

The following devotional was prepared by Christine Darg in honor of Revelation TV, of which Peter Darg is chairman of the Trustees:

Scripture in 2 Corinthians 4: 7 compares believers to fragile clay jars containing a great treasure of the Holy Spirit. This makes it clear that our power is from God and not from ourselves.

A similar parable by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2: 20-21, declares, "And in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honour, and some to dishonour: So if anyone cleanses himself of what is unfit, he will be a vessel for honor: sanctified, useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work." All the vessels of the Lord's house are not of one size or the same function. There must be a purging, a sanctification, in order to be useful to the Master. Some vessels are silver and gold; this speaks of holiness, divine purpose and consecration. There are many contaminates in the world. God will use a clean and consecrated vessel.

It's amazing that God has deigned to choose "earthen vessels" to be his Gospel ministers. Not angels. Not any other category of celestial beings. But human beings who are: (1) frail (2) imperfect (3) lowly (4) weak (5) unimposing.

Generally speaking, the Lord preserves his vessels of clay until our tasks are completed so that the power of anything we accomplish is seen to be of him and not of our own doing. The Gospel message is a great treasure, a sacred trust that in his wisdom the Almighty has committed to us earthen vessels. We not only contain this treasure

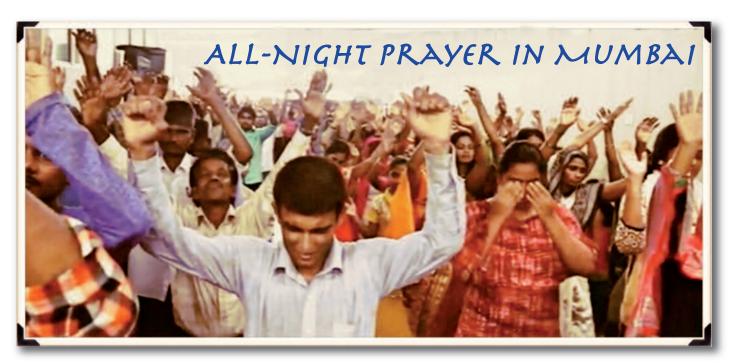
when we become born again, but we are also able to dispense it to all who will listen. The world is waiting for this treasure. As never before, the world must have a fresh hearing of the Gospel!

In 2 Corinthians, Paul described the spirit of faith of believers; he said those particularly on the front lines are "pressed on every side... perplexed... pursued... smitten down."

Nevertheless, our earthen vessel is preserved until our work is finished.

When we share the truth of the Gospel in all our various digital media platforms, people will take offense at the truth. Attacks, complaints and criticisms will come on a regular basis. But the attacks don't make us quit. On the contrary, opposition should strengthen us to proclaim the Gospel. When you shake a container, the contents become more powerful and authentic.

2 Corinthians 4: 1-5, Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways. We do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the Gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.





At right, inside our Feast of
Tabernacles succa (tent) on the Mt. of Olives,
Christine Darg issues you a special invitation
to attend our 15th annual New Year
Intercessory Prayer Conference in Jerusalem
3 to 7 January 2018

To register email yairmazur@gmail.com
Calling all "Watchers on the Walls!"
Celebrate with us the Centenary of General
Allenby's recapture of Jerusalem and Israel's
70th year as a reconstituted nation!

Peter and Christine Darg continue to reach Asia by sponsoring monthly all-night prayer gatherings to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of the Indian subcontinent. Christine participates via Skype and thus avoids increasing restrictions from the Hindu government against foreign preachers. Please pray for the anti-missionary attitude to change!



# Christine Darg Receives Jerusalem MERIT Peace & Reconciliation Prize from Canon Andrew White

The Jerusalem Channel's co-founder Christine Darg has received the 2017 Peace and Reconciliation Prize awarded by the heroic "vicar of Baghdad," Canon Andrew White, on behalf of his Jerusalem MERIT organization.

