



IS THE MASS MURDERER IN NORWAY A CHRISTIAN? WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?



WHAT AND WHO IS A CHRISTIAN? BY JAKE KAETTERHENRY

Is a follower of Jesus someone who prays a specific prayer? Is it a moral code to be kept? Is it just a religious affiliation? Is it simply the alternative to Islam or atheism? What is this life Jesus calls us to?

The Gospel of Jesus is the most powerful thing ever to enter into the hearts and minds of men. The power is innate in the message. **Everywhere Jesus went the sick were healed, the oppressed were set free, heaven touched earth!** The same happened with the disciples. As they told the story of Jesus, it brought such intense breakthrough to the hearer that they described it as *'turning the world upside down.'*

For years I lived assuming that the powerlessness of my Christian life was *'normal'* Christianity. I spent tons of time memorizing scripture, yet had never experienced the power of God in my life... I had never even seen it at work! The term 'Religion' is literally *'form without power'*; the only people Jesus ever confronted with anger were those who had *'the form of godliness, but denied its power.'* (2 Tim 3:5). **A follower of Jesus (a Christian) is not marked by the words of their mouths, but by the fruit of their life.**

Jesus had the power to overthrow governments and 'fight the system'. But he didn't. He humbled himself and lived under the man-made laws of the land because **His purpose was not control, but Love. To be a 'Christian' is to do what Jesus did, and Jesus laid down His life for people. He didn't condemn sinners. He gave freely to all that came to Him. He gave the true expression of the heart of God toward man.**

What is a Christian? What is a Jesus follower? It's not a prayer that you pray, **it's the life that models the compassion and love of Jesus. The mark of a disciple is in 'how you love one another'.** (John 13:35) That is the power behind the Gospel, behind every miracle, behind every true Christian and behind God Himself. 1st John says *'We love because He first loved us.'* – we know true love when we experience the heart of God.

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JACOB KAETTERHENRY — SHARING GOD'S LOVE

My name is **Jacob Kaetterhenry** and I am a minister of the Gospel of Jesus. Recently the Lord has allowed me to see some amazing things that are literally shaping the way I think about how God is moving on the planet today.

I am 27 years old, and I have been a follower of Jesus for about 15 years. I grew up in the type of church that focused mostly on tithing and Gods anger toward sinners. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were out of date, and trick-or-treating was actually celebrating the Devils birthday, not about getting the huge trash bag of free candy.

I graduated from Bible College in 2005 and shortly after, the Lord took me on a journey of intense discovery. I was working at a children's home in Miami, FL and we took several of the kids to a church camp. While at the camp, I got filled with the Holy Spirit and things changed. Amongst other things, God put an insatiable desire in me to minister to the poor. I knew ultimately it would result in long term, overseas missions work. The more I was with the poor, the more I began to see the power of God show up in my life. I saw God do things that I thought He didn't do anymore. I started to see God heal people, and make impossible situations work out. I watched Him reunite broken families and rescue people from poverty and homelessness.

As I experienced the power of God, I began to burn for more of Him and for more of His presence. At this point I figured I should take some missions trips, so I went to **Russia, South Africa, England, and Australia**, and every trip that I took was... fair. I mean, we



built makeshift homes and painted old walls. We did some church services and VBS, but I left unfulfilled. I left feeling like, *'Why does my heart long for missions, but every trip I take is just... fair.'* I wanted to burn on the mission field the way I did when I was in America praying about missions! But that all changed on June 1st when I stepped off the plane in London, England.

ALBANIA AND ENGLAND

Spending 5 weeks ministering throughout **England** and **Albania** broadened my understanding of what God is doing in the earth today. We read statistics and all of the disheartening facts of how 'the church is in major decline' and how 'we are losing a generation.' But God showed me a glimpse over these five weeks that has changed my mind about what is happening in our day.

