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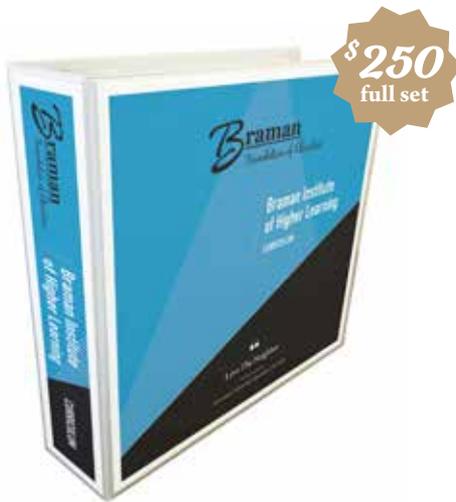
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# *BFC Editorial*

To All Faithful Readers:

Upon this writing we are rapidly moving into the Fall Season as the nights are much cooler and dusk comes much earlier. For many the fall foliage is a favorite time of year.

BFC's community programs continue to grow and are well attended. As noted, BFC has moved its Tuesday Discipleship and Thursday Bible Study to the Grand Nursing Home. Four of our attendees have had strokes and asked if we could meet at the Grand. This has attracted others to the facility. We thank God we can serve.

Be sure to pray for our mission partners. Their requests are in the magazine under each organization. BFC is touring a new orphanage in Sierra Leone. Fudia Braman has picked this out and feels it is important to continue to grow our mission work in Freetown.

As you read this, Fudia will have migrated to Poughkeepsie, NY and is now living here.

We say goodbye to Pastor William Church and Mr. Frank Athearn. Both have been so special and God ordained to personally provide counsel for Peter Braman and the organization's growth. With the new Poughkeepsie location, their involvement was wavering. We thank them so much for all their prayers, advice, and friendship.

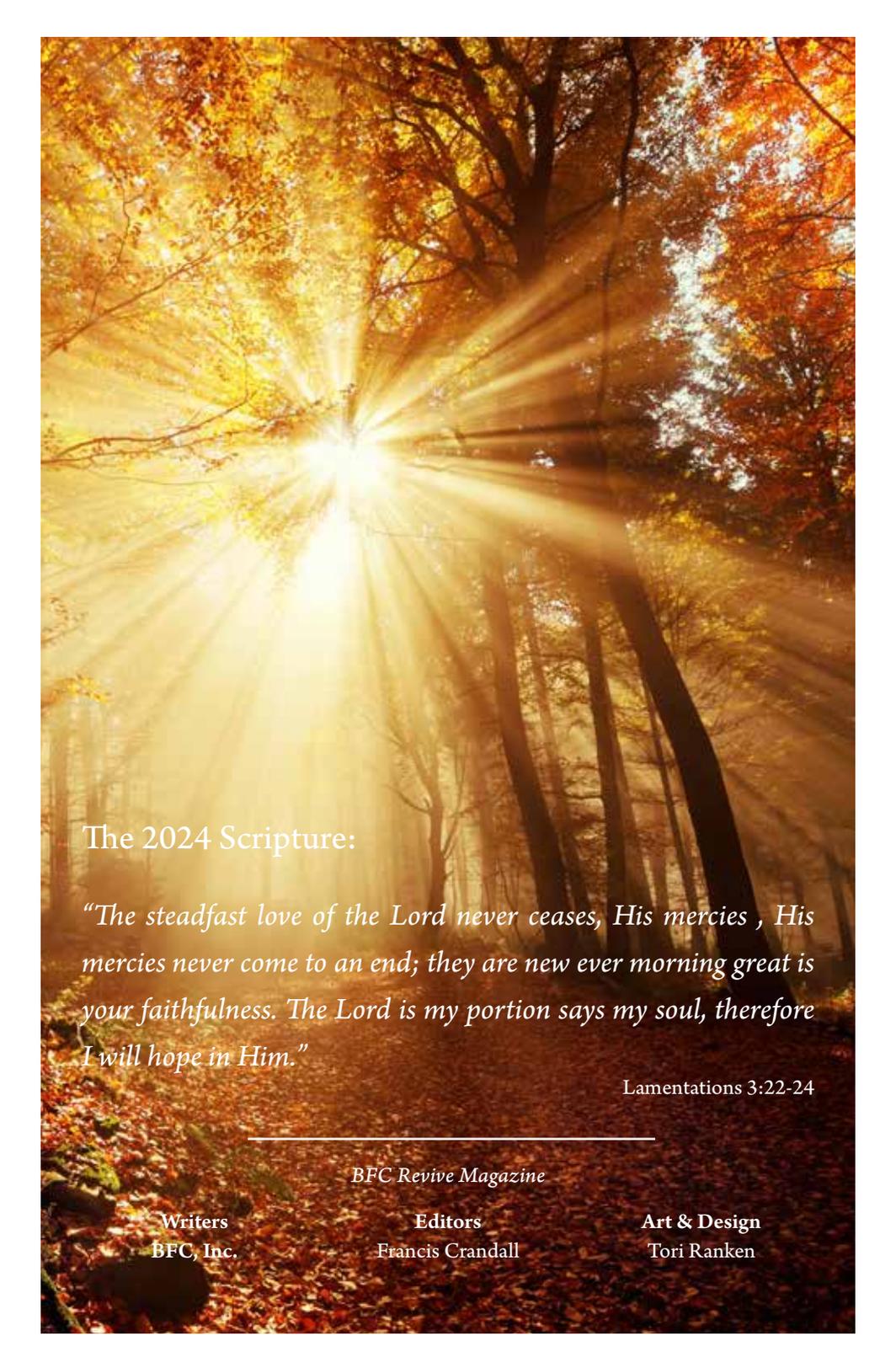
We say hello to both Fudia Braman and Michael Patierno that will serve on the BFC board. We have introduced them both in this issue.

