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# 4 Important Things You Must Know

by Warren Litzman

**Romans, Chapter 6, is the believer's first truths he must learn to fully understand about his new life in Christ.**

**1** You must learn that you have been baptized into Christ's death. (See, *Romans* 6:3). Many believers have spent a lifetime trying to kill out their past sinful life. This is an impossible thing for a human to do. Yet many in religion are working hard on something that took place in them the moment they were saved. While it may not be known to a new convert that this happened, this is something God did instantly when a sinner is saved. This scripture says that a baptism takes place the moment a sinner believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. This happens simultaneous when Jesus saves. Two wonderful things happened at once. The believing sinner was placed "in Christ" and his life of sin was killed out the moment he was saved. That is, all the sins of humanity were in Christ's body when He hung on the cross and His death was also the death of the sinner's old life, including the sin. At that moment the sinner, saved by grace, was a new creature ready to live a new life. There is more to this; let's go on.

**2** The old life of the sinner is crucified, killed out, as far as God is concerned. (See, *Romans* 6:6). This verse says two things that happened when sinners were crucified with Christ. First, the body of sin was destroyed. Your old self died on the cross with Christ. This means you do not have to do sinful things to be who you are. You are a new creature in Christ Jesus and the old way of living has passed. Second, it says you don't have to serve sin any longer. Now then, you say, why do I still want to sin? This verse has the answer. It says "knowing." Ah, you should see it now. Knowing is a mind thing. You still have your old life holding on in your mind. The Apostle Paul says several times in his Epistles that you must renew your mind. Your mind is still the old mind you have always had. You have to change it to fit your new life in Christ. You ask, why didn't God save the mind when I got saved? It's simple. The mind is where the love affair with Christ takes place. Now that you are saved, you make the choice whether you love Jesus, and what He has done for you, more than you love yourself.

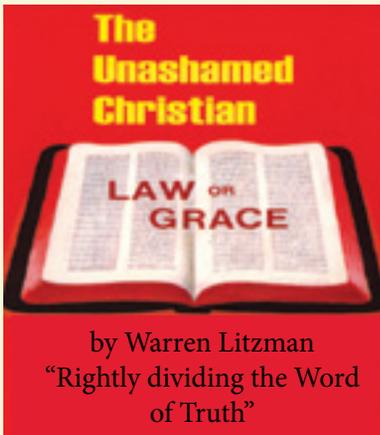
**3** That Christ being raised from the dead can die no more. (See, *Romans* 6:9). Death has no more dominion

over Him, and, because you are in Him, death has no dominion over you. In the natural, death seems to be very real, but in the spirit you pass from one earthly position to a greater heavenly position. Once you are saved you are spiritually alive for evermore. The instant you were saved another wonderful thing happened. You came out of your death and your earthly existence, never to be bound by earthly things ever again. You became an individual with Christ in you as your life and, as this verse says, He will never die again. You have eternal life in you now. Now you are a birthed child of God by the incorruptible, everlasting seed that was put into you. You have eternal life in you the instant you are saved.

**4** Now to whom you yield yourself, whether to sin, to self, or to the Christ in you, you will be its servant. (See, *Romans* 6:16). If your mind never becomes fixed to the new life within you, you obviously will hinder the glorious work God has done for you in His wonderful work of redeeming you. This happens when you revert back to your old ways of living before Christ became your life. This can be done automatically because your mind is not completely renewed. The idea for on-going believers is to walk daily in the Scriptures, in praise and in prayer. Remember, you are already alive by the Christ in you. Let him be your only life. You will come to the blessed time where you are a true servant of Christ without any thought of your old life and old ways of living before Christ became your life. **Amen.**

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IN THIS BOOK, the well-known instruction from Paul to Timothy to “rightly divide the Word of Truth” comes under a rigorous, extensive, and expansive exegesis from the fine mind, and copious writing of Dr. Litzman. From a man who is consumed with Christ as the believer’s life, it is not surprising that he advocates the clear separation of Law and Grace.

