

# The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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**The Whole Gospel, to the Whole man, to the Whole  
World.**

(All of Christ, in and manifesting as all of redeemed humanity)

**Christ, Our Life Ministries presents:**

**God Unlimited Enrichment**

**Week-End**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

...Come join us for the 8th Annual Conference...

## **“ARISE AND SHINE”**

**(Isa. 60:1-4)**

There is a definite move of our Father in the earth today. **“Arise and Shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen on thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side”** (Isaiah 60:1-4).

So many are caught in the distress, the uncertainty, the suffering of just trying to live...What is happening to the human race? You may ask, “What is happening in “my world”? Who cares? What am I doing here anyway? Is there any ‘real peace’ to be had?”

**Come hear life changing teachings** the Apostle Paul described so extensively in all of his writings. Let the Spirit reveal to you what God revealed so powerfully to Paul. Let’s learn how to turn...defeat into victory and self-condemnation into self-acceptance...God’s way. We will begin on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM and continue all thou Friday and Saturday, ending noon on Sunday.

**We invite you** to a weekend that includes a rich blend of teaching and wide open sharing, –a weekend that ranges from talks that cover the Scriptural basis for:

**God's eternal purposes for His Created forms...; Where did the Glory go?...; What is Man?...; What really happened in the Garden?...; How evil fits into God's plan...; The Radical Discovery of the Lie of 'Independent Self' (get over your (false) self)...; But at the same time "Give your true humanity a break"...; How we operate as Spirit beings calling into being that which doesn't exist...; Discovering the fullness of our Throne rights...; What does it mean to be a "King and Priest"...; and much more!!**

As the Lord leads, an exciting schedule of presenters will take shape. You will be blessed by your favorite teachers, such as **Steve Pettit; Sylvia Pearce; Brian Coatney; Ron Block** to name a few. However, maybe YOU feel the urge to share, yourself. The Spirit may have put that irresistible leading into lots of you to get up and give a word of fresh insights and testimony. Get ready however, for the unexpected to take place during the "open mike" times of sharing after each teaching time.

Additionally, Friday and Saturday afternoons will feature workshop titles to choose from— each propelled by discussion and facilitated by volunteers. We anticipate that many of you will have great ideas on workshop themes, so send us your ideas.

The law of opposites guarantees plenty of good back and forth interaction; after all, the negative has its healthy place in moving to the positive... **So expect a process more than just an end product.**

Some of our Louisville friends will be able to host some of you, but most of you will find accommodations at one of these motels that are nearby, ...in fact they are all located in the same business complex. For the **best rates** please e-mail or call: **Norma Mouser at [norma@travelloptions.net](mailto:norma@travelloptions.net)** or call her at **502-420-0904; or at 1-800-223-7100.** Here are some of the local motels to choose from: Best Western (502) 267-8100; Comfort Suites (502) 266-6509; Sleep Inn (502)266-6776 or the more affordable Microtel (502) 266-6590. However going through Norma would probably be the best and most economical way. RSVP to: [sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org](mailto:sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org), or call **502-245-4581; 502-417-2110**

Our own Jenny Fienning and her crew will prepare lunches for us during the weekend so we can fellowship at the house.. Check the roster to see if you are "part of the crew" for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday lunch. Coffee, tea, water, and lemonade will be available all day.. You will be responsible for your own breakfast and dinner.

Ron Block will bless us with his outstanding musical talent and the Lord may lead a number of you to bring your own instruments, songs, and inspiration. Let us know if you want to be involved with the music!!

The conference will take place in a tent on the beautiful brick patio behind our home. We '**trust**' for balmy May breezes and the refreshing sunshine... BUT...whatever the weather, we guarantee a weekend of enrichment as we all worship, sing, study and share together in our union with Christ.

We will be streaming this year, so friends from other countries will join us by internet.

We can't wait to see you,

All our love,

**Scott and Sylvia Pearce**

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## To the Body of Christ

"Arise and Shine"

A prophetic word from Paul Chapman

"We first fell at His feet, now others fall at ours, but now I know why because the ground we stand on is holy ground. His presence. The beauty of this place cry's out holy, holy, holy. With tenderness and mercy His body rises together built in union with oneness at its core. To the unbelieving eye we are crazy, while the untrained eye misses out altogether. But in unity with purpose the body rises to the fullness of it's stature knowing no defeat gathering all that is lost and returning unto the Lord His world in the fullness of its Glory. We are not debtors to sin so let us **rise and shine** and give forth the Glory our Father so richly desires. For He first gave all and through Him, we too can give all."

**Ron Block's** answer to the age old question, "Is the flesh our sin nature?"

You are correct in where we differ, and I don't believe it is merely semantics, but there are some similarities. When I say "in and of itself, our humanity is just a weak vessel incapable of real love" I don't mean that we became that because of the Fall. That's how we were created. We were created to contain and express the One we contain; God did not make us strong and loving and able; he created us as a cup so as to contain Him and be in a willing cooperation with His love-purposes. For me, this weakness is bottom-line. It is my "cupness," and in one sense that is all I will ever be. I will never "be like God" by the vessel becoming something; the only way to express the fruit of God's life within us is by trusting in the Fruit Producer. This system God has created is right, and is exactly as God meant it to be.

