



## **A Special Message from Barry York**

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the outpouring of encouragement and kind words you have given me regarding the news of yesterday. My heart is truly humbled by it all.

I must say on this occasion what first comes to my mind. I grew up in my blindness and sin, apart from the true knowledge of the gospel. As a rebellious young man, the Lord not only opened my eyes to my sin but also the wonder of the cross and resurrection of Christ, showing mercy to me in my ignorance. I rejoice above all else my name is written in His book of life! And to be one day in the courts of the Lord is, as the psalmist says, better than thousands without Him. How thankful I am to be a servant in the RPCNA.

I also think of how the Lord has used men in my life to equip me for ministry and the wonderful company in which I stand. I could mention a number, but today I will limit it to just two. Dave Long, my lifelong friend and mentor, poured himself into me. His loss earlier this year still weighs so heavily upon my heart and directs it more heavenward. Jerry O'Neill, whose Nehemiah-like work at RPTS has been blessed so greatly, has been unwavering in his support of me. I am glad I have more time to learn from him. The Lord has used faithful men to train my hands for battle and direct my heart toward a desire to see the nations disciplined for Christ. I am thankful to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with many like-minded brothers in the RPCNA and beyond in this great endeavor.

Please continue to pray that the RPTS team would be faithful in our calling, wise in our work, and fruitful in seeing many laborers sent out to serve in His kingdom.

In Christ's Service,

Barry York