

# Polish (3)

by George Verwer

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*George Verwer emphasizes the importance of understanding spiritual reality through literature, personal testimony, and the holistic nature of faith.*

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**Scripture:** Luke 8:4

**Topics:** "Polish"

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by expressing gratitude for the freedom to worship and share the word of God. He then shares a personal anecdote about feeling inadequate and seeking help to become stronger. The speaker emphasizes the importance of accepting oneself and experiencing spiritual reality in the Christian life. He mentions being known as a missionary speaker and discusses the upcoming missionary conference and prayer meeting. The sermon also touches on the subject of love and intellectual doubts about Christianity. Overall, the speaker emphasizes the holistic nature of spiritual reality, encompassing the body, mind, emotion, and intellect.

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## Transcript

Praise the Lord for his word. I'm very excited about some of the books that I've discovered have been put into Polish since the last time I was here. And I hope that you will take the opportunity to get some of these books.

This morning is spiritual reality. And amazing enough, someone gave me these two books this morning, both on the subject of spiritual reality, and that person did not know what I was going to speak on. They're books by the writer we mentioned yesterday, Mr. A.W. Tozer, who's now in heaven.

And they have tremendous spiritual capacity, who was known because of his deep knowledge of God himself. I'd like to just mention the title in Polish, please. I have read both of these books and really found them a very powerful spiritual message.

Another famous writer is a man named C.F. Lewis. And this is one of his books, now available in Polish, about the subject of love, the four kinds of love. This morning I've been listening to a cassette tape by John Stott.

An outstanding leader in the church, in the Anglican Church in England. I wonder if you have any doubts, intellectual doubts, about Christianity. This is a book answering intellectual questions.

And we believe that spiritual reality includes the whole man. Body, mind, emotion, intellect, the whole man. We are not believing in any form of intellectual suicide.

This man, C.F. Lewis, was converted to Christ from atheism and agnosticism. Many of the greatest Christians in the world today are actually scientists. For the last ten years, the man who has been the leader of our work in the Middle East area, among the Muslims, is a graduate of Oxford and London Universities, has a doctor's degree in biochemistry, and yet he has spent his life up to now as a missionary in Turkey, and he's been living in Lebanon for the last five years.

Even though his life was continually in danger, he had bombs explode between him and where those lights are. He, with his family, stayed in Lebanon all that time doing scientific research so that they could witness for Jesus Christ in that country. And I think it's important to understand this, because sometimes our Christian faith is described as some kind of escapism for people who can't really face the intellectual strains of life.

I think as we examine some of these great books by C.F. Lewis and John Stott and others, we will change our mind as to what is an escapism. And then lastly, a book by Billy Graham on being born again. As I shared with you yesterday, it was through this man's preaching that the final step of faith took place in my life when I was born again.

Now how many of you read Christian books? Raise your hands. That is very encouraging. That must be the world's record for positive reading of Christian books.

And I think we should be thankful for those who have the ministry this is not a commercial business, for those who have the ministry of getting these books published in the Polish language. Now I want us to read from the Word of God, the Gospel of Luke, chapter 8. Luke, chapter 8. We're only going to read this in Polish and save the time. But I'd like you to be quiet just for one minute.

How many people, when I speak slowly, can understand English? Ah, that's very nice. You get double blessings. All right, you be quiet for one more minute.

I have a special personal English book and music cassette and teaching Bible cassette and they will be available for donation basis over here later on in the morning. That's just for those who are learning English in preparation for working in India, praise the Lord, where they speak English. Okay, Luke, chapter 8. Verses 4 through 18.

Over to you. Praise God for His Word. Father, we thank You for Your Word.

We thank You for bringing us together this morning. For the tremendous freedom we have been given to worship in this way. The freedom to distribute Your Word.

The freedom to share our faith. We thank You for the reality of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Speak to us, O God, now as we wait upon You.

