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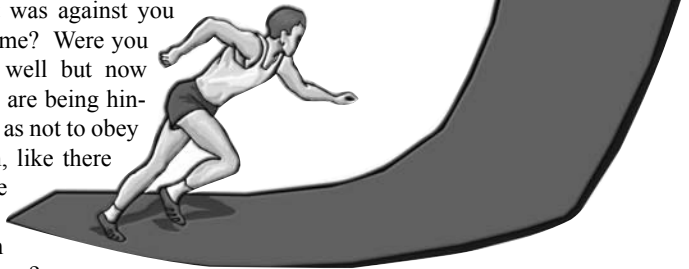
## **Iniquity: Perish the Thought!**

By Dr. Mary Craig



ave you ever wanted to hear from God but it just seemed a stumbling block was in your way? Have you found yourself feeling like you were marked, like there was just something on

you that was against you all the time? Were you running well but now find you are being hindered so as not to obey the truth, like there might be a little leaven in the lump?



Paul told the Galatians that what they were being persuaded into believing was not coming of Him that calls them, namely Jesus Christ. He urges the Galatians not to use the liberty into which they were called as an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. He goes on to say in **Galatians 5** to walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh, for they are contrary the one to the other so that you cannot do the things that you would. He then identifies the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit and then says that "they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."



In this article, I want to address iniquity. Oh, you say, yes. Jesus was bruised for our iniquities and by His stripes we are healed. (**Isaiah 53.5, 6, 11**) God laid on Him the iniquity of us all. His promise in the new covenant is that our sins and our iniquities He remembers no more. (**Hebrews 8 and 10**, e.g.)

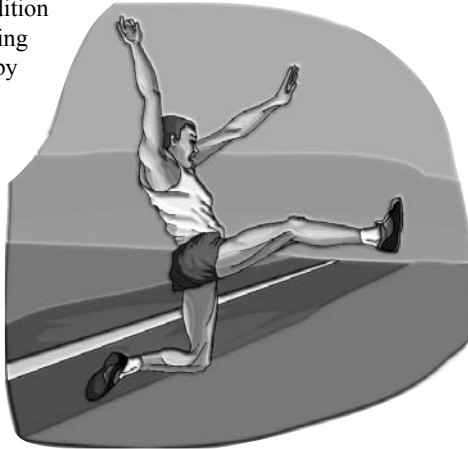
*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. (Psalm 32.1, 2)*

Fine. What happens when your very life depends on it? What happens when Satan comes as the Angel of the Bottomless Pit seeking to torment and destroy you, all around you, your ministry? What will be your answer to his accusations, to his testing of your beliefs? And when Jesus comes, will He find faith?

We returned recently from Antarctica. The mission dealt with foundations and with the earth. So the Holy Spirit had been dealing in my life with foundations and with the soil of my soul.

**Iniquity.** The word comes from a Hebrew word אָוֹן *`avon* {aw-vone'} and means to lean towards in a wicked, perverse or crooked way. Iniquity in the NT comes from Greek words indicating lawlessness, wickedness, anti-law, unrighteousness, without law or contrary to law. We might consider it willful transgressions committed against the conscience with a high hand against God.

God declares unto man what is his thought. (**Amos 4.13**) In Amos, God calls Israel to "prepare to meet your God." (**Amos 4.12**) God was saying to be straight or erect before Him, to be honest. This goes deeper than transgression, stepping over the line, or sin, missing the mark. Iniquity deals with the condition of the heart and mind, a leaning towards perversity impelled by a strong inner desire.



