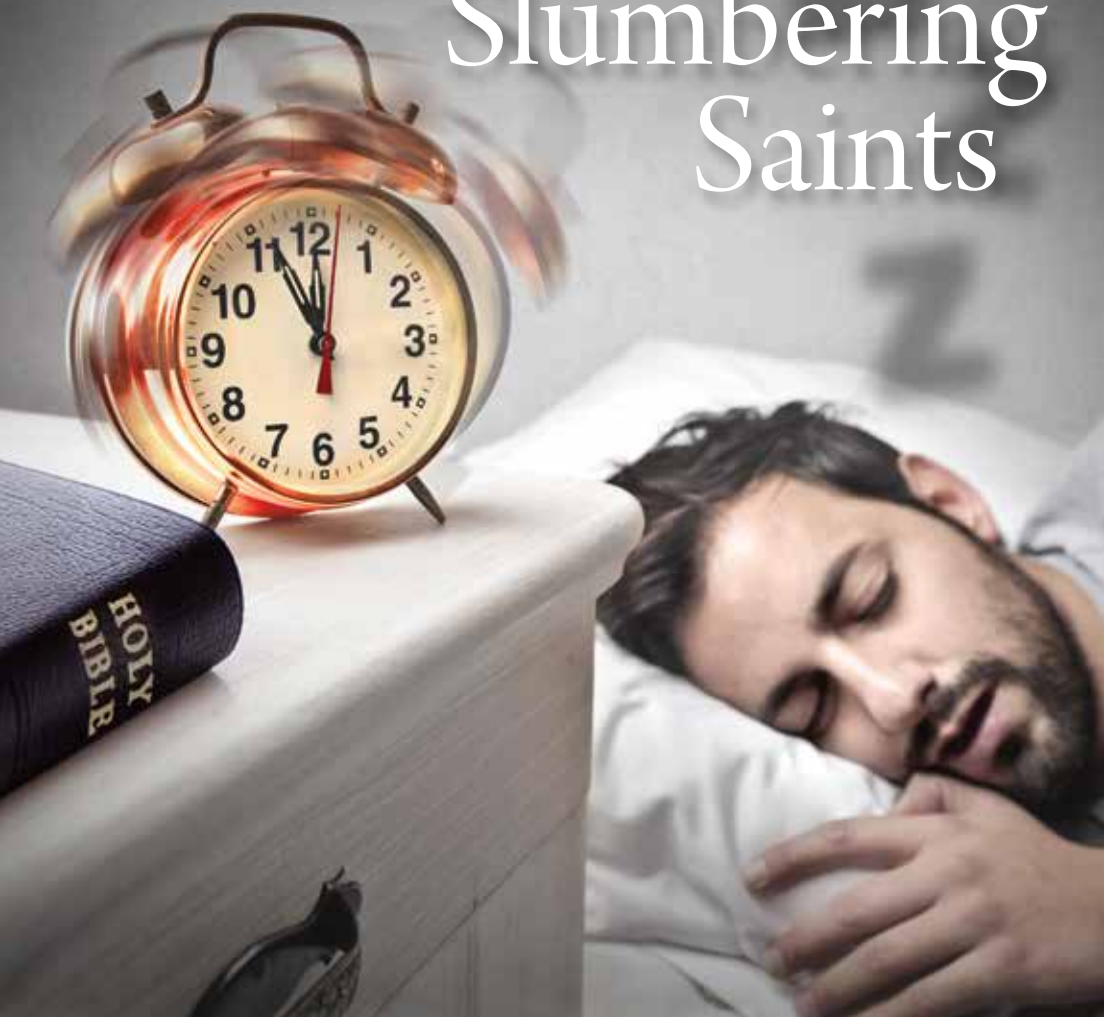


Wakening the Slumbering Saints



THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

Have you ever driven while drowsy? Let's be honest! Most of us have pushed ourselves a little too far at the wheel when we should have pulled over. Or have you ever allowed yourself to be so distracted by your smartphone that you barely avoided an accident?

In the same way, most people are flying down the freeway of life on cruise control, hardly paying attention to the prophetic signs popping up everywhere. Sure, sobering events momentarily catch their eyes, but do they connect these world tragedies with the soon return of Jesus?

We might excuse the average person from recognizing the signs, but can you imagine church members becoming so busy with everyday life that they don't stop to consider the momentous times in which we live? The Bible says, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light ... [not] of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6). Yet so many Christians are asleep at the wheel!

Never have I seen such serious world events on the military, political, and religious landscape than what we've witnessed this past year—all awakening my desire to be ready for the coming of Christ. Whether it's the horrific violence of ISIS or fascinating religious developments (see our "What a Year!" article), these events tell us the same thing: Get ready for Jesus to return!



So the theme for this issue of *Inside Report* is revival. It is our desire at Amazing Facts to be a voice in the wilderness, to call people to total repentance and to deepen their walk with God. The time to wake up is not next week or when your church has its next evangelistic series. The time is now!

I continue to be amazed at the doors God opens for Amazing Facts to spread the everlasting gospel around the world. This coming year, 2015, we celebrate 50 years of God's incredible work in preparing people for the final events. As you watch for more on our 50th anniversary in coming issues, please accept my gratitude for being a vital part of it.


I hope you are encouraged by this special edition of the *Inside Report*. Just don't read it while you're driving. 