We continue to print the RWB Sermons as Sandra Torrant continues her project of typing them into microsoft word. As noted, there are 378 sermons and Sandra has completed 253! So grateful to her for this work.

Please, we hope you enjoy this issue and that you are blessed. Your continued prayers, financial support, and well wishes are so special!

May the Lord continue to shine upon you, may your life grow and be enriched through His grace, and may you and your family be ever protected through the Lord's solarity.

Always in Christ and His Love,  
BFC



The 2024 Scripture:

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies , His mercies never come to an end; they are new ever morning great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.”*

Lamentations 3:22-24

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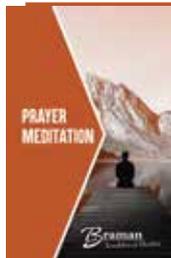
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# Community Meetings



## Prayer & Meditation

Every Sunday, 7pm

We are using the BFC reflections book to open the session. We meditate for 20 minutes, then read from Thomas A Kempis' book "The Imitation of Christ". Then we meditate for another 15 minutes and close. We are averaging 5 people on Sunday nights.



## Healing & Restoration

Every Monday, 7pm

Since beginning this session in April, we have 6 committed participants. Currently we have been running through and studying the 12 Steps of Recovery. We have also begun CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy). This has been difficult for several members, but they continue to persevere.



## Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 7pm

Moved to the Grand Nursing Home in Poughkeepsie in May of this year. Several attendees have had strokes and were relocated to the Grand Nursing Home. This really continues to grow and many members are attending church with BFC also. We continue to review the workbook "BFC Discipleship".



## Bible Study

Every Thursday, 7pm

This also was moved to the Grand Nursing Center on Main Street in Poughkeepsie. The same attendees also attend Tuesday night. There are 4 stroke patients. We are now arriving between 9-12 at our bible study. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit and scriptures related to this topic.

# Community Meetings



Prayer & Meditation

Healing & Restoration



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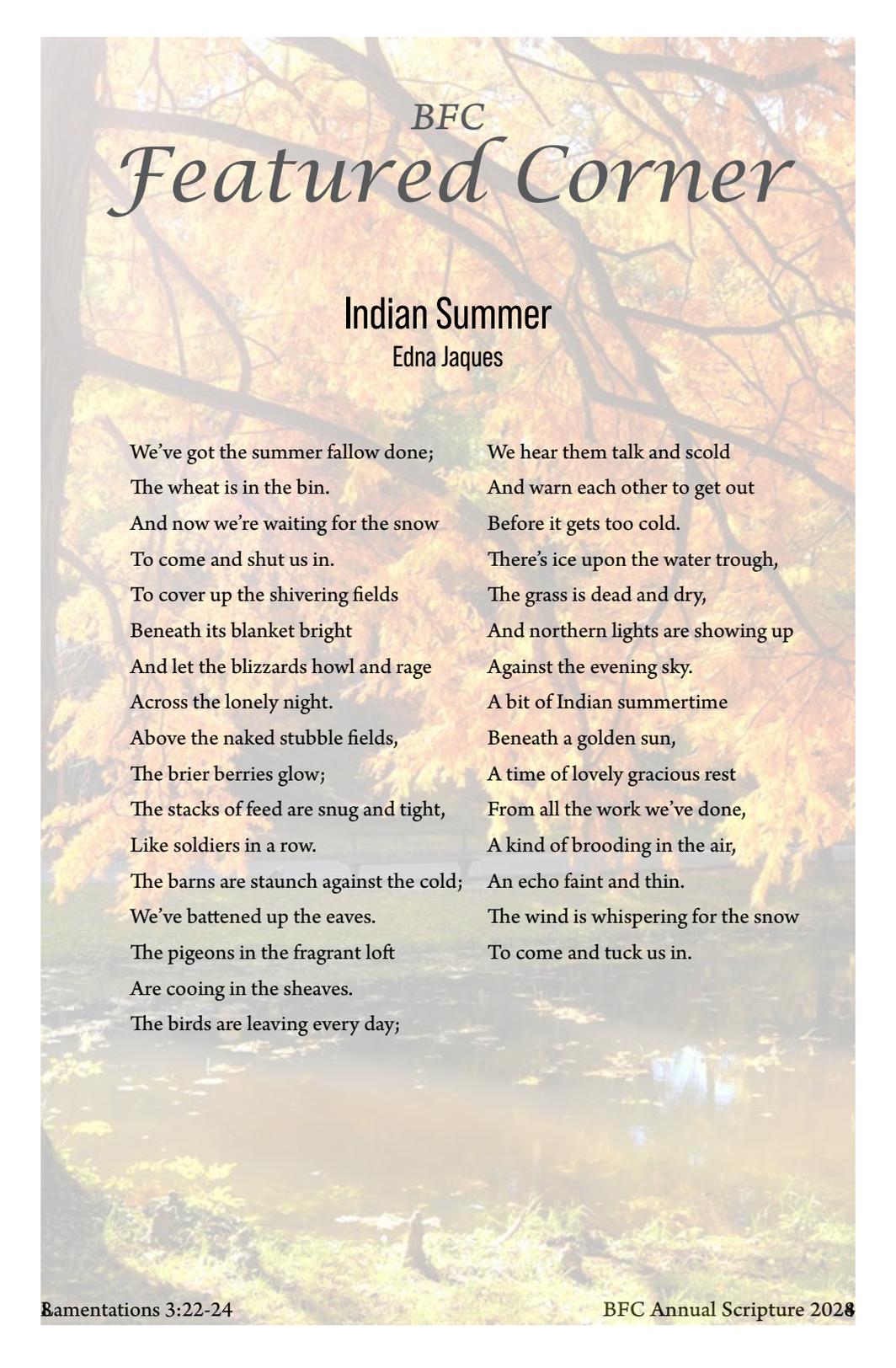
# Elderly Care Program