God knows the secret things. **2 Thessalonians 2.7** calls iniquity a mystery that even now is working alongside the mystery of godliness. Lucifer has it. The once anointed cherub that covers was perfect in his ways until iniquity was found in him. He became filled with violence and profane. Iniquity caused him to fall from his God-given state. (**Ezekiel 28**) His desires to ascend into heaven, to exalt his throne above the stars of God, to sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north, to ascend above the heights of the clouds, and to be like the Most High brought him down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (**Isaiah 14**)

Lest we think it is only a problem of devils, remember. **Psalms 51.5** reveals that we are shapen in iniquity and in sin our mothers conceive us. Jesus said in **John 8.44** to the scribes and Pharisees that they were of their father the devil and that the lusts (desires) of their father they will do. Jesus says not everyone saying to Him, Lord, Lord will enter into the kingdom of heaven. It takes doing the will of His Father which is in heaven. To some, Jesus will say He never knew them. "Depart from Me you that work iniquity." (**Matthew 7.21-23**) He warned the scribes and Pharisees of their hypocrisy. The outside looked clean and righteous, but inside was uncleanness, hypocrisy and iniquity. (**Matthew 23.27, 28**)

Be careful when you make great swelling "I will" statements. In an examination of the heart, God might find selfish ambition, self-assertion, self-promotion, pride, self on the throne, and ultimately the desire to kill the Creator and take His place.



Sometimes we forget who God is, that He doesn't change. We don't come to God ever on our own terms. God says how we approach Him, how He is to be worshipped. (**Matthew 15.8**)

In the **Book of Acts**, a man named Simon, a sorcerer, heard Philip preaching in Samaria. He believed and was baptized and continued with Philip and wondered at the miracles and signs which were done. Then Peter and John came down to Samaria and laid hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money. He wanted the power so that he could lay hands on people and have them receive the Holy Spirit. "But Peter said to him, Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness [κακια, kakia; depravity, malignity, evil], and pray God, if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I perceive that you are in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.[αδικια, adikia; wrongfulness of character; iniquity]" (**Acts 8.20-23**) Even today, we call this desire to hawk the gifts of the Holy Spirit "simony." If Simon could buy the gift of God with money, he could sell it for money. Perish the thought!

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Sometimes things start to happen that we don't like. We may start to ask, like Judah, why? What is our iniquity? What is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? God's answer in **Jeremiah 16.10, 11** was, "Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law." In **Isaiah 1** God tells Judah and Jerusalem that He cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. They are a burden. So, He will hide His eyes from them and though they make many prayers, He will not listen because their hands are full of blood.

We may come to God seeking direction and guidance from the Lord. We may appear godly, like the elders of Israel who came to the prophet Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 14**) But God knows whether or not lies lurk inside, idols in the heart, bondages to sin indulged behind closed doors. Since the purpose of the law is grace (**Galatians 3.17**) in that it was given to a redeemed people, sin acts against the goodness and grace of God.

This is the war raging in the soul. No one sees it but you and God. I'm talking about a desire that entices and excites, robbing your relationship with God. I'm talking about a stumbling block of iniquity. "[They] have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face..." (**Ezekiel 14.3**) It captivates. It deceives. It clings to you and you cling to it. It has become the lie that is accepted as truth. It colors your thinking. It blinds you. It binds you.

Perversion in the heart can cause that desire to take on its own voice. That iniquity will mark you and testify against you. God will answer you, but get this:

"...I the Lord will answer him that comes according to the multitude of his idols."

(**Ezekiel 14.4**) God answers according to the lust, according to that desire, according to the iniquity. God answered Israel's desire for a king according to their idolatrous hearts which were full of unbelief. God did the same when the Children of Israel inquired of the Lord in the wilderness, begging for meat. That iniquity in the heart causes you to misread the Word, to interpret what you read through eyes full of iniquity. Finally, everything will confirm you in your deception and tell you it's okay. (See **1 Kings 22** for another



example.)

Does this happen now? Paul, in **2 Thessalonians 2**, speaks to the brethren of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He urges them not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled by spirit, by word, or by letter from the apostles. He warns of the falling away and the son of perdition, of the mystery of iniquity already at work. There will be those who will not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, and they will perish.

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So stand firm and hold to the gospel. Iniquities can become a burden so heavy that they rise above your head. **(Psalm 38.4)** They overtake so that you're not able to look up and your heart fails you.

**(Psalm 40.12)** For iniquity, men sell themselves. **(Isaiah 50.1)** They separate a person from God and God does not hear because sins have hidden His face from you.