He devotes the first half of *The Unashamed Christian* to expounding on the various dispensations of God’s dealings with humankind that spans the 4,000 years of the Old Testament. From *Innocence to Human Government* to the *Law*, the author sets out to persuade the reader that these do not apply to the life of the believer in the dispensation of *Grace*, but rather result in a deadly diminution of the Pauline gospel of freedom and firm oneness in Christ—which he expounds on in depth in the second half of the book.

Dr. Litzman introduces a term that may not be familiar to a lot of readers, but the

word *commingling* aptly describes his concern over the persistent, indiscriminate application of the Scriptures without regard to the people for whom they were written or their place and purpose in God’s timeline of redemption. He boldly declares that, “This matchless message of Christ as the life of the human being has been denied to multitudes because of religious commingling.”

He presents his case with the skill of a surgeon extracting dead and atrophied tissue from invading healthy, living flesh. The triumphant truth of Christ, as the end and completion of the Father’s plan, is carefully and effectively separated from the dead and obsolete demands of the Law. I found this book beaming a ray of much-needed clarity into confusing and inconsistent interpretations of the Word of Truth.

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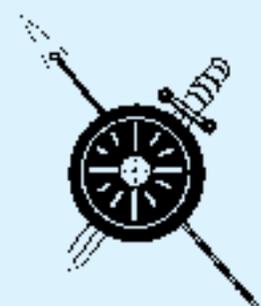
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# RIGHTLY DIVIDING/THE/WORD

BY RICHARD MOORE



When Jesus said, "I am not come to bring peace but a sword," He knew that His rejection would bring a sword (judgment) upon the Earth. But judgment has been postponed by the Dispensation of Grace. "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." (*Isa. 61:2.*) This period of grace exists between the words "Lord" and "and" in this verse. This is the hidden nature of the Dispensation of Grace and the revelation given to Paul (*Rom. 16:25; Col. 1:26-27; Eph. 3:1-12.*)

This is how we truly comprehend the word and plan of God: 1) the revealed plan, which culminates in Israel's kingdom on earth (prophecy); and 2) the unrevealed age (Paul's revelation—"mystery"). The plan of prophecy includes the Old Testament, the earthly ministry of Jesus, and the early Acts period. Paul's revelation is an interruption in the plan of prophecy ("mystery"), kept secret since the world began.

**Pentecostal Dispensation Not Pauline Truth.** What existed prior to Paul's revelation concerns Israel, the earthly plan and God's kingdom on earth. Paul's revelation concerns

the heavenly, eternal plan (the full revelation of the cross, the doctrines of grace, the formation of the one new man)—the Church, which is his body. Don't tell me Peter and the others preached and understood the same things Paul did. (*Acts 1:6, 10.*) They had no concept at that time of the heavenly plan or the one new man. Paul's revelation is the key to understanding what God is saying in the present Dispensation of Grace (present truth).

**Present Truth (2 Peter 1:12 with vs. 3-4).** The present truth in which every believer must be established is that he has already been given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (vs. 3-4). This is the unique character of present truth (the in-Christ position—*Eph. 1:3.*) This certainly could not be said during Jesus' earthly ministry and was not fully known until Paul's revelation of Jesus Christ in you (*Gal. 1:12-16.*)

These facts, alone, will greatly help us in our study (**division**) of the Word of God. Prior to this time, man could only please God through law. What a radical departure Paul's message is: the new creature saved by grace—fully justified by believing, dying, and being raised with

Jesus—born again (*Gal. 6:15; 2 Cor. 5:17.*) We read the Scriptures as if Paul's gospel of grace and the full revelation of the cross and the new humanity were understood at *Acts 2, 5, 10;* it was not. Believers must cease their activities and their comingling of Scripture, and study to show themselves approved (i.e., identify the Pauline revelation as the pattern for what is truth for today—*1 Tim. 1:16.*)

**Conclusion.** True Christianity is not an imitation of Jesus, but a divine revelation of our participation in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, who is our life (*Col. 3:3-4.*) It is not knowing Jesus after the flesh (an outer Jesus), but Christ in us, our hope of glory (*2 Cor. 5:16-17.*) Paul is the initial and primary revelator of the inner Jesus—a fact that changes everything forever. Jesus spoke this in *John 14-17,* but the revelation of this was manifested through Paul in due time (*1 Tim. 2:4-7; Titus 1:1-3.*) These are the essential ideas in right division of Scripture. God can only be known through grace in this present dispensation. Let us seek him where He is (*Eph. 3:1-12.*) **Amen.**