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Reaching Australia

"I have found Amazing Facts to be inspirational, and I love the wealth of information on your website. I have recently become a Christian, and Pastor Doug is such a blessing. The wonderful sermons, DVDs, and books that are available here online ensure that I gain the truth. So a thousand thanks to your team!" *Kareen, Western Australia*

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"I was raised Baptist in the South. Three years ago, I stopped going to church. I stopped because I was not growing; it felt like a routine. It became more about what kind of car I drove. ... I was tired of not getting the information God had for me. I know God led me to Amazing Facts on Lightsource.com. Since that time I have been studying the Bible and listening to you at work and at home. Thank you for revealing the truth about God's Word and what He wants for my life. I have been looking for a new church home and want to be careful about where my family and I learn and worship. I listened to your teachings on the Antichrist and found it to be very eye-opening, and it made me research my history!"
Shelonda, web comment



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"My husband and I were having a hard time finding a home church. As we were flipping through the channels one Saturday, we discovered Amazing Facts. We were very drawn to Pastor Bachelor's sermons and have since found a home church. We want to let him know that he is still reaching country folk and was the push in starting our new journey. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. You have reached and changed our lives!" *Stacey, California*

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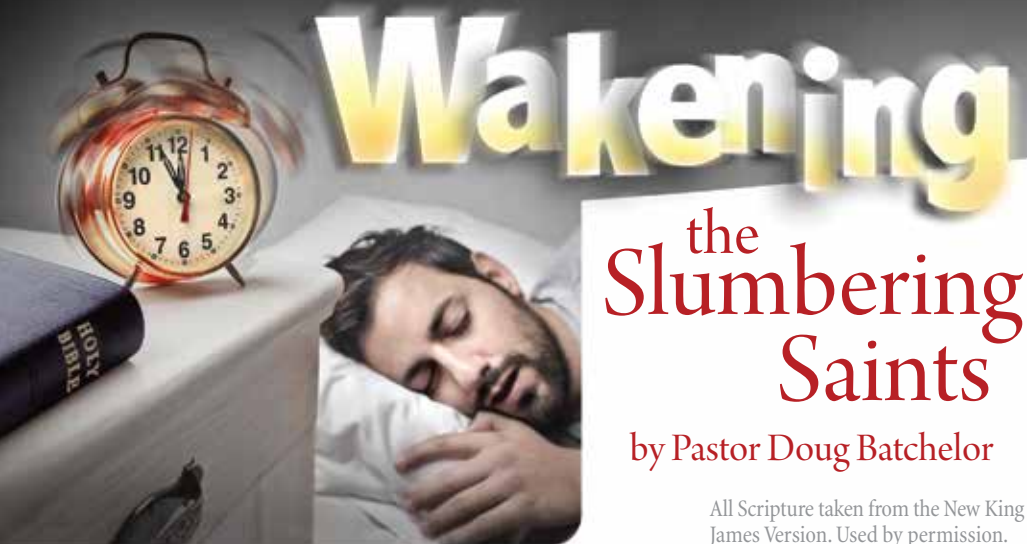
Each winter the common wood frog freezes solid. It quits breathing, and its heart stops beating. But when warm weather returns, it miraculously comes back to life! The Alaskan wood frog has even been revived after enduring just 3.2 degrees Fahrenheit. These “frogsicles” can endure multiple freeze and thaw cycles because of their natural cryoprotectants—solutions that lower the freezing temperature of tissue. Scientists are interested in learning from these frogs in order to cryopreserve human organs for tissue-matching. Reviving organs after freezing them for a short period would enable them to be shipped around the world and save many more lives.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; old things
have passed away; behold, all
things have become new.”*

—2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV







Wakening

the Slumbering Saints

by Pastor Doug Batchelor

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An Amazing Fact: *Studies show that being awake for more than 20 hours in a row is little different than having a blood alcohol level of 0.08, the legal limit in all states. More than 100,000 car accidents each year are caused by drowsy driving and result in 1,550 deaths, 71,000 injuries, and \$12.5 billion in losses!*

Dozens of legends across many cultures of the world tell of sleeping heroes, knights in shining armor, who lay drowsily under vast mountains, awaiting the right moment to arise and

save their kingdoms.

These snoozing

fictional

characters

are often

discovered deep in underground caverns by unsuspecting herdsmen.

In one version, a shepherd finds a great warrior asleep. When the soldier awakens, he asks the shepherd, “Do the ravens still circle the mountaintop?”

The herdsmen answers, “Yes.”

The hero replies, “Go away, for my time has not yet come!”

God’s people, the church—you!, are called to be the heroes in these last days. We have been given a special message to prepare the world for the final battle of the ages and the ushering in of God’s glorious kingdom.

But many of these warrior-saints are spiritually asleep. They mumble to others,

“My time

has not yet come.”

Two inspiring Bible characters are to rouse us from our lethargy, telling us, “The time is now!” Elijah and John the Baptist stand before us as heroes we need to emulate. They both lived in times of serious spiritual decline and were used by God to awaken and prepare others for momentous events. As we look at their examples in these difficult spiritual days, you’ll discover parallels in their ministries that can guide our lives today and awaken us as God’s warriors.

Malachi’s Prophecy

The last words of the Old Testament make known a stirring and powerful prophecy that has often been misunderstood:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5, 6).

In the time of Jesus, many believed that Elijah would literally come down from heaven to live again on the earth, or possibly be reborn into a new man. Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” So they answered and said, ‘John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again’” (Luke 9:18, 19).

The Jews had anticipated that Elijah would soon come to announce the advent of

the Messiah. But Malachi’s prophecy wasn’t intended to imply that the Old Testament prophet would return. Instead, it was Elijah’s spirit of *revival* and *reformation* that was predicted to return.

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the LORD.”

Speaking of the birth of John the Baptist, the angel Gabriel said to Zacharias, “He will also go before Him *in the spirit and power of Elijah*, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17, emphasis added). Gabriel was pointing out that John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi’s prophecy.

John was to precede the Lord to do a special work of revival and reformation. Jesus later confirmed, “For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come” (Matthew 11:13, 14).

But Malachi’s prophecy does not end with the Baptist. Notice: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet *before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD* (emphasis

added).” This “great and dreadful day,” also called “the great day of His wrath” (Revelation 6:17), is synonymous with the second coming. The final fulfillment of this prophecy happens just before Christ returns!

The Spirit and Power of Elijah

To better understand this prophecy, let’s go back to the time of Elijah. The first person filled with the “spirit and power of Elijah” was not John the

Baptist, but rather Elisha, the servant of Elijah. When God revealed that He would soon take Elijah up to heaven, Elisha asked to receive a double portion of Elijah’s spirit (2 Kings 2:9, 10).

