

"Beauty for Ashes"

Here's some **more** verses to muse over in regards to **practical fellowship**:

- Romans 12:13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 1 Timothy 3:2 ... given to hospitality
- Titus 1:8. But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men,
- 1 Peter 4:9. Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

The Western Conventional Church may have had its day, now that it is capitulating with everyone else to the spirit of New Age compliance, and is now part and parcel to the great religious conglomerate known as the Super Church, the Great Whore of Revelation. Certain members who are adhering to the simplicity in Christ are gradually leaving her as they hear the Spirit beckoning ...

*"Come out of her, my people,
that ye be not partakers of her sins."*

There is a call to ...

the refreshing place of God.

Where believers are forsaking the camp
and finding the reality of the Scriptures,
and learning to put their complete trust
in their Provider,

Who said,

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

(End of Tom Lamb quote).

Emphasis added by Editor

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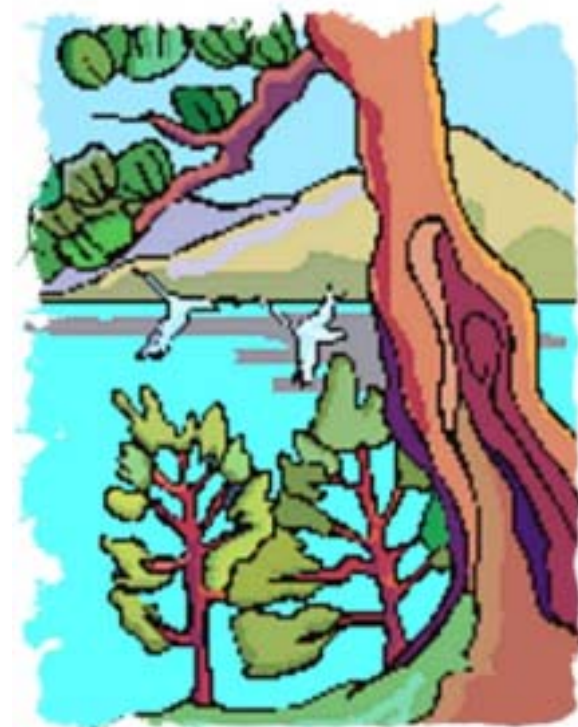
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The Beauty of the Ascended Christ

*"He that descended is the same
also that ascended up far above
all heavens, that he might fill all things)"*

Ephesians 4:10

"Trees of Righteousness"



"Planted by the Lord"

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The wonder-filled words of Isaiah 61:3 might have a primary interpretation pertaining to the restoration of Israel. However, they also have a delightful, awe-inspiring application to the Church Age Christian believer. Do you want to exchange "Beauty" for the "Ashes" of your own fruitlessness, independence, failure and striving to do better? Then come to the One Who is All you need.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
Where can mortal be more blest?
There I lay my sins and sorrows,
And, when weary, find sweet rest.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
There I love to weep and pray,
While I from His fullness gather,
Grace and comfort every day.

(Source unknown).

**For 'home (the household) fellowships' are ...
totally scriptural
immensely simple (uncomplicated & uncluttered)
base [foundational]:**

- Acts 10:2 ... with all his house
- Acts 16:15. And when she was baptized, and her household ... come into my house, and abide there.
- Acts 16:32 ... to all that were in his house.
- Acts 16:34 ... into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.
- Acts 16:40 ... entered into the house of Lydia
- Acts 17:5 ... and assaulted the house of Jason
- Acts 18:7 ... and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus.
- Acts 18:8 ... believed on the Lord with all his house.
- Acts 21:8 ... we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist
- 1 Corinthians 1:11 ... by them which are of the house of Chloe.
- 1 Corinthians 16:15 ... ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia
- Romans 16:10. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.
- Romans 16:11. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus
- 1 Corinthians 1:16. I baptized also the household of Stephanas
- Philippians 4:22. All the saints salute you, chiefly that are of Caesar's household.
- 2 Timothy 1:16. The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus
- 2 Timothy 4:19. Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

The third and only other bare essential (1 John 5:8) is the Holy Ghost who makes all this a reality!

AN ENVIRONMENT FOR HOMECHURCHES

In regards to the hour in which we live, the advantage believers have above those who stay in the denominations are as follows:

* They are more accessible to the voice of God ... Dad [Abba] direct through our older brother Jesus. Meaning, there are no unnecessary go-betweens, like religious red tape, hierarchies and church bureaucracies getting in the way; as the voice of God is no longer muzzled, muffled or filtered.

* They don't have to wait until it is taught (approved by priest, minister, rabbi, or pastor) but truth can be acted on immediately upon revelation. When a group teaches it [tailors it] for "the group" it then becomes 'private interpretation' which will place it in a position of compromise on par with "the groups" own tradition.

* Not rigid. [Home groups are] flexible to move where the Lord directs. For example, a huge super tanker takes miles to turn around at sea. Compare this with a zippy run-about? [A small home group can move quickly, a large denomination has to go through many structures, committees etc in order to get the Lord's directive onto a practical footing].

* [A small home group] can't be controlled. Has no earthly HQ . No geographical Mecca's, Rome's, Jerusalem's, Salt Lake Cities, etc. Nor the organization down the street. No Head Office to look to, committees, mediums or gurus.

* Not encumbered. No lofty edifices, building projects, and church programmes to be burdened down with. Can live and survive like true pilgrims, on the bare essentials.

- Ever read about a church building in the New Testament as a special sanctified place?
- Or the early Christians building meeting edifices?
- Or a believer going to a man called "The Pastor" to find out who he can marry,
- Or if the disagreeable bloke down the road was on or off, or if he can miss Church next Sunday?
- Or being told he has slipped back into the world if he stops attending their church organization?

Personal Revival

"Trees of Righteousness Planted by the Lord"



"The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound;" To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;" ... to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified." Isaiah 61:1-3

TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – the planting of the Lord.

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

guess your heart is aching at the state of our society
right now, as mine is?