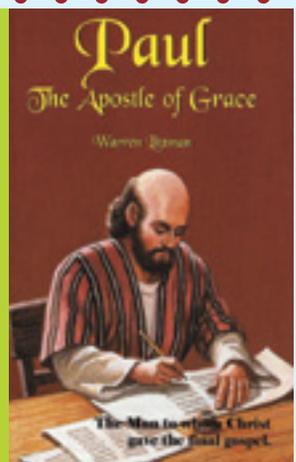


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# EDITORIAL



## THIS IS HOW CHRIST DOES IT THROUGH US

Every once in awhile, I am asked how we carry on and do things in our Dallas office. We, in fact, have a very small operation at this time. Through the years we have had many different people helping us do the work we felt should be done. Our workload has varied from time to time and the Father always supplied the help we needed. Today, however, and for the past few years our office has been managed by Robbie and I, with her doing the majority of the office work. You might say Robbie has carried the workload by herself. Christ working through Robbie has done what few people could ever do.

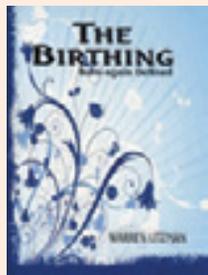
You see, it is a labor of love dealing with so many people who are coming into the new knowledge of Christ as their life. The phones ring constantly from people all over the world. They may have just heard a bit about Christ living in humans

and are excited to learn more. They need to talk to someone who can answer their questions and send them information. This is what Christ in Robbie does so well; she anticipates their needs and points them in the right direction. The same is true with the internet. There are hundreds of emails that must be dealt with. Most of the emails are testimonies from people who have just discovered the good news of Christ in them. A person finds a Christ-life book or magazine which was so charged with spirit-life that they had to contact us. Sometimes a hungry heart will order everything they can afford, and need it sent to them immediately. Or someone listens to the Live 365 internet radio program and emails us wanting more of the good news. Or someone watches a video and needs more information on the subject they are study-

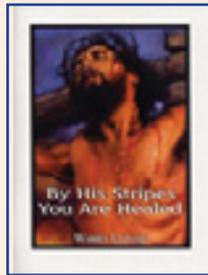
ing. You see there is no end to God's message, stirring and enlightening hungry hearts.

While all this is going on, I stand ready to assist Robbie in any way I can. Most of my time is spent writing; I am always working on a new book. I also assist the company that produces our material. About the time we think we are making headway in our office, it's time to quickly pack our bags and catch a plane to wherever the Father leads. While we are gone, the office load stacks up and Robbie starts all over upon our return.

I want to thank this growing body of Christ-life believers who continue to supply the needs, financially and prayerfully, as we carry on. This writing may sound like we are weary of the work, but actually our joy of life is seeing Christ being manifested in humans as the Father intended. ❖



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# The Earthly Kingdom Message is Not the True Gospel of Jesus Christ

by Warren Litzman

We have so often stated that there is no way a believer can be ongoing in the things of the Lord or grow up in Christ in fullness until he is able to correctly divide the Word of Truth as is stated in *2 Timothy 2:15*. While all of the Bible may be *for* us, we must always remember that not everything in the Bible is *to* us. In my walk with the Lord I have found two great powers of man-made religion that have kept believers from knowing who they are in Christ. Since the in-Christ message is the most often-stated and most wonderful truth in the whole of the New Testament, anything or anybody that comes against this message becomes an enemy to truth.

