

The Beauty of the Ascended Christ

"Beauty for Ashes"



Romans 6:11

Phillipians 2:13

Romans 6:14

Ephesians 4:13

Its a Jungle
out there!



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"He ...ascended up
far above all heavens,
that he might fill
all things."
Ephesians 4:10



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self, Whose Life is given for the "Ashes" of our own
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newal, sanctification, revival, the joy unspeakable
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The wonder-filled words of Isaiah 61:3 might have a
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tion 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?
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Its a Jungle out there!

The Bible makes it quite clear
that this world we live in is a jungle!
Satan is our main adversary -
a roaring lion, no less.

However, he is not the only one who is a jungle creature ready to devour the Bible Christian. There are snakes, leeches, mosquitoes, leopards, vicious and abusive apes, man-eating predators abounding everywhere in the dark green murk. There are muddy bogs, quick-sand pits, paths overgrown with vines and branches, dead-ends that make the unwary hopelessly lost, and lack of light that makes the spiritual eyes strain for a clear view. Our society is too dramatically symbolized, you might comment. No, it is a jungle out there! A great and terrible place.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

1 Peter 5:6-9.

The Lord God said to Israel:

"Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drouth, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;"

Deuteronomy 8:14-16.

"Egypt" is a type of "the world." Israel was saved by the Lord God from Egypt, and then the people of God wandered in the wilderness. (See Exodus 8 for some of the record). They had been saved but had not entered the Promised Land of Canaan. This

John 14:21.

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"
Philippians 3: 9,10.

EXTRACT: "God's Best Secrets" by Andrew Murray p. 128

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THE NEW COVENANT IN HEBREWS

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities

will I remember no more." Hebrews 8:12.



In the book of Hebrews, Christ is called the "Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises" (v. 6). In Him the two parts of the covenant find their complete fulfillment.

First of all, He came to atone for sin, so that its power over man was destroyed and free access to God's presence and favor was secured. With that came the fuller blessing: the new heart, freed from the power of sin, with God's Holy Spirit breathing into it the delight in God's law and the power to obey it.

These two parts of the covenant can never be separated. And yet, unfortunately, many people put their trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sin but never think of claiming the fullness of the promise of being God's people and knowing Him as their God. They do not allow God to bring into their experience a new heart cleansed from sin, with the Holy Spirit breathing into it such love and delight in God's law, and such power to obey, that they have access to the full blessing of the new covenant.

Calvin engaged in grossly un-Christian behaviour in his day, and was known as the "Protestant Pope" of Geneva, Switzerland. Calvinism has Roman Catholic roots, readers. Calvinism was never based on the Word of God in any balanced way; it is very close to blasphemy.

Faith and Freedom is a Presbyterian church magazine, and would stand for such anomalies as

- ⇒ "Covenant Theology" which has only three covenants instead of eight as the Bible teaches;
- ⇒ infant baptism which is totally unscriptural;
- ⇒ A-Millennialism which does not recognise that Christ will set up a Kingdom on earth;
- ⇒ and of course Calvinism.

I thought it necessary to refute *Faith and Freedom's* unfair and untrue attack, particularly as some of *Beauty for Ashes'* readers may also read *Faith and Freedom*.

Andrew Murray in particular has been such a blessing in my own life, and in the lives of thousands.

Here is a quote from his book *The Power of the Blood of Jesus* to prove my point that he was as sound as a bell on the doctrines of salvation by Grace alone:

"All the wonders of grace are focused here: the incarnation, by which He took upon Himself our flesh and blood; the love, which did not spare itself but surrendered itself to death; the righteousness, which could not forgive sin until the penalty was borne; the substitution, by which He, the Righteous One, atoned for us, the unrighteous; the atonement for sin; and the justification of the sinner...."

"...the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" 1 Peter 1:19."

**GOD IS REAL, JESUS CHRIST IS REAL –
COME AWAY FROM MERE EMPTY FORMALISM,
IT IS NOT OF GOD NOR IS IT SCRIPTURAL.**

"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."

"wilderness" is a type of sin and walking by the carnal nature in Scripture. That is a terrible wilderness to wander in. Add to this the "jungle" of the world society at this juncture, and we can see why many Christians are in distress, looking for answers, not finding them. Looking for relief and hope with a wilderness inside, and a jungle outside. Some Christians we know look fine to the casual observer, but the reality inside belies the façade they have adopted. Sometimes they let the mask drop, and the wilderness inside is revealed.

• Are you like this? • You have no lasting peace, you are worried and distressed, shocked by the lurking jungle creatures, feeling lost, sin not conquered, seeking to keep up your faith as a good Christian should? • Do we have to live like this in the Latter Days? NO, a resounding NO.

To handle the jungle out there, with its top adversary the lion himself, we have to get rid of the wilderness inside. The wilderness, or wandering in unbelief far from the land of Canaan, the Promised Land, is about the "old man" struggling and failing, the "old man" or "flesh", self trying to win battles by his own power, in his own will, and for his own honor. Refusing to believe that God can take him into the Promised Land, moaning and complaining about his lot, more concerned about the jungle than the wilderness within. Trying to be content with the façade because it at least fools others.