I have been sitting having my lunch watching the program *Insight*, the subject was abortion, the right of women to "choose." Outside my back door the dear little birds were darting in-and-out of my fragrant, loaded tomato plants, the garden is filled with beauty in the mild sunshine, Life is everywhere. Yet, there on our television sets these women are speaking of murdering innocent infants as though killing is an option they should have. A bewildered man spoke up, "but, nowhere else in society has anyone got the right to kill people if they cost money or you don't want them around! Why have you got that option in abortion!" The voice of a Catholic nun on *Insight* comes back to me. "God, whatever that term means," she said, "wouldn't want these poor women to have to suffer with unwanted pregnancies. And babies have the right to be wanted and cared for. If they won't be wanted and cared for after birth, then they should be terminated."

Thousands of babes are murdered every year in Australia, millions across the planet. The very wonderful reproduction process itself, given by God, is the scene of unspeakable, cruel killing - scientists use the mangled bodies of thousands as experimental fetuses every day. Their ripped up bodies that should have been in loving mother arms, are discarded as trash in the end. (God has taken them home to Himself in Heaven)

How much the dear Gospel of God's love is needed in our world. "The Old Rugged Cross" stands alone, Jesus our Saviour, dying for sinners like me and you, giving His Life for the appalling excuses for human beings that make up this fallen world. And as society grows darker and darker, the Church organizations themselves are falling away into spiritual apostasy as black as hell. My heart is aching at the sight, and I am thinking mainly here of only one area, abortion. WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The beloved hymn, *Onward Christian Soldiers*, has been parodied with the words "like a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God." Well, once it was at least moving in the right direction, even if ever so slowly. Not so

along to meet a particular need, or just to be a small link in the chain, to a specified call.

Sure we need fellowship, as fellowship is vital, and scriptural. However, fellowship should not have dogma or cultural conditions placed on it ... like the Western, middle class, 'white' church down the road, or the 'black' church around the block! The object of the exercise is to start in the home with your family, staying squeaky clean and real, and being totally Word based. If increase comes it will be by the Lord and not by a programme. That's a guarantee, as we know who gets the credit! If you do not have a family then keep [approaching] someone who is getting on your level. This will provoke and employ them into the scriptures. If they bail out, then and only then, move on. They may not have been your brother in the first place.

Remember, the Word (the Book) is our bread. As our spiritual staple diet it should be coupled with the Cross at the centre when we meet, or whatever we do, or endeavour to do. And by the Cross I don't mean a relic, or a symbol, or an icon or ornament. Nor an object of nostalgia. But the precious work our Saviour accomplished on the dead tree. For you and for me. Personally....

However...avoid cliques and exclusiveness (verse - "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit"). Go to places on the odd occasion where someone uses the Word authoritatively. That will be the odd occasion; may I say! If the condition is - you must join him to get the "heavenly" benefits, then that's his problem.

DON'T BE OBLIGATED TO MAN BUT THE LORD.

Paul said, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith,
but are helpers of your joy!"

- Do they dominate your faith?
- Do they aid your joy or do they extinguish it by clerical red-tape?

Also, don't treat your group as the "one and only". Your true friend may have a doctrine off - key and may not be as clean-cut as you. You may miss a genuine friend if you cut him off because he does not fit your mold. Luke 9: 49-50:

"Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."

Last of all ... don't be offended because someone might not agree or see things your way. Psalms 119:165: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Remember, the emphasis is on the Word as our base, and the Cross as our centrality!

just to have "**fellowship**" and "**unity**" with those who are heretical, or who embrace and follow apostate false "**prophets**". The Holy Spirit within us is the Spirit of Truth – He cannot share His purity of Truth with Satan's impure lies. It is a little like having the Holy Spirit share you with physical immorality! One is dissipation of the body wherein the Holy Spirit dwells; the other is sharing the mind and spirit with spiritual dissipation – spiritual adultery!

Does God really see it that way?

Let His Word speak for itself. Jesus Christ inferred that the Pharisees and Scribes were an "*adulterous generation*" in Matthew 12:39.

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THE WORD, THE CROSS & THE HOLY GHOST.

Ever since the Radical Pilgrim came online in 1998 I often receive letters from individuals, couples, and families, who are quitting or have quit "going to church". Many (like we experienced first hand) are going through withdrawal symptoms (old wine - hard to kick!) and are looking for some sort of assurance they are not "**being unfaithful**" or "**going into deception**", ... My advice - forget it, and grow where you are at! Also forget looking for any "**spiritual**" adulation and elation! Reason? We have been called to a kingdom without outward observation and a spiritual church whose founder and maker is God. We get the truth by revelation [God's Word} and we live and walk (totally) by faith (not by sight). Not by chasing after signs or emotional experiences. Immensely simple and practically practical. Without substitutes. Without tangible trappings. Hard it will be, but very rewarding.

Also, quit looking to others for nourishment, or meeting your needs, through unconsciously **BY-PASSING GOD**. The Lord as God, is our chief nourisher and need supplier, as well as provider and source. It comes back to Him always. Or at least to us in the opposite direction:

How we are responding to Him?

Making it with Him? **Relationship.**

Our communion is **spiritually natural and naturally spiritual**. **Not** mystical or abstract in any way. Worked out in real life. In the end, it is up to Him whether He brings a friend, or foe, or complete stranger

now, and many Christians are so loyal to God and Truth that they have had to leave the established denominations because the organizational structure called Christendom is marching under the enemy force's banner – actually marching to destroy God's Truth and true Biblical outreach. We are indeed in the latter days of the Latter days. The passage below is most important as we look out at the scenes of our world in chaos.

It is Matthew 7:13-27:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Here we see that there are no "**other ways**" to encounter truth but Jesus Christ and His Word. The sad fact is that we are seeing so "**many**" who have entered into destruction by the wide gate.

