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tree of life; and he that winneth
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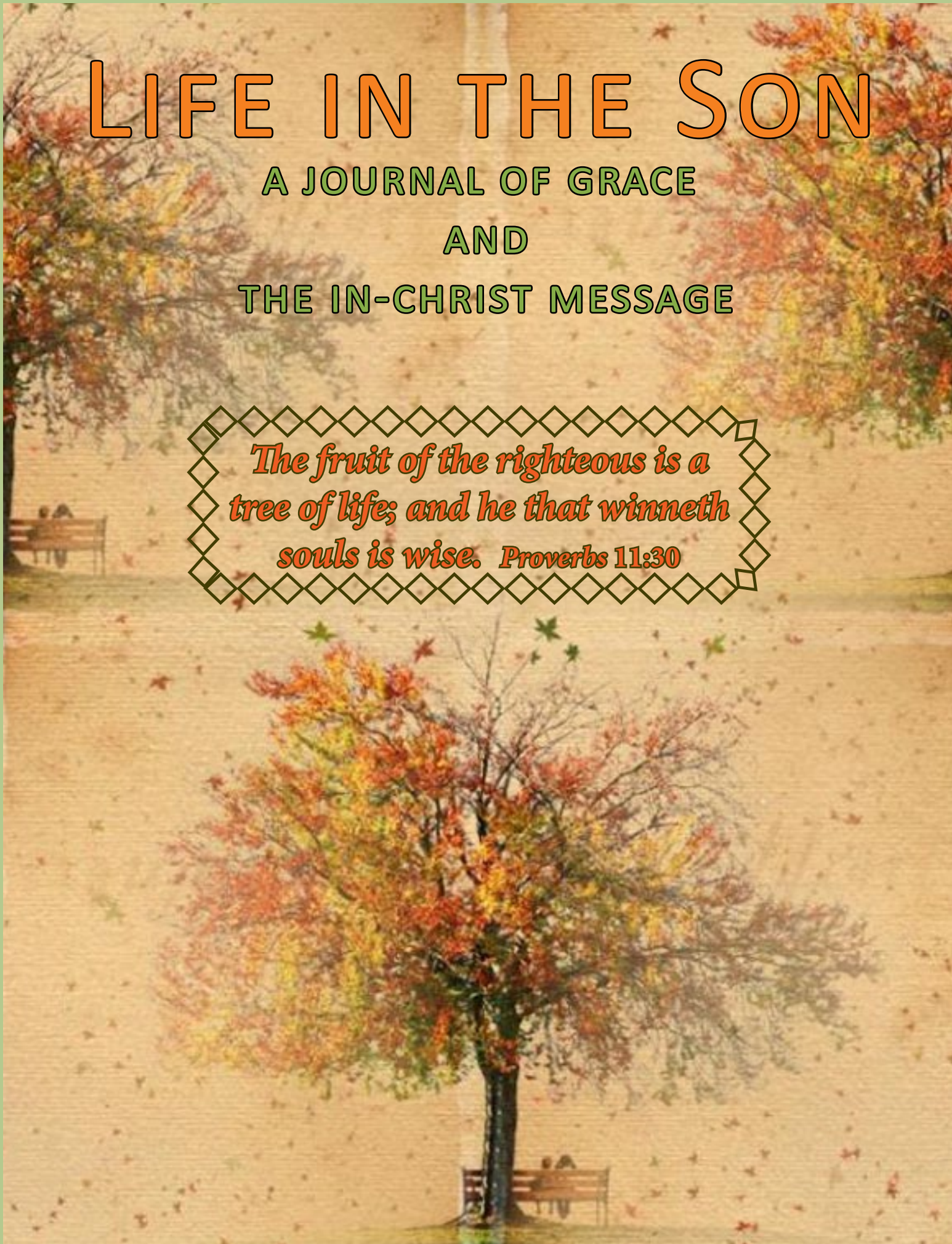


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Soul Winning: Our Theme For This Issue

For several mornings in a row I was awakened with this little prayer song in my mind. I wondered why the Spirit kept bringing up this song and laying it on my mind for the rest of the day. Now as I look back on it, I see that the Lord would have me carry through on it and stress to others the importance of daily carrying a thought of someone's

salvation. There are many ways an unsaved person can be saved but our praying for them to come to know Christ as their life and Savior is totally important to us because the Father does answer our prayers. Then it is important to the one Christ lays on our heart to know that someone loves them enough to carry a burden for them each

day. This fact is empowered when you tell them what you are doing in their behalf. Time is getting near to the end of this dispensation of grace and the rapture of the born again is in sight. Ask the Lord to lay someone on your heart—that you might be a part of the answer where they will spend eternity. Now here is the little prayer song:

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
and love that soul through me,
May I ever do my part,
To win that soul for Thee.*

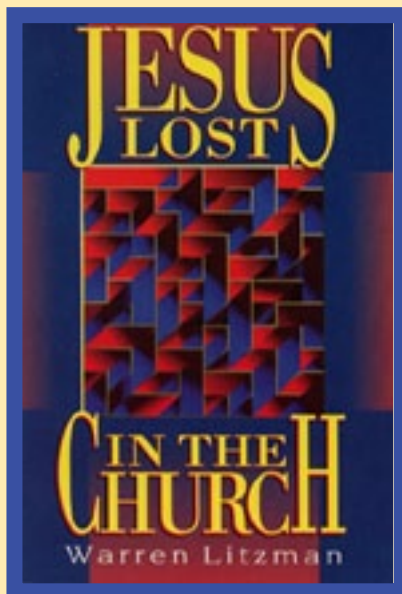
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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIRTHING AND THE CHRIST LIFE



by Warren Litzman

I THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIRTHING

- > All Christ-Life growth is based upon the principles of the birthing.
- > It can be summed up in one word: “Seed” (nature). This is the source of all things.
- > This creates the position we have with our heavenly Father. 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:4; Acts 17:28; Ephesians 2:10, 2:6.

1. OUR BIRTHING

- 1.1 The birthing is the source of all the Christ life and is perfect.
- 1.2 It is eternal. 1 John 3:2
- 1.3 It is the creation of a new race of people with a new Father and a new purpose. 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. OUR CHRIST-LIFE

- 2.1 The unity with Christ is what we are in our daily relationships with the Father and others.
- 2.2 The birthing is perfect from the beginning. It is the unity with Christ which is developing from babyhood to Fatherhood in Christ. Our birthing remains immutable. Our Christ life expression is variable.
- 2.3 The exercise of faith is what affects our Christ life, but in no way does our growth in union affect the birthing. Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 6:10.

3. THE ERROR OF DAILY LIVING

- 3.1 We must not concentrate on unity with Christ-Life. To do so is to live by feelings and appearances. The inevitable result is that we become increasingly self-conscious and self-centered and cease to be a Jesus-self.
- 3.2 Our prime responsibility is to give total attention to the Christ in us by the birthing, then there will be growth, and he will be more and more manifested in our union with Him. 2 Corinthians 3:18.
- 3.3 If the believer does not know the principles of the birthing and how to abide in the Christ, who is his life, the result will be a constant struggle and un-Christlike expression rather than a Christ-centered life.
- 3.4 Because of this, the average believer will be more aware of his unified position in Christ than he is of the birthing. This is the reason why there is so much failure and stagnation. If we are to grow up into the Christ we are, our faith must be anchored in the finished work of the birthing. 1 Corinthians 2:5.

- 3.5 Scriptural fact-centered faith in the fact of our birthing is the only means of experiencing the finished work of union life. The birthing placed us in a God-accepted position, from which our union is being completed by faith. Ephesians 2:10.
- 3.6 Only the believer who knows, grows. It is faith in the fact of our birthing which gives us the daily benefits of Christ-life. Without this knowing, the believer will only seek his resources in the realm of self and be defeated. It is a Jesus-self which is most important.