The first of these two great forces that work against the Christ-life is the so-called message of ultimate reconciliation—the idea that in the end there is no eternal hell and that all souls will be saved, including Satan. Such a notion as this not only nullifies the Christ-life because of the multitude of Scriptures that position salvation on the in-Christ truth, but also nullifies the work of the cross, which is God's nature, showing that there is only one way to be saved, that being through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

In this writing, I also give my attention to another powerful message of our day that keeps people

from seeing Christ—a message we call the “Kindom Message” or the “Dominion Message.” This message is being advocated today as it has been in all ages since the death of Christ as an attempt on the part of Gentiles to become spiritual Jews, an attempt to take over the promises that belong to Israel and rule this earth. Because people have not clearly seen in the Scriptures what is God's intention for the human race, this message appears to be good and wholesome to earth people. Yet, we must always remember that those who are born again are no longer earth beings but are now seated with Christ in heavenly places; their entire motivation is upward instead of downward toward the earth.

If we really understand God's plan for born-again believers in this age, there must be a contrast between what God has done and is doing with Israel and what He is doing for the church of Jesus Christ. This contrast and truth concerning the relationship of the Christ-life believer with Israel is clearly delineated for us in *Romans*, Chapter 11. This chapter provides the valid points which will straighten us out as to this enemy of God's grace which is so commonly and erroneously believed these days. We can trace exactly what Paul would have us see in this elev-

enth chapter. Paul makes certain statements showing exactly what our relationship to Israel is this day. He says God has not cast Israel away (vs. 1-2), for God has always maintained a remnant for Himself (vs. 3-4), and there is a continuing remnant according to the election of grace (v. 5). National Israel has been blinded judicially (v. 7), which blindness was anticipated in the Old Testament (vs. 8-10). Through this blinding of Israel, God instituted a program with the Gentiles (vs. 11-12) in which after the natural branches have been taken out of the place of blessing (vs. 13, 16), wild branches (Gentiles) have been grafted into the place of blessing (vs. 17-24). However, after the fullness of the Gentiles has come in—that is, after the completion of the program of the Gentiles—God will bring Israel back into the place of blessing again (vs. 25, 29), and will bring salvation to the nation (v. 26), because such was His irrevocable covenant (vs. 27-29).

This salvation (v. 26) is one that was promised Israel in the Old Testament, which was to be realized when the Messiah instituted the millennial reign. Therefore, Paul is showing us that after the rejection of Israel, because of the rejection of the offered kingdom, God brought the Gentiles into the place of blessing, which

# THE JOY OF BEING A GOD-BIRTHED SON OF GOD

BY WARREN LITZMAN

## WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?

The question of Jesus' identity was a constant trouble to all those who knew Jesus. Even when God spoke from the heavens and said, "This is my beloved Son," the people would not believe. They could not believe, because they did not want Him to be the Son of God who must live for only His Father's will. Let Him be what He wants to be as long as He is happy. Let Him be a miracle worker, a demon conqueror, the coming King, or anything else—just as long as He sets me free and meets my needs. Jesus, you can calm the stormy water, raise the dead man at Bethany, and heal our bodies, but don't turn to us and tell us you are the Bread sent down from heaven. Don't tell us we must eat your flesh and drink your blood to share in your eternal life.

Why didn't they want Him to be the Son of God? Because they did not like what was involved. His mother didn't want Him to be the Son of God, to choose between His Father's will and hers and Joseph's. At the age of 12 when He began assuming His position, she did not understand Him when He said, "I must be about my Father's business" (*Luke 2:48*). She did not know that this was what God wanted of His Son.

Jesus spoke in an apparently harsh manner to His mother at the marriage in Cana. When she told Him they had no wine, He said, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" This may have been prompted by pride that Mary felt over what *her*

*son* could do. Jesus lived in another world, and wanted His mother to know it.

When He ordained the twelve to share in His ministry, His friends and relatives saw that this was more than an ordinary prophet. They sought to lay hold on Him, for they said, "He is beside himself" (*Mark 3:21*). Then Mark writes that the Scribes and Pharisees said, "He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils He casteth out devils." Jesus' mother and brethren then sought to speak to Him, no doubt to persuade Him to return home before it was too late. They could see that the opposition could only result in imprisonment or death. But Jesus would not so much as give them an audience. He cut across the family ties very sharply by saying that his Father was in heaven and his brothers and sisters were only those who did his Father's will.

There were two reasons for their not wanting Him to be the Son of God: first, being the Son of God involved the Cross, and secondly, they were deaf and blind in the spiritual realm—they were ignorant.

