

JOY UNSPEAKABLE!

His Joy Is Your Secret Weapon!

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In His Love,

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Introduction:

There is a quiet numbness that sets in when we are lied to by religion. Perhaps it's a fear of change or a psychological pressure that blocks us from allowing ourselves to ask the obvious questions. Most often we just acclimate and remain silent, rather than upset the world view around us. Eventually we forget the questions and remain quiet. We wrongly think that this is showing respect. Our silence creates a greater problem than we realize. For now, in Christ our voice is needed for God to be seen and heard in our lives!

The root of all religious thought tries to make us conform rather than think, study and learn for ourselves! Compliance is the weed that grows in the silence. Submission to that norm is just not normal or healthy, it is just quiet insanity! Our

eternal life is not a construct of man's imagination but a provable and repeatable set of real-life choices! However, if we succumb to a religion that denies learning and breeds a contempt for study, mankind is left both mute and dumb.

When I first heard Jesus speak to me about His joy it was during a phone call with a friend who had grown tired of ministry. He was tired of modern Christianity and weary of working with people as a pastor. He sounded so overwhelmed it seemed to me that he was on the verge of suicide!

After talking together for a while Jesus suddenly spoke to me to him very clearly. I was shocked when He said, "If you look at people you will always be weary. But I came to give you JOY UNSPEAKABLE and yet you act as if I did not say anything at all!" Jesus' frankness was tough but it was very obvious He was right. In that word there was a joy of clarity, a comfort in His firm grip on the issues of a weary life.

The Christian experience has been dumbed down into a once a week, punch the clock for Jesus event. Which means our real passion has been replaced by a religious habit that heartlessly

drains the joy out of our life. People rise to an event at church and then fall back on Monday into a dreary existence only to repeat this cycle the following week. All hope of life clings to the next meeting at church. That is not what the bible calls church; that is not the ecclesia that means the called-out ones!

Church has become a gathering of events, rather than a living body that enjoys real genuine fellowship. It does not matter how we connect but it does matter that we connect! Not religiously but a loving sharing of candid moments in person or on the phone or on the internet. Most Christians live without any real connection with each other, which is the very reason that few know His joy today! Modern ministry has become a performance trade of popular tricks and pleasant ear tickling! Even now Jesus words still ring in my ears! "I came to give you Joy Unspeakable and yet you act as if I did not say anything at all!"

The root meaning of joy is to "delight in." Joy is the present form of rejoice. Joy means to inhale a breath as opposed to breathe. It is the first sign of life! A life-giving action that keeps us strong and healthy. To "rejoice always" means to keep

breathing. This is our life. We remember the times in our life that God has come through for us. A healing, a new friend or even a miracle that came just when we needed it. A loved one healed, a new job, anything that reminds us that when we had nothing to offer, God did what only He could do. Those are the markers in our life, that remind us when we do not know how God is going to get us through or even when He will. We stop and remember the times He has worked on our behalf. We give thanks that God is able and He will do it again. That is the reason the bible says: "Rejoice always and again I say rejoice!" Phil 4:4 Remembering that it is His goodness to us that is the heart of our rejoicing in Him today. We must bring to mind His great love for us and let it live in us daily! Only then does His joy begin to manifest in us!

Very few Christians today know the reason, or the "how to" of why we are to take joy in Him today. Yet it gives the ability to enjoy His company by faith in every moment of our life. A sustainable joy in His presence that keeps us aware of the wonder of His love for us! As we enjoy His gift we drink from His nature and nurture. His love is what keeps us living in the now of God! With each breath we take, we glory

in His gift of eternal life! We then begin to see Him as He is living in each other's lives as well!

Unspeakable means to be beyond mere words, an ultimate truth and reality. To speak on that would be an oxymoron but to talk about what it means to experience it personally, that is a joy in itself! From glory of the Old Covenant into the glory of the new living reality of the New Covenant! All things are made brand new in Jesus Christ!

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CHAPTER ONE

His joy is our portion today!

Practically speaking our biblical joy is not an intellectual thing, it is an experiential thing. Just as the born-again experience is not an intellectual thing but a life exchanging event. The birthing of His real spiritual life within our earthly life. Yet we still have the choice to accept it or not. That is because we still have a free will even though we are married to Christ! Every day you live, you have the choice to accept His righteousness, peace and joy or not! His very Kingdom is all ours if we desire it. But we must learn to choose where we set our mind each day! For most of our lives we lived in the world system

and it takes a while to reprogram our mind to stay in tune with His heart for us!

His joy is technically all ours but we must choose to push down temporal worries to let His joy arise in us! Our choice to follow Him, is really just a result of us giving our attention to His affections for us! As we mature, we learn to think as He thinks. He always loves us as we grow. Each day we learn to accept His Lordship in our lives, as we walk in pure simplicity of devotion to Christ!

