

The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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**Called to bring:
The Whole Gospel, to the Whole man, to the Whole World.**
(All of Christ in, and manifesting as, all of redeemed humanity)

The year is flying by, it's September already! Times and seasons....Merchandizing never seems to skip a beat keeping up with the seasonal changes. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas items are already in the stores. As soon as the New Years is over, they are on to exercise equipment, and even Valentine hearts. That's the world for you.

Yet we serve a God who never changes, He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. His judgments never change, and neither do His mercies. Actually the Bible says that His mercies are renewed every day. His unconditional love for us never changes, He forever accepted us into the "Beloved." He never changes His mind concerning our callings and gifts. He never changes His mind about the provisions of justification, sanctification, and glorification made for us through the vicarious death, and the victorious resurrection, and the ascension. He never changes His mind about totally forgiving us. He never changes His mind about our eternal security, or our union with Him and our total completeness. God the Father never changes His mind concerning Christ's victory over sin, disease and death. God never changes His mind concerning Satan and his utter defeat, and pending doom. God never decides that He will add one more requirement to our salvation, other than just simply childlike faith in the finished work of Jesus. He could never change His mind about that, because He cannot lie. I could go on and on, but you get my point. God never changes.

What does change? Time changes, seasons change, people change, fellowships change, moods change, beliefs change, the human soul is forever changing, fleshly loves change, friends change, and financial status changes--things in this world are always changing. Why? God means for it to be that way. If it were any other way we would forever be idol worshipers, clinging to people, situations, families, possessions, religions, money, our own lives, our own minds, and forever trying find securities in the things that are seen. We are required to

worship God in "spirit and in truth," Spirit and truth are the things not seen. The bridge from the seen to the unseen is Jesus, who is "Spirit and Truth."

Inner security only comes from trusting, God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who never changes, and has forever made His home in us. So let all things change as it will, one thing is for sure, God is the same today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

The Pearce's have had lots of **company this month**—Brian Coatney came and we did 10 new I Corinthians programs—you can find them at this address:

http://spiritbroadcasting.net/video/video_on_demand.htm This the link to main video page and click on I Corinthians. Also, same link for Therese Thurston and me. She also came for several day and we did 7 programs. Here are the names of the new programs.

"Heresies Among You"

The Must Be Heresies Among You pt1

The Must Be Heresies Among You pt2

Conquering Your Fear

"Jesus' Humanity"

Jesus' Humanity pt1

Jesus' Humanity pt2

Jesus' Humanity pt3

Why Did You Tarry?

Dad and I are soon to do a **teaching tour** through southern Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina starting in the middle of September through October the 10th, and then after October 20. If anyone would like for us to come to your fellowship or church, please contact Margaret Lester at marlester@comcast.com.

Here is our itinerary so far!

Friday, 9-26-08 Lenoir, NC. Vern and Linda Berryhill

Sat. 9-27-08 Drive to Martinsville

Sun 9-28-08 Lynchburg, speak at Mary Enoch's church at 6:00 p.m.

Mon. 9-29-08 Back to Martinsville

Tues.9-30-08 Martinsville, Dutch Inn 9:30 to 3:00

Wed. 10-01-08 Drive to Washington , NC

Thurs 10-02-08 Washington ,NC

Friday 10-03-08 Raleigh

Sat. 10-04-08 Raleigh

Sun. 10-05-08 Concord-Louis Tucker

Mon. 10-06-08 Charlotte recording

Tues. 10-07-08 Wilmington

Wed. 10-08-08 to Wilmington

Thurs. 10-09-08 Rest Ocean Isle

Friday 10-10-08 Pawleys

Friday 10-17-08 to Hilton Head Island, SC.

Saturday 10-18-08-Larry and Lucie Mann- H. H. Is., SC

10-30-08 to Nashville, Meredith and Mike Bub

11-?-08 to Ronnie & Brenda Luttrell- Hopkinsville, Ky. Women's Day-Apart

The benefactor of our new commercial asked if we, as a family, could produce a **INTRODUCTION/WELCOME video** for Spirit Broadcasting. So click [HERE](#) to see it. We are really proud of Dave's hard work. It takes many years to be trained in sound, lightening, videoing, and editing, and Dave learned his expertise through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He has come a long way from our first video's that we did on our back porch. Thank you Dave.

Live Internet Sunday School: Sign up now!

Global Sunday School This study now in progress is a verse by verse study of Galatians **live with Brian Coatney**. The method will be texting style participation for those who sign up and receive a logon. This is a discussion class for people I don't already know, where I will guide with comments on Galatians, and class members can share insights all throughout the 75 minute class that will take place from 2:00-3:15 GMT 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. Later, we can add in audio or video components, but the idea now is to get going. When class size reaches 10-12, class members will talk about how to divide into two classes. Watch the web site for details on when we will be set up to go. For more information please contact Brian Coatney at: coatneys@newwavecomm.net

It would be great if any of our old timers would help to encourage new folks to join this class,

since the class is only designed to facilitate new people.



