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

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Dear Partners and Friends,

I thought it was time for a teaching newsletter. Here are a couple good points that have recently come up.

## **FORGIVENESS**

God does not forgive us because he loves us. He forgives us because of the extraordinary actions of his son Jesus in going to and through the cross. God cannot ignore evil. He is a holy God. He hates evil. Were it not for Jesus and his accomplishing all that he did, we would, as Paul has said, be people to be pitied more than all others. Without Jesus, no hope, no hope at all. But we do have Jesus! Praise be to God and to Jesus for this wonderful action of Jesus in coming to earth and taking upon himself all our sins, sicknesses and diseases, and pains, and overcoming it all. Jesus said "It is finished." That's right. He did all that is necessary to reconcile lost human beings to God. He took care of it all. The only step that remains is for each individual to realize deep in their hearts who Jesus is and to accept him as Lord. For those of us who have, God sees us the same way he sees his son. Jesus is the first of a new line of people, a new society – the CHURCH, Jesus' church. He is the first but we are in also. We are adopted in. We are children of God – heirs and joint heirs with Christ. .

For those who do not know Jesus, sadly, God does not see them as he sees Jesus. They are still lost, still separated.

## **FRUSTRATION OF THE BELIEVER**

So you are so incredibly blessed as to know Jesus, as to have given yourself to him and accepted him as your Lord and Savior. You are redeemed. And even more, you have been filled with the Holy Spirit so you – at least at times – are on fire for God. You know truth. You understand the scriptures better than you could ever have imagined years ago and you are sure that as you study and pray, God will reveal more and more truths to you. You've seen it happen.

Naturally you want to tell others. You want others to know the truth. You want those close to you to know the truth. As you go about this in whatever ways you choose, you encounter various reactions – tolerance, sometimes a real willingness to listen, sometimes a surprise as you see the person you are speaking with really does know a thing or two about God, sometimes absolute joy as you see people eager to learn more. And then there are other times – rejection, scoffing, a turning away of friends and others you have long known, no longer in your social circles. Perhaps the hardest of all, some people are pleasant and sociable and willing to listen, but will still tell you in no uncertain terms they do not believe in God and do not accept what you say. They may even say they see no need for God. They are having fine lives, successful lives, and even seem to be moral people to you. And no matter what you say, no light turns on. They don't get it.

Over the years in ministering to groups, I have come to realize that people “get it” to widely varying degrees when I am preaching or teaching, or even healing people dramatically in front of groups, all of course in Jesus’ name. In a service I am the one person looking at everyone’s face. I see those truly interested, those fighting going to sleep, those sitting with blank expressions. And afterwards in remarks I recognize some truly working to receive the truths discussed. But others?

Remember Mark 4 – the great lesson taught by Jesus of sowing into four types of soil. Later the disciples asked why he spoke in parables. He answered that the secrets of the kingdom had been given to them, but not to all those who had been listening. In other words some people really can’t get it. Elsewhere in the Bible we read that the ruler of this world has blinded the eyes of nonbelievers. And that doesn’t mean just those people who never attend a church service and have never heard of God. Some people can’t hear the truth because they truly *can’t hear the truth*.

Actually Mark 4 is a great lesson. Regarding the teaching of the word, Jesus points out one group of people really does not retain the word sown at all. As soon as they hear the words, the evil one comes and takes them away. Another group receives quickly but not deeply and holds onto the word only a short time. As soon as they receive any challenges, they lose what they have received. That would be like someone being interested in divine healing but suddenly deciding not to go to a healing service for fear of being ridiculed by friends. And then there is the third group, in which people receive the truth and believe, but then the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desire for other things strangle the truth in them. Those things we all face, such as financial difficulties and relationship issues. They are very real. That’s why we have to keep our eyes on Jesus. And then there is the fourth group, the good soil, which receives the word and it prospers in them and they produce a great “crop” themselves. They become true believers and apply the word.

So what do you do when you encounter people who are pleasant to you and willing to listen but truly do not believe and seem to be having good and moral lives? Well, I suggest you lift them up to God in your prayers. Bring them up and ask the Father to lead them to Jesus. After all, Jesus himself said no one can come to me unless my father leads him.

