

## Guy Hester Was a "Preacher's Preacher by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Guy Hester truly was a "preacher's preacher," for not only did he "preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2), but he was an integral part of a preaching family. His Dad, brothers, sons, and sons-in-law are all Gospel Preachers. Like Isaac of old (Hebrews 11:20), Guy devoted his life to passing on God's Plan to save men through Jesus Christ to everyone who would hear.

Guy was **like Onesimus**, "a faithful and beloved brother" (**Colossians 4:9**), both physically and spiritually. Guy was never at a loss for simple, effective and powerful preaching that edified churches of Christ everywhere. He, **like a Solomon**:

... Sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was uprightwords of truth (**Ecclesiastes 12:10**).

He was a "preacher's preacher," a model for generations to come because he was always prepared, properly dressed, pleasantly focused, and deeply appreciative of every opportunity he was given to "Preach the Word."

He was a "preacher's preacher" who knew that though this world is a temporary home (2 Corinthians 4:17-18), from his beginning preaching in 1950, taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the United States to Guyana, South America, he always knew his home was wherever his devoted wife, Shirley, was living. She was his wife, mother of his children, loving companion, friend, support, and nurse.

He was a "preacher's preacher" for 64 years, having been influenced by the best of the previous generation and respected by the present generation of Gospel Preachers. **Like Abel**'s sacrifice of old, through his sermons, Guy, "being dead still speaks" (**Hebrews 11:4**).

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister (**Hebrews 6:10**).

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them' (Revelation 14:13).

In the hand of God Almighty, rest on, Brother.

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