

The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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Ministry News

Coming Attraction:

Scott and I are excited about the Steve Pettit conference...if you have not considered coming to it... think again. You won't be disappointed. Not only do we have the powerful teaching of Steve to look forward to, we also are having a music fest with Ron Block, and Brent Ramsey on Saturday afternoon. Also, for all who want to hang out at the Pearce house on Sunday, you can look forward to more music, fellowship, food and fun.

RSVP before July 15th, 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.

See the ad on the web-site for the Steve Pettit conference in July.
www.theliberatingsecret.org

Recently, Ron Block called me and asked me to openly advertise him along with Brent Ramsey as the music ministers at the Steve Pettit conference. I hesitated at first because Ron is well known as a very talented entertainer with Alison Krauss and Union Station band. We don't want folks coming just because of that reason, plus I never wanted to use any of my celebrity friends in that way. However, Ron convenience me to do so when he told me what the Lord had said to him. The Lord told him not to hide his light under a bushel, seeing that He (God) could use his fame to draw folks if He wanted to. So, I was compelled to plug Ron and Brent on the internet, and elsewhere. If someone comes just to see Ron Block, then so be it, God uses everything.

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

Dear Sylvia

I am so very deeply grateful for the experience I had at your conference...it truly pulled so many loose ends together for me. My girlfriend Rose and I are devouring the reading material I brought home and we are a great support to one another to keep each other focused and on track in this new journey.

I look forward to a continuing relationship with you and yours. please keep me posted of upcoming plans and events...There's so much I would like to do and attend that I'm believing God will make a way. I would love it if any of you ladies came to Long Island, New York. My heart, my home, and my time are yours.

Until we meet again, Karen Zadrozny

Dear Sylvia

Thank you for your teachings, Be prepared to get more response from Alaskans to your books and Teachings...Many in the Jail here are finding a banquet in your book, they have told me...I told them to write and tell you... I hope to bring an Alaskan group of believers to the Conference soon, (Lord willing),and with us the testimony's of "Christ plus nothing", and Christ our lives...

Mom & I listened to "The new World" last night, and I'm still walking around in the revelation of that as I write this. Mom & I Love and miss you...so much is happening here in the spirit, I cant wait till we can see one another again and share in what the completed work of the cross is doing to ours, and others lives.

Gods Blessings

John Carlson

Dear Scott and Sylvia,

There is no way to express how far and above any and all our expectations the May conference was. Thank you so much for opening your home to us and all that you must have done physically let alone spiritually, mentally and emotionally to prepare for it. What a precious couple you are and what a privilege to be at your home and partake of such a wonder. How could any of us have known how wonderful our God is ? No wonder people are ever learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth. There is no way by

learning mentally to ever find it out. Thanks to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, how fantastic they are! Love you, Pattie and Tom M.

Letter From Inmates

Joshua Blue is at the Fairbanks Correctional Center in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has been ministered by John and Joan Carlson, our precious friends and co-workers in Alaska. If anyone wants my book, *The Treasures of Darkness*, sent to any inmate in a correctional institute, please let me know, I'll be glad to do it free of charge.

Dear Sylvia

My name is Joshua Blue, John and Joan Carlson sent to me your book "The Treasures of Darkness." God used the words of your book to bless me. I was going through some issues in my Christian life— I was being held in bondage by my thoughts and feelings. I use to think that it was me producing the evil, Satan use to whisper in my ear saying, "You have sinned, you better repent." And I fell for it each and every time. I was asking for forgiveness even though I didn't sin, just to "try" and get rid of that feeling of false guilt. Once I received the inner revelation that it isn't even my life at all, but Christ's...It's amazing the weight removed from my shoulders. I praise the Lord for His grace in showing me that I am one with Him, Lord willing I could meet you one day for God used the words of your book to bless me, and I thank Him for it. I was wondering if you could send me another "Treasures of Darkness" book so someone else could get blessed like I did. God bless you Sylvia.

Love, Joshua.

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This man was in the Christian County Jail in Hopkinsville, Ky. Brian Coatney and Mimi Anderson ministered to him there.

"Being free has nothing to do with physically being able to do what you will, but allowing Christ to live his life through you, yet it is you doing the living and walking in His glorious life, your spirit being at rest and taking no condemnation for when you do mess up. I finally understand what Brian would always say during the entire year. I've learned under him. Walking in the Spirit is easy, yet sometimes it's excruciating.

Thanks for the Galatians 2:20 leaflets. They always are put to good use.

Please tell Sylvia that the dream both of you have to have "Christ in you" preached and heard in every prison in Kentucky is closer than she would care to believe. My prayers are with you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Lorenzo"

Announcement:

At the Christ, Our Life Ministries, Inc annual Board Meeting, our members voted to add a T1 broad-band internet connection to our internet Radio Station: www.spiritradio.net. That will increase the listening capacity to 150 people at once. The T1 capacity is being installed on July 3rd. Bear with us for technical adjustments.

