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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)

September was a memorial month. Our first annual Western Kentucky conference was held at **Ronnie and Brenda Luttrull's house in Pembroke, Ky.** Brenda and Ronnie celebrated the event by preparing their yard with beautiful Fall flowers along with their famous pig roast for some really good eats. The meeting began on Friday night the 18th outside in their grain bow with Brian Coatney and Jenny Fienning teaching us, and continued on through Sunday the 20th. It was a great time walking through Romans 5-8 one more time. We hope this one will be the first of many more. We are praying that the Spirit will snag some of the young folks that hang around the Luttrull's house the next time we come.

Wonders never cease...the very next week-end, Sept. 25-29, Dave, our TV tech. and I flew out to Pasadena, Ca. to Bill Bower's first, Not I, But Christ, annual

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conference. You talk about Glory...it was raining it. We videoed the whole conference, and Dave said that it was two cassette's shy of being as long as our annual May conference. Next year a group of us will go. So, make your plans now, or maybe that is a little too soon!

Anyway, it will tweak you, blast you, and leave you totally totally undone.

[Here is the link to 7 programs that we did...6 with Bill and one with Jason Wright.](#) **This site is under construction, so be patient!**

October is also going to be a busy month for us, we are teaching a Woman's Retreat for a week at **Pawley's Island**, along with a week-end retreat in **Paoli, Pennsylvania** on the 23-25th. Please pray for us and may the eyes of understanding be enlightened to all who attend. This will be our 12th Pawley's retreat, and our first at Paoli. Halleluiah, we always say it was the best one, and it will be...both of them that is.

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News from our **"On The Road Again,"** trip

Sylvia and Dave flew to Pasadena, California September 29 and stayed until the 29th. Bill Bower set up meetings in a hall at UCLA and we held meetings on Friday and all day Saturday. Dave, our video technician recorded them. We will soon have them for viewing on [spiritbroasting.net](#). There will be a link to them on our front page. Also, Bill and Sylvia did 6 new programs for **The Liberating Secret** both for TV as well as for radio. Jason Wright, one of Bill's friends was interviewed as well. He has a compelling story of finding his deliverance from drugs and it was all captured for TV. The folks out in California are hungry to hear who they are, and especially eager to understand, [The Cross in the Heart of](#)

[God](#). Our time there was just wonderful.

Thank you Bill, Chuck, Jason, Karen, Shelly, Geoff, Rita, Rodney, Kate, Tracy, Reba and all the precious folks at The Gathering Place.

Please call my cell phone number 502-417-2110 if you would want Scott and me to come to your area.

Also, if you want Jenny Fienning, Fran Giles, Margaret Lester and Sylvia Pearce to come to your church or home fellowship and do a **woman's retreat** please call and we will put you on our calendar.

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Events

It's time for Pawley's Princesses to gather together again. October 9 is when we will be conducting our semi-annual Woman's Retreat at [Pawley's Island](#). Click here for more info



**ADULT
THREE DAY
WEEKEND
RETREAT
WITH
SYLVIA PEARCE
and**

BURT ROSENBERG

OCT. 23,24 & 25, 2009

The retreat will begin **Friday** evening for dinner and end **Sunday** after lunch. You may wish to plan extra days in the area to visit some of the sites. There are lots of hotels/motels to accommodate extra nights stay. You'll find many attractions in Philadelphia, or in Lancaster County where we live. One of our local favorites, Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, will be showing "In The Beginning" from Jun. 13 to Oct. 17. www.sight-sound.com The Lancaster House Church

It will be held at:

Daylesford Abbey

220 S. Valley Road

Paoli, PA 19301

PHONE: 610-647-2530

www.daylesford.org

Click here for more info

[Paoli, Pennsylvania](#)

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If anyone wants Scott and me to **come to your area**, just call us and we will put it on our calendar. Our number is 502-245-4581.

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Global Sunday School live with Brian Coatney will start up Sunday August 10th 2008 with a verse by verse study of Galatians. The method will be "chat-room" style participation for those who sign up and receive a logon. This is a discussion class for people we don't already know, where Brian will guide with comments on Galatians, and class members can share insights all throughout the

75 minute class that will take place at 10:30 AM (EST) each Sunday. Your assigned logon will ensure privacy, and classes will not be archived for public access. This is a live class for enjoying a time of fellowship and insight in the moment.

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Letters

Dear John,

I was glad to hear from you, but this is the only chance that I have had to write you. Thank you for your heart felt letter. To answer your questions--Our minds are wide open for satanic thoughts to invade us, but if we cannot discern the difference, we often take condemnation for thoughts that are not coming from us, but from Satan. Many people think that they sin all the time because they are taking false guilt for their thoughts. That is a big lie that Satan would want us to believe, in order to keep us under his thumb so to speak. All the thoughts that put you down, or accuse you, or demand performance even if it is righteousness performance, is still coming from Satan. Jesus never put you down, He may put you under conviction if you truly are in sin, but He then always points to the blood, and the fact that you are already forgiven. All downward thoughts and feeling are coming from Satan, not you, and all thoughts that release you are coming from the Holy Spirit.

