

# PARIS REIDHEAD

# BIBLE TEACHING MINISTRIES

Dear Friend,

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## A word from the President

In reflecting on the years of BTMI and seeking to cast a vision for the future of the ministry, the hand of God has been so clear. The sovereign God whom we serve has consistently provided people who have become the hearts and the hands, to see the sermons and teaching materials of Paris Reidhead the fruit of years of preaching and teaching be reproduced, distributed, and preserved.

Since my father's passing in 1992 I have served as President of BTMI alongside of my mother whose missionary commitment has motivated her dedication to faithfully serve in the center of this ministry. Over the years we have been blessed and amazed by the people who have become not just a part of the Board of Directors but have become the laborers in the fields dedicated to furthering the kingdom of God.

This morning I read from a loose leaf notebook of sermons preached at the Gospel Tabernacle, New York City and transcribed onto onion skin paper. One message from Jan. 1, 1961 (I was 7 at the time) was entitled "Christ the Mediator of a Better Covenant". This sermon particularly touched me as a Pastor having just walked through events of Holy Week and Easter with the congregation I serve in Central Ohio

I quote: "But you see, we have thought, and so much of our preaching has stopped here, that God's great purpose in grace was simply to secure people against judgment and to save them from hell. Now it is that, but it is infinitely more than that. He said, "this people have I formed for myself.

They shall show forth my praise." God's purpose in the His new covenant is the same as His old covenant, to get a people that will be utterly the Lord's wholly the Lord's, completely God's so that through them He can He can reveal what he is."

Several years ago, I was contacted by phone by a man from Colombiana, Ohio. He shared with me then that his life had been radically impacted by the sermons of Paris Reidhead. As I sat at my computer in the dark of the early morning I heard the bing of an incoming text message. This new message just came through: "How very grateful, I am to our Lord for using your dad in my life. Words will never be able to express my thankfulness to our Savior. Your dad's small account of the Bema Judgement (vision), his messages Ten Shekels and a Shirt, and Redeemed from the Curse of the Law have been so mightily used in my life. How I love and adore God so. He is My Everything. Do we have any other reason for being but our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? ... Ginny, How I love him so ...."

When I asked David Savon if I could include his words in the letter that I was writing at that very moment he responded. "A few years ago, the Lord showed me that my whole life had been all about me. I wept, and wept and wept. ... I thought I was serving him with my whole heart – then his Holy Spirit ambushed my deceived heart and revealed to me that my whole life had been for my own glory. How it deeply



grieved my heart but he gave me the gift of repentance and forgave me! My life has never been the same, praise His Holy Name forever. Now I would be honored with being a particle of dust under those Holy feet in total obscurity for all eternity. How he lovingly changed my heart. How I love and adore him so ...."

The sermon preached on January 1st, 1961 in NYC concluded with this prayer: "May we come to drink deeply, to have that new heart ...inscribed upon ours, and then drink even more deeply until we shall know what it is to be filled with the fullness of Thyself. Show us that in this New Covenant, He said, I will dwell in them and walk in them..." O God let it be so in each one of our lives.

In Christ,  
Virginia Reidhead Teitt, President

## Three classic sermons; One book

After two years of work and preparation we are glad to announce that "A Reidhead Reader" is ready for distribution. This book is a culmination of effort on behalf of many persons, both in BTMI and connected to it, and is a joy to hold the final product. We hope you will be blessed through this book that is available for a short time through PRBTMI, or can be found on Amazon.com.

The book contains three classic and inspiring sermons that are often requested, but now all in one publication: Not to be Wasted, God's Plan for Your Life, and Ten Shekels and a Shirt.

### *Not to be Wasted*

"If you've been born of God, you want to be like Him. You want to honor Him. You want to glorify Him. You want your life to count; you don't want it to be wasted in sin, in failure, in defeat, in groping, in powerlessness.

You want to live every moment of every day in such a way that in that hour when

you see Him, your life will have been to the praise and the glory of His grace."

### *God's Plan for Your Life*

"God has a plan for every life. God's plan includes you; He has a place for you. That place is the place of blessing for you and through you to others; the place that will bring glory to God as well as joy to your own heart.

