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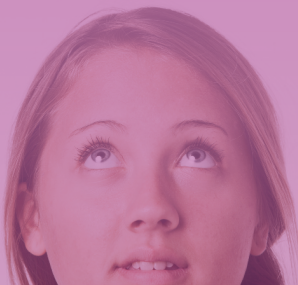
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UPLook MINISTRIES: We're Back!

Since its beginning in 1927,

Uplook Ministries has passed through many changes, driven by our desire to help with the encouragement and equipping of God's people and with the spread of the gospel.

We've been led to respond in many ways: the introduction of the full-format Uplook magazine in 1990, the revitalization of Gospel Folio Press, the "Rise Up" Conferences, Good News on the Move and Cross Canada Cruisers, united gospel efforts in many places, and new gospel materials like CDs and scan cards.

But past blessings are not sufficient for the future. As we saw the rapid expansion of the digital age, we sought the Lord's mind for the future of Uplook Ministries. Was it time to close the doors? Or was there a new chapter for this ministry?

For many months, we wrestled with this. And let me say: **we must have some of the most loyal supporters in the world!** Although little seemed to be happening at Uplook, we still received faithful contributions to sustain the work until the Lord gave us clarity. Thank you, dear friends!

Through it all, the vision never wavered. What people need, whether saved or lost, is

a life-changing uplook, a vision of Christ. Our heartfelt desire is this: to present, in the most biblically accurate, relevant, and compelling way, **the whole gospel for the whole world and the whole truth for the whole Church.**

Technology, which has come a long way since 1927, now opens to us wonderful new possibilities. We have been called to minister Christ to every creature, and **the Lord has given us this opportunity by going digital.**

We hope you will benefit from the many new resources on our website, including more than 2,000 searchable articles, new weekly teaching videos, and hundreds of podcasts coming soon. And don't forget to read our daily devotionals on Facebook!

HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR US?

Please pray for the **on-going production of our videos** and the **continued distribution of our gospel resources** (see back page). Most importantly, pray that this global access to the ministry will be used by the Lord to reach out to the whole world.

In His Matchless Grace,

J A B E N I C H O L S O N

"...I WILL LOOK UP." (PS. 5:3)

Visit our website at www.uplook.org

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A brief, guided tour of our new website.
Be sure to check out these tabs:
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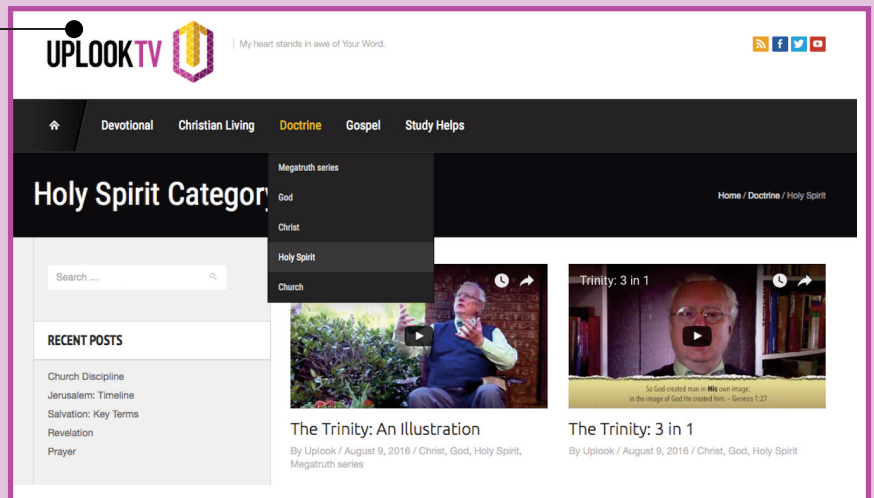
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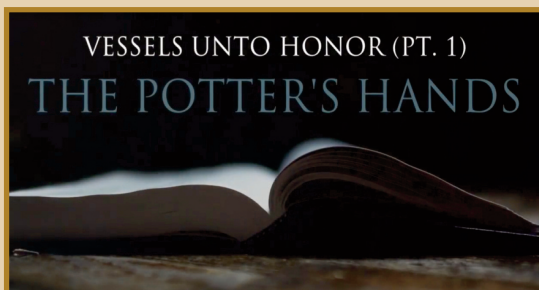
THE ARCHIVES tab will lead you to a wealth of solid, biblical articles in both type and magazine pdf formats for all Uplook magazines dating back to 1991. Just type a term into the search field and you will find pages of article titles to enrich your study.

