

The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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Ministry News

Report from: On The Road Again

What an outstanding time visiting North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee Churches and fellowships! Scott and I began our adventure in Cary, NC at The Fellowship of Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church on February 3rd. Our contact, Cheryl Humphries hosted a "Day Apart," at her church inviting folks to two sessions. It is thrilling to teach at a fellowship who is ready to hear the deeper things of God. Cheryl had interceded for this very successful meeting. Thank you, saints for having us, we were just as blessed as you.

Then, off we went to Alta Vista, Virginia near where Margaret Lester grew up. Margaret was especially blessed because these folks heard us on the radio, and invited us to come. They, Martha and Bernie Germeroth first heard The Liberating Secret radio while riding in their old farm truck. Their truck radio can only get AM stations, and there we were broadcasting from Lynchburg. She excitedly told her husband that someone else believed like we do. They were hooked after that. When we got there, they were invitingly gracious and thankful for our coming. Their home fellowship filled their house as we shared liberation to "God's Precious People." I'm sure we haven't seen the last of them.

We spent two glorious weeks at Hilton Head in our RV with a short trip to Chris Schladerbach, in Summerville, SC. There, we met Sharon Farmer the wife of a pastor who was blessed by "The Treasures of Darkness." The Pastor was unable to attend our luncheon date, but wants us back at another time.

The end of our trip was just as memorial as the beginning. We decided to go to Nashville, instead of attending Steve Pettit's conference in Alachua, FL, seeing that Steve is coming to Louisville the last of March. But before we made our way home we visited Kathy and Louis Tucker in Concord, NC, and Gray and Marion Dixon in Wilmington, NC. The time with Kathy and Louis was outstanding, as usual. Great light pours out of Louis's teaching and

Kathy is so gracious and loving. Our new friend and radio listener, Paul Chapman from Cary NC, joined us in Concord and ended up following us all the way to Louisville, via Wilmington and Nashville. I think that we have a groupie.

What can I say about Wilmington with Gray and Marion? Delight, gratefulness, liberation, hospitality, loving appreciation, and good food. God bless, Tim and Taylor for asking for prayer— Tim, you are healed and living from Christ, your eternal health, and Taylor, don't try to stop trying. Tell God, He is getting no help from you.

Then there was Nashville! What a special time at Mike and Meredith Bub house! She is my precious daughter and friend. Meredith invited about 20 people over for a song fest/bible study/and fellowship time. It was a mini-May meeting. Gloriously refreshing and powerful.

Saturday Night at the Grand Ole Opry was just tremendously inspiring after our time sharing with Ricky Skaggs. How does God do this??

Then home again on Poplar Lane only to find enough time to get ready to go to Jenny's women's retreat at Pawley's. Am I 65 or 25?, I'm not considering.

Don't forget Jenny Fienning's women's retreat at Pawley's Island on March 9-16. Call her for more info: 843-671-2545. Jenny, Fran Giles, Margaret Lester and I will share the union truths that have set us free.

Who will be Visiting us?

March 23-24 Steve Pettit will be coming to the Pearce's house in Louisville, Ky. for two days of fellowship and teaching. Call me at 502-245-4581 or 502-417-2110 and make arrangements to come. Friday will be our hang-out fellowship time and on Saturday, Steve will be teaching. Don't miss it.

May 17-20 is the dates of our May conference, call early for arrangements. Call: Norma Mouser at norma@travelloptions.net or call her at **502-420-0904; or at 1-800-223-7100**. You may want to reserve it yourself: Best Western (502) 267-8100; Comfort Suites (502) 266-6509; Sleep Inn (502)266-6776 or the more affordable Microtel (502) 266-6590.

RSVP to: sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org, or call 502-245-4581; 502-417-2110

Please keep the meeting in your prayers. We are looking forward to who the Lord brings. Directions will be provided

Look for your invitation in the mail late March, or if we missed your name consider yourself invited anyway. Check out the internet invitation: www.theliberatingsecret.org .

News from the Web

Spirit Broadcasting Network: www.spiritradio.net Remember this is TV as well as radio. There were 3727 visitors this month.

The Liberating Secret: www.theliberatingsecret.org
There were visitors 1,347. Go God Go!