In awarding the prize, Canon White said, "The thing I have so in common with Christine is she is the only person—not one of many—but the only person I know who really stands with Jews, Arabs and Christians. She is a real person of reconciliation. Christine truly loves every—body in the Middle East! She has taken the Good News of Jesus to the children of both Isaac and Ishmael. She has been the Lord's unique channel of grace. . . As one who spends most of my time in the Middle East, I know that





a woman is not supposed to be able to do this.
But here in this most difficult region of the world, Christine moves in the Lord's strength."
The award was presented on the Mt.
of Olives at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles.
Previous prize winners have included the

### The Succa of the Lord on the Mt. of Olives!

As part of our ongoing ministry on the Mt. of Olives to prepare the way of the Lord's return in prophetic intercession, this year we received unusual favor to erect a Feast of Tabernacles succa (tent) for morning worship and evening convocations. Truly amazing! The Mt. of Olives is still an Arab neighborhood! The Holy Spirit's Presence was awesome during ministry time. Photos: exterior and interior of our precious succa.





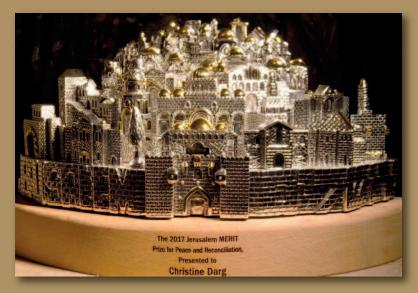




late Israeli statesman Shimon Peres,
former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord
Carey, and Rabbi Michael Melchior.
Christine said, "The prize belongs
equally to my husband Peter, who has
worked tirelessly throughout the Middle
East and around the world as a
broadcaster and minister of
reconciliation."

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2 Corinthians 5: 18 declares, "God, who reconciled us to himself through Messiah, has given us the ministry of reconciliation."



### Feast of Tabernacles Moves over to Jordan!

Part of the privilege of being led by the Holy Spirit is to accomplish the Lord's exploits as a team. This year for the first time during the Feast of Tabernacles, we crossed the Jordan River (below). We have ministered in Jordan many times but never during Succot (Tabernacles). We took the oil of joy of the Feast of Tabernacles, and with the help of Operation Blessing, we staged a feast and outreach for 300 Iraqi Christian refugees.

Petra is one of the Seven Wonders of the World where the Jewish people are destined to take refuge during the Great Tribulation. In Petra, we held a time of prophetic intercession (above right) for Israel's protection under the shadow of the Lord's wings, claiming Psalm 91.



Crossing the Jordan River: Photo by Helen Lineen





## 100 Years After the Balfour Declaration:

# The Prophetic Church Vs. The Progressive Church

Editor's Note: This month we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration calling for a Jewish homeland. What is the state of the Church while Israel continues to gain strength?

#### By Christine Darg

Can Christianity be trendy? Today's humanist world confronts and threatens our historic faith. One of the most deceptive words that's being bandied about in the worlds of politics and faith is "progressive." It sounds innocuous and positive, because making progress should be a good thing.

**A definition of progressive** is to be involved in continuous improvement. But there's a dark side of the word, and it's all part of the dumbing down of our faith to emphasize warm and fuzzy feelings over facts, foolish controversies and social justice over the Word. The word progressive has taken on a more deceptive definition to convey not just liberal ideas, but subversive and even seditious activities. Social progressivism is the view that governmental practices should be adjusted as society evolves, and now many so-called progressives in the United States even want to trample upon the Constitution. Progressive ideas are tied to a globalist agenda to promote a one-world government. Within many churches there's a push for Christianity to evolve into a social Gospel that goes beyond the teachings of the Bible.

In a so-called Progressive church, God is nothing but love; he wouldn't dare punish sinners in Hell. Progressives say, "We just need to love everybody." The notion of a literal hell is offensive. A Progressive Church says the Bible's position on marriage is outmoded and needs to come kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

An article by Alisa Childers, Signs Your Church Might Be Heading Toward Progressive Christianity, included the following red flags: a reduced view of the Bible's authority, an emphasis upon feelings over facts, redefining essential doctrines and emphasizing social

justice rather than the efficacy of the Cross.