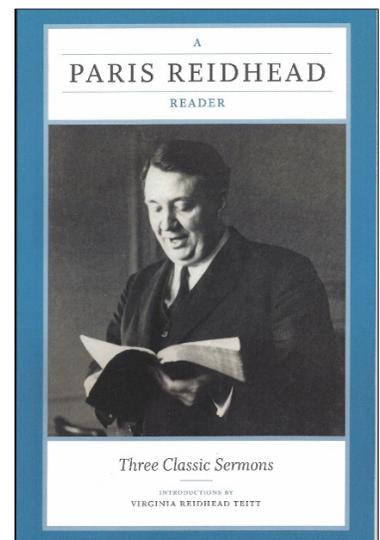
However, it is not enough to know that God has a place, and then to rest where you are. You must, with all diligence, seek to learn what that place is, how you are to prepare to occupy it, and how you are to serve when in it."

### *Ten Shekels and a Shirt*

"Let's be done, once and for all, with utilitarian Christianity that makes God a means, instead of the glorious end that He is. Let's resign; let's tell Micah we're through.

We're no longer going to be his priests serving for ten shekels and a shirt. Let's tell

the tribe of Dan we're through. And let's come and cast ourselves at the feet of the nail-pierced Son of God and tell Him that we're going to obey Him, and love Him, and serve Him as long as we live because he is worthy!"



# Preserving the preaching of Pastor Reidhead

We are very thankful here at PRBTMI that our electronic equipment is holding up well with only a couple of exceptions. Our older Laser Printer and our Audio PC are both having some issues.

The Laser Printer replacement cartridges are becoming cost prohibitive to replace due to the age of the printer. At this point it would be cheaper or about the same cost to replace it.

We believe the Audio PC has developed a problem either with the power supply or the processor. Whichever it is, is responsible for occasional random reboots. We have been in the middle of a project when the PC decided to shutdown and reboot. As a result of this, we have made sure to save work as we go.

Another issue with the PC has prevented a Hard Drive backup to the external drive. As a temporary fix, we are using a

program called Back On Track by Roxio. It makes a complete copy of our hard drive, so, if the hard drive crashes, we can purchase a replacement drive and restore our system. We've actually done this at least once so far. This issue seems to be a software problem, and we're not certain yet how to correct it.

This PC was purchased in July 2009, which in computer technology makes it ancient. According to Moore's Law, the amount of transistors on a PC Processor doubles about every year, so, applying that to our six-year-old PC, you can see it is well behind current systems. Our main operating system is Windows XP, so we are four iterations behind the current OS. XP is no longer supported by Microsoft, which leaves it somewhat vulnerable to outside attacks even though we are using what we believe to be one of the best virus protection software packages available.

We were concerned in upgrading to a newer version of Microsoft we would find some of our other older software programs incompatible with it, but we have tested this assumption using our Admin PC, which is running Windows 7. So far we have not seen this to be a problem. We have no idea if this would be true when upgrading to Windows 10 or not. Everything we've read or heard suggests skipping Windows 8 entirely.

Of course, our biggest concern with compatibility has to do with the audio files made from audio cassette tapes of Pastor Reidheads sermons, which are now stored as .wav and MP3 files created by Windows XP and Goldwave Version 5.55, an audio editing program. This is our archive of all the audio sermons we have from Pastor Reidhead, which were preserved on cassettes tapes. We believe that

some of these may be 40+ years old and were themselves transcribed from reel-to-reel tapes some made in the 1960's. The problem is the tapes are deteriorating physically and according to The Council on Library and Information Resources in Washington, D.C., the life expectancy physically of magnetic media is no more than 20 years. This is a very important issue for this ministry as the technology used to play the magnetic media changes about every 10 years. So transcribing from the old media to the new is very important and is one of the task of the PRBTMI Audio PC.

A decision was made by PRBTMI's last Board meeting, that in order to preserve these sermons, the ministry will create a physical copy of all the audio sermons in MP3 format stored on CDs, which will be kept in a safe location in a fireproof and flood proof secure container.

Any help PRBTMI could receive from you at this time to upgrade the ministry's electronics would be greatly appreciated. You would be partnering with us to continue the legacy of the preaching Pastor Reidhead gave over 30+ years in recorded ministry and preserving his sermons for generations to come.