Would you like **radio in your area?** Please contact **Margaret Lester** at marlester@comcast.net for more information.

Please send me the news in your area to be posted in this Newsletter. sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org

Want a good weather [map?](#)

Quotes

It does seem that man with his limited wisdom is intent upon filling the world with his thoughts on divine things. All this knowledge is a tower of Babel, that seems 'to hide its head in the clouds, but as to its reaching of heaven, it is no nearer to that, than the earth on which it stands. It is thus with all the buildings of man's wisdom and natural abilities in the things of salvation; he may take the logic of Aristotle, add to that the rhetoric of Tully, and then ascend as high as he can on the ladder of poetic imagination, yet no more is done to the reviving the lost life of God in his soul, than by a tower of brick and mortar to reach heaven' (William Law).

"Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet offers the heel that crushes it."

Kierkegaard talks of being a Knight of resignation as opposed to a Knight of faith. To all appearances, the Knight of resignation looks like the ideal Christian (and, in fact, is in a valid first step) by his acceptance of the situation "as is." But the Knight of faith can rise up and receive back his Isaac even as he is offering him up. It is that unique sense of expectancy (though paradoxically thrown into an absurdity of faith which follows the path of loss, yet knowing it will never extinguish our real heart's desire) that keeps the man of God *proving* the heart of God, and not merely being loyal to it. Soren Kierkegaard

"The **adventure of adversity** when seen in its true perspective, it is found to be the doorway into God's most transcendent secret--that adversities and sufferings, which in their origin are the effects of sin and instruments of the devil, in the grasp of faith become REDEMPTIVE. They are transfigured from the realm of merely something to be endured as an opposition of Satan, to something to be used to conquer their author and redeem his victims. Faith in times of adversity makes the serpent swallow itself! Once again the supreme proof of this is that when Satan made his fiercest attack in history on the person of Christ, God used that attack through the faith and endurance of the Sufferer, to bring about the world's salvation. God uses evil to bring about good." Norman P. Grubb



Truths That Seem Like Riddles
Category: Religion and Philosophy

None other than Ron Block.

This is an email exchange with someone who wrote to me on my site. It's good food for thought and heart if you've got a few minutes. I've been told this is a little bit like "Who's on first?" but there's a lot of light that can be generated by thinking about this idea.

His question: "I have a fair grip on the concept that independent self is a lie, but notice that Norman Grubb and others maintain that I/we must choose to believe either the lie or that we've been made perfect, etc. Question: Who is this "I" that chooses? If Christ, I would never be deceived. If false self, I will always be deceived. Looks like insofar as choosing, there is some independence there. Any thoughts?"

Answer:

I do believe in an inner chooser. But an independent "I" that must try to be good or that can do evil in and of itself, no. I'm the manifestation of what I choose to rely on; "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." So there is a self, a human spirit, a chooser. But it's not an independent self that can act autonomously; it can only manifest the life of another.

This takes us from being intrinsically good or bad and makes us neutral in and of our human selves, not evil except as the manifestation of Satan's evil; Jesus said, "You are of your father the Devil, and his works ye shall do." The Pharisees didn't perform their own works; they did the Devil's. Satan was reproducing himself through them, his quality of life. On the other side, Jesus said, "I can do nothing of Myself," meaning His humanity was a neutral vessel, incapable of doing good or evil. And He went on to say, "The Father in Me does the works." Likewise, for us, Paul says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling (sounding like it all depends on us), for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good pleasure" (recognizing that it all really comes from Him).

We make these faith-choices daily. For instance, with my family: Am I going to trust that Christ lives in me, that He will Father my children, that He will Husband my wife through me? If I am harsh with them, the reason is not that I'm bad or evil; the reason is that I am not trusting Him, relying on Him, and instead think that I have to control the situation with "my own" thinking, reasoning, emotions. But really that independent "I" is a lie - there is no "my own." It's Satan or God; if I am going to trust "myself" I'm really falling for Satan's lie of independent "I" that can choose to be an originator of good or evil.

This faith-choice is our only real action. It is an inner choice that then manifests itself in our outer actions. We connect either to Christ within ourselves (believers) or to Satan shoving his thoughts into our heads. We follow Christ, trust, rely, and so manifest His life - or we do it "my way" which is really Satan's way.

This cuts a lot of bull out of "the Christian life" and brings it down to brass tacks: Trust God, every moment, rely on Him - and if you choose against that, you're trusting not 'you' but Satan. Because there is no independent 'you' that is capable of goodness - or evil - in and of your human self.

Like a lamp that can plug into Light Power or into Dark Power - it has to plug in in order to have power. But it chooses which power. Jesus in Matthew 6, after giving what is known as "The Lord's Prayer" contrasts the two different ways of seeing, one satanic, the other godly. When you fast, don't fast like the hypocrites, letting everyone know what you're doing (the satanic self-righteousness, wanting to appear good); instead, fast in secret, and the Father shall reward thee openly. Don't lay up treasures on earth (the satanic desire to have security in an idol, something other than God); instead, lay it up in heaven; Paul said in Colossians 3,, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Wherever your treasure is (in Christ, or in Satan's way of thinking), there your heart will be also. And so we make Christ our treasure - by choice, by faith, by reliance.