If *you* have entered by the "**strait**" gate, that "**narrow**" gate, then you are indeed blessed. For "**few there be that find it.**" No matter what problems you are encountering, or will encounter in the future, you are on the one way that leads to Life. Bow down and be thankful in this one thing that ultimately matters. Forget about the unpaid bills for now; forget about the unfaithful friend and the family quarrel for now. You have found something that few find in this world – Eternal Life.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Jesus Christ Himself warned us that not all religious speakers, preachers or teachers would be godly and righteous. He spoke explicitly against such fakes in the end times. They look like sheep, harmless and gentle. But they are extremely hungry wolves inside, who want to devour their victims. "Beware" – lest you let down your guard and be caught up in the terrible apostasies of our day. Some use this common erroneous saying, "we can

take programs, teaching material and courses that have some wrong in them, and keep what is good, and discard what is wrong. Instead of just throwing out everything." They may be talking about the Alpha Course, or Purpose Driven Life programs, or other unbiblical and heretical teachings. But Jesus has dealt with such foolishness. He says that only "good trees" bring forth "good fruit." The "corrupt tree" can only bring forth "evil fruit." You cannot gather both evil and good fruit from the same tree, either.

"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" James 3:11.

God is a holy God; His truth is sweet and good and has no corruption in it. Do not insult Him by trying to sift out supposed "good" from bad and evil programs and teachings! Error and truth do not mix. Get rid of the corrupt teachings! You cannot be sanctified by deception iced with truth. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

This is a direct warning of immense importance in our times. Be sure you have entered in by the strait and narrow gate, there is no other way to Life. God's will is that you put your trust only in the shed blood of Christ for salvation, by Grace Alone, Christ Alone, Faith Alone are you saved. *Many, many* will say "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? Etc" It will not be just the leaders of false denominations that will be lost in the end. The Lord WILL tell ordinary folks who are sincere but *wrong* to depart from Him. Be very sure, be very sure:

"In times like these we need a Saviour."

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods

APPENDIX.

ARE YOU LONGING FOR "OLD WINE?"

A Christian from New Zealand, **Tom Lamb**, wrote recently in his series called "*Without the Camp*" about the desire for "old wine" as he called it – or the withdrawal symptoms when we have to stop going to denominational churches. Perhaps a person or family has been faithfully attending church for most of their lives. But, the denomination becomes apostate, so they go elsewhere, only to find that apostasy has spread in other denominations as well. Finally, after much heartache the family or individual withdraws from denominational attendance all together. They find themselves bereft and feel lost without the congregation, singing, patterns and traditions of church going. Many are experiencing this sad necessity, and have obeyed God in separating nevertheless:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? ...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 11 Corinthians 6:14, 17,18.

In difficult times like the period we are living in, isn't God saying, "I am sufficient for you," "my Fatherhood is enough for you"?

Is the Endtime Church in the 21st century actually BEYOND PROTESTANTISM and its structures?

Dean Gotcher has said:

"You can stand alone. Don't give in to fright; Christianity has never been exactly "secure". You don't need the group hug!

Christianity is based on truth and doctrine.

Union is also based on doctrine, NOT human relationships."

He is right. We should not fear standing alone for the Truth in God's Word. We cannot sacrifice the mighty Truth of God's Scriptures

consciousness, but if we surrender fully, in Him we find endless delight and fulfillment.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. . . ." Psalm 37:4-7a.



Is this You?

came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

O.K., here we are, you and I, the floods are all around us, they are building up, the winds will increase, and the thunder and lightning have hardly begun at this juncture. Your life is the house, is it built on the rock or on the sand? We will never fall if our house is built on the Rock of trust in Jesus Christ, Grace alone, Faith in Him – He is a solid foundation. But be a person who hears the sayings and doctrines of God's Word, and DOES NOT act upon them, then your life will be destroyed in the deluge of end time evil and wickedness.

**"Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war.
With the Cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe, Forward into battle,
See His banners go."**

We are Christian soldiers, marching on to the land flowing with milk and honey. Even in this present period of spiritual decline and unrest, we are still to be marching on with Jesus Christ's banner unfurled before us. I would say even more so are we to march on with confidence in Him, for we are more needed now than ever before. I have heard Christians say at times, "Oh well. The Rapture must be close, the Church Age is coming to an end in apostasy, I no longer can find a sound church to attend, there is nothing we can do now but wait for Jesus to come for His Church."

That is very wrong. Multitudes are trembling on the edge of a Christless eternity; we must all be running our own rescue operation on the edge of the pit of hell. Do not delay; speak of the Saviour to the lost in your family, amongst your neighbours and lost friends. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, acknowledge Him in all your ways, do not be ashamed to speak of Him anywhere, and He will direct your paths.

(Proverbs 3:6.)

The temptations that surround the Christian at this period are numerous and trying. Remember, temptations are not sins, the Lord was tempted like we are, but without sin:

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

Jesus was in all points tempted like we are; therefore He knows what we are going through. He was tempted to take the easy way out; to

seek the approval of men by doing what they thought was acceptable. They wanted Him to be submissive to the Jewish leaders, to meld into the fabric of the religious scene of His time. To be like them, not to denounce Judaism, and declare His true identity. So today we are tempted at times to be like the others in churches, to be "tolerant" and compromising for peace's sake, and for relationship's sake. Jesus did not yield when he was tempted to make His mother and brothers "happy" about His teachings! They were calling for Him, obviously not accepting His teachings, but He would not go to them, He put God's will first and foremost. Matthew 12:31-35. He said that whoever would do the will of His Father was His mother, sisters and brethren. Obviously, His own family would not do that in regard to Himself and His claims. No, we cannot be "tolerant" for the sake of relationships.

We are tempted at every turn to see good in the evil events of our day. To believe that there are "good guys" out there working for peace through the United Nations, to accept John Howard and George W. Bush at face value – they look good, their lips are dripping with nectar, surely, surely they have good intentions – everyone thinks so. Do they? Someone on Internet from the USA commented, "I don't know how George W. Bush won the election, I haven't met anyone who even likes George W." This is strange; there has been skullduggery afoot in my humble opinion. Let's keep close to the Lord; the Holy Spirit will give us discernment, and that discernment will not be popular with the deceived population of this world, for sure. We are tempted to view ourselves as "fanatical" and "un-loving". The events of our day are so bizarre at times that we may wonder at the stunning things we write or say. We have just watched a DVD of a man who is exposing the evil weather-changing programs of the New World Order. He said a few times, "this sounds bizarre, but the evidence and documentation are all there." The global masters are deliberately altering weather patterns, causing huge storms, cyclones, droughts, floods & earthquakes bringing death to millions; these events lead to failure of crops and starvation & thus control of our lives. We may be tempted to pull back from such things, not to speak out, fearing ridicule, amazed at what we are saying, but we must not yield to those temptations. There *is* mass killing going on.

