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# THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIRTHING AND THE CHRIST LIFE

by Warren Litzman

## Part II

### II JUSTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

> It is very important that the Christ-life believer understands that God's plan and purpose of life for the human being was under consideration and already working out long before the believer was born-again. Justification, therefore, has to do with the birthing. Identification has to do with the new creation life.

#### 1. JUSTIFICATION

- 1.1 The Holy Spirit is God's agent to bring about initial conviction showing the believer his needy condition.
- 1.2 The Holy Spirit works through circumstances and situations. In the Christ-life we see these as converging powers operated by the Holy Spirit, pushing the re-birthed human being with Christ in him to a daily walk in the new life with Christ.
- 1.3 It is here that the faithful preaching of the Word of God which came to us when we were sinners informed us that we were in the wrong family with Satan's nature. We needed to come to life. Ephesians 2:1; Romans 5:17.
- 1.4 God, in His love and holiness, made it possible for an exchange to take place. This is the work of Calvary, where Satan's death-life is put out and the Christ-life is put in the believer.
- 1.5 In our growth we come to understand that this powerful act of God in the birthing was not understood when it eventually took place. Because of this we need the Holy Spirit to inform us of who we are by the birthing in order that we might be able to grow into the new creation life with the Christ Who is in us. Unless the true gospel is preached, when a believer comes to see and know Christ as his life, there will be shallowness and immaturity throughout his subsequent walk with the Lord.
- 1.6 The meaning of justification is to pronounce righteous the rebirthed believers. It is not to make righteous. What is imputed is not, in fact, imparted. To be justified means that the believer is viewed in Christ as righteous and is treated as such by God.
- 1.7 Because of this the Christ-righteousness, now in the believer by the birthing, is increasingly going to be manifested in the new creature. 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 1:30.
- 1.8 In order to see this the believer must understand that complete payment has been made by God, that the birthing and justification might be perfect. Ephesians 1:7. This verse says two important things:
  - Firstly, only in Christ do we have redemption and this constitutes our position of justification.
  - Secondly, because His atonement was perfect, we now all receive the riches of His grace.
- 1.9 This means that complete and eternal justification is a gracious gift, utterly impossible to be earned in any way whatsoever. Romans 4:5.
- 1.10 It also means that all of our sins, past-present-future, were paid for on the work of the cross. This was taken care of by our heavenly Father in order that He might have the right to place Christ in us. It means that the Father was totally justified to bring about the birthing because of the work of Christ at Calvary. Acts 13:38-39.

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1.11 Justification is in Christ and not in ourselves. It is a truth of the birthing, not of the new creation life. We received justification by faith in the Word. It is a fact believed, not an experience received. However, as we rest in the justified birthing, our new creation life is effected.

## 2. IDENTIFICATION

2.1 When we see that we have a Father, Who has been justified to birth us as sons, in His Son, we are ready now to consider that Son as our Total Righteousness. This is our identification. When we realize what our Father has done, and see that it is never based on feelings, we are able to come to rest in a legal sense. Because God has spoken, I am sure. Because I am sure, I feel at rest. Col. 3:2.

2.2 It is here that many believers make their first major mistake in the Christ-life. Because they have received such great blessings from the knowledge of the birthing, and a new and greater life has evolved, the believer is tempted to shift his identification from the birthing to the temporal creature life he is feeling. Because the believer looked, felt and sounded saved, he became assured of his salvation. But a time came when he did not look, feel or sound very saved. Something constantly went wrong, and the believer found himself at the end of his assurance. He had substituted the knowledge of the birthing for the outward results of his new creature.

2.3 The error with this believer is that he became centered in the new creation life and began to question who and what he was in Christ. It is, as Judges 6:13 reads, "Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us?"

2.4 In time, however, the Holy Spirit comes and teaches us once again who we are in Christ by the birthing, and identifies us to the finished work of Jesus Christ. The assurance of the believer flows out of identification. Immediately, when the believer corrects this situation, his new creation life begins to flow once again.

2.5 By this, the Christ-life believer learns the first important lesson, which is the necessity of knowing and abiding in the birthing. Apart from the birthing, there is nothing but frustration and failure. Isaiah 32:17.

## 3. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

3.1 The Holy Spirit is our glorious Teacher, ever settling us to the birthing truth by identifying us to Jesus only. The Holy Spirit will ever and always tie us to the Word. Romans 8:16; James 1:21.

3.2 The Christ-life believer must not become confused by thinking that there is other ground for our identification to the birthing. A believer may be tempted to center in 1 John 3:14 which says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." That's wonderful, but it is secondary and not foundational. There will be times when our love for the brethren will falter, thus we do not place our identification in this.

3.3 The Holy Spirit will use the Word, for the Word testifies of Jesus, Who is our life, our only life. We must always remember that our identification to Christ is not gained through the senses but comes solely through the Teacher, the Holy Spirit, as He bears witness with us. It is not only necessary that we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but that we come to know. 2 Timothy 1:12.

3.4 This has its outworking in the three levels of understanding, given to us in 1 John 2. When we were in the child stage everything seemed simple and was easily solved, but the Holy Spirit must take us on from milk to meat, to become responsible, spiritually-intelligent, fatherhood-level knowers.

3.5 An important part of the ultimate intention of the Father for birthed believers on this earth is that they become qualified to share effectively with others. It is only when a Christ-life believer is sure and sound that he can establish others. 1 Corinthians 14:8.

3.6 A word of caution should be given here that until the Christ-life believer is solidly founded on the principles of the birthing, incorporating into it identification to Jesus alone as life, he will be slow to take on the principles of growth and maturity. Hebrews 5:13-14; 6:1.

3.7 A key word for all believers, moving into total new creation life, is that they keep looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our knowledge. Hebrews 12:2; Proverbs 4:18.

(Part III continued in next issue)



# GONE TO THE DOGS

by Frank Stigall

## PART II: THE TWO GOSPELS

The mystery was a plan of God before the foundation of the world was laid, in fact there was no world at this time. This mystery plan took place in eternity past. Furthermore, this plan was shut up, and not revealed to anyone. This is actually the plan we are in today. Referring to the first chart below, in one circle is the phrase, "The Mystery, Christ Birthed in you."

gospel was being preached and how many gospels there are. From the chart you can see there are two gospels. One is called "The Circumcised Gospel" and the other is called "The Uncircumcised Gospel." "But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;" (Gal. 2:7).

However, very soon we will find

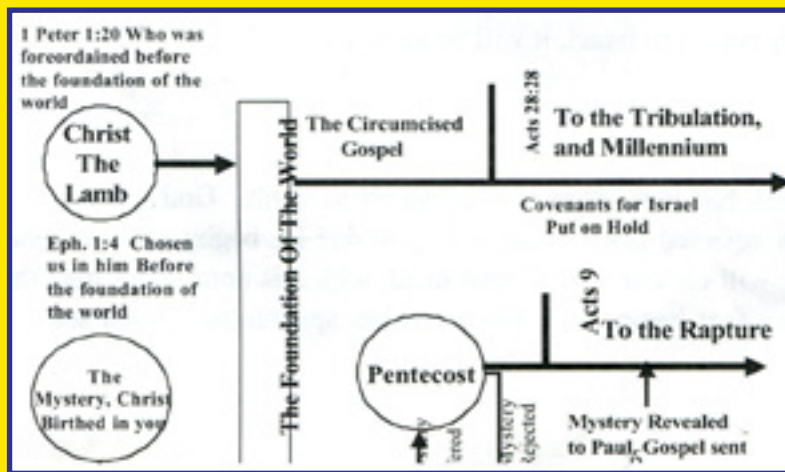
is no scriptural evidence that anyone understood or had a revelation of the mystery. Therefore, for all intent and purpose the mystery was rejected.

On the day of this new message (Pentecost) Peter commingled this outpouring of the Holy Spirit with a prophecy from the book of Joel. Peter did not have the revelation of the mystery. Sure he preached about Jesus of Nazareth, and said if they (Jews) would repent and be baptized He would come back. In contrast, Paul preaching Christ would call us up to meet him in the air. Peter has Christ coming down and Paul has the Church going up.

However, both are right. Peter is right in saying Jesus will come back. However, it is not in harmony with the mystery plan, but fits the plan for Israel (Acts 3:19-20). Paul is right in what he says because the rapture will occur, and the church will be called away. The mystery plan must take place first and the body of Christ be gathered unto the Lord in heaven (1 Th 4:14, 15,17). Then the plan for the return or the Second Advent of Christ that Peter preached about will take place.

