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Ministry News

The DVD's and CD's of the May conference are in production now and will soon be on the web-site. www.theliberatingsecret.org Watch for the conference pictures, and also expect an mid-June Newsletter announcement of DVD, CD and picture completion.

Emanuel means "God with us," or "among us." In my early days, I didn't truly understand what "among us," meant. I had been trained to see scripture subjectively (derived from an individual viewpoint), and not objectively (outside of the individual). I praise God for the subjective outlook training, however now I see both view points are extremely valid. With that in mind, "God among us" to me means that God, the Holy Spirit is corporately operating among us, as depicted in the book of Acts. Acts says that the first Christians meet together and were of "one accord." That is the best description of the God Unlimited Conference last week-end. It was God's presence corporately teaching; healing old wounds; advancing His kingdom in each of us; raising us to a new level of authority; confirming; loving, and in "one accord" lifting us all to greater manifested heights of His resurrection and ascended glory.

All this glory was not manifested without its counterpart, suffering. We had severe satanic attacks on us, which, by the way, is always the prerequisite to glory. I won't bore you with details, but without Fran Giles, and Jenny Fienning's searly appearance I personally couldn't have made it. I will tell you of just one of the incidences... Rebekah, our 16 years old granddaughter was rushed to the hospital diagnosed with type one diabetes. Pretty tough for a young girl. It was a miracle that she didn't die in her sleep with a 600 blood sugar count which could have put her in a deadly coma if not caught in time. The Lord has re-assured us that this disease will teach her to trust in Jesus, which is our keenest hope for her. Also, Rebekah is a lamb for her father's salvation... Nothing like a daughter touching her father's heart. We expect to see Daniel next year at our May conference.

Just today I was seeing that the mind of Christ thinks sacrificially. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"" And being found in

fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." What ever it takes to bring the disobedient to "the obedience of faith," and only God knows that.

The God Unlimited Enrichment Week-end wouldn't have been the same without; all the intercessory prayer; the worship; the loving fellowship; the powerful teaching; the ministering among us; the inspiring music, including songs from our youth; the testimonies; all the new faces; the phone calls from around the world hearing us live on spiritradio.net; the testimonies of miracles; the great art-work...and on and on and on. All of it made to us the best conference yet.

Coming Attraction:

How about a two-day summer conference with Steve Pettit?

Scott and I went to Steve Pettit's conference in Alachua, Fla. in February, which precipitated an invitation for Steve to come to Louisville in July. The two-day retreat will be at the Methodist Church in Old Middletown. The church holds about 250 people, and is not far from the same motels that we use during the May conference. So consider coming and let us know. It will be held July 28-29. We are reserving Sunday for a special time at the Pearce house, unless otherwise changed by the Spirit.

Prior to Steve's meeting we women are gathering for a annual women's retreat at Sylvia Pearce's house. That will be July 23-25. Call me for more info.

RSVP before July 10th, and reserve your favorite hotel as soon as possible. For the best rates please e-mail or call: Norma Mouser at norma@travelloptions.net or call her at **502-420-0904; or at 1-800-223-7100**. You may want to reserve it yourself: Best Western (502) 267-8100; Comfort Suites (502) 266-6509; Sleep Inn (502)266-6776 or the more affordable Microtel (502) 266-6590. RSVP to: sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org, or call 502-245-4581; 502-417-2110

Please keep the meeting in your prayers.

Comments about the God Unlimited Week-end May 18-21

One person called to say that he now has the authority to "name his fruit."

Another 80 year man told me while hearing Bill Bower talk about how men stuff their feelings , he got a total release and as of yet not stopped crying. I told him to let it all out, and watch what God does with him now. Another man said that he had heard this message since 1956, but never had he heard it like it was taught this week-end– he was so totally undone that he has to now go home and rewrite his booklets. Afterwards, he told me that he is not the same man who came up my driveway on Thursday the 18th. A woman told me that she experienced a “sea of love.” Many are prophesying revival starting here-seeing that Louisville, Ky., as viewed from the map, is the central-heart of the country. We are so revived that we wish that we could have another such meeting here real soon.

