



ESCAPING THE VIKING STRONGHOLD

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THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE!

We are a family of believers that cling tightly to the Word of Scripture and enjoy the heritage of a faith centered upon the majesty of Jesus Christ and His work upon the Cross. If you love the words of Scripture, worship Jesus Christ, and prefer Truth spoken with thunderous straightforwardness, then you will probably enjoy it here.

Discover why we focus so much on the centrality of Jesus Christ and learn more about the Church at Ellerslie, our Ellerslie Discipleship Training, and what we believe ... at **[Ellerslie.com/church](https://www.ellerslie.com/church)** or scan the QR code below with your phone.



ANNOUNCEMENTS + SCHEDULE:

- **Daily Thunder** – join us in the chapel M-F at 8:15am for teaching, prayer, and worship
- **Wednesday Night Prayer** – 7:00pm

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

- Weeklong students: August 7-13
- Cambridge 70 Event (for men): August 26-28

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SECRETS TO SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

THE ANCIENT ISLAND

once upon a time it had been a Christian land



THE STORY OF IVAR THE BONELESS

vengeance, bloodthirst, hate, and a burning desire to totally remove the worship of Christ from the world

(In hearing the report of his father's execution in Northumbria, Ivar's face)
became red, blue, and pale by turns, and his skin appeared puffed up by
anger.

Winston Churchill



THE FOUL MAKE-UP OF IVAR THE BONELESS

the terrible Viking invader ruling your ~~island~~ body

THE GLOSSARY OF IVAR'S CONTROL

a.k.a. — the law of sin and death

1. **Sin** — “i” sitting in the seat of power and control, taking territory that is unlawful
2. **Flesh** — the Viking agenda, the Viking way, the Viking command
3. **Carnal (fleshly)** — description of the behavior that flows out of sin and the flesh
4. **sins** — the guaranteed results of sitting in the unlawful seat and coming under the service of Ivar
5. **Capital “I”** — the system of Self, Sin, Flesh, Carnal living — the life that is all about Me, Myself, and I

The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you. They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you.

Deuteronomy 28:49-52

THE POWERFUL PICTURE OF ALFRED, KING OF WESSEX

the humble “i” believing that his God is able to save his ~~island~~ body from the Viking invader

A NEW NAME FOR ALFRED

iRed

THE GLOSSARY OF IRED'S RESPONSE

a.k.a. — the law of believe and live

1. **Faith** — “i” stepping down from the unlawful seat and humbly requesting Jesus to take His rightly position
2. **Spirit** — the God agenda, the God way, the God command
3. **Grace** — the God power, the God enablement, the God rescue

4. **Lowercase “i”** — the system of righteousness, love, mercy, and truth — the life that is all about the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

IVAR VS. IRED

Capital “I” versus Lowercase “i”

IVAR SITTING WHERE HE OUGHT NOT TO BE

Bdeloogma Erēmōsis

BDELYGMA - BDEL'-OOG-MAH

foul, abominable

ERĒMŌSIS - ER-AY'-MO-SIS

to make something nothing, to destroy everything, to make desolate

The foul one who seeks to destroy everything good

The Viking who seeks to wipe out all remembrance of truth and righteousness

IT'S A.D. 872

the “Northman”, the Bdeloogma Erēmōsis is already here

At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south . . . and forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation. Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

Daniel 11:29, 31-32

. . . when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains . . . But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:14,24-26

THE BATTLE OVER “I”

the enemy wants to capitalize “I” and God wants “i” to be lowercase

The English language is the only language that capitalizes the pronoun “I”.

Richard Wurmbbrand

THE CAPITAL “I”

the great nemesis of Christ

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Ivar has been crucified with Christ; it is no longer **Ivar** who lives, but Christ lives in me; and the life which **iRed** now lives in the flesh **iRed** lives by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

THE “I” IN THE MIDDLE

the i that is you — the i in the place of decision

THE THREE “I’s”

Ivar, iRed, and just plain “i” needing to choose the way in which to go

Is “i” going capital or lowercase?

. . . what **i** am doing, **i** do not understand. For what **i** will to do, that **i** do not practice; but what **i** hate, that **i** do. If, then, **i** do what **i** will not to do, **i** agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer **i** who do it, but sin (**Ivar**) that dwells in me. For **i** know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good **i** do not find. For the good that **i** will to do, **i** do not do; but the evil **i** will not to do, that **i** practice. Now if **i** do what **i** will not to do, it

is no longer **i** who do it, but sin (**Ivar**) that dwells in me. **i** find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For **i** delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But **i** see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that **i** am! Who will deliver me from this body of death (**from Ivar's power**)?

Romans 7:15-24

THE REASON WE CAN REJOICE

O wretched man that **i** am! Who will deliver me from this body of death (**from Ivar's power**)? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25a

THE SECRET OF PUSHING IVAR OFF THE ISLAND

the forgotten, forsaken Self

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

TO DENY ONE'S SELF

the forget, to forego, to give up the unlawful seat, to properly understand your position UNDER Christ's control

THE PUSH TO CARE FOR SELF

the Self-esteem movement — to remember Self, to cherish Self, to heed Self above Christ, to prosper Ivar's power

THE NEEDED MOVEMENT TO "FORGET SELF"

the Self-forgetting movement - to remember Christ always, to think of other's as more important than yourself

Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
in honor giving preference to one another;

Romans 12:10

EXERCISING A “HEALTHY FORGETFULNESS”

the wave, the smile, the hello, to listening, to remembrance, the prayer, the

THE RUBRIC SHIFT

It's no longer “how does that impact me?” but “what would be best for Christ and others?”

DAILY THUNDER

Teaching series from the Bible
with Eric, Nathan, and guests.



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