### WAS PENTACOST A DISAPPOINTMENT?

As you refer back to the first chart above, you might understand that Pentecost turned out to be somewhat of a disappointment, because Peter failed to hear the message. What was the message? The message was about the Church, the body of Christ, the mystery, and the birthing. The only way he could



However, we are getting ahead of ourselves. In the other circle it says "Christ the Lamb." This is the plan that was first introduced to the world, the mystery plan will be kept hidden until the day of Pentecost, was rejected, and then revealed to Paul who became an apostle to the uncircumcised Gentiles.

For a little more than four thousand three hundred years and five dispensations the world rocked on without ever knowing what had taken place in eternity past (the mystery). No prophet ever prophesied about the mystery. (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 1:26).

It may even help you to know what

those neither circumcised, nor uncircumcised matters. In fact these words are referring to the Jews (the circumcised) and to the Gentiles (the uncircumcised). If any accept Christ, they become a new creature in Christ. "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." (Gal 6:15).

### NO MYSTERY IN OLD TESTAMENT

I have illustrated in Figure 1, Part I (see page 6 of this article), the path of the believer to indicate the mystery of Christ birthed in you as your life, none of which ever existed in the Old Testament. No one was ever born again until the day of Pentecost. Even at Pentecost there

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(Continued from page 5) have understood it was by revelation, not by prophecy. This was the very purpose Jesus told his disciples that He would be sending the Holy Spirit after His ascension. *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”* (John 14:26).

Peter failed to hear the message the Holy Spirit brought at Pentecost. God waited thirteen years before he revealed to Paul the revelation of the mystery, and sent him out as an apostle to the Gentiles (the uncircumcised). I think God planned Paul before the foundation of the world, with or without Peter, as one chosen “out of due season,” someone who never knew Christ after the flesh, someone totally new. Just like Moses didn’t get to take people into the Promised Land, so did Peter not get to take Israel into the Church (mystery).

However, this caused a conflict between Peter and Paul as Peter was still preaching the kingdom message, and Paul was preaching the grace message. I have illustrated in Figure 1, Part I and illustrated again here, these messages are on two separate and distinct courses. They cannot be mixed as each wind up in two different destinations.

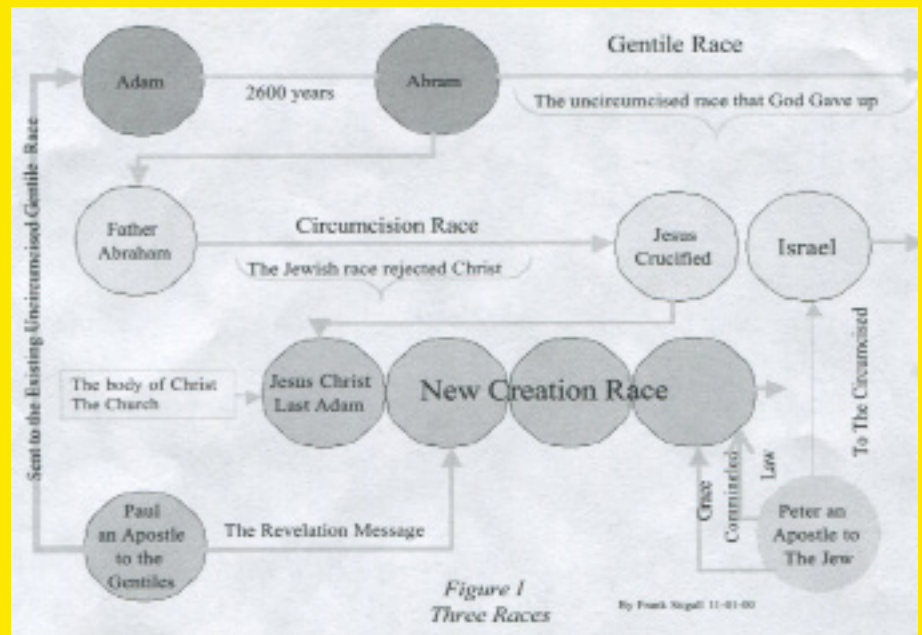
Peter still wanted to preach the kingdom message to the Jews only, and shut out the Gentiles. It was the way the law was for seventeen hundred years. Gentiles were considered to be as low as dogs. Israel was the elite, chosen of God, and was of the seed of Abraham. The sign over their head said “No Gentiles allowed”.

Each message has their own plan,

and both have different endings. Under the circumcised plan for Israel, ends with them being restored to this earth (to the land) with Christ as king. This is an excellent plan. On the other hand, the Church is the body of Christ, a group of spiritually birthed people who become sons of God. *“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”* (Rom.8:17).

dom message. There was no doubt that in Peter’s mind Jesus was the resurrected Messiah, who would bring deliverance and salvation to Israel. However, at this time Peter knew nothing of the mystery, later in life he will understand.

If you follow the chart in Figure 1, below, you will notice that two gospels are illustrated, for each of the two different ages. The first gospel spanned four thousand three hundred years and five dispensations.



However, I can see the Grace of God working. If this had not been pleasing to the Lord then I doubt the Lord would have performed all these miracles through Peter. Peter was only doing what Jesus told the twelve to do after the Holy Spirit came on them. (Luke 24:44-49; Mark 16:16-18). It would appear that the door was still open for Israel to accept Jesus as their Messiah. Peter preached his kingdom message and three thousand were saved and at another time he preached and five thousand were saved. However, when Peter preached the kingdom message in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, the Holy Spirit fell on them, and interrupted Peter’s king-

It was the one that was in operation in all the days of Jesus of Nazareth, and up to Acts 28:28. At this point the prophetic message to Israel was put on hold. However, we must see from Acts 1 to Acts 28:28 both doors were open. Even Paul preached about prophecy and Moses to the Jews in order to persuade them that Jesus was their Messiah. It is called a transnational time. The kingdom message is slowly being phased out as the grace message gains momentum through the revelations of Paul. Both Jew and Gentile can achieve salvation now, by being born again. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor*

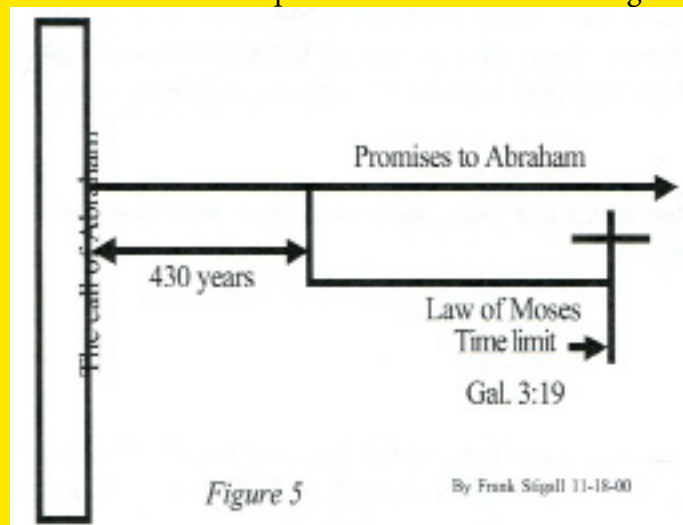
female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal 3:28)

### WHO ARE THE DOGS

“But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” (Mat 15:24-27).

This is a strong statement by Jesus, he just called this Gentile woman a dog. On other occasions, this term is used to describe Gentiles. Why did he say that, and why did he say he was only sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel? Two questions that demand an answer.

Answer to the first question is this.



The Gentile races were the first people on this earth. They became very sinful. In fact, so sinful God said He gave them up in two separate statements of abandonment. In Romans 1:24, 26 it says God gave them over to a reprobate mind. (Rom. 1:28). In fact most of the first chapter of Romans is why this Gentiles race became known as dogs. So this is the reason Jesus said do not go to the Gentiles, because God in heav-

en gave them up.

Answer to the second question is, it was not the time of the Gentiles, that second race was still being dealt with. Let us see in part what happened at the cross. The Sandedrin had completely rejected Jesus and he was crucified. “And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.” (Luke 24:20).

However, let your ears and eyes receive this statement because it is one you most likely have not heard before. Even though Israel rejected Jesus, Jesus never rejected the Jews, he could not because he was sent to them only. The cross was not the end of the Jews, in fact, Jesus was their Day of Atonement sacrifice. The message of the kingdom to the

Jews did not suddenly end. It is true the law was fulfilled at the cross and no more sacrifice will ever be needed again for sin. But the Jews remain God’s chosen people.

We need to understand something about the law. I have nothing

to do with the promises to Abraham and Law could not nullify the promises to Abraham. Even though the law came 430 years later, was added because of the transgressions of Israel (Gal. 3:19). Therefore, the law of Moses ended at the cross. It is this part that religion has tried to perpetrate.