## Missions: Kenya

Jomo and His team continue to grow The Elderly Care Program in Migori Kenya Africa. As you may remember we recently celebrated our 4th year of service. June of 2024 marks the 4th year anniversary. Jomo is seeking prayer as he has several elders that would like to join. BFC funds this program. Jomo and his team is able to provide daily lunches and dinners 6 days per week. In addition, we provide needed medical care for these folks and finally BFC funds the funeral costs and expenses that would otherwise go unpaid. Currently Jomo's team is serving 9 Elders. We envision this to grow as Christ commands: "To Love Thy Neighbor." Consider your ongoing donation on a monthly basis to help with this ministry. And may God Bless you.







BFC  
*Featured Corner*

## Indian Summer

Edna Jaques

We've got the summer fallow done;  
The wheat is in the bin.  
And now we're waiting for the snow  
To come and shut us in.  
To cover up the shivering fields  
Beneath its blanket bright  
And let the blizzards howl and rage  
Across the lonely night.  
Above the naked stubble fields,  
The brier berries glow;  
The stacks of feed are snug and tight,  
Like soldiers in a row.  
The barns are staunch against the cold;  
We've battened up the eaves.  
The pigeons in the fragrant loft  
Are cooing in the sheaves.  
The birds are leaving every day;

We hear them talk and scold  
And warn each other to get out  
Before it gets too cold.  
There's ice upon the water trough,  
The grass is dead and dry,  
And northern lights are showing up  
Against the evening sky.  
A bit of Indian summertime  
Beneath a golden sun,  
A time of lovely gracious rest  
From all the work we've done,  
A kind of brooding in the air,  
An echo faint and thin.  
The wind is whispering for the snow  
To come and tuck us in.

# BFC Says Goodbye & Thank You to Departing Board Members, Welcomes New Ones

**Michael Patierno**  
Director of Finance



Michael is the newly appointed Director of Finance for the Braman Foundation of Charities. He brings over 36 years of experience in finance, real estate development, and sustainable business practices. Mr. Patierno has a proven track record of building and leading successful organizations, with particular expertise in real estate finance, green construction, renewable energy, and investment management. His visionary leadership and passion for positive impact align seamlessly with the Braman Foundation of Charities' mission. Mr. Patierno's unwavering commitment to financial stewardship and sustainable growth will be instrumental in guiding the Foundation's long-term sustainability.



We Thank God for Frank Athearn and wish him well. Frank Athearn is rotating out of the BFC Board. Frank has a fantastic sense for business and was very instrumental in suppling guidance to the BFC Team. Unfortunately, for BFC the logistics have made meetings difficult with new offices for BFC in Poughkeepsie. We therefore, thank God so much for all his guidance through the years and pray that he and his family will be continually blessed.



We also thank God for pastor Bill Church and wish him well Pastor Bill has been a blessing for BFC also for years. He will be missed as he rotates out of his board position. Pastor Bill was instrumental in getting BFC aligned with the C& MA Church of India. This is a great blessing as BFC still serves the C&MA in the State Gujrat India. Pastor Bill has been a close spiritual advisor. He lead the team in getting the BFC woman's facility organized w/ Charmaine Long in 2020. We will miss his counsel. BFC Wishes and prays for Pastor Bill and his family and thank him very much.



BFC has introduced Fudia several months ago to the BFC Board. This is her " official welcoming. " As some of you know Fudia comes from the country of Sierra Leone in West Africa. Fudia has helped BFC start the " Behind the Walls " Prison Ministry in Freetown. Sierra Leone, Fudia has organized our mission work in the Orphanages in Sierra Leone also. Currently BFC is planning a trip there to tour another Orphanage. We thank God for Fudia as she is also our daily prayer Partner. As noted recently, Fudia has married Peter Braman in January of 2024. She will be immigrating here is 2 weeks. We thank God for Fudia.

# Mityana Community Pentecostal Ministries

## Missions: Uganda

The Mityana Community Pentecostal Ministries of Uganda is run by Pastor John Kamuleguya. Pastor John oversees the ministry and the Nalugazi Orphanage. They are requesting funds to build for the 45 churches within the ministry. Pastor John is also requesting donations for the 25 children of the orphanage that need their school fees covered and funds for food provisions. May God bless you and thank you for your support.





# The Holy Spirit

*“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

- Acts 2:4

Before an all-star game a few years ago, the American League locker room strategists were debating how to pitch to “Stan-the-Man Muriel, the great National League hitter. Should you pitch to him high and inside or low and away? Could you sneak a hard fast one by him or fill him with a big slow curve? Yogi Berra, who was to catch, listened briefly then ended the discussion with a single sentence. “The trouble with you guys is that you’re trying to figure out in 15 minutes what nobody has figured out in 15 years.”

That is substantially the position we are in this morning. We’re going to try to figure out something in 20 minutes which nobody has really figured out in 20 centuries: The Holy Spirit.

