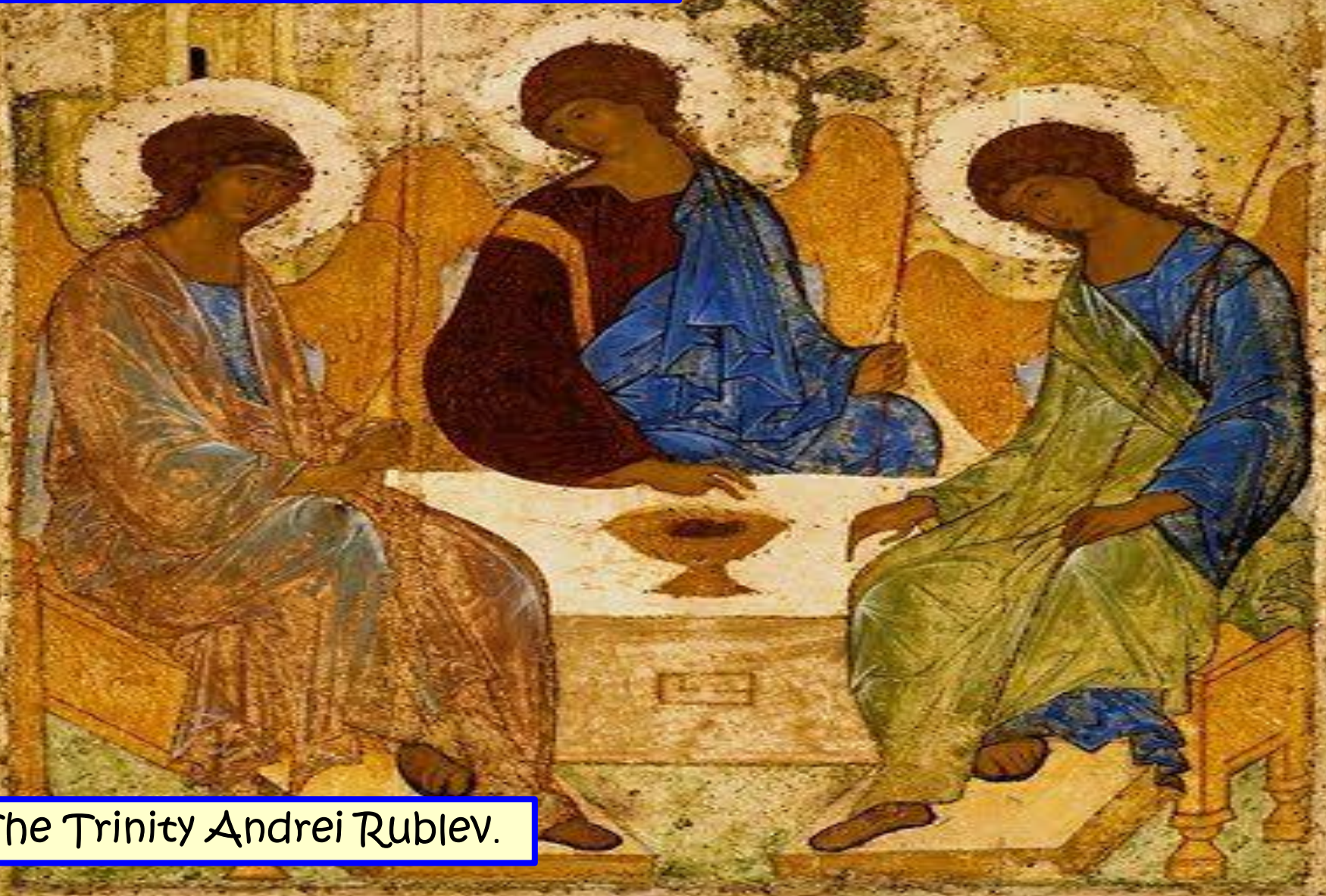


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The Trinity Andrei Rublev.

2007 Biblical text-messaging Competition



A competition was held for re-writing the Lord's Prayer for the mobile phone, using just 160 characters or less. It was judged by the Churches' Broadcasting Conference. The task itself was not easy. The traditional version of the Lord's Prayer is 372 characters long, so cutting it down to 160 characters meant cutting the prayer by more than half but without losing anything important.

THE WINNER – out of a strong field of over 100 entries, Matthew Campbell, a history student at York University, came up with the winning entry, which is...

In 1st place:
Matthew
Campbell
York,
England

dad@hvn,ur spshl.we
want wot u want &
urth 2 b like hvn.giv
us food & 4giv r sins
lyk we 4giv
uvaz.don't test us!
save us! bcos we kno
ur boss,ur tuf & ur
cool 4 eva! ok?