However, the promises to Abraham have never been fulfilled and will not be until the millennium.

Furthermore, they must be fulfilled with Israel, and not the Church. God is honor bound to the Jews because of the promises, and the covenants he made with Abraham. God Himself promised He alone would fulfill every covenant with the seed of Abraham. So God is honor bound not to cast this people away like He did the Gentiles.

So after the resurrection of Jesus he turned again to the Israelite, and conducted a forty-day seminar to the Jews only. At this time the Gentiles have still not been invited to partake. For instance, there were two disciples on the road of Emmaus that Jesus joined himself to and he opened the word to them. “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27).

Now if you have a discerning mind you will see, Jesus preached from Moses and the Prophets. He did not preach the mystery or anything about being born again. The mystery had never entered the mind of a prophet, and kept secret since the world began (Rom. 16:25). So what was Jesus teaching? It had to be the kingdom message. So see the Jews were still in the running. Jesus never at any time during this forty days said a word about the mystery.

However, He did tell the eleven apostles what to preach, to heal, and go to all nations and baptize them in water. Again, this was part of the kingdom message. These instructions were delivered in as little as ten days before Jesus ascended. The question we must ask ourselves: is this the message Jesus wanted the eleven to preach or is there another, or were these forty days of teaching a waste of time.

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## THE BOOK OF ACTS

This is the great day that Jesus spoke about that would come. It was 50 days after the crucifixion. Jesus said he would send the Holy Ghost to comfort us. This is what Jesus said would happen when the Holy Spirit comes. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26).

The cross changed many things for Jews and Gentiles. One of those things that changed is God has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:18). Both first and second races have been reconciled to God.

However, another thing that happened is that Israel no longer has the old blood covenant because the law of Moses has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Now is the time for Israel to reach out and accept the new blood covenant, which was promised to them by God. “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.” (Jer. 31:31) “And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.” (Heb 12:24).

It will not be like the Mosaic covenant in that it was conditional, but the new covenant will be unconditional. Its provisions will include a change of heart, fellowship with God, knowledge of the Lord, and forgiveness of sins. Israel did not embrace Jesus as their Messiah so they in effect turned down their new covenant, which was promised to Abraham.

Did the Holy Spirit want to preach

about the new covenant to Israel, or deliver the mystery message, or both? I believe all is in the state of transition with two possibilities before us here in the book of Acts. The book of Acts when examined is about the decline of the kingdom message and the rise of the mystery message which was given to Paul, both of which seem to be running concurrently after Acts 9. However, the kingdom message has greatly declined. Peter still holds to some of the element of this message, mainly circumcision, and he is not completely ready to accept the Gentiles with an open heart.

Acts 1-8, the kingdom message, is being preached by Peter, and Stephen with great impact. Philip on the other hand did go to the Gentiles but preached with great authority. This was a departure from what the others were doing. However, nothing of the birthing is being talked about but Moses and the prophets are strongly presented.

A review of those first eight chapters in Acts would be a good thing to do. The most amazing thing that I have found is these Israelites who accepted Jesus as their Messiah started to live like they were living in the kingdom of God on this earth. When Peter got through preaching, they were so pricked in their hearts to think they crucified the Messiah, they rushed forward and asked how to be saved. “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38).

Notice, this is the kingdom way of salvation. Peter said for them to be baptized in water, but the born again are baptized into Christ, and have been baptized into his death at

the cross. Furthermore, Peter says water will wash away sin. Christians believe they are washed in the blood of Jesus. This is really coming short of the gospel under grace. Then there were added to the church three thousand souls (Acts 2:41). The salvation of souls is an Old Testament term. Even though we call salvation the saving of souls, it is not. We are birthed new—not made over. Then it says they continued in the Apostles doctrine, which entailed the offer of the kingdom, and a new covenant.

What happened next could only be explained like this. Peter has convinced them their Messiah was coming back, and they must have perceived it as being He would come back by next week at the latest. So strong was their belief that they began living the kingdom message. They firmly believed nothing of this world’s goods mattered if the kingdom was here then they have no need of anything. “Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold. “And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.” (Acts 4:34-35)

I used to say the same thing, sell it all, the Lord is coming soon, and you won’t need it. Well, I was only trying to be smart. However, these people were for real in that they believed in what they were doing. They had no doubt that their Messiah was about to return and sit on the throne of David. These people actually lived in kingdom authority.

It is hard to say how many groups of people have pulled away from society and decided to live like this early group of people in Acts, only



to end up in failure and uncleanness. If you stick around long enough and make it into the millennium then this will work. I am simply stating that this is the wrong message for now.

Peter was so mightily used they placed people so Peter's shadow might fall on them, and they were healed (Acts 5:15). So great was the power through Peter that it says, "they were healed, everyone" (Acts 5:16). There were no hit and misses—all were healed, regardless of what the problem was. "For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed." (Acts 8:7)

John 13 tells us that Jesus knew his hour was coming, that he should depart this world and go to the

Father. So I would suspect that he gave some of his most important teaching about himself and what the Holy Spirit was to do while he was gone. John 14-17 is almost only the words of Jesus. A careful look at his words will confirm that Jesus wanted to come in them and abide with them. "Jesus answered and said unto him, 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)

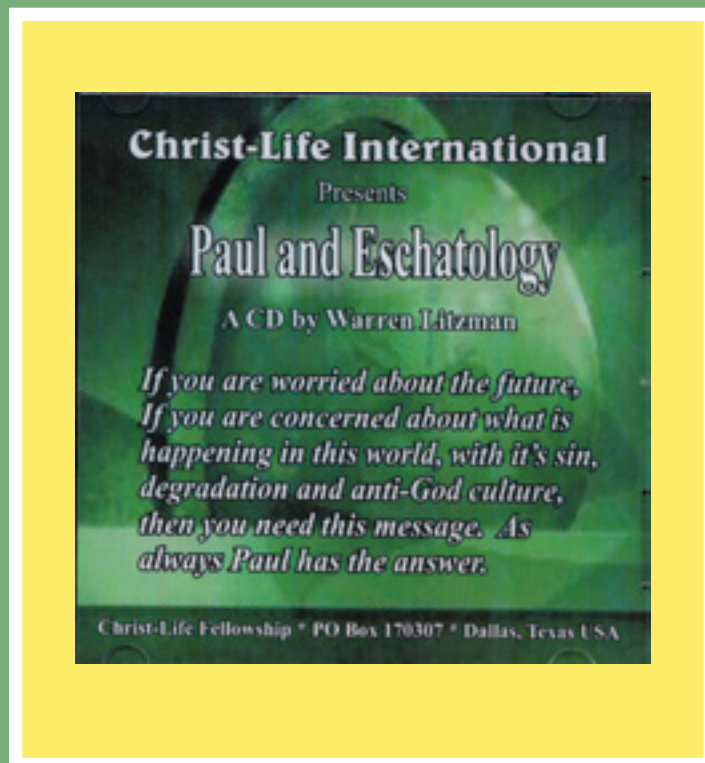
And they should come to this understanding "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (John 14:20) There are many other scriptures in these four chapters that say pretty much the same thing. Plus, there are many scriptures concurring to operation of the Holy Spirit as

teacher and that he shall teach you all things. So these words set the stage for the day of Pentecost.

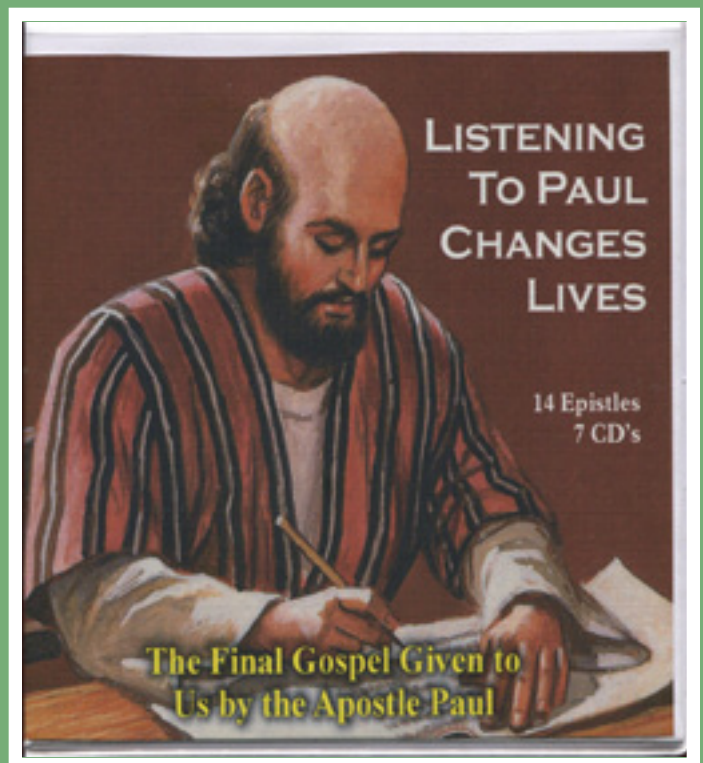
However, we have a forty-day period of time after the resurrection of Jesus that he instructs the eleven apostles what to do and what to preach on five different occasions (Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:45-48, John 20:21-23, Acts 1:8,9). In these instructions to the eleven he does not say anything about the mystery. He does not claim heaven for those who believe, does not say we are baptized into one body, does not teach that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, and does not teach salvation by grace through faith.