## BTMI Tithing for 2014 by Organization

I-Tec	\$35.00
LLG Ministries	\$60.00
Songs of Joy	\$85.00
Fourfold Gospel Fellowship, Inc.	\$25.00
Concord Presbyterian Fellowship –Thailand Mission	\$40.00
Youth for Christ-Greater Missoula	\$50.00
Hope and Life Outreach –Salisbury, MD	\$40.00
MECommission	\$40.00
Elijah's Heart	\$20.00
Digital Bible Society	\$100.00
The Whole Truth-Webmaster	\$110.00

# Sound to sight

## Transcribing Pastor Reidhead's sermons

### A labor of love

While 2014 was a productive year for PRBTMI, we are continuing to transcribe the many recordings that we have of Pastor Reidhead's sermons. We currently have an estimated 270 audio sermons that need to be transcribed.

We are very thankful to have recently learned about a reputable website that does transcribing from the audio sermons into a written format for only \$1 per minute. The website completes its transcription in about 24 hours.

The website is recommended and has had about a 99 percent accurate. With an average of 30 to 35 minutes per sermon the cost will run up for transcribing. We hope to get this project started soon as it would

obviously be a great benefit to this ministry.

Also, we have matched 89 written sermons to their audio counterpart. We had hoped to match a few more, but alas, that hasn't happened. All the written sermons transcribed in the 1960s have been edited by Mrs. Reidhead and will be ready for distribution in the near future.



## A Letter from the Editor

I hope you are happy with the new look of the PRBTMI annual letter. As we continue to move forward in this ministry, we also continue to seek God's will for PRBTMI in all things. Even the format for the annual letter. For my part, God has gifted me with training and ability in this and other areas, and it is my intent to use all of God's blessings to give Him glory and spread the Gospel.

How has God blessed you, and, more specifically, how has God used PRBTMI to bless you or help your ministry? Those of us who serve on the Board of Directors recognize that this ministry is a participatory one, which connects us with Christians across the United States and around the world. So, this is a ministry that we share in with you.

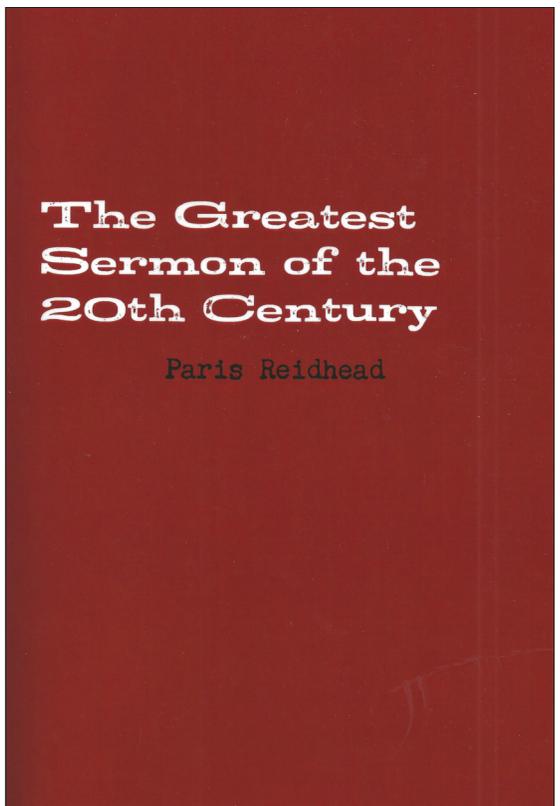
In order to give God the glory, we want to tell the stories of how you, our partners, have seen the Holy Spirit move through PRBTMI. To that end, we have published a few letters that we

have received in the past year. I hope that will continue in the following years, so that we may all share in and be encouraged by the growing of the Kingdom and the joy of the spreading of the Gospel.

If you have stories that you would like to share with the community of believers, please send PRBTMI an email: [btmi@dmv.com](mailto:btmi@dmv.com).

