

DIRECTIONS

From the NORTH (I-5 & I-205) and EAST (I-84)

From I-84 take the Wood Village exit (exit 16) into Gresham. Turn left on Burnside, which becomes Hwy 26. Proceed east to the town of Sandy. In Sandy, turn right on Hwy. 211 (toward Estacada). Go approximately 4 miles on Hwy 211 to Collins Retreat Center on the right (north) side of the road.

From the SOUTH and WEST

Take I-5 to I-205. Exit at Hwy 224 (exit 12). Take Hwy 224 to Eagle Creek (approx. 14 miles from the freeway). In Eagle Creek, turn left on to Hwy 211. Go approximately 2 miles east to Collins Retreat Center on the left (north) side of the road.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be available at the Collins Center, in local motels and in the homes of brethren. The Collins Center has a total of 23 rooms with private bathrooms. Some rooms can handle 4 persons.

For RESERVATIONS please contact Sr. Chris Grigalunus, e-mail:

reservations@PortlandAugustConvention.com

or 503-667-2797. If possible we would like to hear from you by **July 31**.

MEAL SERVICES

Meal costs will be covered by the ecclesia. Breakfast is included on Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the regular meal entrees, vegetarian meals will be provided. Please notify the convention chairman if you would like the vegetarian option or have other dietary requests. It would help with meal counts if you could let us know that you plan to attend.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Classes are planned for our young people. Please advise us if you will be bringing children.

INFORMATION

Please see our Internet page for additional study aids and information including Convention programs and facility pictures. It is our plan to broadcast the convention via the Internet. Class internet address:

www.portlandbible.com

For further information contact:

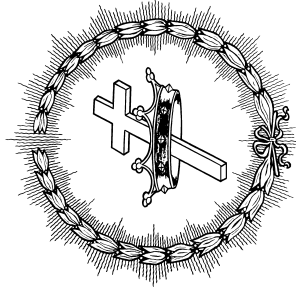
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Portland Area Bible Students Annual Convention

August 24, 25, 26, 2007

Convention Theme **THE GLORY OF GOD**



Welcome to all believers in the Ransom,
And those who love God and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ

Speakers

Brothers Wes Cramer, Ric Cunningham,
David Doran, Art Jezuit, Rick Suraci

Location

Alton L. Collins Retreat Center
32867 SE Highway 211 Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022
503-637-6411 or 888-567-6411
Convention cell phone: 503-440-5585

Theme Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy # 223 A

You are cordially invited to attend the Portland Area Bible Students Annual Convention. This year our convention will focus on the theme: **THE GLORY OF GOD**. On this subject we will have a Theme Discourse, four short Discourses on various aspects of God's Glory, two group studies and a vesper presentation.

Why are we interested in God's Glory? Here's a good answer:

"Our main object, therefore, in studying God's Word and his character as therein revealed, should always be to bring our own hearts and minds into closer sympathy and likeness and co-operation with his... that he may complete the good work of transforming us into his own **GLORIOUS LIKENESS**." CTR '05

The Portland Area Bible Students continue to study the Plan of the Ages and appreciate the harvest message as presented by Br. Russell. We encourage the use of his writings and other supporting references, in addition to scripture, so that when we come together, all things may be done for mutual edification.

1 Cor 14:26 What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

PROGRAM

Friday August 24, 2007

Chairman: Br. Brent Hislop

5:00 Dinner (served until 6:15pm)

6:30 Welcome

6:45 **Discourse** Br. Wes Cramer

7:45 **Vesper Service**
Singing and presentation on "The Glory of God"

8:30 Close

Study Questions, Study 2, continued

4- **Working as a group or team-**

Another aspect of ecclesia behavior are the group efforts, group projects, joint financial endeavors, etc. How, in this group process, can we bring glory to God?

What might happen in an ecclesia that would diminish glory to God?