And www.colmlouisville.org our church site– catch the great teaching

A Meditation

Psalm 34
Brian Coatney

“ I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (34:1 RSV).

By our emotions, we can never understand this verse, for praise starts with our willingness that God lead us into His praise; quite often, praise means the sacrifice of praise, which starts in the will.

The Psalm conveys the idea that boasting takes us over as we praise– the kind of boasting that magnifies the Lord. In this atmosphere, we find that He does answer us and deliver us from all of our fears, though circumstances may not change. Shame gives way to radiance, as we enjoy His light.

This sounds too good for the average person; surely, an exalted Psalm like this is only for the super-spiritual, but the Psalmist continues, “ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him” (6). Everyone is a poor man in the sense of the beatitudes.

Out of that place of weakness, "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (7). The Psalmist uses tasting and seeing to intensify this reality, imprinting upon us the fact that spiritual reality communicates to us vividly with a new set of sensory experience. Life on a body level as we have known it does not compare to this.

This kind of experience causes us to want more, giving us hope that even in this mortal, grief-ridden life, we may find good and also hope for length of years. So the Psalmist leads us into the exhortation that we keep our tongues sweet and our deeds pure, which comes by feeding on the living Christ.

This does not mean that we will not grow old, get sick, and die; or that we will escape the heartbreaks that life in a fallen world inevitably brings: it does mean that even in our tribulations, He saves the "crushed in spirit" (18).

Our final hope is messianic, as the Psalm clearly is, with the prophecy that messiah's suffering would torture him, but not break even a single bone. As we look at the speeding course of our short lives, we know that God's final deliverance to His suffering servant, the messiah, came not by sparing Him from death, but by raising Him from the dead. And so too, we confidently believe the same for ourselves in Him, and that He will set evil in its proper domain and light up all the universe manifestly with His own glory at the consummation.

That Which is Transcendent

Brian Coatney

When the Holy Spirit awakens conscience in us, we first mistakenly think that sins are the problem, concentrating on what Scripture forbids, making resolutions to do better—hoping that spiritual discipline and resolution will fortify improvement. God will help us, we think, for isn't that what He desires to do? Little do we know that God already sees completely that we miss the underpinning of sinful deeds— that we miss the hidden root of self sufficiency, the self love that keeps a person fastened tightly in sin and under the enemy's control.

A shock comes when we awaken to know this: not for a flicker of a second did God ever think that we would or could keep His law; He only gave it to us to prove that we cannot keep it. When convinced of this, the beauty of God's real plan opens up to us, a plan in which He created us as vessels to contain and express His righteousness— not our own. Therefore, He must be the one at work in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure," as Paul

tells us in Philippians 2:13 (KJV).

Self righteousness, then, is the hidden sin that only gets revealed to us when our self love turns toxic enough to drive us away from preoccupation with ourselves, turning us to who Christ is and the depth of His work on the Cross. There, He delivered us from a universe spinning around the terrible axis of ourselves. Until the horror of this self preoccupation, this utter narcissism, came into the light, I lived as my own God.

This poison did not originate with us; the angelic fall, described behind the lines in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, tells of Lucifer, whose name means light bearer. As such, he became so enamored with himself that he missed entirely the fact that his mantle of glory was the presence of the Lord and nothing else. Desiring that mantle as the province of his own "I," he coveted it to his own destruction.

What other virus, then, could he impart to Adam and Eve in the Fall? The subtlest deception of them all is the one leading a person to believe in his own goodness. When we sicken of that, we can by faith look away from ourselves to Christ, who is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being" (Heb.1:3 NIV).

Does this mean, though, that we disappear and only think of God, as if to be human is unworthy? No! By the miracle of rebirth, as we lose ourselves, we reappear as "Christ in us" (Col. 1:17), but no longer driven by self but by Christ in the self, which looks like we living, but is really He living (Gal. 2:20).

To know the true human self in all-out living, that self must know the secret of who is living inside. Love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self all follow in order then.

Letters

2-7-07

Dear James,

Great to get your letter, though I see you suffer from amnesia since you don't mention the guy's name who had the booklet. But that's okay, at age 57, I forget a lot of things too.