Additionally, please visit the PRBTMI Facebook page. Search: Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministries, Inc. If you were familiar with the previous Facebook page, and wonder why it changed, it was in order to be more accurate. The previous page was labelled "Paris Reidhead," and this was confusing sometimes when the page responded to a comment on Facebook. Essentially, it looked like Pastor Reidhead was using Facebook from glory. Now it is much less disconcerting when those who "like" the page see a post from, "Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministries, Inc."

Also, in an effort to better communicate with all our friends and partners in this ministry, we offer this newsletter in two formats: in print via postal service, and in PDF via email. If you are receiving this letter in one fashion, but you would instead like to receive it in the other format, or both, please drop us an email: [btmi@dmv.com](mailto:btmi@dmv.com)



## A new Book A new Partner A new Website

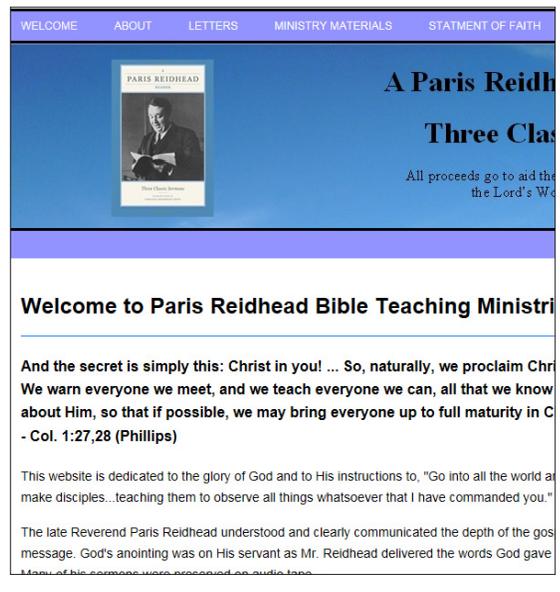
A friend of the PRBTMI felt compelled by the Lord to transcribe and put into book form 10 of Pastor Reidhead's sermons. The resulting book is titled "The Greatest Sermon of the 20th Century," and is currently available from Amazon.com.

We extend our great appreciation for the work the God is doing through Michael McPherson, and we are excited to have him join the PRBTMI team. Since publishing "The Greatest Sermon of the 20th Century," he has gone on to transcribe several more sermons.

Since publishing this wonderful book, Michael has put together a second book: "Unveiling God's Church." This is also expected to be available soon through Amazon.com.

In the near future, PRBTMI's website will have a fresh new look. We hope you will revisit the website on or after its debut. We will most likely initially announce the launch of the new website on the PRBTMI Facebook page. Search: Paris Reidhead Bible Teaching Ministries, Inc.

Here is a glimpse.



# How to Recognize the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit - Preached Sept. 25, 1960

But I would have you witness tonight this truth, that God continues to be Eternal, Infinite, Immutable Spirit. Who is Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent? Let me explain the words. God is eternal, no beginning. God is infinite, no limit to His attributes. God is immutable, no change possible in His character. God is Spirit.

Now the comparison is necessary. You are temporal, finite, mutable (or changeable) spirit. You are a microcosm of God, made in the image and the likeness of God. You possess on a finite level, by the creative act of God, the attributes that God has on an infinite level. God made you for Himself. And He made you spirit. But, because you are finite, He gave to you a place of locality in your body for the time that you journey here in the world. Now, God fills the universe, as you fill your body. One day, you are going to leave your body and the moral gravitation that you now have every ability to understand will draw you to your place. If God has given you a new heart, and a new nature, and a new spirit, and has put Heaven within you, and made you a new creation, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. But the Scripture says of Judas, that

when he had hanged himself and had burst asunder on the rocks upon which he fell that he went to his own place. There was a moral gravitation that drew him to that place which was consonant to his character. And you tonight would go to one of two places. You, if you have had by the Grace of God that awakening wherein you see yourself the moral renegade and traitor and rebel that God declares you are and your conscience confirms this as being true, if you have come to that place where you have been prepared to take sides with God against yourself and judge that His judgment upon you is fair and right, if you have purposed no longer to make yourself God and live to please yourself but have purposed that God should be God in your life, and Jesus Christ should be Lord of your life, if you have savingly embraced the Son of God, believing that He died for you and rose again to wash away the accumulated stain of all your crimes against a Just and Holy Sovereign of the Universe, if I say you savingly received the Son of God, then you have become partaker of the Divine Nature, and have a new life, and a new heart, and a new spirit, and are a new creation.