We falsely hate ourselves because we believe these satanic thoughts. The Bible says, "Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (II Cor. 10:5). Any thought that highly exalts you or puts you down is to be cast down, it is not coming from you. All you do to obey Christ is to simply recognize the truth that Jesus the author and finisher of your faith is who you really are.

Satan disguises himself as us in millions of ways, and he speaks to us in first person. Here are some of those thought patterns..."I am a fearful person; I am dumb; I am smart; I am worthless; I am lustful, or I am pretty good"...etc. All these are false identities. I know a Christian man who was trapped hopelessly on drugs. He was released simply because he saw that he was not the drug addict that Satan had deceived him into believing. He replaced the devils lies for the truth that Christ was his real identity and he was set free.

Deny these thoughts, and take no condemnation, replace them with praise to the Lord for his faithful keeping power. It will be a battle, because Satan won't give up right away. And God will test your faith. Constantly look away to Jesus and sing praises to him, and He will clear your mind.

Loving you in Christ,
Sylvia Pearce

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Hi Dear Margaret!!

Had a very busy 2 or 3 weeks here...but I need to stop and just let you know how very **THRILLED** I am to be relearning these truths again!! A **HUGE Thank YOU** to you ... and to Sylvia Pearce...I have grown very fond of both of you through my emails and the reading of the book!!! For a while, all I could do was to read a chapter right before heading to bed in the mornings, after work... and of course, curiosity got to me and I just **HAD** to read the chapter that you wrote!! It is an amazing testimony!! **ONLY GOD HIMSELF** could have given you the **FAITH, PATIENCE** and the **WISDOM** in all you said and did!!! Will have to reread as I was tired when I read it. Also, I picked up the book, which by the way, I say can only be read chapter by chapter, with enough time in between to let it sink in, to chew on slowly, to digest and to take hold of you!

You should see my book!! It is mostly all underlined, highlighted, with many " **WOW!**"s written on the margins, as truth after truth and deep treasures are unearthed, so to speak. **HOW** I am enjoying it!!! **THANK YOU AGAIN** for mailing it to me!! I can see myself ordering many for Christmas gifts!! It is soooo liberating (if it's not too disturbing to some who may **NOT** want their theologies rocked! )

I also have written down some questions, actually, many questions that I get as I sit and ponder... One day I pray God will grant me the blessing of sitting and unloading my questions and just sitting at His Feet listening!

I started reading out of order, about her children, and was quite shocked to read she has a daughter very similar to mine... the one that "gagged" at the thought of religion, Pat Boone on TV, I believe. It was so novel to read what God told her to do!! Almost the opposite of what a "conventional" church would have told her to do... and to see the amazing results, as she spoke Faithfulness and **TRUST** into her daughter's life, standing on His Word alone...very

**encouraging!!!**

**I have to do a big online project as hospital requirement now...hope I get another chance to chat with you today!! Just wanted you, and Ms. Pearce to know how super BLESSED I have been!!!!**

**THANKS AGAIN!!**

**MANY blessings your way!!!!**

**Love,  
Toni**



**Dear Alberto,**

**I'm so glad to hear from you and I am thrilled that you loved the Alan Parker series. I love your way of articulating the truths of the Cross. Yes, God the Father did exhibit the mystery of His Eternal Cross in the historical temporal cross. We will never get beyond the Cross operating in us as long as we are in these fallen bodies. Because we are forever dying to the pulls of this outer world, and rising to new and fresh manifestations of Christ as us.**

**The beauty is that our flesh is a precious part of manifesting Christ. Or I could say the only way the person of Christ is manifested on earth today. Every negative pull is only a calling card to faith. We are the temporal means for the 7 fold spirit operation. Our flesh realm manifest the first three Spirits (insatiable desire which is never satisfied)—the Cross is Christ crucified in us—the Cross thrust us into the last three Spirits which is Christ resurrected as us, and that springs us into a whole new dimension manifesting Christ and all His glories. In the rising, the Spirit swallows up the first three spirits (the negative) and Christ reigns as us.**

**II Cor. 4:10—"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."**

**Christ is dying and rising as us bringing life everywhere we go. "Death works in us life works in others."**

Love,

Sylvia

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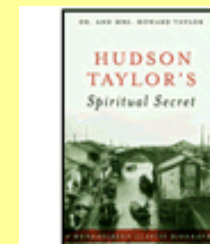
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## Small Pearls



J. Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret

The Exchanged Life



This is excerpted from the chapter on "The Exchanged Life" in *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret* by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor (London: China Inland Mission, 1955, pp. 110-116, *et passim*).



J. Hudson Taylor (1832-1905) was an English missionary to China. Founded the China Inland Mission which at his death included 205 mission stations with over 800 missionaries, and 125,000 Chinese Christians.

J. Hudson Taylor, M.D. was a missionary to China, and the founder of the China Inland Mission. Here is the inward joy and power that Hudson Taylor found in Christ. What was the secret? The simple, profound secret of drawing for every need, temporal or spiritual, upon "the fathomless wealth of Christ."