And, by the way, get used to being ignored or scoffed at or whatever by those who prefer the praise of man and secular culture over following the one true God. Just don’t pay attention. In the ministry I have at times thought and prayed about how to answer critical correspondence. Some noteworthy ministers have advised never to respond, and generally that’s what I do. But if I actually know the person or see the possibility of perhaps influencing the person, then I sometimes will reply with a short note just offering a couple of items for the person to consider, perhaps a scripture or two. I do not get into debates or arguments. Never. My ministry is presenting the truths Jesus has shown me. I present them. I do not debate the Holy Spirit.

### **WHERE IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?**

I was glad when they said to me let us go unto the house of the Lord. But then I looked and looked. I could not find the house of the Lord. And I realized again, God does not live in a building made of brick or concrete or wood. He cannot be so confined. We don’t live in Old Testament days. We don’t have to go to one particular building to find God.

And again I thought and remembered. Do you not know your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost? On earth your body is the home of the Lord. Jesus and the Father live in you and you in them, if you

are a believer. Jesus and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to each of us who believe. Jesus said he would not leave us as orphans, that he would come to us. And he did, in the Holy Spirit.

So I don't have to go anywhere to go to the house of the Lord. I'm living in that house, along with the Holy Spirit.

### **JESUS IS COMING SOON**

Yes, he is. Very soon. This is one of the two broad areas Jesus has told me more than once to tell people about: "Tell them about me, John, and tell them I am coming soon." Under the area of telling people about Jesus, I talk about all he did, who he is, and such areas as divine healing, the power of the spoken word, fighting evil, and more. Healing always gets the attention of some people.

But he really is coming soon. In my lifetime great prophecies to be fulfilled before Jesus returns have been fulfilled. In fact, Jesus himself makes the point in talking about some of these prophecies that all these things happen in one generation – and he includes in his list of happenings his coming in the clouds and calling out his chosen ones, the true believers.

We are very close to seeing Jesus come in the clouds. I have spoken about this for several weeks on television in several areas. We now have these three CD's on aspects of Jesus' return:

- **CD: The Return Of Jesus – PROPHECIES FULFILLED**

Had William Shakespeare written that Jesus was soon to return to earth, people of his day rightfully would have called him "nuts." So too had George Washington or Christopher Columbus made such a statement. But that is not the case in our day. Why? In the lifetimes of these people, many events prophesied to happen before Jesus returned to earth had not yet happened. But in the lives of many of us now living, great prophecies have suddenly come to fruition. The nation of Israel, after hundreds of years of absence, is now in existence. Jerusalem is under the control of the Jews after almost two thousand years of that not being true. And so much more. Yes, Jesus is coming soon. This CD is for you and your family and friends, containing many prophecies now fulfilled, many you may have never heard.



- **CD: The Return of Jesus - THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL**



Israel is the apple of God's eye. Scripture tells us that. From the moment Abraham was told of all that would happen to him and his descendants all the way until today, that is true. It – specifically Jerusalem – is the place to which Jesus will return and set up his rule. Explore through the Old and New Testament the extraordinary importance of Israel to God and to the return of Jesus to earth. Be prepared to be shocked at where we are in time and what is happening.

- **CD: The Return of Jesus – COMING IN THE CLOUDS**

Jesus could arrive in the clouds to call out his church while you are reading this newsletter.

That's how close we are to this happening. There is nothing that must happen before he comes to do just that. We are in the generation of his coming. Events he has said will happen in the same generation as his coming in the clouds have happened. So how does this all come about? What does the Bible say about it? And what is our responsibility? We are warned to watch! What does that mean? This CD focuses on a subject that should be at the forefront of believers' attention everywhere.



Cathy and I appreciate your prayers and support. We need it more than you may know. It is amazing and astonishing to find myself speaking for Jesus, healing and casting out demons, talking on television about Jesus' return and healing and more. Not what I envisioned my life to be many years ago when I was traveling around the world for a Fortune 500 company. But God had other plans. He had a plan for my life that is still unfolding. And he has a plan for your life as well. Don't waste these precious years being away from that plan. Seek him with all your heart. He will be found by you. He says so. And the Holy Spirit will lead you to that plan.

God bless you all always.

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