**(Isaiah 59.2)** Iniquities cause good to be withheld from you. **(Jeremiah 5.25)** Iniquity causes you to pine away and affects the bones.



Iniquities must be subdued. We must make our prayer to God to be turned from our iniquities and to understand His truth. We must appeal to the Lord for compassion and that He will subdue our iniquities. God raised up His Servant Jesus and sent Him to bless us, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. **(Acts 3.26)** It is in mercy and truth that atonement is provided for iniquity. And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil. **(Proverbs 16.6)** Therefore, we acknowledge our iniquity and that we have not obeyed God's voice. **(Jeremiah 3.13)** We are called to repent and turn from all our transgressions so that iniquity will not be our ruin. **(Ezekiel 18.30)** We must stop trusting in our own righteousness, stop rebelling, stop departing from God's precepts and judgments. We must pray that God will remove iniquity from us and clothe us with robes of righteousness. **(Zechariah 3.4)**

How does one depart from iniquity? Let's see what the Scriptures say. One departs from iniquity:

- (Proverbs 16.6)** by the fear of the Lord
- (Daniel 4.27)** by showing mercy to the poor
- (Daniel 9.13)** by making your prayer that God might turn you from it
- (Acts 3.26)** by Jesus, in turning us away from it
- (2 Samuel 22.24)** by keeping yourself
- (Isaiah 6.7)** by the touch of God
- (Jeremiah 36.3)** by turning from the evil way
- (1 Corinthians 13.6)** by rejoicing in the truth

And how will you do this? There is only one way. It is by placing your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your sal-



vation, believing all that the Word says He is and has done in regards to iniquity, e.g., **Isaiah 53**. It begins with a clear embrace of the gospel of Jesus Christ, acknowledging your need for forgiveness, pardon, and removal of iniquity, sin, transgression, and trespass. Only the Blood of Jesus can purge the conscience from dead works to serve the Living God. Only the Blood of Jesus can sprinkle an evil conscience and make us acceptable to a holy God. Only the Blood of Jesus can pay for our blood guilt, the guilt of our sin and shame. Only the Blood of Jesus spilled from His Body offered up unto the Father can close the door to the devil's accusations and lies in our ears.

We must know the gospel and Jesus Christ, the focus of the gospel-why He came, what He did, where He is now, what He wants from us today.

Jesus warned of the beginning of sorrows, a time when many be offended and shall betray one another and hate one another and many false prophets shall rise and deceive many. "And because iniquity [*ἀνομία*, *anomia*] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." **(Matthew 24.12)** It will take enduring to the end.

Paul knew this. He was saved, saved, saved. He knew that one is justified by faith and that he had peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew of the righteousness imputed by faith, that by one man's offense death reigned by one, but how the gift of righteousness reigns in life by one, Jesus Christ. He knew that as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Thus we can stand before God and raise our head before Him.

And yet we are told that because we are already saved, we are to depart from iniquity. **(2 Timothy 2.19)** This is where faith and belief come in. We must believe the truth of what already is. We are to know, Paul tells us in **Romans 6**, that we are servants to whatever we yield ourselves to obey, whether it be sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness. We are to obey from the heart. We have been made free and so are not to yield our members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity but to righteousness unto holiness. **(Romans 6.19)** There's not profit in it, and bad fruit. The sin nature still remains. It dwells inside waiting for an opportunity, wanting us to yield to its desires, and bear fruit, the works of the flesh (Galatians 5) We are not to mind the things of the flesh but to mind the things of the Spirit. We don't owe the flesh anything.

# The Last Continent:

## To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth

By Rev. Jim Craig



This article is a follow-up on the recent MCM expedition to Antarctica. Most know very little about the continent of Antarctica; neither its location, nor its history from a physical and spiritual perspective. Since it was the last of the earth's seven continents to be discovered, it effectively became the last to be touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the last continent that MCM has set out upon with a mission.