There are Christians who diligently fight the jungle out there, but are hopelessly lost in their own wilderness. People may be fooled, but God knows the despair, the failure, the lack of victory over sin, the miserable defeat going on in the real depths of self.

And is the jungle really defeated by an already trounced believer who is acting out a part behind a MASK?



Of course it isn't, the lion is roaring with triumph and chewing on that believer's right arm. We all have to stop and be taken out of the wilderness, then the jungle can be handled.

My regular Gospel market stall on Sunday mornings is taking me right into a shadowy part of the jungle, encountering some pretty strange beasts. The moving parade of mostly godless humanity passes my stall, bites sometimes, roars a lot, glares with fierce, brilliant eyes that are used to seeing in the dark. I aim my Gospel arrows at them and hit the mark when they take the tracts offered. Behind them all a lion holds their strings with his teeth strong and sharp, not wanting to let go of any of them, even the baby ones who smile at me with wide friendly eyes. I give a little girl a booklet with lambs and pictures of Jesus on its cover. She, a little lamb herself, sings out happily, "Oh mummy, its Jesus. Jesus, I love Jesus." And the mother snarls, "watch your language!" She thinks the child is swearing. Did the little girl learn about Jesus at Religious Instruction at school? An elderly old toad and his raucous friend come back yet again to tease me, to try to humiliate me with their attentions. They croak on. A young, muscular black leopard passes by and reads my sign, "Ah, Jesus says unto you, ah, Come unto Me." He nods his head, and looks around at others to emphasize his agreement. He is a surprise, he is not fierce at all. His tattoos and dread locks make him seem very vicious indeed.

My arrow hits its mark. A lovely looking woman approaches me. She has been intrigued by my oft repeated invitation, "Here is a free cheque for you sir, for you lady." "Curiosity killed the cat," she quips, "I have to know what those cheques are." She takes a Gospel cheque, a tract that gives promises from the "Bank of Eternal Life. Resources Unlimited."

Her husband and family are sitting on a bench seat on the street, and they read that tract out loud, with much interest. So I fire another arrow, and hit them with a longer tract with cartoons. They receive it with delight and read it out loudly to each other, finally wandering off, but they have been contacted in some way. A growling tiger is passing my stall. He has on an RSL blazer and badge. "Here is a free cheque for you sir," I say, and put one in his hand. He attacks with fury, flinging the Bible's offering of eternal

beginning of the Holy Bible to its startling end?

What about Paul on the road to Damascus?

He was just a Babylonian extremist I suppose?

"And as he Paul journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Acts 9:3-6.

The unbalanced sophistry of the attack against the preachers of the Christian faith in former days, Murray, Finney and Torrey, and the Holiness movement which included Moody et al was shown in the statement, that

"There was little focus on being declared acceptable to God by faith in a righteousness not our own, but wholly outside of us in the person of Christ."

Not so, those preachers were evangelists who stressed the imputed righteousness of Christ alone for salvation. They also brought out with God's own power the imparted righteousness of Christ alone, within the believer, which opens the door to Christ "manifesting" Himself to His Blood-bought ones. These *Faith and Freedom* churchmen are running on their own power, and know nothing of walking with and abiding in Christ Jesus as our Lord and Fullness of Life. In the same article, other errors appeared along similar lines, and the author commended Luther and Calvin, so much could be written about their doctrines and lives! Churchmen in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

(We have dealt with these issue before in Despatch)

For those who may wonder, what is Calvinism! It is the belief; that God deliberately chooses some to be saved and others to suffer in hell - without a hope of them ever being saved, because they are not ordained, pre-destined by the Lord. John

APPENDIX II.

CALVINISTS STAND AGAINST THE REALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In the magazine *Faith and Freedom*, Despatch was saddened to see an article, page 3 May 2006 issue, with Kenneth Copeland, Rick Warren, Bill Hybels and such godly men of other days as Andrew Murray, R.A. Torrey and Charles Finney – all linked together as being of the same ilk!

The article was an amazing confusion. We are certainly in the Last Days. The main accusation seems to be that these saintly men of old, **Murray, Torrey, and Finney**, taught that they knew God in a real, intimate, and tender way. This was presented in the article as being "very dramatic, emotional, empirical," and an "inward experience of the heart" to be avoided as extremism and "subjective revivalism." It is sad to realise that these churchmen of *Faith and Freedom* do not know God at all, but see Him only as an unknown and unknowable God.

Do they know nothing of the sweet Presence of Christ in their lives? It appears that this is the case.

The Pentecostal Movement was presented in *Faith and Freedom* as being "Babylon Ecumenistic Glossalalia" and Hillsong and the Catholic Church were brought into the analysis. These true enough statements were made, but then the whole of *any* REALITY of God's Presence with His redeemed ones was lampooned, leaving the ungodly suggestion that any EXPERIENCE of God through the Holy Spirit is of the devil! Dangerous inequity resulted, dangerous to the spiritual lives of any who accept such cold formalism.