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Dear Sylvia,

How your heart must be full. Though I missed an evening and the next morning, I always got the sense of a very special fellowship and oneness there, and the teaching I got to hear was tremendous: Barry, Jim Seward, Ron, Jewel, and others.

I think my favorite comment was the one by Mike Tackett that this is his big fat Greek wedding family, with all the characters. It was a very special weekend of fellowship as well as teaching.

What can I say about you Sunday morning? Oh my, how tremendous. Our mentor must have been in ecstasy as well as the multitudes of holy witnesses and angels. Now, for more of the earth to hear glory and receive it. Sylvia, I just reveled in your total heart and soul of giving exactly what a conference like ours needs at the end. Bill gave the Rom 7, and you built on that and took us all the way through our negatives to the glory of Rom 8.

Tandy and I talked about looking at coming up for Steve’ s weekend to enjoy Steve and the fellowship. The weekend made me hungrier on a fellowship level than I have been in some time.

Loving you,

Your B

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Sylvia,

My life will not be the same, ever! Thank you for your hospitality and for making me feel like family. I love your team and the leadership God has surrounded you with. (I hear a rumble!) Let's not lose touch. I had to leave quickly because of my plane, but I am going to check with public radio and see what we can do, and I will let you know. Blessings, Bob



Dear Sylvia,

I think of you daily. I miss you. You know....I was meditating on something.... (so profound to me, but surely you have embraced this for years now...) WHAT WAS IT that was SO HUGE that God did in my life last weekend? It was THAT MELTING, INTOXICATING FEELING THAT WAS SO PRESENT ALL WEEKEND???

Monday morning in prayer Jesus whispered in my ear..."It was ME, Susanna". Tears rolled down my face as I soaked in this revelation, knowing that He Himself had hugged me, spoken kindly to me, and accepted me like I was His very special princess. That "oozing warm and fragrant love" that was all over everyone at the God Unlimited Conference was Jesus HIMSELF (Yes! His very presence!) pouring out over each person there like costly anointing oil! And it wasn't a one time thing! No! It poured all over me over and over again through many special people. I thought I was looking into the eyes of "people" (and I was and they were beautiful and wonderful) but when I looked deeper...it was the very eyes of Christ Himself looking back at me. And it was the very LOVE of my Bridegroom....courting me and taking me deeper into love with Him. Oh His drawing love....What a wonder...this deep mystery... of Christ IN US...living His LIFE through us...

I cherish you and all the family of God that I got to meet because of your kindness Ms. Sylvia. Thanks forever.

Susanna



Dear Mom,

How good it was to be with you and everyone. Such a blessing to behold the beauty of the Lord in so many earthen vessels. Wave after wave hit me personally, and God has revealed Himself to me in an ever more personal way. I definitely experienced His presence in an incredible way. The light seems to be shining ever brighter, and truly am amazed at His graciousness in and by us. I so thank you for all your love and kindness and for your

insights into things, it has and continues to be life-changing. I must say to you that being there was home to me with all the connections that were made and am looking forward to future visits. There was an equipping that took place within. thanks for all the hospitality and kindness> I love you all.

Tom

Letter of Interest

Dear Sylvia,

I recently ordered 2 books and several booklets from you.

I wanted to tell you how the writings blessed me. .Your book and Dan Stone's have helped me better understand THE most wonderful and Liberating Secret: God In us/God AS us living the Christ-life: so pure, simple and true.

That IS the Gospel, the truly good news but, even though I became a Christian in 1971, I never once heard or read this until very recently.

So thanks for your ministry, the world is in desperate need to hear what salvation means.

There was one issue with which I found myself in disagreement with you: Universalism. I even went on to read what James Fowler has written on it. And even though I agree with most of what you and he says, I believe that there are other scriptural positions that offer a view on this that I myself have come to believe.

Yours,
H.