I'm glad to send any pamphlets or books to the facility here, but I want to ensure that I don't get them rejected and sent back. Greg Gonzales got

permission from his chaplain, and I sent the book to his chaplain, who passed it on to Greg. Sometimes a chaplain is not in a position to do other than put materials in the library. In any event, if you tell me a way that will work, I'll send some things.

I agree with you on the Bible— nothing like reading it. Other books give us great light, but something about the Scriptures breathes out to us their authority and foundation, so that anything that does not accord with them, that thing is off. I do find surprisingly that some things are grounded in Scripture when I formerly thought they were not. Of course that goes two ways: some, of a bent to be immoral, find justification in the Bible for anything they want to do. I find more importantly, though, that as I really have let go of the lie of independent self, that God's light shines in a way I had not seen before, simply because I formerly read through self-centered eyes that lodged undisclosed strongholds of the enemy.

I don't go enemy hunting however, or major on the enemy, for my love is Christ, and He keeps me. He keeps any that want Him too, and He does it easily without a fuss. Occasionally I feel so distraught and weighed down by various impulses and lusts, tempting me to think that surely, the pulls on the flesh must be worse than ever, and I then must be a wretched person indeed for starting to sink under them. Self pity begins to think, "Oh, I can find a place in him." But then I realize that this is all the same old tiresome plot to try and lead me away from the simplicity of God's keeping.

We are to expect constant temptations and trials; the Scriptures tell us that plainly, so the best thing to do is say, "Lord, this is what everyday is, and this is not a surprise; what's more, You have me perfectly kept; abiding is by the ease of faith. Anything else makes things harder than they really are. True, we suffer, but equally true, faith is easy; it is easy to walk in the Spirit; it's just excruciating at times. When we know soul and Spirit as not the same, we discern readily, even when in pain, and move on with little ado in our walk of faith.

I hope you can get to have the CD player. Also, we've had some good recent times of fellowship up at Sylvia's. The Internet ministry has taken off, from about 400 visitors a month last year, to already 4000 a month now, largely because of Sylvia putting video and audio on the web site. Quietly, the seeds get blown to the winds, and a rich harvest almost invisible is underway. We believe for an explosion, which likely means as well, desperation for more in their awakening to want what the Bible really says about Christ living in us.

All for now, I'm elated to hear from you, and you were a rock in that 05, year long study we had, along with David and Lorenzo. You all were the

pillars indeed of our jail church.

Brian

Dear Brian,

Last night in church, the minister was preaching about not sinning. He quoted from the first three verses of Romans chapter 6. I was excited to a point. It seems a majority of the people who quote anything from Romans, especially chapters 6-8 have no real clue as to the point Paul is actually saying. The message almost always ends with us having some ability, a power separate from God to stop sinning.

On the surface, it sounded good, and God is using him mightily in this ministry, yet it pains me to see so many hard worshipping Christians not experiencing and living from Christ in us.

On this past Saturday, I was moved to pick up my Bible and read. I was led to the 37th chapter of Ezekiel. Since our discipleship group back there with you, I had only read this passage once. Now the Spirit of God led me right back to it. What God was showing me was another perfect picture of Christ in me through being dead and quickened by Christ unto God.

As you probably know, God says to Ezekiel in the previous chapter about how he would give us a new heart, placing a new spirit inside of us, and the sprinkling of clean water upon us that we may be clean. Through the operation of the Cross, many Christians don't know or realize they have died. God asked Ezekiel, "Can these dead bones live?" The dead bones are so often preached meaning the church. Many preachers don't know they are dead. So they walk around like zombies, acting as if they are alive and living for God, but they don't even know they've died. Therefore, they go out and try to do what they were never created to do.

About the guy I wrote you about who harasses me a lot, he gets progressively worse. I pray for him almost every night, but he finds new ways to get under my skin. Because he is miserable, he wants to make me that way too, but I will not allow any man to steal my joy because man didn't give me this joy. I was led to leave one of Sylvia's Galatians 2:20 leaflets on his bunk. When he saw it, all he read was the title, and he started cursing something awful bad. He tore it up and threw it on top of the wall locker. I've never seen a person that angry because he received religious literature. I just wanted to share that with you.