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The purpose of this article is to explore what is important about being a birthed son of God. We are going to discover that Father has something for us that is the greatest gift that one could receive.

What if you lived in a world dying of cancer, and you had developed the only cure for it? Wouldn't that cure be the most valuable commodity in that world? If human beings can conceive of accomplishing so great a feat as curing an intractable disease, how much more would God be able to solve a much greater problem: the redemption, even the glorification of a race of beings who chose to take on the nature of His greatest enemy. And wouldn't that solution be of indescribable value?

We have already learned a lot about what is entailed in redemption. But what about the process of glorification? We have some sense of what we have been delivered from, but what about what we have been delivered to or delivered for? Some are content to wait until

they get to the other side, but there is much more that can be known from knowledge and experience on this side, and the capacity to understand and walk in it now will have a profound impact on the capacity to receive what God has for us on the other side.

Immediately we think of "things" when we think of Matthew 6:20 ". . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . ." and the inheritance of the "heir of God" in Romans 8:17. We have lived our whole lives in a world of "commodification." Most everything here has a price tag on it. Those progressing in the mind of Christ have begun to see that "things" are not what fully satisfy the new creature in Christ. What do you think about when you think about Heaven? What Jesus thought about was that "I go to my Father." When He said that was He thinking about going to His father to get something or about going to be with His father, He knew that an inheritance was forthcoming, but being back with Father was doubtless uppermost on His mind.

What then is the greatest gift that the Godhead could possibly bestow upon a creature? Some would say birthed sonship and add personal access to God as Father. Some would say great authority in eternity future. Some would say ownership of a piece of the universe, maybe an entire galaxy, etc. in eternity future. Some would say a combination of all the above.

We have been shown that believers at the child level of maturity value material things. This article will assert that the greatest gift the Godhead could bestow upon a creature is that which is the greatest thing to the Godhead themselves.

What does God value above all else? Yes, there is something that is in a category all by itself, listed as "most precious." This "non-material thing" is expressed in a single word in Scripture. This word is mentioned often but actually is not properly defined, is misunderstood, is greatly underestimated as to its significance. No wonder! We could say the same thing about the phrase "Christ in you." Yet having Christ in you and qualifying to receive the revelation (the gift already mentioned and described below) are the most important concepts in the writings of Paul.

Warren Litzman is a privileged person living in the time of the 'latter rains' of the church age. He is privileged because he is a vehicle for the movement of God to rekindle the revelation of Christ as the believer's only life, the revelation Paul so vehemently sought to see instilled in the Ephesian believers. This revelation has been at least partially embraced by those in the "Exchanged Life Movement," which has several proponents in the previous generation as well as now. The "Christ-life" message presents a more complete picture of what is entailed in the great revelation because it traces back to the origin of

the “exchanged life” in the preordained work of Christ on the Cross and connects that to the authority Father gained from that to initiate the rebirthing process.

We could say that God the Father is very much into the “fathering” business. He “created” the angels, delegating them as sons after He created them. He literally fathered the First Begotten and now also all those who are born again. But is it fair to say that having many sons in His household is His top priority? Is that His great purpose as expressed in Ephesians 1, or is what He is able to do with birthed sons the thing that constitutes His great purpose?

Now back to the most precious thing God has. The word that expresses the most precious thing that God has is GLORY. It is also referred to as “the glory of God.” The word “glorious” is also found as an adjective in Scripture but does not always refer to the same thing. The glory of God is the Godhead’s most valuable asset. (We shall see why this is so shortly.) We shall see that God the Father provided the Christ-life as the only possible means to His greatest end: bringing many sons unto glory. We may have thought that Hebrews 2:10 was saying that God is going to bring many sons to Heaven or to a glorious life in Heaven. But it means much more than that.

We need to know a lot more about what the glory of God is. Actually you cannot separate the glory of God from God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are WHO God is. The glory of God is WHAT God is. The glory of God is not some aspect of the Plan of God. Technically, the glory of God always was, and it precedes the Plan of God. In

fact, the Plan of God is a product of the glory of God, specifically of the Glory of the Father, who was the designer of the Plan. More precisely, what is the glory of God or what is God? There are no complete answers for us now. One task for all eternity will be to come to understand what the glory of God is by knowledge, and experience it as partakers. The other task will be to rest in this glory as we enjoy fellowship with and service to the members of the Godhead. But the Word of God gets us started now. How can you properly relate to the members of the Godhead and be transformed from glory to glory without “Their” applying an understanding of who and what “They” are? We might go so far as to say that developing the capacity to relate to the glory of God now will be tied to the ability to appropriate the partaking of the Divine nature in Eternity Future. Indeed, the Glory of God is the Divine Nature.

Eternal life is one of the attributes of the Divine nature common to each person of the Godhead, but made available to the born-again by spirit union with the Son. Paul made it clear to the Corinthian believers that we acquire another attribute, “righteousness,” only by means of the righteousness of Christ, Who indwells us (1 Corinthians 1:30). In the addendum is a list of ten of the major attributes of the Divine nature revealed to us in Scripture. There are other attributes to discuss, but they will be the topic of another article.

Let us digress to discuss the importance of receiving the revelation of the Mystery of Godliness: Part 1 is “Christ in you.” The difference between a believer who has received a revelation of Christ living in him

as his life and the believer who has not yet received this revelation is that the former understands the nature of the race that is to be run in time and the nature of the “good fight,” and is able to engage in these tasks, resting in the life of Christ in him, and thus fulfill obedience to the gospel given by Paul. The latter believer will attempt to accomplish running the race, fighting the good fight with little, if any, understanding of the issues involved. Mostly by self effort he will strive without rest. If he is not open to the revelation on this side, he will be in Heaven, but unable to receive the crowns which come to those who rested in Christ’s finished work. He will be evaluated as not being obedient to Paul’s gospel. So let us say that it makes a difference whether or not we understand that Jesus Christ gave His life for us, that He might give His life to us (through rebirthing), that He might live His life through us as us.

However, there is another part to this revelation of the Mystery of Godliness that we need to rightly divide as a separate understanding: Part 2 is “your only hope of glory.” We need to understand the second part to complete the understanding of the first part. Understanding “your only hope of glory” gives meaning to why we must have “Christ in you.” Knowing Christ lives as you is essential for maturity, but we also need to know to what end. “Christ in you” is the ultimate identity change, yet really it is the means to another end. The end is that we know that because Christ lives as us, we now have God’s confidence (“hope”) of our participating in, partaking of the very attributes of the Divine Nature, the very life of God. Delegated sonship could never offer this, only

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birthed sonship can offer such an extraordinary privilege. The great purpose which God the Father proposed in Ephesians 1 (but didn't elaborate on there, so now the Holy Spirit connects the dots for us) is that the infinite Glory of God, the sum total of all the Divine attributes, will have opportunity throughout all eternity to be expressed finitely but comprehensively through a finite number of finite vessels, the sons of God (of course we are not saying that the Godhead will be limited only by that expression). If the providing of "Christ-life" as the vehicle of God the Father's great purpose is a great thing, greater yet is the purpose itself, which is the "multiplying and revealing of His Glory" throughout all Eternity by releasing it through His birthed sons. (Of course, male and female are all sons of God by Christ Jesus.) We are not saying that the Purpose is greater than the Life of Christ, but that the Purpose found a way to take the Life of Christ and MULTIPLY the benefit of it outside of just the Person of Christ Himself, the "multiplication of Glory." This is the concept of "improving upon perfection." We could also say that bringing into existence "Christ in us" is the greatest gift that the Godhead could give to each other. Let us say that it makes a great deal of difference whether or not we understand the meaning behind God providing the Christ-life and all the implications thereof.

