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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

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Dear Partners and Friends,

It's very timely to continue this month with another teaching newsletter, especially this subject:

THE HOLY SPIRIT – GOD'S GIFT TO YOU

With reference to his going to Heaven, Jesus said in John 14:16 that he would ask the Father and "...he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." The very next verse says that the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because the world neither knows nor sees him. But believers know him. Further, the Holy Spirit will dwell with believers and even be in them. So God the Father will give us another Comforter, meaning the Holy Spirit. Another Comforter? Who is the first Comforter? Well, Jesus, that's who. That's like saying that I am going away but I am sending you my brother. Jesus, a member of the Holy Trinity, was ascending into Heaven. But he said he would ask the Father and the Father would send us the third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit - the same Holy Spirit that had been present at the creation, the same Holy Spirit that had hovered over the waters of a formless, empty, and dark earth in Genesis 1:2.

Just two verses later, in John 14:18, Jesus put it another way. "I will not leave you comfortless (another translation says "as orphans"); I will come to you." How is that? We know that when Jesus ascended to Heaven after the resurrection, God the Father seated Jesus at his right hand and put everything under his feet. So how did Jesus mean he would come to us? Through the Holy Spirit coming to us, that's how. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of the Father and Jesus. He is one of the three members of the Trinity. He is God.

This wonderful Jesus, our king and savior, walked the earth as a Holy Spirit filled human being. He could only be in one place at a time, just as each of us can only be in one place at a time. But when he ascended to Heaven and rejoined his father there, the situation would change. He would ask his father, and his father would send us the Holy Spirit - God who can be everywhere. The Holy Spirit can be with you and with me and with a believer in China or India or Africa all at the same time. Jesus in the flesh could not do that.

This wonderful Holy Spirit brings the power of the gospel message. When someone encounters the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, he comes face to face with the truth that God is real, not just a character in a revered but stuffy book (stuffy to anyone not born again, not guided by the Spirit). He is the comforter, a very real presence indeed in time of need. He loves our praise of Jesus and the Father. He loves that we love him. He loves to hear Jesus honored, to hear the full gospel of the kingdom preached. That in my own experience is when he comes in such great power in a situation. But for true believers he is always present. He is always here. Sometimes you may feel him around you and sometimes not. No matter. He is here.

Who is this Holy Spirit for? Peter covered that in Acts 2:39. He is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call. For all believers then!

How many of you have been living too long without the personal guidance of this great Holy Spirit, the member of the Trinity who is on earth with us? Right now in Africa, in underground churches in oppressed places in Asia, and elsewhere, you can be sure he is working miracles and healing and comforting and reminding people of all Jesus said. Also too in America, for all open to him. But so many in this country have for their lifetimes been members of denominations and churches that have effectively ignored this member of the Holy Trinity, the one present with us. There are pockets of the US where the percentage of spirit-filled believers is high. But that cannot be said of much of the North and South where I have lived. Have you not wondered why so many churches are so cold, so stiff, so without life. Come on now, be honest. I know you have been in those places. I have, all over the country. No room for the Spirit to operate. Full of rules and regulations and procedures, with an eye on the clock. That is much of the American denominational churches. No wonder so many have never encountered the Holy Spirit.

Beginning about 1900 the Holy Spirit began to be encountered in ever-increasing ways on earth – in California and Wales and elsewhere. That gave birth to the Pentecostal movement, and later the charismatic movement and still later other movements. Now such movements are good. But being open to this gift of the Father and Jesus, open to his leading and to what he wants to do, that's where we should all be. Remember, Jesus said unless a person is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. I believe that is where we each want to be.

Don't miss real Christianity; power Christianity, living/breathing Christianity. Don't miss God. Too, too many Christians seem to think an hour on Sunday at a dreadfully boring service is all that is necessary and all that Christianity actually is.

But now more and more people on earth know better. I recently read an estimate that more than half a billion of the earth's population are spirit-filled believers. They know the Holy Spirit. That is wonderful. Of course, that leaves six and a half billion outside.