Statistics are only a record of the past. Today belongs to us, and tomorrow belongs to God. And He is fulfilling His promise that *'The knowledge of the Glory of God will cover the earth, as the water covers the seas.'* (Hab 2:14).

The legacy of great Revivalists that spans the centuries is astounding. From George Wycliffe to John Hyde, from George Mueller to Wesley and Spurgeon, the country of England is rich with revival history. God is unleashing His Spirit throughout that nation. What the Revivalist of old have sown, the Lord is beginning to harvest. People are passionate for the things of God, going after a transformation and restoration of their cities.

We ministered several nights throughout England and every night the presence of God was stronger and stronger. We witnessed healings at every turn, people were being set free from the power of darkness in their lives; several met Jesus and were filled with the Holy Spirit. A true revival is beginning to sweep the nation and it is those who are hungry for the presence of God, that are forerunning the movement.

While in **Albania**, we saw the Lord do some of the most amazing things I have ever witnessed Him do. We saw over 1,000 Albanian people give their



lives to Jesus! We saw healings happening everyday — blind eyes opened, pain and sicknesses left peoples' bodies as

they were subject to the name of Jesus. Many were freed from years of depression and fear. We saw spirits of affliction and torment leave in an instant as the finished work of Jesus was declared.

Our team met a girl from **Israel** named **Hemya**. She was visiting Albania for a photography competition. We spent about a week and a half with her and she received Jesus and is experiencing an incredible change of life. I had never seen someone encounter the Lord and have such a drastic shift in how they live their life.

She spoke about the life in the 'Holy Land' and how she knew that God was real... but after meeting Jesus, her life is just different. We spoke of the Gospel and the message of Jesus. (She had never heard the story of Jesus walking on the water and she grew up 10 miles from where it took place!!) She said, *'it was the love I felt from a bunch of strangers that convinced me that the Jesus message was real.'*

I realized, most people aren't concerned about how much of the Bible you know, or how often you go to church, or what your end-times view is... **they are looking for the reality of this 'love' that the church talks about, to be demonstrated. The best proof for the existence of God is the demonstration of His power — Love.**



I was born and raised in Norway and immigrated to the United States at the age of 29. Therefore, I joined my countrymen in grieving with those who lost loved ones in the July 22 bombing attack and shooting spree that took place in and around the capital of Oslo which left 78 dead. None of my family members or friends were directly affected, although all of Norway is in deep mourning and shock as they keep asking themselves: how could this happen - and that by the hands of a fellow countryman, Anders Breivik?

This incident, which forever has changed my tranquil, peace-loving nation, has been widely reported in the international media. Not surprisingly, several journalists and network stations in the US and abroad have stated that the perpetrator is a "Christian fundamentalist" or even worse — a "Christian terrorist"! This demonstrates that the word "Christian" means different things to different people, so it begs the question, "what and who is a Christian?"

In this Bridge Report issue, I have asked one of our friends, Jacob Kaetterhenry, who has seriously committed his life to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, to answer that question. He just returned from a short-term mission trip to England and Albania. Compared to a real follower of Christ (from which "Christian" is derived), who, not only knows the Word of God, but seeks to follow Him, it is obvious that Breivik is indeed a terrorist — but certainly not a Christian!

Cont. from page 3 It is experiential; it is different than any other religion or cult in that, **we serve the true and living God.** It's not just that we have a holy book, or prayer, or fasting, or a church service... all religions have these things, but **only those with a living relationship with Jesus Christ has an experiential God, whereby they sense that He is present, close and active in their lives!**

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Kingdom influence ultimately, at its roots, is to empower people to do the works of Jesus. The realm of the Kingdom goes far beyond the mere 'religious system' on the earth... it encompasses every facet of society. **It's the 'on earth as it is in heaven' idea; establishing a Kingdom so that the nations of the earth will be called the nations of our God. It's about establishing the reality of the King's Domain in every heart, in every life, empowering and enabling them to do the works of Jesus.** The problem with the modern church is that we have relied on our experiences to dictate how God works in our day, rather than pursuing the standard set by the Word of God. His presence is always with us, but His power is unique and it is to be contended for. He is inviting us into the adventure of faith where we gain perspective on this greater reality, **where we see the glory of God at work in our lives through love; and are immersed in the knowledge of the glory of God, 'even as the waters cover the sea.'**