As Elisha witnessed Elijah’s rapture, he was baptized with a double portion of Elijah’s spirit. “Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, ‘The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha’” (2 Kings 2:15).

What will the spirit and power of Elijah do? “He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers” (Malachi 4:6). True revival transforms our homes and spreads into our communities. The Elijah message regenerates the hearts of families and reestablishes godly relationships.



Notice how Gabriel deepens this prophecy: “He will turn many of the children of Israel *to the Lord their God*” (Luke 1:16, 17, emphasis added). The Elijah message doesn’t just help to reunite families; it also brings disobedient earthly children into connection with their heavenly Father.

In my studies of Elijah and John, I’ve found many interesting parallels. But even more exciting are the ways in which their ministries speak to our day. These ancient

Bible heroes have characteristics that need to awaken in our hearts here in these last days if we are to thrive as God's people. Their work is to be our work.

Bold and Fearless

Elijah and John the Baptist fearlessly stood before kings and spoke a bold message. When King Ahab accused Elijah of creating problems in Israel, Elijah courageously replied, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals" (1 Kings 18:18).

With the same fortitude, John spoke against King Herod's immoral relationship when he told him, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife" (Mark 6:18). He literally lost his head over this daring charge.

Jesus predicted that His followers would someday preach straight messages in the same way: "Watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them" (Mark 13:9).

Great revivals do not come when messages are aimed to please people (see Galatians 1:10). Bold proclamations of clear, uncompromising truth that defy sin in all its forms awaken the conscience and pave the way for life-changing reforms.

Paul warned of resistance to this work: "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

Pure and Humble

There are also strong similarities between the lifestyles of Elijah and John the Baptist. Neither of them grew up in king's palaces but lived in the wilderness (1 Kings 17:1–5; John 1:23). Both had very simple diets (1 Kings 17:11; Mark 1:6). The unassuming rigors of their lives kept their minds clear and their bodies strong for the special work God called them to do.

Likewise, the church in the last days will be best prepared to share the Elijah message by living the Elijah lifestyle—pure and humble. Our diets and living habits directly affect our ability to discern and communicate God's truths. Even the power to resist temptation is often traceable to what we eat.

The plain clothing of Elijah and John are also spoken of in the Bible. Elijah is described as clothed with a garment made of hair and "wearing a leather belt" (2 Kings 1:8). Likewise, "John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist" (Mark 1:6).

Modest dress marked these reformers and will be hallmarks for those who carry on the work of revival in our time. People today are obsessed with fashion. Most clothing designers highlight a person's sexuality. In a search for love we fall captive to looking to others for significance instead of looking to God. The church can give the world a loving rebuke, without saying a word, simply by dressing modestly. (See Ephesians 4:24 and 1 Timothy 2:9.)

A humble spirit was also exhibited by both Elijah and John. The former prophet didn't hesitate to run before the king's chariot like a

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Touching Hearts in China

"I once hated Sabbathkeepers. Never did I think I would love a church I once despised."

The Internet is a powerful tool being used by God to reach the people of China. Amazing Facts is not taking a backseat to this wonderful opportunity, as our team on the ground is busy translating our written and video materials so that millions in the land of the red dragon can hear Bible truth.

We've recently set up a new audio and video studio, and our team is now adding content daily to our Chinese-language website. In the past four


months alone, 68,000 new visitors reached our website and we've corresponded with more than 7,000 people regarding their Bible questions, with 99 students also registering in the online Bible school. With such a giant territory and with religious activities tightly controlled by the government, it's difficult to gather information, but we are aware of at least 215 precious souls who have been baptized after their contact with Amazing Facts.

Here are some of their beautiful stories.

Truth Convicts Mr. Han

Recently, Mr. Han from the Zhejiang Province contacted us through our Chinese website to make a donation. When we asked him about his experience with Amazing Facts, he explained, "I have watched *Cosmic Conflict* and *Final Events* many times. Pastor Doug has helped me understand many Bible truths."

He told how, during a low point in his life, he was looking through Christian videos on one of China's largest video hosting sites. That's when he discovered *Cosmic Conflict*.



“It was beautiful and done so professionally, so I went directly to your website and watched almost every video available.”

When Mr. Han tried to share his newfound discoveries with his pastor, he was warned to stop visiting the website, but Mr. Han continued to share his faith with others in his church. “I now believe Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath and that it was not abolished,” he explains. The team in China helped him find a Sabbathkeeping church. He says, “I once hated Sabbathkeepers. Never did I think I would love a church I once despised.”

A Church Group Transformed

A woman from Shanxi province in China says her Sunday church group recently watched a video espousing an eternally burning hell. “We felt tormented inside. If we rejected what we saw, would we all end up burning in hell forever? How does this fit into our understanding of God’s love?”

As they prayed, one of the ladies in her group happened to have the web address for the website. At first they were hesitant to listen to a “foreigner,” but after watching *Final Events*, the group felt led by God to keep watching. Today, of the 70 members in her church, 20 of them now keep the seventh day holy and many were rebaptized. “Even though we face many obstacles, the Holy Spirit used *Amazing Facts* to help guide us into the right path!”


Freed from Chains

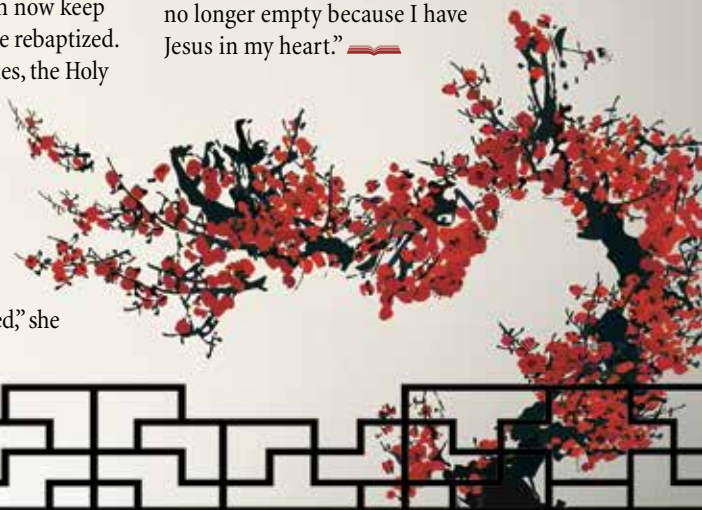
After a horrifying experience in college, Miss Tian shares that her life took a tragic turn. “I was forced into a car by several men and violated,” she

recalls. “After that, I felt deep resentment in my heart and turned away from God.”