And then Jesus says this: "If the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness." C.S. Lewis wrote in *The Silver Chair* that "you are most under the power of an enchantment when you do not think you are enchanted at all." We can be operating totally under fleshly effort, the satanic mindset, and have no idea that we are doing so. The light of the body is the perception; that's why we've to "renew our minds" (Rom 12:2), because in seeing things God's way we are transformed from glory to glory. Jesus in Matthew 6 is telling us to use God's way of thinking and allow no other.

That's choice - faith-choice. And when we make that choice, to one side or the other, God - or Satan - flows.

Why is all this important to know? Call me crazy, but if more Christians knew this there'd be a lot less sin. It's not as fun when we realize that we are giving our minds, souls, bodies over to Satan temporarily when we sin, and that it's really him doing the sin through us. Not possession, but puppetry. And when we express righteousness - love for God and others - we are manifesting the nature of our indwelling Husband, our Captain, our King - and our Father, so spiritual pride that Satan attempts to shove into our minds after doing something good becomes a non-issue.



Enough said about Politicians—How about this one!

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard;

"Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech and expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The rest of the Story", and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our Nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "One Nation under God."

Letters



Dear Sylvia,

Greetings from the Charlotte home of the **Billy Graham Evangelistic Association**.

I'm a producer in the radio department here, and our Senior Producer, Bob Souer, passed your card along to me. You may have met him at the NRB convention or at another occasion, but Bob says you or Scott (or both) have a life story that includes being impacted by the Graham ministry. If that's the case, would you consider doing an interview with me which I could use for a possible story for The Hour of Decision?

Having visited your website, it's obvious you're doing wonderful work for the Lord, and if we could use your or Scott's testimony to reach our listeners we'd be very grateful.

Please let me know if this is something you'd consider, and would you please also give me an indication of exactly what is the "Graham connection?"

Thank you, and I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings,

Mike McLean



Dear Mike,

I received your welcomed request to my husband, Scott and me to tell our story on The Hour of Decision. We understand that it is only a possibility; however, we serve the God of the unlikely where all things are possible. With that in mind, here goes.

Scott and I were both saved at a Billy Graham Crusade held here in Louisville, Ky. years ago, it wouldn't be years later after we married that we realized that Billy Graham was our founding father in Christ. We have been so thankful for His ministry and faithfulness to the call of God on his life. We know that we are only two thankful people out of hundreds of thousands of

thankful people.

Now, let me tell you about us:

Scott was a very young boy who was taken to Dr. Graham's Crusade by his aunt while his mother was dying in the hospital of alcoholism. Scott heard the call of God to accept Jesus, and went forward. To this day, Scott testifies of God's faithfulness to a small child who hardly knew what he was doing, yet God ordered his steps right on through adulthood, and caused him to know forgiveness and peace with God. It was not until years later that Scott accepted Jesus Christ as his LIFE. Today, Scott is called to full time ministry, taking the message of liberation to Christians around the world.

Now about me: At a very young age, I was pretty devastated by an unloving mother; a failed attempt to escape from that unloving home; a failed 3 month marriage to an unfaithful husband; a young pregnancy; and a heartbreaking experience at motherhood. So when Brother Graham came to Louisville, I was truly prepared to except the fact I was a sinner and was in dire need of a personal savior. As Brother Graham called for "whosoever will" to come forward to surrender their hearts to Jesus Christ, I said in my heart, "I will." The Holy Spirit so worked His work in my heart that I didn't even care if I got lost in the crowd, I had to go, so go, or rather run, I did. I prayed the sinners prayer and walked away saved, cleansed, and filled by the Holy Spirit with My Lord Jesus Christ. What glory!

After my conversion, I was lead to attend a Bible class conducted by a Spirit filled Bible teacher who knew and taught grace—Amazing Grace. So, I was privileged to be taught grace from the very beginning. Once when I questioned my salvation after not acting much like a Christian, my Bible teacher taught me to drive my stake of faith and stand on the Word of God in I Cor. 6: 11..."And such **were** some of you, but you **are** washed, but you **are** sanctified, but you **are** justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." So faith in the finished work of the Cross became my banner of mercy and love while miraculously stabilized me, and holding me firmly in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

However, can I be so bold as to say that assurance of ones salvation is not enough. I knew that my past sins were forgiven, and I knew that my future was eternity with Christ in heaven, but what about living life NOW? That I didn't understand. Our first steps into Christ are enough to cause me to know Jesus as Savior, and Jesus as Lord, but what about Jesus as my life. That I didn't know. I thought that I had to live the life, I had to perform righteousness, I had to be a good Christian, I had do good works for Jesus. What I didn't know is that I was operating from a false self. I knew Jesus and I knew that He lived in my heart, (Spirit center) but I thought I had to perform for Him in order to bear fruit, to witness and lead other to Christ and on, on and on. My strivings to become righteous went on for some years, until I was more desperate than when I was a young person coming to Christ in the first place.