What is the Holy Spirit?

The phrase is familiar enough to us all. We have probably used it half a dozen times in this service already. It is used in a good many hymns. Creeds almost invariably involve it. It or one of its synonyms appears on practically every page of the Bible. Prayers and benedictions abound with it but few, if any, of our chief Christian beliefs are as foggy in our minds as is this. We find it a good deal easier to believe in than to define! What is the Holy Spirit?

The simplest and plainest way to begin to get a purchase on the idea is to regard it as another name for God. Any time or place you see the word Holy Spirit or just “Spirit” (with a capital S) you can substitute

the word God without doing the slightest violence to the meaning and vice versa.

As the Bible uses the term, however, Holy Spirit is more than a synonym for the most high. So come a little farther and know that it is a term usually used to try and express God’s way of working, his intangible conversation with his creation. “In the beginning”, we read that, “the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.”(Genesis 1:1-2) The Holy Spirit is a way of describing the unifying power which we sense in the midst of the continual flux and flow of things.

A way of understanding this, perhaps, is to say that the Holy Spirit is to God what sunlight is to the sun. On a bright winter day one can appreciate the radiance effect of sunlight. Even though the air is cold you can feel the penetrating warmth of the sun. Although the sun is 95 million miles or so away, and the earthly temperature is below freezing, you feel warm inside. And the way it does it, in a layman’s terms at any rate, is by sunlight-by radiation from itself. So you might describe the Holy Spirit as radiation from God.

Jonathan Edwards, noting that “We often read in Scripture of the Father loving the Son and the Son loving the Father, yet we never once read either of the Father or the Son loving the Holy Spirit” or the Spirit loving either of them”, said that “The Holy Spirit is the Divine Love, the love of the Father and the Son”— It is the bond of felicity between God and his son in all creation.

This brings us a step farther. Not only is the Holy Spirit another name for God, and particularly a way of describing God's way of working, it is especially descriptive of God's way of influencing humanity. It is a name for, or identification of, that aspect of God's activity that is intuitively connected with human beings – our very life is his Spirit breathed into us. For we read in Genesis 2:7, "Then Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." And similarly Jesus did the same to his disciples after his resurrection as we read in John 20:22, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit." Our intellectual and moral and religious capacities are in the arena of its particular operation. Prophetic, aesthetic, and scientific inspiration are attributable to it. Talents and abilities spring from it. It is the divine influence in our lives.

With all the initially confusing variety of meanings attached to the single term, Divine Spirit, within the world of religion, two are distinctive and universal—intimacy and potency. The Holy Spirit testifies to the immediately present activity of the Divine – God near and God-mighty. The "Spirit of God" or "Holy Spirit" is always God-at-hand, and the "Spirit of God" or "Holy Spirit" is always God-at-work.

This brings us to a very practical consideration. If the Holy Spirit is another name for God, a description of the way he works, and especially descriptive of his way of influencing humanity, how does one know when something is the work of the Spirit and when it isn't? Everything that someone may decide as the "work of the Spirit" isn't necessarily divine in its origin, and not everyone who claims to be inspired or directed by the Spirit can be believed!

I remember hearing of a person who was brought up in one of the more emotionally religious climates where such as ecstatic

experiences as speaking in tongues and assorted physical gyrations are commonly taken as the supreme evidences of the religious spirit. His mother was a deeply Christian woman, however, and while never attacking such religious activities, she shrewdly observed to her son: "Roy", she said, "it's not so much how high they jump as what they do when they come down, that counts."

How is one to know when one's own impulses are from the Spirit? How is one to know when a man or a movement is truly inspired? Such questions soon arose in the church and the New Testament offers several practical test.

One of them is consistent with Jesus; anyone or anything that is incompatible with the fullest possible understanding of, appreciation of, and obedience to our Lord is not of the Spirit. We read in 1 John 2: 3-6, "And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. He who says, "I know him but disobeys his Commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked." And in Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him." And again in I John 4:2&5, "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God." "They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them."

Another of the test, and particularly one to be applied to social movement and institutions, is the extent to which it contributes to genuine freedom. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17). Any man or movement or habit is what the Bible calls a "false god" if "having once become a repository of a

man's allegiance, it straight way proceeds to destroy his freedom."

The most exhaustive test for the presence of the Spirit is Paul's list in Galatians 5:22, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Or as John puts it more simply in 3 John 2, "He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God."

For the most part the first generation of Christians was not composed of college graduates. PhD's were a few. Wealth and social standing were conspicuous by their absence. Yet, these ordinary people, of ordinary education, and with ordinary resources, found themselves with an abundance of new power, courage, and ability to express their experiences and religious faith. They found themselves doing things they had never dreamed they could or would do. However, they were aware of a guidance and direction from beyond themselves. They were steering a new, unknown, uncharted course and just when it seemed that they didn't know which way to turn or what to do next the answers seemed to come to them. They discovered to their amazement that they were growing, learning, changing, being transformed and renewed morally and spiritually. And they described it all— a new power, the sense of direction, and the personal transformation—as the work of the Holy Spirit.

You see God's Holy Spirit comes to us regardless of our education, regardless of our social position, regardless of whether we are rich or poor. These earthly and worldly things do not matter to God. And when we do receive this Spirit we will have all kinds of power, we will be able to do things that previously we thought were impossible. We will know when the Holy Spirit has touched us because we will feel differently about things, we will look upon things with a new light, we will have a feeling of

joy and happiness we never before have experienced. It is difficult to explain exactly what will happen and how God speaks to each individual in different ways. All I can say, when God really touches you, you will know, there will be no doubt.