Am I to suppose that we all should regard any encounter with God as being subjective, emotional revivalism?

And add to that every experience anyone has ever had from the

life as a free gift down on the table. "I'm not interested in that stuff!" he roars. "Not interested in God?" I say. He swipes angrily, "That's not fair!" And he is off. I keep on hunting in the jungle for a couple more hours, and it feels so good to talk to so many men and women, boys and girls, and to see hundreds of little cheques and leaflets going off in people's hands. I can't conquer the green murk, but I can move in it with God's Light, showing the Way out, the only way out.

THE JUNGLE IN THERE.

The churches themselves are becoming
like a jungle in these sad days.

We seek to introduce Christians to a deeper walk with Jesus Christ, the Lover of their souls, and to help them see that He is all they need. However, there is always that roaring lion taking them off again to lose them in the jungle in there, in the denominations. The jungle in there has marshy places, quick sand, dead-end tracks, vines that are sticky and creep over the unwary, making their escape almost impossible. The spiritual jungle is filled with leeches and mosquitoes that give malaria with chills and sweats, delusions and wild dreams. The lion has roared and some have followed him just recently.

There was that young fellow who was so keen to go on with Jesus. He naturally wanted young teenagers to be with, and went to a local church youth group. He was soon being urged into making weird animal noises, received a false tongue, was all stirred up in emotional clap-trap. His life was a mess of unconfessed sin, but he was being urged to look for his spiritual "gifting." He can hardly find the books of the Bible, let alone know any verses, but this group does not do much Bible reading, and when they do open the "bible" it is from New Age, corrupt "bible" versions. We are seeking to rescue him.

Then there is the young mother who is in severe addiction trouble, she is a mess of bondage and unconfessed sin. We sought to show her Jesus as All she needs, and to show her His Presence

with her and His power to save her to the uttermost. She rejected the unwelcome advice to confess and depart from all sin, and be cleansed by the Precious Blood alone. She prefers self-love teachings, and being told her family has caused this, demons are doing all the bad things, and is soon lost in the jungle of false counseling. She is blaming her family for her own sin, her parents for the way they brought her up, her forebears for the curses they have put on her – and so it goes. Everything but learning instant obedience to and trust in Christ Jesus alone as her Life. There are so many dangers in the "counseling" of today and the very places that should be bringing truth and liberty are bringing their own brands of slavery to the lion, and he is devouring many.

TRUST AND OBEY.

In other days it was so simple to learn about the true Way to live the Christian life.

One just went to a Bible-based, uncomplicated fellowship, a local church or a Bible study group, and learnt from the Bible itself. The good old solid Word of God in the authorized version, that is. There were no smart-aleck movements and courses, counseling DVDs with elaborate self-evaluation charts, and forty or fifty or a hundred days of turning yourself around and being transformed into a BIG DEAL. Once there was the Presence of Jesus Himself and the Word of the Lord, and we learnt to be free from sin, self, pride and ambition. We learnt that humility was the foundational virtue, and the loving servant heart was the heart of Jesus. We learnt there was no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. I want those days to return, so much, I yearn for them, but we are living at the end of the Church Age with its great falling away.

Jesus Christ has not fallen away. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is ever present within us and around us.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace ..."

Hebrews 13: 8, 9.

This is our time to depend on Him alone – and to learn the depths of the greatest gift ever given to mankind, the gift of

⇒ show me the way that Satan is hindering and tempting and lying and counterfeiting and distorting the truth in my life.

⇒ Enable me to be the kind of person that would please you.

⇒ Enable me to be aggressive in prayer.

⇒ Enable me to be aggressive mentally and to think your thoughts after you, and to give you your rightful place in my life.

Again, I now cover myself with the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that you, Blessed Holy Spirit, would bring...

⇒ all the work of the Crucifixion,

⇒ all the work of the Resurrection,

⇒ all the work of the Glorification, and

⇒ all the work of Pentecost into my life today.

* I surrender myself to you.

* I refuse to be discouraged.

THOU ART THE GOD OF ALL HOPE.

You have proven your power by resurrecting Jesus Christ from the dead, and

* I claim in every way your victory over all Satanic forces active in my life, and,

* I reject these forces; and

render myself to Thee, Heavenly Father, as a living sacrifice.

* I choose not to be conformed to this world. I choose to be transferred by the renewing of my mind, and

* I pray that you would slow me Thy will and enable me to walk in all fullness of the Will of God today.

I AM THANKFUL, Heavenly Father, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, to the casting down of imaginations and every high thing that exalted it-self against the knowledge of God, and to bring every thought into obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

THEREFORE IN MY OWN LIFE TODAY...

* I tear down the strong-holds of Satan and

* I smash the plans of Satan that: have been formed against me.

* I tear down the strongholds of Satan against my mind, and

* I surrender my mind to you, Blessed Holy Spirit.