You may listen to the May conference now being broadcast, but soon we will be broadcasting video Weekly Bible Studies. I plan to do a 30 minute Bible study, starting noon Eastern Time, every Wednesday. It will continue repeating itself for 12 hours, so that all the time zones can hear it. Our hope is for you to have the ability to have a Bible Study in your home. Invite folks in, watch the Bible Study then follow the lesson with discussions. I plan to have notes and question accompanying the lessons posted on the Web-site. These notes can be easily copied for your Bible study folks. We are in a very exciting time of expansion and appreciate all the prayers, as well as financial help.

Also, the Lord has laid it on Sharon Roy' s heart to send the used Liberating Secret Radio Program CD' s out to people that are interested in hearing them (the CD is only used once). She was recently visiting in Santa Barbara, California with her relatives, but before she left I gave her some old radio CD' s as well as some DVD' s from the May conference. Nancy King our contact for that area was so blessed by the CD' s and DVD' s that Sharon realized that others could have the same benefit. Nancy will make copies of the programs and give the copies to whoever the Lord leads her to. This will be her own personal outreach. Sharon was overwhelmed that Nancy was so blessed, and wanted to make the same offer to others. The purpose is not just for your own personal use...it is to those of you who desire an outreach for others to hear the programs and be partakers of THE LIBERATING SECRET. I have maybe 50 different series of Bible teaching as well as interviews with some really great teachers. I send out about 600 CD' s twice a year to 7 different radio stations. I can ask the stations to return them, and Sharon will in turn send them out to you. We are starting with 7 key people who want to share the programs with others, however if you want to

be included, please let Sharon know. Her e-mail address is Sharon.Roy@ky.gov and her telephone number is 502-244-8333.

I am soon going to have available some of the pre-recorded radio programs on the web-site: www.theliberatingsecret.org. Every month I plan to put on a new series. These series can be easily downloaded. Be sure to tell your friends.

Praise and Prayer Reports

Urgent prayer request for Fran Giles

Good morning!! This is the day the Lord has made...Let us rejoice and be glad in it!! That is exactly what Fran wants us to do.

The bottom line here for Fran physically: The severe neurological burning has returned FIERCELY...worse than ever before...and to complicate matters Fran began having a "mouth restoration" process last Monday which exasperated the situation. She had dental implant surgery on her right upper jaw and since then she is has been in tremendous pain... The burning kicks in whenever the pain medication begins to wear off.. Constant head aches and burning.

She and Art are going to Duke University this Wednesday. She will meet with a doctor(s) on Thursday morning.

We know that it is Jesus bearing the pain. As Fran says, there is no way I could take this. Every day I KNOW tomorrow has to be better...and I am here but the pain has remained. GOD is up to something big.

There has been awesome things coming out of this already.

So...bottom line...Pray as the Holy Spirit leads you for her. One thing she asks is that you praise God that He is at work and is using this thing to glorify Himself and bring many sons to Glory. (For our adversary has no place in PRAISE!!)

Thank you for being part of our lives... What a wonderful knowing that through this e-mail system I can touch you all. As I was going through my names I thought...I really wish I could just have a conversation with you!! I appreciate you so much and am so thankful to our Lord for putting us together!!

Have a Blessed Day... Remember: In the Impossible is Our Father's

Blessing!!!

Love you, Jenny

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

Trophies of the Insane

Brian Coatney

I' m among the trophies of the insane.
First, my sins made me insane,
then, trying to be like the One who saved me.

Now I' m just insane over God,
shameless that I laid down the trying–
crazy enough to quit the fakery
and let the Begetter beget
laughter, anguish, tears, or longing
as He wishes to spend them
in this wildly abandoned body.

He keeps me from sin,
points me to escape in all temptation,
glorifies in suffering,
cradles the lost sheep around me.

In step with Him
is out of step with the crazy world,
but I' ll take His insanity.

I plead guilty with a smile.

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Words of Faith

“ 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

I Don' t Give a Damn If I' m Depressed

By Brian Coatney

Oops, I shouldn' t have said that, but you know- it' s true. Worry about anything is worse than the thing itself, and millions of people experience some degree of depression, only to then obsess about feeling depressed so much that they give the devil an opportunity to interpret the very thing that God means as His way of opening new doors of faith. Think about Adam and Eve, for example: after falling into sin, they lost all the good gardening they had enjoyed, and Eve received the word that Adam would rule over her and her babies would come forth with great labor and pain. That was depressing news but God' s very opportunity for them to focus on the extraordinary promise that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent, meaning that a messiah would come.

Think of this too: Romans 8 tells us that the whole world groans and travails in pain, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. That' s depressing news except for the fact that Paul also tells us there that if we suffer with Christ, we will also be glorified with Him. Terrible circumstances produce terrible thoughts and terrible emotions, but these open the opportunity for us to believe that God is working glory in those who see Him in charge. So why not look for glory in the very same things that at first depress us?