We pray in Jesus' name. Some of you know that spiritual reality is a subject that's on my heart. In many places, especially in some of the other countries further west, I am thought of as a missionary speaker at

what they call a missionary conference.

In your churches, you have missionary conferences. It's usually a period of two or three days. All the teaching and all the ministry is focused, and usually it includes special times of prayer, intercessory prayer, for world missions.

Sunday evening, we are going to have a... It's going to be one of the most... speaker of the university and who enjoyed... I studied theology. Is this truly God's Word? Many, many people do not believe... ...that there's complete... ...into the ocean. That's Sri Lanka.

It used to be called Sri Lanka. ...as a gift. ...belief against the Word of God and against Jesus Christ.

...book in Germany. It's called The Misery of Christianity. ...from the Lutheran Church.

...shows that this happens. Some say that... Again, my faith was greatly strengthened. ...were able to attack the Lord Jesus Christ.

...things that were part of his own subjective experience within a particular church that had hurt him. ...image. In other words, a false image of Christianity and he attacked that straw man. He didn't attack the real Christian faith.

And I just believe with all my heart that there are honest answers to honest questions. So that you can express yourself. Not just that there's such... like such a lovely, good-looking group of people listening.

You can open your mouth and prove also that you have something to say. And not be afraid that you will say something stupid. If you say something stupid, then probably you will never say anything.

...came to Europe, lived in Spain. Studied more Spanish. I speak Spanish.

Also studying Russian. Very important language. I was told to be very, very careful of trying to mobilize these English women into evangelism.

...policy includes sharing your faith with other people. That's part of it. Oh, these English girls on American news.

Are they mostly shy or mostly outgoing? Raise your hand. Must be a language problem. Until you got them on one of their favorite or boys, ...men do.

...with Holy Spirit reality in these days together. We know that what happens here in these days can only be the beginning. And you will find those words of Jesus Christ that ring with reality in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and similar words in the Gospel of John.

...reality. We therefore can know the truth. We're not just evolutionary clones wandering around on the face of the earth. ...said we are just.

What a view. ...grows on plant life and destroys it. Bacteria.

No, we are created in the image of God. Even Albert Einstein who certainly was not a Christian can believe that it was impossible to understand the universe and its science without believing in a supreme creator. ...intimidated in your Christian faith by clever answers, go back to the Word of God, go back to God himself in France.

...one particular kind of nation in the world ...have more freedom to travel. That is a great mystery of providence. I minister in many countries where the people are not able to listen.

...godly people I have met. He is now more than 80 years of age. He has been a living example of the reality that there is in Jesus Christ.

I've used him and his co-workers to begin over 400 churches. He walked with God. He just spent so much time with God.

...when I came here to Poland 20 some years ago. ...but this man was very different. ...message in English.

...that had been in a desert congregation. This man was another, one more great influence on my life. ...a follower of Jesus Christ.

...George Verwer, you know, give him reasons why he is still following Jesus Christ. Some of you know Mr. Hallisby's book I am a Christian. There are a number of books like that.

...a Christian. Get that word, Phil, that's important. ...in that way.

...the Lord Jesus Christ. ...to believe that me, Jesus Christ. ...narrow-minded. ...there is no other nation in the way, the truth and the life.

...that is very clear in God's word. ...it is normal. ...made in the absence.

...reality. ...and reality is in the midst of the question. ...the Bible says the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh. In the book of Galatians the two are at war with one another.

...and I believe that Jesus Christ is the way. ...that is what is being proclaimed here each evening. That's why if you do not know Jesus Christ personally as your Lord and Savior, you need to take that step of faith and become sure of your eternal salvation.

...reality is found at the foot of the cross when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. ...know that conversion is just the beginning. ...we then must grow in our faith.

...and many times people expect me to be a missionary speaker. ...reality first, geography second. ...now the word reality is very strong.

...and we know that when we speak through interpretation sometimes there are problems. ...the reason I do not come to your country more is mainly because I don't know the language. ...and after learning Spanish ...but this word reality means a lot in English.