Lorenzo

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Dear Sylvia:

Its been a while since I've written I know...But since you' ve put all the teachings on spirit radio Mom & I have been gobbling up the revelation its placed in our lives. This Christian life is truly a "get to" thing...and Mom & I have been through the series on Identity & are now almost through the C,YM,& Fathers, both are inter-connected in many ways (another form of Union?)...We just thank God for your genuine delivery of the banquet God placed at our table. We look forward every evening to listening and discussing them.

God is truly great and his truth is so wonderful. One of the young guys from jail (hes out now and in Georgia), "Josh", you know of him...he saw the revelation of Gal2:20...and Christ

as his life....many others have failed (Josh's friends who professed Christ's name in jail but missed his life), they all to a man have marveled at his staying (being kept) life but cant seem to catch the same revelation...I cant tell you how wonderful it is for me to watch him

receive this (quite a few phone calls transpired first)...and that places me back to the point of this letter..."THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR TRUTH AND MY SISTER SYLVIA!!!"

May God continue to bless you and others through you.

There is a lot more Gods doing here in lives...but I'm going to save some for another time...Lord willing, the next conference.

Gods Blessings

John Carlson & Mom

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Hi Sylvia:

Your web site has been a great blessing in my personal life and also an enablement for me to share with my Sunday School class.

I've have really enjoyed your "Meaning of Life" Series on MP3, (have them in a little player for listening in my car).

Have you any plans to provide more programs like this on MP3 in the future?

Best Regards,

Mike Duckworth

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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for the blessing Christ has placed in my heart having met you so long ago. I am glad I found again the web site and It really renews my Joy and faith to see the liberating minister on going . I know it has been to my lost not to be able to contact you more often as well as missing your conferences . I see that you will be in NC on Feb 19 . I would love that you call me any time you are in NC . My greatest Joy will be the day I can set down again and share the things of which God has shown . Justification that which Christ has done FOR US ; Sanctification that which Christ has done IN US; and Glorification that which Christ is doing THROUGH US. A fellow worker that I have shared with for over nine years finally has seen the liberating truth of the cross and is buying every book he can on the union life and I have made mention of Norman and you . It is such a joy to see one enter on within the Veil to find the true life of the Spirit. See we have already rose with Christ in heavenly places as Paul said the DEAD (to the Independence I) IN CHRIST rise first.....Had He literally meant believers who had pass on then the verse would have said "...and then them that are asleep in Jesus will rise first..." Having used this very phrase three times in the previous verses. Well I am rambling on but my love and prayers are with you all upon every remembrance of you.

God Bless and work mightily always through you.

Perry Hampton

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This is a letter concerning a wayward nephew—

I am praying for all of you, of course, but I am taking authority in the Spirit for Henry. The Lord told me to speak to Henry's spirit. I know that in Henry is the Light. He refers once in a great while to it in truth... most of the time he is mocking...but that is not who he is...and I am speaking to his true self...which is in Christ.. this may seem weird, but I have experienced the reality of this type of prayer working over a period of time...changing the person from inside out... Also, I am standing in for him with Father God repenting of my (his) actions toward you and others...his hating of himself ...and thus others...etc....and coming to true Resurrected Life in Christ. I truly trust the ways of our Father.

I am praying for you for comfort from our Father, wisdom for the next move you must take...and the next...and the next...guidance that will give you continual assurance. Your options are to Trust and do what comes next... He is your guidance. And, I know some things are going to be hard at the moment...but.. as Dad always said to me "ALL things work together for our Good".. I remember when I read that in Romans 8 and about flipped that my

dad had paraphrased scripture to me... I was a mere 22 years of age...
Love Jenny

Who Am I? Norman P. Grubb

"God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline" - 2 Timothy 1:7.

There is an underground river flowing in us. It is that the real I is not this human I at all! It is He, of whom my I is an outer form. There is a unity - fixed, eternal, inwardly realized - in which He, the Positive, is the Real One living; and I, the negative, am also real, but really the expression of Him. Now the curious effect is that it is very much I living a human life in all the hurly-burly of human living, yet that is no longer my primary consciousness. Here I am with my ups and downs, my ins and outs; I deal with them as they arise, yet they don't upset me or occupy my thinking or produce the usual self-condemning as they used to. I have moved over, from having a self-consciousness in the center to a God-consciousness in and through my daily living self. I have begun to live positively, overflowing the fact of my negative human self.

