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PURPOSE

“To encourage one another – and all the more as you see the day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25b

The Berean Lamp’s purpose is to educate, strengthen, encourage, and inspire the Body of Christ at large in these ending days with the gifts of the Saints (rooted in a sound reliance on scripture) as manifest in the Body of Christ of the Independent Berean Church of Zimmerman, MN. We are not promoting religion, purpose, or missions, but rather seeking the will of God in pureness together and the Glory of His son, Jesus Christ., our Savior, Lord, and Bridegroom. What do we mean when we speak of the Body of Christ? The Apostle Paul has much to say on what the Body of Christ looks like:

“And (God) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the

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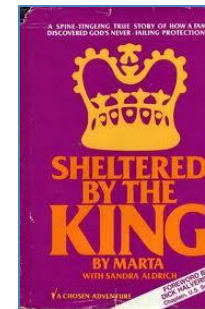
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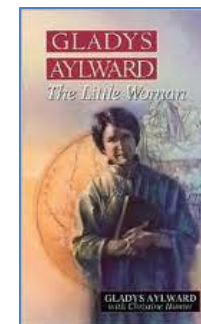
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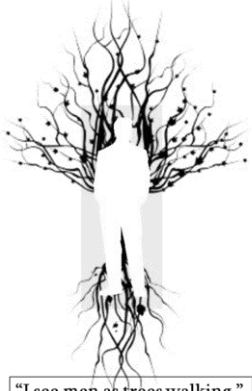
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Art and Poetry



"I see men as trees walking."

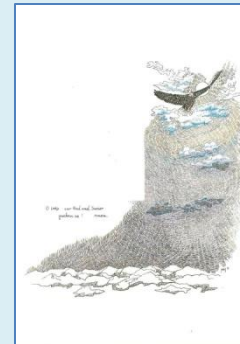
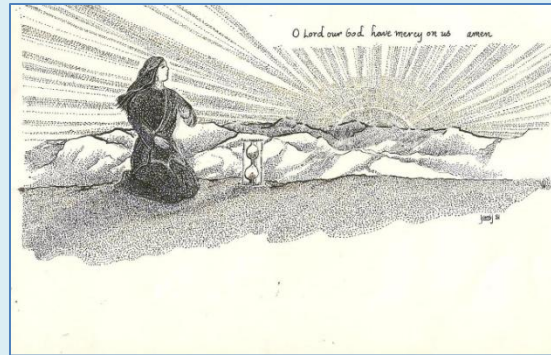
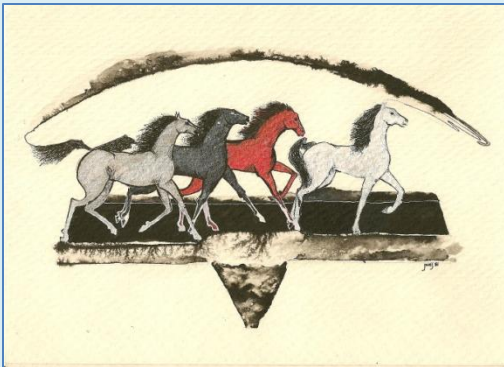
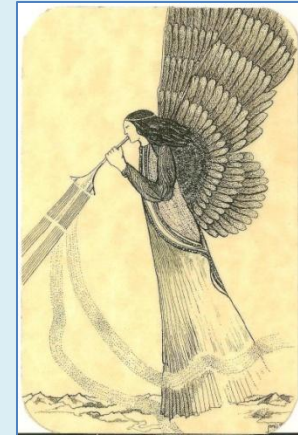
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A road that leads the poor
The broken hearted weary
The sad and silent sore

Safe journey all you wander
Safe journey to the saints
Our Friend has staked the fires
Our Friend has opened gates

The Snowflakes falling round you
Have clothed you all in white
The light that clings about you
Shows weary eyes now bright

Every tear of withered sorrow
Every cry of fear, of pain
Every mind so cruelly broken
Every heart in shattered chains

Undone! the memories falling
Undone! the heart, the pain
Undone! all fear and sickness
For love has bought these claims



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Inspiration:

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

- Rev 21:3-4

I thought of all the sadness in the world and how wonderful it is going to be for the Saints to finally see Jesus. How His Love bought all claims on us by the world that we have suffered under.

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Excerpt from *Why Revival Tarries*

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...Can any deny that in the modern church setup the main cause of anxiety is money? Yet that which tries the modern churches the most, troubled the New Testament Church the least. Our accent is on paying, theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the place is taken; when they had prayed, the place was shaken!

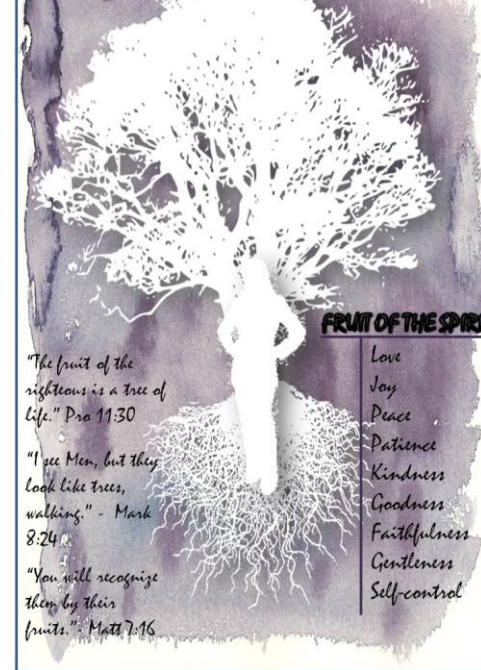
IAN MCCORMACK'S STORY



A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY

One Man's Story of Life Beyond Death

"I See Men As Trees Walking."



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life." Pro 11:30

"I see Men, but they look like trees, walking." - Mark 8:24

"You will recognize them by their fruits." - Matt 7:16

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Joy
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"Today's church wants to be raptured from responsibility."

"If weak in prayer, we are weak everywhere."

"Men give advice; God gives guidance."

"A sinning man stops praying, a praying man stops sinning"

"The only reason we don't have revival is because we are willing to live without it!"

"The Church used to be a lifeboat rescuing the perishing. Now she is a cruise ship recruiting the promising."

"Entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy"

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“...when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed...these are but the beginning of the birth pains.”
- Mark 13:7&8b



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In these times of changes and transitions, when our physical needs, wants, and futures are in such disarray, the world seems to be increasingly saying to us, “All of this I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me” Matt 4: 9. In a way it is saying, “See how much you need us? See what power we have over you? We can give and take away. We are the source by which you live and die.” The Body of Christ must not shrink back and consent – it must not acknowledge the world’s claims through fear and submission. We must hold the stand and say as

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*“Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people.”
~ 1 Peter 2:10*

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