Who ever became a Christian because everything was going right? The Bible says that we come into the world indwelt by the spirit of error and as children of the devil, which means that we think that the world centers on us, all of our inclinations being self-for-self. We think we're just fine and independent selves who boss ourselves. And if perchance, others shatter our self image, we go from extreme confidence to self condemnation, which is really reverse pride— "Oh I'm so miserable and sad and depressed: no one suffers like I suffer."

How will God cut through this kind of deception? He starts with the law, setting forth what is right and wrong, calling infractions sins, so that we might be open that we need a savior for our sins or else perish and go to hell. Some do acknowledge that they need a savior and ask Jesus into their hearts, beginning the Christian life— grateful and ready to serve God and be like Christ, not knowing yet that if they couldn't keep the law before conversion, how will they keep it afterwards? The deception of independent self runs so deep that it follows us into the Christian life until life wears us down to accept that God created us powerless.

He created us powerless before the Fall; yes, powerlessness is not the result of sin, though when we are slaves of sin, we are powerless over sin. Even as new creatures in Christ, we are powerless, and in heaven we will be powerless forever. Powerlessness is not a result of sin but simply the way God created us, and sin comes from resistance to that fact. God created us to be pop-cans and not the pop, so the can is not the pop but the container of the pop. We learn this from the Bible word vessel, which means a container of water, wine, oil, etc— and in our cases God made us to contain Him and express Him.

Before we know that, our deep, underlying depression comes from not understanding the one thing God made us for. Oh yes, almost all Christians say, "I know that Jesus is in me," but what they mean is a small Jesus in a great big self that still calls the shots. "Christ in you" still means God helping us instead of being Himself as us, for what else can "Christ in you" mean to God but all of Him in all of us? Therefore, the root of depression comes from believing a lie about why God made us, still supposing that we have to figure everything out and control everything, when in fact we can't figure anything out and we can't control anything. We only get insight from the Spirit of God, and we only have self control as a fruit of the Spirit, which means that we don't control ourselves, the Holy Spirit does, but lets us experience this control as us.

Before anybody starts raving about chemical imbalances and heredity, I'm not saying that body chemistry and hereditary factors can't contribute to depression, and I'm vehemently not trying to intervene in physician

assessments. What I am saying is that even if we feel depressed, for whatever reason, we don't have to be depressed about depression, and the best, first-move toward resolving all pervading depression is to accept why and how God made us and begin to enjoy our vessel-hood instead of resisting it. That way we're not trying to do what only God can do: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure," as Philippians 2:13 says.

Aren't we tempted to self will though? Of course. Dan Stone used to say, "Do you know when you won't be tempted anymore? When they look over at you and say, 'Don't he look natural?' " Temptation isn't sin, so why get all fussed up about cravings and urges, or even the pull to shrink back from God's will? James tells us to count these as all joy, telling us that the fountain of wisdom is open for those who ask. Therefore, when depression hits, why not accept it and not fight it? Fighting only puts you in a knot, for what you fight, fights you. Years ago, I talked to my friend Sylvia Pearce and told her how depressed I was, only to hear her reply, "Brian, why don't you just go with it?" This baffled me for it seemed that she was saying that I should wallow in it, whereas she meant, "Why not accept the depression without taking condemnation— and then look for what God is doing?"

Depression, however, doesn't necessarily go away when we know that we're pop cans. All kinds of things can cause us to feel depressed. If we say, though, "I shouldn't feel depressed," we risk putting ourselves under a law, as if we are independent selves who can manage and control our feelings. We don't like our negative feelings, and we're not supposed to like them; that would be foolish. Faith also isn't a magic wand that changes our feelings. Faith does, however, take our minds off of our emotions and thoughts, and it puts us into a heavenly mindset on the Spirit, wherein we start to lose our former consciousness of how depressed we felt or feel.

Thoughts and feelings are like a big gear-wheel that starts out disengaged from the will, for thoughts and feelings cannot turn into words and actions unless we let the gear-wheel of our souls and bodies engage with the gear-wheel of our wills. Apart from the will, that gear wheel of the soul— all those thoughts and feelings— just spins around with no power. We simply hate it that such a wheel exists, and we want release from the negatives in our souls and bodies. Certainly we do, but we will be depressed if we think that the soul-wheel won't spin fiercely with its negatives while we're in this groaning, travailing world. Our relief from the existence of that wheel comes in the next world, whereas in this world, Jesus says, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). John says in his first epistle, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our hearts" (3:20).

When your soul, your body, or the devil– or any combination of these say to you, “ I am depressed,” or “ I feel so depressed,” why not say back, “ Frankly my dear, I don’ t give a damn if I’ m depressed.”

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