A delegation of women once called on President Lincoln to urge a particular course of action. The leader assured the president that he had been up appointed a minister of the Lord to accomplish this very thing and should follow the example of the inspired Old Testament leader Deborah. When the woman had finished making the presentation, Lincoln terminated the interview with a single lawyer – style sentence. "I have neither time nor disposition to enter into argument with you, and would end this discussion by suggesting for your consideration whether, if it be true that the Lord has appointed me to do the work you have indicated, it not probable he would have communicated knowledge of that fact to me as well as to you."

Let us close then with this line from that remarkable bestseller of a few years ago, Dr. Zhivago. "I think that if the beast who sleeps in man could be held down by threats— any kind of threat, whether of jail or retribution after death—then the highest emblem of humanity would be the lion tamer – with his whip, not the prophet who sacrificed himself. But don't you see— what has for centuries raised man above the beast is not the cudgel, but an inward music; the irresistible power of unarmed truth, the powerful attraction of its example." "Not the cudgel, but an inward music—the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort and for strength."

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“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies , His mercies never come to an end; they are new ever morning great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.”

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# South Sudan

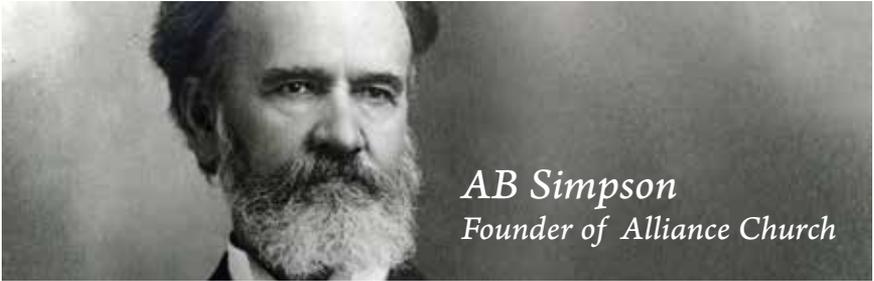
## Missions: Africa

“The peace of Christ be with you, my beloved. I hope that you are well and in good health, by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ Sudan is now in the situation of a very war, even because it is continuing and walking for the worst 1/prayer of needs, such as medicines, now people in us with cholera and flood diseases. Sudan has become in very difficult circumstances. Yes, and his blessings and use you for the glory of his Almighty name. Also we give food items to the families, if you want to add them to our work in South Sudan, right now the hunger is at a higher level, because the government is failure to pay salaries for 11 months no any services, you may not believe.”

- A Message from Pastor Wilson Abraham



# *A Daily Devotional*



*“As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God” (Rom. viii. 14).*

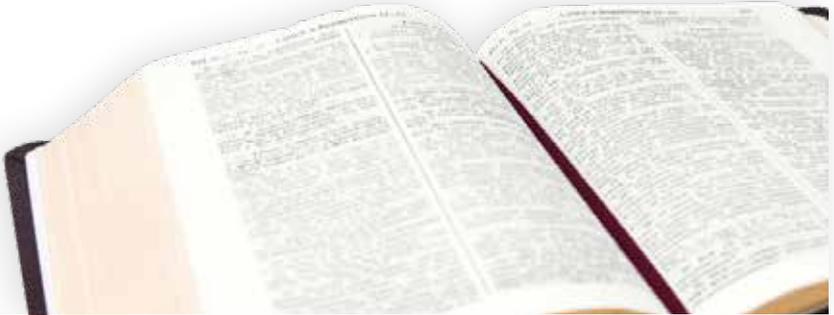
The blessed Holy Spirit is our Guide, our Leader, and our Resting-place. There are times when He presses us forward into prayer, into service, into suffering, into new experiences, new duties, new claims of faith, and hope, and love, but there are times when He arrests us in our activity, and rests us under His overshadowing wing, and quiets us in the secret place of the Most High, teaching us some new lessons, breathing into us some deeper strength or fullness, and then leading us on again, at His bidding alone. He is the true Guide of the saint, and the true Leader of the Church, our wonderful Counselor, our unerring Friend; and he who would deny the personal guidance of the Holy Ghost in order that he might honor the Word of God as our only guide, must dishonor that other word of promise, that His sheep shall know His voice, and that His hearkening and obedient children shall hear a voice behind them saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it.”



# Biblical Studies

*John 14:26*

But the helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all the things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.



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# BFC Commentary

## *The Holy Spirit is a Teacher*

### **John 14:26**

*“But the helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all the things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”*

Sister, brother, as you have turned within and have become born again the Holy Spirit will now be your ever present teacher. The Holy Spirit is a person, so to speak, as Christ, and as the Father. So speak to the Holy Spirit for He is always with you. As such, He is your ever present teacher. He is your Helper.

The Holy Spirit will bring back to your mind what the Lord has taught you. Mainly, Christ reminds you to follow His command. Command to: “Love thy Lord Thy God with all your heart and all our mind with all your soul. And the second is like the first that you shall love your neighbor as yourself and upon these two commands rest all the laws and the prophets.” And so upon these commands ask yourself: Do I love the Lord, my God? What is one of the great attributes of love: abiding!! How much time am I spending with the Lord? Do I rush through my routine to get at what I believe is my agenda of the day? “Seek yee first the kingdom and my righteousness and all things be added with you:’ So do I love the Lord? Secondly, how is my prayer life concerning others? Am I praying earnestly, for others or does my consciousness become ruled by fear and I find myself seeking help

only for myself, my ambition and my will? Say “Lord reveal to me the truth! Lord, how do I love myself? Am I getting the rest, believing you are promoting me, resting in your grace and mercy? Am I consumed by my boring, old self, my life, my ambition, my will!!! When will I get over me!! Lord help me!!