**Yes, in me, in me He dwelleth--**

**I in Him and He in me!**

**And my empty soul He filleth**

**Now and through eternity.**

**-- Horatio Bonar**

**". . . God made me a new man! God has made me a new man!"**

**Wonderful was the experience that had come in answer to prayer, yet so simple as almost to baffle description . . .**

**Do you know, I now think that this striving, longing, hoping for better days to come is not the true way to holiness, happiness or usefulness. It is better, no doubt, far better than being satisfied with poor attainments, but not the best way after all. I have been struck with a passage from a book . . . entitled *Christ is All*. It says, "The Lord Jesus received is holiness begun; the Lord Jesus cherished is holiness advancing; the Lord Jesus counted upon as never absent would be holiness complete . . . .**

**"He is most holy who has most of Christ within, and joys most fully in the finished work . . ."**

**. . . . To let my loving Savior work in me His will, my sanctification, is what I would live for by His grace. Abiding, not striving nor struggling; looking off unto Him; trusting Him for present power; . . . resting in the love of an almighty Savior, in the joy of a complete salvation, "from all sin"--this is not new, and yet 'tis *new to me* . . . . Christ literally *all* seems to me, now, the power, the only power for service, the only ground for unchanging joy . . . . How then to have our faith increased? Only by thinking of all that Jesus is and all He is for us: His life, His death, His work, He Himself as revealed to us in the Word, to be the subject of our constant thoughts. Not a striving to have faith . . . but a looking off**

to the Faithful One seems all we need; a resting in the Loved One entirely, for time and eternity.

. . . . I looked to Jesus, and when I saw--oh, how joy flowed! It was resting in Jesus now, and letting Him do the work--which makes all the difference. Whenever he spoke in meetings after that, a new power seemed to flow from him, and in the practical things of life a new peace possessed him. Troubles did not worry him as before. He cast everything on God in a new way, and gave more time to prayer.

It was *the exchanged life* that had come to him--the life that is indeed "No longer I." . . . It was a blessed reality "Christ liveth in me." And how great the difference!--instead of bondage, liberty; instead of failure, quiet victories within; instead of fear and weakness, a restful sense of sufficiency in Another.

Perhaps I may make myself more clear if I go back a little. . . . I prayed, agonized, fasted, strove, made resolutions, read the Word more diligently, sought more time for meditation--but all without avail. Every day, almost every hour, the consciousness sin oppressed me.

I knew that if only I could abide in Christ all would be well, but I could not. I would begin the day with prayer, determined not to take my eye off Him for a moment, but pressure of duties, sometimes very trying, and constant interruptions apt to be so wearing, caused me to forget Him. Then one's nerves get so fretted in this climate that temptations to irritability, had thoughts and sometimes unkind words are all the more difficult to control. Each day brought its register of sin and failure, of lack of power. To will was indeed "present with me," but how to perform I found not.

Then came the questions, is there no rescue? Must it be thus to the end--constant conflict, and too often defeat? . . . . Instead of growing stronger, I seemed to be getting weaker and to have less power against sin; and no longer, for faith and even hope were getting low. I hated myself, I hated my sin, yet gained no strength against it. I felt I was a child of God. His Spirit in my heart would

cry, in spite of all, "Abba, Father." But to rise to my privileges as a child, I was utterly powerless.

. . . . I knew I was powerless. I told the Lord so, and asked Him to give me help and strength. Sometimes I almost believed that He would keep and uphold me; but on looking back in the evening—alas! There was but sin and failure to confess and mourn before God.

. . . . And yet, never did Christ seem more precious; a Savior who could and would save such a sinner! . . . And sometimes there were seasons not only of peace but of joy in the Lord; but they were transitory, and at best there was a sad lack of power.

All the time I felt assured that there was in Christ all I needed, but the practical question was—how to get it *out*. He was rich truly, but I was poor; He was strong, but I weak. I knew full well that there was in the root, the stem, abundant fatness, but how to get it into my puny little branch was the question. As gradually light dawned, I saw that faith was the only requisite—was the hand to lay hold on His fullness and make it mine. But I had not this faith.

I strove for faith, but it would not come; I tried to exercise it, but in vain. Seeing more and more the wondrous supply of grace laid up in Jesus, the fullness of our precious Savior, my guilt and helplessness seemed to increase. Sins committed appeared but as trifles compared with the sin of unbelief which was their cause, which could not or would not take God at His word. . . . I prayed for faith, but it came not. What was I to do?

When my agony of soul was at its height, a sentence in a letter from dear McCarthy was used to remove the scales from my eyes, and the Spirit of God revealed to me the truth of our *oneness with Jesus* as I had never known it before.

"But how to get faith strengthened? Not by striving after faith, but by resting on the Faithful One."

