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## **The Government Is on His Shoulders**

I have struggled with what to write in this month's newsletter. Over and over in the past I have worked to communicate the fullness of who Jesus Christ is and all that he did, and thus also to teach who we believers and disciples of Jesus are in him. And over and over I've written on aspects of Jesus' imminent return. The fulfillment of so many Biblical prophecies clearly shows that his return is imminent, whether tonight or next week or in a few years. It is really soon.

Yet I see in all this that still only a relatively small number are interested in such monumental subjects. These are the subjects of life eternal, life with Jesus and his father forever. It is inescapable that it is one's personal relationship with Jesus that enables a person to move on with the Lord. He is the only way, as he said in John 14:6. There were no Christian denominations in Jesus' day. There was no Christian religion either. The key was the obvious – faith in Jesus. Acceptance of him as Lord. In Jesus' own words, the necessity to be born of water and the spirit.

Here's the skinny, the real truth of the situation. God is real. Jesus is real. The Holy Spirit is real. The Bible is true. Angels are real. So too the devil and demons. About two thousand years ago in an extraordinary act of love, God the Father sent his Son to earth to take the necessary steps to reconcile human beings to himself. This Son, Jesus Christ, had the right to go to the cross or not, as he himself said. Fortunately for us he elected to go through with the plan, and you and I have a door into the Kingdom of God – Jesus. He is the way.

Now we are approaching his return. There are all kinds of comments and theories abounding of things to happen. Various people seem to have come up with new theories of how to put different earth religions together, or maybe how all can be saved. There are thoughts of a great revival. Some even consider the Bible's words of all that is to happen in an allegorical way. But what we have is the Bible. It has always proved to be absolutely true in its literal sense. Yes it has meanings beneath the surface, layer upon layer of deep meanings. But the very words literally are always true. And those words say that Jesus is on the way. He is coming soon. Above all else our role is to tell people who he is and that he is coming soon, to help in the Father's leading people to Jesus, to help people be ready.

Don't be taken aback by all the deception out there. Some of the most prominent voices of the day have drifted into error, trying to combine all the different world religions. But belief in Jesus is not a religion. It is truth. The Kingdom of God is not a religion. It is a government. And the Bible tells us the government is on Jesus' shoulders.

God still loves us deeply, as the article below points out. But he also is truth and the Bible is his word. And the Lord is still the Lord, the King of all Kings, with everything under his feet. He is coming soon.

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## For God So Loves ...

God never ceases to surprise and amaze me with his gifts and his revelations. Consider this:

The New Testament was written in Greek. Most of us have known that for some time. What most haven't known is that the Greek language of the New Testament has seven tenses for its verbs. This is different from English, which has six tenses – past, present, future, and so on...you know, as in I was working yesterday, I am working now, I will be going to work tomorrow, and so forth.

Well, in the Greek of the New Testament, there is a verb tense that does not differentiate whether an action is for a moment or on-going - - in a way, no sense of time, no beginning, no ending, just being. An unusual concept, but there it is. This seventh tense is called the “aorist” tense. Some of the New Testament was written using that tense. When it was translated into English, the verbs were forced into one of our conventional six tenses, and the meaning of the Greek seventh tense was lost.

When I discovered this seventh tense I was led to investigate further. Just as I go back to the original Greek from time to time to investigate what was really intended in the original language of the New Testament, so I went in search of this seventh tense and where it might be used.

In searching for examples of the “aorist” tense, I thought, why not go to that famous verse so often quoted, John 3:16. And there I found it - two verbs written in the “aorist” tense that were translated into the past tense in the King James and other Bible translations.

“For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (KJV).” – That’s how we have read John 3:16. God so “loved” the world, and he “gave” his only son.

Well, those two verbs in the Greek are actually written in the aorist tense – in other words without time being specified. And a more correct translation is this:

“For God so *loves* the world he *gives* his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

God **loves** the world!!!! He **loves** us. An on-going love, never ending. **Loves**. A continuing love. And he **gives** his son, **gives** Jesus to us, to the reconciliation of people to himself. **Gives**.

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*Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!*

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Right now, today, God so loves a person that he gives Jesus to that person. Yes, Jesus has already once and for all gone to and through the cross and overcome sin and death. But God still gives Jesus to anyone open to receive. It is a perpetual love giving a perpetual gift available now to any and every person on earth to accept, to receive.

We have known some of that, of course, but I think not so clearly as the correct use of the “aorist” tense renders John 3:16.

We have a wonderful God. And he loves this world – not the secular, lost, unbelieving world system but the people he created and the world he intended. And he gives to those people his son. He gives you his son. He gives you a way to him, a way to join him in his Kingdom forever, a way for you to be with God the Father and Jesus forever (John 17:3).

Loves....gives....A perpetual state with God.

Isn't it time for you to praise God and thank him for his continuing love and his gift!

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May you live in the blessings of God always.

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