* I affirm, Heavenly Father, that you have not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

* I break and smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my emotions today, and

* I give my emotions to you.

* I smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my will today, and

* I give my will to you, and choose to make the right decisions of faith.

* I smash ' the strongholds of Satan formed against my body today, and

* I give my body to you recognizing that

* I am your temple; and

* I rejoice in your mercy and your goodness.

HEAVENLY FATHER,

I pray that now through this day you would

⇒ quicken me;

Jesus Christ as all we could ever need:

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Colossians 2: 6- 10.

The excitement of Grace in Christ Jesus to the uttermost should be the personal possession and delight of us all. God wants every Christians to live the abundant life, a life of joy and peace, sweet communion with the Lord all through the day. There are quick sands in the jungle in there that suck their victims into accepting that the Christian life is one of trial, suffering, persecution and grief. "That is your lot," insist rather carnal teachers, pointing to the martyrs of church history, and of those who suffer in other countries, horribly. Why do I write, "carnal teachers"? Because if a believer is really filled with the indwelling Christ, he or she is filled with joy, happiness unspeakable, no matter what the conditions or persecution around about. Miserable experiences are only the lot of those who are running by their own power, and are not filled with Christ's life.

You think not?

Well, take a look at the experiences of the early disciples:

"...and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. " Acts 5: 41,42.

"But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."

Acts 13: 50-52.

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go

bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:21-24
"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

11 Corinthians 8:2.

There are those who insist that all teaching about the joy and happiness of being a Christian is false, and that we must expect sorrow and trials in this wicked world. Trials we can expect, but only what God permits to arise in our lives. Sorrow, only with the accompanying JOY of the Lord which is our strength. Be filled with the indwelling Christ, and you will have JOY and PEACE no matter what occurs:

Before His crucifixion Jesus said:

"And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

John 16:22.

"By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 11 Corinthians 6: 8-10.

Then it is vital that you and I know the glorious secret of the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

It is our birth right and privilege, it is to God's honour that we have no wilderness within, and that we have victory over ALL SIN in His power alone. This is the Way to joy that does not leave us, and God's strength no matter what happens in the future.

HIS power alone; HIS will alone; HIS glory alone.

NO self glory; aNO self will; NO self righteousness.

- * I put off today the old nature with all its deceitful lusts and
- * I put on the new nature with all its righteousness and purity.
- * I do in every way stand into the victory of the Ascension and the Glorification of the Son of God where all principalities and powers were made subject to Him, and
- * I claim my place in Christ victorious with Him over all the enemies of my soul. Blessed Holy Spirit,
- * I pray that you would fill me. Come into my life, break down every idol and cast out every foe.

I AM THANKFUL, Heavenly Father, for the expression of your will for my daily life as you have shown me in your Word.

I THEREFORE CLAIM ALL THE WILL OF GOD FOR TODAY.

I AM THANKFUL that you have blessed me with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

I AM THANKFUL that you have begotten me into a living hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

I AM THANKFUL that you have made a provision so that today I can live filled with the Spirit of God with love and joy and peace, with longsuffering, gentleness and goodness, with meekness, faithfulness and self-control in my life.

AND I RECOGNIZE that this is your will for me and

- * I therefore reject and resist all the endeavors of Satan and of his demons to rob me of the will of God.
- * I refuse in this day to believe my feelings and
- * I hold up the Shield of Faith against all the accusations and against all the insinuations that Satan would put in my mind.
- * I claim the fullness of the will of God for today.
- * I do, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, completely sur-

I AM GRATEFUL, Heavenly Father that the Lord Jesus Christ spoiled all principalities and powers and made a show of them openly and triumphed over them in Himself.

- * I claim all that victory for my life today.
- * I reject out of my life all the insinuations, the accusations, and the temptations of Satan.
- * I affirm that the Word of God is true and
- * I choose to live today in the light of God's Word.
- * I choose, Heavenly Father, to live in obedience to you and in fellowship with yourself.
- ⇒ Open my eyes and show me the areas of my life that would not please you.
- ⇒ Work in my life that there be no ground to give Satan a foothold against me.
- ⇒ Show me any area of weakness.
- ⇒ Show me any area of my life that I must deal with so that I would please you.
- * I do in every way today stand for you and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life.

BY FAITH AND IN DEPENDENCE UPON YOU,

- * I put off the old man and stand into all the victory of the Crucifixion where the Lord Jesus Christ provided cleansing from the old nature.
- * I put on the new man and stand into all the victory of the Resurrection and the provision He has made for me there to live above sin.

THEREFORE, IN THIS DAY,

- * I put off the old nature with its selfishness, and
- * I put on the new nature with its love.
- * I put off the old nature with its fear and
- * I put on the new nature with its courage.
- * I put off the old nature with its weakness and
- * I put on the new nature with its strength.

NOT PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION.