We can be tempted to keep our mouths shut! Our family and friends do not like the way we try to alert them to the dangers of our day, the evils of the global merger and the apostasies in the denominations. It would be easier to keep our mouths shut, then we could be friendly with them, be

- Will my personality be gone;
- Will I be gone in some way if I am "dead"?

Let's investigate further:

When we were born as a small baby we had a nature from the beginning, inside us yet unformed. It was a fallen nature, spoiled by sin. Man is a tripartite being – nature, person and personality. As the nature of baby develops so the person is formed inside. The personality we reveal to others "out there" may be only a cover-up for the real person, which is never revealed in total to the outside people we encounter. Even to the closest family we still present a personality which is not entirely the real person inside. Because we have a fallen nature that the person and personality draw upon, we have sin showing in many ways to the outside world. Sin inside the person causes misery often, and guilt and depression as well.

Now imagine what happens when Jesus Christ by the Cross renders the fallen nature out of action, and comes and fills the believer with His own holy Life. He is the new "nature" a supernatural spirit. Our spiritual life becomes overflowing with Him. Then the believer has a new font to draw on, and the person and personality are totally changed – yet we live as the very same human being, but made godly by the Life of Christ. We then bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25. The indwelling Lord never destroys the old nature, called the "old man" and the "flesh" in the Bible, whilst we are on earth. But He can make the endless struggle between the "new man" and the "old man" cease, praise His name. The "flesh" as a name for the old sin nature is most instructive. It is as though we have some connection between it and the body of "flesh", and we never have that "flesh" nature eradicated entirely until we get our glorified bodies in heaven. If any believer could have no sin nature at all, through sanctification, then if a child was born to that one, the child would not have a sin nature passed down to it, and would be perfect! That has never happened, only Christ Jesus was sinlessly perfect from the womb.

(See 1 Corinthians 15: 53,54).

We humans seem to be always searching for what we sense we have lost! It is as though we know that constant joy and a transformed life that is anything but boring and ordinary should be ours. This is why people drink to get a "high", or get smashed on drugs, or go overboard for the thrills of dirty sexual encounters. People are repelled by the drab emptiness of grey, grey living, and seek some sort of artificial way of getting "joy" or altered consciousness. The missing delight in life is really GOD

that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:16-21.

LOVE is horribly lacking in this world. The pride of life always makes the old nature try to put others down and build self up. We were speaking to an elderly man in McDonald's this morning, he was complaining about the "hierarchy" at his retirement village. He said he did not join in with the various activities because there were always people wanting to be the leaders, fighting about these positions, trying to make a name for themselves as the boss of such-and-such a club. Astonishing, isn't it, even right to the grave humans want to be the king of the 'dungheap'. You would think they would want to be comforting and loving to each other, but no, it is a lot about pride and ambition!

This can be so true of even Christians.

Oh, how we need Jesus and His love - to live instead of ourselves.

We need the victorious Jesus as our whole life!

It is magnificent to have God as our guide and protector, to know His presence outside ourselves. It is quite another thing to have our life taken over completely by the indwelling Christ, and to make our entire abode with Him, and for Him to make His abode with us! What is an "abode"? It is a home, a habitat, a dwelling. When we make Jesus Christ our dwelling place, we live at home with Him. When we have Jesus Christ living fully in us, He makes His home in and with us, and the Father dwells within us:

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him," John 14:23.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

"Manifest" in the Greek is *emphanizo*,
observable, clear, obvious, REAL.

But how can Jesus Christ live fully in me?
You might ask.

made to feel from them that we are getting a bit of sense at last, we may long for approval from them. Will we yield, or will we get more serious than ever, work hard to alert and urge others to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord, knowing time is so short. The Lord is at hand, live only to please Him! Be gentle in your concern and warning, not harsh and argumentative, the Lord is almost here:

"Let your moderation be known unto all men.

The Lord is at hand." *Philippians 4:5.*

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;" *Colossians 1:10.*

We can be tempted to work along with what we know is apostasy. To turn a blind eye to that book or tape, try not to notice the heresy you know is being pushed by the speaker. Others are pleased with the preaching, they say he is a "nice man", such a kind face etc. They say that they were really impressed by a book by so-and-so; we know she is an ecumenist with New Age style doctrines in her book. We can be tempted to agree with the others, smile and compromise, maybe the temptation is to keep away from opposition, agree and even use books and videos for certain studies that we know are bad indeed in some areas.

"Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

Do you really believe God's word?

Now, in the climate of the 21st century this statement above will make people immediately think of having FAITH in the Lord to GET material stuff for self!!!

The FALSE PROPHETS say,

- "Have you powerful enough faith to be able to get prosperity in a big way?" OR,
- "Have you strong enough faith to speak out health for your whole body?"

BUT, I'm not speaking about that, I am speaking of "do you really believe God's Word" enough to let Jesus Christ handle all your life for you, because of His fantastic promises *TO THE OBEDIENT CHRISTIAN*. God promises to discipline His disobedient children, to show His anger upon the willful and careless child as well. But, the greatest promises God gives to us after we are saved are His promises to give us freedom

from sinning. So often the false teachers do not mention these wonderful promises when they teach about having "faith in our faith" instead of faith in GOD. Faith in God means we want to please Him, God cannot be pleased unless we stop sinning against Him, he is not satisfied by a partial surrender in this instance, He will accept only ALL of our sin renounced.

