

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

My name is Steve Aivazis, and I am the author of the material you will be reading on this website. It is only right and reasonable that you should know something about me, or anyone for that matter, who endeavors to communicate a Christian message of any kind, derived from the Bible and the truths contained therein.

After many years of turmoil and self-deception, I was truly converted in September 1980, at the age of twenty five. I was someone who knew all the right answers; who had been brought up in church and knew the scriptures and basic Christian doctrine concerning Jesus of Nazareth. I truly believed that the Bible is the Word of God, that Jesus was the Son of God, that He died on the cross for my sins and the sin of the world, that He was resurrected on the third day, that He ascended back to the Father, and that He is coming again. Notwithstanding this, my life was a life of self-will and self-indulgence. What I truly believed in my head had no real place in my heart through saving faith. My life, even my attempts to live the Christian life, was entirely self-generated.

One wonderful evening, while alone in my mother's living room, this fact was pressed mightily upon me with Holy Spirit conviction, and I knew that self was the problem and that it was time to choose once and for all which way I was going to go, no turning back. I yielded myself to my Lord in confession, repentance, and submission to His Lordship and saving grace. It was at that moment that my life changed. Bible study and prayer became real, and my most cherished activities. My priorities were completely transformed. My soul's allegiance was henceforth centered on the Lord Jesus Christ and His cause in this world.

In the years that have followed my regeneration, I have been privileged to be involved in a variety of Christian endeavor: student, short term missionary, Bible camp counselor, lay preacher, Sunday School teacher, and church elder. However, it was during Christmas break of 1982 that I received what I have since considered to be the primary and driving burden of my heart: a genuine spiritual awakening in the USA; genuine repentance, reformation, and revival in our churches. This was brought home powerfully to my heart and mind as I read Heart-cry for Revival by Stephen F. Olford, and subsequently the Memoirs of Charles Finney and his Lectures on Revival.

Since that time I have devoted countless hours to prayer, Bible study, meditation, and observation in endeavoring to understand the teaching of the scriptures with respect to this burden, understanding, first of all, that the comprehensive study of this subject is nothing other than the study of true, scriptural Christianity as it touches every aspect of both the individual Christian

life and the life of that corporate Christian fellowship we call the Church. It is my aim, therefore, to share something of the fruits of these labors on the pages of this website.

Finally, let me state that I will happily and prayerfully receive the comments, questions, objections, or suggestions, that any concerned reader may have, via the website e-mail address, and consider them in a spirit of Christian brotherly love.

May the Lord add His blessing to these endeavors in accordance with His will, and for His name's sake.