

# **John Newlin Ministries, Inc.**

*- realizing the power of a life in Christ-*

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Dear Partners and Friends,

A few weeks ago at our Tuesday night program in Wilmington, I spoke on key points the Christian must recognize and understand. A few may seem obvious, but others are not. All are essential. Even though here they are in abbreviated form, I thought they were too important not to pass on to everyone. So, for a change of pace, I thought we might send a teaching letter in place of the usual newsletter. The normal newsletter with pictures and schedules and reports of happenings will resurface on December 1.

The title of the talk was “If you don’t get these things, you’re missing God and what He is doing today.” That’s really true.

1. **God is real.** He is active in the world today. He is not an academic character.
2. **The words of the Bible are true.** The promises, the facts, the truths are as real as any laws of physics or mathematics. And they work – every time (2 Ti 3:16-17).
3. **Jesus Christ said in John 14:12-14 that believers can do the same things He did while He walked the earth.** In fact, he made the point that believers can do even greater things than He did, because He was going to be with God the Father (implying that He would be there interceding for us). What did Jesus do? Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, cleanse the lepers, preach the kingdom of God is at hand, change the weather, and more. Believers are doing those things in many places. Some of these happen regularly in our ministry services. If you haven’t seen this or know of no examples, ask yourself why not?
4. **Jesus told us that when He returned to His father He would ask the Father and the Father would send us the Holy Spirit.** This person of the Trinity would guide us, remind us of all truth, teach us. And He is here. A victorious life involves living with and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God is more and more pouring out His Spirit on the world, as He promised in Joel and as Peter quoted in Acts chapter 2. Some people are receiving. Many are unreceptive because they don’t even know what they are not receiving. They have never heard the full gospel of power (Acts 2:38-39; John 14:26; John 16:13-14).

5. **The signs of the end of this particular age, the church age, are upon us.** Jesus and others long ago gave us signs of the end. In the past people who said the end was at hand were rightfully treated as being weird and incorrect, because these signs had not yet come. But now in our day they are piling up. Chief of these is the reestablishment of the nation of Israel (1948), a major sign in prophecies throughout the Bible that discuss the end of the age. Another major sign is the retaking of Jerusalem by the Jews (1967), mentioned by Jesus himself as occurring in the last generation. Still another is the ingathering of Jews into Israel from throughout the world, including such places as Ethiopia and Russia. And then there is the pouring out of the Spirit that began in the early 1900's and seems to be moving at increasing speed. The famous place in the US where this outpouring began dramatically was Azusa street in Los Angeles. Moves of the Spirit continue today, in such well known places as Toronto Airport Church and in such lesser-known places as small spirit filled meetings in Wilmington and most cities in the US.
6. **Jesus came to reconcile fallen humanity to God.** He accomplished all that was required to put us back in the relationship that Adam originally had with God. "It is finished" did not just mean that Jesus was about to die. It meant that Jesus had done **all** that was necessary for that reconciliation. Nothing more was required. Jesus not only obtained forgiveness for our sins, he also overcame our sicknesses and pains (Is 53:4-5), he became poor that we might be rich (2 Co 8:9), he took upon himself our unrighteousness so that we might be the righteousness of God in him (2 Co 5:21), he took upon himself all curses so that we would not suffer under curses but be free to receive the blessings due the spiritual descendants of Abraham (Gal 3:13-14), he took our death so that we might have life, and on and on. He overcame the world. This is the gospel, the good news that Jesus referred to when he said this gospel will be preached to all the world and then the end will come (Mt 24:14).
7. **Our focus must be on Jesus.** The Bible is all about Jesus. God loves his son. The Spirit falls, the power comes when the focus is on Jesus. If you don't understand this, you won't see many miracles and you don't understand much about God and his love.
8. **God loves the Jewish people and the nation of Israel.** He has given the land from the river in Egypt to the Euphrates River to Israel forever (Ge 15:18-21 and 17:8). Those who bless Israel He will bless and those who curse Israel He will curse (Ge 12:2-3). The United States for many years has pursued policies to press Israel to give up land God himself has given Israel. In this the US has put itself directly in opposition to God, and the results have been disastrous. Recently settlers were forced out of Gaza, and about the same time hurricane Katrina mysteriously appeared just off Florida, not coming from Africa as most do.

Katrina proceeded to go directly to the Gulf Coast with terrible force, tearing apart communities, hurting and killing many, and also in the process exposing great weaknesses in American society in the New Orleans area. Do you know that many such connections have been traced over past years, looking at specific US pressures on Israel and then at the immediate disasters that hit the US in the form of hurricanes, terrible tornados, fires, and more? (Amos 3:6b; Nahum 1:3; Ro 1:18; Ro 2:9-10; Zech 2:8)

9. **Repeating points 1 and 2 because they are so important, the fact is, it's all real - the Bible, God the father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit.** Everything prophesied. Everything described in the book. It's real. And very soon Jesus is going to take away with him those true believers who are alert and ready. For all that remain, a very tough time awaits for several years.

It is apparent that God is moving dramatically in our time, in our day. He seems to be calling out His church, individual believers He can count on no matter what. I meet such people in small groups wherever I go, people that have a burning call. It is time to focus on God, to make sure that we are indeed fully committed and, as the Bible often says, to watch and be alert. More is about to happen.

Cathy and I love you and pray for you every day. We enjoy seeing you in meetings when we travel and also in our regular Wilmington meetings. And we greatly value your prayers and your support. We cannot keep going without you. God indeed works through people.

May God bless you and your families always.

In Christian love,

John

PS – Itinerary - Hope to see you at one of these meetings or elsewhere!

- **Every Tuesday night at 7 PM – *Spend an Evening with Jesus!*** - McAnderson's Inc., 101 North Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, NC.
- **First Wednesday of every month at 7 PM - community healing service**, sanctuary, Myrtle Grove Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 800 Piner Road, Wilmington, NC
- **Every Tuesday morning – community healing service**, – 10 AM, chapel, Myrtle Grove Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 800 Piner Road, Wilmington, NC.
- **November 10** – Glory Campaign, Raleigh Lighthouse Convention Center – 326 Tryon Road – Raleigh, NC