The Fall brought about something entirely different. It brought about humanity thinking it could be its own Source. What it really did was give us another source - Satan. We were infected with his desires, his thinking, his heart, his lies. Jesus said this of some of the Jews who had appeared to follow him when he told them, "You are of your father, the Devil, and his lusts you shall do." They thought they were following their own desires and thoughts; really they were following Satan's. That's the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is to be cut off from the real Source of goodness and plugging into a false source.

So Adam and Eve fell, and the human race along with them. But in Christ is the cure for the Fall. He came to replace the wrong wine in the vessel with the right one, to turn vessels of wrath into vessels of mercy, to bring springs of living water to live inside those who had only dry wells, life to those who had been eating Death (Satan) their whole lives.

At the Cross, wrong spirit out. Right Spirit in. Bam. We die, we rise. By one sacrifice we are perfected forever. And then comes the process of being made holy in our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. Why? Because our flesh - the soul/body - has been programmed with years of satanically-charged thinking. Ruts have been dug in our consciousness that cause all the water to flow down those wrong channels. It is the Holy Spirit's job to set that right again - with our cooperation. To switch metaphors, it is a cooperative job between God (the Doer) and us (the Faith-ers) to kick the Canaanites out of the Promised Land of ourselves. It's a reprogramming of the way we think about everything - it is revolution.

But I don't identify with the Canaanites; I don't identify myself with the ruts in my psyche and say, "Oh, I'm such a sinner." It is a faith act to identify with Christ. I look at the ruts and say, "I hate those damned ruts and I want God to get rid of them." And that is precisely what He is doing. The more I faith, the more He works.

This isn't just semantics; it is a refusal to identify with Satan, a refusal to say I am a two-nature person, a refusal to say Christ's work is not completed. It is completed; I am just in the process of appropriating my new nature (Himself in me) to cover all my inner land with His Spirit. "When I sin, it is no longer 'I' that sins, but sin that dwelleth in me." It's an invader that has no right to be there; it is not "me" but just a remnant of old thinking, old habits, old sinful coping mechanisms that must be driven out.



## Christ Who is Our Life!

Milt Rodriguez [www.therebuilders.org](http://www.therebuilders.org)

*"For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory." Col. 3:3,4*

### **Identity in Christ**

Today, we live in an age where everyone seems to be having an identity crisis. Who am I? What is my purpose? Why am I here? These are questions which are resounding throughout the globe. The sad thing is that many who are asking these questions are Spirit-born believers! Christians today seem to have little awareness of who they are in Christ and why they are here. They are still asking the same questions, though the verbiage has changed a bit to fit into "Christian" vocabulary. "What is the will of God for my life?" "What is my ministry?" "What does God want me to do?" The believer, like the unbeliever, still has no sense of identity or direction. First, our mindset needs to change, then our vocabulary will follow suit.

### **Whose Life is it, Anyway?**

Dear believer, why are you so concerned about your life anyway? Don't you realize that you died? When Christ died, you died and were buried with Him. (Romans 6) Why do you want to know the will of God for your life? You have

no life! Why do you want to know about your ministry? You have no life therefore, you have no ministry! The only life you have now is that one which is hidden inside of Jesus Christ; "hidden with Christ in God." The reason it's hidden in Christ is that it's actually His life, not yours! You have no other life besides Him. Any other life you may have had was taken away and destroyed at the cross. Now, only His life is left. There is a portion of the life of Christ that has your name on it and that portion is you. So you don't need to worry about your ministry or what the will of God is for your life. Your only concern now is learning to live by His life. This is a difficult concept for believers to get into their heads. But be encouraged, this truth is already in your spirit and now the Holy Spirit is going to reveal it to your mind. This is my prayer.

### **The Life of Christ is Corporate**

The scripture says, "Christ Who is our Life." We can notice two main points here. First, Christ is **our** life. Not **my** life! The life of Christ is shared. It is said of the early believers that they shared all things in common and that they had "one mind," "one heart," and "one soul." That is really the only way that it can be if Christ is your only life. There is only **one** life, and that is His. This means that we all share the same life and that life is Christ! He is **our** life.

This runs completely against the grain of our individualistic Christian mindset. We have our individual walk with God, our individual faith, our individual ministry, our individual prayer, ad infinitum. Notice that the scripture says, "Christ, Who is our **life**." It does not say, Christ, Who is our **lives**. Paul is not speaking here of many individual lives who share a common interest or belief system. He is not speaking of a group or association of some kind that has certain things in common. He is not speaking of many people who all happen to agree. No! He is speaking about **one Life!** Christ is our one life. We are all partakers in that **one life**.

I am not saying here that you are not an individual. God created you to be a unique expression of Christ through your own unique personality. But that personality is part of a larger picture. You are part of the Body of Christ and that Body shares the same life. It has the same life shared by all the members or parts of the body. You were never meant to live out the individual Christian life. Your life is hidden inside of Christ, inside His Church, where all the beauty and uniqueness of that life can fully be expressed. Your identity can only truly be known as you inter-relate with the other members of the body.