Antarctica is categorically the most hostile place in the world. It has also been described as the coldest, windiest, and driest continent on earth. Yet it is arguably the most beautiful and majestic continent as well. It seems altogether like some other planet. It is also the most remote continent, cut off from the rest of the world by a huge inhospitable ocean. People do live there. Mostly those who are part of a research base in a given area. Over the Antarctic winter, only the most hearty, psychologically fit individuals are permitted to remain there. During that time the entire continent is surrounded by a vast, perpetual, ferocious, circular atmosphere of hurricane-force winds that render Antarctica totally isolated. Neither air nor sea craft are able to penetrate this contiguous hostile wall of weather in order to make landings. Even during the summer, the Southern Ocean is a difficult passage to make in order to reach the continent due to 60 foot waves and hurricane force winds which are commonplace.

As for some of the history of this place-

The unique continent we now call Antarctica was postulated to exist by the ancient Greeks long before it was actually discovered. Pythagoras believed Earth to be round, not flat. In about 530 BC he also suggested that it travels around the sun. Aristotle agreed and refined the idea further in the time around 335 BC. Reasoning that balance plays an important part in the symmetry of a sphere, he suggested that the Earth's inhabited northern region should be balanced by a similarly sized southern region to offset the mass of the earth. The idea that the mass of a south-

ern continent would "offset" the northern Arctic region was so persistent that it is reflected even in the name "Antarctica," which literally means "over against or opposing the Arctic" (i.e. ante-arctic).

The Egyptian Ptolemy agreed with the idea that a global equilibrium was vital. He also believed that the unknown land would be inhabited and fertile. But, he portrayed it to be a fiery place filled with monstrous creatures.

The map he drew in about 150 AD showed a large southernmost continent linking Africa and Asia.



In 650 AD, according to legend, a Polynesian navigator sailed so far south that he reached a place

where the sea was frozen. Much later the idea that a southern continent that might be populated and exist beyond Africa was unacceptable by the Church. The Church objected to the idea that the Creator would have made two sets of humanity with their own separate relationship with God. So they supported only the flat-Earth theory.

It was not until the late 15th century that further progress was made to find the last continent. Portuguese explorers made a voyage around the southern tip of Africa in an attempt to find another way to India. This expedition proved that if there was a southern continent, it was not connected to Africa. The Portuguese Ferdinand Magellan led the first circumnavigation of the globe from 1519-22. Likewise, sailing down the coast of South America, he discovered the narrow strait which bears his name today. To the south he discovered Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) which the early geographers assumed to be the edge of the southern continent. Then as Francis Drake passed through the Straits of Magellan in 1578, a tremendous storm blew his ship significantly southward past Tierra del Fuego into a great passage-way now known as the Drake Passage. This event proved that the imagined southern land was not connected to South America or to Tierra del Fuego.



Hope of finding such a place diminished rapidly. Both terrifying storms and impenetrable pack ice conspired to restrict the idea of an Antarctica to story-book realm for centuries more. An Englishman named James Cook sailed farther south than anyone else, becoming the first person to cross the Antarctic Circle in 1773. Ironically he failed to discover the land itself because in the longitudes where he managed to penetrate south, the coast of Antarctica itself also swerved southward virtually avoiding his reach. Upon his return he effectively cursed the undiscovered land. Cook wrote:

Thick fogs, snow storms, intense cold and every other thing that can render navigation dangerous, one has to encounter and these difficulties are greatly heightened by the enexpressable horrid aspect of the country, a country doomed by nature never once to feel the warmth of the sun's rays, but to lie for ever buried under everlasting snow and ice. ...I will be bold to say that the world will not be benefited by it.

(Rubin, Jeff. Antarctica. Paris: Lonely Planet Publications 2000, pg.16.)



■ Cape Horn, the perilous tip of South America



■ Old whaling boat

Cook's pessimistic sentiments and curses discouraged other explorers from seeking the southern continent for decades.