As I read, I saw it all! "If we believe not, he abideth faithful." I

looked to Jesus and saw (and when I saw, oh, how joy flowed)! That He had said, "*I will never leave thee.*"

"Ah, *there* is rest!" I thought. "I have striven in vain to rest in Him. I'll strive no more. For has not *He* promised to abide with *me*--never to leave me, never to fail me?" And, . . . *He never will.*

. . . . As I thought of the Vine and the branches, what light the blessed Spirit poured direct into my soul! How great seemed my mistake in wishing to get the sap, the fullness *out* of Him! I saw not only that Jesus will ever leave me, but that I am a member of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. The vine is not the root merely, but *all*--root, stem, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruit. And Jesus is not that alone--He is soil and sunshine, air and showers, and ten thousand times more than we have ever dreamed, wished for or needed. Oh, the joy of seeing this truth! I do pray that the eyes of your understanding too may be enlightened, that you may know and enjoy the riches freely given us in Christ.

. . It is a wonderful thing to be really one with a risen and exalted Savior, to be a member of Christ! Think what it involves. Can Christ be rich and I poor? Can your right hand be rich and your left poor? Or your head be well fed while your body starves? . . . . No more can your prayers or mine be discredited if offered in the name of Jesus (i.e., not for the sake of Jesus merely, but on the ground that we are His, His members) so long as we keep within the limits of Christ's credit--a tolerably wide limit!

The sweetest part, . . . is the rest which full identification with Christ brings. I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize this; for He, I know, is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me; for in the easiest position He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult His grace is sufficient. . . . So, if God should place me in serious perplexity, must He not give me much guidance; in positions of great difficulty, much grace; in circumstances of great pressure and trials, much strength? No fear that His resources will prove unequal to the

emergency! And His resources are mine, for He is mine, and is with me and dwells in me.

And since Christ has thus dwelt in my heart by faith, how happy I have been! . . . *I* am no better than before. In a sense, I do not wish to be, nor am I striving to be. But I am dead and buried with Christ--ay, and risen too! And now Christ lives in me, and "the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

. . . . Do not let us consider Him as far off, when God has made us one with Him, members of His very body. Nor should we look upon this experience, these truths, as for the few. They are the birthright of every child of God, and no one can dispense with them without dishonoring our Lord. The only power for deliverance from sin or for true service is *Christ*.

And it is all so simple and practical!

"But are you always conscious of this abiding in Christ?" Mr. Taylor was asked many years later.

"While sleeping last night," he replied, "did I cease to abide in your home because I was unconscious of the fact? We should never be conscious of *not* abiding in Christ."

I change, He changes not;

The Christ can never die:

His truth, not mine, the resting place;

His love, not mine, the tie.

<http://www.abideinchrist.com/messages/exchltay.html>



**Therese Thurston sent a message to the members of God Grams Therese Thurston.**

**Subject: The Manumitting Of The Human race**

**"God Gram: Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Standing fast is to be made firm, fixed or established in the liberty given to us by Christ making us free. The liberty is manumitted. This is the act of freeing slaves, done at the will of the owner. From before, in the beginning, the manumitting of the human race was set into action. For us to take on to ourselves a yoke of bondage is to throw off the cloak of liberty and place ourselves back into shackles and manacles; dragging around forgiven sin as if it had the power, over life or death. ©"**



## **The Fear of the Lord, Part I**

### **Ron Block**

**G.K. Chesterton, in his brilliant work Orthodoxy, said that the virtue of courage is composed of a paradox. In a battle, a man must combine an extreme desire to live with an extreme carelessness about his life. Both these extremes must be "to the full," not watered down. If he merely desires to live, he becomes a coward. If he is only extremely careless about his life, he becomes a suicide.**

Our foundational relationship with God contains two extremes as well. Let's start with one side of it, the fear of the Lord. This fear is mentioned time and again in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. Psalm 111:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The word "fear" is "yirah." It means fear, dread, respect, reverence. Psalm 112 uses a related word, "Blessed is the man that fears the Lord..." (v. 1). The word is "yare" (yar-ay) and it means to fear, be afraid, to stand in awe, reverence, honor, respect." The same word is used in verse 7: "He shall not be afraid (yare) of evil tidings." This word "yare" runs throughout the Old Testament.

In the New Testament, in Acts 9:31, it says the churches were "walking in the fear of the Lord." The word here is "phobos," from which we get "phobia." It means the same attitude as "yare." Fear, dread, respect, reverence, awe, honor.

What we're dealing with here is the Lord God Almighty. He spoke a word, there was a big bang, and nothingness exploded and became everything. His power is incomprehensible, His rule, absolute. He allows your heart to go on beating. "By Him all things were created, and by Him all things hold together" (Col 1:17). Rev 19 gives this description of Jesus Christ:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God...And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

That's the God we're talking about. Here's another terrifying description, from Rev 20:

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works...And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake

of fire.”