Romans 5:10 set me free. "For when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, MUCH MORE, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." The Amplified version says, "Saved daily by His resurrection LIFE." Then I saw, Jesus not only died for me, but He is living in me. Life doesn't depend on me, it depends on Jesus. I had accepted Jesus as my Savior, and Lord, but now I have accepted Him as my very life. And His resurrection life

in me saves me from me, or should I say, a performing me. I always wanted to be like Jesus, but didn't know how. Now I can... Jesus said, "I can of my own self, do nothing," I am like that, because I know now that I can do nothing of myself either. My only part is to believe in Him..... I can believe in Jesus as my life, as the power for witnessing, as my peace, as my understanding, as my inner surety and as my very existence.

Now lastly I have accepted Jesus as me, the bodily form of Him, that is. It is just like a head not trying to operate separate from the body, "the two become one flesh" or one person, so I am joined to Him as one being. He is the vine and I am the branch, but I like to say that I am the branch form of the vine. I have exchanged lives with Christ. His was made sin on my behalf, in order for me to be made His righteousness. I have accepted that truth wholeheartedly. I am joined to Christ, my spirit joined to His Spirit and we are one. Only Jesus is Creator and God, yet I, the created form, have inherited His very nature, and now we are joined together in a union relationship. He overcomes my temptations, He resists the devil when He torments me, He is the glory in my sufferings, He is my peace when trials come, He is my victory when I feel defeated, He is my love, and my very life. I have all of Him by faith, not always by feelings, and not always by appearances, but by an affirmation of faith that boldly declares, I have Him all, and as I drive my stake of faith, God makes it real to me every day.

Thank you, Doctor Graham for starting me on the road of faith in Christ. Jesus is all and everything to me now. "Christ is all and in you all," this verse in Colossians 3:11 rings true for all born-again Christians, yet few really have accepted Jesus to this extent. My life's calling now is sharing with weary Christians the Liberating Secret of "Christ, who is our life." Colo. 3:3-4. He is not just apart of our lives, like some suppose, HE IS OUR LIFE.

Grace started me off and Grace leads me home, All this is ours as believers by faith, and NEVER by our own efforts, our own works, or by our own life. No, it is all of Jesus, and not any of me living, for it is Christ living in me.

By faith, I accepted Christ as my Savior; I accepted Christ as my Lord; I accepted Christ as my forgiveness; I accepted Christ as my baptism of the Holy Spirit; I accepted Christ as my wisdom (1 Cor. 30); I accepted Christ as my keeper (Jude 1:24; 1 Peter 1:5); I accepted Christ as the bishop of my soul (1 Peter 2:25) ; I accepted Christ as my victory over the power of sin (Rom. 6:2;14); I accepted Christ as my victory over the torment of trying to keep the law (Rom. 8:2); I accepted Christ as my health; I accepted Christ as my peace (Eph. 2:14); I accept Christ as my faith, and faithfulness (Gal. 2:20b; Gal 5:22); I accepted Christ as my indwelling life, and nature (2 Peter 1:4); I accepted Christ as my true identity (Gal 2:20); and by faith, I accepted Christ as the real me, for it is not I that lives, but it is Christ that lives as me (Gal. 2:20).

And this life of faith all started with a small little girl who was desperate for love and acceptance, and heard the call of the Holy Spirit through a faithful Evangelist, and dared to come forward and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Thank you Billy Graham Association for all your work, "for it is God who works in you both to will and do of His good pleasure."

Thankfully yours,

Scott and Sylvia Pearce

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you so much for sending the wonderful document you attached to your reply. Your story is indeed inspiring.

Since you and Scott are going to be coming our way, let's plan to do the interview at our facilities here. When you have firm dates regarding when you'll be in Charlotte, please let me know, and we'll arrange a time that works for you.

Blessings to you 'til then.

Mike

**The date that we will be in Charlotte for the interview is Oct. 6th at 10:00 AM
Please pray for us!**

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*My Precious Grace,*

I am not sure how to start this or what will transpire as I write. I pray it is a gift to you.. *a legacy of Love...*

From the time you could form sentences you had "big" questions on your mind...not about dolls or things, but about God...why did He make the earth?; how big is the universe? Why are we the way we are? How does He keep the stars in the sky? How Big is God? Do doggies go to heaven? Etc... It started at about 3 years of age... Your mom would call me and ask if I could come visit as you had questions she didn't know how to begin to answer and I would get there just as quick as I could... Every time I visited we had at least one night you could stay up as late as you wanted to and talk with me... There were many 3-4 in the morning talks... Now, I wish I had written down what we talked about, but our Father knows...