There is no way to lasting peace and joy in God unless we go the way of instant obedience in all things. Every moment, every day, forever. "This is impossible, "you might counter. It is impossible for you, it is more than possible to God, and it is commanded by Him:

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5: 48.

We have been told by some that this means, "be ye becoming perfect", in progressive sanctification. This is supposed to mean disciplining the flesh, asking God's help. Growing better all the time, progressively training the flesh so that it will obey God - with His help. Every day learning to put off old behaviour, and learning to try harder to be righteous. And as we grow in discipline and determination we "progressively" change into the image of Christ.

Now, this is not Biblical at all. The Bible teaches that the "flesh" must die, be crucified, and that God will not accept anything but the Life of Christ Jesus. "Not of works lest any man should boast," applies after we are born again just as much as before we were born again. If something is "not of works" then there is no need for it to be "progressive" because there are no "works" to grow in, there is only the gift given by Grace alone. And that can be and should be instantaneous.

Why is the teaching of progressive sanctification deadly to the spiritual life?

It is a danger to the spiritual life for these main reasons:

1. If you believe that sanctification is progressive and one grows into it, bit by bit, then obviously there is no real intention to depart from ALL sin. This teaching actually condones sin. The believer says something like this:
"Well, I am growing in sanctification, and all Christians have sin in their lives to a certain degree, none of us can live a perfect life. So I will have to put up with being irritable, a bit touchy and proud, and

getting a bit tipsy at the party last night. I am growing progressively into the image of Christ, so I will have to claim 1 John 1:9."

2. If you believe that sanctification is progressive you will never expect to obey God instantly in ALL things. You will never believe that you can expect God to save from the power of ALL sin. You will never have a holy passion that is overwhelming to sin against God in NOTHING. Every day, moment by moment, total obedience in all matters.

3. If you believe in progressive sanctification, you will never be filled with the Holy Spirit for He is a HOLY Spirit. He will not fill with the Life of Christ so that He constantly abides in you, because the Holy Spirit demands a completely cleansed vessel for Him to fill. If you don't believe you can live every day without any sin as God enables, straight away when you trust Him implicitly to do so, you will let sin stay around and live in 1John 1:9 instead. That is a poor substitute for the Living Christ abiding fully in you, and a lot of the blame goes to the progressive sanctification teaching.

4. If you believe in progressive sanctification you must believe in works as well as Grace to some degree. You believe you have to grow into being more holy by your own works. You do not believe in the power of Christ within to save you from the power of sin altogether. You believe He can only encourage you and help you grow more Christ-like by your own aided efforts. This is not the Gospel of salvation to the uttermost, to is a faulty "gospel" of being saved to go to Heaven by Grace alone, but being changed to suit Heaven by your own fleshly endeavours – and by God helping you to do better by degrees. It is only progressive because YOU have to grow into imitating Christ.

THREE SORTS OF OBEDIENCE.

There are basically three sorts of obedience in Christian circles:

1. Legalistic obedience;
2. Evangelical obedience;
3. Grace obedience.

1. Legalistic obedience is found in many fundamental, KJV only

- you have given we eternal life;
- you have given we the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ so I am now justified.

I AM THANKFUL THAT IN HIM

- you have made me complete, and that
- you have offered yourself to me to be my daily help and strength.

HEAVENLY FATHER, come and open my eyes that I might see-how great you are and how complete your provision is for this new day.

- * I do, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, take my place in Him and
- * I cover myself with the shelter of His Blood
- * I take my place with Christ in the heavenlies with all principalities and powers (powers of darkness and wicked spirits) under my feet.

I AM THANKFUL that the victory the Lord Jesus Christ won for me on the Cross and in His Resurrection has been given to me and that

- * I am seated with the Lord Jesus Christ in the heavenlies; therefore,
- * I declare that all principalities and powers and all wicked spirits are subject to me in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I AM THANKFUL for the Armor you have provided and

- * I put on the Girdle of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Sandals of Peace, and the Helmet of Salvation.
- * I lift up the Shield of Faith against all the fiery darts of the Enemy;
- * I take in my hand the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and use your Word against all the forces of evil in my life;
- * I put on this Armor and live and pray in complete dependence upon you, Blessed Holy Spirit.

APPENDIX I.

WARFARE PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER,

- * I bow in worship and praise before you.
- * I cover myself with the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection during this time of prayer.
- * I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to you.
- * I do take a stand against all the workings of Satan that would hinder me in this time of prayer, and
- * I address myself only to the True and Living God and refuse any involvement of Satan in my prayer.

SATAN, I COMMAND YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO LEAVE MY PRESENCE WITH ALL OF YOUR DEMONS, AND I BRING THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BETWEEN US.

HEAVENLY FATHER,

- * I worship you and I give you praise.
- * I recognize that you are worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise.
- * I renew my allegiance to you and pray that the Blessed Holy Spirit would enable me in this time of prayer.
- * I am thankful, Heavenly Father, that you have loved me from past eternity, that you sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to die as my substitute that I would be redeemed.