Fear of the Lord must remain at full strength in us. This is not a Being to take lightly, flippantly. This is not a God to joke about. In Matthew 12:34-37, Jesus says “...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

## Independence or IN "DEPENDENCE"

by Michael Daniel

It's not cynical or sinful to have negative thoughts. Remember, Satan IS real. His job is to deceive us and make us believe we're not who we truly are. Could it be, however, that God has purposed Satan for that very reason? Does He cause Satan to lie to us and through the lies could God be bringing us to know the truth? Well, if we know that a lie IS a lie, then the truth becomes simple and eternally real. Knowing the truth makes us unshakable and immovable. Knowing the truth secures in us absolute peace and rest in ALL circumstances, no matter how we feel or what we think. We must first experience the negative, and from it God brings about His positive. He awakens through His Holy Spirit within us. INTERNALLY

The systems of man will point us to every EXTERNAL imaginable. The system will give us a step by step plan of "how to do it". How to gain favor with God. How to make brownie points with Him so we'll be rewarded. How to make God happy with us so He won't blast us with lightening bolts. How to get anything we want from God, and even the ridiculous notion of how to do God's job for Him. I've actually heard some pastors make the absurdly arrogant and egotistical declaration that; "We're the only hands God has to use. We're the only legs He can walk on. We're the only eyes He can see through. We've got to get out there and do the job for God", and blah and blah and blah. The system will tell you that if you read the bible enough, pray enough, fast enough, go to church enough and do and Do and DO then you'll FINALLY get it. We

have ALL of Christ Jesus! We don't get Him from an installment plan. The price has been PAID IN FULL!

God isn't someone who needs, or is pathetically helpless without man. Did God ask man's opinion or advice before He created anything? I seem to remember God saying to Job; "Where were YOU, when I created the heavens and the earth?" Who made who? The simple truth is that if we knew the How, What, Why, Where, and When of God we wouldn't need God. Sounds like wanting to eat from the "Tree of Knowledge" doesn't it?

God didn't create from need. God created out of LOVE! He WANTED to do it! If God hadn't wanted Himself in earthen jars He would have never formed and fashioned them. WE wouldn't be here. We are merely vessels and branches. Without the life giving water within, the cup is without purpose. Does a branch have to DO anything to produce fruit? The branch exerts NO EFFORT! It simply Is there. The vine holds it, nourishes it, strengthens it, and makes it grow. It is the vine who brings forth the fruit. Are we "The Vine"?

No one can do anything for God. Jesus Himself never did anything for God. Now don't pass out or start gathering rocks to stone me just yet. Jesus boldly stated; "I do NOTHING on My own initiative. I ONLY do what I see the FATHER do". This glorified The Father, not the flesh. As The Spirit of God moved in Him to will and do, so Jesus did.

Please don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that no one should go to church. I'm not bashing pastors, nor am I saying that people shouldn't pray or read the bible or any of the things I earlier mentioned. What I AM saying, is that we shouldn't DEPEND on them. Our ONLY "DEPENDENCE" IS GOD! He is The All In All! God is our EVERYTHING and EVERYTHING depends on God! The systems of, "how to do it", will always fail and fail miserably, and let's face it, there are countless systems. It's impossible to get something we've already got, isn't it? God literally IS our "Dependence" and turning to externals as ANY source is not only futile, it makes null and void the finished work of Christ.

A gift cannot be paid for. We cannot earn what Love has already given us. God GAVE us His Son and in Him we are totally sufficient.

So what will it be? External exhaustion or internal inheritance?

Independence or IN "DEPENDENCE"?

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## Quotes

Freedom contains double possibilities. Life can go downward into lack and destruction, or upward into fullness and completion. We liberate mere possibility into manifested reality—How?—By the spoken word of faith, we bring mere possibility out of freedom unto actualized manifested reality. **Sylvia Pearce**

Fear is faith in reverse, and faith once aroused to believe the worst can be reversed to believe the opposite. **Walter Lanyon**

Frequent Trips through hell burns the ugly off, and that is why we are so beautiful. **Fran Giles**

If God's gifts are our blessings, and the devil's assaults are also our blessings, what remains to harm or depress us? If good is good, and evil is equally good to the enlightened, then a realm of life is entered where we rejoice always, in everything give thanks, and in all things are more than conquerors. **Norman Grubb**

Justice demands the punishment of the sinner, but it may also accept the vicarious sacrifice of another as in the case of Christ. To deny the freeness of mercy is to annihilate it because it returns to a matter of debt and then it is no longer mercy. **Unknown**

Every negative has its hidden resolve in God, and faith is the key that makes manifest the negatives, hidden positive. **Sylvia Pearce**

Faith looks beyond the pain, wrapped in veil of time, and sees God's eternal purposes beyond it all. **Sylvia Pearce**

'With all sorts of doubts I am familiar, and the result of them is, has been, and will be, a widening of my heart and soul and mind to greater glories of the truth ... .. I cannot say I never doubt, nor until I hold the very heart of good as my very own in Him, can I wish not to

doubt. *For doubt is the hammer that breaks the windows clouded with human fancies, and lets in the pure light.* **George McDonald**

**C.S. Lewis** once said that there are two equal and opposite errors that we can fall into regarding Satan and his demons. One is to act like they don't exist; the other is to be unduly and overly interested in them.

