

## Quote

"I scowled because I had no shoes on my feet, until further down the street I saw a man with no feet at all." —Persian proverb



## Life

### CHRIST/ AUTOPILOT

Talk about blessings; okay, I think I will. Consider how unconscious we are of most of our body systems. Do you have any idea how you breathe? How your heart beats? These essential functions don't often require our thought. How the heck do our kidneys work? A man running a printing press dares not slumber, yet we enter unconsciousness most nights without a thought as to our nocturnal survival. We assume that our body will greet us in the morning with another day of life. And it does. *How?*

The answer is Christ. Colossians 1:17—"All has its cohesion in Him." The spirit of Christ keeps us together, physically and spiritually. Our vital, unconscious bodily functions picture in the physical world Christ's constant care of us in the spiritual. HE DOES NOT RELY ON US! (Thank God.)

# Martin Zender's Clanging Gong News

"If I know all mysteries and all knowledge, but have no love, I am a clanging gong" --1 Cor. 13:1-2



Two out of three isn't bad.

## Why Two Gospels?

### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION

If God's only interest is saving people from a horrible doom, why wouldn't one gospel be enough? Okay. I'm God, and here's my way of thinking: Give the law, show man's incapacity to accomplish its precepts, send a Sacrifice for sin, get people to put faith in the Sacrifice (and not in their own works), eventually tender faith to all, and then consummate my long-term purpose by subjecting everything to myself.



The multifarious wisdom of God

*Buzzz.* I'm a failure. Why? God is a multi-faceted jewel, and I, playing God, have only shown the universe a single facet.

One of the great unappreciated verses of scripture is Ephesians 3:10— "...that now may be made known to the sovereignties and the authorities among the celestials, through the ecclesia, the multifarious wisdom of God" (Concordant Literal New Testament).

The word "multifarious" is a mouthful in the Greek: *poiupoikilon*. Its elements are MANY-VARIOUS.

With the gospel of the Circumcision (Gal. 2:7), I have proven that, *even under ideal conditions*, mankind cannot attain to my righteousness and holiness. The key words here are "even under ideal conditions." I have given detailed instructions as to what makes me happy (the law); I have situated myself in the midst of my people (the tabernacle); I have sent my people prophets (Moses and others), and I forgive them once a year (the Day of Atonement) for screwing everything up, telling them after the goat disappears into the wilderness, "Now, don't do it again." Every year—bang—my worshippers get a fresh start. The result? MORE SCREWUPS THAN

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## Computer Update, as if anyone cares

You care about my computer, don't you? I thought so. Thank you. I returned my new HP Pavilion to Best Buy. It was an amazingly simple procedure. I did play a little game with the clerk. She said, "Is there something wrong with the computer?" I said, "No. My problem can be summarized in two words, and I'm guessing you

know what they are." She smiled, meaning she was willing to play the game. And yet she drew a blank. I said, "The first word starts with 'W,' and the second with 'V.'" She then responded with: "I wouldn't know anything about that. I'm a Mac user." I'm not saying she was gleeful or anything, but the fact that she had turned up yet another victim of the

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EVER. Well, “By works of law no flesh at all shall be justified” (Rom. 3:20).

Am I disappointed? No. My purpose all along was to show that, *even under ideal conditions*, mankind is incapable of righteousness. At this, I’ve succeeded famously.

Now, having accomplished this demonstration, I set out to accomplish another. This time, I want to put mankind at every *disadvantage* possible. I will build upon what I have demonstrated with the gospel of the Circumcision, and will now throw myself among total idiots who are worshipping idols with forty-seven tits and

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Windows Vista curse made her eyes twinkle so hard that a small piece of mascara flaked off her lashes and fell onto the counter.

My rescue comes in the form of a young man in Amarillo, Texas, by the name of Aaron Miller. He is a member of the body of Christ and a geek of the first order. Providentially, Aaron lives in the town headquartering the illustrious CPU.com franchise, and can procure the parts with which to build the computer of

tell them: “BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF MY SON, YOU WILL SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND AMONG THE CELESTIALS. I GIVE YOU EVERY BLESSING I HAVE, AND I LOVE YOU UNCONDITIONALLY.”

It seems to me that I have just revealed depths of my love and grace that no one in the universe has ever witnessed (Ephesians 3:1-3). And I will call it “the gospel of the Uncircumcision” (Galatians 2:7). ■



Aaron with his brothers Adam and Austin

my dreams. I should be able to recognize this computer when it materializes, as I have already owned the computer of my nightmares.

...TO BE CONTINUED! ■

## I’m a #\$\$@!\* conservative!



I upset a couple people when I aired my political views in the “Daniel, Chapter 7” letter. One person even said, “I was sorry to hear that you’re one of ‘the good ol’ boys.”

Most of the disgust the left wing has with the right is the association of the right with big religion and, by extension, religious hypocrisy. Thus, I am not a Republican. I do, however, believe in self-reliance and personal responsibility. But don’t worry; I’m not becoming political on you. Recall that I put *all* the political parties of man into the same heap: HUMAN FAILURE.

The Lamb is coming to replace the donkey *and* the elephant. ■

## What a Revelation!

In 1 Corinthians 15:51, the apostle Paul writes, “Lo! A secret to you am I telling!” He follows with a description of the snatching away of the saints to heaven, the first humans to be made immortal since the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is fashionable in certain circles to “pooh-pooh” this eclectic resurrection and make it the same as the well-publicized “second coming of Christ,” as prophesied by Daniel (Dan. 12:2). But wait. If Paul’s revelation was a secret, then the snatching away of the saints to heaven cannot be the same revelation spoken by Daniel. *That resurrection was already known!*

## Q&A

**2 Timothy 2:10 disturbs my peace. This verse says, “If we are disowning, He also will be disowning us.” I thought I couldn’t lose my salvation.**

You can’t. Read the verse before this one: “Faithful is the saying: ‘For if we died together, we shall be living together also; if we are enduring, we shall be reigning together also.’” These are two different statements. The “if we died together, we shall be living together also,” refers to eonian life. We *did* die together with Christ (Romans 6:3-11), so we *shall* be living together with Him. The second statement, “if we are enduring, we shall be reigning,” refers, obviously, to reigning. Not everyone who has eonian life, reigns. If we disown Him, He will also disown us—for *reigning*. We’re still saved. Concerning salvation, “He is remaining faithful—He cannot disown Himself. (verse 12).”