I AM THANKFUL that the Lord Jesus Christ came as my representative, and that-through Him.

- You have completely forgiven me;
- you have adopted me into your family;
- you have assumed all responsibility for me;

churches. It is easy to define, it is about being solid, sound in doctrine and putting on a decent front. There is not much talk of the inner life, not much awareness of the Living God in real fellowship, not much love and the warmth of the Holy Spirit's fullness. It is more about "don't do that" than being transformed in the inner man. Don't drink, don't smoke, don't go to taverns, women don't wear trousers, and so on. Attend church three times a week, do what the pastor says, and expose doctrinal error, not compromising in any way. The husband is the head of the wife, Bible doctrine absorbed - then you can consider yourself an "obedient" Christian.

2. Evangelical obedience is found throughout Christendom, in various denominations.

It teaches progressive sanctification. There is urging to deal with the inner man, but not any expectation of deliverance from the power of sin in entirety. Head knowledge of Scripture is accepted, but the reality of the Presence of Christ and direct teaching from the Holy Spirit is rarely known. Grace is mixed with works in the teaching of the daily walk of a believer. If you go to church regularly, put your offering in the plate, live a normal sort of decent life, keep a tidy house - then you are living an obedient life. "God bless my will, bless the life I choose, make me like Jesus when I get to Heaven," is a common way of life for the vast majority. Bible study, prayer and church attendance is SUBSTITUTED for knowing God Himself and doing HIS will in a personal relationship with Him.

3. Grace obedience is entirely different than the other two examples of "obedience."

Grace obedience is ALL sin rejected and abandoned, ALL of God and HIS will accepted. There are no works of the flesh, or the person themselves working, at all. ALL is a gift of righteousness from the Lord. ALL God's power; ALL God's will, ALL God's honour. God Himself is sought with the whole heart, and the Living Presence makes known His will and power in the believer's life by the Word, and by the Holy Spirit's living light and gentle urging.

Grace obedience is obeying Someone Who dwells with you, agreeing to never offend Him ever again by sin, any sin, even

the "littlest" transgression. It is so absolute a surrender that the Holy Spirit is able to fill the believer with power over ALL sin, and give Christ Jesus as sanctification by a free gift of His fullness. It is instantaneous, sin is conquered fully in an instant. It is only ever progressive because the believer grows into more and more of an awareness of what God wants to do in the inner life. The life is deepened and opened up for more of the Life of Christ to flood within.

Obedience is GIVEN to the surrendered Christian, the works of the Law are not needed, all is received as a branch of the Vine Who is ALL righteousness, wisdom, redemption including being saved from the power of the "old man", and sanctification. ALL is to the glory of God alone, that no man may boast of his own good works:

"That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1: 29- 31.

A PERSONAL WITNESS.

Jesus Christ has delivered me from the "wilderness" inside that is the hidden reality of a lot of lives.

How do I know that there is such a hidden reality?

Because without sanctification by Grace, the exchanged life, Christ Jesus living instead of yourself, you cannot avoid the "wilderness" of the carnal life in control. I can tell my readers until I am blue in the face that YOU will only fail for all YOUR lives, unless YOU agree to YOUR own death, that Christ might live instead of YOU – and you will not believe me unless you are truly open to God. There is no light and revelation from God on all this until you are willing to say, "I will never sin again, not in the smallest matter, and You have to do it all." There will be no light from God of the truth of these things until you are willing to have all pride and self removed from you, and to continue to allow God to have His Full Will in your life forever. This was what you were saved to agree to, this is the only reasonable service you can offer.

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Romans

1:18-21.

The One Who created the moon, the planets, the earth itself and all that is in it is your Father, and you are in His family as His child. Even an earthly child will turn to a loving, good father and expect him to handle all things for him, and for him to give good gifts running over, abundantly. We watch the old classic series "Little House on the Prairie" regularly; it is a harmless and even inspiring show. The Ingles family relies heavily upon the father, he is the one who comes to the rescue, and he is the one who has the answers and wisdom.

How much more should we rely on our Heavenly Father.

"Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name."

"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

Psalms 50: 10.

how amazing that this light has been put there, how stunning that the moon controls so much of our world. The very fact that this huge light is in our sky has made the godless scientists declare that it is impossible for the Moon to be there, but it is! The authors of the book **"Who Built the Moon?"**, *Christopher Knight and Alan Butler*, are not Christians but are overwhelmed by Intelligent Design, struggling with the reality of a planned universe.

Our God is the Planner of all things, and He wants to answer our prayers to Him.

Realise afresh Who you are praying to.

From pages 4, 5, of the book by *Knight and Butler*:

"It is a very strange quirk of fate indeed that the disc of the Moon should seem, from an earthly perspective, to be exactly the same size as the Sun. Whilst we casually take it for granted that the two main bodies in Earth's skies look the same size, it is actually something of a miracle. Most people are fully aware that the Moon is tiny compared to the Sun but that it is much closer to us causing them to appear as equal discs. To be precise, the Moon is 400 times smaller than the star at the centre of our solar system, yet it is also just 1/400th of the distance between the Earth and the Sun.