## Letters to Paris Reidhead BTMI

*Dear Friends,*

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Trent Boyd, and I am Jail Chaplain at the York County Jail. Your materials look wonderful. Would it be possible to send some of your materials for use in my Chaplaincy ministry? I have a weekly chapel and pass out many different materials to our inmates. Thank you for any help you can be.

May the Lord Bless your ministries,  
Chaplain J. Trent Boyd

*Chaplain Boyd,*

Thank you so much for your ministry at the York County Jail. We sent 80 "Finding the Reality of God" and one of each of the other books by Pastor Reidhead.

If there is anything else we can do to support you, don't hesitate to let us know.

*Hello Ms. Wanda,*

The books you have so kindly sent to us have been a true blessing. My husband has let different ones at the prison he ministers at and, some church friends read them. One lady has ask for her own copies of all the books. She is on her 4th time of reading Finding the Reality of God...

So I am asking for two more copies of each book. One for her and one for our church library. If there is a shipping cost that I need to cover please let me know.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in God's work,

Donna Lewis

*Donna,*

It is warming to our hearts to hear how the Spirit is moving, and we are thrilled to support your ministry. We sent three "Finding the Reality of God" and three of each of the other books by Pastor Reidhead. May God continue to bless you and work through you.

*Pastor Reidhead would say this ministry was not for his glory, but for the Glory of God. We love to hear how God is using this ministry to being glory to Himself.*

*If you have a testimony of how God has worked through PRBTMI to help you personally or in your ministry, please feel free to let us know by emailing us at [btmi@dmv.com](mailto:btmi@dmv.com).*

## A question: "Getting Evangelicals Saved"

*We have a question by a fellow believer and wondered if anyone might know the answer. We haven't come up with an answer for her, yet. Here is the e-mail:*

Thank you for responding to my question several months ago. I have another question if you don't mind. A few weeks ago I listened to a sermon by Mr. Reidhead, and he described an encounter he had while he was in Africa with a man who was consumed with leprosy. He said that this man was the greatest human spectacle he had ever seen and described the horrible condition of that man and talked about how sin is like leprosy. I would love to listen to it again but I can't remember the name of the sermon and I can't seem to find it. I also wanted to say thank you for keeping this ministry going. I don't get to attend church very often and there aren't many preachers today that I care to listen to but the sermons from Paris Reidhead have been a tremendous blessing to me. I have often wished I could have known him. I can tell that He loved the church very much.

A Board member from PRBTMI past recently wrote to us:

*Dear Friends,*

My name is Jim in Idaho. I knew Paris years ago when he was contemplating moving BTMI to Idaho. I served briefly on the board of directors of BTMI until the plans to move to Idaho were abandoned. Marjorie actually made one or two trips to Idaho at that time. Long time ago. Currently I am pastoring a CMA church and also involved with Church Partnership Evangelism,

an international ministry linking churches in North America to churches around the world. The director of CPE, has asked me to contact you regarding Paris's book, "Getting Evangelicals Saved." We assume it must be out of print, as copies are rare and very expensive. We were wanting to launch a website to help make that kind of literature available to more people. We were wondering if there were plans to reprint the book. Or if it might be possible to upload the text to an Internet based distribution. At any rate, would love to hear from anyone there at BTMI to exchange ideas, etc. I know it's the desire of BTMI to get the Word of God out for these times when Christianity is so fundamentally flawed by the philosophies of our age, just as Paris and Tozer warned would happen. Perhaps with a hunger among many, the time is right to address the issues while an audience is growing. If we could converse either by email, or perhaps by phone, I would appreciate hearing what you might think regarding this.

Thank you for any response.

Very truly yours,

Jim

Jim brings up an excellent question, which we get asked many times here at PRBTMI. Is "Getting Evangelicals Saved" still in print? The answer is, "Getting Evangelicals Saved" is still in print under the newer title "Finding the Reality of God."

Pastor Reidhead didn't like the first title and changed the title to "Finding the Reality of God" just before he died in 1992. In the future, we plan to make this available as an e-book.