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Dear H,

I also am blessed that you are blessed by our writings, however, as choosing beings, man has the ability to refuse the provision provided. " God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto himself," and according to this verse in II Cor. 5, all the work for reconciliation to God, and salvation for man was done at the Cross. However, the ultimate damning sin is to refuse the gracious gift of Salvation and count worthless the Cross of Christ who is the provision provided.

I am not open to discuss any other opinions or thoughts on the subject. I am convinced by the Spirit of Truth that what I wrote on the subject is true, and I will not budge. If you think that is closed-minded, well then so be it.

However, we can fellowship on what we do agree on, and leave all future events to God.

Blessed as well,

Sylvia

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AMEN and shalom!

H.

Announcement:

Christ, Our Life Ministries, Inc has voted to add a T1-broad band to spiritradio.net. That will increase the listening capacity to 250 people at once. We recently broadcasted the May conference live but was disappointed when only 6 to 10 people could listen to it at one time. The T1 broad band capacity will also accommodate video clips as well. We are in a very exciting time of expansion and appreciate all the prayers, as well as financial help we can get.

Praise and Prayer Reports

I can unequivocally say that our prayers for our conference were answered: We experienced peace and harmony among the workers in preparation, in corporation, and service as we all kept our eyes on serving the Lord, and not on pleasing man. We got whiplash at times, however someone once said, "maturity is flexibility," we sure must be mature then.

Jesus said that we can ask what we want, and then praise Him as if we already have it, because we do. hearts were prepared, and lives were changed. Thank you so much for your praying part whether you were here or you couldn' t come.

If any of you desire us women, Fran Giles, Jenny Fienning, Margaret Lester, and me to come and do a women' s retreat, we are available. And if anyone desires Brian Coatney and myself to come to your church or home group, let us know. Or we are available to come individually. It is my life' s delight to share liberation to the body of Christ whoever you are, or wherever you live.

Poems of the Month

The Man of God-

When God wants to fill a man, and skill
a man, and drill a man,
When God wants to mold a man
to play the noblest part,
When he yearns with all his heart
to create so great and bold a man
that all the world will be amazed,

Watch his methods, watch his ways.

How he ruthlessly perfects whom he royally elects,
How he hammers him and hurts him,
With mighty blows converts him into trial shapes of clay which only
God understands,
Till his tortured heart is crying,
and he lifts beseeching hands.
How he bends but never breaks when his
good he undertakes,
Then how he uses whom he chooses,
And with every purpose fuses him,
by every act induces him to try his spender out;
God knows what he's about."

Author unknown

"Set apart for Himself" (Psalms 4:3)

"Set apart" – a chosen vessel
To the King of Kings,
"Set apart," for ever severed
From all earthly things.

"Set apart," to bear the fragrance
Of His blessed name,
And with Him to share the sufferings

Of a Cross of shame.

"Set apart," with him to suffer
O'er a world undone,
And to stand in fiercest conflict
Till the fight be won.

"Set apart," – an earthen vessel,
Empty, weak and small,
Yet the treasure that it beareth
Christ the Lord of all.

By Freda Hanbury Allen written as a birthday message to:

Mrs. Jesse Penn-Lewis

Words of Faith

Believe with us for the financial support for the new radio station in Memphis, Tn. That makes 7-- five-day a week programs around the country. Any suggestions as to where we might put The Liberating Secret Radio Program next? Stand with us as we venture out in faith believing God, not man. Our motto is: Put the financial heat on God, and not on man.

" Whatsoever you desire."

Mark 11:22-24

" Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and laughs at the impossible and shouts, " IT SHALL BE DONE." Sylvia Pearce

This Months Article

(This is the article that Bill Bower read in part at the May conference)

HOW TO OVERCOME SIN

BY PRESIDENT CHARLES G. FINNEY.

THE INDEPENDENT.

