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“My desire and hope is that Spiritual Gold will reach our world with the positive message that God is alive and has the answers for the problems facing us today. In his messages on the Spiritual Gold web site, my husband, Richard, takes the Scriptures and breaks them down so that we can understand and receive practical advice as we live one day at a time.” —Mary Strauss



God's Final Word

Dr. Richard L. Strauss

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Christ the King! He is that. But that's not all He is. Some other amazing answers to the question of who Christ is were given to us by the writer to the Hebrews.

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2a).

Who is this child in Bethlehem's manger? He is God's final word to mankind!

The thing that strikes us first in this passage is that God has spoken. He didn't have to do that. He had no obligation to reveal Himself to us. He could have left us in the dark with no information about where we came from, why we're here or where we're going. He could have left us to grope around blindly in a maze of meaninglessness, aimlessness and uncertainty. But He didn't. GOD HAS SPOKEN!

He spoke in the Old Testament era through the prophets. He spoke at different times, a little bit here and a little bit there. No one prophet gave us all of God's revelation. And He spoke in different ways: dreams, visions, circumstances, direct communication, preaching, writing, dramatic illustrations of truth. None of them contained all the truth. They were the truth, but not all the truth. But now we have a full and complete word from God. He has in these last days spoken to us by "One who is a Son."

There is nothing more He needs to say. When God sent His Son, He provided the answer to every human question and the solution to every human need. Jesus Christ is God's final word to mankind.

from the *Christ in Hebrews* series: CHB-1, December 8, 1991

Dear Spiritual Gold,

"Richard Strauss messages bring great conviction of sin, repentance, encouragement, and growth as a Christian.

"I listen to many many many on line teachers, and his sound doctrine and direct content are bringing change to my life and will bear fruit for others. His messages and deep content are by far the best I have heard."

-B.B., Marianna, FL

Home with the Lord

Dr. Steve Strauss—former missionary in Ethiopia, former Director of SIM USA, (Serving in Mission USA), department chairman and professor of World Missions and Intercultural Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), and eldest son of Dr. Richard and Mary Strauss—went home on June 11, 2013. Please pray that his wife Marcia, daughter Cara, sons Mark and David, and their families continue to feel peace in the presence of our Lord. Please pray also for his students in whom Steve wanted to cultivate a desire to spread the gospel around the world.

A tribute to Steve is on the DTS website at dts.edu/read/steve-strauss-tribute/, which includes one alumnus' belief that Steve's "legacy far exceeds the thousands of Ethiopian and American students trained directly under his tutelage."

Year-End Giving

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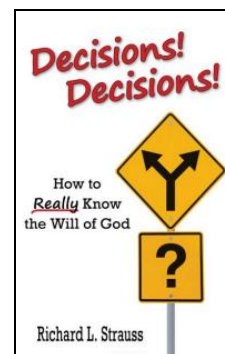
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Dr. Strauss Books Available

Dr. Strauss' ministry continues in print. ECS Ministries recently published *Decisions! Decisions! How to Really Know the Will of God*.

One supporter on Facebook wrote: "I bought Dr. Strauss's book *Decisions Decisions* in 1980, and since then I have reread it several times, and I even listened to his sermon series on it. Even though Dr. Strauss has gone to be with the Lord, his teaching ministry will carry on and impact many."

You can get *Decisions! Decisions!* and other books by Dr. Strauss on Amazon.com.



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