**Christ is Our Life!**

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**We cannot touch our rescue**

Sylvia Pearce

The Gospel is an exchange of gods, not an exchange of flesh. There was not one thing wrong with Paul's flesh, in fact, there never was. Christ won the victory over Satan IN Paul's humanity, at the Cross (Romans

6:6). Therefore, the fight is over. We can now leap into the Person of Christ as our Victor, and our Rescuer, and our Life. We cease from trying to be our own savior and cannot touch our rescue. . . . This operation is the total work of the Holy Spirit as He births our consciousness from self-loathing to self-love and self-acceptance, from self-effort to Spirit believing. We cannot touch this process. It is a metamorphosis, somewhat like a butterfly coming out of its cocoon. There is a transformation taking place inside of us as all the false realities die in the brightness of Christ, "the daystar," rising in us, as us. . . . This is the declaration of emancipation of the human self! It is revolutionary! All hell screams at us as if we are liars. We fight by NOT fighting, and by leaping into the Person of Christ who is our rest. Satan is a liar and the father of illusions, but we don't judge by appearances but judge righteous judgment and walk by faith. . . . That is why the Psalmist says, "He prepares you a table in the presence of your enemies." God's table is full, filled with the heavenly food of truth, but you must eat it at the accusing finger of our enemy. He does this purposely, for it is His way of fixing us. Opposition forces us to say the truth. If we don't, we die under the weight of hopelessness. Yet even when we are so weak that it seems impossible to say the truth, we can depend on his word in II Timothy 2:13, "If we believe not, yet He abides faithful; He cannot deny Himself." The glory of the Lord finally comes into being as God "anoints my head with oil my cup runneth over; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." . . . This process of faith is a miracle. Christ becomes the new free and spontaneous you. You will not be able to explain how it happens because this new life comes from the other side (the Spirit). One day you will look back at your past and wonder what happened to the you who hated yourself so much. As you rise, the old falls away and death has no sting, because you have no more fight. Finally you are then free to love and accept yourself.

Taken from Treasures of Darkness by Sylvia Pearce



## Review of The Shack by Brian Coatney

Last year I noticed that occasionally a friend would ask me, "Have you read *The Shack*?" Acknowledging that I hadn't, the next response was, "I'm eager to hear what you think of it when you do." My reasons for not picking it up sooner have to do with the fact that I watch old movies instead of read fiction. Just now still recovering from two glaucoma surgeries and limited in my usual reading, my wife, Tandy, began reading the book aloud, a chapter or two a day. Knowing absolutely nothing about the book, not even the central story line, I might as well have been living on a desert island, for which I'm thankful since the storm of controversy surrounding the book has just begun to filter into my awareness now that I've heard the book.

From the beginning, both the story and the bursts of literary delight drew

me in, and a cord of tension settled in that only got wound more tightly, with ever increasing intensity. I began to think, "I want to put this book down and run as far away from it as I can." Why? The reasons are no different from what life is: life is a series of losses and the grief we feel over them, which only mount as we awaken to the desperation everywhere around us. The book, then, though a work of fiction, does not provide the hoped for respite from life that movies and fiction can thankfully give us at times. However, to shrink back from the dire aspects of *The Shack* also cuts one off from its divine ecstasies. As usual, the very nerves in our makeup that register pain also register pleasure, "and at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore" (Psa. 16:11).

The book's approach is unconventional to say the least for a Christian work of art. The presentation of the Godhead is so unexpectedly wild and outrageous that it forces the reader to decide if such a presentation is an attack against the scripture or a creative opening up of scripture's innermost purity and desire by God to speak to us where we are. Nothing in the book seemed to me anything more than a simple bubbling fountain of God's very heart, so I jumped in and went with the characters.

When a reader does this, all kinds of theological warning flags might get overlooked; longstanding doctrines might even seem challenged, and I say seem. Careful inspection might turn up all kinds of knotty difficulties for debate: "Why did the author say this?" or "Why *didn't* the author say that, or make such and such clear or clearer?" Pretty soon, we'd have a demand for a comprehensive, doctrinal work. This is not a slam on doctrine; doctrine is essential, and correct doctrine at that.

But when experiencing *The Shack*, I picked up a more important consideration, that of an overwhelming beauty and truth that offers itself in such a way that the only ones who find it are those who see past what my old Bible teacher, Norman Grubb, called warts or the appearance of flesh-level manifestations. Readers of the book who see through and let the suffering and the ecstasy of this book envelop them will not let it be reduced to its weaknesses or errors, either real or perceived. I'm just mischievous enough not to get into that further.

The overwhelming aspect of the book is God's love, His forgiveness through the cross, His desire to live in us and relate to us in union with Him, and the lengths to which He will go to open up our hearts and minds to His nature and patient processes with us. These are not new themes, and the author wouldn't even claim such. The presentation in *The Shack* is unique and riveting, full of rapture and poetry to recue our deepest sadness and alienation from a God who invites us into the radical outward boundaries of His limitless freedom.