In some areas it is hard to find a church that truly believes and follows the Bible and that is open to the leadership and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Even if you live in such an area, you can try to get involved in a small home group or other such group. That seems to me to be the way God is moving in the US these days. As Kathryn Kuhlman once said, "If the institutional [e.g., traditional] church will not accept the Holy Ghost, will not accept the manifestations of the Spirit, then, my friends, the Holy Spirit will continue His work in spite of the institutional church. He will carry out God's plan outside of the institutional church." I believe that is what is happening. God is moving wherever he finds people open to be led. I find such people in all sorts of places, from the most unlikely backgrounds and circumstances. God as usual is confounding the wise.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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Smith Wigglesworth, that great healing minister of the early 1900's whom some of you have heard me reference, said that our God is an active God, that His thunder is just as loud today as it was in the first century, and that the sound of the mighty rushing wind is just the same today as it was on the Day of Pentecost. That rushing wind is the moving of the Holy Spirit. The great preacher Charles Spurgeon strongly advised each person to seek to have the power of the Holy Spirit abiding upon him.

Do you remember how King David danced in front of the procession of the Ark of the Covenant, and his wife Michal was greatly ashamed. She did not like the way he was so sparsely clothed in front of the commoners. But David replied he would be even more undignified. He had to glorify and celebrate the presence of God. He would not acquiesce to formalism and rules of decorum and procedure that had nothing to do with God.

Really it all comes down to this – are you going to seek to please man or God? There is only one good answer to that one. Hopefully you and those around you know it. Let God be true and every man a liar. Eagerly seek to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Do not be afraid. Christianity was never intended to be a boring, dead set of procedures that puts people to sleep. It is the power of God on earth, active and vibrant today. It confronts and overcomes evil. It advances the Kingdom of God. It is ready for the soon to come Jesus Christ.

TELEVISION PROGRAM – DARE TO BELIEVE!

After taping and broadcasting thirty-one episodes of DARE TO BELIEVE! focusing on who Jesus is and what he did, divine healing, the power of the spoken word, fighting evil and being a Christian soldier, the theme of the Bible, the return of Jesus, and more, we have at least for now ceased broadcasting over the Raleigh, NC based WRPX and the Fayetteville, NC based WFPX. Basically the costs of the air time there just have not been covered by contributions received. As contributions increase, we hope to have the program back on the air in these areas as well as in other cities. DARE TO BELIEVE! continues to be broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:30 am on the Rocky Mount, NC based WNCR television station.

The latest four episodes of the program are available on DVD for a minimum contribution of \$15. The producer has edited out the annoying color bars and loud sound required by the broadcast stations, so this is enjoyable for home viewing. These four are part of the return of Jesus series, with the episode title of “In His Own Words,” “The Importance of Israel,” and “Calling out the Church – Part 1” and “Calling out the Church – Part 2.” We hope to be able to offer DVD's of the other programs similarly.

SOME FINAL WORDS AND A WARNING

It really is true that Jesus is coming soon. As you know we have recently completed three CD's covering aspects of this subject – *Prophecies Fulfilled, The Importance of Israel, and Coming in the Clouds!* – and they can be requested from the ministry using the enclosed form.

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All signs point to Jesus' imminent return. Great prophecies have been fulfilled in our own lifetimes.

But while all this is so positive and thrilling, the government of the United States continues to take dangerous, harmful steps. Currently the government is pressing Israel to give back more land in return for concessions in a Mid-East peace agreement. A peace negotiation meeting is scheduled for November in Annapolis.

But you all surely know how time and again steps like this by Israel have not led to peace, just to a reduction of the land occupied by Israel.

Now, God originally gave Israel much more land than it currently occupies (Genesis 15:18). And he made the point the land is given to Israel forever (Genesis 17:8). A gift of God is without repentance (Romans 11:29). The land is Israel's forever. Listen to *The Importance of Israel* CD for more on this.

It is not to the good of America that our government presses Israel to do give back its land. Remember the giveback of land in Gaza a couple years ago? As soon as the Israeli citizens living in the area began to be forcibly moved out, hurricane Katrina made an appearance and marched straight to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Those who bless Israel God will bless, and those who curse Israel He will curse (Genesis 12:2-3).

Please pray for God to remove the veils from the eyes of the leaders of this country and Israel.

I do believe we are rushing ahead into some very hard times on earth. Just keep your eyes on Jesus, and always be alert.

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