You blessed me when you came out of your mother's womb and you have not ceased to continue to be a blessing to me.. When you were born, I prayed over you, asking our Father to bring you to Himself, and to show you who you were, why you were here, and that you would ALWAYS know your existence was Purposed and full of purpose... and I prayed for Gordon . I didn't know his name, but I prayed for your mate.. And, Gordon is the perfect one for you... Only God could have set up your meeting one another...so now you begin a journey

together, each one bringing to this union your uniqueness...which is who God made each of you for the Glory of Christ Jesus, and the Joy of His ways... You walk together; sometimes it will "look like" you are on separate tracks...but that is just a delusion... that you have to be in control, or that you have to be right, or that whatever it is just doesn't make sense, or I just plain don't agree with you!!!!...BUT GOD!!

Always, always, always, take the thoughts to Jesus as it says in Corinthians. As you do this, the Holy Spirit will reveal Himself to you and you will see where the thoughts originated and what to do with them... You already know about this as we have done it for years together...but now you are in union with Gordon in a different way, but the principles remain the same.. We just forget so easily and wallow in our anger, hurt, or self righteousness... BUT GOD... Remember, the Cross of Christ where you and Gordon died (Gal. 2:20) and were raised in Him, and now live out of His Life in this world. This was where all SIN was dealt with... so when the guilts, unforgiveness, the snarls, surface, grit your teeth and declare the TRUTH about you and Gordon ... which is how our Father's see each of you... which is "Blameless, forgiven, totally loved, because we are IN Christ" and that is what our Father sees...

In Psalm 139 it says that our Father knew us before we were formed in our mother's womb and that He has ordained all the days of our lives that we should walk in them. In THE SHACK He makes it clear that Relationship is what life is about... Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding and He will bring it to pass (PS 37:3-5 paraphrased...Proverbs 3: 5-6)

And, timing is every thing... And, if you will just look back on your life thus far you will see His Hand in everything... What seemed to be so hard, much of that you can recognize has been a guide TO something... more recent things will be made obvious later if it is necessary... Be not anxious, but in everything with prayer (talking it over with God) and supplication make your desires known to Him...

And, lastly, but most important is Praise our Lord God for ALL THINGS (I Thess. 5:11-26, especially 16-23)

A grateful heart in the midst of any circumstance brings *peace* to your soul... Sometimes it takes longer than other times just because we are so overwhelmed. **but** bring the thoughts to Christ and Thank Him that He is in the midst of whatever is going on...then *WATCH* and see what God does !! Again, time is not the issue, Believing the Truth in all circumstances is the issue... Praise causes the atmosphere to change...

So, my dearly beloved friend, bottom line is I love you and am here for you and Gordon in whatever capacity you desire... Remember always **you are LOVED!!** AD

## Poem of the Month

### Wisdom Has Gained Her Victory

Sylvia Pearce

There is a wound so deep  
There is a desert so dry  
There is a garden of grief  
where all I can do is ask why?

Loss is etched in every man's heart  
Pain becomes our friend  
Where is the victory and the joy?  
Lord, when will my hurts end?

Release belongs to someone else  
Peace eludes my mind  
Come Lord meet my anguished heart  
Please don't leave me behind

My flesh longs for Your dear life  
Manifest yourself anew  
Fulfill your promises to Job  
Let my flesh see You

There is a time when what is good gives way to what is best  
God wounds us and He hurts us,  
but the fire forces our hearts to rest

Jesus, you are my pain, and you are my joy  
You are my life indeed  
Let patience have her perfect work  
Where opposites are freed

Is weakness your strength in disguise,  
And pain your megaphone?

Can brokenness be your healing place

Even when I feel all alone?

O Lord reveal your mysteries;

do opposites fit together as one?

Does pain gives way to glory; and sorrow lead to joy?

Does confusion birth clarity;

And does nothing contain Your all?

Can temptation be for my own good,

and has the devil become my friend?

Does faith rise out of doubt;

and does sovereignty and free-will contend?

Life swallows up death,

And grace replaces law.

Here is my soul at rest,

For God uses it all.

(II Corinthians 12:9-10; 13:4)

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## Recommend Readings

### A brother offers more reading material

We've never met, but we know some of the same people. For many years I've also known the secret to the liberating Life of Christ, having been tutored by the likes of Norman Grubb and Major Ian Thomas, among others.

I read with interest your suggested reading list, and have read many of the books therein. I would like to suggest a couple more authors, (which you should, of course, read before you add them to your list), as follows:

J. Rufus Moseley  
Roy Hession

"Perfect Everything," and, "Manifest Destiny."  
"From Shadow to Substance."

There are plenty more, but these are quite good as they explore the depths of God, and

they would compliment anyone's reading list. God is much bigger and deeper than any one single author or book, and since I depend upon Him to speak to me in any way He sees fit, I simply read in expectation of His truth being affirmed in my spirit.

It's neither struggle nor work, but just resting in His inner presence and happily knowing He never makes mistakes. It's also knowing that when I trust God for His leading in advance of the day, I can thank Him for His leading *at the end of the day as well* – whether things turned out the way I expected or not, or whether I sustained so-called defeats or enjoyed so-called victories. It's ALL His doing, and that's quite liberating.