Christ goes onto express to the teachers of His day that the Law is the first five books of Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy! These are the book Moses wrote. The rest of the bible was considered the “prophets’: So Christ is saying that upon those commands rest all the law and prophet. So it is love. The greatest attribute of the Holy Spirit. Am I learning the truth behind all the scriptures?

Examine in Paul’s writing Corinthians in the first book, Chapter 13, referred to as the greatest gift. Love is the key in this chapter, “And though I have faith, though I feed the poor, I am like a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal?” Love is God! Love is what is our greatest attribute in how we operate from our teacher; The Holy Spirit.

Christ sends us this Helper, our friend or co-equal to God and to Christ. Yet this helper is omni-present. Each of us can call upon this Holy Spirit to teach us how to serve, in whom to serve and when to serve. Learn to listen to His still small voice that’s ever speaking to you, my friend. Usually, only in the stillness, the quiet of being alone can you truly hear: shut off your tv, put down your mobile phone

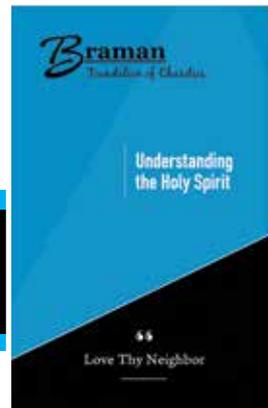
and power off your laptop. Grow in learning to listen to this still small voice. For your “helper,” is always trying to “get” your attention. But many refuse to listen and acknowledge Him in all those ways. He is your helper. He is your friend. A friend in which you can always depend on. You are to be taught all things. All the mysteries. However, in order to learn you must first develop this relationship. Grow with your best friend. Believe in Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is the calm before the storm. He is calm in the midst of the storm. He is ever present with you regardless of your troubles.

You will be reminded of how you were when you first believed. Do you recall those days? Now the Lord is with you even though you may be in a “dry” spell. Allow your teacher to reveal to your mind the time of great inner joy, a time of peace, or a era of great tranquility. We all can recall, as the teacher reminds us of such events. Allow your being to be “washed” over from recollection. Know that if you’re in a difficult period of your life, this too shall pass.

Just as there have been greater events previously, therefore this time will too be equal. My friend, take time to praise the Lord in your doom and in your gloom.

For in truth regardless of your events, you are an eternal being. You’re destined to reside with the Lord because you have sought Him, confessed and surrendered to Him. He is now, was and shall always be your alpha, your omega “the beginning and the end.’ Be ever blessed in His presence.

This Biblical Studies is an excerpt from  
An Understanding of The Holy Spirit.



## *Notable / Quotable*

# *Temple of God*

Revelation 3: 12-13 “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of God, and he will not go out from it anymore, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from God, and my new name.”

1 Corinthians 3:16 “Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Corinthians 6:19 “or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, who you have from God and that you are not your own?”

2 Corinthians 6:16 “or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said.”

My friend, do you not have the realization that you are the temple of the Living God? The kingdom of God is in you. Christ is a perfect incarnation of God that comes to redeem the world because of sin. Yet, you incarnate through desire. You have come here to grow in your salvation, yet you know it not. You have become lost in this incarnation in several ways. You mistakenly identify as a male, or as a female. You claim to be of a certain race, or

creed. You have conformed to a material world as real, unending. You believe you are from a lineage of a family with continued sin, shortcomings, and difficulty.

Although all you believe to be true above, those facts are not who you are in God.

God is writing through John in Revelation that you shall not incarnate here as you have overcome self. Why do you come here to earth? Ask the Holy Spirit this question. Do not allow our self to generate an answer through reason and the intellect. Learn to listen to the still small voice and overcome self.

Do you not understand that you are a pillar in which God dwells? Yet you continue to identify with a realm that is ever-changing. You must learn to go within and overcome. Then you will grasp that your only desire is God and God alone! Do not succumb to the deluded beliefs in the current church in which many beliefs are very shallow.

Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, and knock and He will open the door. Yet you receive not because you do not ask. And therefore, you lack understanding of the truth of why you are here.

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## Understanding the Holy Spirit

Growing in understanding of the Holy Spirit is so important in one's faith because the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. Thanks to God through Christ the Holy Spirit has been given to us for various reasons. This body of work has been written to support this fact. One's faith must continue to grow in order to better serve the Lord in all our endeavors.



## An Understanding of Devotion, Confession, Self Reflection & Repentance

This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring him or her into a deeper relationship with Christ. Simply, to the point, and to testify in truth and the word of God. Progress into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you, nor forsake you.

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## Updates from Sierra Leone Prison Ministry

BFC will be meeting with a new volunteer for BFC in Freetown, Sierra Leone Africa. This will be Pastor Abdul of Freetown. He will be heading up the team in ministering to inmates in the Sierra Leone Prison in Freetown. Please pray as we continue to move forward in Freetown.

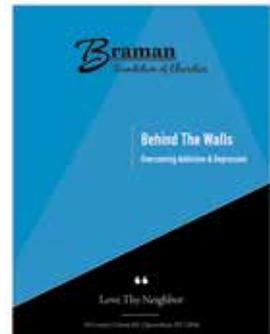


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“... I was in prison and you came to visit me.”  
Matthew 25:36

### Behind the Walls

In 1985, Braman began to witness his recovery from addiction in the New York State Correctional Facilities. Braman has presented programs since that time in many facilities including: Greenhaven, Fishkill, Downstate, Summit, and several local and county jails. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that is unfortunately associated with some families.