This is the new spontaneous living. Not one iota new in my environment. I am precisely who I was and where I have been all these years. But I am inwardly new in my consciousness, and, as we have been continually saying, we live by our inner consciousness because we are spirits, inner people.

WHO IS HE?

Kristie Rice

IN CHEMISTRY, HE TURNED WATER TO WINE.

IN BIOLOGY, HE WAS BORN WITHOUT THE NORMAL CONCEPTION;

IN PHYSICS, HE DISPROVED THE LAW OF GRAVITY WHEN HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN;

IN ECONOMICS, HE DISPROVED THE LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURN BY FEEDING 5000 MEN WITH TWO FISHES & 5 LOAVES OF BREAD;

IN MEDICINE, HE CURED THE SICK AND THE BLIND WITHOUT

ADMINISTERING A SINGLE DOSE OF DRUGS,

IN HISTORY, HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END;

IN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THAT HE SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR, PRINCE OF PEACE;

IN RELIGION, HE SAID NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH
HIM;

SO. WHO IS HE?

He is JESUS!!!!

The Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

I feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us!

Check out this remarkable young girl

<http://tinyurl.com/yxewot>

Poem of the Month

I' m a Thirsty Man

Brian Coatney

I' m a thirsty man, and I would drink,

But not from any ordinary kitchen sink.

That water' s good and lots of it to be sure;

It' s not water, though, when a soul seeks to endure.

We need a heavenly tap, a spigot, better a well—

One refreshing our spirits in a dry and dirty hell.

What? Disillusioned with permanence right here?

As if this life' s not it— another must draw near?

That' s what Jesus said; it points us in,
To a different thirst, the opposite of sin.
We crave heavenly water, His life– through belief,
Instantly finding, to our surprise, relief.

Some make this hard, requiring diligent work
On our part, but in this lie all evils lurk.
Jesus only said, " Hold forth your cup;
Don' t sweat it kid, I' ll gladly fill it up."

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Prayer

Please pray for this man, he has so many addictions that it is hard to imagine his pain. God help his unbelieving heart, and be His faith to believe.

I am a minister at Christ Our Life Ministries. What you describe about yourself are the symptoms of a unsaved man. Have you surrendered your life to Christ? If you have received Christ, you need to know that the Cross has already set you from the Satanic domination that you describe. However, you have to apprehend your deliverance, by faith.

By faith, you have a new identity in Christ (Gal. 2:20); by faith you are a New Creation free from the rule of Satan (II Cor. 5:17); by faith you are no longer under the should and ought of the outer law (Rom. 7:3); by faith you are dead to sin (Rom. 6:2) and alive to righteousness. By faith, Sin shall no longer have dominion over you for you are not under law but grace (Rom. 6:14) . Our only problem as a saved person is that we believe lies about ourselves. Believing that you are a bound-up independent self, ruled by Satan is a lie. Yes, it appears in your flesh, but you are not in the flesh (Rom.8:9), but miraculously in the Spirit. You are not independent from Christ, you are joined to Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection . He is joined to you in your spirit, soul and body. Self improvement won' t work. It is useless. The power of the Cross has already set you from all these addictions. Take it by faith, and stand on the truth, and refuse the lies from the devil. The very day you received Christ, He has deposited in you His life, His Power, His peace, His love, His patience, His self-control. Take a leap of faith and trust, trust, trust. Do not believe your flesh feelings, or thoughts, they are lies. Christ is your deliverance and if you are saved, you already have Him. I am praying for you.

Victoriously yours,
Sylvia Pearce

Words of Faith

"Whatsoever you desire."

Mark 11:22-24

"Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and laughs at the impossible and shouts, "IT SHALL BE DONE." Sylvia Pearce... actually a little of Sylvia and a lot of CT Studd

This Months Article

The Body Death

("Dead to Sin")

By: Sylvia Pearce

(This is a chapter from, "The Treasures of Darkness.")

"How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?"

(Rom.6:2)

God became a human being by taking the form of His son, Jesus (John 1:14). Jesus had to become flesh because it takes a human to deliver the human race. Animal sacrifices could never finally deliver the human; for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. God declares that, "sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me" (Hebrews 10:5-6). His human body was the sinless vessel suited for the sacrificial work of reconciliation. "To wit, that God was in Christ Jesus, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (II Cor. 5:19).