Best regards,

Willis Fagan

**Scott and I highly recommend these three Paul E. Billheimer's books entitled:**

1. **Destined for the Throne** (endorsed by Billy Graham and Norman Grubb) ISBN #87508-0146 –Try not to get a revised version–they shaved the edge off when they revised it.

**Here is a taste of its splendor**

*'He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit' (I Corinthians 6:17).*

"This union goes beyond a mere formal, functional, or idealistic harmony or rapport. It is an organic unity, and "organic relationship of personalities." Through the new birth we become bona fide generated sons of God (I John 3:2), "**partakers of the divine nature**" (II Peter 1:4) begotten by Him, impregnated with His 'genes,' called the seed ("**sperma**") of God (I John 5:1, 18 and I Peter 1:3,23), and bearing His heredity. Thus, through the new birth, and I speak reverently, we become the 'next of kin' to the Trinity, a kind of "extension" of the Godhead. That this group outranks all other orders of created beings is attested by Paul's dramatic questions in I Corinthians 6:2-3: "Don't you know that someday we Christians are going to judge and govern the world? Don't you realize that we Christians will judge and reward the very angels in heaven?" Here as a completely new, unique, and exclusive order of beings which may be called a "new species." There is nothing like it in all the kingdoms of infinity. This is the order of beings which God envisioned when He spoke the worlds into being. This is the order of beings which Paul called 'the new man' (Ephesians 2:15), the new humanity destined through the new birth to be the aristocracy of the universe. They form a new and exclusive royalty, a new ruling hierarchy who will also constitute the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. This order is divinely designated to be co-ruler, co-sovereign, co-administrator and a judicially equal partner to the throne by virtue of redemption and wedlock with the King of kings.

Nothing can ever dim the fact that infinity separates the Creator from the created. Christ is the eternally unique and only begotten Son, 'the brightness of (God's) glory, and the express image of his person.' But from all eternity God purposed to have a family circle of his very own, not only created but also generated by His own life, incorporating His own seed, "sperma," "genes," or heredity. Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own (in a genetic sense), through what Christ would do for us' In order to obtain this personal, organic family relationship, God conceived the infinitely vast and infinitely wise plan of creation plus redemption through the new birth, in order to bring "many sons to glory."

Christ is the divine Prototype after which this new species is being made. They

are to be exact copies of Him, true genotypes, as utterly like Him as it is possible for the finite to be like the Infinite. As sons of God, begotten by Him, incorporating into their fundamental being and nature the very "genes" of God, they rank above all other created beings and are elevated to the most sublime height possible short of becoming members of the Trinity itself. Although, Christ is the unique and only begotten Eternal Son, yet He does not retain His glory for Himself alone for He has declared, "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them" (John 17:22). Therefore, the redeemed will share His glory, His rulership, and His dominion as truly responsible princes of the Realm."

## **2. Destined to Overcome ISBN # 0-87123-287-1**

### **Here is another taste of splendor**

"Man was originally made for authority. He was created and fashioned for dominion. When he came fresh from the hand of God, he was given rulership of the earth, kingship of its life, and the control and mastery of its forces. In Gen. 1:26 it is recorded, "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over all earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth," The writer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm states specifically, "You made him to have dominion over the works of thy hand: thou has put all things under his feet."

Heaven holds the key by which decisions governing earthly affairs are made; but we hold the key by which these decisions are implemented. This being so, then prayer takes on a very different dimension from the conventional notion or understanding. Prayer is not overcoming reluctance in God. It is not persuading Him to do something He is unwilling to do. It is "binding upon earth" that which already has been bound in heaven (Matt. 16:19, Amp). It is implementing His decision. It is enforcing His will upon earth. Prayer makes possible God's accomplishing what He wants and what He cannot do without it. The content of all true prayer originates in the heart of God. So it is He who inspires the prayer in the heart of man. The answer to every God-inspired petition is already prepared before the prayer is uttered. When we are convinced of this, then faith for the answer is easy. Far easier than it would be otherwise."

## **3. Don't Waste Your Sorrows—ISBN # 0-87508-007-3**

### **And another taste:**

This is part of Dr. B. H. Pearson Foreword to the book.

"I am pleased indeed with the volume, *Destined for the Throne*, but I am thrilled with *Don't Waste Your Sorrows*! The insights and vantage points gained in the former volume have enabled you to see deeply and clearly into one of the darkest and most mysterious valleys of human existence—the problem of suffering and sorrow. You have no need of excusing it, for you show God using it as a precious means of developing character here and thereby making possible for the child of God as he enters the heavenly realm "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Most materials written on the problem of sorrow leave the reader with questions. In this volume you give an answer clear, resounding, Biblical, and based on the character and being of God. The concept of God and man suffering together, and eternal values thereby accruing, impossible of achievement in any other way, helps to transmute sorrow and suffering into closer communion with the Lord.

*Don't Waste Your Sorrows* shows pain and suffering to be not an oversight or accident, but part of the eternal love-plan of God for perfecting "His family" on earth for their place in the eternal Kingdom of God."