4. THE GRAIN OF WHEAT



Jesus said: "Except a corn (or grain) of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

- 4.1 The deepest and furthest-reaching principle with God is, that out of death comes life. This was ultimately and finally established at Calvary's cross, where Christ, as the grain of wheat, died and rose again. In His resurrection, He brought forth much fruit. Everyone who would ever believe on Christ as their Saviour constituted a part of the grain of wheat. This means that every believer was resident in "The Grain of Wheat: - Christ, the Head of the new spiritual harvest, or new creation race. Every believer is included in the "much fruit" of His death and resurrection. Romans 6:5.
- 4.2 There is another wonderful principle involved here, that like produces like. (Genesis 1:11). Jesus, the original grain of wheat, has fallen into the ground and has risen again unto life eternal and is bringing forth much fruit after His kind.
- 4.3 It is the Father's intention that every believer be conformed to the image of His Son. Thus, predestination speaks of circumstances and situations built into the world pushing the birthed son to the image of the only Son. Romans 8:29.
- 4.4 This means that every Christ-Life believer is gradually being conformed to Christ, Who is the express image of God's Person. Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 3:2.
- 4.5 In the natural realm, the first grain of wheat contained the life of every subsequent grain to this very day. The first grain did not abide alone, but fell into the ground and died, finding resurrection and much fruit of life out of death. This same principle applies in the Christ-Life. The birthing, which is the source of life of every believer, is as the grain of wheat. This is because Christ the grain, is placed in the believer as the seed, and the seed (Christ) is bringing forth life after His kind. When we speak of the birthing, we are referring to the life of our risen Lord in us. Colossians 3:3.
- 4.6 Thus, the principle of the birthing is both natural and spiritual. It means that life in its fullness and completeness is resident in the source (Christ the seed) and is transmitted through birth and growth, which is union.



5. THE VINE AND THE BRANCH

Consistent with the principle of the birthing and the principle of reproduction, Christ in us is the Vine. As such, He brings forth fruit after his kind. John 15:5.

- 5.1 In the natural realm, the perfect life already complete in the vine, is increasingly supplied to the growing branches. The healthy condition of the branches is contingent upon their abiding in the life of the vine.
- 5.2 The branch produces nothing, either for the vine, for others, or for itself. The vine is the source and has everything to do with the development and fruitfulness of all its branches. Therefore, the chief responsibility of the branch is to rest where it was birthed and to abide in the life source in the vine.
- 5.3 Thus the believer rests in his birthing. As he does this, the life which is in the vine, designated in Galatians 5:22-23 as the fruit of the Spirit, is manifested in the union. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are all virtues innate in the believer by the birthing, and work out of the believer in the union.

GONE TO THE DOGS

by Frank Stigall

FIRST RACE: How did the races come about? God only created one race in the beginning. That race was Adam and Eve. From Adam sprang all nationalities on this earth, regardless of color. However, we are not going to speak of color, but of race only, which encompass all men.

There was a time when there was only one race of people on the earth, and Adam was the federal head of this race. However, things did not go well. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5).

The first race of people must have grieved God's heart. Cain killed his brother, Abel, and man has continued to be very sinful ever since. So sinful that God said: "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." (Gen. 6:7). However, there was one man on the earth that was not like all the rest. His name was Noah.

NOAH

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." (Gen. 6:8-9). It looked as though God's idea was to take the Adam race and start it all over again with Noah and his family. Indeed that is exactly what he did. Noah was instructed by God to build an ark for him and his family,

and for the animals. Then the floods came and destroyed millions of people who were on the face of the earth. However, God did not start a new race or nation with Noah. It was more like turning over a new page with the same race.

It would seem like a good idea to start all over again with a man that was upright, and who walked with God. However, things once again did not go well and this new generation also became corrupt. They became corrupt, because they were still living with a Satan nature in them, and this generation of Noah could not change their spots any more than a leopard could change his. This defect has been built in the entire human race.

language what they wanted to do was to get God out of their thinking.

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Rom. 1:21).

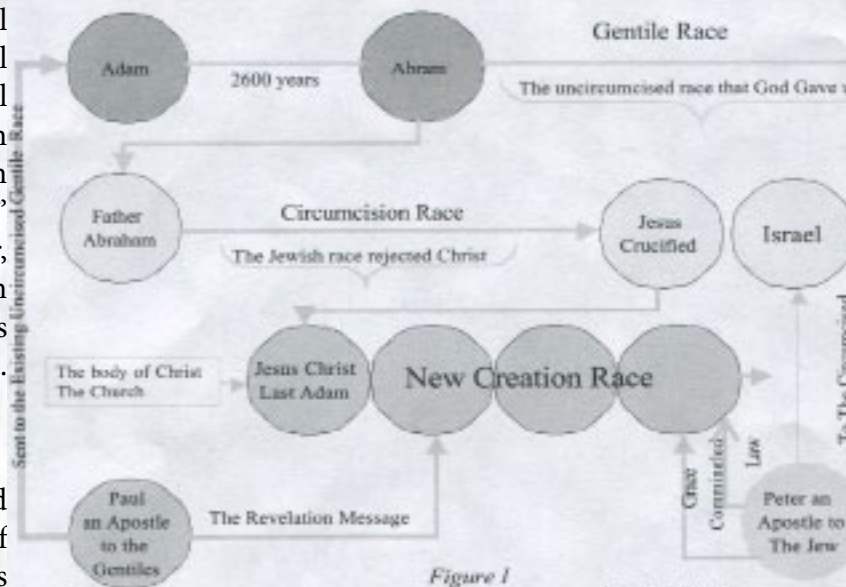
Have you ever read the first chapter of Romans? This first race of people in Genesis is whom these scriptures refer. This Gentile race and all their children to come are cut off from God. In Rom. 1:20, God says these people are without excuse, as they clearly understood who God was, but they wanted to erase him from their minds.

At this point in Gen. 11, 2600 years have gone by, and the people once again have become exceedingly sinful. "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Rom. 1:25).

We are smart enough to go to the moon, eradicate many diseases that have killed thousands of people in the past, but we have not been able to

read the word of God and properly divide the scriptures. In this area of spiritual understanding, we have fallen short, and blindness has covered our eyes to the truth.

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Doomed to failure was built in, and that is exactly what the human race did. They became as sinful as those before the flood, and possibly, a little worse. They decided to build a city and a tower in order to make for themselves a great name. In plain

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This is not so much different today, when the gospel of grace is being stretched out of shape, and commingled with the past gospel message of the kingdom. For this reason born again people revert to a lesser position, and the grace of God in their life dried up. "Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Galatians 1:7).

God said of the first race of people two times, "he gave them up" (Romans 1:24, 26) and in Romans 1:28 "God gave them over to a reprobate mind." This meant God was finished with correcting them, and he wanted nothing more to do with them.

SECOND RACE: The second race begins in Genesis 12, when God called a man by the name of Abram. As you can see in figure 1, he called Abram out of the first race. The first race is known as the uncircumcised or Gentile race in the Bible. Abraham was a Gentile, (uncircumcised) and most likely an idol worshiper.

Eventually Abram's name was changed to Abraham, who became the beginning of the second race. We need to see this is the creation of a new race of people who never existed before on the face of the earth. Abraham became the father of this race. The reason why this is so significant is that God had given up on the Gentile race. From Genesis 12 to the end of the Old Testament, God deals only with the Jewish people from the seed of Abraham. They were not always called Jews. They were first called Hebrews, because Abraham dwelled in Hebron for a while. Then they were called Israelites because Jacob had his name changed to Israel. He had twelve sons that became head of the twelve tribes of Israel. Then after the seven-

ty years of captivity in Babylon, they adopted the name Jew which was taken from the word Judah. They were also known as the circumcised race. The name Abraham is found 162 times in the Old Testament, and 69 times in the New Testament. He is without a doubt a very important person in the Bible.

The Call of Abraham

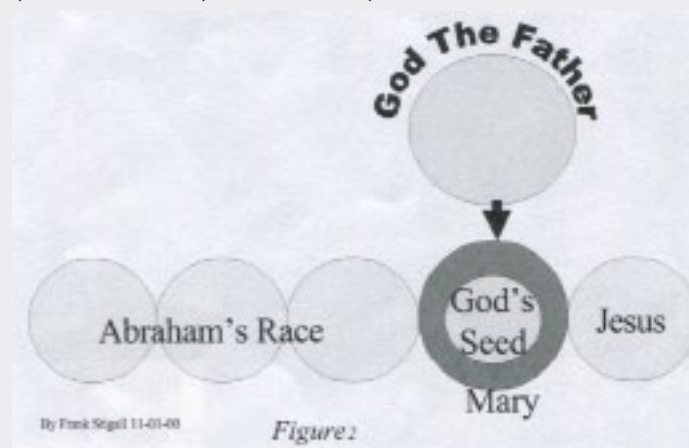
When God called Abram in Genesis 12, he gave him four promises. "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2).

God promised Abraham he would make him a great nation, but he had no sons. So first God had to take a man of one hundred and a woman of ninety and produce a promise son just to fulfill his promise to him. The reference "great nation" refers to the Jews, the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. I will bless thee, and make thy name great. This promise was fulfilled in Abraham's temporal blessings (Genesis 13:2; 24:35), spiritual blessings (Genesis 21:22), and fame (Genesis

tends all the way to the cross. The main promise I want you to see is that of the seed. The reason is that with this seed, God the Father will start a new creation race. Check out Figure 2 for how this transpired.

I know the Bible calls this the seed of Abraham, but more to the point, the promised seed (Jesus) would come from God, to the lineage of Abraham. Abraham was not the father of Jesus. The lineage of Abraham provided only a body for Jesus through Mary, to house the seed of God. Thus, Jesus was both God and man. However, the body that was furnished by the lineage of Abraham died at the cross. Then the body of Jesus was resurrected, and changed to be compatible with eternity. The real point here is God is the Father of Jesus, and not Abraham. The next question is, are we (Christians) the seed of Abraham. "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:29).

Notice the prerequisite, "if ye be Christ's." First and foremost you must first belong to Christ. Then and only then are you Abraham's seed, but not the natural seed of Abraham as that would make you a Jew. Instead you are of the spiritual seed of Abraham who is Jesus. By death, Jesus became disconnected from the Jewish race. Jesus was not resurrected to become a Jew or a Gentile. However, through the resurrection he lives, and like Abraham he becomes the head of the new creation race that never existed before.



23:6; Isaiah 41:8), and thou shalt be a blessing, the consequence of God's blessing upon Abraham. (Luke 1:73; Luke 16:24; Luke 16:30; John 8:53; John 8:56; Acts 7:2; Romans 4:12).

Genesis 12, was the beginning of the dispensation of promise and ex-

I invite you to look at Figure 1 again to see how the new creation race was started. They came from a dead man that had been resurrected. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” (John 12:24).

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

We are trying to hold this chapter to how and when all three races were started, so we have left out a lot of things that transpired with Israel. This second race like the first one has witnessed God in His glory, but rebelled and backslides over and over again. The only reason I can figure why God did not throw them out, was because of the promises God made with Abraham. Furthermore, he had chosen Sarah as his wife, (Jeremiah 3:14) and Sarah is to bare his Son, Jesus.

If you look at Figure 3, it may help to understand how all this more clearly works. First of all, God has always been the head of Israel. He at one time governed Israel by Kings, Judges, and Prophets. That is to say, He spoke to these people, and told them what to say, and they became God’s voice to the people. The day came when God ordained seventy people to be his spokesmen and they came to be known as the Sandedrin. They served the same purpose as the prophets, and they were God’s spokesmen to Israel.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with

thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.” (Numbers 11:16-17).

Israel became very reluctant to have anything to do with Jesus. Can the mother hate her child so bad as the old proverb says, they threw out the baby with the bath water? When Jesus came on the scene, and declared himself as their Messiah he was rejected by the Sandedrin, the highest judicial ecclesiastical council sometimes called the seventy. This was the highest religious office in Israel.

Israel is a theocracy, which means “their government is ruled by, or subject to, religious authority”. Israel has two governments to obey at the

similar to our constitution here in the USA. With these five books of the Bible the Sandedrin governed the nation Israel in spiritual matters. The Sandedrin added six hundred and forty laws of their own making to the Torah.

The point being God worked with the Sandedrin and they, in turn, worked with the people of Israel. Whatever the Sandedrin said was what Israel did. In the course of time they did not remain a good group of guys, they became a group of politicians made up of Pharisees and Sadducees. This is the group that martyred the apostle James, and on many occasions tried to kill Peter, and was guilty of crucifying the Lord of Glory. This is what is said about them. “For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.” (Acts 23:8).

If the Sandedrin had said Jesus was their Messiah then all Israel would have been saved. This group of Sandedrin in Jesus’ day was much different from those in the day of Moses. Nevertheless, God honored the office in order to honor his government. Salvation for the nation must start at the top down to the people, under this theocracy.

We must remember that when the Day of Atonement came around, it was the high priest of this group that entered the Holy of Holy’s with the blood of the Atonement; a day when all Israel had their sins forgiven corporately in one moment of time. This pretty much agrees with Romans 11:26. When salvation finely comes to Israel, it will come to all Israel. **(Continued on page 10)**

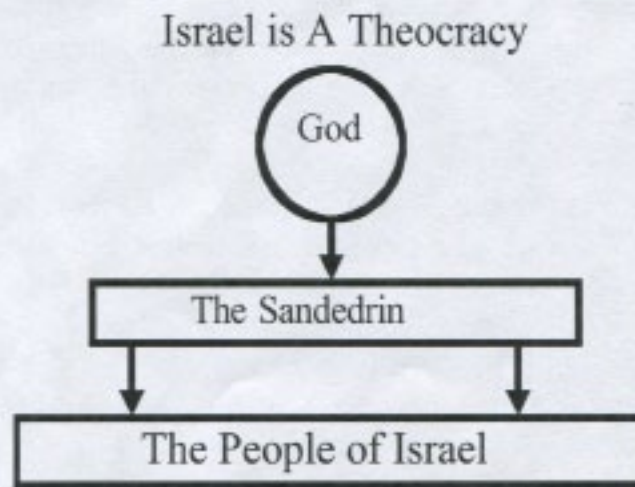


Figure 3

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time of the New Testament. They are the religious government, and the Roman government. This religious government is much like our Federal government. They make the laws, and deal out the punishment for breaking those laws. Their laws were in what they called the Torah. The Torah is a scroll of parchment containing the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. This would be

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THIRD RACE

So now we have two races on the earth, but look what has happened to them. God has rejected the Gentiles, and the Jewish race has rejected God. What does God do? He begins all over again to bring forth a new race. This race will have a new federal head, which is none other than the resurrected Jesus. This is the only race that begins with God, and has spiritually birthed sons in it. It is called "The New Creation Race". "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We have said little about the cross up to this point, but the cross is the hinge on which all of the new creation hangs. Without the cross there

would be no new creation race. The Father gathered up the sin of the entire world and placed it in the body of Jesus on the cross. The original sin of Adam, and all the sins of both races, Gentiles and Jews. In doing so, he destroyed the enmity between God and man.

FROM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION

How can a man who is sinful and has a Satan nature ever become born again. Being lost in trespasses and sin, without God, and on the road to Hell, it is quite evident that something must be done in order that a depraved race could call on God for His hand of mercy. The Father has fixed all humans to be able to do just that.

First of all, we need to understand

the difference between these two scriptures which both say "Before the foundation of the world."

"According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation** of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Ephesians 1:4)

"Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation** of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." (1 Peter 1:20).

This scripture (Ephesians 1:4) is not talking about the election of certain people, while others are rejected. It is saying that before the world's foundation was ever laid, God chose all to be in Him. It says He loved the whole world, not just a chosen few (John 3:16).

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Lord, lay some soul upon my heart

After His Kind by Ray Ogle

Now that I have had my own personal revelation that Christ is in me and Christ is my life, the Bible is now a whole new collection of scriptures just waiting to be revealed to my knowing the fullness that is in Christ. As I have been growing in the Christ-life, certain verses of Scripture have eluded me, and I lacked understanding until now.

I had two questions. What makes a Christian a Christian? What do Matthew 3:10 and Luke 3:9 mean? So I set out into Scripture to discover the understanding that has brought peace to my wondering soul.

"And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matthew 3:10) At my first reading, I thought this verse was for Israel only and referred to Israel's rejection of Jesus as Messiah, believing that God was thus cutting the nation off from His blessing and from the "church age." As I began to study these verses and travel through the Scriptures, Christ in me revealed an awesome "panoramic" picture I had not previously known. The Holy Ghost, as teacher and guide, will shed light, wisdom, and understanding in this revelation, in order for every believer to comprehend what was in God's mind at the beginning of all creation. What an awesome journey to truth!

In order to have any foundation of understanding, we must first travel to the beginning and see what the Word says about it. Matthew 3:10 speaks of a root, and I wanted to know exactly what this root was and where it came from. In the Strong's,

"root" is 4491=rhiza, which is singular, meaning only one root, not many. In this verse, we have one root (singular), and many trees (plural). If this verse had read, "the root of the tree," then I would have more readily accepted that it was referring to only Israel, because Israel is referred to as an olive tree. We will discuss the (plural) sense of trees later.

A root. Where, exactly, does a root come from and how does it grow and exist. In Genesis 1:1-10, God created all the necessary elements it takes to support life on this planet. We see water, earth, and oxygen (air) being brought forth first. On day three, we see God bring forth grass, herb, and the tree yielding fruit after his kind. Ask this question: Which came first, the seed or the tree? The seed, of course, because we see that on the fourth day (Genesis 1:16), God made the great light (sun) to rule the day, and we all know that it takes water, earth, air, and light to make a plant grow, and that the light process is what we call "photosynthesis". We now have all the necessary elements in place for God to plant a garden, where the greatest test of man will take place.

"Horticulture Class 101 is now in session." Two questions: What is a seed, and what does the seed do? First, a seed is what contains and manifests all the DNA and genetic information as to what kind of creature (being) it will become. In this lesson, it is a tree. The seed is what will determine what kind of tree it will be and what kind of fruit it will grow. In the Christ-life, the seed holds within it ALL the character and nature for that which

it is, and will become. In Strong's, the seed's nature is: Nature = 5449, 5453=phue, phusis = growth (by germination or expansion), natural production (lineal descent); a genus or sort, native disposition, constitution or usage, man(kind), nature(al). 5453 = "to puff or blow," to swell up, but only used in the implicated sense, to germinate or grow (sprout, produce), spring (up). Very simply put, a peach seed will become what? A peach tree! And it will bring forth what? Peaches!

Second, a seed (when germinated) will miraculously spring life within it and begin to grow. The basic seed, when properly nourished, will sprout and begin to grow in two different directions. The part of the seed that will grow up is called the "shoot" or "blade". The part of the seed that will grow downward is called the "root". As the seed grows, the shoot will break through the soil and photosynthesis will begin; the sunlight, water, earth, and air are all partakers in feeding the plant, causing it to grow and take root. As the blade grows and gets bigger, the root also begins to dig deeper and deeper into the earth, and as the root expands more and more, it becomes the foundation and support system of the tree. Eventually, you no longer recognize that there ever was a seed because the seed transformed into and became the root. What we now see is that the tree grew and matured and what we now have is a root, a tree, and eventually fruit that bears new seed. In this lesson, our tree will be a peach tree. So the seed does grow and becomes the whole plant
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After His Kind by Ray Ogle

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(tree) as it matures. As the tree grows and is properly “maturing”, it will eventually bring forth fruit. The fruit is a product of the genetic DNA we discussed earlier. The nature of the seed will become the nature of the fruit. Remember, in Genesis 1:11, that the seed *is in itself*. The peach fruit is not only good for food, but the seed *is in itself* because you can't eat the whole peach. Once you have eaten the peach, you discard or plant the seed and it will grow into a peach tree “after his kind.”

Now that we understand how a seed becomes a root, we are set up for understanding days five and six in Genesis 1:20-31. Here, God makes the creatures of the sea, the birds of the air, and all of the animal kingdom that would dwell on the Earth. In each creature of the sea, air, and land is the seed within

itself to reproduce “after his kind.” Then God gave the command, be fruitful and multiply,” and each creature has reproduced “after his kind” ever since. Now, at the end of each day of God's creation, He has said it was “good”. Even on day six, after He created the land creatures, He said it was “good”. But on day six (Genesis 1:26), God says, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...” and He blessed them and told them also to be fruitful and multiply. Even though God saw everything He had made and said it was very good, He did not respond specifically about man. Why? Notice carefully that everything God had made up to that point, He had mentioned “after his kind” and “seed is in itself;” but when He had formed man of the dust of the Earth and breathed the breath of life into him and he became a living soul, there is no mention of “seed” or “spirit”. Whether

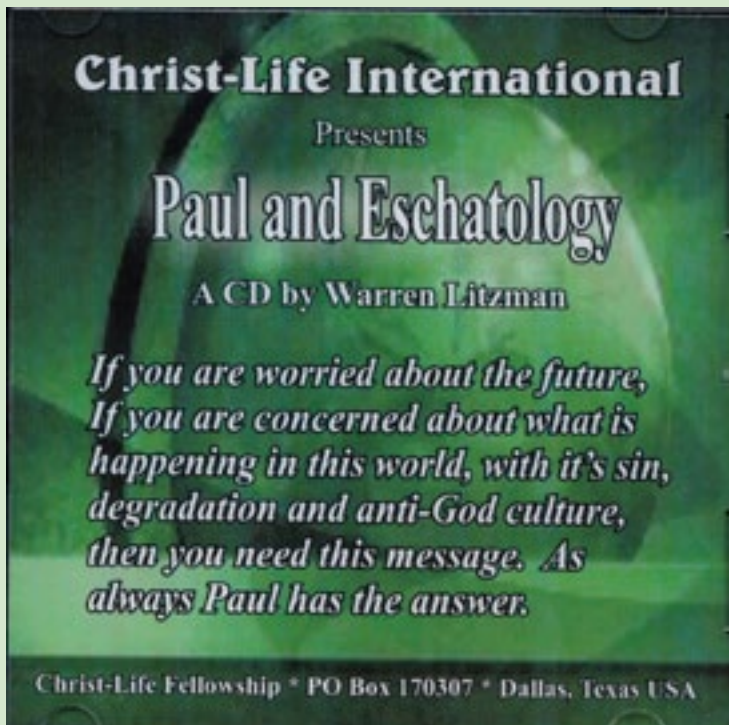
anyone wants to believe it or not, man, at this point, is incomplete. Therefore, God could not yet proclaim, “after His kind.” Now, God plants a garden and it is this first garden that God will see what kind of seed (birthed spirit) man will be.

According to the flesh, man is well able to reproduce “after his kind” because each man has within him seed (sperm), and each woman has within her seed (egg), and together is the means for mankind to exist on this Earth: “according to the flesh.” But “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God . . .” so if 1 Corinthians 15:50 is indeed true, then there must be another “seed” after his *kind* for which we are looking.

Which is the reason Jesus said “you must be born again” to be the Father's offspring. **Amen.**



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Tutors and Governors **Yield: By Force, By Persuasion**

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Holy Spirit Ministry

by Don Byrd

(This document is intended to enhance the believer's understanding in the importance of learning how to yield to the Holy Spirit.)

Tutors, Governors, and a Child

It is my understanding that the born-again believer is under tutors and governors until the time he is removed from being under tutors and governors. This, of course, is done in accordance with the timing of the born-again believer's father. Something of great importance should be noted at this point. Galatians 4:3 states that this was a time of "bondage" which means that it was totally against the *will* of that child. Tutors and governors have jurisdiction by coercion, not by choice. Why is this as it is? This is due to the fact that the child does not know what he needs to bring maturity to him according to his father's desire. It is the father's decision to place his child under tutors and governors because he knows what the child needs to bring maturity. It is not the child's choice to be under tutors and governors, but tutors and governors are assigned jurisdiction over the child until he matures according to his father's purpose. This was his father's choice, not the child's choice. In essence, this means his father made the choice for the child because of the child's immaturity.

The child still has a free-will choice even under these circumstances. He can yield to or resist the tutors and governors. This, in essence, is learning how to yield to the choice

of another individual. Normally, the child is not in agreement with the tutors and governors, thus manifesting the undesirable resistance of the child toward them. This has to do with learning how to yield to the "will" of another. This does not mean that the child no longer has a mind or will of his own, but it means that his mind is now conforming to the will of another individual. This is best known as being compatible with others. To be *compatible* means that more than one entity has the exact same desire. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren." (Romans 8:29). "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2).

Tutors and governors bring the child to the place where the child has learned how to yield without resistance to tutors and governors. The child's father places the child under tutors and governors to teach the child how to be responsible for himself and to teach responsibility toward his father. The child is being taught how to be responsible no matter what. Hopefully, the child will learn and respond in these

areas. This is a very critical point in the child's life because this child has now reached the place called "...the time appointed of the father." (Galatians 4:2) This is the moment that the child is placed in the family to learn about his family and mostly learn about his father!

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This, in essence, is being removed from the jurisdiction of tutors and governors and being placed under the ministry of the Holy Spirit. This child now knows how to yield without resistance to his teacher, thus enabling the teacher to teach in fullness what the child needs to know about his Father. Not just that alone, but the child can now learn who he is in the Father's family through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not, has not, will never, use force in dealing with the child while under His ministry. This means it will be totally the child's choice to freely yield to the Holy Spirit so that the intended things of mine (things in Christ) can be learned. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." 1 Corinthians 2:13. The Holy Spirit uses the things of Christ to bring revelation into the mind of the believer. (Continued on page 14)

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Thus far, we have dealt with “yielding by coercion” or “yielding by persuasion.” In essence, this is the child under tutors and governors in contrast to the child under the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The yielding process is learned under the jurisdiction of tutors and governors as assigned by the father of the child. The benefit of having learned how to yield is realized under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit. Coercion is not in any way, shape, or form, used by the Holy Spirit when bringing the child into maturity according to the Father’s purpose. In essence, the born-again believer needs to learn how to yield, which is brought by persuasion, not brought by coercion.

Heir

“Now I say, That the heir . . .” is of great importance to the born-again believer. “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.” (Romans 8:17). There is only one way to become an heir and that is through a birth. Only those who had the birthrights were legally entitled to be heirs. What is an heir? An heir is one who is birthed into the family and will receive or has already received an inheritance.

Inheritance involved two individuals: first, the individual to whom the inheritance originally belongs, and secondly, the individual that receives the inheritance. There were two means of receiving an inheritance. The first was through the death of the original owner of the inheritance, thus leaving the inheritance to the recipient. In this case, only one individual remains, leaving only the recipient of the inheritance. In essence, this means that the inheritance was transferred from one individual to another individual by

means of death.

The second method is realized when the owner of the inheritance voluntarily transfers the inheritance to the recipient. Confirmation of this is found in Luke 15. “And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.” (Luke 15:12). In this scenario the father gives his son his portion of the family inheritance. The inheritance was divided and distributed between the two sons of this certain man. Both sons received an equal share of the inheritance.

Thought of the day

The younger son received what he thought was his portion of the family inheritance. The father gave him only the things that could be spent as seen in “And when he had spent all...” (Luke 15:14). It is very important for the believer to understand this fundamental point. This means that the father had given his son the temporal things belonging to the family. The things that were not temporal were still remaining, but the son was totally unaware of these things. What does this mean? This means that the son’s values were upon things that were temporal, while his father’s values were upon something altogether different. The son was totally happy with what his father had given him until it was spent!

The son had never seen the value of the true inheritance, which was totally resident within his father. The account in Luke 15 conveys an underlying truth that every born-again believer should know. Look at the son before and after he had spent all that he had previously considered his part of the family inheritance. The younger son was so immature that his values were totally

inept. As long as he remained in his father’s house placing his values on things that could be spent, he would remain immature. His father did not attempt to deter his desire to go into the world with his portion of the family inheritance and become successful.

The father was dealing with his son’s immaturity of which the son was totally unaware. The son considered himself to be mature to the point that he was capable of managing his portion of the family inheritance. His father was totally aware that the son’s values of the family inheritance were not at all in the right place. In this scenario, the father is totally aware of his son’s immaturity and this is an opportune time to allow his son to take a gigantic step into maturity. If the father refused to allow his son to have his portion of good, that son would remain immature in that area of responsibility. In the account that follows, it appears that the son was a total failure. Not at all! He did waste his family inheritance on harlots and riotous living which appears to be a drastic failure. Take note of what the son said at the beginning of this account. “...Father, give me...” (Luke 15:12), which are words of an immature son. Notice his words when he came to himself in the pig pen: “...make me...” (Luke 15:19), are the words of a son who has just taken a gigantic step into the family spirit through the maturity process. The maturity process is a mind condition that allows its subject to conform to the spirit. For the born-again believer, there is no such thing as becoming more spiritual because the spirit is “Christ in you” in fullness. When the believer receives “Christ in you” he gets all the Son there is at the moment of the new birth.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CHRIST-LIFE CONFERENCE 2011

by Chris Goosen



Flying down to Port Elizabeth from Johannesburg on Thursday gave me time to consider Warren's subject for the conference, "The Holy Spirit". An expectancy and excitement started to grow within me, as I was going to hear about the person that teaches me about the Christ that lives in me. I asked Father to start deleting the rubbish in my mind that religion had taught me regarding this subject. I would like my mind to be "formatted" to receive only the truth regarding the work, personality, and mind of the Holy Spirit.

I was also looking forward to see my Brothers and Sisters, many of whom had been praying for Yvonne and I as we walked through many C & S sessions during this year. This was going to be a great conference, and I trusted Father to make it so for me.

Arriving at the Port Elizabeth airport, we saw the smiling faces of those who had also just arrived on our flight and other flights. We hugged and were hugged by many and soon we arrived at the conference centre. There, more hugs, and greetings from our Christ Life family. Settled into our cottage, we were off to have our first tea time of this conference. Soon it was time to settle down in the conference hall, and await the arrival of Warren and Robbie.

What a delight to see them again, our Pastors, who at great expense and hours of discomfort fly to teach us Christ. No matter how Warren feels in his body, whenever I enquire regarding his health, he always says, "I'm just fine my Brother." Thank the Father for Warren and Robbie.

The first session Warren introduced us to the Holy Spirit, and as always, the first session for me has the greatest impact, for in that session a foundation is laid for the rest of the conference. This was no different. Each session built upon the previous one and reached the climax at the last session. The depth of teaching was like chewing on steak, but there was also some gravy to assist with the digestion of the word. Every conference is better than the previous one. But, alas, all too soon the last session arrived and the conference was over.

During the conference at two of the sessions Robbie shared her heart with us, what moving words. There were very few dry eyes as she related how she was alone through her times of hurt and bereavement. Her sharing on the practical things we face in our lives touched us and brought the realisation that during our "hard" times, we ONLY have Christ to run to and Him to cling to. During those times of hurt and sorrow the things we say we believe are tested. Do we really believe what

we say we believe? What a moving testimony from Robbie.

Another aspect of this conference that made an impact on me was that a time was set aside after the evening session for fellowship. This was a tremendous blessing as we could interact with others at the conference and get to know each other better. On the Saturday evening we were blessed with a "sing along" time led by Johann playing a ukulele and Annette playing the guitar, what a joyful time was had by all. Looking across the hall, people were sharing with each other, others were laughing together, some were singing, clapping their hands, others were listening to the music, what a great time of fellowship.

As with every conference I have had the privilege to attend, this one was unique, and I am looking forward to the next conference in 2012. I have much to learn from the teachings of Warren and Robbie, and by listening to the Holy Spirit as He teaches me Christ, and as He, in His time, reveals the depths of Warren's teachings, this conference will be life changing to me.

Thank you, Warren and Robbie.

Chris Goosen



EDITORIAL

Bad things are happening to people all around the world. For most people, there is no answer to the dilemma. But we believers have the answer in the Christ-life message. Yet the major problem in the world goes unchallenged. It is upside down in all its endeavors, regardless of what the problem is. The problem with this world cannot be fixed by government, or by politics, or by education, or by money, or by religion. The fact is, the problem with this world cannot be fixed by man. This is because the problem is spiritual, it is a God-problem and only God, by His Son Jesus Christ, is capable to fix the problem.

You see it is like this. God fixed the world to be a better place at the cross where Christ died for the sin of mankind. God only asked one little thing and that was for humanity to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and there would be a better world. Sadly, most worldly people, even most religious people, even most saved people, even most politicians, and even most theologians, have placed little or no hope in what Jesus did at the cross.

The new-agers are doing every-

thing they can to destroy the message of the cross of Christ. The religious people and the “progressive” intellectual people have decided that the cross is of no value, and have devised other ways to save humanity without the cross. The Judaistic-Christians (so-called erroneously) have returned to idolatry, worshipping the law of Moses and its ideas, (these are often called Messianic Christians) and have dropped the cross of Christ where total salvation of this world is centered. Long ago, the politics in education ruled out the cross, ruled out praying in the classroom, ruled out teaching church history as a valued aspect of history and found ways to attack God by inserting various humanistic ideas like Communism, Socialism and many other godless “isms.” Islam has been upside down ever since the days of Abraham and strikes back every day with killing and murder. It is possible that any human could devise any anti-god thing today and somebody would believe it.

What is the answer? Where do you start to resolve the up-side-down world? It must start with those who

handle the Bible properly. Preachers must reach what happened at the cross. They must preach the truth about Christ and His finished work at the cross. Today is the time, now is the hour, tomorrow is too late.

These things mentioned are the purpose of our existence in the Christ-life. God raised us up and gave us the mission regenerating the world with the last gospel, the gospel of Paul. It must be preached until the whole world knows. This gospel starts at the cross. Your attention to this message is the hope of the world where you are, there is no other hope.

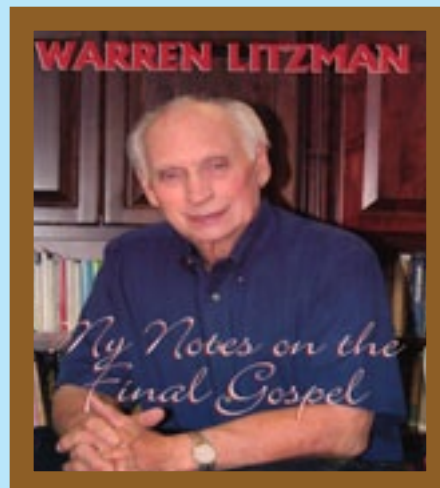
Thank you for being a part of the family in the Christ-life. You are invaluable. Do not go by the outer results. It is what you are doing as a “Christian—a Christ-life person,” that is most important for people where you are. You may be the only one with a gospel that will change their life. Robbie and I are blessed that you are an important part of world evangelization working with us.

We love you in Christ,
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Lord, may I ever do my part



Seeing Jesus



in Each Other



by Cliff Gardner

What a great privilege and blessing God our Father has given us by revealing His plan of salvation to us! Many of us have had an encounter with God wherein we have been given the revelation by the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ is birthed in us as our Savior and life. Right now He lives in us, to live through us, as us. Because, roughly, only ten percent of those who profess to be “saved” (or “born again”) have opened their heart to receive this revelation, we are like islands of life in a sea of religion. In view of all of this, let us consider the advantage we have, and some of the trials that we face, as we journey on to know Him—Christ—who lives in us as our life.

The advantage of the Christ-life, is that we are brought to an awareness of the Apostle Paul’s gospel—encountering the unique message that was given to him to take to the non-Jewish, Gentile world—the gospel that he called “my gospel”. The centerpiece of that gospel is the truth that Jesus Christ was crucified, died for our sin, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day by the power of God. The “mystery” that was revealed to Paul is that Jesus Christ is the new “life” in us, who have believed on Him for our salvation. He has been birthed in us, and now we are a “new creation,” and his life in us is our “hope of glory.” No other New Testament person writes of this truth!

Still, many of us who embrace the

teachings and philosophy of the Christ-life, do not live any different than the “religious” people around us. Even though we are affixed to the Christ-life teachings, it does not guarantee that now we are above and beyond the pulls of pride and ego that are residual in our brain from our forefather, Adam. We can profess profound adherence to our philosophies, but live far from our profession—just as when we were living in religion!

There may be times when people who have an understanding of the Christ-life message, can feel that they are far superior to “religious” people. In fact, the teachings and philosophy of the Christ-life can even become a “religion” in itself to those who embrace the principles of the message, if they lose sight of the Christ Who lives in them.

We must be careful not to get too heady and high-minded about what we think we know—and how much we know. The devil would love to destroy us—especially we who have been brought to the basic and elementary understanding of the Christ-life. Let us turn away from pride, ego, and fear that are all part of the old self-life. The old man—who we were in Adam—wants to crawl back into our thinking and get our mind turned away from Christ in us who is our life. The hurts and heartaches we experience in life is the wedge most often used. Many times these hurts and heartaches are

caused by people—most likely by those who are in a close relationship with us when there is a reaction, misunderstanding, or conflict.

What a difficult process it can be to pray and entrust our relationship with others to God, and to—by faith—see Christ working in them, allowing Him to change them! It is easy to talk about having the mind of Christ, but it can be a journey to allow Him to apply the work of the cross to our flesh, in order to truly have control of our mind and to be one with Him. As we pray to be reconciled to one another, we must also choose to be patient with each other. Patience shows our acceptance of trusting Christ to allow others their journey at whatever phase of growth they are in. We may never be able to get along in a Heavenly way, because we are not there yet. But inviting Christ in us to come forth through us in every situation, both easy and hard, will reveal the depth of our maturity of truly understanding that His life of love is living in and through us, as us. By observing our reactions at these times, we can see whether our philosophy is a “religious” theory, or reality (“life”).

Brethren, let us pray for one another, that we may see Jesus in each other.

(Cliff Gardner and his wife, Shirley, attend and helped establish the Hutchinson, KS Fellowship about 13 years ago.)

Confessions of a Man in Christ

by Louis Downie

Ever since I got to know Christ as my Lord and Saviour, the greatest teacher of truth, the Holy Spirit, who dwells within me, (John 16) had revealed to my understanding, (which was my biggest stumbling block prior to my knowing Christ as Lord) that the reason the Holy Spirit in me, was to reveal the Christ who is my only life, and the knowledge of his love, to my unrenewed mind, so that I could put on His mind.

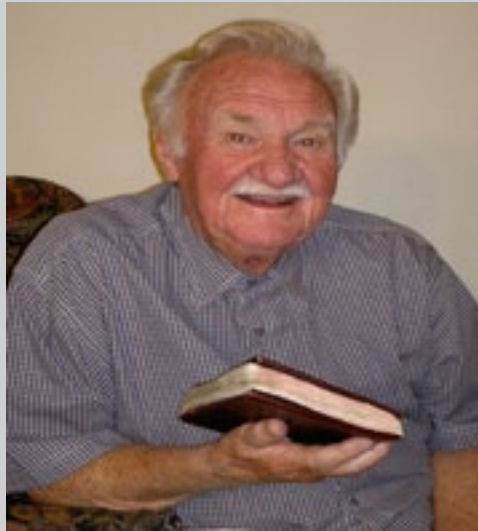
As Jesus is truth, I had to learn, not about Him, but Him! Eph, 4:20, Gal. 4:19.

So often in the foundations of our minds and level of understanding of the Christ in us has to be shaken by revelation, to make us realize that the divine purpose of the seed (Christ the Word, Jesus the sperm of God) my mind had to grow into the full stature of Him, so that one can be Christ's body to the outer world. It is through this knowledge of His love for us that draws men and women unto Him, as we are now the salt and light of the world, as He aides in us and we in Him.

The only way I can learn, was to "rightly divide and study the word of God!" 2 Tim. 2:15. "Study" is a mind word, therefore, my mind had to know the Christ, who is my only life, living in me as me. This is the blessed work of the Holy Spirit who is in me. Jesus said: "He will!" John 16.

There are so many truths that the Holy Spirit had revealed to me, that I would like to share some of them:

1. Jesus said: "Ye must be born again!" John 3. Being born again, is to have a new birthright.



The word "again" means simply "as from the beginning!" What was the beginning? It was a birthright that was in the Father's heart, before the foundations of the world. The birthright I was living from, was from the soulish man Adam, who had in his nature the corrupt seed (sperm) of Satan, when Adam believed on Satan. Adam never had a nature, as he was a created being, until he believed on Satan, who imparted his nature into him. I could then understand why "life" to me, was built around my mind, sense, realm, and flesh, and that life in this world always seemed to be an unfulfilled life. It was somehow, always coupled to, "I must achieve to be!" or to "succeed" in this world, to be who I am—my mind was patterned to the world system.

Little did I realize that death was always lurking in my "righteousness" and that it turned its back on me, making me feel incomplete as a person. I could not understand why "failure" in relationships around me, were always crumbling. "Is this the way God designed man to be?" I would ask!

2. After Christ had become a reality of true life and became my Lord and Saviour, I saw the Father's divine plan in my life. He was now my spiritual Father, birthed out of His divine nature of love and His Son. His life was my life and that I was one with Him. His mind was my mind. He was the will of the Father for me. His righteousness was my nature before the Father — He became my advocate.

I had no past anymore. All my sins had been washed in His blood on Calvary. I was a free person, from trying to live life, because He was my ONLY life, Col 3. His Spirit in me, being born from above, helps me to believe and then He helps me do what He wants me to do.

3. I also realized that it was impossible for me to sin the sin of separation from the Father, as His Son settled that on the Cross and Resurrection.

I also realized that I do sin when I step out of His love and that sin is a sin of my thinking. That is why my mind has to be renewed daily by His Word so that His love can be expressed through my thinking. My mind was the vehicle of expression.

When I do sin, the Father has given me His right through His Son, to approach Him and so restore fellowship in my spirit by confessing my sin and fault, so that His peace can be restored in my heart.

What is so wonderful in knowing Christ as my Lord and Saviour, is that ALL that is His, is also mine. His health, His strength, His love, His faith, He has given Himself to live in me as me. To know that

when I am weak, that is when I am strong, as He is my strength. To have the same joy and prayer life of the spirit in me that was in Jesus when He went to the Cross and when He raised Lazarus from the dead. It is a wonderful gift from the Father.

To know that everything He does for me, is not because of me, but because of His Son, living in me as me. The Father has so much love for His Son in me.

4. Another truth that was revealed to me as I continued to study the Word of God, was that when I sin, I can go to the Father with much assurance knowing that Christ is my advocate and that I can go, not on my righteousness, but on Christ who is my righteousness.

He is the only one who has anything to say about my sin - and that was done on Calvary! All He asks of me, is to love Him and myself and my neighbour. Now, that I cannot do! But the love He has shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit is His love for His Son. It is the Son's love to the Father, and the Father's love to Him that is living in me as me. He fulfils the new commandment in me. Human love has failed—but not His.

5. I have realized that I am one with Him and that nothing can separate me from His love that is in me, neither tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword. Knowing that in all these things I am more than a conqueror through Him that loves me. To know also that He has persuaded me that neither death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, nor things to come, nor height, depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is IN CHRIST Jesus my Lord.

6. What is also wonderful

to know, is that, by grace, when my mind was conformed to the world's thinking and programme, my mind now, is being renewed daily by the precious Word of God - by the Holy Spirit as He opens to my understanding, the Christ in me as me. It is so wonderful to know that I do not have to struggle to live a spontaneous life by having to do or not to do, but only to rest in Him, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me, walk Christ through and in me, and to live His life spontaneously by His love, as I submit my mind to His Word.

7. What is also wonderful that I have learnt about Christ who is my life, that I can praise and thank Him for ALL things and IN all things in my life. You see, I have realized through the Spirit that by grace, I am His child and His love for me is a Father's love for His children and that all things are for my sake, and that all things are for Him and through Him and to Him for His glory. God will not take us out of something until He has shown us why he allowed us in it.

I do not understand why I fail, get sick, or end up in a situation of life which I have sometimes no control over, but I know that ALL things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.

Where I used to lean on my own understanding, He now helps me to trust Him with all my heart. I am enjoying His rest and peace in me as He is my peace. I have discovered that to be thankful, is the Father's heart being expressed through me, as it is Christ in me who is being thankful as me.

The joy that is in me, is the joy of Jesus that He prayed to the Father, to be put in me. It is the same joy of the Holy Spirit that was in our Lord when He went to the Cross. Know-

ing this, I can enjoy Him as my living and life, regardless of life's situations I find myself in.

8. I have also realized that to Know Him in the power of His resurrection, shows the world that we as children of God are different, not because of ourselves, but because of Him who is in us. The world has the same problems we have, yet we, by the grace of God, shine forth in the darkness of this world.

9. What I have grown to love is the infallible Word of God. I have realized that within me, is Christ, who is the Word and all that I am to be, is built into Him. His person, the Word, is to prevail upon my lips, my thinking, my body, and all that I am. I have realized, too, that God's power is the Word. He became flesh, therefore my flesh must fall into the power of His flesh - His thinking.

What I have done in the past, is to give my flesh wrong thinking. I now realize that He has given me His mind. All I have to allow is His Word to bring my thoughts into subjection to His mind, His word.

10. How wonderful it is to know that in the Father's eyes, there is no Jew, Greek, Japanese, Englishman, African, Russian or any culture in this world, neither bond, nor male, nor female, that He looks upon, but only those, regardless of culture, who have accepted Christ as Lord, that are now one in Christ Jesus, and because we are in Christ and are Christ's we are Abram's seed and heirs according to the promise. Thank you Lord that you have blessed me with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ and have chosen me in Christ before the foundations of the world and has made me holy and without blame before Him in love.

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Confessions by Louis Downie
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Thank you Lord that you have given me eternal life that I might believe on the name of the Son of God.

The confidence you have given me, through the Spirit, that we have in you, that if I ask anything

according to your will, you will hear me, and that I know that you hear me, whatsoever I ask, I know that I have the petitions that I desired of you.

Thank you Lord for your grace and love towards me and that I know my past has been washed in your blood, my future is in you and

my present is secure as the Holy Spirit in me is revealing your life to my understanding.

Thank you Jesus,
Your child, Louis Downie.
(Louis was an Assembly of God minister and lives in Johannesburg, South Africa.)




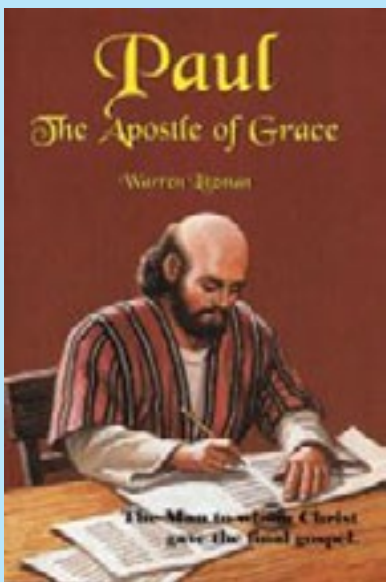
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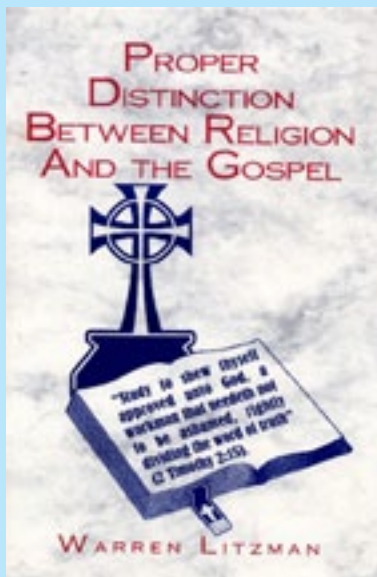
A mature son is one who knows how to receive his father's love, peace, joy, etc., and to reciprocate these back to his father. The

things that the son receives from the father's nature are the true inheritance. ". . . I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son," in essence, means being a son is when the son receives that which the father wants to manifest in him! These are things that

are not external, but totally internal to the father and thus, can only be manifested internally by a son. A son is one who receives the love his father wants to share with his son and to reciprocate that same love in the same manner as it was received! 



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Lord, help me to win that soul for Thee

'TIL THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS



WARREN AND ROBBIE ARE DEDICATED TO REACHING THE WHOLE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL THAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.

Here is what we must do:

- 1. Explain to the world that the gospel of Christ was given only to the Apostle Paul.*
- 2. Explain to the world that they were created by God the Father as humans to possess another life to complete their creation (Christ in you).*
- 3. Explain to the world what a Christian is and what was God's intention in creating Christianity.*
- 4. We cannot accomplish this mission without your help. The task is colossal—but we together with you can do our part. For over 2000 years man-made religion has preached a gospel that did not complete God's plan. It is time a committed group of believers go to work getting Christ's message to everyone. Time is short—He is coming soon.*

So!

YOU THINK YOU ARE HAVING HARD TIMES? MAYBE YOUR PROBLEM IS RELIGION

BY WARREN LITZMAN

THE RECORD OF PAUL'S SUFFERING AS HE MINISTERED THE "IN-CHRIST" MESSAGE WHICH WENT AGAINST RELIGION

- Acts 9:23-25Paul escaped in a basket over the wall
- Acts 14:48-52.....Persecution against Paul and Barnabas
- Acts 14:22Paul in much tribulation
- Acts 16:20-24Many stripes and in jail
- Acts 18:5-6 Attacked by Jews
- Acts 19:8-10Disputing with the Jews
- Acts 20:19-20Temptations - Jews lying in wait for Paul
- Acts 21:27-36Paul assaulted & almost killed
- Acts 22:22-25Paul arrested
- Acts 23:12-15Jews band together to kill Paul
- Acts 25:7Paul falsely accused
- Acts 25:24They said Paul should not live any longer.
- Acts 26:21Jews sought to kill Paul
- Acts 27Paul in shipwreck
- Acts 28:4Paul bitten by snake
- II Cor. 4The whole chapter is Paul's testimony of the
"why" of tribulation and its ultimate purpose
- II Cor. 11:23-30Paul's testimony of many troubles
- II Cor. 12:5-13Paul's infirmities

**If we bring forth this message of "Christ in you" we will
also receive tribulation.**

**Today, at least, they will not try to kill us.
The Christ in you message has nothing to do
with religion: in fact, it is against "religion."**



PAUL'S SOLUTIONS TO THESE TRIALS

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| Romans 8:34-39 | II Cor. 4:15-18 | Acts 14:22 |
| I Timothy 1:16-17 | Colossians 1:23-29 | Romans 8:35 |
| II Cor. 12:8-9 | John 16:33 | James 1:2 |
| II Cor. 11:30 | John 15:11 | |

THE TESTIMONY OF CHERYL McDONALD

Galations 2:20 states, “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.”




I had heard this verse many times, but the truth (Christ) was never revealed to me until October 1984. While in high school during the late 1970's, I had begun to question God, asking Him whether there was more to Him than organized religion was telling me. There was a knowing in my spirit that there absolutely had to be more to the Father than anyone was telling me. I visited church after church in my search to no avail. Upon graduation from college, I moved to Texas still full of this burning desire to know the Father better. I couldn't explain it, but I knew something was missing in my life. The key word here is my life. I was a Christian, but hadn't the vaguest clue that Christ was living His life through me. This burning desire was Christ pressing my spirit to let Him out.

Jesus Himself said in Luke 6:38, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” When I finally understood the truth and let Christ out, I began to realize that His life was a precious gift, and His grace was sufficient. Learning the Christ in me, I have come to realize there is no life without Him. Just giving Him my total being and being loved by Him truly proves He will give to us good measure, running over and, with the measure we allow ourselves to express Him, He will supply grace without bounds.

The in-Christ message has given me the gift of life, because it is no longer my life, but His life I now live. Not only knowing my identity, but also expressing my identity has allowed me to see Christ in the worst situations and circumstances, and realize everything the Father does is

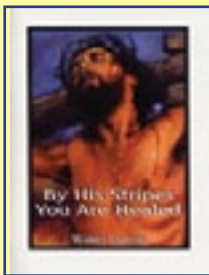
done in love. I never had such peace before because I had been told I needed to do something when really all I need to do is 'be' Christ. He will do everything.

Christ's love and grace are exactly as 2 Cor. 12:9 says, “...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” During my times of weakness He has been perfect strength, never has failed me, and only has made me love the life that's in me more every day. There is no greater gift someone can receive than life and Christ has given me that through this message. This is a great gift.

I personally want to thank you—Warren and Robbie—for your perseverance and diligence in delivering this message to my hungry heart. I now have the knowledge and identity I need to face any situation and circumstance. Thank you for your faithfulness, because without you I would never have found the key to this gift of life, and for that very reason I love the two of you. 



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