Entertaining sin in any way just leads to sorrow, defeat, worry and a terrible witness before the world. We have all heard of the "hypocritical" Christian, the world is always talking about him/her. **"Those church people are just hypocrites, I know so-and-so who goes to church all the time, and he is such a hypocrite. I live near him and he and his wife fight a lot, you can hear him yelling at her."** **"So-and-so goes to church and he is so rude and proud. He looks down his nose at everyone."** Now we can be very sincere, but be unable to conquer our besetting sins, and consequently fail God on and on. We need to know that we cannot do good in our own strength, but Jesus Christ is victorious and will give us righteousness as a free gift if we will let Him.

The lovely book "The Victorious Life" by an *Unknown Christian* whispers tenderly these sweet delights in our ears:

"Do We Believe God's Word?"

We were speaking a little time back about the possibility of freedom from sinning. There are two very definite statements in Scripture which show that Christians need not commit known sins.

One is in Ephesians 6:16,

Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked [evil one].

The other one is this:

God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that we are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to bear [endure] it. I Corinthians 10:13.

These are really very wonderful statements. What a glorious possibility is here held out to us! For this includes the great root sin of unbelief. Every sorrow comes through sin – EVERY worry comes through sin. And there is a possible Victory over every sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. The question is, do we believe God's Word or do we not? The usual up-and-down experience of the Christian is not God's plan for him. If we really believe that the indwelling Christ can do this thing for us, then let us trust Him to do it.

**GOD WILL MAKE US TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
the planting of the Lord.**

Who can cut down the planting of the Lord?

Isaiah 61:3.

LOVE IS ALL! When Christ fills us

- He brings HIS LOVE.
- HIS LOVE can banish sin from our lives,
- this DIVINE LOVE is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:22.
- HIS LOVE fulfills all of the law,

Christ in us loving and controlling is ALONE enough to conquer the sin of our poor pathetic existences. Praise His name! Someone said recently, *"but no one is perfect."* Yes they are, **Christ Who is our very life is perfect.** The 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians is precious food for our souls:

- Love suffereth long – it does not have impatience, it is driven away by love;
- Love is kind – love wants to have no part in unkindness and cruel remarks;
- Love envieth not – all jealousy is pushed out by love. Love wants *others* to have good things and happiness. Love delights in their blessings;
- Love vaunteth not itself – love cannot boast and be intimidating in its arrogant self assertion;
- Love is not puffed up – love refuses to let pride find a place in its heart;
- Love does not behave itself unseemly – silliness is rejected by love. It does not act the fool;
- Love seeketh not its own – "self" is dead on the Cross, interest in self-self to the exclusion of others disappears.
- Love "is not provoked" – anger and wrath will not be seen;
- Love "taketh no account of evil" – love does not brood over "wrongs" and insults. Bitterness and malice is gone;
- Love "beareth all things" – complaint, whining, irritation will never be heard;
- Love "hopeth all things" – depression, anxiety, hopelessness, fear and despair will all go.
- And LOVE NEVER FAILS! How much we need the fullness of the indwelling Christ.

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OVERCOME THESE SINS;

you just have to want to be free from them all. He will do the rest.
SURRENDER to God

- envy and jealousy; the past with its failings,
- the present with its rush and concerns,
- the future and its unknowable mysteries.

Leave ALL to your loving heavenly Father. John 10:10.

GIVE EVERYTHING to God, your ...

- house, • business,
- car, • bank account,

and tell Him He can have the whole lot, it is all His to let you use, or to take away and use it somewhere else, for someone else, for anything He desires. ALL is God's anyway, just acknowledge the fact. Trust Him to do what is best in everything. Really mean this.

Agree to the death of the Cross as being your own, reckon on the fact that you died with Christ on the Cross, and He can make the "old nature" inoperative (not destroyed, just made "out of action" by the Cross).

ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU REVELATION ABOUT THIS FACT.

Look up the Bible verses on this in the Word.

Romans chapter six; Galatians 2:20; Gal. 5:22-26; 6:14 etc.

- **Ask Jesus Christ to fill you with Himself** through the Spirit, abandon yourself to Him.
- **Trust Him** to give you righteousness, wisdom and sanctification. 1Cor. 1:30-31.
- **Live by faith in His Grace** to be utterly sufficient for you, in every way.
- **Rest from your own labours**, and from all law-works dependence from this time and onward.
- **Stay every day in this abandonment.**
- **Ask Him to make you "blameless"**, in this life you cannot reach faultlessness like God, but you can be blameless.

There is **NO LIMIT TO CHRIST'S POWER TO PRESERVE AND SANCTIFY YOU** – it is whole, perfect, sufficient, **believe God**: *"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* 11 Corinthians 12:9. Here is the way to face the future, to face tomorrow, to face persecution and even death. *"And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved BLAMELESS unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1Thess. 5:23.

There is another comforting **FACT** given in the Bible. God says,

"My grace is sufficient for thee" 11 Corinthians 12:9.

This is not a promise; it is a **FACT** – an unchangeable, unmoving fact. The writer made this remark at a meeting, and a lady came up to him immediately afterwards and said, **'Why, there must be faith before God's grace can be sufficient'**, said she. But, dear reader, whether you have faith or whether you have not, does not and cannot alter a **FACT!** 'God's grace is sufficient for you,' whether you believe it or not. There was always **'bread enough and to spare'** in the Father's house, even when the prodigal was in a far country desiring to be fed upon the husks the swine did eat! Always enough and to spare: he had only to go and share it.

God's grace is always sufficient. God Himself has declared it to be so. When sudden temptation comes upon you unawares, do you stop to pray for deliverance from it – or do you look to Christ for victory over it? Someone has said, 'When tempted, do not begin to ask, 'HOW can I get out of it?' but 'WHAT can I get out of it?'

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds [YOUR THOUGHTS] through Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:7.

If you are troubled with evil thoughts, claim this promise – that the indwelling Christ can indeed guard your "thoughts."