Whilst the surprisingly neat number of 400 for relative size and distance is apparently an amusing coincidence of the decimal counting system, the odds against this optical illusion happening at all are huge. Experts are deeply puzzled by the phenomenon. Isaac Asimov, the respected scientist and science-fiction guru, described this perfect visual alignment as being 'the most unlikely coincidence imaginable.'" *(End of quote).*

These scientist can see the truth of God the Creator, but are deliberately holding down that truth in their sin and rebellion. They will do anything but believe in God and bow the knee to Him.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 12: 1, 2.

I have been through many experiences since I last wrote "Beauty for Ashes." There have been family weddings, visiting Christians, people having problems, a trip to North Queensland meeting various believers and enjoying their fellowship. There have been relatives we have not seen much of in recent years, renewing our love for them. Terrible suffering in families also, distress in people who should have had God's peace and victory. I guess I can say that in all this, the passing parade of humanity as God has seen fit to bring into our days, the One alone Who stands supreme is Christ Jesus.

The people who have accepted Christ as Saviour are in a different realm altogether than those who remain stubbornly unsaved.

Those who are saved but are not surrendered to Christ Jesus, who are living in various degrees of sin, are confused, sad often, they lack direction. Their lives seem lacking in vitality and happiness, despite their money or lack of money. No matter what, they lack a delight in living, they fall into depression easily, they have no victory over the world, sin and the flesh.

The unsaved people, over the years, get worse and worse, their lives degenerate, all becomes wrong and depressing. One relative from another state remarked on this phenomenon, he could see it like a time-lapse machine had taken him around. Years had moved together like a pushed in accordion for him. He saw clearly that the non-Christian relatives had less of a life than they had before, and they were in worse straits, while the Christians had grown and changed for the better. Their lives had become more serene, and time had mellowed them. Every child of God has a blessing, even those who are not fully surrendered unto all obedience to the Father.

From a personal view point I can see more than ever that all my life must be God alone. He is my heart's desire, He is yours too if you only knew it. DO YOU KNOW IT? He is happiness and riches, enjoyment and pleasure, nothing matters but Him, when it is reduced down to nuts and bolts. No one has anything of worth really outside God, the world is indeed passing away and all

its ambitions, honour for self, crazy entertainments, excitements, honours and accolades are just nothingness.

One thing stands, my Friend, this unspeakably precious Companion of mine – Jesus, Lover of my soul.

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:37, 38.

THEY ARE LOST IN THE JUNGLE.

Many are the people lost in the jungle in there, in the denominations, not only out in the world. It has become almost a duty to rescue church-goers from the pastor, so devious and compelling have the false teachings and counterfeits become. But, praise God, there are still sound churches left, though many be weak and partly blinded, in need of spiritual guide dogs. The jungle in there has teachings like Celtic Healing/Dancing, the Labyrinth, generational curses, extreme and dangerous demonic possession teachings and rituals, animal grunts and groans in place of the beautiful movement of the True Holy Spirit.

There are music and rhythms in the denominational jungles that would be more at home beside a huge fire in the dark of night in Africa, and there are ancient witchdoctor doctrines wrapped up in Christian packaging pervading everything in the churches. Pagan stuff is primitive and demeaning. The jungle in there is a scary place.

Satan and his demons are causing all this. It is a conquest, by the ancient evil powers that were rebelling against God since before the world began! Christians, truly saved people, cannot be demon possessed, Jesus Christ has saved them from Satan as the enemy who can invade their souls. However, true Christians can be deceived by demons, buffeted and oppressed or exploited by demons, and be made wretched by demonic interference. This happens because of SIN being allowed in the life, mostly by extreme sin, not every day failings. Things like sexual sin, wicked behaviour such as drunkenness and drug taking. Cheating and

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD." Psalm 4:3-5.

The "sacrifices of righteousness" are large in the Age of Grace; YOU are that offering, you, yourself:

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

The jungle out there, and the jungle in there, needs your intercession. The forests of this wicked world are filled with the lost and desperate.

- **Are you a Christian of devoted, dedicated prayer?**
- **Has God been calling you to pray more but you have been "too busy as yet, but I will get around to it"?**
- **Is your prayer when it is addressed to God formal, sticking vaguely to a pattern and a list, is it performed out of duty without any Real awareness of God involved?**
- **No Real fellowship in the light with Him?**
- **Is it not actually enjoyable, be honest?**

If so, you need the indwelling Christ Jesus filling you with light and Life. 1 John chapter 1.

*Is "restraining" prayer a sin against God?
"Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God."*

Job 15:4.

It is indeed a sin to "restrain" or hold back prayer.

Let us all move deeper into the supernatural world and bring our requests with reverence to the Creator of the Universe, our Heaven Father. "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." We have been reading about the wonders of the moon, how astonishing are the measurements of this fantastic ball of light in the sky,

Ask in Jesus Christ's Name.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13.

