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CHOSEN ONES

There are people walking the earth who see with God's eyes, who discern the truth in situations, who listen to politicians or reporters or other leaders speak and immediately discern the truth or falsehood in what they say. These are people who are born again, born of water and the Spirit, who are filled with and baptized in the Holy Spirit, who have and operate in the gifts of the Spirit.

Most on earth are not aware there are such people walking and living amidst them, but they are indeed there. These are the chosen ones of God who know the Lord and he knows them.

As we all know, the majority of people on earth surely are not believers. They are suspicious of those called Christians and most assuredly are not aware of the existence of such people as I describe above.

In fact, even large numbers of people who call themselves Christians and attend various mainstream churches are not aware of the existence of these discerning persons either. The great majority of those calling themselves Christians are not aware of the availability of the Holy Spirit to true believers. They do not know that someone truly born again, a true believer, can know the Holy Spirit, can tangibly and perceptibly know and detect the presence of God; and surely they do not know that the gifts of the Spirit are real and active today – that people really are truly healed divinely, that miracles really and truly do happen, that persons can receive knowledge of things to come, and so much more.

The anointed believers live in the world and move among the people, trying to live the lives they understand the Lord would have them live. They may not in any way be living dramatic highly visible lives, although some may.

The lack of most people knowing this group or even understanding the reality of it and indeed of what true faith in Jesus leads to is the explanation for how far afield television and movies and news media are from God when they try to talk on that subject or interview someone. Productions by media of the life of Jesus or stories from the Bible have no hope of being accurately done unless there are some of these anointed people involved.

As we near the time of Jesus' return, more and more on earth realize something is truly askew, that life is not going forward as normal. Many are unnerved and look for help from the government, that organization that has become the "god" and "religion" of unbelievers, of the ungodly. Many as we see daily are deceived, some delusional, some even violent.

Some who attend traditional churches may be perhaps growing in their desire to know more, but unless someone comes into their presence with the truth of the essential need to be born of water and

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the spirit, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to be baptized with the Spirit's power, they will never know. At least not unless God does a direct power encounter with them.

Until God came into my car on the NJ Turnpike with the momentous encounter I had there so many years ago, I too did not know what all this meant or the depths of God. I still discover more all the time as he reveals that.

It was many years ago I suddenly realized that indeed the words of the Bible are true, that Jesus meant those words he said in the Bible. And when I acted on them, things happened! People really were healed, sometimes instantly, sometimes over time. Evil spirits really were cast out! And I began ever more to see more and more miracles, to encounter angels, to meet others who were similarly anointed.

It is not a large group of people, this anointed group. And that is why I wonder just how many really will be going with Jesus when he soon comes to collect his sheep. I too hope that there will be some time of great spiritual awakening, but as of now I have not seen that. I still think it might happen right at the last second.

Regardless of where you are in your journey with the Lord – just beginning or years down the road of Christian life – spend as much time and effort as you can in seeking more of him, more of his truths. Read the Bible in private and think and pray about it. Pray in the Spirit as you know how. If you don't understand that, ask God for the Holy Spirit and his gifts. Ask an anointed person if you know one to pray for you to receive that. Seek to spend time in God's presence and let him fill you with his being, with his truths, with his guidance. It's not about asking questions. It's about knowing the Lord and being with him. Brother Lawrence wrote a book many centuries ago called *The Practice of the Presence of God*. That's it. You just never stop doing it. You can buy that book still today.

I know for some when I write like this you must wonder where I come from. But I do want to share the truths of God in all the ways I can. Here really are the basic facts of life:

- God is real
- Jesus is real
- The Holy Spirit is real
- The Bible is true
- Angels are real
- The devil is real, along with his evil ones
- The Spiritual world is the one that made our world and made us. We have physical bodies of course, but we do have spirits inhabiting those bodies.
- In this life your assignment truly is to get to know this Spiritual realm and all God's truths as much as you can and to live in them, to have Jesus as your Lord and to represent Jesus to anyone you meet. And of course to fulfill any direct assignment the Lord gives you.
- Jesus really is coming soon to collect his believers.

The governments today and most people really are spiritually lost, and that is concerning, even frightening. But we still go forward with our eyes on Jesus, doing all we can as the Holy Spirit guides in helping God lead others to Jesus. Evidently most don't get there. Also obviously Jesus is coming

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back very very soon. So be alert, as he himself has warned. Be ready. And please do remember that Jesus made the point he is not going to lose his believers.

NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME: Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord.

SHARING MORE TRUTHS FOR YOUR ATTENTION NOW:

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. – Romans 13:11-12

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. – Isaiah 7:9

The devil prowls around like a roaring lion. – 1 Peter 5:8

Yes he does. More and more in these last days I see evidence of believers being attacked physically and seeking healing. Certainly such attacks are in other ways as well. God has given us very specific tools to use in protecting ourselves and I strongly urge you to use them every day. Our past newsletter of April 2020 has a good detailed explanation of these tools. Read it again and share it!

So what of all the hatred in society today?

...anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. – 1 John 2:11

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law -a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household. Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. – Matthew 10:34-38

So sad and so unpleasant on earth, but we are seeing this over and over.

Never forget who we believers are: *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. That is who all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are.* – 1 Peter 2:9

Jesus’ great warning for our day: *Watch out that you are not deceived!* – Luke 21:8 and more.

There is no peace on earth without God.

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