

Vision for ***Prayerandbiblestudy.org***

The vision for this website is

--- **to help Christians** --- Many good things are happening in the Church throughout the world, yet congregations are declining in the West. Many projects for growth and renewal attract interest, yet individual Christians too often feel unable to pray, understand the Bible, or live a distinctive Christian life. This website offers tools for the individual to live a life of Christian discipleship, so that the Church of God might grow.

--- **grow in faith and action** --- Those who have a regular devotional time with God discover that this is when He speaks to them and calls them to action. Their lives are changed as they grow in faith and act on His Word. This can be your experience as you use this site as part of your commitment to live a disciplined Christian life with regular devotional time for God.

--- **with proven methods** --- For over two thousand years, Christians in different communities and denominations have practised the devotional life in three ways; firstly, in prayer and meditation; secondly, in reading and the study of scriptures; and thirdly, a disciplined approach to lifestyle through, for example, fasting or charitable work. This has all been passed down to us as a good example of how to live the Christian life .

--- **which work**. Our history shows us and scripture instructs us, that all these three are needed for spiritual growth, not just one or some of them. Indeed, focussing on one or ignoring another can distort the life of faith. This site is designed to help ordinary Christians do all three by spending time in devotion each day. Guidance is given about how to use the time you have available.

All over the world, ordinary people are being renewed by reading God's Word the Bible, by praying and thinking seriously about their faith, and by practising a positive and disciplined Christian lifestyle. Use this site to join them.

- LET GOD EMPOWER YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOU -

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.' (Col. 3:23)

Statement of Faith and Conviction:

The author's Christian beliefs are expressed in the statements below, together with the 'Tour of Christian Faith' also accessed through the 'enquiring' page. The author intends to promote the whole Church as the Kingdom of God on earth; not any denomination, alternative church, ethos, party interest or spirituality:

FAITH --- I believe in the historic evangelical Faith expressed in the Creeds; in God the Creator, in Jesus Christ our only Saviour, and in the personal work of the Holy Spirit. I believe in the universal Christian Church and the need to discern the place of each church as part of the Body of Christ. I believe that God will bring history to a close in His own time, and judge all people.

CONVICTION --- I am convinced that although Christians express their faith differently, any truly authentic Christian 'Spirituality' must include prayer, Bible Study and a disciplined approach to Christian lifestyle.