The word "reconcile" means "to change from one state into another" or to exchange. What needs to be exchanged? Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born-again of God's Spirit. At Nicodemus' birth he inherited a sinful spirit, which had to be replaced by a holy and righteous Spirit. Without that Holy Spirit indwelling him, it was impossible for him to comprehend what Jesus was saying. He could not learn the things of God without the Holy Spirit. There had to be an exchange of spirits! The human vessel called Nicodemus wasn't the problem; it was a fallen satanic nature that caused his blindness and sinfulness. Nicodemus as well as everyone born into the world must have an exchange take place in their spirit's center, for only this spirit exchange can reconcile us back to God and produce in us the "new creation" (II Cor. 5:17), which is our new identity.

Through the fall, we were indwelt by a satanic-nature, which caused

us to commit sin. Romans 6:17 says that we were "slaves to sin," or in bondage to Mr. Sin. This sin spirit is so deep in our consciousness that it appears to be just naturally us. Ephesians 2:1-3 gives us biblical clarity on our fallen condition, "Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." This passage is saying that Satan expresses his sinful nature through us; deceiving us and making us think it is us.

Jesus told the Pharisees that they were "of their father the devil," because they expressed the devil's lust through them as if it were them (John 8:44). So in our fallen state we have inherited a satanic nature that enslaves us in our spirit's center, and causes us to sin.

Through the redemptive work of the cross, God has provided a way for his children to be delivered from their satanic rule and brought back to himself. God sent his son Jesus to take our place on the Cross, vicariously become what we were, so that we might become what he is. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he (Jesus) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them (us) who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15).

Now how did God through his son Jesus accomplish this? II Cor.5:21 gives us the key. "For God hath made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Let us begin by looking at what the Bible calls "sin." There are two grammatical uses for "sin": one is "sins" (a verb), and the other is sin (a noun). "Sins" are the action of the producer Sin. The word "sin" in II Cor. 5:21 and many such verses throughout Romans is rendered a noun: The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament by Ethelbert W. Bullinger says, "Sin is not merely, however, the quality of an action, but a principle manifesting itself in the activity of the subject, the 'man of sin,' II Thes. 2:3, the personal embodiment of sin."

Therefore, "sin" is a person (Satan) expressing himself through our humanity. Then "sins" are the forms of manifestation that Sin takes, somewhat like root and fruit. If a gardener had a weed in his garden, he would not go out daily and cut off the top (sins) of the weed, he would permanently eliminate the weed by cutting it out at the root (Sin). The Cross has provided permanent deliverance to the sin problem. John the Baptist declares that Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away the sin (not sins) of the world" (John 1:29) and does it by laying an ax to the root" (Matt. 3:10). Now how did God deliver mankind?

God made the human Jesus become sin, because only a perfect vessel could contain sin and vicariously die to it for others. It is a very strong thing to say that Jesus became sin, for it means that he took on Satan. The only way for God to deliver mankind was to become what we were and die to

it. For we know that in a death the spirit comes out of the body. Likewise, the spirit of Satan came out of the human Jesus who represented all humanity. Jesus' dead body was in the grave without a spirit for three days, signifying that it was completely dead. Then the Holy Spirit of God came into that dead body and raised Him from the dead, and not only Him, for we were raised with Him as well (Romans 8:11).

This truth that Paul writes, as Peter says, "is hard to understand" (II Peter 3:16), so let me reiterate: Christ died as us "made sin," expressing as us the sin nature. Therefore, in that death, out of our bodies went the false nature forever (Romans 6:6&10). Then Christ, in that risen body, representing us, raised us up with His own nature of Holiness. Christ replaced Satan as us! To put it simply, Jesus was joined to Mr. Sin (us) in his death, that we might be joined to Mr. Righteousness (Jesus) in his resurrection.

The blood of Christ covers the product of sin, which are sins; while the body death replaces the producer of sin. Romans 5:10 says that "For if, 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." When we were hopeless sinners and enemies to God we were saved by his death, but now as helpless saints we shall be saved daily by his resurrected life, in us and as us.

There was a great exchange of spirits! That is why the mystery of the Gospel is "Christ in you" the only hope of glory (Col. 1:27). Now through the Cross, we are Christ in our unique human forms.

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