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1. To build community
 2. To be God's welcome.
 3. To renew and serve the church.


LUKE 4: 16-19 (NLT) When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:



“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the
poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
and that the time of the LORD's favour has come”





WHAT DOES KINGDOM CULTURE LOOK LIKE?

ROMANS 14:17 (NLT) For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

JESUS PREACHES THE ATTITUDES OF THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 5:1-10 (TPT) One day Jesus saw a vast crowd of people gathering to hear him, so he went up the slope of a hill and sat down. Jesus began to teach them:

“What wealth is offered to you when you feel your spiritual poverty! For there is no charge to enter the realm of heaven’s kingdom.”

“What delight comes to you when you wait upon the Lord! For you will find what you long for.

“What blessing comes to you when gentleness lives in you! For you will inherit the earth.


“How blessed you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God.”

“How enriched you are when you bear the wounds of being persecuted for doing what is right! For that is when you experience the realm of heaven’s kingdom.”

MAHATMA GHANDI 1869-1948

You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilisation to pieces, turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature.





COLOSSIANS 1:13
He has rescued us from the kingdom
of darkness and transferred us into
The Kingdom of His beloved Son.

The background is an abstract, textured composition of various shades of blue, from light sky blue to deep navy and indigo. Interspersed throughout are streaks and patches of gold and yellow, creating a shimmering, multi-layered effect. The overall texture is reminiscent of marbled paper or a dynamic, expressive painting. A central rectangular box with a blue border contains the text.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20:(TPT)

**For the kingdom realm of God comes
with power, not simply impressive
words.**

MATTHEW 4:23 (NKJV)

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

MATTHEW 13:31 (NKJV)

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field."



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

“Preach the gospel at all times but only use words if you really have to.”



ACTS 19:38-39 (NKJV) Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly. (**ecclesia**).

The word translated assembly in this instance is the same word ecclesia translated as 'church' in the rest of the New Testament

1.) MATTHEW 16:18 (NKJV) And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

(YLT) And I also say to thee, that thou art a rock, and upon this rock I will build my assembly, and gates of Hades shall not prevail against it;

(CJB) I also tell you this: you are Kefa," [which means 'Rock,'] "and on this rock I will build my Community, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.

2.) MATTHEW 18:15-17 (NKJV) “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector

17. (YLT) And if he may not hear them, say [it] to the assembly, and if also the assembly he may not hear, let him be to thee as the heathen man and the tax-gatherer.

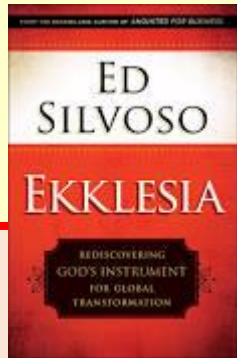


William Tyndale, 1494-1536
An English scholar
who became a leading
figure in the Protestant
Reformation in the years
leading up to his
execution



James was King of
Scotland as James VI
from 24 July 1567 and
King of England and
Ireland as James I from
the union of the
Scottish and English
crowns on 24 March 1603
until his death in 1625

Ed Silvoso is an Argentinian evangelist, author, and documentarian. He founded Harvest Evangelism and the Transform Our World Network.



p 20 The New Testament examples of church are vastly different from the contemporary notion that it is a place where members go once or twice a week. Back then it always referred to people and was made up of people who operated 24/7 from house to house. It was a transforming organism not a static institution. Its objective was the transformation of people and society rather than acting as a transfer station for saved souls bound for heaven. In fact, the New Testament Church was so dynamic that two years after Paul planted the Ecclesia in Ephesus 'All who lived in (The Roman Province of) Asia heard the word of The Lord.' **ACTS 19:9-10**

Jesus' Ecclesia was a people movement that swept region after region without any military or governmental support and as a counterculture to the existing culture. It had no full-time staff, or professional ministers and with the exception of some epistles that circulated regionally had little access to other parts of The Bible yet it was healthy and powerful, dramatically changing lives and spreading. Jesus intention was to co-opt an existing secular concept and impregnate it with His kingdom DNA.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His
righteousness, and all these things shall be added to
you.

MATTHEW 6:33 (NKJV)

“Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the
kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter
it.”

MARK 10:15 (NKJV)

BILL JOHNSON

Jesus did not go through everything He did for us to
do ‘church.’



MATTHEW 10:16(TPT)

Now, remember, it is I who sends you out, even though you feel vulnerable as lambs going into a pack of wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes yet as harmless as doves.”