At His death there was great sorrow on the one hand and almost triumph on the other. The crowds who had once followed him picked up the cries of the chief priests: "He saved others, Himself He cannot save...*If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross.*" He was just one more blasphemer silenced on a cross. However, for Mary, His mother, there was only defeat. The mes-

sage of the angel brought so many years before was far away. During the first part of His ministry it had seemed that He would "save His people," but instead He had begun to talk about doing His Father's will, and that will was to die. Now He was dead, and no one was saved. Mary was glad to have Him be the Son of God, *but not according to God's plan.*

There were others who at times thought Him to be the Son of God. However, they did not want Him to really be the Son of God, especially when He neared the Cross. To Peter, Jesus said, "There has been no man on this earth who could verify or tell you I am the Son of God, for no one can reveal it to you except my Father" (*Matthew 16:16-17*). Martha called Him a Son of God, but in ignorance for she did not have a knowledge on which to base her words, it was simply terminology. People do the same thing today. They know Him as the Son of God theoretically, but not by revelation. Martha believed Jesus could do anything, but her statement, "thou art the Son of the living God" was spoken in ignorance. Men will allow Jesus to be a great teacher, our example, or a great prophet. People will not let Jesus be the Son of God for it involves the incarnation and the virgin birth; and if you believe that, you must believe in His death and resurrection.

Lost in the paraphernalia of religion is His sonship. The message of the sonship of Jesus was not brought by men; when John came to prepare

the way for Jesus, the message was repentance. This message of sonship was brought by the Father Himself. He spoke in an audible voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." If this message is to come to us, it will come directly from our Father to us. When we speak of sonship we are not talking about our *position* as sons primarily: we were made sons at salvaton. We are speaking of the intimate relationship of sonship with knowledge. It is this *relationship*, not the position, that no one wants you to have with your Father; for He will require you to carry the Cross, deny yourself, and follow after Jesus.

Many are glad to say they are "children" of God, for they think that as His children they should have access to all the cattle on a thousand hills, a miracle every time they get sick, the best house, the best car. However, when a believer finds out that the benefits pertaining to this life are temporal, he begins to realize that being a son of God is more than an earthly adventure; it is an eternal relationship with God. Thus, the line is drawn between the carnal and the spiritual when the spiritual believer says, "I am a son of God." Men do not care how much you say you are *trying* to follow after the plan of God, as long as you do not say you are a son of God who is living the life of Jesus.

There are three who do not want you to be a son of God - the world, the devil, and the flesh. First, the world does not want you to be a son of God. People cannot stand the contrast made between your life and theirs. People think if you leave everything to follow Jesus you are a fanatic. The Jews actually thought they did God a service when they

killed Jesus, and He promised that this will happen to us too, if we follow Him.

Second, the devil does not want you to be a son of God. He rose up against God in the beginning, and lost his position of authority. Now he would do all within his power to deny us a place of sonship in the heavenlies. The devil does not care how much you say you are a prophet, the man of the hour, or how prosperous and successful a ministry you have, but when you say you are a son of God, all hell will rise up against you. The Father knows you in Christ and the devil does not like it. He does not like your being seated in heavenly places. The devil does not care how many sick you heal, or how successfully you operate the gifts of the Spirit, but when you open your mouth and say, "I am seated in heavenly places and no devil can destroy me," Satan is riled. He can destroy the temporal works of the flesh, but he cannot destroy eternal sonship. The son of God will fight the powers of Satan, and not always see the victory at the moment, but he will *never be defeated*. There will be many battles, but he will not be destroyed. Even death could not destroy the Only Begotten Son, and we who live His life cannot be defeated.

Finally, my own *flesh*, my own self, with all its ego and self-righteousness and all its pride does not want me to be a son of God. The greatest battle we fight is with ourselves. There are times when we are ready to step back into the same old life. We reason that if we would forget trying to live His life we could do a lot more, there would be many more open doors, more glamorous appeal; but I hear another voice, that of my Father, and I can say, "Get

thee behind me, Satan." Let us not compromise or take the way of least resistance. Let us not be tempted by a lesser Gospel. The flesh wants the biggest and the best. You can be Spirit-filled and do a lot of things for a lot of people, but that will not necessarily make you a son of God with knowledge. The flesh will never agree to living the life of the Son of God; so you must deny *yourself* to be a son of God. **Amen.**

## Kingdom Message (continued from page 6)

program continues today. When that program is ended, God will inaugurate the theocratic kingdom at the return of the Messiah and fulfill all the covenant blessings that were made to Israel.