By understanding the Christ-life reality, we understand how life is to be lived in this world. By understanding how that reality connects to the Glory of God and God the Father's purpose, we understand why we were placed in this world,

and how this life is a preparation for the best of all lives possible. Think about the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who makes the "God-life" available to us and mediates it to the Father throughout eternity future. The "Jesus" part of Him was the son of Mary. The man, Jesus, had a beginning and he was mortal, but he was inextricably linked to the Spirit of God the Son and then to God the Father in such a way that He could say, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) Jesus is now one with the Glory that Christ had with the Father before the incarnation. (John 17) All the operations of the "flesh" are ludicrous when compared to the privileges that await us, that we already have begun to partake of. What room is there for either self-pity or self-aggrandizement?

In summary, the Glory of God is WHAT God is. The Godhead treasure their own infinite, perfect attributes above all and everything else. Isaiah told us God said, "...and My glory will I not give to another..." (Isaiah 42:8). This signifies that God will not, in fact, cannot attribute His glory to anything outside of Himself. But being of selfless, infinite love, He looked for a way to share the benefits and enjoyment of His own glory with others. The Father devised a plan that called for the creation of a race of beings created in His own image, all of whom being elected to be in Christ, could choose the opportunity to partake of His very nature. When the first federal head of the human race rejected the offer through the Tree of Life, God provided one other option, the tree of Calvary. This was an offer made for an individual's choice. By means of the work of the Cross, Father brought death to the

fallen nature of Adam's seed, but then rebirth of this seed by identification of it with the resurrection life of Christ—very complicated process but made simple to understand by means of the kernel of wheat analogy (John 12:24). God can share His Glory with those who partake of God the Son's life without violating who and what He is. (The bogus plan of the creature, Lucifer, called for creatures to attain a "divine nature" by self-effort and evolution, totally failed concepts leading only to ruin.) We now begin to see that partaking of the Divine nature, incredibly, has to imply sharing God's glory with Him. You might say God could have created us already as perfect gods, but that is not a real option since even God cannot create "gods." A true god by definition cannot be created. He would have to be self-existent, as God is. So the Godhead have found the next best alternative by finding a way to give selected creatures all the benefits of godhood. We know that this was done at great cost to Themselves (the crucifixion of the humanity of Christ). But the price was worth it since all Eternity will now resound with the multiplication of the Glory of God.

The apostle Peter was for a long time ignorant of the good news given through Paul: that human beings could attain God's perfection by Christ living in them as them but apparently understood the reality of that gospel by the time he was able to write his epistles. He said in 2 Peter 1:4 that we are given exceedingly great and precious promises including becoming partakers of the divine nature. In 1 Peter 1:8, he had already indicated that because of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, we are already rejoicing

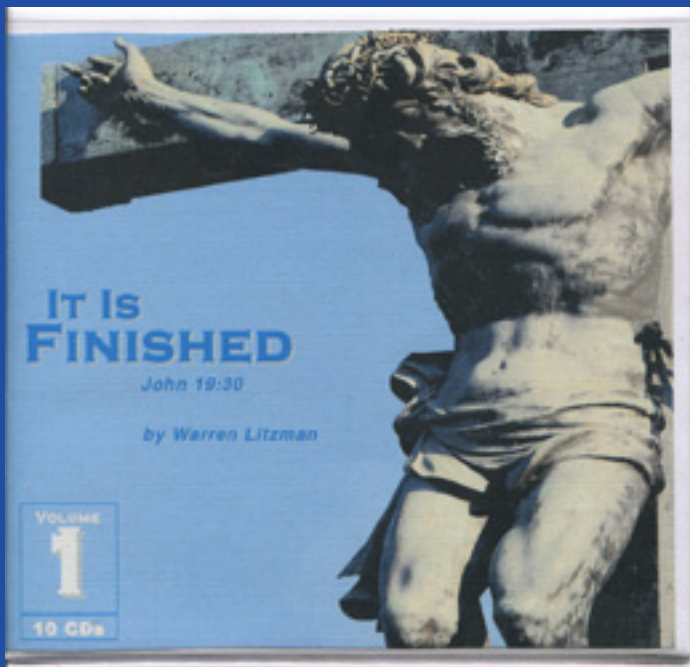
with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (The connection of joy to glory will be among the topics of another article.) “Full of glory” means something way beyond what we thought it meant before we used the key to the true meaning of “glory.”

Once we are shown the reality of the Christ-life revelation in Paul’s writings, we see it in all of Paul’s letters. Likewise, once we see the reality of the meaning of “your only hope of glory” as the ultimate fulfillment of the Christ-life and as the great Purpose of God the Father in Ephesians 1, we begin to see that Paul also talked about the end goal of God in all his letters. He is telling us all to live by means of “Christ in you” since it is our destiny to live

by the glorious life of God Himself forever. For starters look at Romans 3:23, 6:4, 8(all), 9:23, 15:7, 16:27, 1 Corinthians 2:7, 11:7, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:6, 4:17, Ephesians 1:18, 3:21, Colossians 1:27. Notice how 2 Thessalonians 2:14 brings out the means and the end of our destiny: “Wherefore He called you by our gospel [the means], to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ [the end, the great purpose of God the Father].” The reader should enjoy looking for the “glory” key in Paul’s other letters too, and in the gospel of John (Chapter 17 is “loaded”) and John’s letters, and in Hebrews, etc. Please realize that “glory,” “glorious,” “glorifying” don’t always refer to the Divine nature.

So soon we depart this world, which is blended with the Glory of God yet filled with the glory of man. Since we have already tasted of the glorious life awaiting us, we are not sorry to leave behind the cheap substitute provided by the crafty counterfeiter. We have been broken from glorying in our own glory. Praise God! Truly the human adventure is just beginning. Truly this world was not the best of all possible worlds, but it was designed to be the best way to the best of all possible worlds. And what is best about the world we go to, though perfect, is not the world itself, but with Whom we shall be, and what He has made us to be in it.

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# Be Careful: Only One Bible Carries the Final Truth

by Ray Robinson

Some years ago a woman was sent to prison for the murder of her husband. A dramatic trial revealed that his wife had fed him cake laced with arsenic over a period of time. When the arsenic, which the human body cannot rid itself of, had reached the lethal amount, he died. The trial revealed that her cake was attractive, well-prepared, contained many healthful ingredients and was served by what appeared to be loving hands. It was 99 percent pure, but had the fatal flaw of containing deadly poison. It brings to mind God's warning that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. He says that man must not live by bread alone but by every word of God. That means not to alter God's word. The first alteration took place in the Garden of Eden. Eve and the serpent added to and took from God's Word and the result has been anguish and suffering past description.

The test of time marks the King James Bible as the preserved Word of God. God has promised in several places in Holy Writ that He would preserve His Word intact. In recent years, however, about 200 translations of the Bible have been put on the market, each one claiming to be an improvement over the KJV. That means that each one changes God's Word. Also, it should be noted, each one of these bibles are copyrighted. Only one Bible is not. God's Word

has been preserved by Him for all to freely use and no copyright law can be applied to what God says.

It is sad to go into a church and see the preacher read from one bible version while the people try to follow in other translations that are different. This is confusion and you know who the author of confusion is!

The enemies of God ask, in ridicule, "which is the real bible?" Atheist and agnostic teachers in our degenerate school system point out to bewildered young people that there can only be one revealed word of God, and they are right. God and His Word never change.

Dr. D. A. Waite says in one of his books that the New King James Version is the most dangerous copy on the market. He points out that the name King James is a deception. The translation techniques of the NKJV are not those used for the KJV. It is actually similar to the ERV of 1881, the ASV of 1901, the NASV of 1968 and the NIV of 1978. The method of dynamic equivalence is used but they claim the use of complete equivalence—a lie. The truth is that instead of a few minor changes to make it easier to read, as they claim, there are over 100,000 changes! The Textus Receptus and the Masoretic text were not adhered to. How could it be, with 446 noun changes, 155 pronoun changes, 772 outright changes not from the Textus

Receptus, the subjunctive mood omitted 232 times, 100 verb changes, 2 percent of the Masoretic Text not used, pronouns, conjunctions, interjections, nouns for deity omitted, adjectives, adverbs, clauses, phrases, plurals, spelling, theological terms, and many more changes made! They have also added adverbs, adjectives, nouns, nouns for deity, prepositional phrases, verbs, pronouns, etc. in large numbers.

The fact that most nations of the world have the Bible based on the Textus Receptus, identical to the King James Bible and have had them for centuries simply proves the Doctrine of Preservation. The French have the Olivatan, the Germans the Luther, the Italian the Di-odati, the Swedes, Icelanders, etc. all have the Word of God preserved to the last word and detail just as God has preserved the King James Bible. That alone should convince anyone; but a proud man is slow to admit his ignorance.