Salvation is our response to hearing about a loving God who died on the cross and rose from the dead. This Gospel shows us how much He loves us! Someone preached the Good News of Jesus Christ and we accepted it. At that moment the very life of God birthed deep within us. A seed that God Himself germinated and we came forth in a new expression of His life on the earth! A new vista of hearing and seeing opened up for us! We knew that we knew, that God really truly loved us! Right there in that moment we had all of God just like a baby has all the same parts as a man. Born again but not mature. Maturing takes a lifetime of living and loving to grow up into His ways.

Hope opened our mouth and we tasted of His goodness and saw the truth of His love for us. Then from our own mouth came the shouts of joy and thanksgiving! We experienced His love and the knowing of the love gave us an eternal joy that is beyond words. A rejoicing that will ring forever in creation! His divine joy that He pours into our world!

“for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
Rom 14:17 NASB

His joy is a supernatural thing. It only happens when the veil between man and God is pulled away. At the point of conception between the temporal and the eternal, His holy love enters our view. Right there His joy is formed in us by the joining of us and His great love! It is not based on anything man or woman can do for us on earth. Our joy is simply based on the fact that Jesus' love now lives in us. Like a battery it is always there for us to enjoy. I preach to people all the time that righteousness, peace and joy comes when you know that “Jesus Owns You!” It is His love for us that gives us His joy! It is His supernatural joy that now can flow out of our hearts. His place of worship in our life births our thankfulness that spills out of us like rain water

out of a cloud. Torrents of thanksgiving and praise flow as we rejoice in His gracious love!

In this book we are going to relearn how to connect and release the sounds of joy from deep within us. We are going to rejoice, which means to joy again, in the power and peace of His presence in our life today. Please hear this, not tomorrow but right now in our today, in every moment He will be seen, heard and felt in our life! This is the power that His joy brings to our lives. It rules in the now of His love for us, if we will but learn to taste it and yield to it! The reality of a loving God birthed it and we accepted it. Now God is felt in you because of His love for you and His joy over you!

This love presents to us a choice for us to respond to! The adamic mind wanders in deception and self-will but when we practice the presence of the ever-loving God, who is above all the circumstances, we begin to feel His joy all over us. We become able to feel and hear again. Our submission to His now presence, enables us to understand His will for us to be joyful! Yes! It is His will for us to be joyful today and every day!

Beyond the life of daily pain, heartache and disappointment of the world, joy unspeakable

waits for us to surrender to His provision in our lives. It is not a plan that fits into one day or another, it is only seen in His grasp of your life in Him. It is God's real love that makes His presence known to us. It causes His life to burst forth in us! We respond with joy because we are conceived in His love for us. We do not manufacture joy. No! That is impossible! We sense the depth and height and width of His love and shrink our tiny plan into its vastness and the wonder of His love for us. We are washed clean of all sin and sorrow as we bathe in His great love for us. That is where joy lives: In the marriage of His presence and our surrender. The light of His life beams through us in great joy. Joy too great for words, His holy joy unspeakable.

This is why the bible says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength!" It does not say that your joy will be your strength or that you will use it to get stronger. No! It says that when His joy lives inside you, you will be strong! It is His joy that will activate His strength inside you! It is not your joy but His joy! If we do not have the revelation of His great love for us, then His joy will not surface. It is only the root of His love that empowers the strength that He has put within us!

How can we who are born again return to our first love and feel His joy again? We need to return to our first agreement with God that He is God and we are not. We are never going to be the head of His life and it is His life we are now living in Christ! Jesus is our head and we are His body as we submit to His leadership and agape love for us. In that holy communion He replaces all the care and worry in our life with His joy and peace! Good deal but notice we must surrender and submit or we will lose the peace, power and joy He paid for us to live in. This is our secret to the living the overcoming life! Him living through us today!

When we live in our own carnal mind, using our thoughts and our values we become drained of supernatural love and life. We actually choke out the Holy Spirit's gentle fellowship and feelings from our life. After a while we are living and breathing in our own strength, feeling like strangers to God and everyone who loves Him. We choose the path of worry and frustration by neglecting God's life within us. When we try to administrate things that are really in God's control, we nurse an inner anxiety and anger. We build our walls of self-deception to our own ruin. It is not the enemy's power over us that does

this, but it is our own self-will that detours us away from His real light. Then we suffer in the darkness we created and hide in! It is the deception of disconnection that kills His real life inside us, until we repent of the sin of making ourselves a god out of our own carnal thinking!

His joy lovingly waits for us to come to our senses and rescue us! But His love will not demand us to come. We learn from His gentleness and patience that He longs for and compassionately waits for us to choose His real life! God is forming a relationship that will last an eternity of years not just a one-night stand! He knows we must yield to His love and bond or we will never really learn to thrive. You see, it is His love that waits for the willing heart to be reconnected and revived. He loves us passionately but allows us to be as intimate with Him as much as we choose to be. God waits for us to choose! Think about that!