It was this verse, 'My grace is sufficient for thee,' which led that veteran Christian warrior, Webb-Peploe, into the Victorious Life. After the crushing sorrow of losing a beloved child, he tried to prepare a sermon with this as his text. But he could not 'cast his burden upon the Lord.' Rising to his feet he cried out to God in his agony, 'Oh God, it is not true. I do not find Thy Grace sufficient for me in this heavy sorrow that has befallen me. But, oh, MAKE it sufficient.'"

(End of quote).

Let us leave that old book, **"The Victorious Life"**, for a moment to get a feeling of the tension of that moment.

Above here is a man of God, he is no hypocrite, and he wants his Christianity to be **REAL**, not pretend. He wants what God has promised to fit exactly into his life, in the way that God wills. Our temptations, our trials and sufferings, might be as intense of this man's was. A death that has shaken us. Or the trial might be less, but just as important and difficult to us as his was. How did this man experience in a real way that God's grace was sufficient for him? I want to know, I must know, for therein lies the secret of walking in victory over unspeakable sorrow. Are you finding

that God's grace is NOT sufficient for you in your heavy trials?

We will go on:

- *"Falling on his knees, he repeated this prayer [Make Your Grace sufficient.] Then through his tears he saw over the mantelpiece a textacard, 'My grace is sufficient.' In a flash he saw his mistake! 'What a fool I am, ' He cried. 'How dare I ask God to MAKE what is! I will get up and trust Him.' And he did trust Him."* (End of quote).

Do you see his mistake?

That man became a world-wide evangelist, who was filled with the victory of Christ. How? By simply taking God at His word, instead of sinning against Him by disbelieving Him. This is not mind over matter, not New Age psychic thinking. God cannot lie, and His promises are TRUE always. We must rush to His Word with renewed trust, what treasures are there for us? All we have to do is believe God's holy Word, not calling Him a liar in our hearts. Surely we can do that little thing, it is reasonable for God to expect us to do so.

Promise one to live-in right away:

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under GRACE." Romans 6:14.

What does it mean to ME, Lord?

Your grace is sufficient to keep me from the power of sin, when I abandon myself to You and believe Your unchangeable Truth. You have provided everything in the indwelling Christ to keep even me from sinning – when I want to be saved from ALL sin.

How about the sins of ...

- irritability,
- gossip,
- pride in self,
- a critical attitude,
- superiority,
- impatience,
- anger,
- self pity,
- unloving remarks and thoughts etc?
- What about the sins of omission?
- The lack of prayer,
- no devotions during the day,
- intercessions neglected?

ALL sins, God will only save to the uttermost those who want to be saved from ALL sins, and from the sin nature itself. Repent of ALL, tell Him from your heart that you will leave all sin forever. Then trust His Word and His Grace alone, and sin shall have no dominion over you.

Jesus and I went shopping this morning; He is closer than a heart beat all the time now. The colours of the trees, the sky, the flowers and the sounds of music and birds are vastly enhanced when He is filling me. I was so filled with His presence, joy, peace and delight that I am walking on air! Even Bi-Lo is like a heaven with Jesus overflowing me. That is why the natural is such a punishment if I move away from abandonment to Him.

- Does He save me from the dominion of sin;
- Does He save me from its power?

Indeed He does, and I have no need of the slightest effort, I do not lift a finger, He fills me with His righteousness and it just happens. If I am not **abandoned completely**, I sin again, as though I were a natural person again, snappy, hopeless, anxious, impatient and very unhappy. To get back to abandonment, total, and victory is as easy as falling off a log. I urge you, believer, to take Jesus Christ and His fullness as a free gift of loving Grace. Let's go over the steps to this wonderful life with Him:

How to enter into the victorious life:

The victorious life is not difficult or deep. It is as simple as saying,

"I have lived this old sinful life long enough.

I am so tired of living it!

Now, will You do it instead, Lord?"

You need not live and exhaust yourself by your pain and struggle. Give up. Admit you cannot manage at all, tell the Lord that you want HIM to live and manifest Himself through you.

Repent of ALL your sin, not just the so-called "**big**" sins, but ALL the "**little**" ones as well. Tell the Lord you will never sin again, say that you want Him and expect Him to save you from all sin, from its power over you. Agree to depart from all

- unkind remarks and actions;
- anxiety and worry;
- self centeredness;
- pride and seeking recognition or honor for self;
- greed for material things which is covetousness;
- everything that the Holy Spirit shows you is sin in your life.
- self pity and bitterness;
- envy and jealousy;
- impatience;
- irritation;

Call them what they are, **SINS**, that are unacceptable to a holy God. See that in you dwells no good thing, you are the "old man" with a sin nature. Romans 7:18.

JOY, that seems to have nothing to do with the circumstances of the world around;

HOPE, that just knows without one doubt that all is well, and will be through anything that the future holds;

CONFIDENCE & BRAVERY IN THE HEART, that is unconcerned with the alarms or fears of this world;

TRUST IN GOD, that never wavers or doubts;

SELF –CONTROL, that keeps the self-life dead and unable to cause misery, selfishness, or hurt feelings, with anger and wrath.

I can testify of the **Victorious Life**, after twelve months! This will last forever, if I stay in an utterly surrendered state. Have I stayed in that state all the time since I accepted Christ as my very life, my abundant life? (*I am speaking here, not of initial salvation, but of holiness, sanctification as a gift, Christ as my sanctifier*). No, not because He did not save me from the power of all sin as He did when I first abandoned myself to Him to give the victorious life, but because I refused to be utterly abandoned in some areas. I have let Him show me where these "**pulling away**" areas are, repented, and have the victorious life back with joy unspeakable, and sin has no dominion over me yet again!