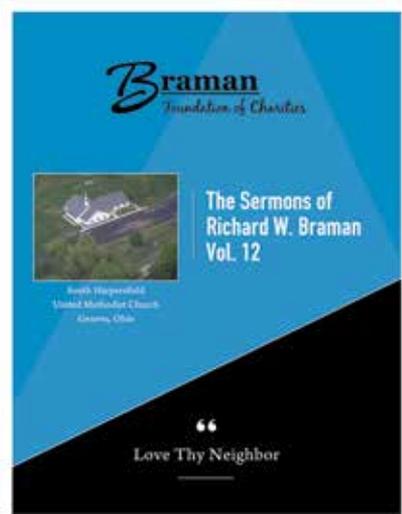


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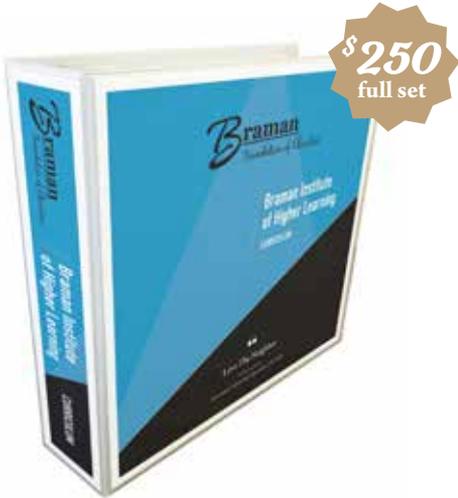
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*Words from Umakanta Guru*

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Many thanks for praying for the south part of Odisha including Kandhamal District, in the last week, it was a fearful situation in those areas, many left their own houses out of fear, but thank God that the Lord has protected His people including our believers over there, and now slowly people are returning to their native.”



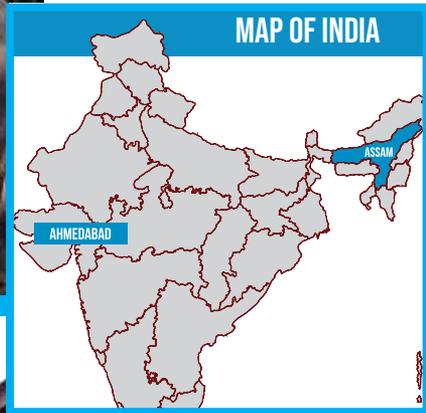
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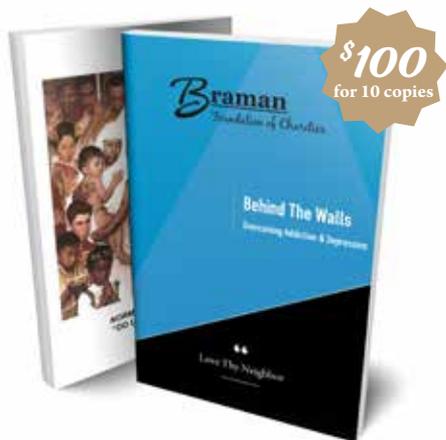
The Asapalli VBS is planned and carried out through CEF, Children's Evangelical Fellowship. CEF was founded in 1937, has over 3500 full time workers in the United States. With an estimated 40,000 volunteers in 192 countries throughout the world. CEF offers Sunday School Training, VBS activities, and the Good News Club, A Christian School Program.

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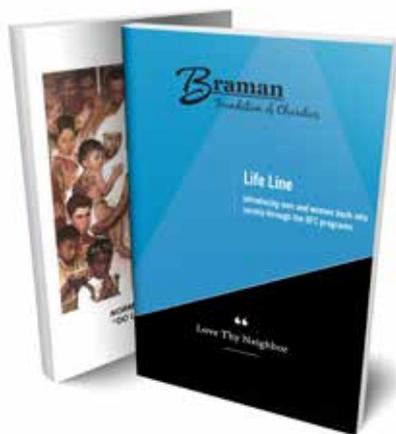


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# C&MA

## Missions: India



Please pray for all villagers and Mission field and new believers as they all are in trouble due to heavy rains fall. Their farming falls due to rains. Please Pray for their basic needs of each family members and pastor, missionaries etc.

# VBS



# Jesus Christ Church & Ministries

## Missions: Pakistan

*Words from Pastor Haaroon*

“Lord Jesus Christ my dear brother Peter I wish you peace and I am perfectly well thank you Lord. I hope you are also well. God keep you in His shelter and protection and my prayers will always be with you. And thanks be to God the ministry is going very well and I am sharing the pictures with you. Peter brother, these pictures that I have sent you are the children we educate and give books to.”