"True and perfect obedience is a virtue above all virtues...obedience has no cares; it lacks no blessing...When I give my will up to the care of my Lord and Master and have no will of my own, God must will for me; for if He were to neglect me, He would be neglecting himself. So it is with everything; where I do not chose for myself, God chooses for me. What will he choose for me? That I shall not choose for myself." **Meister Eckhart**

Meekness is not weakness but power under restraint, for we see ourselves as we really are, and see him as he really is." **Fred Williams**

**St. John of the Cross** says: "(This wound is delectable (i.e. delicious)." John of the Cross goes on to say: "After the dark and painful night of the spirit there is...a divine awakening...the soul uses a similitude (i.e. an example) of one that awakens from his sleep, and says, 'how gentle and loving is...thine awakening, O Word and Spouse, in the center and depth of my soul... wherein alone, secretly and in silence, Thou dwellest as it's Lord. This divine awakening is an inspiration of the Word manifesting His dominion, His glory and His intimate sweetness." Faith builds Heaven in the midst of Hell's despair!

"Good must be sucked out of the bitter root of seeming evil." **Brian Coatney**

"Life's disappointments are veiled love's appointments." From "Streams in the Desert", Feb. 1st.

"Sometimes God calms the storms, and sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child."

The expression of true everlasting life procures itself contented as the vessel or container of Christ alone. **Jennifer Cormack**

In the pasture of the King, freely bloom two trees. One offers sacrificial unified life; the other cloaks itself in the good works of death. If the sheep of the pasture cannot produce their own righteousness, then conversely they cannot produce their own iniquity. Will you be so entwined by the false independence of goodness you fail to express the true liberty you possess? The only good and just King tarries for your reply. **Jennifer Cormack** Short Story Excerpt

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## Poem of the Month

### Jump

Would it be such a crime  
if I dropped the crazy race,  
wasn't eaten up by time  
or limited by space?

Three aren't enough for me  
in dimensions; I need more  
beyond the things I see,  
like dimension number four!

That's huge to ask; is it so?  
or with every breath,  
are we trapped each way we go,  
by specters of our death?

Christ in eternity,  
saw us chained to our sinful stump,  
with his body broke the chain,  
and so I made the jump.

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### Time

When time goes not sweetly,  
a happy bee, but a gong  
that can't be ignored discreetly,  
then something has gone wrong.

What once melodiously sang,  
with an aura warming through,  
is now a robbers' gang,  
holding up what we do.

To escape time, is that tricking,  
when the calendar's full, no more room,  
to not hear the dangerous ticking  
of time on a witch's broom?

Does a burning building have power?  
Yes, but there's no need to rush;  
a second can turn to an hour,  
a panic turn to a hush.  
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### *The Devil Tries in Vain*

The devil came to me  
in a dark menacing cloak,  
there where I linger free  
by the old, tall oak.

He snarled like he still had his way,  
like he did once, but certainly not now,  
for he gives himself away,  
with the grunt of a muddy sow.

He once seemed the voice of God,  
full of fear and condemning thrust,  
beating me down like a clod,  
when I didn't discern or trust.

My Father is not a pig;  
He likes bacon but never guilt:  
His huge, loving heart is big,

even bigger than the house He built.

So I stood my ground by the oak,  
not arguing, but clearly secure,  
til I saw the ugly smoke,  
waft away while I stood there demure.

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## Brian Coatney has done it again!

Brian is a poet as well as a great writer. In his recent escapade he put together a volume containing his new poetry. "Roots Where the Water is" is just what is says--living water springing from His inspired poetry. The word "escapade" according to Webster means "adventurous action that runs counter to conventional conduct." That definition describes his poetry to a "t", profoundly non-conventional. **Have a look at it, and be blessed!**

May you be blessed by this volume of poetry, "*Roots Where the Water Is*," which follows several other volumes of poetry, the first being the collection of poems included in my first book on the Christian life, *Did You Ever Think of This?* and the second being *Seeds to the Wind*, a book of poems, which is bound as well as online. The third volume is a CD titled *Seeds to the Wind*, in which I read aloud with my friend, Sylvia Pearce, many of my favorites from the first two volumes, and she and I discuss the poems. Thanks to Sylvia and her husband Scott for producing this CD and for hosting my works online.