She felt the world was a dirty place, and she hated her life. “I gave up and started making lots of money as a mistress to rich men. But I just wanted to die,” she remembers. “It was all empty.” After dropping out of college, Miss Tian struggled to feel worthy again. She began attending a Sunday church, but one day her pastor played the *Cosmic Conflict* DVD. It was so interesting that she went home and found our Chinese website.

Miss Tian began to study more and became convicted to keep the seventh day as God’s true Sabbath. As she continued to struggle with feelings of unworthiness, we pointed her to the story of Mary Magdalene, which gave her peace, and she continued watching more videos.

Today, she is a faithful Sabbathkeeper. Since the closest church is three hours away, she worships at home, but recently she wrote, “I know that God loves me. I found a good job. I am living in His grace each day and feel like throwing flower petals into the air! Thanks in part to *Amazing Facts*, my life is no longer empty because I have Jesus in my heart.” 



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WITH LAURIE LYON

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To find these answers, we need some clues from the Bible. Here are two really important ones:

1. **“God is light”** (1 John 1:5).
2. Jesus is the **“the true light that gives light to everyone”** (John 1:9 NIV).

Wow! So God is more than just the brightest Light of all. He is also the very source of light. In fact,

**SMILE BIG
AND SPEAK
KINDLY!**


If you believe in Jesus, He says, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). You might be thinking, “Who, me?” That’s right! You are a light because you can reflect His light (His love) to others. Here are a few ways you can be a light for Jesus:

- Smile (yes, a smile can cheer someone and give them courage)
- Speak kindly (remember, words are powerful!)
- Be patient
- Share with others
- Be helpful to your parents and teachers
- Invite a neighbor to Sabbath School
- Save up money to help missions

Can you think of more things you can do to help others see the light and love of Jesus?



it, but the people around us see what we do and how we treat others. For example, when something upsets us, do we throw a fit, or do we try to be calm and patient? When we see someone who needs help, do we wait for others to lend a hand, or do we step up to help them ourselves? If Mom or Dad asks us to do a chore, do we grumble or pout about it, or do we do it cheerfully? If we make a mistake, do we make up an untrue story to cover our guilt, or do we admit it and say we're sorry?

Making the right choices in our words and actions is one way we let Jesus' light shine through us. Will you shine His light today? 



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so that others will see the

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Use the code block above to decipher the Bible passage.

Here's a clue: The letter S would be 23, and the letter T would be 41. Fill in the missing letters, then read the verse to find out what Jesus said about light.

Answer: “Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16 CEV).

BIBLE ANSWERS WITH DOUG BATCHELOR




Q. Can a thought be a sin?

A. Logically speaking, we know that all wrongdoing begins with a thought. It has always been this way. Even sin itself began with a thought (see Isaiah 14:12, 13). And the Bible tells us that mankind was so wicked before the Flood that “every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5 NKJV).

In Matthew 5:21, 22, our Lord says, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment” (NKJV). Jesus is addressing the danger of even thinking angry thoughts. Furthermore, we read in verses 27 and 28: “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (NKJV). The Lord is saying that sin is not always an action; it’s an attitude. Sin is first conceived in our thoughts.

Another time, Jesus listed evil thoughts among sins that defile (see Mark 7:21–23). In the Sermon on the Mount, He spent more time talking about the attitude of pride and sinful thoughts than the actual deeds, because virtually every sinful deed originates with a sinful thought in the mind.

However, a wrong thought is not necessarily a sin. Obviously, being tempted is not a sin. During a temptation, something wrong is being proposed. At that point, it’s only a thought. But watch out! Holding on to it, dwelling on it, will cause it to gain momentum. You want to be able to dismiss that thought promptly. We can do that only with God’s help. In order to resist and squelch sin, we need to begin by asking the Lord to cleanse our minds and guide our thoughts with the Holy Spirit. 

Q. Why is it necessary to be “born again” to be saved?


A. If everyone is already a child of God, is it really necessary to be born again?

The Bible says, “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12, 13 NKJV). This passage says that “to become” children of God, we must believe in His name. The result of accepting Christ as your Savior is being born again.

Jesus told Nicodemus that unless he was born again, he could not see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus was initially confused by this metaphor, so Christ clarified, “Most assuredly, ... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:5, 6 NKJV). The flesh refers to our natural birth, and the Spirit speaks of our spiritual rebirth. We all have been born of the flesh, but not everyone has been born of the Spirit. (See also 1 Corinthians 15:50.)

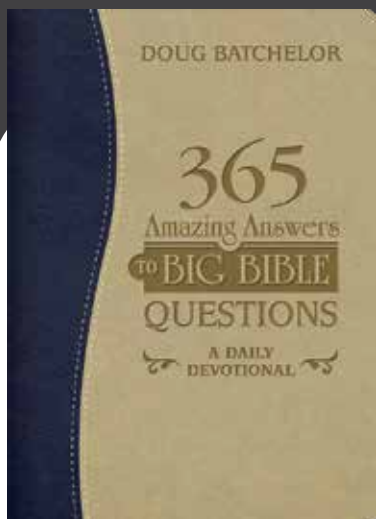


It’s a fundamental belief in Christianity that we must recognize we are sinners. Seeing that we need Jesus as our Savior, we come to Him, confess our sins, and ask Him to cleanse us and create a new heart within us. God will never force us, so unless we willingly ask Jesus into our hearts, the Lord cannot fully work within us.