Thus, throughout the new Testament the kingdom is not preached as having been established but is still anticipated. Those who preach that the kingdom message, which was the message of a theocratic kingdom for Israel, are denying us the in-Christ message, for Christ alone is our sufficiency. Outside of Christ, we need nothing. The born-again are a special race of people and have been placed in God's plan as belonging solely to Him as a heavenly people. Let us not be swayed by every wind and doctrine, but search the Scriptures carefully to see whether the things we are being taught are of God. If we rightly divide the Word of Truth, we will know the difference between the Kingdom Message and the fact that all things are ours in Christ and that Christ is our righteousness and we stand before God in His Person. **Amen.**

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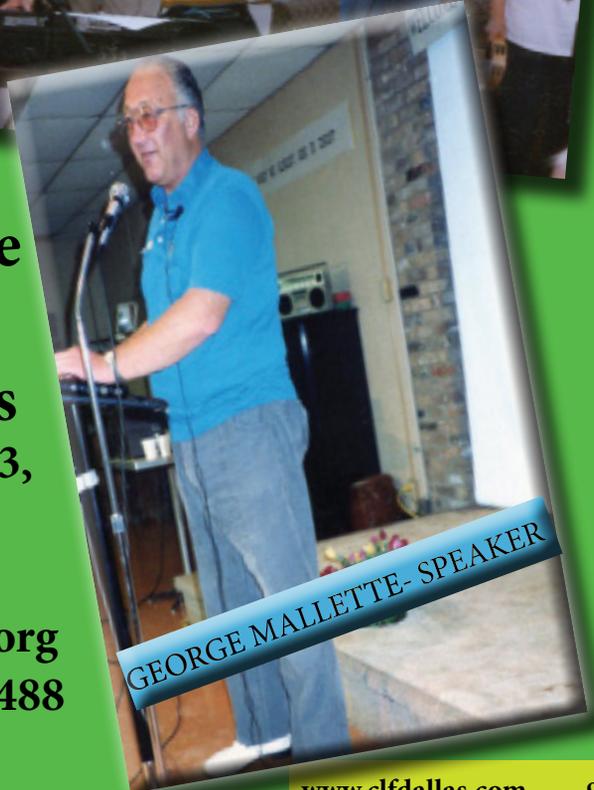


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How can one measure the worth of a man who brings the message of an exchanged life: the loss of the self-life for the gain of Christ-in me, my hope of glory? This is surely an impossible task! How many have been deeply touched by the love of the Father in giving His precious only Son so that we mortals may become the sons of God in spirit and truth, with Christ living His life through us in love and worship to the Father?

This truly is the final step in a spiritual journey that started one Sunday night in 1975 when the Holy Spirit gave me a curiosity to attend a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting. What was this, I wondered. A small group gathered in a circle with two young men in the center, playing guitars and leading the meeting. At this time I was suffering from addiction to Valium (prescribed by my physician), and after four years of AlAnon, which had healed my loss of mind, I still could not do anything without the benefit of Valium. On the way out from the meeting, my friend's mother kept insisting that I go in the prayer room. Well, a prayer room was something new and strange to me, and I kept refus-

ing. She was insistent, and finally, just to shut her up, I said, "OK."

This had to be my first step into a new spiritual journey. When I reached the door, I unexpectedly said words that did not come from me: "I want you to pray for me so that I can stop taking Valium." Two nuns sat me in a chair, laid hands on me and prayed, and prayed, and prayed. Result? The impossible! I arose from that chair with a deep, deep peace, a peace that passes understanding. Needless to say, I discarded all my Valium. Someone told me I should keep it, because I might need it again; but I **knew** I should never again be a slave to that!