...let me just say a few things that it means. ...speaking spiritually. ...on a practical level there's all kinds of reality.

...boom, I just hit him on the head. ...that's reality. ...if he develops a headache ...that is reality.

...my wife tells me that sometimes the way I am moving so fast gives her headache. ...that's reality. ...this is a fantasy.

...have you ever suddenly felt maybe you were dreaming instead of living right now you were actually dreaming so you pinch yourself or pull your nose to see if you're awake? ...now if I suddenly declare to you that I am actually ...come back ...Napoleon Bonaparte ...then this would be ...unreality. ...people enter ...the Lord Jesus Christ ...I think we know the difference. ...in this parable ...and I hope that you'll study this parable ...then it speaks about seed that doesn't bring any fruit ...or that brings full fruit ...but that on the good ground are they ...who in an earnest and good heart ...having heard the word keep it and bring forth ...fruit with patience ...are here in these days ...and that will have these ...ingredients ...number one ...there will be deep peace ...many of

you have read the book Peace with God ...by Billy Graham ...there are many old copies ...we often say into our hearts ...but we are also referring to the mind ...we know ...that we have been ...totally forgiven ...living in reality ...he or she knows ...that they are forgiven ...by the way I believe ...spiritual reality creates enthusiasm ...and I also know ...that this kind of real Christian life ...creates enthusiasm ...in some churches ...like here ...there is no such word ...I want to sit down there ...my mouth preacher just said ...talk and whisper to my friend ...hypnotism ...nobody lives that way ...all that joy and happiness ...he's just doing it because he's a public speaker ...and he's been trained how to speak ...for they shall be saved hallelujah ...listening to this I would

have many questions ...but you can go and talk to my wife ...whisper ...I was eavesdropping ...the joy of the real ...some of you I can see ...because you are afraid ...that if you become a spirit filled Christian ...living in reality ...you are not going to ...when you are filled with the glory and the power of God ...it does not destroy ...the human factor ...I have my wonderful ...deaconess sisters present in the meeting ...with some deaconesses down in Germany ...together in this one place ...one of them came up here and started ...jumping around like ...my wife and I are very different ...someone said things that are opposite ...like magnets ...the spirit relation ...the human factor ...you will still be you ...because I counsel people all the time ...or they're trying to be some

famous ...spiritual woman that they have read about ...or they may be trying after reading many books ...you must be able to somehow ...look in that mirror and look at your life ...and say I am created in the image of God ...to be big ...make a real hit with chicks ...and somehow I didn't grow very big ...in a magazine ...a skinny fellow like me at the beach ...with a beautiful girl ...can be a real man ...building weight gain ...I gained about half a kilo ...in the oil of a Christian life ...with regret and worry and various kinds of fears ...came into my life ...became relaxed about myself ...as a young man of 19 years of age ...sent me to Mexico ...my wife and I lived in Thailand ...they looked at the West Europe ...a man came up to me ...I can thank God for my nose ...better to smell

with ...as you want to be ...people worship ...as beautiful as their older sister ...they are all beautiful things ...of deception and unreality ...reality is that God loves you ...and for your life ...that seed that fell into the good ground ...and you can bring forth much fruit as a disciple of Jesus Christ ...maybe you have failed the Lord many times ...reality includes knowing what to do when you fail ...knowing what to do when you sin ...failure is a back door to success ...you can't accomplish anything in your life without success ...we don't just pop from unreality into reality overnight ...in its total sense ...conversion it begins ...through God's discipleship program ...day by day ...we grow ...many are discouraged in their Christian life ...because they are impatient ...it

takes time to make amends ...with the weak ...oh God as we go to our discussion group ...help to be a time of realistic fellowship ...so many here are people ...bringing forth fruit ...we thank you that you accept

us ...by faith ...and we receive that you are ...to be real ...but in the midst of it ...in communion with your Jesus name together

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