In the Bible, we see John the Baptist baptizing people in the waters of the Jordan. The disciples of Christ also baptized. Baptism is a symbol of a new birth—just as when a baby emerges from its protective envelope of water and takes its first breath. This sacred ceremony is the public declaration that we’re on God’s side and have become His children. It’s a sign that we want to remove the sin in our lives and be Christ-like. It’s important for our own spiritual growth and as a witness to others. 



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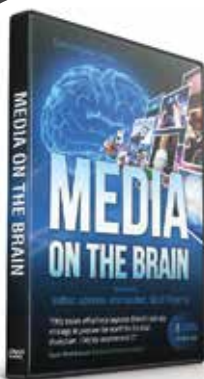
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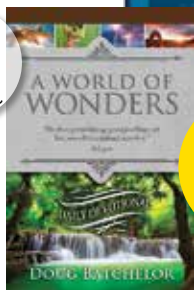
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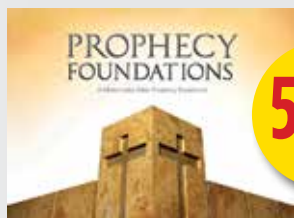
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We'd also like you to know that you will receive a complimentary copy of this brand-new sharing magazine in lieu of the next issue of *Inside Report*. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support as this project moves forward.



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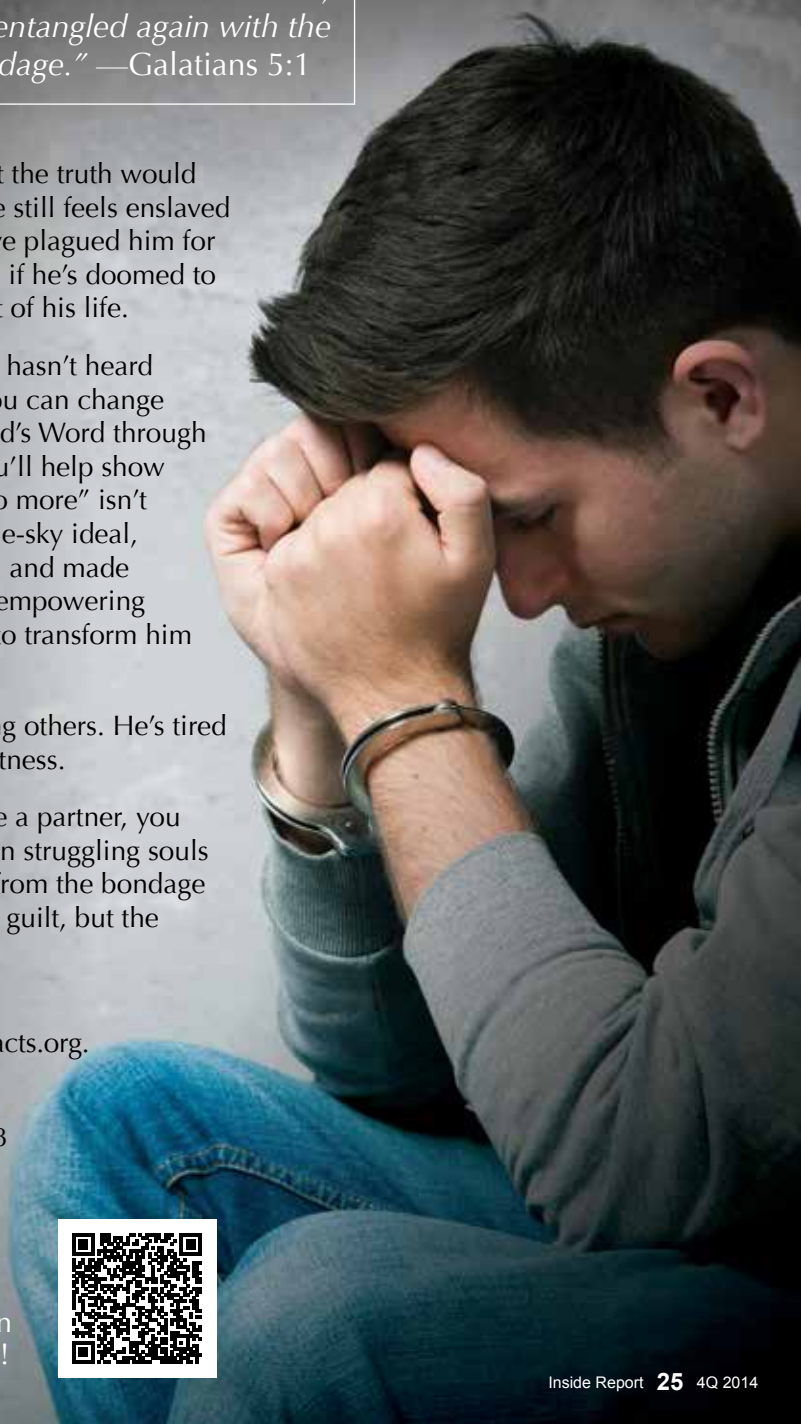
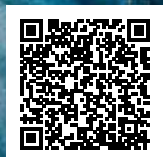
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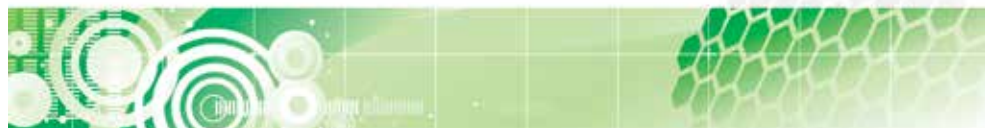
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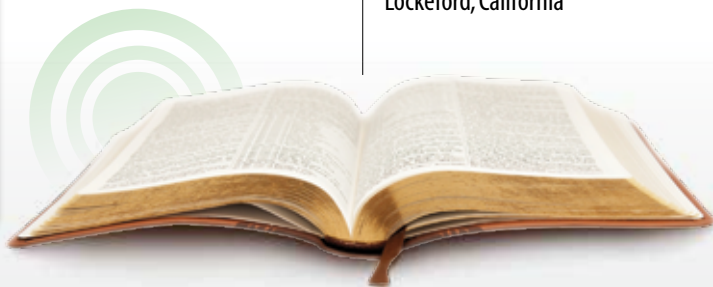
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PROPHECY WATCH

WHAT A YEAR!