Thanks to William P. Young and his fellow writers for a monumental contribution to our generation. Many vivid pictures of sublime truth have made a home in my mind and imagination forever.

## Letters

Hey Jane,

In your last message I picked up a whole bunch of the same attitudes that I used to have about Jesus because I equated Jesus with religion. Judging the

behavior of the "religious" folks that I was around, it made me run in the opposite direction for a long time. I thought that if that was Jesus then I didn't want any part of it. About a year ago, my ultra-Catholic sister-in-law was working on converting me to her religion and I told her, "Religion kept me from Jesus my whole life. Now that I have Him, I have everything I need and there isn't any way that signing up to join a religion can add to what He's given me." I've obviously had a conversion - it happened over the course of about a year 6 or 7 years ago. It sounds like your born-again sister(s) and brother(s) left a bad taste in your mouth. Understood. But Jesus said, "unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (John 3:3) It sounds like they took an experience and made a religion out of it - I may be totally off-base here and shouldn't even guess about that - I also used to have a ton of misconceptions about what it meant to be born again.

You mentioned that you were one of the only people you knew who actually went to church in HS and also listed John's credentials. While, John had an impressive education, I somehow know that you don't believe that your church attendance and your step-father's credentials have sanctified you. What about the rest of mankind whom Jesus died for? I would be a goner (and so would you!) if I had to attain a bunch of head-knowledge or show up at church every Sunday. The Bible says we are saved by faith (Eph.2:8), not by going to church or attaining the most theological knowledge. I've been to a bunch of churches that are filled with spiritually dead people. If you don't stake your life on the fact that God became flesh, was crucified and then resurrected, then "incorporating the Bible into daily life" won't cut it. You might as well practice any number of other religions, like Buddhism, Hinduism or even Islam, because they all tout "good" principles. But being a Christian, is dying to ourselves (daily) and letting the Holy Spirit live our lives. ("It is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me" - Gal. 2:20, "...Christ in you, the hope of glory" - Col.1:27) I don't think there is a way to teach that except by the Holy Spirit, Himself. I seeked and He found me and imparted it to me. I didn't join a religion or complete a self-improvement regimen in order to clean myself up, be morally "good" and gain His acceptance - on the contrary - I think most people finally find God in the most reprobate condition.

Okay, so here's the part where I pray and hit "send" and hope that you receive this in only the spirit from which it is intended - Love, love, love. It's happened recently that if I see an opening to share this truth, I can't ignore it. I've resigned myself to the fact that it may be threatening to some or taken the wrong way by others, but I think it's worth the risk. It's so liberating to know that of myself, I can do nothing (John 15:5) and to rely solely on the indwelling life of Christ in me.

You don't have to reply to this, Jane, though I would love it if you did.

Love you,  
Meredith Bub

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Sara feels guilty, her husband won't stop blaming her for her inappropriate

misbehavior.

Dear Sara,

The devil is keeping you two occupied with blame, resentment, guilt and unforgiveness. Jim is helpless to forgive you in his own strength. However, he can trust in the fact that the Lord has already forgiven you, so therefore he, by faith can agree with the Lord's forgiveness. The devil causes his mind to go crazy thinking about you and the other man. I had that same thing for years, it drove me crazy. I had no power over it, until I started trusting Christ to replace the devil's thoughts with faith in Christ. It took a long time, for the same thoughts consumed my mind over and over again. My husband would not let me torment him with accusation. That helped me because I wanted to relieve my pain by blasting him, which didn't help me at all. When Scott wouldn't take my accusing any more, then I could look at my own sin of unforgiveness, and see that unforgiveness is very destructive, and totally from the devil. Kim cannot forgive you, but Christ is his forgiveness. He has to depend on Christ to be set free from it.

Now, from you side, Stop letting him pull you down. As long as he can, he will. You are giving him permission to abuse you. Stop it. You take the abuse only because you remain in the guilt of it all, and not in the forgiveness of Christ. You are cleansed by the blood of Christ, you are forgiven, you are not guilty any more, however that is only a reality to you because you dare take a leap of faith and take it as true apart from your feelings. As you stand by faith and know that you can't forgive yourself, anymore than Kim can forgive you. As you see that then Christ is your help, peace and forgiveness.

What you both do not know is that the human being is totally helpless in itself, however, you are mighty in Christ as he pulls down the devils strong holds in you both.

Your friend, and God's servant,  
Sylvia

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Dear One Nancy,

"He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth".

"...after listening to the message of truth, the gospel---having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit, ...to the praise of His glory..." "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...." "...the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him, Who fills all in all....." Does He NOT fill all things? Are we NOT His fullness? Are we NOT His Body, His inheritance, knowing the hope of His calling; are we NOT to the praise of His GLORY?!

He-now-has-made-known-to-us-the-mystery-of-His-will.... it is a mystery no more!

Jesus Christ is all and in all; it's ALL ABOUT JESUS.

"therefore brethren, we have this treasure in earthen vessels...."  
hmmmm...

Richard Krupa

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### **The Value of Pain**

Sylvia - can you recommend a psychiatrist/counselor for me or both of us?  
We are in so much pain and I feel like we need someone to help us walk through this, knowing we're headed in the right direction, God's direction.