It is certain, it is a spiritual Law, that when we ask in the Name of Christ, as we abide in Him and His very nature and Person dwells in us, when we come in Him as though HE was coming instead of ourselves, when His very Spirit fills us – then the answer must be given, and we have to be ready to receive it. As we get out of the way, and let Christ live in us, His power in prayer because ours as well. Do you want answers to prayer for your loved ones, for your own life, for the lost around you, for those who are trapped in spiritual bondage in the church jungle? Then DIE, through the power of the Cross, to the flesh life – and let Christ Jesus dwelling within you LIVE in His fullness:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Galatians

2:20.

Be fully identified in Christ, and empowered by Jesus, and you will join Him as an intercessor, without even trying to do so:

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25.

GOD WILL ANSWER YOU.

Isaiah 30:18, 19:

"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. ...he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee."

"But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him."

lying, cruelty and selfishness gone haywire. Compromising with the evil doctrines of demons that have flooded Christendom can also cause serious oppression or delusion from demons that should be broken in spiritual combat against them. **Can Christians, real born-again people, get into such things?** Yes, sadly Christians can be drawn into bad sin, to their disgrace. What these do to their Lord Who died for them! But He loves them still!

The people of the Lord God Almighty must be in warfare for the souls of men. Some of the main Biblical weapons of warfare should be grasped by us all, as taught by the Word and opened to us by the Holy Spirit. No need for books on "warfare", most of which are doctrinally unsound, the Bible has it all for us.

A great prayer came into our hands recently, it is simply Scriptural truths grasped and acted upon. We do not know the believer who wrote the prayer, Victor M. Matthews, and cannot be found responsible should he have false teaching elsewhere in his ministry.

This prayer itself is very sound, and only the Word of God throughout. The words themselves have NO power, there is NO mysterious clout in the prayer per se.

By really meaning the words prayed, departing forever from sin, and depending entirely on the Lord Jesus Christ, liberty is gained from counterfeits, errors, lies, and demonic bondage in sexual sin, drug abuse or compulsive behaviour.



A JUNGLE COMBAT PRAYER.

Christians are in a cosmic war. The spiritual forces which are engaged in mortal combat are the Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the holy angels VERSUS Satan and his evil fallen angels. There is much evidence that the conditions on earth at this time are similar to those which prevailed before the flood in Noah's time. The Nephilim are back in power! These are

the powers that are passing themselves off as being ETs in UFOs. The evidence for this manifestation being the revived power of the Nephilim of the Old Testament is spectacular to study! Too big a subject to delve into here. Sufficient to say that we followers of Christ Jesus must realise the seriousness of the times we live in, and the supernatural characteristics of the war going on. We need to assert with every fibre of our being the victory of Christ on the Cross against these evil enemies of God and mankind. The warfare prayer is in APPENDIX 1 at the end of this handbook. It can be used for your own life, for those who need release from the attacks of Satan against them, and for fellowships as well. Use it, and obey its authorization.

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:11-13.

ABIDING IN CHRIST MEANS ANSWERS TO PRAYER!

These verses are extremely important for us all in these Endtimes. Jesus has promised, He Who cannot lie or exaggerate:

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." **John 15:7.**

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:3.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

1 John 3:22.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive,

that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

These verses and others like them can be too familiar, we can regard them in a blasé manner. Look at them with new eyes, eyes of belief. I watch the people wandering past my Gospel market stall, and I say over and again, "Eternal Life is free to those who will turn from sin and come to God." They do not BELIEVE, not many will ever believe it. Unbelief is a strange mind-set, and we Christians can have our share of unbelief as well. Those people in the street will, many of them, go to hell because they will not believe the Bible's truths.

Are loved ones you know going to hell because you will not really believe the verses above, about the certainty of God answering prayer? **Ask and Receive go together.** Let us all take God's promises at their face value, look at His Face and His Value. Time is short, fulfill the prayer conditions, and have done with lesser things, Ask and Receive in Jesus Christ's Name. Yes, there is still human free will, but God is mighty, and longs to bring our loved ones into the light and out of the darkness.

Prayer and God's Answers should never be separated.

Andrew Murray has always said that praying and the answers go together. If you are not getting answers to prayer all the time, then find out what the problem is.

"Abiding" in Christ means that you are absolutely abandoned to Him, so that He lives in you instead of yourself. "My words abide in you," means that you live in the Scriptures, instantly obeying the Lord's Word in all things – by the indwelling Christ Jesus' power alone. If you are abiding in Christ in that wonderful way, then prayers must have an answer. If the answer is "no" then God will tell you that is so. Expect answers all the time. Do not be unbelieving just praying away every day, but content to see no real answers. Then if the answers do not come, saying, "Oh well, the Lord must be saying 'no' to my request" and leaving it at that. Expect God to tell you "no" if that is the answer. But realise that often the answers do not come because you do not BELIEVE that God will answer, not in your heart. Ask God to cleanse you from an unbelieving heart.