Significant world events in 2014 affirm the prophetic times in which we live.

Even the most casual observers among us know that 2014 was an important year in human history. From the Ebola epidemic exploding on the scene in West Africa, killing thousands, to state bans on gay marriage being struck down by the nation's highest court—*something is happening!*

New York Times writer Timothy Egan even suggests that 2014 has been a year particularly bent on conflicts rooted in religion, as the brutal Islamic state rampaged through the Middle East and Hamas and Israel lobbed bombs at one another. Even Hollywood has been focused on

religion lately, with one film critic saying 2014 was “the year of the Bible” in popular film.

But most notably, the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, has made unprecedented overtures to Protestants and other religious groups toward unity, making him an ever-popular figure taking center stage in the political and religious world.

What does it all mean? Let's take a brief look at what happened in 2014 ...



FEBRUARY 28:

Son of God movie released. Omits message of why Christ died.



MARCH 19:

Nation of Guinea announces major outbreak of Ebola.

JANUARY 14: Pope invites end of separation between Protestants and Catholics in viral video message.



FEBRUARY 17: Pastor Jamie Coots, Pentecostal snake-handling preacher, dies from snake bite when he refused anti-venom treatment.



MARCH 28:

Noah released; drifts significantly away from biblical account.

APRIL 15: Boko Haram, an Islamic jihadist terror organization, kidnaps 276 female students in Chibok in Nigeria. In November, 200 are still missing.



JUNE 5: ISIS begins offensive through northern Iraq, aiming to capture Baghdad. This self-proclaimed Islamic State is a Sunni, extremist, jihadist group and condemned for mass atrocities by the UN, including religious persecution.



APRIL 10: *Heaven Is for Real* released; espouses unbiblical view of the afterlife.

MAY 29: Pope visits Holy Land and invites opposing leaders to the Vatican for prayer.



JUNE 19: Presbyterians vote to allow same-sex weddings in church.

APRIL 27: Two popes canonized (John Paul II and John XXIII)



JUNE 5: Major U.S. Evangelicals meet pope at Vatican. One says, "I like that this pope is trying to make the church larger."



JUNE 24: Pope meets with Pentecostals Kenneth Copeland and James Robison.

JULY 8: Israel launches Operation Protective Edge against Palestine. More than 2,200 killed.



AUGUST 7:

World Health Organization calls Ebola epidemic an international emergency.



AUGUST 2: First American missionary infected with Ebola, evacuated to Atlanta. Kent Brantly, a 33-year-old doctor from Texas contracted the virus at an Ebola care center in Liberia. He later recovered.

OCTOBER 3:

Left Behind released, espousing false but popular rapture theory.



SEPTEMBER 2:

ISIS militants behead American journalist as part of brutal campaign.



OCTOBER 14: Catholic bishops call for church to welcome homosexuals. Pope says, “Who am I to judge?”



OCTOBER 6: Supreme Court clears the way for legalizing same-sex unions in five states.



NOVEMBER 4: Ebola crisis deepens with 13,268 cases and 4,960 deaths reported.



NOVEMBER 17: Rick Warren (megachurch pastor) and Russell Moore (Southern Baptist Convention leader) meet with pope for interfaith Vatican conference that includes Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, Taoist, and Sikh religions.

OCTOBER 27: Pope states evolution is not inconsistent with Scripture.




DECEMBER 12: *Exodus: Gods and Kings* released. Presents a Moses inconsistent with Scripture.



Looking back over the year 2014, it would be well for us to be like “the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do” (1 Chronicles 12:32). How shall we respond? When God comes, as He did to Eve, and asks, “What is this you have done?” may we not reply as she did, saying, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate” (Genesis 3:13).

Jesus warned that, near the end of the world, pestilences would break out (Matthew 24:7), nation would rise against nation, and a dormant religious-political beast power would rise to

prominence and command the world to follow (Revelation 13:3).

But He told us these things *not* so that we would be “troubled,” but rather that we would not be misled—and so that we would work hard to share His message! Now is the time for serious reflection, not fear! With prophecy markers all around us, today is the day to watch as faithful, wise servants for Christ’s return. The messages of religious leaders, news commentators, and even filmmakers in 2014 are our wake-up call to genuine revival. 

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servant. John once said of Jesus, “He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry” (Matthew 3:11). The work of reform is not led by proud workers covered in a false religious cloak. It originates from hearts that “walk humbly” with God (Micah 6:8).

Baptizing and Discipling

We might assume that Elijah and John the Baptist were Lone Ranger types, but that is far from the truth. Elijah visited the schools of the prophets and mentored Elisha to continue his work (see 2 Kings 2:3–7). John also had students (disciples) that he trained (see John 1:35). Both combined spiritual instruction with practical work and service to others.

God’s last great work on earth will not be carried by a few prominent leaders. It is not in the hands of a select group of clergy that the final message is carried throughout the world. Many disciples and laypersons will be trained to proclaim the everlasting gospel. God will use Spirit-filled followers, regardless of social class, to share the Bible. The Elijah message involves both training and proclaiming, both study and service.

It’s interesting that both Elijah and John have connections to the Jordan River. Elijah told Elisha, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan” (2 Kings 2:6). John, of course, did much of his work by this river. “Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins” (Matthew 3:5, 6).

The Israelites miraculously passed through the Jordan after leaving Egypt and the wilderness and before entering the Promised Land. The Jordan symbolized a transition between an old life and a new life. It is a fitting representation of baptism.

When John preached his revival sermons to the crowds, the people were convicted of sin and confessed their transgressions. It was a necessary step before being lowered into the water, which depicts “dying” to self.