Dear One,

I really don't know of any—pain is God's megaphone that heralds His glory. The suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed. My advice to you is to go with the pain, don't try to fight it, and praise God for His release. There is so much to learn from pain, and I fear that a counselor will get you off track. They try to get you out of pain, when the Holy Spirit is putting you in pain to cleanse your consciousness from false thinking. It is worth staying in it, I know, I did it and believe me the glory follows.

Your friend,

Sylvia

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### **"A Vision of Oneness with Christ"**

The Lord came to me recently in a vision: as we stood face to face, my hands were lifted up with my palms facing open and outward toward Him. He placed His hands in mine and they were intertwined as if we were going to dance. Our chests were pressed together and touching in such a way that they actually passed through one another and I could see through them as though they were translucent. The place where there once was two hearts now become one, and my heart with the heart of Jesus, began to beat as one. I could hear and feel that the pumping of blood through my entire body was not just mine, but that of My Lord Jesus. My breathing was slow and deep and I realized that we were also breathing as one. Then began the dance. The two of us, joined as one body, began to move gracefully in a gentle and flawless dance. My movements were no longer my own nor were they clunky; I did not have to work to move in unison with Him. I was one with Him; not just in spirit, but bodily, and we simply moved together as one body.



There was a contentment that I had never known and tears began to fall as I was overwhelmed with love for My Savior and His love for me. As my tears began to fall, He gently asked me to look into His eyes. As I obeyed, I saw the most beautiful, crystal clear, blue eyes that were full of depth,

revelation, and love.

I knew at that moment that I was totally accepted by Him. I was not ashamed because of the all-encompassing love that I felt. The love that radiated from His being was so powerful that any thoughts of shame or unworthiness were washed away in its flood. I literally could feel nothing beyond His love for Me. I knew that He wanted to be here intertwined with me and that He was not looking upon any flaw in my life. He truly was one with me because He took pleasure in the oneness as much as I did.

I told the Lord that I wanted to remain here in this place with Him forever and I begged Him not to go. He responded with these words that I have come to know are not for me alone, but for His entire Body whom He loves:

"This is the place where I always am - here at one with you. Our hearts always beat as one and our hands are always intertwined, but today you are quiet and focused upon Me. Today you see Me and feel Me and touch Me. You have been allowed to see what is ever present in your life. Nothing changes but what you are focusing on, My dear child. I am always with you in this manner, dancing with you. There are times when you allow Me to lead in the dance and we dance as one, but there are also times when you attempt to lead and these are the times when you do not feel My presence with you because you are not totally surrendered to Me."

I then asked the Lord if I had to share this experience with others, for this moment was so precious and dear to me that I could not bear the thought of anyone who would take it lightly or reject it. The Lord comforted me by speaking these words: "The truth does not change simply because there are those who choose not to receive it. Whether or not they receive it does not change this moment or its value to those who will receive and allow Me to become one with them also."

#### **We are One with Christ and Accepted by Him**

Knowing that we are one with Christ and totally loved and accepted by Him is one of the greatest revelations that we as God's children can possess. Everything we do takes on new purpose when we realize there is not one moment of our day where He is absent from us, nor do we face any challenge alone. God revealed an amazing truth to me once as I was ministering and laying hands on people in prayer.

Suddenly I had a vision of a nail-scarred hand that was laid upon my hand. My faith soared as I realized that it was not my hand, but the hand of Christ that was present for their healing. Any doubt as to whether I was worthy enough or anointed enough faded when I became aware of the realness of His presence with me in that moment.

I would love to be able to say that I am always aware when I am walking as one with Jesus. Sadly, I often need to be reminded that I am washed repeatedly in His Blood and His mercies are new every day. There are times when I allow the enemy to bring accusation against me in my own heart - that there is some lingering imperfection within me which somehow disqualifies me from being totally accepted by God.

The truth that contradicts this lie is found in Romans 8:1-2, "There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." Because my former self died with Christ on the Cross, I am acceptable no matter what the enemy says. As I learn to surrender more and more of my life to Him, He is then allowed to lead and direct me, placing me down paths I never could have imagined.

#### **The Dance of the Lord**

This is the dance of the Lord - where our hearts beat as one with His and we begin to move as He moves. The breath that we breathe and the words that we speak do not merely resemble the words of the Father, but we actually become His voice because we are filled with the same Spirit which raised Christ from the dead.

Romans 8:10-11, "And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

God longs to have that sweet place of intimacy with each of us in order that He may flood us with His love, and our lives will then testify of Him. John 17:20-21, "I do not pray for these alone but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one as You, Father are in Me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

Our lives must be living testimonies of Him. We cannot preach His love without first experiencing it ourselves. Each time I allow myself to be engaged by the Father, I come away changed. In those quiet intimate moments with Him, I am filled with yet another download of His love and I experience an overwhelming sense of love and compassion toward others. It causes me to long to go into Him again and again. I become increasingly aware that He is walking with me and that He has a purpose for each of my days. God's desire for each of us is that we seize each moment and take hold of every opportunity to release His love to those that we may come in contact with.