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In every period of my ministerial life I have found many professed Christians in a miserable state of bondage either to the world, the flesh, or the Devil. But surely this is no Christian state, for the apostle has distinctly said: "Sin shall not have dominion over you, because ye are not under the law, but under grace." In all my Christian life I have been pained to find so many Christians living in the legal bondage described in the 7th chapter of Romans--a life of sinning, and resolving to reform and falling again. And what is particularly saddening, and even agonizing, is that many ministers and leading Christians give perfectly false instruction upon the subject of how to overcome sin. The directions that are generally given on this subject, I am sorry to say, amount to about this: "Take your sins in detail, resolve to abstain from them, and fight against them, if need be, with prayer and fasting, until you have overcome them. Set your will firmly against a relapse into sin, pray and struggle, and resolve that you will not fall, and persist in this, until you form the habit of obedience and break up all your sinful habits." To be sure, it is generally added: "In this conflict you must not depend upon your own strength, but pray for the help of God." In a word, much of the teaching, both of the pulpit and the press, really amounts to this: Sanctification is by works, and not by faith. I notice that Dr. Chalmers, in his lectures on Romans, expressly maintains that justification is by faith, but sanctification is by works. Some

twenty-five years ago, I think, a prominent professor of theology in New England maintained in substance the same doctrine. In my early Christian life I was very nearly misled by one of President Edwards's resolutions; which was, in substance, that when he had fallen into any sin he would trace it back to its source, and then fight and pray against it with all his might until he subdued it. This, it will be perceived, is directing the attention to the overt act of sin, its source or occasions. Resolving and fighting against it fastens the attention on the sin and its source, and diverts it entirely from Christ.

Now it is important to say right here that all such efforts are worse than useless, and not infrequently result in delusion. First, it is losing sight of what really constitutes sin, and, secondly, of the only practicable way to avoid it. In this way the outward act or habit may be overcome and avoided, while that which really constitutes the sin is left untouched. Sin is not external, but internal. It is not a muscular act, it is not the volition that causes muscular action, it is not an involuntary feeling or desire; it must be a voluntary act or state of mind. Sin is nothing else than that voluntary, ultimate preference or state of committal to self-pleasing out of which the volitions, the outward actions, purposes, intentions, and all the things that are commonly called sin proceed. Now, what is resolved against in this religion of resolutions and efforts to suppress sinful and form holy habits? "Love is the fulfilling of the law." But do we produce love by resolution? Do we eradicate selfishness by resolution? No, indeed. We may suppress this or that expression or manifestation of selfishness by resolving not to do this or that, and praying and struggling against it. We may resolve upon an outward obedience, and work ourselves up to the letter of an obedience to God's commandments. But to eradicate selfishness from the breast by resolution is an absurdity. So the effort to obey the commandments of God in spirit--in other words, to attempt to love as the law of God requires by force of resolution--is an absurdity. There are many who maintain that sin consists in the desires. Be it so. Do we control our desires by force of resolution? We may abstain from the gratification of a particular desire by the force of resolution. We may go further, and abstain

from the gratification of desire generally in the outward life. But this is not to secure the love of God, which constitutes obedience. Should we become anchorites, immure ourselves in a cell, and crucify all our desires and appetites, so far as their indulgence is concerned; we have only avoided certain forms of sin; but the root that really constitutes sin is not touched. Our resolution has not secured love, which is the only real obedience to God. All our battling with sin in the outward life, by the force of resolution, only ends in making us whited sepulchers. All our battling with desire by the force of resolution is of no avail; for in all this, however successful the effort to suppress sin may be, in the outward life or in the inward desire it will only end in delusion, for by force of resolution we cannot love.