With each new translation there is further erosion of the deity of Christ, of Hell's reality (the NKJV renders Hell as Hades and Sheol many times, providing for the spurious doctrine of purgatory), and even the existence of Lucifer is obscured.

Some of God's people have been duped by these translations but most, when confronted with the truth, will admit their error. Such

was the case with Dr. Frank Logsdon. This brilliant man labored long and hard to produce the New American Standard Version. He was co-founder of this perversion which has beguiled so many. After seeing his error he spent the rest of his life warning others of the deception that is in the new translations. I quote him:

“I must under God renounce every attachment to the NASV. I’m afraid I’m in trouble with the Lord . . . we laid the groundwork; I wrote the format . . . I helped interview some of the translators, I wrote the preface . . . I’m in trouble; I can’t refute these arguments, it’s wrong, terribly wrong; it’s frighteningly wrong; what am I going to do about it.

“When questions began to reach me at first I was quite offended . . . I used to laugh with others . . . However, in attempting to answer, I began to sense that something was not right with the New American Standard Version. I can no longer ignore these criticisms I am hearing and I can’t refute them . . . The deletions are absolutely frightening . . . there are so many . . . are we so naive that we do not suspect Satan’s deception in all this?

“Upon investigation, I wrote my very dear friend, Mr. Lockman, explaining that I was forced to renounce all attachment to the NASV. The product is grievous to my heart and helps to complicate matters in these already troublous times. . . . I don’t want anything to do with it.

“The finest leaders that we have today . . . haven’t gone into it (the new versions use of a corrupted Greek text), just as I hadn’t gone into it . . . That’s how easily one can be deceived . . . I am going to talk to him (Dr. George Sweeting,

President of Moody Bible Institute) about those things.

“You can say the Authorized Version (KJV) is absolutely correct. How correct? 100 per cent correct! . . . I believe the Spirit of God led the translators of the Authorized Version. If you must stand against everyone else, stand . . .” Dr. Frank Logsdon, Co-founder NASB.

Dr. Logsdon was also a member of the editorial committee in the production of the Amplified New Testament. He renounced this version with the strongest words:

“Now, what you have in these books strikes terror to my heart.” He was speaking of Dr. D. O. Fuller’s books, “Which Bible” and “True or False”. It was these books that showed Dr. Logsdon the corrupt nature of the Westcott-Hort Greek Text underlying the NIV, NASB, The Amplified, and others. The Amplified, by its very name, identifies itself as guilty of adding to God’s Word in defiance of Rev 22:18 and Proverbs 30:6.

The King James reads more easily and is best for memorization. Ninety five per cent of its words are one or two syllable Anglo-Saxon words. Since the copyright laws demand a certain amount of word changes, harder words must be used. In the NKJV for instance, habitation is used for house in 2 Cor. 5:2, savor is used for smell in Eccl 2:5. This holds true throughout this translation. And for you scholarly ones, what is a pim? You may read about a pim probably for the first time in your life, and most likely for the only time, if you will turn to 1 Sam 13:21 in the NKJV. Now read it in the Bible (KJV) and see which is clearer to you.

The word demons is used in the NKJV in place of devils as used in the KJV. A demon fits in well as a

spirit-guide for a New Age guru or as a leprechaun to an Irishman. Devils are not so easily accepted, being that the KJV shows them for what they are: unclean, lying, deceptive, sexually filthy, and inflicting deviant behavior and causing some to depart from the faith by the spreading of satanic doctrine. (1 Tim 4:1).

The other translations are as bad. The Flesch-Kincaid grade level formula shows the KJV to be the easiest to read, yet the commercial interests behind the new translations claim just the opposite. The love of money is indeed the root of all evil, even to the extent of tampering with God’s Word.

The commercial ads of the new version producers claim, for example, that the word “you” has replaced what they call the archaic “ye” and “thee”. The truth is that the KJV uses “you” two thousand times and only uses “ye” and “thee” to distinguish between the Greek singular and plural. Ye is singular. Thee is plural. This gives the KJV the exact representations of the Greek word used. It seems that even the great scholarly ones should appreciate this and be wise enough to know that God is always accurate and needs no help even from the intelligensia.

The new versions subtly present a works-based salvation. This blends in with worldly religion and fits in with the devil promoted New Age gods, lords and christs. This is done ever so subtly, like the serpent in the garden. An example is found in Matthew 7:14 where the NKJV changes “narrow” is the way to “difficult” is the way. This is wrong! There is nothing difficult about God’s way. It is the way of the transgressor that is hard. The straight

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and narrow way has Jesus as our yoke-fellow. He makes our burdens easy and our burdens light.

These insidious changes are inserted in all the new versions and like the threads placed on Gulliver one by one they render their victim helpless.

The question is asked, why do many men of God use these new versions? The answer is simple. They have been duped. (Yes, even you and I can be fooled!) One other such "great" man was so spiritual that he walked on water, raised the dead and his shadow passing over the sick and lame healed them. Yet he was deceived on more than one occasion. At Galatia he took his rebuke from Paul because he, Peter,

was wrong. In Matthew 16:22, 23 and 24, Jesus rebuked him because, again, he was wrong. The "great" man suffered from a disease common to all. He had foot and mouth disease. His foot was in his mouth each time he operated in the flesh. So, let us not think highly of ourselves. The only "great" men are those who have been broken and live in the shadow of the cross. If you have been fooled by the father of lies into trusting in the feeble men who produce the endless versions of the Bible coming off the commercial presses, admit your error, and like many godly men such as Dr. Frank Logsdon, eat your crow and drink deeply from the pitcher of humility. Cut an extra piece of humble pie and go forward, being all the better off for finding

out you are not the smart fellow you thought you were. It is well for us all to remember we are all weak, blundering and blind unless we are led by the nail-scarred hand of God's Word, Jesus. And as you would not dare to adjust and correct His personal body, don't tamper with His person as presented to man in His Word.

And please — don't be sad. Buck up. This is not the first time that a great, learned and wise one such as you was fooled. You will be in good company if you will repent and become lowly and meek. Then you may walk with the unchanged and unchangeable Word of God as revealed in the Old King James Bible.



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# The Difference Between

There has been some confusion concerning the flesh and the sin nature. Even some very fine writers whom I respect greatly seem stuck on this point. The fact is the sin nature or principle resides in my flesh. I know this because I can pass it on to my children. So how is this not in conflict with the teachings of the Christ-life, which frankly are from God and not from man? Allow me to provide some clarification, if I may. Please pay attention to the language and terminology closely. I could say it no better. It is “not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth.” (1 Cor. 2:13)

(1) “Sin” is a spiritual energy that is active in our flesh enslaving our will and infecting and darkening our heart and mind (soul). Its source is Satan. (John 8:44) This is the spirit-nature of fallen man. (Eph. 2:1-3)

(2) This activity has been “rendered entirely idle” (destroyed, Strong’s #2673) in the born-again. We have died to sin (to this principle in our flesh, the Satan nature).



by Richard Moore

Our relationship with the flesh has been severed. (Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11) This has effected a perfect exchange of natures from flesh to spirit, Adam-to-Christ, sin-to-righteousness, Satan-to-God. (2 Peter 1:4; Acts 26:18; Rom. 8:4-10).

(3) The activity of Satan in the born-again has been relegated to an outer thing. The influence of the sin-nature, “sin in the flesh,” call it what you want, has been “reduced to inactivity” (again, Strong’s #2673) in regards to the inner life. In every meaningful sense, it is Satan out and Christ in as the spiritual life (nature) energizing the human. Let us not resist the testimony of the scriptures. They do not leave us in doubt, if we will but listen to the Holy Spirit.

As I have said before, we still have flesh, but we are under no obliga-

# Sin and the Flesh

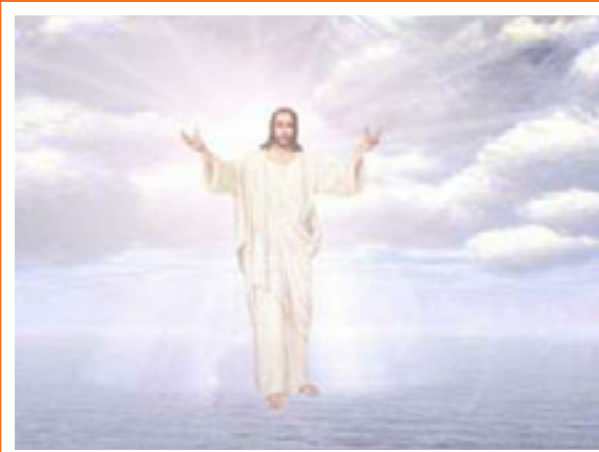
tion to the flesh. The lust of the flesh is the remembrance of our sinful ways. It is the mind where the residue of sin resides, as a powerless ghost as long as it’s not falsely identified as you. These are the truths that make identification work as God intended (Eph. 4:22-24). So wherein lies the confusion? It is when we do not see the birthing, which renders null and void all human reasoning, and the scriptures may give their testimony. I hope I have provided some clarification. Let us not have Christ competing with Satan, or some “human nature,” of which there is no such thing.

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“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Rom. 8:9) “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life, because of righteousness.” (Rom. 8:10)

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by Gary Greely

“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.” (Matthew 22:37)

It’s hard to find good news today. Recently, I found good news in a book I have studied for most of my life and, somehow, never saw it. God wants to be loved. It’s written everywhere you look in the Bible. Why didn’t I see it the time that Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love me Peter?” Only after he was embarrassed did he answer Him. God wants to be loved! What was so sweet in the garden with our first parents when God would come down in the cool of the evening and have fellowship with Adam, now would be lost, seemingly forever. But God had a plan.

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God would send His Son and because of what He would accomplish for us would be paradise restored. He would reveal His Son in the Apostle Paul (Galations 1:16.)

For the first time ever, every born-again believer would pos-

sess in his spirit the very seed, the very sperm, of the Father. Fellowship, once again would be restored to us and the Father would rejoice, not only in what His Son had accomplished on the cross, but what we, as adopted sons, would enjoy. Only when we finally see Him face to face could it be better.

Today the church has a sad dichotomy, however. Millions of born-again believers have the very Son of God living in them, but half of the church is biblically illiterate, and the other half educated beyond their obedience.

HOWEVER, God still has a plan and that plan still goes forth, one believer at a time. Because so many now are excited about this truth, (a truth, I believe second in importance to the preaching of the cross), this good news will go forth.

Imagine Jesus spending as much time with Paul, in the backside of the desert sharing the good news of grace to the apostle Paul, as He did teaching His disciples the gospel of the Kingdom!

(See Galations, 11:17,18). What I

would not give to have been hiding and listening nearby).

Meanwhile, the Father is still waiting to enjoy the sweet fellowship our Savior paid such a great price to restore—still waiting for us to tell Him how much we love Him and to hear Him tell us that He loves us, as well. I believe that is what God is expecting of the church today. A church too busy with other things to be bothered for the most part, but yet a little flock, here and there, a single believer, here and there, who hears God’s voice as the bride listens to her Bridegroom saying “even so come Lord Jesus” here I am, no longer your servant, but your lover. The Father wants that sweet fellowship He once had in the garden. While it seems today that everyone wants to be a servant, the Father is saying come, come be my friend, be my lover!

**(Gary Greely lives in Cleveland, Tennessee. He and his wife, Janice, attend the Rogersville Fellowship.)**



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# EDITORIAL

## From the Heart

by Robbie Litzman



During the past couple of months, I've counseled a good number of people whose troubles and heartaches, confusion and anger, loneliness and searching, had brought them to desperation. All of them were born-again and, in their backgrounds, had been "churched" and indoctrinated into some denomination. Why were these, God's own children, in such a condition? Where was the "life more abundantly" and "fullness of joy" they were promised?

In every case, after asking whether they were born-again, I shared with them the provisions the Father had provided in that life that He gave them when He placed His only begotten Son, Christ—the one Seed—into them when they accepted Him to be their Saviour. In most cases, I was saying things they had never heard before; these dear people had never been given the gospel of what it means to be "born-again." What do believers think happened to them when

they believed on Christ? Did God hand them a certificate saying, "you've been transferred to another camp and now you are a Baptist, a Charismatic, an Assembly of God, a Catholic?"

Can you believe that in America where we have had the gospel for so many generations, believers in their understanding are so far from the true gospel of Jesus Christ? We have denominational buildings on almost every corner, and thousands upon thousands of believers go to be taught—some every time the doors are open—searching for truth and reality to make a difference in their lives. Sad but true, the gospel of "Christ in the believer, his hope of glory" is not being taught. God's marvelous, abundant grace is lost in the doctrines and imaginations of men—or so commingled with law in their messages that it's not grace at all.

There is a world of difference between religion and this Christ

Who is birthed in us. It can't be both; it can't be some of this and some of that. No wonder multitudes of true born-again believers are into schizophrenic living. No wonder the painful confusion and searching, for they've not had the true gospel of Jesus Christ brought to them. And when they do, they will be set free and experience that life in Christ which the Father planned and provided, where they live in the peace and joy and love that is already theirs. It's as though they have a million dollars in the bank—it's already theirs—they just don't know it. They are ignorant of what they already possess.

Our prayer for all of our brothers and sisters is, as Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:17-18, "I'm praying for you that you might have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened. . . ."

## A New Door Opens In



## Cameroon, West Africa

### Meet Pastors Shawn and Annie Smith of Douala, Cameroon

In May 2010 we received an email which read:

*"I am filled with joy to have discovered your website, it is indeed a treasure! In an age when genuine Christianity is so rare, it is a breath of fresh air to read from a true New Testament minister who has so clearly apprehended the Gospel revealed to Paul.*

*My name is Shawn Smith. I am a missionary ministering in Cameroon, Africa. By the grace of God, we have established four communities throughout the nation. Christian materials here are very scarce, I greatly appreciate the free materials on your website and I pray the intensification of grace upon your great work.*

*I humbly request other materials via PDF, if possible. Your works have stirred such a joy within me I am truly receiving the truth you present. I will keep in contact."*

By the grace of God, in the past 40 years, every place Robbie and I have brought the liberating message of Christ living in born-again human beings, we have never had to, by our own efforts, push a door open. The Father has always prepared the people He wanted us to go to with the final gospel. We have been to very few church buildings; we have never interrupted anyone's program or gospel they preach,

but, by the Father's leading, He has opened doors where there were hungry hearts waiting to hear the message of Christ alive in believers.

The Smiths had followed the faith and prosperity teachings but, in their hearts, knew this was not what the Father wanted. Something was amiss, something was missing. It was here that the Father took charge. They concentrated their studies on the message of the Christ-life over a period of time searching out Paul's final gospel. In early 2011 they ordered and purchased one of everything we had in books, CD's and DVD's and sent wire transfers to cover it so that Cameroon could have the gospel of grace established there. And doors are opening in a great way to them. A number of pastors and their churches are in concentrated study with Shawn and Annie, studying the Christ-life material. Very few pastors have ever done it this way. But Spiritual hunger will cause important things to happen.

I talked to Shawn and Annie on the phone recently. They are steadfast and sure in their commitment. They now are on a radio station full time broadcasting Warren teaching of the final gospel to the nation. Two services each Sunday are conducted in a rented hall to minister Christ to hungry hearts. They need

and have our prayers because it will not be easy to bring the final gospel to this new nation. But they have started right. And we wondered how the true gospel could get into some nations? Hmmmm! Go to the world map and put your finger on Cameroon. Now you know where it is. There are believers all over the world, just like Shawn and Annie, waiting and searching to know Christ in His fullness and who, at any cost, will reap a harvest!

This little family of three (and one in the basket) made and kept a commitment to attend the Christ-life conference in Port Elizabeth, S. Africa last October. It was a long and tiring trip and one of great cost to them. Annie was pregnant but she did not want to miss a single meeting. They feasted on the love and hugs and all the sharing around them, but especially from Bro. Warren and Sis. Robbie. At the meeting, they pledged their commitment to the final gospel, the gospel of grace, and said they would be back for conference in 2012 with their pastors.

—Warren Litzman

(Pictured are Pastors Shawn, Sr. and Annie Smith with Shawn, Jr. A little girl, Shannen, came into the world and into their family (and ours) the last week of March.)

## A PRISON EPISTLE BY JOSH JOHNSON

Dear Warren and Robbie,

Greetings, brother and sister. I wanted to write to you as soon as possible to let you know of my change of address. The Department of Corrections has moved us back to Arizona. It's really most because for the first time in my life I realized I am excited about a move. I used to resist change. Now I know my Father is in control of all of these things and I do not have to worry any longer.

The last several months the Father has really been helping me see just how much I allowed what others think of me to dictate the way

I operated in life. There is such a glorious freedom in Christ. I am realizing more and more each day that the Father wants me to be free to be who he made me by placing His Son in me and revealing Him as my life. What a wonderful adventure it is to learn Christ! It is also truly amazing to know I am complete in Him and this was God's plan for me from the very beginning. I really appreciate all you do for me. Thank you for all of the study material and CDs. Please tell Mike and Debbie thank you as well. I know I have something operating in my own life that I can

share with others that can change lives. God's grace is so amazing. I will continue to pray for the Christ Life fellowship. I pray that the Father continues to open doors for you guys to boldly make known the gospel of the mystery. Please do the same for me. There is a chance I will be moving again very soon because I now meet the requirements for minimum custody. If that does happen I will notify you as soon as possible. I love you guys and thank you again for everything.

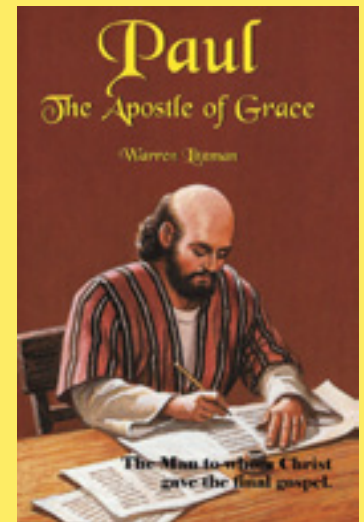
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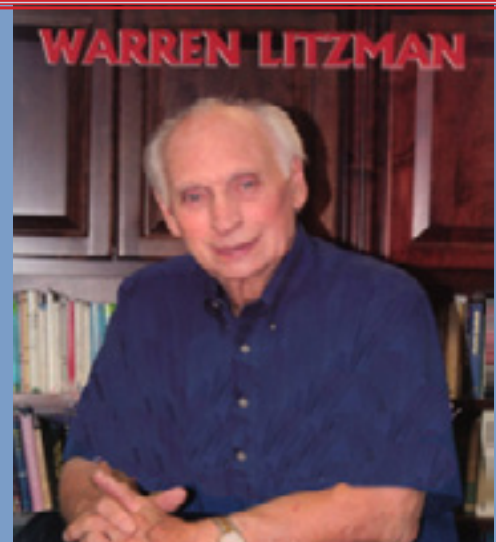
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# JESUS SAYS, I IN YOU

by Warren Litzman

## The Christ-Life is the Heart of the Final Gospel

**Too often, it is commonly preached that the sum total of an individual's acts will determine his habits, the sum total of his habits will determine his character, and the sum total of his character will determine his destiny. This is law, pure law and is foreign to the teachings of the Christ-life.**

The believer's new life consists not only of being in Christ, with its possessions, safe-keeping and associations, but it consists as well in the fact that Christ is in the believer. Very often, we come in contact with those who want to say that it is one thing for the believer to be in Christ but another thing for Christ to be in the believer. Such is not only impossible, but it is unnecessary to teach. The old saying is, if the sock goes into the water, the water goes into the sock. There is no way you can put Christ in a human being and the human being not be in Christ. It is an inseparable, eternal union that has taken place.

There are not different levels in the Christ-life, one level where the believer is in Christ and another level where Christ is in the believer. Such would be foolishness. But there is a great difference between Christ being in the believer and the believer expressing his life. Religion looks for the expression. Outwardly, everyone wants to know what kind of Christian this is, but inwardly that believer stands perfect before God for Christ has been made unto him wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. It is not

something that the believer made; it is something that God made (1 Corinthians 1:30).

### THE TRINITY IN EVERY BELIEVER

Thus, it is Christ in us as our hope of glory. Our expression of that may come slowly, may come in differently at times, but as our love for Christ in us grows, our expression becomes greater and greater until the world no longer sees us, it sees Christ. Not only this, but the Scriptures teach that God the Father (Ephesians 4:6) and God the Son (Colossians 1:27) and God the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19) indwell every child of God. Now this is a mystery, a mystery of the unity of the Godhead, and is really only known and understood by believers by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The Scriptures also say that the believer has partaken of the divine nature, and this divine nature is not identified as being only one of the three Persons of the Trinity. The divine nature is evidently the indwelling presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Word teaches that God as a unity of the three Persons dwells in the heart of the child of God, but at the same time the Scriptures never say that we are in the Trinity or that we are in God or in the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are most definitive at this point, for over 200 times in the New Testament it says that the believer is in Christ. While we have the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in us bodily, as Paul says, it is

still Christ and Christ only Who finally expresses the divine nature, the life, and the hope of eternity in the believer. When the full unity of God is in you, it is usually spoken of as the indwelling Christ. In fact, as the whole of the Godhead indwells the Christian, the very Spirit of God is spoken of as the "Spirit of Christ" (Romans 8:9).

### THE BRANCH MUST ABIDE IN THE VINE

Therefore, we see that the phrase, "I in you," is to be received as referring to the person of Christ. As a result of this, the believer has a new divine life, the Christ-life, a new unbelievable power, Christ alive, and a new glorious hope by Christ in him. First, we see that the believer has a glorious new life in Christ. The Scriptures teach that the branch is in the vine and the vine is in the branch. Thus, the believer is in Christ and Christ is in the believer. The new life that comes to the human being is Christ and it is therefore eternal as Christ is eternal. When the question comes about the manifestation of that Christ, we see that the believer is totally dependent on abiding in Christ. That is the sole condition given to us in John 15, that the branch abide in the vine. The believer's place or position in Christ, therefore, is neither attained nor maintained through abiding in Him; that position is instantly wrought by the power of God through Christ the Vine for everyone who has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor is the

possession of the Christ-life (which is the indwelling Christ) secured by abiding in Christ, rather, it is the gift of God.

However, the normal manifestation of that life does depend on abiding in Him. Abiding in Christ is simply the right adjustment between the Christian and his Lord. John 15:10 says, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Notice that these are 'love commandments' and not 'law commandments.' It is important, then, that the believer should understand precisely what is included and required in the love commandments of Christ. Eternal divine life is Christ indwelling the believer, and the Christ-life is the present possession of all who believe. The victories, joys, and fruits of that life depend upon the believer abiding in Christ, which abiding can be accomplished by the believer doing the will of the Lord.

This means that a believer in a temporary state of separation from Christ being his all, with him doing his own thing, has ceased abiding for he is not doing the will of the Lord.

#### **THE RENEWAL OF THE MIND**

The will of God is always perfected in the believer's life by the constant renewal of his mind. The mind is renewed by the teaching of the Holy Spirit and by the searching of the Scriptures. As the mind is renewed, the will of God comes into perfect focus, and thus the believer is able to maintain abiding perfectly.

The believer has limitless power by the Christ Who is within him. This is one of the most gracious

and blessed of all gifts which God has given to humanity. One part of this tremendous power given to men is emphasized by the new character displayed by the believer. Before the believer saw Christ as his life and was operating under the law, his character was the product of the energy and struggle of the flesh. So many believers have continued to struggle in the flesh to become good, but they have totally ignored the Christ Who is within them. Sad to say, this is the most common teaching of the day; this flesh teaching has hindered the minds of believers from growing up in Christ until Christianity appears to the unbeliever as strictly a law religion. Too often, it is commonly preached that the sum total of an individual's acts will determine his habits, the sum total of his habits will determine his character, and the sum total of his character will determine his destiny. This is law, pure law, and is foreign to the teachings of the Christ-life.

#### **CHRIST THE PRODUCER**

Our destiny is not now determined by self-promoted character, our destiny depends on Christ Who is in us and the God Who in love has given us this eternal life. Heaven's glory will not be a display of human character; it rather is to be an unveiling of the riches of grace that are in Christ Jesus. Neither is the Christian character a product of the flesh, but Christian character is a personality trait of Christ, a product of the vine. The fruit comes from the vine; the branch cannot produce fruit at all. Thus, no believer can produce love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). It

is impossible for the branch to produce anything; it merely bears the fruit that is produced by the vine. Christ is the producer, the believer is the bearer. Therefore, it is impossible for a believer to gain power in his life by his own self-effort. Only as the believer's mind is renewed to the Christ Who is in him can this possibly be done.

Finally, the believer has the glorious hope of eternal glory. Far too many believers have centered their hope on a temporal achievement. Some say to me, "As soon as I get over this habit. . . as soon as I conquer this enemy. . . as soon as I am healed. . . as soon as my business straightens out. . ." They are always dealing with the temporal, but Christ in us is our hope of glory. The word 'glory' translates "eternal plan of God in operation," so Christ in us is our hope that the eternal plan of God is alive, vibrant, and working in us. This is the hope that every believer has. We not only hope for the resurrection morning, when this corruptible will put on incorruption, but now our hope is fulfilled by Christ in us, knowing that if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved we have a new building in Christ Jesus. Thus, we fear for nothing in the present as all things are working for good to them that love Him. I can rejoice in this new life, for it is not only Christ in me, but it is I in Him. Say that over and over; confess that daily. I am in Him, He is in me; I am in Him, He is in me. Once your mind takes hold of this, you will begin to live the life which the Father planned for human beings to live before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

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