**Prayer:** *Lord, I ask You to draw each of us into a place of revelation and oneness with You. Allow us to experience the realness of Your love and wash over each of us that we may know You are always present and ready to touch those around us. I thank You that I am accepted by You. Come and share Your heart with me, that I may know Your will in every situation. In Jesus name, Amen.*

In the Love of Christ,  
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## Quotes

**Religion is guilt with different holidays- Danny Pearce**

--"Every corner of the universe will speak audibly of Jesus Christ; so that we shall not be able to go into a place, or touch a life, without finding an expression of the Lord Jesus. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" -- this is heaven. You walk in the presence of the Lord Jesus. Think of the whole universe like that; a universal expression of His Son in fullness. That is the end God has in view, that Christ shall fill all things; that, looking into everything, it shall be found to be full of Christ. All is made for Him, and in the new creation all will speak of His presence and show forth some characteristic of Him. Oh! the joy, even now, when you touch a life and find immediately that life is full of the Lord Jesus, and the Lord

Jesus is the fullness of that life; what a benediction it is!" -- **T. Austin-Sparks, The Measure of Christ (for full Article, see my "Articles by other Christian writers.")**

"If we cast aside the suggestions of Satan, the delusions of our own feelings of separation, the sense of weakness and ignorance: if we boldly possess our possessions in Christ, draw the sword of the Spirit upon the deceiver, declare by God's word that we are one with Christ and with one another, one mystic organism, one divine life flowing in and through all: then we are strong by faith, for His strength is in us; we are wise, for His wisdom is ours; we have love, joy or any other needed grace of the Spirit, for we are permeated with Him; and all we need to do is to go forward in this faith, as having and possessing, and we shall find that what is true in the realm of the Spirit, through our faith becomes manifest in the realm of the senses, whether it be power, love, joy, knowledge, or any other needed resource. Christ the head thus becomes manifest in and through His members." --**Norman Grubb**

Faith is itself from the Other Side, and is as inexplicable and absurd as that in which it believes. **Norman Grubb**

Faith is doubt absorbed, doubt conquered. Unbelief is doubt accepted. **NG**

The more uncertainty there is, the more passion in your decision of faith, for there has been a bigger doubt to conquer. **NG**

Faith has staked all on Him, indeed the faith itself is really only He in us believing in Himself---there's nothing human left to it. **NG**

I transcend the doubts by replacing them by deliberate faith; actually their opposition is what gives sinews to my faith. **NG**

Maybe I shall find one day that the trial of my faith (not my faith, but its trial--having to walk with God in the dark maybe) has been, as Peter said, more precious than gold that perishes. **NG**

"We shall have reached the Cape of good Hope when Christians cease to be sponges mopping up all they can get, and become water pots full to the brim, running over with good wine of self-sacrifice. As we are saved by our walk of faith unto faith, each step being a novel faith, so also we never have really appropriated the sacrifice of Jesus till we sacrifice ourselves." **C.T. Studd**

"Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has." **Billy Graham**

"The Religious Spirit is always fighting something" ...Steve Pettit

The definition of "REST" is simply "CESSATION OF WAR" ...Faith wins by not fighting.

**On Christian Unity**---Christian unity is not something that can be organized; it comes naturally among those who share a common love for

Christ. The false ecumenical/interfaith unity being promoted today by the World Council of Churches – an organization that is strongly influenced by Freemasonry – is nothing new. It has been used for centuries to try to further the cause of world government. As long as Christians do NOT unite with the peoples of other religions, there can be no world government. This unwillingness of Christians to compromise their faith has been the chief obstacle for the conspirators. Scott Bailey

## Poem of the Month

### **Treasures in the Darkness**

There were  
Treasures in the darkness  
That we could never see  
Riches that were hidden  
Given to you and me

Darkness came so ugly  
And both of us were hit  
Who would think that any good  
Could come from out of it

Yet God has given to us  
Gifts beyond compare  
Love, hope and forgiveness  
Things we thought weren't there

The treasures in the darkness  
Were more than worth the pain  
I love you with forever love  
Forever love remain

## **Praise Report**

### **Thank You for The Liberating Secret Web-Site**

I briefly got a chance to look at one of the websites, [theliberatingsecret.org](http://theliberatingsecret.org), again I must say I thank God for allowing our paths to cross and I'm as equally thankful to have met Sylvia Pierce, even though it was a few years ago, and to my bible study family at Ms Mimi's for embracing me with their love and warmth as we fellowship.

In closing, I think Martin Luther said it best, "Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation, once said, "It was God's intention to have a race of Christs'. Nothing less than this is true holiness and the Gospel in operation. Holiness stands for Christ in you, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of the Spirit and identification with Christ in His death and resurrection."

This Liberating Secret web-site is just what it says, "LIBERATING." When

you discover your true identity in Christ, the gates of Hell can no longer torment you. Come to the well of living water and drink from it until you thirst no more.