All such efforts to overcome sin are utterly futile, and as unscriptural as they are futile. The Bible expressly teaches us that sin is overcome by faith in Christ. "He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption." "He is the way, the truth, and the life." Christians are said to "purify their hearts by faith" --(Acts xv, 9). And in Acts xxvi, 18 it is affirmed that the saints are sanctified by faith in Christ. In Romans ix, 31,32 it is affirmed that the Jews attained not to righteousness "because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law." The doctrine of the Bible is that Christ saves His people from sin through faith; that Christ's Spirit is received by faith to dwell in the heart. It is faith that works by love. Love is wrought and sustained by faith. By faith Christians "overcome the world, the flesh, and the Devil." It is by faith that they "quench the fiery darts of the wicked." It is by faith that they "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and put off the old man, with his deeds." It is by faith that we fight "the good fight," and not by resolution. It is by faith that we "stand," by resolution we fall. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. It is by faith that the flesh is kept under and carnal desires subdued. The fact is that it is simply by faith that we receive the Spirit of Christ to work in us, to will and to do, according to his good pleasure. He sheds abroad his own love in our hearts, and thereby enkindles ours. Every victory over sin is by faith in Christ; and whenever the mind is diverted from Christ, by resolving and fighting against sin,

whether we are aware of it or not, we are acting in our own strength, rejecting the help of Christ, and are under a specious delusion. Nothing but the life and energy of the Spirit of Christ within us can save us from sin, and trust is the uniform and universal condition of the working of this saving energy within us. How long shall this fact be at least practically overlooked by the teachers of religion? How deeply rooted in the heart of man is self-righteousness and self-dependence? So deeply that one of the hardest lessons for the human heart to learn is to renounce self-dependence and trust wholly in Christ. When we open the door by implicit trust he enters in and takes up his abode with us and in us. By shedding abroad his love he quickens our whole souls into sympathy with himself, and in this way, and in this way alone, he purifies our hearts through faith. He sustains our will in the attitude of devotion. He quickens and regulates our affections, desires, appetites and passions, and becomes our sanctification. Very much of the teaching that we hear in prayer and conference meetings, from the pulpit and the press, is so misleading as to render the hearing or reading of such instruction almost too painful to be endured. Such instruction is calculated to beget delusion, discouragement, and a practical rejection of Christ as he is presented in the Gospel.

Alas! for the blindness that "leads to bewilder" the soul that is longing after deliverance from the power of sin. I have sometimes listened to legal teaching upon this subject until I felt as if I should scream. It is astonishing sometimes to hear Christian men object to the teaching which I have here inculcated that it leaves us in a passive state, to be saved without our own activity. What darkness is involved in this objection! The Bible teaches that by trusting in Christ we receive an inward influence that stimulates and directs our activity; that by faith we receive his purifying influence into the very center of our being; that through and by his truth revealed directly to the soul he quickens our whole inward being into the attitude of a loving obedience; and this is the way and the only practicable way to overcome sin. But someone may say: "Does not the Apostle exhort as follows: 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do, of his good

pleasure[']?" "And is not this an exhortation to do what in this article you condemn?" By no means. In the 12th verse of the 2d chapter of Philippians Paul says: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." There is no exhortation to work by force of resolution, but through and by the in-working of God. Paul had taught them, while he was present with them; but now, in his absence, he exhorts them to work out their own salvation, not by resolution, but by the inward operation of God. This is precisely the doctrine of this article. Paul had too often taught the Church that Christ in the heart is our sanctification, and that this influence is to be received by faith, to be guilty, in this passage of teaching that our sanctification is to be wrought out by resolution and efforts to suppress sinful and form holy habits. This passage of Scripture happily recognizes both the Divine and human agency in the work of sanctification. God works in us, to will and to do; and we, accepting by faith his in-working, will and do according to his good pleasure. Faith itself is an active and not a passive state. A passive holiness is impossible and absurd. Let no one say that when we exhort people to trust wholly in Christ we teach that anyone should be or can be passive in receiving and co-operating with the Divine influence within. This influence is moral, and not physical. It is persuasion, and not force. It influences the free will, and consequently does this by truth, and not by force. Oh! that it could be understood that the whole of spiritual life that is in any man is received direct from the Spirit of Christ by faith, as the branch receives its life from the vine. Away with this religion of resolutions! It is a snare of death. Away with this effort to make the life holy while the heart has not in it the love of God. Oh! that men would learn to look directly at Christ through the Gospel, and so close in with him by an act of loving trust as to involve a universal sympathy with his state of mind. This and this alone is sanctification.

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