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ADDENDUM — SUMMARY OF R.K.'S INTERVIEW WITH MISSION NETWORK NEWS



ABOUT MISSION NETWORK NEWS: Mission Network News is a mission news service dedicated to keeping Christians informed on evangelical mission activity around the world. In doing so we hope to educate and motivate Christians to prayer, participation, and support of missionary work to help further the Great Commission. Mission Network News is heard on hundreds of radio stations all over the world every day. Their website is: <http://www.mnnonline.org/>

On July 25, **Greg Yoder**, Executive Director of MNN interviewed R.K. Ulrich about the terrorist attack in Norway. He then summarized the interview as follows: <http://www.mnnonline.org/>

USA (MNN) — The world continues to grieve for the country of Norway after, on July 22, a bombing in Oslo's City Center and subsequent shooting left 78 dead. 32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik of Oslo is in custody after having confessed he detonated a bomb which targeted government buildings, including the office of Labor Party's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg. Nine people were killed there.

Breivik then traveled to the Island of Utøya to attack a youth summer camp. Oslo police say 68 people were killed at the camp organized by the governing Norwegian Labor party. Most of those killed were youth.

RK Ulrich, founder of The Bridge International based in Florida, was born and raised in Norway, and she says the church has responded. *"There was an immediate response from all church levels, from all Christian agencies and organizations. They just all poured in with their compassion."*

While the majority of Norwegians claim to be Christians because the state-sponsored church is Lutheran, Ulrich says many may not have a relationship with Christ. "Traditionally, when you're born, you're born

into the church automatically. You get baptized. You go for confirmation, and all those things are part of your Christian heritage." Ulrich continues, "A lot of people are defined as Christians in Norway, but they may never have seriously read the Bible or have a relationship with God."

That should help you understand why Breivik claims to be a conservative Christian. Ulrich spent much of the weekend after the attack looking through Breivik's postings on blogs, including his 1500-page manifesto.

Ulrich says Breivik had been planning this attack for nine years, wanting to punish his national leadership for being so multicultural and Muslim-friendly. She says, "He states he wants to support the Christian principles culturally, but there's nothing in his blog that even indicated that he has ever had any personal relationship with Jesus or understands salvation or how to lead Christian life."

In his manifesto, Breivik says he's not religious, has doubts about God's existence, and does not pray. But he does assert the primacy of Europe's "Christian culture" as well as his own pagan Nordic culture. Breivik instead hails Charles Darwin whose evolutionary theories stand in contrast to the claims of the Bible. Breivik affirms: *"As for the Church and science, it is essential that science takes an undisputed precedence over biblical teachings. Europe has always been the cradle of science, and it must always continue to be that way. Regarding my personal relationship with God, I guess I'm not an excessively religious man. I am first and foremost a man of logic. However, I am a supporter of a mono-cultural Christian Europe."*

The international news media continues to call Breivik a Christian fundamentalist. Ulrich says that could fuel anti-Christian propaganda around the world. *"It's such a great opportunity for someone in opposition to the whole Judeo-Christian worldview to say, 'Look, these are crazy people. To become a Christian, you become like him.'" Ulrich is asking Christians worldwide to pray that this does not happen. She is also asking Christians to "pray for the Norwegian people, that the Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ will be echoed through the country for many — many who perhaps never have heard it clearly. Pray that they will hear the clear biblical Gospel."*

You can hear the interview in full at:

<http://www.mnnonline.org/player/?media=interview&id=2823&length=1&date=2011-07-25>