Click to see his new book of poetry

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Prayer Request

**Believe with us at Christ, Our Life that God will “Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall He be called.” (Isa. 54:2-5)**

**We want to take the Whole Gospel, to the Whole man, to the Whole World in even a greater way. Believe with us and it shall be done in Jesus’ name.**

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## **This Month’s Article**

### **Cleansing the Temple: John 2 What it Really Means**

**by Brian Coatney: a transcript of Internet Sunday School  
with Karen Norris**

**Jesus goes now to Capernaum, and it’s Passover time, which has lots of meaning and history, bringing to mind Egypt, and the lamb, the blood on the door, the Exodus, Pharaoh's pursuit, and the Red Sea; yet when Jesus comes to the temple, he finds a market place and a business atmosphere that has consumed all. The accessories of the Passover have taken over, religion all too often sadly being about money.**

**Seeing this, Jesus makes a whip and drives out the sellers and animals, and overturns tables and pours out money, which looks like an illegal act except for one thing: it's his Father's house. That kind of says it. So here already in John he's saved one feast and toppled another, and he attributes this act to zeal for his Father's house, quoting the Psalm.**

The Jews ask for a sign; they have a miracle in mind, and true he just performed one at Cana, one they may have heard about, but what spirit do they ask in? It's probably the same house of trade spirit, one there's no death or sacrifice or service in—instead merely sensationalism and greed, so he gives them the cross in a way that also identifies himself as the true temple.

They don't even think that by *destroy* he means their intent to murder him since they're all locked onto the building in front of them and missing the person in front of them, and what a building Herod's temple was, 46 years in the building, way longer than folks these days would wait, but the point is not that building but the person in front of them.

This gets down to a lot, since buildings are fine but never really the point since they are to serve man, just like the Sabbath is made for man, so the issue here is man as always, the person right in front of us. Who is that person? That is what Jesus in essence asks them. My friend, Karen, says that Satan hid in self in man.

Thankfully, the disciples were listening to all that Jesus said and remembered it (by the Spirit) later. The temple had become a little Babylon, like in Revelation 18—all flesh and all outer and driven by the harlot of Rev 17, like Oholah and Oholibah in Ezekiel 23 where God's people had become of the harlot spirit, all on the appearance of the outer: its decorations, its power, its might.

So Jesus gives them a dose of might, not lethal to destroy them all, but to assert his claim and authority; and just at this point I think we see a critical juncture, for if God meant only wrath, He would have gone ahead and destroyed them, but the Father stops short of that, so that rather than see this event as the aggression of Jesus, which it is, we need to see it as aggression stopped short.

What I mean is this: Christians argue a lot about Jesus cleansing the temple here and some use it as reason to justify being angry with others; and surely we need to know our anger and give hints of it to those who do not realize our zeal and fire in the Lord: but much more goes on here, in that Jesus does not continue and incinerate them and wipe them out as God threatened to do in the wilderness, for example, where Moses interceded, which God really wanted Moses to do, which Jesus knew because he is the true intercessor, the one Moses is a type of, and Jesus knew it would not be intercession to destroy them but rather, in the plan of God, they, his enemies, will destroy him, on a body level that is.

And so the real point here is not so much that Jesus got angry and cleansed the temple, but that Jesus got angry and then stopped short of destroying them. When we look at that, we see Christ's mercy not just his anger, and this is a pattern of his nature—that that we do get angry but rather than proceed to destroy others, we too, since life is Jesus in us, we too stop short of going on and wreaking total havoc against others.

It is not only Christ's anger in view, but his mercy in stopping short of judgment of them, which would eternally condemn them, and so he does not proceed in anger, but will allow their anger to destroy him that he might save them. This is the Cross, praise God. My friend Karen says of this, "What a savior!"

John's account is therefore similar as well to Luke's account (4:18-19) when Jesus visits the synagogue in Nazareth and reads from Isaiah Isa 61: 1-2, but he leaves out Isa 61:2 b "day of vengeance of our God." Jesus knows the vengeance part, as do the Jews for they all knew about vengeance on enemies and the vengeance of God, but what was not known was the gap between the proclamation of vengeance and the execution of vengeance, namely the offer of the Cross; and so Jesus here does not annihilate them, just as he did not destroy the synagogue in Nazareth and as he did not let his disciples later call down thunder and lightning to destroy opponents. The Cross must intervene to save men, for that is God's plan and His love, not to destroy man but to redeem him, and how fitting at Passover to give this sign where redemption is in view.

I think it interesting too that with the Exodus, the Egyptians loaded them up with all kinds of jewelry and fine articles, which they took on their journey, but the idea wasn't lavish wealth or accumulation only for business, for much of the wealth was used for construction of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle was the center of their existence and society, and wealth was peripheral, whereas in John 2, we see the carnal attitude of wealth as central, having replaced being lost in the presence of God, as with the pillar of cloud and fire and the manifestation of glory.

In the wilderness, God was among them, and the point in John 2 is God among them, but now in a different form. The opponents asked for a sign; he gave them the Cross, yet he did do signs for others, and they did believe, as verses 23-25 say. The level of faith in people affected whether he did certain signs in their midst, just like we can't say truth to some for they would trample it.

Nicodemus took all this in and watched and looked for his moment. Some criticize him for

going by night, but some never go at all, and better by night than not at all. He knew of the signs and knew they were of God. This is so funny; he got to see and have a one on one, quite a privilege, and perhaps he was appalled at first by what Jesus told him.

My friend Karen says the darkness of the night he went in represented the darkness in his knowing. What a great thing to do with one's darkness—go to Jesus. Perhaps there was pride in waiting until dark, holding him back from being more direct and in the day, but he at least made a move.

