

Because of the cross, we can now live FROM victory as God reveals our part of His victory parade here on earth. **Now thanks be to God who ALWAYS leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14).** [July 2003]

Christ wants you to entrust your past pains into His healing presence and your future anxieties into His present provisions. **Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. We all, with unveiled face, beholding in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).** [September 2003]

When I strive to obey biblical commands, I strive to do something Jesus would not do! Jesus was not obedient because He tried, but because the life in Him was the Spirit of God! Jesus was 100% God, but He chose to humble Himself on His pilgrimage to the cross as a Man totally dependent on the Holy Spirit. **Jesus said, "I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does the works" (John 14:10).** [September/October 2004]

The miracle of the Christian life is not doing great things, but believing a great God! Out of this belief is born works of eternal value, most of which will be unnoticed. **Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him [Me] whom He [God the Father] sent" (John 6:29).** [March/April 2005]

We experience the presence, power, and passion of Christ Himself as we stand tall in His grace in the midst all circumstances (good and bad). Our lives are His pulpits. **The Lord stood with me [His presence], and the Lord strengthened me [His power], so that the message might be preached fully through me [His passion] (2 Timothy 4:17).** [July/August 2005]

I have figured out what every crying baby tries to say from the get-go: "WAH! WHO AM I? WAH!" ☺ Identity is THE issue of the ages. WHO I AM IN CHRIST is the security of my identity (my true nature). WHO CHRIST IS IN ME is the source of my identity. There are only two identities in the world...a person is either IN CHRIST or IN ADAM. **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22).** [January/February 2006]

The MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS is that Jesus had perfect freedom in His walk to the cross. The Pharisees tried to throw Jesus off a cliff, but Jesus simply walked away from them in His princely majesty (see Luke 4:30). **Jesus said, "No one takes My life from Me, but I lay it down of Myself" (John 10:18).** The MIRACLE OF THE CROSS is that we receive His freedom! **When the Son sets you free, you'll be free indeed (John 8:36)!** [October/November 2006]



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Come journey with me along life's pathway for a few minutes this winter day to reflect on truths I have grappled to write from my heart and into my newsletters since July 2000. Enclosed are excerpts testifying of living truths I sense I hear from the heart of Christ through Scriptures in the midst of real life situations. Jesus truly is the Word of God (John 1:1, 14).

Jesus says, **The words that I speak are spirit and life (John 6:33).** I hope this newsletter might encourage you to experience the genuineness and warmth of our Lord breathing life through you in your own personal journey. Blessings!



*As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him (Colossians 2:6).*

God has me anchored in **Colossians 4:17, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.** A ministry achieved will have temporary results. A ministry received from God will have eternal ramifications. I pray to rest in God's ministry through Christ. [July 2000]

By the Law, I seek to be good by doing the most right thing. By Grace, I seek to do the most loving thing as I rest in the goodness of Christ. **The letter (of the law) kills, but the Spirit gives life (2 Corinthians 3:6).** [August 2000]

In trials, our greatest need is not rescue, but Christ's life. **We are hard-pressed on every side...so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our body (2 Corinthians 4:8-11).** [September 2000]

From the pulpit of the cross, Jesus proclaimed "It is finished!" I was profoundly transformed when I simply received this truth and entered into Christ! Now I am forever complete in Christ. **For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God...and you are complete in Him (Colossians 3:3, 2:10).** [February 2001]

Witnessing is a continuous, spontaneous expression of Christ's life through us. **We preach Christ to every man...according to His (Christ's) working which works in me mightily (Colossians 1:28-29).** [March 2001]

**For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:21).** Any thing we try to fill this blank with other than **CHRIST** is an idol that can never provide life, including FAMILY, JOB, FINANCIAL SECURITY, POSSESSIONS, SPORTS, HEALTH, HAPPINESS, FAME, and MINISTRY. [May 2001]

People don't become sinners through behavior – they are born that way. And people don't become righteous through behavior – they are re-born that way! Repentance is God changing our minds to see that righteousness is not by works but is the gift of Jesus' righteousness. **You are in Christ Jesus who became for us righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30).** [June 2001]

God does not call us to do anything...He calls us for only one reason: TO REVEAL THE LIFE OF HIS SON IN US! Then, and only then, do we minister the life of Christ to others in everything we do. **But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him (Galatians 1:15-16).** [July 2001]

Hope is not a wish for future good circumstances, but a present reality of the glorious life of Christ in any circumstance. **The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope (1 Timothy 1:1).** [August 2001]

Salvation is not only Jesus coming into your heart. Salvation is receiving a brand NEW heart...the heart of Jesus Himself! **God promised, "I will give you a new heart...I will put My Spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26-27).** [December 2001]

After finding out that my wife needed a significant back surgery, I believe I heard the strong yet tender voice of Jesus, **My grace is sufficient for you, Gregg and Joy, for My strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).** This doesn't mean it won't be hard, but Christ is still our source of life in all situations. [January 2002]

God led me to brokenness in my wilderness and I saw myself on the banks of the Jordan River dearly wanting to cross over into the promised land of Jesus' rest. I know God my Father was with me on those treacherous banks. His compassionate eyes assured me to go ahead and walk safely and securely in the life of His dear Son. I sensed nail-pierced hands holding Joy and me. **Let us therefore be diligent to enter His rest (Hebrews 4:11).**[February 2002]

Counseling by the world's wisdom tells people WHAT IS WRONG with them and what they need to do to get better. Christ the Wonderful Counselor reveals to people WHAT IS RIGHT with them because of His finished work through the cross...which is the only counsel that leads to true hope and healing. **Don't you know you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? You are already rich! (1 Corinthians 3:17, 4:8)** [November 2002]

For my assurance of salvation, I used to put my faith in WHAT I believed, and not in WHOM I have believed ...Jesus Himself who lives in me. **I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life I now live I live in this body, I live by faith in the living Son of God (Galatians 2:20).** [February 2003]

There is a popular saying that a person is "on fire for the Lord." This focuses on a person's performance which ultimately fizzles out. There is no life in that. God calls His children to be "on fire with the Lord." This focuses on the miraculous work of God in a person. Following the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his two of His disciples, who later said, **Did not our heart burn within us while He (Jesus) opened the Scriptures to us?** [May 2003]