So also in the last days, when a message of revival is shared with the world, people will feel the guilt of sin weighing on their hearts and, in response, they will turn to Christ, repenting of their old way of life. Like the early church, the Holy Spirit will be poured out and thousands will be baptized in huge numbers, seeking the cleansing freedom of a new life in Jesus (see Matthew 28:19).



Restoring Worship and Glorifying God

Both Elijah and John the Baptist worked to bring people back to God. This is what Elijah did at Mount Carmel: “Elijah said to all the people, ‘Come near to me.’ So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down” (1 Kings 18:30). The altar was in disrepair because God’s people had turned to the worship of Baal. So also, John gave the Jews a wake-up call, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2).


The focus of these reformers was not on themselves. They pointed others to God. Elijah prayed, “Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God” (1 Kings 18:37). John said of Jesus, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). He directed people to Christ. “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Those who preach the Elijah message will make glorifying God their top priority. There will be no room for exalting self.

Results of the Work

When Elijah prayed on Mount Carmel and fire came down and consumed the sacrifice, the people “fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!’” (1 Kings 18:39). When John the Baptist called Israel to repent, “Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized” (Mark 1:5).

These two brave prophets delivered a message that sparked revival and reformation among God’s people.

Today, many Christians languish in spiritual drowsiness and casual sin. Because judgment will begin with the house of God (see Ezekiel 9:6; 1 Peter 4:17), the Elijah message must first go to the church. God’s plan to reach the entire world happens when Christians cooperate with heavenly agencies. Revival begins in the body of Christ. It must begin now!

After Israel repented at Mount Carmel, Elijah prayed for rain and God poured out His blessing. We, too, may receive a latter rain of the Holy Spirit (James 5:7) if we will wake up, for our time has come to arouse from our drowsiness and prepare a people ready to meet our coming King (Luke 1:17). 



The Everlasting Gospel Proclaimed in *Australia*



Denise Kelly was delighted to learn that Pastor Doug Batchelor would be speaking in Derby, Western Australia, this past September. For 10 years, this Aboriginal lady has been studying her Bible and was thrilled to have Pastor Doug preach in person and even assist at her baptismal service.

And she wasn't the only one, as God has been working mightily in this region to build up His kingdom. The small town of Derby is in the Northwest Kimberly territory, or what is popularly called the "Outback." Pastor Doug conducted a series of evangelistic meetings among the local people and was delighted to see crocodiles and kangaroos during his time there.

Many of the more than 200 people who attended had already seen *Millennium of Prophecy* and *Final Events*, which they received from literature evangelists working in the area. Guests were "electrified," according to Pastor Don Fehlberg, the local ministries director, to

be able to see Pastor Doug in person. "They appreciated his down-to-earth manner and approachableness," he said.

One Aboriginal couple, Joseph and Rebecca, came from a nearby community to visit family and were invited to the meetings. They enjoyed the meetings so much, they changed their plans and stayed through to the last session. They joyfully explained, "We were excited to hear Pastor Doug because his messages come from the Bible." They had been recently convicted about Mary worship and now wanted to follow the Bible.

At the final meeting in Derby, Pastor Doug invited people forward to commit their lives to Christ. His appeal touched 67 souls, who surged to the front without hesitation. They were touched by his testimony and convicted by his teaching of the Bible truths about the Sabbath, hell, the second coming, and the importance of sharing your faith.





Joseph and Rebecca



Simon, Pastor Doug, and Roberto



Sydney

“This outreach has been a great success,” reports Pastor Steve Piez, a church ministry leader for Western Australia. “We were fortunate to film Pastor Doug’s meetings and will now be able to share DVDs with many more people. The interest we’ve raised is leading toward bringing in a full-time Bible worker.”

Filling Empty Churches

Adelaide is the capital of South Australia and known for its many beautiful but empty churches. In a state with only 3,000 Sabbathkeepers, more than 2,000 came out to hear Pastor Doug preach, one of the largest gatherings in 20 years. When called to make a recommitment to Christ, more than 100 stood up to be counted.

When Simon Jacob and Roberto Mocanu heard Pastor Doug would be speaking in person in Adelaide, they were determined to meet him. The 16-year-old friends both have been positively impacted by the ministry of Amazing Facts and wanted to show Pastor Doug their appreciation.


They put their heads together and remembered the half-black and half-white suit that Pastor Doug wore as “Pastor Barney” for the *Doctrines that Divide* series. Simon bought a white suit on eBay, and Roberto grabbed an unused black suit from his father’s closet. Roberto’s mom painstakingly pulled both suits

apart and reattached them to create two suits. It certainly got Pastor Doug’s attention!

Meetings were also held in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, in a church packed with more than 1,500 people for each session. Even during the last session, visitors lingered, longing to hear the messages of truth. Over 80 people came forward to make commitments to Jesus.

One Christian couple invited their neighbors, a family who lived in a rough neighborhood known for its many police calls. How surprised the couple was to see this family sitting up front at Pastor Doug’s meetings. The family said they were watching TV on Saturday morning and saw the advertisement for the series, beginning in just an hour. They quickly called a few more family members and about 10 of them came. They never attend church, but they said they really appreciated Pastor Doug’s messages.

Another man invited a group of young adults he had worked to reach through a Bible study class for many years. Some had quit church, and one couple got pregnant out of wedlock and was struggling with alcohol. But when this man emailed and Facebooked these friends, they all showed up for the meetings to experience renewal.