Cook's description of observations made while searching the southernmost seas and craggy islands included sightings of great whale and seal populations. This aspect of his account highly aroused those who were more motivated by profit rather than discovery. Soon hoards of commercial sealers converged upon the most hostile place in the world, risking life and limb in order to plunder the fur seal population and appease their insatiable greed. It is amazing what hardships these men were willing to endure for the sake of their false gods. Whaling and sealing was an extremely hard and dangerous life.



■ Mary and Joanna examine whaling boat.



■ Gentoo Penguin

Greed was the prevailing spirit among gangs of hunters for years on end. Captain Budington, a Connecticut sealer who had worked in the Antarctic region for more than 20 years, testified to the US Congress in 1892:

We killed everything, old and young, that we could get in gunshot of... The seals in all these localities have been destroyed entirely by this indiscriminate killing of old and young, male and female. If the seals in these regions had been protected... these islands and seas would be again populous with seal life. The seals would certainly not have decreased and would have produced an annual supply of skins for all times. As it is, however, seals in the Antarctic regions are practically extinct, and I have given up the business as unprofitable. (Rubin, *ibid*, pg.17.)



■ Chinstrap Penguin



■ Adelie Penguin



■ Adelie Penguin strikes a pose.



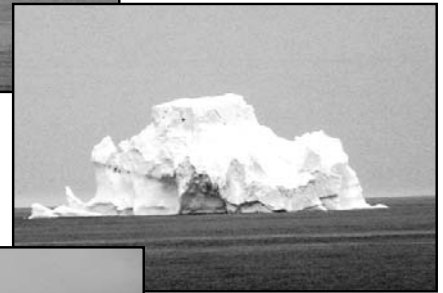
■ An impressive penguin



■ Penguin protects egg from freezing.



■ The land of Antarctica Continent



■ Typical icebergs, beautiful and imposing



■ Elephant Seals luxuriate on shore in a "seal-wallow."



■ Skua: the world's southernmost bird

Before this time, however, the American sealer John Davis, while searching the southern seas for seals in 1821, arguably became the first person to land on the continent. In all probability some other unidentified sailor was actually the first. But during this era, discoveries of new localities for hunting were rarely a matter of public record. The



■ Jim and Mary Craig in Antarctica

fiercely secretive, competitive nature of the sealing and whaling business forced sailors to keep their discoveries undisclosed.

The British Royal Navy, in 1841, ordered Sir James Clark Ross to search for the South Magnetic Pole. In the process, he discovered Victoria Land and entered the sea now known famously as the Ross Sea (see first page of article). He also discovered two mountains in Antarctica: one, an active volcano; the other, an extinct volcano. When Ross discovered them, the active one was erupting. He and his officers could see streams of lava pour down its sides becoming lost beneath the snow and ice. The sight was certainly awesome and impressive. In a letter to his father, a young botanist on the expedition, Joseph Hooker, wrote:

To see the dark cloud of smoke, tinged with flame, rising from the volcano in a perfectly unbroken column, one side jet black, the other giving back the colours of the sun, sometimes turning off at a right angle by some current of wind, and stretching many miles to leeward...was a sight so surpassing everything that can be imagined, and so heightened by the consciousness that we had penetrated into regions far beyond what was ever deemed practicable, that it really caused a feeling of awe to steal ever us at the consideration of our own comparative insignificance and helplessness, and at the same time, an indescribable feeling of the greatness of the Creator in the works of His hand.

(Rubin, *ibid.*, pg.328.)

No doubt these words came from the heart of a God-fearing individual. In contrast, yet having no idea of the spiritual condition of Sir Ross at the time of his impressive discovery, I can tell you that he named the two mountains after the two ships that carried his expedition. The active volcano he named Erebus

(meaning, Gateway to Hell), and its sister he called Terror. Whatever had given inspiration to the original naming of his ships, I cannot say. But, these names appear to have been more than just “handy.” Ross



■ Dr. Mary Craig preaches to God's creatures.

noted in his journal that Erebus was erupting, ‘...emitting flame and smoke in great profusion.’ He may have reasoned that “Hell” alone could manifest such fury, and only “Terror” could accurately be

attributed to any mountain close enough to witness Erebus’ rage.



