

GRACE Great Good News!

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Galatians 1:15-16 has become quite special for me to share with others:

*“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 among the Gentiles.”*

*God calls each of His children by His grace for one reason: **TO REVEAL THE LIFE OF HIS SON IN THEM!**
Many talk about the call to ministry (to do something), but God’s heart is about **THE CALL TO HIS SON** (to know Someone)!
It is only as **THE CALL** is revealed to us by God that our lives minister the life of Christ (preach Him) to others in anything we do!*

Following are two testimonies of grace in lives God is revealing the precious life of Christ. Grace to you! Gregg ☺

YOUNG, YET OLD

This past year at Christ Life Ministries, I had the opportunity to disciple a 16-year old young man who is so open to the gospel of Christ. Last year Steve and his best friend Joseph started an electronic newsletter called M~Tech~2000 “Dedicated to the use of our minds productively, while sharing Christ with others.” It is an amazing newsletter, with all types of articles, sound effects, and graphics.

Below is a recent article that Steve eagerly gave me permission to share with you. This article is presented in the format of his newsletter. It is a wonderful testimony of how Christ is shared with others after He is revealed in a person’s heart.

Your Identity In Christ

by Steve Lollar

I want to share with you some things that I have recently learned in my walk with God. Most of it is about who you are in Christ. At first, I just took that statement for granted, but the more I learned about it, the more I came to appreciate it. The foundation of your Christian life and mine is to know who you are in Christ, or your “identity.” So, what is your identity? It’s who God says you are in Christ! Not who you think you are, not who others think you are, but who God says you are. Who does God say you are? Well, there are several verses in the Bible about that. Here are some of them: I’m free of all condemnation of sin (**Romans 8:1**). I can never be separated from God’s love (**Romans 8:35-39**). I can do all things through Christ who lives in and through me (**Philippians 4:13**). I’m God’s temple that He dwells in (**1 Corinthians 3:16**). I’m God’s child, and Satan can’t hurt me (**1 John 5:18**). Isn’t it comforting to know God values you that highly? I thank Him every day that I’m His child.

For more information, visit Freedom in Christ Ministries at www.ficm.org.

This reminds me of Jesus’ words in John 16:17:

“Blessed are you, Steve, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

NOTE: You can sign up to receive Steve and Joseph’s newsletter by sending your email address to mtech2k@bellsouth.net.

OLD, YET YOUNG

For the past two months at Christ Life Ministries, I have had the opportunity to share Christ with an 80-year old woman. She has been going through God’s grieving process due to a loss in her life. Her initial desire was “to have more joy.” As God began to reveal the life of Christ in her, she is began seeing from Galatians 5:22 that she already has all the joy of Christ in her! Her prayer is being transformed from desiring to receive more joy to desiring God to reveal more of the abundant joy she already has through the life of Christ in her! She told me that “it was like a light bulb turned on.” I sense a true healing and transformation in her precious life.

Recently, she testified how she shared the hope of Christ with a hurting woman friend. She said that it now felt more natural for her to share with her friend, and that she did not have to force herself to do so - a testimony of the life of Christ ministering through her!

**Christ Life Ministries will be holding a GraceLife Conference in Hendersonville, NC August 23-25. Contact me for details.
Also, Christ Life Ministries will be holding a GraceLife Conference in Greenville, SC in October! More details next month!**

GRACE NOTE

Obedience is not about good intentions and efforts toward external moral laws. Obedience is all about the indwelling life of Christ!!

Romans 1:5 reveals that obedience is from grace, through Christ, and received by faith.

It is a subtle temptation to place your faith in your own obedience rather than in Christ Himself.