God bless,  
Will

## Prayer Request

# Prayers for Australia

Greetings from Australia on Feb 11th 2009,

This is a message being sent to most of my believing brothers and sisters overseas. (I apologise for not naming you each by name)

The state of Victoria, my state in Australia is in crisis. This has come out of the worst natural disaster in Australian history. You would have seen it reported on your local news services in most countries. In just one day and night fires have burnt out immense areas of the state. The media has fire news on all day and night, with all manner of wonderful escapes, but most are disasters.

The temperature on Feb 8th was a record 46.4 degrees C (about 112 degrees F) with a gale force hot wind blowing from the north. 181 people have been burnt to death (total expected to rise to 300) Over 1000 homes and other buildings have been burnt to the ground. Whole country towns have been wiped out. In one, Kinglake, 500 houses were lost and there were many deaths there. Many more will be out of work. In another community of 500 people, only 12 buildings remain. At least 5000 people are homeless. The fires moved so quickly that many were not able to escape. It was called a Fire Storm - and The Day from Hell. That's the picture as it was. Most of the worst of this happened just one hour's drive from Melbourne the capital of Victoria.

Why am I writing? For pretty much one reason - to ask you to pray in particular ways - see below. There will be another hot spell around 17th Feb, bringing more more trouble, as a number of fires are still out of control despite the mild conditions of the last few days. But worst of all, some of these larger fires may well join up and further threaten our water catchment areas, reducing the quality of water right now and reduce the effectiveness of the catchments for winter rains.

Our water storages are at an all time low - just over 30%, the lowest ever in all our history, so any threat to their supply is very serious.

The Australian community has rallied as though it is war time, with individuals and groups doing amazing things to help. Governments too are doing great things, but the task is enormous. Our political leaders have shed tears publically. You can make your own judgements as to why God has allowed this to happen - it is too big a subject.

Could you please spread this email to those who may be able to pray

appropriately:

- \* For protection of our catchment areas - the most important physical issue perhaps.
- \* That the Spirit of God may touch and direct people's lives and draw them to the Father - it is possible for this to bring a spiritual awakening.
- \* For the recovery effort.
- \* For cool weather and low winds.
- \* For rain.
- \* For divine protection for all the essential services people fighting the fires and helping others to re-establish.
- \* Whatever other ways the Lord leads.

If you want to read and see more, go to <http://ninemsn.com.au/>

There is only one reason I am sending this. It is because we are in a desperate situation which has the potential to get worse - and, I know the power of prayer and that God listens and answers in His own way.

Every blessing - thank you for whatever you are able to do with the Lord in prayer.

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This is from Paul E. Billheimer's book, "Destined, to Overcome."  
**"Prayer is where the action is.** John Wesley said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer," and E. M. Bounds tells us "God shapes the world by prayer."

**A great illustration** is the account of the Israelites battle against the Amalekites. Satan, God's enemy had stirred up the heathen nation of Amalek to fight the Israelites trying to keep them from entering the promise land. As the battle was beginning, Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us out men, and go out, and fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." Joshua and his men began the battle. "And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" When Moses grew tired and could no longer hold up his arms, Aaron and Hur stood up on either side and supported him until the battle was won by God's people and Amalek was defeated.

These 3 men, Moses, Aaron and Hur were united in holding up the rod (symbolizes the Cross) of God, and also symbolic of His power and prayer. When the intercessors engaged in believing prayer, Satan's forces were bound and paralyzed. Then God's children were victorious. To the casual observer the battle was won in the valley where the troops were engaged but to the spiritually discerning the battle was won on the mountaintop. Prayer is truly where the action is. Paraphrased by Margaret Lester

## This Month's Article:

### **"Prepared for the Coming Tribulation"**

Corrie Ten Boom

Miss Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch survivor of the Nazi Concentration Camps, and a lifelong missionary. Corrie was a believer in facing tribulation. She was one of the many people who were persecuted in concentration camps during the World War II. Her family was murdered before her eyes, but though her life was threatened, God led her through that terrible time. She lived to testify all over the world of how God brought her out of that time of trouble. In the worst days in the concentration camp she and her sister Betsy discovered that **"there is no pit so deep that the Presence of God is not there with us"**. In an interview titled "Prepared for the Coming Tribulation", Miss Corrie Ten Boom held very definite view concerning the rapture escapism-theology. In the following message she shared a plea for the saints to prepare themselves for the possibility that at some point their faith may be tested. It serves today as a timely warning to us in the comfortable and complacent western church as we approach the threshold of the end-time drama.

Here is her exhortation to us from a letter she wrote in 1974:

#### **ESCAPE TRIBULATION? -WRONG!**

**Corrie Ten Boom.**

"The world is deathly ill. It is dying. The Great Physician has already signed the death certificate. Yet there is still a great work for Christians to do. They are to be streams of living water, channels of mercy to those who are still in the world. It is possible for them to do this because they are overcomers.

Christians are ambassadors for Christ. They are representatives from Heaven to this dying world. And because of our presence here, things will change.

My sister, Betsy, and I were in the Nazi concentration camp at Ravensbruck because we committed the crime of loving Jews. Seven hundred of us from Holland, France, Russia, Poland and Belgium were herded into a room built for two hundred. As far as I knew, Betsy and I were the only two representatives of Heaven in that room.