■ Joanna Craig inspects a colony of Gentoo Penguins.



■ Stephen Craig explores the high peaks.

Mt. Erebus is 3795 meters (12,451 feet) high. It is one of the largest volcanoes in the world. Erebus has several unique features, the most notable being a permanent convecting lake of molten magma with a temperature of 1000 degrees-Celsius (1832 degrees-Fahrenheit). What this describes in everyday terms is a literal “lake of fire” that never ceases boiling. Small eruptions occur six to ten times daily. There have been rare episodes lasting several months where violent eruptions have hurled screaming, volcanic bombs as big as cars from the 600 meter (1,968 feet) diameter crater of the “Gateway of Hell.” Although this portal to Hell is located in the coldest region in all the world, in case you’re waiting, it presently shows absolutely no sign of freezing over.

Today there is much concern among earth scientists about the overall stability of Antarctica’s ice and its





importance to our future. Yet there is no agreement as to what's been going on there for the past few decades. The basic question is- Is Antarctica as a whole warming or cooling? Three years ago larger than usual masses of ice, some the size of Connecticut, started breaking off the Ross Ice Shelf in West Antarctica, indicating possible warming effects. On the opposite side, East Antarctica, it appears to be getting colder. Is the ice thinning or growing, thawing or freezing? They really don't know. The ice that is locked into place there is 75% of the earth's freshwater, enough to raise global sea levels 200 feet. If the ice is melting away slowly, over several decades, the global sea levels could rise as much as 16 feet causing devastating effects throughout the world.



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Perhaps our scientist friends have forgotten or may have dismissed the idea that God is in control, that Christ is faithfully holding all creation in balance, and that there is a rhythm to His work. After all, God is more than He can do. He already created this planet with purpose. The earth is the only body in our solar system with a slight "tilt" of 23 degrees to its axis. This unique eccentricity is designed to assure an even distribution of heat from the sun over the surface of the earth. If it were not so, inhabited life would be impossible on the planet. An extensive equatorial region would be prohibitively hot, and the remainder of the globe, too frigid. But with the 23 degree tilt, to borrow words from Goldilocks, it's not too hot and not too cold, it's "just right." But our scientist friends spoke of the "weather gods" giving favor to us when we were blessed with calm seas as we traversed the



■ We visited with these scientists who continue to collect valuable data.



infamous Drake Passage and during the unusually beautiful days during landings near to and on the Continent of Antarctica itself. Others spoke of being "lucky" or expressed similar sentiments. All four of us were quick to remind them that as for us, it was God alone in Christ who is to receive all the glory for His blessed care. They were rendered speechless when we told them that they were enjoying the benefits of God's blessings, that we and our friends back home had been praying for such favor from God for an entire year prior to this mission.

Should we be surprised that knowledgeable, well-educated, insightful people should miss the point so readily? No. **Because** it is a matter of their hearts. **Because** of the unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. **Because** what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **Because**, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and

their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools. (**Romans 1.18-22**)

The Scriptures speak of salvation in all three tenses of time; past, present and future. In the **future** there

will be a point of convergence, a specific time of intersection when those who are being saved will share a common blessing together with God's creation. At the resurrection, believers will be raised up in glory. Believers will be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment. They shall be made perfectly blessed

in the full enjoying of God to all eternity. With the complete "adoption as sons" through the redemption of their bodies at the resurrection (**Romans 3.23**), the renewal of creation itself will also occur

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That sin nature is an enemy of the soul and is to be mortified. (**Romans 8**)

**Desires are tricky. It's easy to be deceived.** We must take our desires and allow the Holy Spirit to shine His light upon them and let Him reveal to us the secret sins, the hidden idols in our hearts. If we say we have no sin, we lie. We deceive ourselves. And Satan will jump on that perverse desire in a flash to feed it in hopes it will grow into a cord, a bond of iniquity to corrupt and kill. He feeds bitterness, the love of money, desires for revenge, desires for more, desires for self-whatever.