5- **Liberty and self-delusion**

Laodicean Christians have been set free from Babylon and from a mass of error. How does such liberty glorify or how can it shame our Father?

What are the self-deceptions an ecclesia can fall into, thinking that their activities are bringing glory to God?

Can an ecclesia fall victim to pride and egotism?

How do we measure or evaluate whether our group efforts are truly pleasing to God?

If you would like suggested scriptures and other Bible Student references for the above questions please visit our convention web-site

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or contact us via e-mail or at the phone numbers listed on the back of this program.

STUDY QUESTIONS

Study 2- Sunday 9:45am

DEMONSTRATING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD AS MEMBERS OF AN ECCLESIA

Please supply a.) examples [hypothetical or real] and
b.) supporting scripture texts

1- **General issues-**

What weaknesses are brought to our attention in the message to our stage of the church? (Rev. 3:14-22)

According to Jesus, what will make our ecclesia a glory or a disgrace to God?

2- **Working interactively-**

When we interact and communicate with each other how can we bring glory to God?

What might happen in an ecclesia that would diminish glory to God?

What compromises are necessary when a Christian functions as part of a group?

3- **Learning and studying as a group**

Another part of the ecclesia process is interactive, group study. What kind of study brings glory to God?

What kind of study would diminish glory to God?

Saturday August 25, 2007

Chairman: Br. Tim Krupa

8:00 Breakfast (served until 9:00am)

9:45 Opening service

10:00 **Theme Discourse: THE GLORY OF GOD** Br. David Doran

11:00 Fellowship

11:30 Short discourses on **THE GLORY OF GOD**
-as shown in His **INTELLECT and INTENTIONS** Br. Jezuit

-as shown in His **CAPABILITIES** Br. Cunningham

12:30 Lunch

Chairman: Br. Jerry Leslie

2:00 Short discourses on **THE GLORY OF GOD**
-as shown in His **EMOTIONS** Br. Cramer

-as shown in His **FAMILY and FRIENDS** Br. Suraci

3:00 Fellowship

3:30 **Group Studies** [convention divided into two groups]

DEMONSTRATING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD- AS INDIVIDUALS

Study leaders: Brs. Cunningham and Jezuit

5:00 Dinner

7:00 **Testimony and Vespers** Br. Rick Suraci

8:30 Close

Sunday August 26, 2007

Chairman: Br. Bill Ostrander

8:00 Breakfast (served until 9:00am)

9:30 Opening service

9:45 **Group Studies** [convention divided into two groups]

DEMONSTRATING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD- AS MEMBERS OF AN ECCLESIA

Study leaders: Brs. Doran and Cramer

11:15 Fellowship

11:45 **Discourse** Br. Ric Cunningham

12:30 Lunch

2:00 **Discourse** Br. Rick Suraci

2:45 Fellowship

3:00 **Discourse** Br. Art Jezuit

3:45 Close of convention

STUDY QUESTIONS

Study 1- Saturday 3:30pm

DEMONSTRATING AND GIVING GLORY TO GOD- AS INDIVIDUALS

DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.... 1 Corinthians 10:31

1. What are the qualities that make the Father "glorious" and is it possible that we can manifest those specific qualities in our daily lives?

Are there any of His glorious qualities that would be impossible for us to even partially manifest?

What is the opposite of "bringing glory to God"?

2. Our relationship with God is one of the mind and of controlling our behaviors. How do these actions glorify or not glorify God?

a. Spoken Language

b. Attitudes

c. Activities of daily living, like diet and health care

3. Which of our emotions can glorify God? Which do the opposite?

4. How does the begetting of God's holy spirit relate to the glorifying of God?

5. How does the 'beauty of holiness' relate to the glorifying of God?

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING THE TWO STUDY SESSIONS

The following study questions are viewed as a first step and are intended to help you focus on our topic. The leaders will develop the study as they deem appropriate. Please think of appropriate scriptures to support your thoughts.

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