We may have been the Lord's only representatives in that place of hatred,

yet because of our presence there, things changed. Jesus said, **"In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."** We too, are to be overcomers - bringing the light of Jesus into a world filled with darkness and hate.

Sometimes I get frightened as I read the Bible, and as I look in this world and see all of the tribulation and persecution promised by the Bible coming true. Now I can tell you, though, if you too are afraid, that I have just read the last pages. I can now come to shouting "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" for I have found where it is written that Jesus said, **"He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be His God, and he shall be My son."** This is the future and hope of this world. Not that the world will survive - but that we shall be overcomers in the midst of a dying world.

Betsy and I, in the concentration camp, prayed that God would heal Betsy who was so weak and sick. "Yes, the Lord will heal me," Betsy said with confidence. She died the next day and I could not understand it. They laid her thin body on the concrete floor along with all the other corpses of the women who died that day.

It was hard for me to understand, to believe that God had a purpose for all that. Yet because of Betsy's death, today I am traveling all over the world telling people about Jesus.

There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days. Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world. I have been in countries where the saints are already suffering terrible persecution.

In China, the Christians were told, "Don't worry, before the tribulation comes you will be translated - raptured." Then came a terrible persecution. Millions of Christians were tortured to death. Later I heard a Bishop from China say, sadly,

"We have failed. We should have made the people strong for persecution rather than telling them Jesus would come first. Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution, how to stand when the tribulation comes - to stand and not faint."

I feel I have a divine mandate to go and tell the people of this world that it is possible to be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in training for the tribulation, but more than sixty percent of the Body of Christ across the world has already entered into the tribulation. There is no way to escape it.

We are next.

Since I have already gone through prison for Jesus' sake, and since I met the Bishop in China, now every time I read a good Bible text I think, "Hey, I can use that in the time of tribulation." Then I write it down and learn it by heart.

When I was in the concentration camp, a camp where only twenty percent of the women came out alive, we tried to cheer each other up by saying, "Nothing could be any worse than today." But we would find the next day was

even worse. During this time a Bible verse that I had committed to memory gave me great hope and joy.

**"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part evil is spoken of, but on your part He is glorified."**

**(I Peter 3:14)**

I found myself saying, **"Hallelujah! Because I am suffering, Jesus is glorified!"**

In America, the churches sing, "Let the congregation escape tribulation", but in China and Africa the tribulation has already arrived. This last year alone more than two hundred thousand Christians were martyred in Africa. Now things like that never get into the newspapers because they cause bad political relations. But I know. I have been there. We need to think about that when we sit down in our nice houses with our nice clothes to eat our steak dinners. Many, many members of the Body of Christ are being tortured to death at this very moment, yet we continue right on as though we are all going to escape the tribulation.

Several years ago I was in Africa in a nation where a new government had come into power. The first night I was there some of the Christians were commanded to come to the police station to register. When they arrived they were arrested and that same night they were executed. The next day the same thing happened with other Christians. The third day it was the same. All the Christians in the district were being systematically murdered.

The fourth day I was to speak in a little church. The people came, but they were filled with fear and tension. All during the service they were looking at each other, their eyes asking, "Will this one I am sitting beside be the next one killed? Will I be the next one?"

The room was hot and stuffy with insects that came through the screenless windows and swirled around the naked bulbs over the bare wooden benches. I told them a story out of my childhood.

"When I was a little girl, " I said, "I went to my father and said, 'Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ.'" "Tell me," said Father, "When you take a train trip to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?"

"No, Daddy, you give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train." "That is right," my father said, "and so it is with God's strength. Our Father in Heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need - just in time." My African friends were nodding and smiling. Suddenly a spirit of joy descended upon that church and the people began singing, "In the sweet, by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore."

Later that week, half the congregation of that church was executed. I heard later that the other half was killed some months ago. But I must tell you something. I was so happy that the Lord used me to encourage these people,

for unlike many of their leaders, I had the word of God. I had been to the Bible and discovered that Jesus said He had not only overcome the world, but to all those who remained faithful to the end, He would give a crown of life.

How can we get ready for the persecution? First we need to feed on the word of God, digest it, make it a part of our being. This will mean disciplined Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of scripture, but put the principles to work in our lives.

Next we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just the Jesus of yesterday, the Jesus of History, but the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God.

We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is no optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary. Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it.

In the coming persecution we must be ready to help each other and encourage each other. But we must not wait until the tribulation comes before starting. The fruit of the Spirit should be the dominant force of every Christian's life.

Many are fearful of the coming tribulation, they want to run. I, too, am a little bit afraid when I think that after all my eighty years, including the horrible Nazi concentration camp, that I might have to go through the tribulation also. But then I read the Bible and I am glad.

When I am weak, then I shall be strong, the Bible says. Betsy and I were prisoners for the Lord, we were so weak, but we got power because the Holy Spirit was on us. That mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit helped us through. No, you will not be strong in yourself when the tribulation comes. Rather, you will be strong in the power of Him who will not forsake you. For seventy-six years I have known the Lord Jesus and not once has He ever left me, or let me down.

**"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him", for I know that to all who overcome, He shall give the crown of life. Hallelujah!**

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