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The Comfort of The Lord
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Dear Dan,

During the last year of my Father's life, the Lord comforted me during the times that I stayed with him at his home with an online fellowship at a Christian forum website called www.khouse.org. I had been familiar with this ministry earlier, but while I was staying at Dad's and up all night, I would peruse the Internet and this site in particular. Purchasing a subscription for a year would give one access to all the Bible studies streamed, and discounts on purchases. It seemed a pretty good thing for me as I could buy MP3 audio Bible studies and listen to them when I wanted on my MP3 player.

Dr. Chuck Missler is the founder of Khouse.org, and was a Bible teacher years earlier at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa. In the early 1980's I had gotten some of his tapes from Firefighters for Christ and really enjoyed them. Dr. Missler approached the Bible from a "computer geek" standpoint and also from the belief that God took great pains in every detail of Scripture, including placing hidden codes within the text that could be discovered with an approach called equidistant letter sequencing. So, being a latent "geek" (Trekkie) myself, I was drawn to Dr. Missler's style of exposition. And, at that time I was looking for new podcasts to populate my playlists. So I began purchasing a little at a time Bible studies and topical discourses called "Briefing Packs".

While searching the forums I came across a name, James White, in the context of a discussion about theology. This intrigued me so I "Googled" him, found his web site, and started downloading his radio show on iTunes. While listening to Dr. White, he mentioned another name, Steve Gregg. Mr. Gregg also had a radio talk show with MP3 archives to download, so I subscribed to those as well. It was really interesting listening to Missler, White and Gregg in the same playlist since they all have different views on many things in the Bible. Missler is a classic Evangelical Dispensationalist. White is a Reformed Baptist. Gregg is an independent Partial Preterist, and works closely with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) from time to time. All three are fundamental Evangelicals.

Of the three I think that Dr. Missler is the most accurate. But I appreciate White and Gregg, and continue to listen to their shows to this day. James White has done excellent apologetic work defending the Faith against Islam, and refuting the "King James Only" crowd. Mr. Gregg's radio style compels listeners to think, although most of the callers tend to agree with his positions. Gregg and White debated each other on their radio shows for a week. Dr. White defended Calvinism. Mr. Gregg defended Arminianism. I still have the audio file. And so throughout my Father's last days I was comforted by the Word of God through the ministries of all three of these our Brethren, for which I remain grateful.

Blessings...

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