



THE SALT SHAKER

AMT UPDATE

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Fall 2019

"AMT & ICBT UPDATES"

- 1) Dr. Thompson and Dr. Carr will be traveling the week of March 21-28, 2020 to Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. 3/22-24 in Norris City, IL; 3/25 Sikeston, and Poplar Bluff, MO; 3/26-28 at the ACI Meeting (for ICBT Accreditation), Little Rock, AR. Please pray for travel, safety and God's Plans to be a total success. Call Dr. T for details on possible lunch or dinner meetings 618-383-5805. Glory to God!
- 2) Invoices have been sent out for Annual ICBT Site fees. Fees cover October 2019 thru September 2020. There are currently over 50 sites in U.S.
- 3) Articles are being sent out on various issues that we, The Body of Christ, need to be aware of and be prayerful about. Please share these articles with others and challenge intercessory prayer. Please email or write to home office if you have articles or testimonies you wish to share, or concerns you would like to address.

Scholarship Opportunity

Many of our Foreign Field and Inmate students do not have the finances to finish their education with a Degree. Registration is nominal and the curriculum is provided free (scholarship funds are used to pay for copying and postage). However many do not have the money to pay the \$50 KWA, \$100 Assoc/Bach or \$150 Master/Docorate Graduation fees for Degrees and Transcripts. There are currently 120 Foreign Field and 30 Inmates without family financial support. Multiple gifts as small as \$10 or \$20 throughout the year will help fill the need.

ICBT-KWA Scholarship Funds are in remembrance of

C.J. Goneau and Dr. Loretta Thompson.

Mail scholarship gifts to:
ICBT, P.O. Box 339, Norris City IL 62869

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Another school year has started and we celebrate 30 years in ministry. Over the years, hundreds of students have graduated with High School Diplomas and thousands have graduated with degrees from the Bible College.

Our ministry organization, American Mission Teams, has approximately 300 members. We also network with 150 other ministers and about 40 ministries. ICBT has teaching sites in 12 states and networking with other Bible colleges in several more. ICBT also has an online school, IIBT, from Pennsylvania with Drs. Allan and Rosemary Chambers. Another online site is under construction and updates will be forthcoming.

The Lord is continuing to expand the ministry with new school sites and school programs. We now have a Chaplaincy Program, which is available in 3 ICBT locations at this time. The Home Mission Program, prison ministry, has approximately 900 students taking college and high school courses. We praise God and are thankful to the 3 grading stations which take care of the Home Mission Programs. The grading stations have volunteers that grade and send out material to the Home Mission students. We send to prisoners in state and federal prisons from coast to coast, from south to north. It costs \$100 - \$150 per year to provide material per person.

In addition to other programs, we also have 300 plus persons to whom we email prayer requests and articles. These people pray and email them onto others for prayer. Praise the Lord for all He has done and is doing.

Concerning graduations this year, we have had or will be having graduations in Missouri, California, Virginia, Arizona, Texas, and Mexico. Also students are graduating in foreign field locations and, of course, by correspondence and online. Please continue in prayer for us and also for our country. It is only



through God's Grace and your prayers & support that we continue to grow and put forth the Word.

Special Needs:

We have 2 special needs. First, we recently rejoiced in the salvation of a man and his daughter. He is faced with several medical issues, which of course, lead to financial challenges.

Second – one of our AMT members is under medical treatment for skeletal and joint issues, suffering headaches and back & joint pain. The medical costs fall short of being paid by insurance.

So first we ask for intercessory prayer. Second we ask for love offerings as you are led by the Holy Spirit. Please send offerings to:

AMT
P.O. Box 339
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Please mark memo "special needs". All offerings will go directly to the special needs.

Prayer List and Articles:

We send out prayer requests and praise reports on a periodic basis. We also send out various articles. If you do not already receive these but would like to start to receive them, please send your email address to:

amticbt@gmail.com

Thanksgiving:

We will soon celebrate another Thanksgiving Holiday. As we think about spending time with family and friends we need to count our blessings from God every day.



"¹Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations." Psalms 100:1-5

What's Up with YOU?

Visit www.amt-icbt.com for AMT updates and ICBT information. All AMT-ICBT partners are invited to email in their updates to amticbt@gmail.com and be listed and linked for worldwide networking!



Divine Nature Applied

DNA, the natural kind, tells us what a person is like. It contains all the natural attributes and is a leading factor in the replication of cells in the exact form of the previous cell. So God intends for us, as believers, to replicate or become exactly as Jesus. He came on the inside of us so that He could replicate Himself in us. Man was originally created in His image, but after the fall that image was marred. So, God sent His Son to redeem us and then began the process of replicating Himself in us by the renewal of our minds.

The Kingdom Citizen who has the Divine Nature Applied in them will, over time, have love made or brought to maturity.



"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4: 16-17)

This text reads literally "the love with us." the Amplified Bible says *"In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us..."* God, Who is love, is producing love in us through the New Birth and the placing of His spirit within. This is His most desired replication in us, for without love we are completely unlike Him. When we are perfected in God's love in this earthly life, we will have no problem standing with boldness before Him. This is not some presumptuous faith or boldness, for we shall be like Him in the attribute of love in this world. That boldness will be our present likeness to Christ, particularly our likeness to Him in the way we love.

His Spirit abiding in us and His Word abiding in us casts out the carnal mind and the things of it that are enmity against Him. These fill our hearts with Him, perfecting love in us (1 John 2:5). His Spirit brings about the perfecting in righteousness and true holiness. It is a perfect imputation and a progressive impartation which causes our love to be perfected. His love becomes a working force in us.

It is the incorruptible seed of the Gospel that Holy Spirit uses to cause the Divine Nature Application in us.

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” (1 Peter 1: 22-23)

A seed carries within itself the DNA of that particular species, be it plant or animal. The seed replicates according to the DNA in it a plant or animal that resembles greatly the parent. The Seed of the Gospel carries the DNA of our Father through Christ His Son to us by the Word of God. By receiving that Seed, we are born again, destined to become like our Father as long as we allow that Seed to remain in us. It is His Nature that is planted in us by His Seed. While we may not see the effects of that Nature quickly, over time, continuing to be hooked to the Vine, we begin to change and conform to His image, the image of the Seed that is within.

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,
(Galatians 4:19)

Paul’s desire was for Christ to be formed in the believers of Galatia. His figure of speech here is that of an embryo developing into a child. By much labor and prayer Paul had ministered to them and they were dear to him. He was the means of the knowledge of the truth to those people. But now Paul was suffering from distress because of their apparent rejection of the spirit of the Gospel. Birth pangs are at once most painful and most rewarding to the expectant mother. It is an appropriate figure to describe the pain that was overtaking Paul

again for these people. He desired the full forming of new life in them and that they would have the characteristics of Christ, becoming true followers of His.

It was DNA Paul was talking about. It was the full forming of Christ in their lives, so that they no longer resembled themselves in their thoughts, words, or actions, but Christ. So it is that our thoughts, words and actions are to be changed, as Christ is fully formed in us.

During this time of year, as we celebrate the Birth of Our Savior, it is fitting to ask:



“What will you bring Him?”

Have we allowed our lives to become too busy to give Him our time – in study and in prayer? Many in this dying world do not know Him – will they see Him in you?



***Christmas Greetings from the
AMT-ICBT Board***
Join us as we celebrate Our Redeemer’s birth!