THE GRANARY is where you will find quality resources for sharing the gospel such as CDs, fridge magnets, and gospel cards. Also, find a daily devotional written by Jabe Nicholson to help encourage and equip you to go sow some Seed.

UPLOOK TV is an exciting *new* resource for anyone interested in "growing in the grace and knowledge" of our Lord Jesus Christ. Included here are short videos covering a variety of topics (with new videos being posted regularly), Jabe's podcasts and hundreds of his sermons, not to mention Bible study tools like helpful charts. These resources are great for personal Bible study as well as sharing in your local church. See the next page for suggested uses for our resources.



FEATURED VIDEO: THE POTTER'S HANDS



And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter... (Jeremiah 18:4)

Do you ever wonder why certain things are happening? Life is definitely *not* turning out the way *you* would have scripted it! Yet behind the circumstances of life are the Hands of a divine Potter who has the finished product in mind as He molds and shapes you into the image of His beloved Son. This 8-minute video by Jabe will help you see life from Jeremiah's perspective after his visit to the potter's house. Encouraging!



FROM THE BOARD

We count it a privilege to introduce our new digital focus to you. One verse that inspires us to do what we do is Matthew 17:8, *"When they **looked up**, they saw no one except Jesus."* This is our great desire: that the wealth of resources provided here will turn your eye Heavenward so that "the things of this world may grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." And as we behold Him, we become like Him (2 Cor. 3:18)!

Sincerely,

Jabe Nicholson (President)

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SUGGESTED USES

Here are some great ways to use our resources:



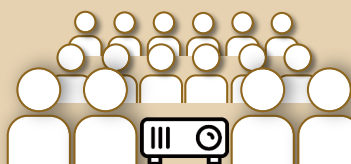
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**DISCIPLESHIP
TRAINING**



**SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION**



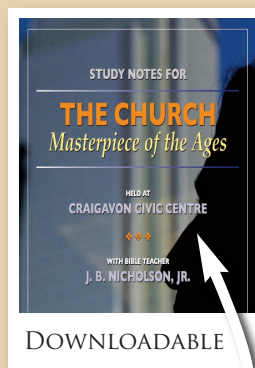
**SPECIAL MINISTRY MEETINGS
FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

Provoke someone to "love and good works" by emailing them a video link or one of our podcasts. Forward our daily devotions to a friend or include them in Sunday bulletins.

VIDEO LIBRARY

Here are just some of the videos you will find in our current collection. A new episode will be uploaded each week, so be sure to come visit www.uplook.org often!

- **Welcome to Uplook Ministries:** A brief introduction to Uplook
- **Vessels (Part 1, The Potter's Hands):** How God shapes us
- **Vessels (Part 2, Pharaoh's Heart):** What really happened?
- **Joppa:** Live from the Holy Land!
- **A Book from Heaven:** How we can think God's thoughts
- **Meet Moses:** A remarkable example of faith
- **The Universe:** The stage for God's love story
- **Compromise in Egypt:** Subtle tactics to distract us
- **The Trinity:** A clear, biblical explanation
- **The Trinity Illustrated:** How God put His signature on His creation
- **Creation:** Ten words. Ten powerful words.
- **Genesis Snapshot:** A bird's-eye view of the Book of Beginnings
- **The Church - Masterpiece of the Ages:** A 20-part video series on the Church, including PDF notes!



FYI:

Believe it or not...

...we published 199 issues of the full-sized format of Uplook Magazine between January of 1991 and the last one in 2013. So, instead of sending out a print issue 200, we're launching a whole LIBRARY of teaching for the Lord's people to enjoy.

You now have access to thousands of articles written by a variety of Bible teachers that can easily be searched by topic or by author. Be sure to let others know so they can benefit from this spiritual treasure trove as well.

Let us know what you think about the new sites. You can reach me by email at jabe@uplook.org

HERE'S AN IDEA!

Note to Elders:

Uplook Ministries is a resource that can help you feed the sheep in your local flock. Whether young people, new believers, struggling saints, or those who seem to be "strong in faith," we offer spiritual food that promotes a well-balanced diet. Why not pass the word along to some sheep so they can benefit from dependable, Bible-based teaching?