Iniquity is lawlessness. God loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We ought to love one another and dwell in God. This takes knowing and believing the love God has for us. As we focus on God's love, we will find a new desire welling up within. That will be the desire to know God and His ways, the desire to be holy as God is holy, the desire to obey God and listen to His voice and no other voice, the desire to terminate our hostility toward God, the desire to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God through Jesus Christ. We will want to keep the covenant.

As the devil came harping, I sought the Lord. He led me to ask forgiveness for any and all ways in which I and the Body of Christ had tempted God to do evil, had tempted others to do evil, and for being an instrument of death in my [our] own life and the life of the Body. I prayed to have the mark of iniquity removed as I had been marked with the brand mark of Jesus Christ and sealed by God.

In allowing the Holy Spirit to deal with iniquity, things began to break loose. The Holy Spirit can reveal to us our motives, our impure thoughts, our "I will" assertions, our ungodly desires which could move us onward in wickedness. And then, perhaps, we will find ourselves satisfied with all that God has for us in Jesus so as not to fall into emptiness resulting in idolatry. And then, just maybe, our love will not grow cold and we will find ourselves rooted and grounded in love, vessels of honor and fit for the Master's use.

*Nevertheless  
The foundation of God  
Stands sure,  
Having this seal,  
The Lord knows  
Them that are His; and,  
Let every one  
That names the name of Christ  
Depart from iniquity.  
But in a great house  
There are not only vessels  
Of gold and of silver,  
But also  
Of wood and of earth;  
And some to honor,  
And some to dishonor.  
If a man therefore  
Purge himself from these,  
He shall be  
A vessel unto honor,  
Sanctified,  
And meet for the master's use,  
And prepared  
Unto every godly work.  
Flee also youthful lusts:  
But follow righteousness,  
Faith, charity, peace,  
With them that call on the Lord  
Out of a pure heart....  
In meekness instructing  
Those that oppose  
Themselves;  
If God peradventure  
Will give them repentance  
To the acknowledging of the truth;  
And that they  
May recover themselves  
Out of the snare of the devil,  
Who are taken captive  
By him at his will.*

2 Timothy 2.19-22, 25, 26



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**(Romans 8.19-21).** The glorification of Christians has real meaning for Creation. There is this great expectancy looking forward with all the anticipation of one who has his head thrust forward, longing for that time when Creation will be "liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."



Spirit richly blessed this mission and He enabled us by His grace to accomplish all the goals given to us. As we were leaving the Antarctic region and before we entered the Drake Passage, the Lord showed us a special treat in the form of a very large glacier between two high mountain peaks which looks like a tremendous Bible laid open, a reminder to expose the Word of Life to all, everywhere.

*...So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."*

Romans 10:17,18 ■

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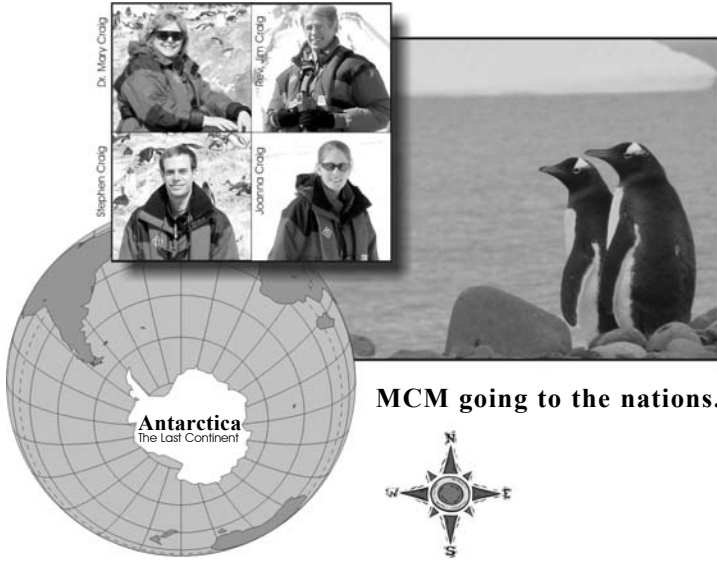
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