**A book recommended by Brian Coatney:**

Someone (I don't know who) had the Acton Institute send me the book above about environmental stewardship. The book is 118 pages and divided into three sections. Jewish scholars write the first, Catholic scholars the second, and other Christian scholars the third.

What appeals to me in the book is the basic thesis that the problems we hear so much about concerning the environment are nothing that people of faith in democracies with free enterprise can't solve by continuing to grow spiritually, economically, technologically with an emphasis on personal property ownership.


This is not an ecumenical book but simply a book where Jewish and Christian thinkers give basic biblical and scientific reasoning on why things are not as bad as we might think.

I'm not recommending the book because it tells how to find deliverance from sin and walk in the Spirit (the ultimate issues!); I'm recommending it because it's a book about why God is bigger than what we fear and why, as made in His image trusting him, we can see the world as opportunity and not resign ourselves to desperation measures that ultimately cause more destruction than the problems these measures seek to solve.

The most exhilarating things about the book are the dignity of man in the image of God as God's ruling agent and the marvelous possibilities that come from faith and technology combined in a view that doesn't panic over immediate worst case scenarios for the future as if God can't lead man to a better world by faith.

The book is not political and but simply presents three essays on why we have far more reason to believe and live in hope about the environment than we have to wring our hands, place blame, and think the world is about to fall apart.

Below is the book info, I put the link for the Acton Inst. Thanks to whoever sent me the book.

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## Prayer Request

When our son was in jail, we asked for prayer, when I was diagnosed with leukemia, we ask for prayer, when we have a need, we ask for your prayers to the Father. Now, we have a financial need in our ministry, we are **asking for your prayers**. Our Father already knows

our needs, yet He says, "You have not, because you ask not." We are asking you to ask the Lord, and along with asking we are asking you to believe with us for the financial needs for our many radio stations.

This is from Paul E. Billheimer's book, "Destined, to Overcome." **"Prayer is where the action is.** John Wesley said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer," and E. M. Bounds tells us "God shapes the world by prayer."

A great illustration is the account of the Israelites battle against the Amalekites. Satan, God's enemy had stirred up the heathen nation of Amalek to fight the Israelites trying to keep them from entering the promise land. As the battle was beginning, Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." Joshua and his men began the battle.. "And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" When Moses grew tired and could no longer hold up his arms, Aaron and Hur stood up on either side and supported him until the battle was won by God's people and Amalek was defeated.

These 3 men, Moses, Aaron and Hur were united in holding up the rod of God, symbolic of His power and prayer. When the intercessors engaged in believing prayer, Satan's forces were bound and paralyzed. Then God's children were victorious. To the casual observer the battle was won in the valley where the troops were engaged but to the spiritually discerning the battle was won on the mountaintop. Prayer is truly where the action is.

**All prayer request sent to the Liberating Secret web-site will be send to Art and Fran Giles, our newly appointed Christ, Our Life Ministries intercessors. E-mail them at:**

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## This Month's Article:

### **"DEAD TO THE LAW!"**

(Romans 7:4)

By the body death, we are dead to the law, not dead to self. The outer law is bound to a person who believes the illusion of independence (I-Alone). When there is no independent-self, there is nothing from which the outer law can demand obedience.

**"You (as an independent-self) are dead"**

A DEAD person cannot keep the law. The law may shout at us, but a DEAD person cannot respond to it. A DEAD person cannot perform at all. He has no plans for the future, no regrets for the past, nothing to do in the present. He cannot do good deeds, or be moral. He has no ability to fix himself, nor even the need to. A DEAD person doesn't need improvement. A DEAD person doesn't have the strength to fight the devil. A DEAD person doesn't need to re-commit himself to God, because-- HE IS DEAD.

**"YOU ARE DEAD, AND CHRIST IS OUR LIFE." (Col. 3:3-4)**

Self-improvement is the biggest lie in Christianity. God doesn't want an improved self, he wants a dead selves. But regrettably we are taught to, do more, pray more, give more, be a better parent, a better spouse, a better church-goer, and give more tithes. "DO, do, do and you will be right on with God." My good friend, Louis Tucker went to a religious leader for Spiritual help because he was miserably as a do-gooder-Christian. He was told by that leader that he needed to tithe more of his money, and that would make him okay again spiritually. He had been to 28 different churches in his community and was told similar advice. I don't know anything about those particular churches, and I don't want to judge them for their

ignorance, but this mentality is most often the “religious spirit” that permeates our church community. I’m not saying that it is wrong to read you Bible, go to church, or give money to ministries, but doing it as a Spiritual remedy for being right with God only puts us into worse bondage.

A “religious spirit” is the hardest to break, because it is Satan disguised as “an angel of light”—looks so good, and acts so good, but hides all of its sins under the cloak of goodness. Jesus was the hardest on this ‘pharisaical religious spirit’ in Matthew 23. Read the whole chapter if you want to see what God thinks of this devilish kind of mentality.