RECEIVE OUR UPLOOK UPDATE REGULARLY. HOW?

Contact us (see Contact Information on the front page) and request either a hard copy in the mail or a pdf version by email. Be sure to "Subscribe" to our YouTube channel as well!



our featured resource from...

"sow bountifully...reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6).



THE GRANARY

From some Seed Sowers:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the CD, *The Uniqueness of Christianity*, which I found one day on the sidewalk in Moncton NB in 2008. What a tremendous message! Praise God! I listened to it so much over the years that the CD wore out. If you are able to also send me audio CDs of the other titles on your website, they would all be well appreciated." — **Nicole W.**

"Someone recently gave my family and me a copy of your CD, *The Uniqueness of Christianity*, with one stipulation: We had to listen to it and then pass it on to someone else. We loved the message—one of the best gospel presentations I think I've ever heard—and wanted to know if it's possible to get several copies of the message to give to people. Thanks for your help, and mostly for spreading the gospel to further the kingdom of God! Be blessed!"

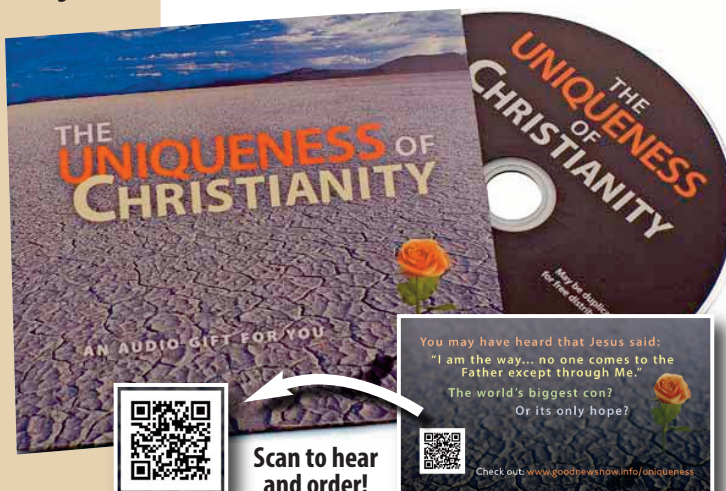
— **Courtney G.**

"I really like your message on the *Uniqueness of Christianity*. I have listened to it over a dozen times now and every time I listen to it I hear something different and it makes me want to share with someone. I would like to get some copies for me to hand out." — **Daniel T.**

"We have listened to the audio, *The Uniqueness of Christianity*. It was so clear-cut. I would like to get more copies to give out to others...this would be perfect to pass out to the seekers." — **Brian E.**

"I've handed out hundreds of these cd's at previous booth work in SE Saskatchewan. We have another booth scheduled for a trade show in Estevan Sk., at the end of September and these will be great to have for this!" — **Ryan F.**

THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRISTIANITY (CD & CARD)



Scan to hear and order!

Aren't all religions basically the same?

Does Christianity offer convincing proof? Are there answers for the big questions in life? Is there any way of knowing for sure? This CD has been used by the Lord all over the world because of its simple, clear, and winsome approach, showing how the message of the Bible is truly unique. **OR**, hand out the cards with a QR code which can be scanned and listened to on mobile devices.

Get this and many other helpful gospel resources by clicking on **Granary** at:

www.uplook.org

KEEP LOOKING UP!

"...without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Heb. 11:6a). Faith is not blind. Opponents of Christianity enjoy claiming that faith is mindless and irrational. Supposedly, Christians are blindly stumbling from one fantasy to the next with no evidence to justify any of it. Again, this betrays an utter ignorance of what the Bible means by faith. Christians make one assumption: the Bible is the Word of God. From this assumption (for which there is overwhelming evidence), flow all of our beliefs concerning God, man, sin, salvation, heaven, hell, life, and death. In contrast, the unbeliever is awash in a sea of countless assumptions and wishful thinking. Who is operating by blind faith: the person whose beliefs flow from one eminently defensible assumption, or the person whose beliefs are an endless string of guesses and I hope so's?

Faith, simply, is trusting Christ. It means to stop relying on ourselves (e.g. Lk. 18:9) either for salvation or for the strength and wisdom to serve the Lord, and to rely on Christ. What a relief to be able to stop depending on ourselves and depend on His perfect Son instead! — **Jamie Martin**