Dawna de Silva

'Shifting Atmospheres.'

When we are ignorant
of the enemy's designs,
we leave ourselves open
to attack.

Many Christians have
no idea how much the
spiritual realm affects
their health, thought
processes or daily lives.



HENRI NOUWEN 1932-1996

A Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice and community.



Listening is the highest form of hospitality, the sort that does not set out to change people but to offer them the space where change can take place.... Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the lifestyle of the host but the gift of a chance for the guest to find His own. Let us not underestimate how hard it is to listen and to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely and broken. But ... our spontaneous response ... is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it. As busy, active, relevant people we want to [make] a real contribution. This means first and foremost doing something to show that our presence makes a difference. And so we ignore our greatest gift, which is our ability to be there, to listen and to enter into solidarity with those who suffer."

LISTEN.

When I ask you to listen to me
And you start giving advice,
You have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me
And you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,
You are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me
And you feel that you have to do something to solve
my problem,
You have failed, strange as that may seem.

Listen! All I asked was that you listen
Not talk or do-just hear me.

Advice is cheap 25 cents will get you both 'Dear Abby'
and Billy Graham in the same newspaper.

And I can do for myself; I am not helpless:

Maybe discouraged and faltering but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for
myself, you contribute to my fear and weakness.

But when you accept as simple the fact that I do feel what I feel,
No matter how irrational, then I can quit trying to convince you
and get about the business of understanding what's behind this
irrational feeling.

And when that's clear, the answers are obvious and I don't need
advice.

Irrational feelings make sense when we understand what's behind
them.

So please listen and just hear me. And if you want to talk, wait a
minute for your turn and I'll listen to you.

ANONYMOUS.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-2 (TPT)

But you need to be aware that in the final days the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God. People will be self-centred lovers of themselves and obsessed with money. They will boast of great things as they strut around in their arrogant pride and mock all that is right. They will ignore their own families. They will be ungrateful and ungodly. They will become addicted to hateful and malicious slander. Slaves to their desires, they will be ferocious, belligerent haters of what is good and right.



Fee-paying Christian boarding school reports its chaplain to anti-terror unit 'Prevent' for telling pupils in a sermon that they're allowed to disagree with LGBT teaching.

Reverend Dr Bernard Randall delivered a sermon in school chapel at Trent College near Nottingham in 2019. Ex-Cambridge college chaplain defended pupils' right to question school's introduction of new LGBT policies. Following sermon, Dr Randall was flagged to 'Prevent,' which normally identifies those at risk of radicalisation. Police investigated tip-off but advised school that he posed 'no counter terrorism risk, or risk of radicalisation'. However he was fired from the post and received no back up or protection from the church..

SIR KEIR STARMER



The leader of the labour party posted a video online highlighting his visit to 'Jesus House for All the Nations Church' in Brent, North London. "From rolling out the vaccine to running the local food bank, Jesus House, like many other churches across the UK, has played a crucial role in meeting the needs of the community," he said. Sir Keir praised Jesus House as a "wonderful example" of a church serving its community during the coronavirus pandemic.

Three days later, after criticism from his own party, he tweeted to say he accepted it was a "mistake" to visit the church, but said he was "not aware" of the pastor's views. "I apologise for the hurt my visit caused and have taken down the video. It was a mistake and I accept that," Sir Keir tweeted. The church's senior pastor, Agu Irukwu, has previously attracted controversy for speaking out against same sex marriage and equality legislation.

PROVERBS 3:21-26 (TPT)

My child, never drift off course from these two goals for your life:

to walk in wisdom and to discover discernment

Don't ever forget how they empower you.

For they strengthen you inside and out

and inspire you to do what's right;

you will be energized and refreshed by the healing they bring.

1 JOHN 4:1 (TPT)

Delightfully loved friends, don't trust every spirit, but carefully examine what they say to determine if they are of God, because many false prophets have mingled into the world.

ACTS 16: 16-25 (TPT) One day, as we were going to the house of prayer, we encountered a young slave girl who had an evil spirit of divination, the spirit of Python. She had earned great profits for her owners by being a fortune-teller. She kept following us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Great High God, and they’re telling us how to be saved!”

Day after day she continued to do this, until Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit indwelling her, “I command you in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to come out of her, now!” At that very moment, the spirit came out of her! When her owners realized that their potential of making profit had vanished, they forcefully seized Paul and Silas and dragged them off to the city square to face the authorities.



EPHESIANS 1:17-19 (TPT)

I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know him through your deepening intimacy with him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! AMEN