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Pauline Molina from Elaine Snyder

Eva Morales from Nathan and Kathy Brigger

Tressie Newbury from Al Wiggins

Robert Nickerbocker from Teresa Lynd

Ralph Olila from Elder Arden and
Dorothy Mote

Carol Paulegrove from Jim and
Judy Culpepper

Lowell Phillips from Wally and Geri Dunks
Mavis Pryhorocki from Al and

Margaret Marion

Max Qualley from Barbara Qualley, his wife

Linda Paulsen Ramos from Donald and
DeVerne Schlegel, her uncle and aunt

Glendolyn Rees from Don and Cindy Rees

Leon Reuhland from Nancy Frye,
his daughter

Earl and Grace Reuss from Barbara Qualley,
their daughter

Leon Rich from Vivienne Rich

Chloe Roosma from Vivienne Rich
Patsy Rushing from Jim and Judy
Culpepper; from Teresa Lynd

Harry and Irma Rushold from Marlin and
Udene Allen

Don Santangelo from June Ackermann
Max and Mintie Schroedeo from Farrel
and Bobbi Brizendin, their grandchildren

Eva Sherbondy from Marilyn Fields,
her loving friend

Daniel Shull from Harold and Sonja Shull,
his parents

Gerald Silvestri from John and
Anita Silvestri

Ann Simpkins from Frank and Gayle Tyroff

Marti Spruell from Al and Margaret Marion

Betty Swanson from Harold and
Beverly Leffler

Milton Sweitz from Wally and Geri Dunks

Mark Swett from Kim Swett

Margaret Taglavore from June Ackermann

Myrna Taira from Annie Okada

Dorothy Thomas from C. Mercer Straw

George Tilley from Susan Ah-Mau,
his daughter

Max Torkelson Sr. from Vivienne Rich

Michael Dele Tuttle from James and
Sharolet Anderson

Anne Tyroff from Frank and Gayle Tyroff

Teora Ullrich from Jeralene Boggess,
her family

Murna Wager from Darlene Schnoor

Carol Ward from Al and Margaret Marion

Marie Ward from Ruth Sackett

Richard Werth from Don and Jane Bowe

Bill White from Duane White, his son

Lloyd White from Nancy Heinrich

Bruce Wickwire Sr. from Adele Wickwire

Leo Widicher from Donald and Helen Myers
Del Wiggins from Al Wiggins

Sharon Sandefur Williams from Jim and
Judy Culpepper

Ethel Wooden from Jim and Judy Culpepper

Dr. Hal Wright from Phyllis Wright,
his mother

Warren Wright from Phyllis Wright,
his wife

John Young from Therissa Young, his wife
T.D. Yu from Michael Yu, his son

Eileen Gross Zimmerman from Edward
and Bonnie Ensminger

N. Dale Zumwalt from Barbara Zumwalt,
his wife

Happy Anniversary

Jeremy and Tara Craik from James Craik,
their son

Happy Birthday

Wally Dunks (90th) from Geri Dunks, his wife

Ardis Smith (95th) from Wally and
Geri Dunks

Clyde Bill Williams (100th) from Wally and
Geri Dunks

In Honor of

Dr. Eugene and Nola Chrowl from Janice
Chrowl, their daughter

Susie Smith from Carl and Linda Smith

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Quench Your Thirst!

BY LAURIE LYON

Humans are mostly water. At least 70 percent of our bodies are fluid, so it's no wonder we require regular, generous intake of H₂O. It's the way we were designed and, generally, we can't live more than a few days without it.

There have been some rare exceptions, however. In a 2004 attempt at a world record, for example, a Czech man, Zdenek Zahradka, survived being buried for 10 days without food or water; he lost 19 pounds in the process. Most people wouldn't survive half that long. In fact, after three to four days without water, most go into kidney failure and die.

Research has shown that a mere two percent drop in body fluids negatively affects physical and mental abilities; among other difficulties, it can cause fatigue and "fuzzy thinking," making it tough to concentrate or to solve problems.

Better Than Medicine

If a pill was available that would give you more energy and flexibility, make you slimmer and younger looking, boost brain power, and ward off disease—with no negative side effects—would you take it?

Water accomplishes all this and more. And it's *free!* (Or at least cheap.)

Water is perpetually being used to carry out innumerable critical tasks in our bodies. Our blood, which is about 92 percent water, carries oxygen and nutrition to all parts of the body and transports the antibodies that power our immune system.



Perspiration creates a cooling effect. Water plays a vital role in digestion, helps prevent arthritis by lessening friction on our joints, and moisturizes our skin and eyes. It even enhances our mood!

And studies have shown proper hydration even helps protect against disease by diluting toxins within the body—an important reminder during flu season. It flushes out waste and poisons, providing relief to all our organs. Water can even help us lose weight; it increases metabolism, causing calories to burn faster.

How Much Is Enough—Or Too Much?

It seems to be the popular consensus that the minimum water intake for an average adult should be six to eight cups per day, but with water's countless benefits, many physicians recommend higher daily intake—perhaps up to 12 cups. Athletes and people in occupations carried out under hot conditions might need even more.

Some people actually hold back due to fear of water intoxication. This sometimes occurs in the context of an athletic event or contest where huge amounts of water are consumed in a short period of time. But this is a rare occurrence, one we can steer clear of by avoiding extremes. Nearly all of us should be much more concerned with avoiding dehydration.

Don't Be a Prune

In some parts of the world, dehydration is common because water is difficult to obtain. Strangely, even though water is so important and so easily available to us, it's estimated that about three out of four Americans are at least mildly dehydrated. Most are chronically dehydrated, which means ignoring their body's thirst mechanism has become a way of life for them. Due to a lack of sufficient fluid intake,



they struggle along, suffering unnecessary tiredness, aches, and pains. But all this, of course, is easily remedied.

Reap the Benefits


Try these tips for increasing your water intake:



- 1 Set a reasonable goal for yourself.
- 2 Make a habit of drinking a cup or two when you get up in the morning.
- 3 Take your water with you.
- 4 Try drinking with a straw; most people drink more this way.
- 5 Add citrus juice, berries, or herbs to liven the flavor!
- 6 Use a free app, such as Waterlogged, to keep track of your progress.

Refreshment for Your Soul

If you become physically dehydrated, there's an easy fix—drink more water. For spiritual dehydration, Jesus invites us to come to Him and be filled with “living water.” He says, “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14 NKJV).

The same God who graciously provides our daily drinking water also freely offers us this vital spiritual refreshment through Jesus Christ! 



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