But as we celebrate the centenary of Britain's Balfour Declaration calling for a Jewish homeland, I would like to mention another danger sign associated with so-called progressive Christianity: an appalling lack of interest in Bible prophecy and Israel, despite the fact that many Bible prophecies concerning Israel have been fulfilled in our generation. These Progressive Churches are so earthly minded that they're not paying attention to what's going on in heavenly signs and in the fulfillment of Bible prophecies. There is too much emphasis upon celebrities and experts and worldly wisdom.

**Having a blind spot** to the signs of the times results in churches going down the erroneous road of Replacement Theology. I tend to assume that most evangelicals know what Replacement Theology is, but just the other day a Christian on Facebook asked me for a definition of Replacement Theology. It is supersessionism, a false claim that the Church has inherited all of God's promises and covenants to the Jewish people. Those who promote this heresy tend to say anti-semitic statements such as "God is finished with the Jews." Supersessionism, or Replacement Theology, holds that the Christian Church has succeeded the Israelites as the definitive people of God and that the New Testament has superseded the Hebrew Scriptures. Any Progressive Church that doesn't recognize all of the authority of the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation will fall into the Replacement Theology trap. The Bible has a lot to say about honoring your father and mother, and the Jewish people are our patriarchs and matriarchs. Without them, Christianity has no origins and cannot explain itself, for as Jesus himself said, "salvation proceeds from the Jews." They are the roots; we are the grafted-in branches of God's olive tree. The false doctrine of Replacement Theology results in dangerous anti-Semitism which grieves the heart of God. So-called progressives believe the church is marching on without God fulfilling his covenants with the Jewish people. Progressives do not consider

the many promises in the Word that define the God of Israel as a covenant-keeping God. He promised to reinstate the Jewish people in the last days prior to the Second Coming. Paul wonderfully explained this promise in Romans 11. Jesus predicted the return of the Jews to Jerusalem in Luke 21:24.

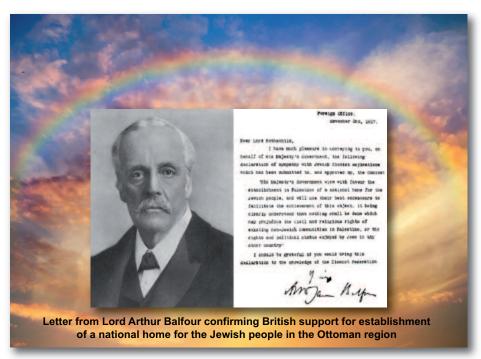
Many verses in the Hebrew Scriptures promise that God will restore the nation of Israel after 2,000 years of their wandering in the nations. Hosea 6: 2 prophesies, "Come, and let us return to the Lord, For He has torn, but He will heal us, He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days [in Bible code language 2 days is 2 thousand years] He will revive us, And on the third day He will raise us

*up that we may live in His sight.*" Amen! It's happening before our eyes!

A sales clerk was helping me, and she complained about knee pain. I said the Lord could heal her, we've seen many people healed of weak knees, and she said, oh, yes, she believes that the Lord is a Healer because her pastors preach healing and see miracles. I asked if her pastors also teach on Bible prophecy and the significance of Israel, but she drew a blank. Apparently those topics aren't on the spiritual radar screen of her church. When God's covenants with Israel aren't taught in a church, it's dangerous. When a congregation is kept in the dark about what I call "Israelogy--" studying the past, present and future of Israel-- the flock of God is unaware of God's timeline.

In our ministry, we strive to preach all the counsel of God because in whatever area of God's Word that we lack revelation, in that area we'll be weak. Teaching is important; evangelism is important; healing is important; understanding the times and the significance of the rebirth of the nation of Israel are also important.

We've seen the dumbing down of history in our western nations by the progressives. We've also seen the revision of history in the Middle East so that many in the churches tragically don't understand that God is restoring his Jewish people at this time. Some so-called progressives even foolishly fight God with anti-semitic boycotts and sanctions against Israel. The world loudly promotes BDS- boycott, divestment and sanctions. Yet in the marvelous prophetic chapter, Zechariah 12, in the last days the Lord says he'll seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. At the present moment the



Lord is fighting for Zion....there are some Christians who don't believe —(and I wonder if they're real believers), that Israel is a fulfillment of God's prophetic word. However, the re-creation of Israel is the word of God being fulfilled, and that means if Israel is threatened, the Almighty will be forced into a confrontation with antagonistic nations. Can you see why we need constantly to pray for Israel and also for our nations that they don't oppose the Almighty?