At the next meeting, as one leader was reading *Romans 10:8,9, and 10*, "...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. . . ." I just suddenly blurted out, "Oh, I didn't know you had to do that." So he asked me if I wanted to do that now, and I, of course, replied that I did. That was how I was reborn. Never did I really come to understand the fullness of that until years later, when I heard a visiting

preacher tell us that we should write to a Warren Litzman for the booklet, "The Believer's Secret of Happiness."

Reading this booklet and consequently attending my first Christ-life Camp Meeting at Pine Cove in 1984 started the transforming change in my relationship with my Father and his Son, Christ in me my hope of glory! At this very first camp meeting, I received the special message of *Galatians 2:20*: "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."

Receiving Warren's teaching later on "Adoption" from the Book of Romans made another change in my natural as well as my spiritual life. The information that I was adopted and my parents were not my real parents came to me while walking home from school one day with a schoolmate, as she unkindly gave me all the pertinent information. What a shattering experience this was! From that time on, I felt the insecurity of not knowing who I was, until, on hearing and studying Warren's teaching on "Adoption" I finally

came to know who I was in Christ, and that my real Father is God. Now I have the confidence of knowing who I am!

There was much more in between, water baptism in the Ausable River in Michigan, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, etc., etc. I knew there had to be more. When I questioned a former pastor on why there was no teaching on the last part of the Scripture, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, **even as thy soul prospereth**" (3 John 2), he had no answer. Now I understand the necessary renewal of the soul-mind!

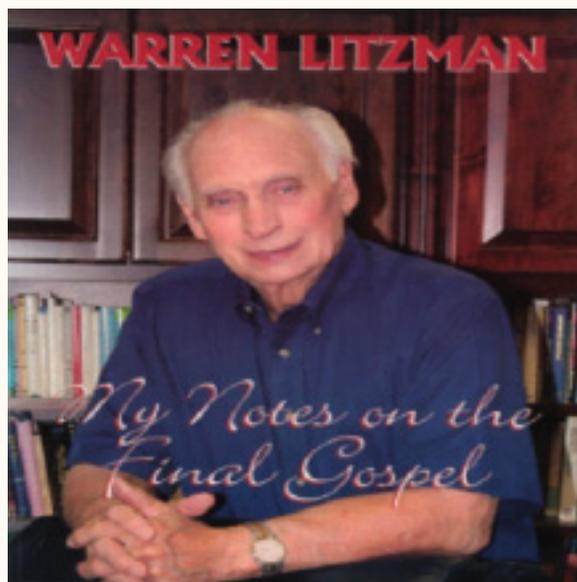
The Christ-life experience and the exchanged life cannot be over-emphasized!

I pray daily that I might manifest the Christ in me, as well as *Ephesians 6:19-20*: "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." And *Colossians 4:3*. . ."that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ. . ." The mystery, of course, is in the glorious verses, *Colossians 1:26, 27*: "Even

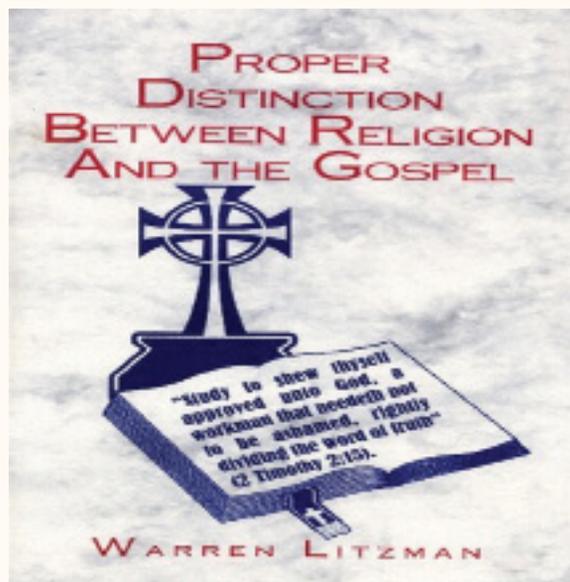
the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Thank you, Father, for blessing Warren with an in-depth understanding of the Apostle Paul's final Gospel given to him by Jesus himself, and thank you Warren, for carrying out the Father's mission!

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