It has been the most astonishing walk with the Living God. He will not allow any fudging, no pretence, because He knows all my thoughts and intentions. I cannot fool Him, nor can I argue the point. I will lose "**my beautiful blessing**" (as I tend to call this dream of a walk) should I refuse to obey and submit in any way at all – then it is back into the natural. The natural is like a drab, painful little hell after the victorious life experience. I will then bemoan and grieve, sometimes saying "*but I did nothing, it is not fair!*" And the way back to fullness and overflowing will seem closed. But, when I see sense again, I submit and the Lord shows me where the area of non-submission is. It may be as "little" as a television show, or an answer back to someone. God will say, "*I want you to come with Me onto the verandah, we will be praying there.*" I say, "*yes I will, but I wanted to see this TV program first. After that I will.*" Or God will show me, "*don't answer that person back this time, they will not now respond to your entreaties. They will only get their back up if you do!*" But, I go ahead and try to convict them. Victory and joy gone – no closeness with Jesus until I repent and submit. It is true of any thought, word, action or plan –

- ALL must be submitted,
- ALL must be abandoned to the Lord.

He is more than my Boss, He is my life, I have no claim to any of my own life ever again.

Promise two to live-in right away.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 11 Corinthians 9:8.

I want to get closer to that verse, to see what it says in the original Greek. I can see that it is more than a verse in the Bible; it is the secret to getting through everything that the future holds, no matter what. I want to have grace sufficient in all things so that I can "abound" to every good work. I want to look closely at the immediate context of that verse as well. We will look at Strong's dictionary of Greek words, note the numbers: VERSE 5. "**Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty** 2129, **whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as [a matter of] bounty, and not as [of] covetousness** 4124."

Well, the passage is talking about having "**bounty**" and not being "**covetous.**" The word "**bounty**" is *eulogia*, a praise unto Christ or God, a blessing a consecration. The word "**covetousness**" is *pleonexia*, a greedy desire to have more and more.

So we are not reading about God giving us prosperity so that we fulfill our greedy desires for more and more, He wants to make us a blessing and a praise to the Lord, by giving us the means to bless others. VERSES 6 -8. "**But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God [is] able to make all** 3956 **grace** 5485 **abound** 4052 5658 **toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency** 841 **in all [things], may abound to every good work:**"

These verses are telling us that God wants to use us to give cheerfully to others, to give as our renewed hearts lead us to do in Christ's love. God loves this; He loves generous giving and unselfish sharing. If you are ready for that, to give of your resources and yourself, to give your time and effort, your very life forever, unstintingly, with enthusiasm, He will make ALL GRACE ABOUND towards YOU.

The word "**all**" is *pas*, every, everything God has. **ALL** His unlimited resources are offered to us. The word "**grace**" is *charis*, the merciful kindness of God and His great good will. The word "**abound**" is *perisseuo*, to exceed a fixed number, an overflow, something that falls to the lot of one in large measure.

What is this word "sufficiency" in the Greek?

It is *autarkeia*. A contentment, having a condition in life in which no other aid or support is needed.

God who cannot lie is promising us we will have everything we need in abundance, to meet other people's needs as well as our own, so that we need nothing, no help, or outside support, no one to hold us up. Will we believe Him? Do you believe the Bible?

This is not the prosperity doctrine, it is God wanting to make us a kind of divine channel through which He can flow His blessings to others, in through us and out, **continually receiving and giving**. That the people we interact with will be drawn to the praise of the Lord. But, we need to be ALL surrendered to God, ALL of sin abandoned, ALL by grace and nothing of works.

Promise three to live-in with the Lord,
immediately, don't wait:

"He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 11 Corinthians 12:9.

Here again the grace that is sufficient, nothing else needed, is presented. ALL of God, nothing needed from us. It is seen by the verse that being brought into weakness is a good thing, when we are weak, then are we strong in Him. See the next verse:

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Do you really believe the Bible?

If you did, if I did with all my heart, I would know what Paul is talking about. He wanted the fullness of Christ Jesus indwelling him, to be strong in him. That is why he says such stunning things as the verses above reveal. He "**takes pleasure**" in all these "**nasty**" experiences? We might find our own experiences get "**nastier**" in coming days, will we "**take pleasure**" in these, because when we are weak we are strong in Christ Jesus, He lives instead of us in our extreme weakness?

It would seem a very good lesson to learn right now.

Perhaps we should look at the things Paul took pleasure in:

Remember, the sacrifice is not things, money, time, going to church etc – it is YOURSELF, YOU.

God demands that we offer ourselves on the altar with

- NO SIN retained,
- No sin being withheld from Him as "too little" to be repented of and given up.
- He wants ALL SIN abandoned.

ETERNAL LIFE IS A GIFT.

We Christians often know only the gift of eternal life in Heaven! We are thrilled to saved by Grace alone – but we then imagine that we must row our own boat *after* we have received Grace for **justification**. Oh, of course God will help us to live a dedicated life, but no one can ever overcome sin really. BUT, IF WE IMAGINE THAT WE ARE WRONG!

- ALL of the Christian Life is Eternal Life, none of it is by effort or struggle,
- ALL is a gift through faith.
- ALL is Jesus Christ, giving everything He is for everything we lost in the Fall at the Garden of Eden.
- We cannot merit any of the Christ life given for us.
- HE is our PAST salvation, **-Justified**,
our PRESENT salvation **-Sanctified**,
our FUTURE salvation. **-Glorified**.

Jesus Christ wants to save you to the uttermost, right now, and fill you and shower you with His wonderful gifts of love. LIFE ABUNDANT is yours by privilege, because of the shed blood of Christ. All of us **need** abundant life, right now and for the amazing future we are called to yet live on this planet. In a nutshell, **WE NEED JESUS HIMSELF, ALL THE TIME LIVING FOR US. HE IS ABUNDANT LIFE**, we will not cope trying and struggling and failing – on and on, deeper into the emerging Antichrist system.

I want to share with you my own experience, my own life with Him after the initial crisis of nearly a year ago. I have written of this a number of times, I seem to have no other message for the saints of the Lord in this crisis period. It is crucial that we be totally FILLED with the indwelling Christ, as He ALONE can give all these wonderful things:

perfect will of God." Romans 12:1,2.

The Greek words for

- "beseech" is *parakaleo* meaning beg, entreat.
- "sacrifice" is *thusia*, a victim.
- "reasonable" is *logikos*, logical.
- "service" is *latreia*, to perform a sacred and worshipful, divine service.
- "acceptable" is *euarestos*, meaning well pleasing.