Now we come to the new birth, which is necessary to see the kingdom of God, very radical, not the self doing something, but a whole rebirth, which is to say to start over, which is to say the old dies, for how can one be two at the same time? To be reborn someone dies, and as Karen says, the flesh one dies.

We hear an interesting question from Nicodemus too, in that he protests that he is old. That's a funny thing to say since what would age have to do with a new birth? The issue would be the same for a new baby as for an old person, for no one can go back to the womb, so Nicodemus sounds a bit like the woman at the well, and we know that this new birth is a whole different nature than a human womb. That's a topic we'll take up next time.

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## Q & A

Hey, Syl!

Just exactly what is 'human nature'?

Hey Sweetie,

It's human being, not human nature. Nature, according to EW Bullinger, Theologian, means “generative and productive power,” and according to Webster: “a creative and controlling force.” Or what I have always called it, “the power source of our being,” which of course cannot be called human-power, that would be New Age humanism, or flesh/vessel power,

which to us is the big lie. Nature is spirit and not flesh, most think that it is flesh though.

Love you,  
Sylvia



**Q:** Dear Sylvia,  
What about free choice?  
Love,  
Tom

**A:** Dear Tom,  
We are partakers of his divine nature, by faith. But it is not our nature, or we would not have to be a partaker of his nature. Just like I said, all we can do is receive the life and nature of another. And we do that through the cross. Our human spirit united to His diety nature. But the human is not diety, it is the container of the diety. New Age teach that we are God. That is the same lie, that the devil thought. No, we are the cup, He is the content. The two become one Spirit as in I Cor. 6:17.

The human chooses who will indwell him or who will rule his spirit/self, either Satan or Christ. There is always that element of free choice otherwise we are only puppets and now free beings. The only thing that the human can do is chose what he will believe. Really that is what choice is, “who or what am I going to believe.” We don’t choose what we will do, it is not about me doing; that is works. It is about me being, not doing. Paul said in Romans 7:18-21, says that he wills to do good. That is the same as choice. He is saying I am choosing to do good, but when I would (choice) do good, then evil is present with me.” So it is not good enough that we choose to do good, the vessel is only a weak container. We need the power of the “Divine Nature,” to be and do in us.

When I say that we don’t have an independent-self, I mean a self with power or a

life of its own. The human is the weak vessel and the “Divine Nature” is the power of the resurrected life of Christ. The weak human vessel united to the powerful Christ. WOW what a union!

We are always either believing in ourselves or in the one who lives in us. Now what or who we believe in empowers us. We take the truth by faith and Christ is the power of our choice. If we choose our own will, way or desires, we are not choosing ourselves, but we are really choosing Satan's. That is the trick. If Jesus choose his will instead of God's, he would have sinned. And we know that the human doesn't have the power to sin, Romans 7 tells us that. “It is not I that does it, but sin that dwells in me.” (Rom. 7:17). The human doesn't do the sinning, Satan does it. How do we sin? We forget who we are and act out of a separate self believing that we have a self and life of our own able to be something apart from Christ.

The point is that the Bible does not make a big point about having, “My free will.” I think said that way, the emphasis is on the my, and not on the one we are believing or choosing. The mind of the flesh is always centered in on itself and what it can do, or should do. That is why the Bible (the mind of the Spirit) simply says to **reckon**. Reckon is simply saying what God says. The flesh tries to make everything a works so that it can stay alive. We even make choosing a work, and also we make faith a works. The point is that a dead man can do nothing but reckon himself dead, and alive with the life of another empowering him and living his life. Ultimate grace is that we receive the free gift which is Christ and totally live by His life. No one can even give up himself enough to do that. If I could, then that would be works again. The flesh really doesn't want to be that out of control anyway. God has to causes us, in our experience, to be as helpless as my new grandbaby. No strength, no wisdom, no knowledge only the ability to receive. A newborn baby only has a sucking reflex, it is totally helpless otherwise. When I look at my grandbaby, I see the true Roman 8 man. Totally dependence on Christ, and no hope in himself apart from Christ. The flesh has hope in any and all forms of its own righteousness. God must strip us of all hope in ourselves and then replace it with the only hope of glory, Christ in us, as us.

LOVE,

Sylvia

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## Web News

The **May 09 Conference** is finally out for viewing, check it out on [www.spiritbroadcasting.net](http://www.spiritbroadcasting.net)

If you are a number person, here it goes: we have had 48,000 people viewing us since we've started hosting our video's on <http://cross.tv>

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We will pray that you will be blessed, and set free from any shadowy places not yet light by the Spirit of God.

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## Video's and Audio

I hope all of you have met and known **Bill Bower**, our California friend of many years. He is too cool and too right on with the union message. Bill's pastor asked him to teach the Sunday morning message after teaching Sunday School... **You can hear his** wonderful union talk done at his church. He is the best, and you will certainly be blessed. Find it under "**VIDEO'S**" to your left, although it is only audio....Too bad, you ought to see his anointed face while he teaches.

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