in this journey.

Much of the thanks goes to the people like you who have encouraged, prayed and supported our efforts to take, speak and live Christ to the people God has called us to serve - prisoners.



OUR TEAM IS EXPANDING

Our Fiji team is expanding. We welcome Ray and Jeanette Wilkinson to the Operation Foundation team.
Ray and Jeanette

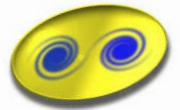
will take up their ministry roles here in Fiji in March 2011.

Ray will be focused on building the prayer support for the team and specifically for the men and women that we work with. Jeanette will be part of our new ministry commencing 2011 in the women's prison.

What excites us is the contribution and spiritual maturity they will bring to the team. Ray and Jeanette come to us through our partnership with Pioneers. More recently they served for 5 years in Jos, Nigeria.

Blessings
Peter Shultz
peter@operationfoundation.org.fj

EMPOWER ASIA—Cambodia - Nepal - Burma - Thailand



Hi Folks

I thought that we would give you a short and informal prayer letter. There are certain situations that the ministry is currently facing that genuinely require your attention. Carlie and I will return to Asia in late December. In the meantime, would you kindly pray for the following issues:

Donna, our worker in **Cambodia** is searching for a country director for our work there. We are after a national to run the Cambodian ministry, also in **Cambodia**, Donna is chatting with our long standing Joshua Boys Home parents as to whether they will continue on in service there. They have been running the Phnom Penh based home for about 8 years and are feeling pretty tired. There are issues that need to be worked through as well. We want to see the correct decisions made for the good of the kids living at the home.

Ye Win Tun is one of our **Burmese** boys. He is deathly sick with a disease called Aplastic Anaemia. He is severely afflicted with this. It is all to do with poor production of bone marrow. Communication into Burma is not always easy, but it appears as though he may need a bone marrow transplant so as to give himself a chance of staying alive. The cost for such an operation? I do not know. We have already spent US\$1000 on tests. What price is a human life? The reality is that he is probably going to pretty much go home to die. We are not asking nor hinting for you to donate money for the operation. We are merely requesting that you would pray for him and for this situation.

Pray for the Wa boys of **Burma** that we will soon be helping. While we have not even met any of them yet nevertheless please pray that we get good kids who aspire to do positively significant things with their lives.

Back here in **New Zealand**, Carlie and I are preparing to return back to Asia for a 5 week period starting the end of December. Carlie's health is always a big issue. She has a condition called smouldering myeloma which is normally a primer to having the full blown bone marrow condition called multiple myeloma.

These are very real and raw issues that genuinely require your prayer attention. Thanks so much. All the best.
Paul and Carlie Somerville
Email: sure@paradise.net.nz

South Coast City Church Wollongong are hugely involved in the Burmese Mission. Anybody wanting to be involved, contact: Luke & Carolyn Meers carolynmeers@gmail.com



OzReach Conference— 20th, 22nd October 2011



Billy Kennedy leads the New Community network leadership team. He has been in Southampton since 1982. He was born in Liverpool, went to primary school in Scotland, secondary school in Northern Ireland and started his working life back in Glasgow. Billy is involved with most areas of church life offering support and advice to those who have the responsibility to run those areas.

Beyond Southampton Billy serves as a friend and advisor to a variety of churches and Christian organisations. He is a member of the International Council of the 24-7prayer movement and leads the Pioneer network.

FRIENDS IN MINISTRY

Friends in Ministry is organized and hosted by Ozreach. We are simply a kingdom of God based ministry that wants to provide fellowship, connection and influence for ministers, leaders of ministries and business owners and managers.

Wednesday 2nd February 2011

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Allan will be speaking on "Developing your lead", at **Life Church, 15 Denison Street, Newcastle West** on **Wednesday 2nd February** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We will have dinner at a local Chinese Restaurant after the meeting at "**Chinois**" Restaurant at 326 King Street, Newcastle. Cost will be \$26.00 for a Banquet.

Wednesday 6th April 2011

with

Johnny Lee Clary:

Ex KKK Leader

Now travels the globe seeing thousand's come to Christ

He will be speaking on "Developing Soul Winning in your Church" at "**The Hub, 37 Cambrai Ave, Engadine** – limit of 40 people on **Wednesday 6th April** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

We will have dinner at a local restaurant after the meeting.

Wednesday 8th June 2011

with

Syd & Sue Miller:

will share on identifying signs of falling into adultery and the journey of coming through at **The Briar Pub at 653 Moss Vale Road, Bowral** on **Wednesday 8th June** from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. There is a limit of 30 people and cost is \$10.00 per person plus the cost of your meal.

Friday 26th August 2011

with

Tim Hannah:

Pastored large church

CEO for Compassion Australia

Lead Willow Creek Australia

Will share on "Building Missional Churches" both locally and globally at **Tuggerah Lakes Church at 22 Adelaide Street, Tumbi Umbi** on **Friday 26th August** at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We will have dinner at a local restaurant after the meeting.



Thursday 20th October to Saturday 22nd October 2011

"BUILDING ALL ROUND MINISTRIES & CHURCHES."

with

Billy Kennedy

Leads the New Community network leadership team; Is an Advisor to a variety of churches and Christian organizations; Is a member of the International Council of the 24/7 prayer movement and Leads the Pioneer Network

Together with Kevin Wilcock

at **Life Church, 15 Denison Street, Newcastle West**. The theme of this Conference will be "**BUILDING ALL ROUND MINISTRIES & CHURCHES.**" Billy Kennedy and Kevin will be sharing from Romans 15:18-20 on building fully integrated Missional churches that have a powerful proclamation, social engagement and signs and wonders into places where Christ is not known.

To book into any of the abovementioned dates or Friends in Ministry please phone our office on 4961 0211 during office hours or email: info@lifechurch.org.au

Anyone wanting to know more about connecting to Ozreach as a group of churches, contact Kevin Wilcock on 0407 467 798.

Supporting Our Building Fund

As you might have heard, we have to relocate buildings this year and what we buy is going to cost us roughly one million dollars. We are raising: \$150,000.00 from our church of which we are half way there, and \$250,000.00 from corporate sponsors of which we are 1/5th of the way there. And of course the rest we will loan.

I hope I am not going to sound too forward but I thought I would send an opportunity for my friends in ministry and business to be able to give into this great project. We are going to continue to run everything and more that we are presently doing so we will be buying the building through our charity arm, LifeShapers Family Services which is a deductible gift recipient and can provide you with a Tax Deductible Receipt if that helps.

We have included our account details below but if you are sending a cheque please make it payable to LifeShapers Family Services.

I totally understand if you are not in a position to give or just simply feel not to give into this ministry but at the same time I felt to give this out to all the churches and friends I have given into over the years.

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Kevin



KEVIN'S TRAVEL

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