God is begging you in the book of Romans to present your bodies as living victims, to perform a sacred and worshipful divine service. This, in view of what Christ has accomplished for us, is only logical, and is acceptable to a Holy God if the sacrifice is holy.

How can we offer a "holy" sacrifice then?

We can get an inkling in the book of Malachi, chapter one verses 6-8:

"A son honoureth his father, and servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my fear? Saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor, will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts."

God shows us in Malachi His attitude to any sacrifice that is corrupt in any way, that is offered in a manner that says "any old thing will do", I will offer only that which I don't really want, I will offer that which is not something that is valuable, really. In the Old Testament this would mean sick animals, lame and blind beasts. It would be bread that is corrupting, going a bit rotten.

Where is the fear of the Lord?

In the book of Romans the priests are those who are saved, born-again.

- We offer polluted sacrifices when we offer *ourselves as sacrifices* with SIN still unconfessed and not abandoned completely, in any area.
- We offer worthless sacrifices when we present *ourselves as sacrifices, but only in those areas that don't mean much to us, anyway.*
- When we don't offer that which is costly to us personally.
- If we do those things we are not acceptable to a holy God.

We couldn't offer to men what we expect to offer to God, often!

- "Infirmities", the word is *astheneia*, meaning feeble health, want of strength.
- "Reproaches", the word is *hubris*, meaning a wrong springing from insolence, affront and insult.
- "Necessities", the word is *anagke*, distressful necessities imposed by adverse circumstances.
- "Persecutions", the word is *diognos*, meaning bullying harassment.
- "Distresses", the word is *stenochoria*, meaning extreme afflictions.

Paul took pleasure in all those things, because they made him weak enough to let Jesus Christ be his whole life! His natural self confidence in his own power was blasted to pieces, and he then said, **"If You do not do everything for me and through me, then nothing will be done. I cannot live at all; You must do everything for me. For me to live is Christ."**

- Isn't it time we saw the truth of all this, and stopped grouching about our troubles?
- Isn't it time we gave up and let Jesus Christ be all in all within us and through us to the world?
- Can we trust the Word of God enough to take pleasure in all the above, as God allows these things to come into our lives?

That will be the victorious life for ourselves personally. Begin now, right now, not some time later in the future – or perhaps never.

Promise four to live-in for victory:

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength....But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40: 29, 31.

These words were written in a time of intense despair during war. God is supreme over all the idol-worshipping nations of the heathen. This is no time for defeat and despair because of the emerging Antichrist system, the global government. Faint not, fear not, God has promised to renew the strength of all those who wait upon Him. Notice again that it is to those who are weak in themselves that the promises are given. Do not look into the future with heaviness and depression; the Almighty Himself will cause us to have strength beyond the natural, to fly above our problems like eagles. We will be strong in Him; we will fly, run or walk and not faint away to our shame before Him. He is there, He will uphold us. Live-

in this now, trust Him; He is the Creator, if He be for us who can be against us?

"For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire." Isaiah 66:15.

Promise five to live-in:

"But God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.

This is a mind-blowing verse, if we take it at face-value and do not let it lose its impact through familiarity! "**Supply**", **the word is pleroo**, meaning full to the brim supply, running over, to carry through to the end in every particular.

Promise six to live-in:

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2.

The trouble is we do not see that sin is a LAW operating in the old nature, the flesh. We look at the verse above and see only salvation from going to hell, but we do not often see that herein is an answer to the awful LAW (principle) OF SIN in my members. We can try and struggle to be "**good**" Christians and always we will end up failing. But when we see that a new LAW (principle) is needed instead of the old law of sin, we understand that we do not need even a little struggle to overcome sin. There is another law (principle) that sets me free from sin – without me working and trying. It does not need one bit of struggle either, it is a law. There in lies the only true victory. We don't need to try and try, we need to say, "Lord, I want nothing of me at all. I want the law of Christ to operate in me." The old law makes you sin continuously, even when you don't want to at all! The new law in Christ will make you righteous without any effort; you simply yield to Christ Jesus as your Life. The law (principle) of the Spirit of life is far superior to the old law of sin. For example, we have to yield to the earth's gravitational force, it is a law. We have to put a new law into effect, i.e. aerodynamics, in order to not fall under the gravitational pull. We cannot struggle all the way down to the earth after falling from a cliff and expect to not crash at last! It is the same with the law of sin. We may struggle and try to overcome sin, but we will always fall under the old law, we will ALWAYS fail believers. We will hit the bottom and crash, every time, even if we struggle all the way down.

But, let a new law, the one Christ Jesus Himself sets in operation inside us, and we will find we do not fall, and we are righteous without any effort at all!!!! Praise the Lord. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,..." Jude 1:24.

How important it is that we have the true Word of God, not the many perverted "versions" or modern paraphrases.

How can we know what God promises us, warns us of, exhorts us and so on, if we do not read the Word of God in truth! The KJV is a sound version, the only one we have in these horrible days of deceit. God tells us this in Ephesians 4:14, 15:

"That we henceforth be no more tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

How can we speak TRUTH in love if we learn error taught by the sleight [deception] of men?

The word "**sleight**" in Greek is *kubeia*, coming from a dice game, as men often cheated in dice games. A *kubos*, a cube was used in these games. With sleight of hand, like a magician uses, men can trick the unwary and pervert Bible doctrine going into their minds, and destroy their witness and lives. To live under doctrinal error, or to always want to discover some "**new**" thing apart from the grand old Book, is to be tossed to and fro like a yo-yo, carried here and then there by every wind of doctrine, like a leaf blown in the wind. We can then become unstable in all our ways.

A holy sacrifice – offered to the Lord.

God is wanting us all to perform our ordained, reasonable service!

"Of course I do that," you might say, "I love God for what He has done for me – anything, anything for Him." Well, you might be surprised to realize afresh that the "**reasonable service**" He wants from you is ALL of YOU offered upon the altar of sacrifice. Can it be, does He want ALL of you? Yes, His Word tells us so:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, And be ye not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable,