

Journey in CHRIST



I thank my God upon every remembrance of you for your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3, 5)

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Oh how I would rather be sharing this with you in person over coffee along with something chocolate this holiday season! ☺ I have much I want to share, not about what I've done this year, but why. Below is the heart of what I want to share with you.

There is ONE MINISTRY...

Jesus said, "Go with Me to make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20). God has ordained all ministries, whether it be evangelism or feeding the hungry, to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Journey in Christ provided discipleship training this year to 500+ through one-on-one mentoring, teaching, Grace Gal fellowships, publications, email devotions, pastor support, etc.

...founded by ONE MAN...

There is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:5). Discipleship is not training a Christian to live by principles, but is a lifelong journey learning to live in the Person Jesus Christ! It is a joy and privilege for the staff of Journey in Christ to come alongside others on their journeys to affirm the transformational presence of Christ in their lives.

...who has ONE MESSAGE...

The message of the cross is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). "The cross" is Paul's term to proclaim the death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and seating of Christ, and God uniting us with Christ in His finished work! The cross is the central message of the entire Bible and is the only message with power to transform lives. This message is central to each weekly email "Rest Stop" I write that currently has 137 subscribers in nine countries (www.aweber.com/archive/ministryteam).

...that is communicated by ONE METHOD...

For the word of God is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). Journey in Christ ministers hope through God's inerrant and infallible Word enlivened by the Holy Spirit. I have sought to clearly and passionately proclaim this message weekly to nearly 200 men at the Haven of Rest mission this year. Many of the men are being transformed by hearing the Word. I would love for you to accompany me on any Monday evening to meet these precious men.

...and communicated through ONE MODE...

God has set the members in the body of Christ just as He pleased. (1 Corinthians 12:18). We are not called to minister alone, but to minister as partners in the body of Christ, with each of us responding to Christ who is the Head of His body! Journey in Christ received a grant from the South Carolina Christian Foundation this year to help expand our discipleship ministries. One of the reasons for this grant award was our collaboration with over 30 ministries, churches, and businesses.

...in order to accomplish ONE MIRACLE!

God has revealed His will for us – Christ in us the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)! Our greatest hope is that God's glory, who is Christ Himself, will be manifested in our lives! Our greatest purpose is not to live for Christ but to trust the risen Lord Jesus who is indeed living in and through us! With Christ in all of His glory as the only goal, I've seen marriages healed, addictions broken, hurts forgiven, lives freed to be real and not religious, and joy overflowing even in the midst of suffering.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you for being a part of our lives! On the back is our personal Christmas card for you!

My and Joy's financial needs are being met by tax-deductible, monthly contributions (65%), tax-deductible, one-time financial gifts (15%), and part-time work (20%). We are so grateful! Our hearts are to, one day, have all of our finances provided through monthly investors for me to devote all my time to this ministry and to our ministry partners. To make a contribution, mail checks payable to "Journey in Christ" to: Journey in Christ (attention: Gregg), 926 N.E. Main Street, Suite F-155, Simpsonville, SC 29681



Merry Christmas from Gregg & Joy!

*By grace, the Son of Man stepped into our lives to walk to the cross so that...
...by faith, we can walk in the resurrection steps of the Son of God!*

- 1 Eternal Life stepped into time.
- 2 The Creator stepped into His creation.
- 3 The Promise stepped into a Gift wrapped in swaddling clothes.
- 4 The Light of the world stepped into our darkness.
- 5 The Word stepped in to end 400 years of God's silence.
- 6 The Prophet stepped in to fulfill all prophecies.
- 7 The Priest stepped into our pain.
- 8 The King stepped into a castle in a stable.
- 9 Faith stepped in to show the Way.
- 10 The Truth stepped in among our lies.
- 11 The Life stepped in among our death.
- 12 Grace stepped forward with a face.
- 13 Heaven stepped upon the earth.
- 14 Peace stepped into our turbulence.
- 15 Hope stepped in among our fears.
- 16 Relationship stepped in against religion.
- 17 Love stepped in with tiny outstretched arms.
- 18 Majesty stepped into a manger.
- 19 Compassion stepped in among our condescension.
- 20 The Most High stepped into a lowly manger.
- 21 The Ancient of Days stepped in as a new born baby.
- 22 Joy stepped into our gloom through glad tidings.
- 23 The Bright and Morning Star stepped beneath all of His stars.
- 24 The Birth stepped in to set the world's calendar.
- 25 Holiness stepped in among our sin.
- 26 Holy Fire stepped tenderly into hay in a manger.
- 27 Rivers of living water stepped across a sea.
- 28 Mercy stepped forward with grace.
- 29 Glory stepped forward in simplicity.
- 30 The Comforter stepped into our sufferings.
- 31 Humility stepped in among our pride.
- 32 Immanuel stepped in to be with us.
- 33 Warmth stepped in among our coldness.
- 34 The Prince stepped in as a Pauper.
- 35 The Seed stepped down to be planted.
- 36 The Law stepped forward to be fulfilled.
- 37 Wisdom stepped in among our ignorance.
- 38 Almighty Power stepped into human frailty.
- 39 The Son of God stepped into a Son of man.
- 40 The Source of everything stepped into poverty.
- 41 The Message stepped onto the pages of the Gospels.
- 42 Redemption stepped in among our prisons.
- 43 The Judge of the universe stepped into our accusations.
- 44 The Master stepped down to serve us.
- 45 The Commander stepped into the enemy camp.
- 46 Splendor stepped in under angels' wings.
- 47 The New Testament stepped out of Old Testament shadows.
- 48 The Gospel stepped in as the great good news.
- 49 Our Advocate stepped up to pray for us.
- 50 The Messiah stepped in as promised.
- 51 The Savior stepped into our lostness.
- 52 The Spirit of Christ stepped into flesh and blood.
- 53 The spotless Lamb stepped up to the altar.
- 54 The silent Lamb did not step down from the altar.
- 55 The Innocent stepped into our place on the cross.
- 56 The Slain was laid in a tomb.
- 57 The Son stepped up into resurrection!
- 58 By grace, the Spirit rushed into Pentecost!
- 59 By faith, we stepped into Christ's Life!
- 60 We step from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit!

