

Think About Faith. An Update From Douglas Jacoby.

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International Teaching Ministry of Douglas Jacoby



Our newsletter is intended to be readable in 2-3 minutes, to keep you up to date with the ministry, yet with sensitivity to your schedule. [Back issues](#) are at the web site.

Latin America

Yesterday I landed in chilly Atlanta, after teaching Old Testament to 52 church leaders from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad, the US, & Venezuela. In addition, another 150 audited our sessions. The group was 70% larger than last year.

The organizers of the Miami School of Missions, John Porter and John Brush, are doing superb work. (So are our Spanish and Portuguese translators -- thanks!) The school is definitely growing, and the students love to learn. Knowing that the international Bible teaching ministry is being leveraged this way is immensely fulfilling. Training men and women who are leading in so many churches means that many thousands many benefit from our efforts!

I taught alongside old friend Sam Laing, who preaches in the Miami area. He spoke practically on Spiritual Life (especially the discipline of prayer), and was faithful to the spirit of Christ. Students also heard Norman Lipson, a fascinating and well-spoken Reform Rabbi. Although he admitted isn't expecting a Messiah, he shared a number of perspectives that made us think. For example, he and his wife say they have met very few Christians who truly exemplified the spirit of Christ. I suppose we were reaching out to him, at least as much as he was connecting with us. Whenever possible, we invite a rabbi into our Old Testament series so that we can appreciate the challenge of seeing Christ in the Hebrew scriptures.

Naturally, knowing a rabbi is teaching my students



strongly motivates me to explain how Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. Plus, it's faith-building to explore how the early church advanced Christianity when there was as yet no New Testament.



Christ Through the Ages

In January Vicki and I have recorded 32 podcasts! You'll find hers in the *Women's Corner* section of the website, and mine under *Christ Through the Ages*. For fresh, Christ-centered material for your own daily devotions, check out [the new podcasts](#).



Rome Reminder

Early payment (with a hefty discount) for the 16th Biblical Study Tour is due **25 January**. Already registrations have come in from Europe, North America, & South America. [CLICK](#) for the details.

Upcoming

In the next few weeks I'm teaching on the Prison Epistles here in Atlanta, as well as preaching from Romans and teaching at Georgia Tech.

In February I plan to write. Books are taking shape on *Genesis*, *Psalms*, and the *10 Commandments*. Then in March it's back to the airport and a bit more travel -- by God's grace and with your support.

Gratefully yours,
Douglas



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