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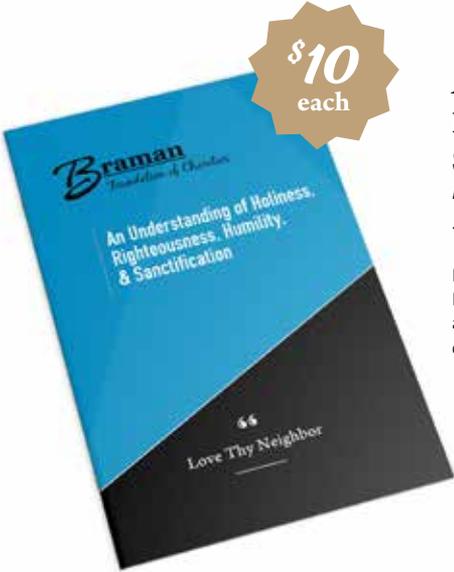
*"Thy good Spirit."*

Nehemiah 9:20



Common, too common is the sin of forgetting the Holy Spirit. This is folly and ingratitude. He deserves well at our hands, for he is good, supremely good. As God, he is good essentially. He shares in the threefold ascription of Holy, holy, holy, which ascends to the Triune Jehovah. Unmixed purity and truth, and grace is he. He is good benevolently, tenderly bearing with our waywardness, striving with our rebellious wills; quickening us from our death in sin, and then training us for the skies as a loving nurse fosters her child. How generous, forgiving, and tender is this patient Spirit of God. He is good operatively. All his works are good in the most eminent degree: he suggests good thoughts, prompts good actions, reveals good truths, applies good promises, assists in good attainments, and leads to good results. There is no spiritual good in all the world of which he is not the author and sustainer, and heaven itself will owe the perfect character of its redeemed inhabitants to his work. He is good officially; whether as Comforter, Instructor, Guide, Sanctifier, Quickener, or Intercessor, he fulfills his office well, and each work is fraught with the highest good to the church of God. They who yield to his influences become good, they who obey his impulses do good, they who live under his power receive good. Let us then act towards so good a person according to the dictates of gratitude. Let us revere his person, and adore him as God over all, blessed for ever; let us own his power, and our need of him by waiting upon him in all our holy enterprises; let us hourly seek his aid, and never grieve him; and let us speak to his praise whenever occasion occurs. The church will never prosper until more reverently it believes in the Holy Ghost. He is so good and kind, that it is sad indeed that he should be grieved by slights and negligences.

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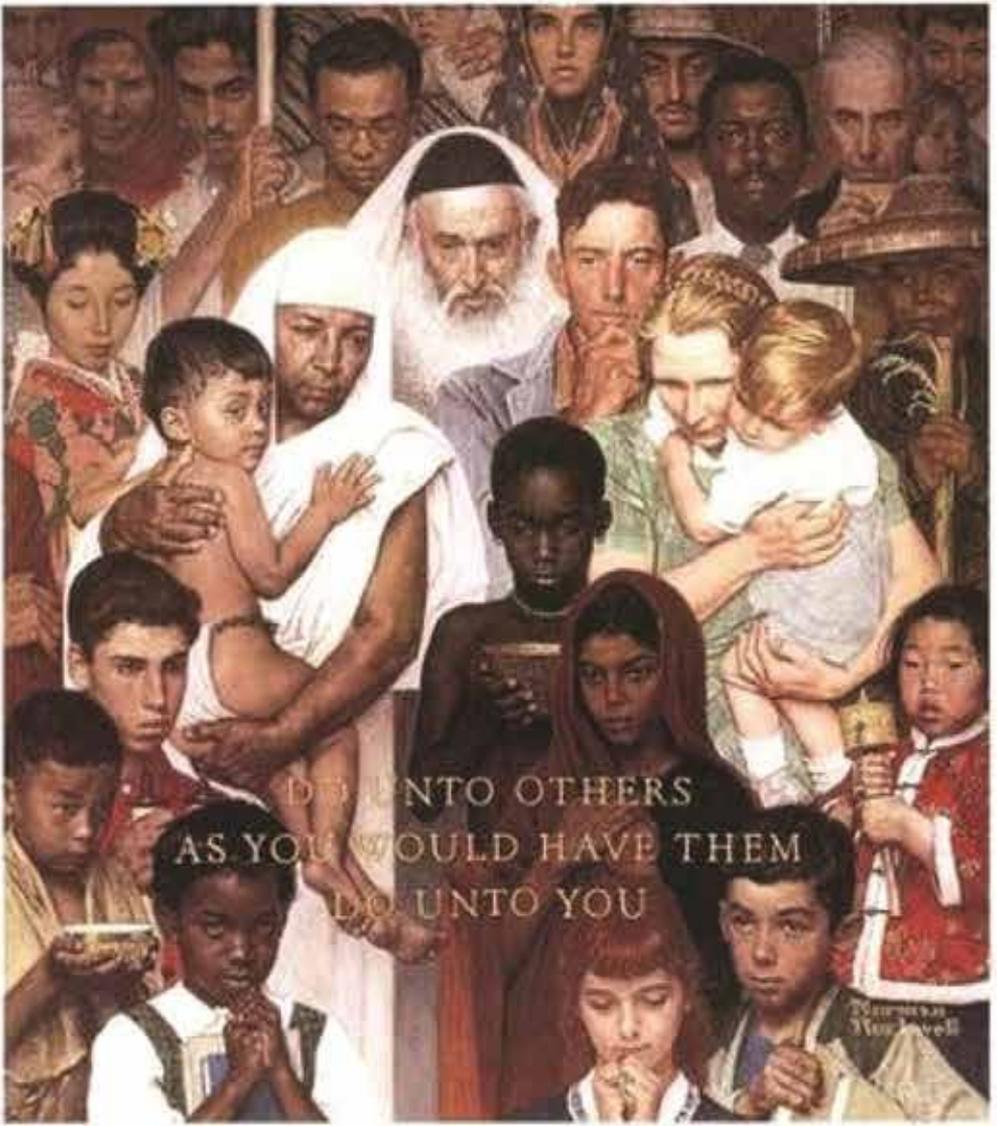
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