Knowing that you are “dead to sin” is not enough, we must know that we are “dead to the law” as well. These twin truths must always be linked together as one truth, and completing a total revelation. We are not just freed from sin by being dead to it, we are also totally freed from trying to respond to, or humanly keep the outer law at all.

Let us look at what the Bible says about being “DEAD TO THE LAW.” Romans 7:1, says, “*The law will have dominion over a man as long as he lives.*” “The *LAW*,” and “*HE LIVES*” are connected, and bound together as two illicit lovers that continually punish each other with their lovemaking. *I live, and I CAN keep the law* mentality, spins you around and around like a gerbil on a wheel while never satisfying you—it only punishes you for not keeping it better. This mentality keeps our old husband, Satan, alive and well and in control. Your, “*I CAN*,” is actually still Satan having his lying hold on you.

The next verse (2) goes on to say:

*“the woman (human) which hath a husband (Satan’s lie of independent-self) is **bound by the law** to her husband (Satanic delusion) as long as **he** (this lie) lives; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren you also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you should be married to another even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.”*

Why does the passages in Romans seven verse one and following talk about the old husband dying? In a marriage or union there is no separation, there is only oneness. What the husband does, the wife does, “the two shall become one flesh.” Satan lived and expressed *his*

lust of the flesh, *his* lust of the eye, and *his* pride of life through us, as if it were us. When the marriage died in Christ's crucifixion, Satan's dominion in us died as well.

The wife, or the human being was so mixed with the old husband's mind sets that we carried the satanic consciousness with us from our previous fallen marriage right into our new marriage with Christ. So in a sense we still have Satan's thinking or consciousness. That is why Romans 8 says that, "The mind set on the flesh is death." That mind-set of separation and independence has to die in us before we can know, experience, and express our union with Christ. It is important what we think, because we walk after what we think, "As a man thinks, so is he" (Proverb 23:7). That is why my flesh thinking has to be replaced with "the mind of Christ." I'm not talking about just changing my thinking, somewhat like, start thinking positively. No, we have to have a total mind replacement. The mind of Christ is another mind, it is the new mind of the new creation.

I went through a period where I was bombarded by demonic thought patterns, I thought that I was going crazy. I replaced each thought with the truth, but it just keep coming. Finally I said to the Lord, "I'm losing my mind." He said to me, "Good, I want you to lose *your* mind!" Then He went on to say, "You have to lose your mind, in order to know that you have *my* mind." I got the point. There is the "mind of the flesh which is death" (Romans 8:6-7), and there is "the mind of the Spirit," which is peace and life. I learned that replacing each thought led to more crazy thinking, so the lesson I learned was not to replace individual thoughts, but instead replace my whole mind. The mind of Christ doesn't have those crazy thought patterns. I have another mind, the mind of Christ and it is peace, life and sanity. For a long time now I've known that, I had the mind of Christ, but it was a vague knowing. Now through this experience, I really know that I have the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is clear, simple and childlike. While the mind of the flesh tries to figure everything out, it tries to master through understanding. It is confused, complicated, arrogant, and heady.

You see, I thought that I had my own thinking. That is the lie. We are not independent selves with our own thinking and our own willing and our own lives. Satan was disguising himself as my thinking and my understanding. It was Satan that was thinking through me, it was his understanding through me. He was my confusion. The flesh is only a vessel, and not an independent mind. Whenever we are tempted, he speaks to us *in first person*, as if it were us. He tries to reign and have life through our humanity. Victory comes when we know that through the body death of Christ we have a new being living in us and as us, and it is Christ.

Norman Grubb in his booklet, Romans 6-8 says:

*"We have been under the Satanic delusion of being independent-selves who can and must respond to law and while we think this, we are actually still slaves to Satan, who compels us either to try to fulfill or to resist God's laws, therefore obeying his own law of sin and death. So the more we think we should obey God's laws, the more Satan is aroused to make us break it." "Reckoning yourself "dead to sin and alive to God" is meaningless to us while that root deception is still controlling us into thinking that we are more than a people operated by a deity spirit. The human is a simple vessel filled with either liquid; we are branches bearing another spirit's fruit; we are temples indwelt by a deity spirit; we are wives bearing our husbands children; and we are bodies controlled by a spirit head; and slaves managed and operated by one master or another. Believing that we are more than these simple vessels/containers makes us human beings, **God.**"*

We are free when we know like Paul that we are "dead to the law by the body death of Christ." The law isn't dead, but we are dead to it. The law, says Paul, is "holy, just and good," but the problem is that I can't perform it, by flesh efforts. When I know that I am dead, then the law can shout at me day and night, but I can't respond because I am dead. Now, I am free. I love the verse in Romans 6:11, "He that is dead is freed from sin." The only way to be set free from sin is to be dead.

What can a dead man do? NOTHING, that is the point. Only then can we truly identify with Jesus when He said, "Of my (human) self, I can do nothing," and "without me you can do nothing."

The Church of God needs a revelation on what it means to be dead. Jesus would have never been resurrected, unless He was totally and utterly dead, and neither will we. That is why Romans 6 is so centered in on our identifying ourselves "Dead with Christ."

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