Another red flag in so-called Progressive churches is the danger of becoming bogged down with foolish controversies. The Bible warns us to avoid foolish controversies. The Apostle Paul said to one of his protégés in Titus 3: 9, "Don't get involved in foolish discussions about genealogies, spiritual pedigrees or in arguments and quarrels about obedience to Jewish laws. These things," Pauls said, are "a waste of time." So on the one hand we want to keep up with Bible prophecy and the recovery of our Hebrew roots, but we also must avoid dogmatic requirements about Sabbath-keeping, dietary laws and how to pronounce the Hebrew names of Iesus and God. These controversies are not essential to salvation and become very divisive. Jesus said in Matthew 22 that the law and the prophets are summed up in the greatest commandment to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." So let's enjoy our Gospel liberty of recovering our Hebrew Roots without becoming dogmatic or legalistic.

Unlike the so-called Progressive Church,  $\rightarrow$ 

### 100 Years after the Balfour Declaration: Prophetic Church vs. Progressive Church

the Prophetic Church is in tune with the Holy Spirit. The true Prophetic Church understands the times like the children of Issachar to know what Israel and the Church should do in these tumultuous last days.

## The Prophetic Church busy preaching the

is very busy preaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Prophetic Church is faithfully continuing to fulfill the mandate of Jesus in Acts 1: 8 to take the Gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The Prophetic Church is truly progressive in the sense that it has progressed from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth and is returning to God's eternal city Jerusalem, not Rome, and we're bringing the Gospel torch back to Jerusalem.

The Prophetic Church realizes that time is a gift from God and isn't to be wasted, that every hour counts while souls are transitioning into eternity. The Prophetic Church cherishes all the gifts of the Spirit and sees them as supernatural equipment to keep the Body of Messiah pure, free and walking in divine health as much as is humanly possible despite our frailties, foibles and tendency towards doubt and unbelief. But the truly Prophetic Church works hard to believe God and to purge out doubt.

The Prophetic Church is cutting edge; it keeps its eye upon Jerusalem, knowing that specific Bible prophecies are coming to pass. The Prophetic Church is watching on the walls, praying for the peace of Jerusalem and interceding for the outpouring of the spirit of grace and supplications upon the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

The so-called Progressive Church, which is, in



Paula Gilbert sings our ministry's theme song to Christian Refugees in Jordan, 'You Raise Me Up So I Can Walk on Mountains & Stormy Seas'

fact, an Apostate Church, claims there are "no sacred cows in Christianity." But the Prophetic Church is recovering truth that has been lost or kicked aside. The Prophetic Church is not afraid to recover its Hebraic roots. This is not to say that Judaizing within Christianity isn't dangerous.

Legalistic believers can be divisive and, quite frankly, arrogant and haughty. But the Prophetic Church acknowledges that salvation has proceeded from the Jews, and that Jesus will return soon to restore the Davidic kingdom to Israel.

Jesus' disciples were hoping after his resurrection that he would at that time restore the kingdom to Israel, restore David's throne and put down their Roman enemies. But all of that Bible prophecy was put on hold until the Gospel of the Kingdom was preached around the world. And now that the Gospel *has* been preached in every nation, and untold numbers of gentiles have been saved over the past millenia, now the times of the Gentiles are almost fulfilled.

Soon the last remaining gentile who is to be redeemed will experience a saving knowledge of the Messiah Jesus, and then finally the time will come for all Israel to be saved! What a glorious day that is going to be! Then truly God's moral law shall go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

We are living in an extended period of grace because the Church Age is rapidly culminating and Israel is on the rise again!

#### The mandate of EXPLOITS MINISTRY

Acts 1:8 'And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'

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