In our maturing and childish ways, we wobble in and out of His best yet He remains faithful to us always! As we step into His joy by choosing His promises over our feelings, we become empowered to overcome. His grace manifests in our faith to enter into His promises and we are

energized to succeed in life! Each day as we mature the switch is ours to turn off or on. We control it and that is where we learn how to stay in His joy. Then we begin to see powerful results in our lives! The Kingdom of God manifests in His righteousness, His peace and His joy that springs up every time we focus on what Jesus did to save us from ourselves! What an amazing love!

It is only His theology that gives real life! It's not our man-made philosophy at all! Right thinking allows us to see the Him-possible and do it. Why? Because true vision and focus create miracles. Those are the personal choices that we make every day. You cannot pass this off on God by saying, Lord you did this or you did that. Nope. It's the same for all people on the planet. You either focus on what Jesus promised and receive it or you focus on yourself and miss out. God does not favor some and abandon others. No, in His time He reaches out to us and we either accept or reject the gospel message. From that moment we choose how we walk every day. In Him or outside His will. In joy or fear. By faith or by vain works.

Do you believe? Then you can enter into the very throne room of God, if you set your will to do so!

I have and it is awesome. But first we must learn to focus on His love and engage or feel His joy today! Will we give back to Him the first place in our heart so that only Jesus is number one? Will we let go of our childish need to control everyone and everything? Will we stop judging ourselves because we think we know better than God? Only in true surrender and loving deference is the very life of Jesus seen in us. He is God and waits for us to grow in truth and for us to desire a real relationship! When we focus on His love Jesus appears in our midst and we see Him as He is and we are changed forever! What a joy when we see Him as we look for Him to appear in each believer! Then we enjoy Him loving each one through us! This is joy unspeakable and it pulses within every heart beat!

The good news is that once we set our mind on His love, it is not work to maintain it. Once we displace religion and learn of His love, we just live in the place of simplicity of devotion to Christ! Our new nature is seen as we follow Jesus Christ! Spiritual experiences start to appear and old fears die in the light of His love for us. New things happen every day and we practice His presence to the point of affecting others near us! Like a waterfall, love flows out as we marinate in

His righteousness, peace and joy. We cannot control it because it always starts in our simplicity of devotion to Christ! It is His love and joy we are sharing, not ours. Not even our version of Him; just the wonder of His love for all of us that have tasted His life in the now!

You may be thinking: How is that even possible? I have kids, a mate, work and school. How could anyone stay focused on Jesus love for us during all that! But that is not the real question. The real question is why would we not keep Jesus in the middle of our thinking and our life with those we love? Religion must die for real relationship to thrive! Perhaps we are not seeing each other as the home of God? Is Jesus today all that He told us He would be? Can it be that we miss His appearing because we fail to see Him now spiritually?

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

We were designed to live in love with Jesus every moment of every day and in that view, we love

one another! He desires to live in the center of our heart to flow from us and into each other every day. As we nurture this desire we stay in His rest and allow and even watch as His love deepens and leaps out of us to others! It is truly a social love that connects us to each other, not a personal controlling love at all. His love shines through the everyday world to help real folks enjoy His love for and through each other in the now! As we practice His presence in our life then He shines through us to help others. The best love you can give anyone is the love that Jesus put inside you for them. Loving them is a divine and everlasting gift of joy to ourselves! An ocean of love to swim in!

It is not my desire to give you mere words to describe a joy that is beyond words. It is my desire to walk you to the door and urge you to step into what God has prepared for each of us, a joy unspeakable and full of glory! A joy that transforms us as we yield to His image and empowers us with His strength. A joy custom made for your heart and your desires. He delights in you today just as you are! Now is the time to step into His love for you the way He designed you to be, completely His!

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CHAPTER TWO

Keeping His words in His context!

Imagine a large floor, covered a foot deep with flash cards, each containing one bible word. Not one card is connected in meaning or position. They are merely words scattered randomly about the room. You literally possess every word in the bible. There is no reference of what is being said, to whom or even how these words relate to each other. Sadly, you also have no idea what these words mean without a context so you cannot know what it means to you personally!

Unfortunately, this is how we have been introduced to today's bible. We have been presented with a fruitless mash of partial quotes, mixed covenants and ancient laws without

respect to their context. Phrases can be made to justify anything we want and even how we want it! This literal nonsense is self-centered, high minded garbage not fit to consume. The method used actually discredits the hearer by using the bible in a broken context, using manipulation to hide its true message of Christ. A sham that twists words to mean whatever they want them to, producing a lie made from the truth! A modern den of vipers feeding on God's children using ignorance of the real bible study rules and an accurate language understanding! Respecting the meaning of the words in their context!

Unfortunately, this present religious system is designed to deprive people of their ability to search the scriptures and understand the meaning for themselves. This takes away the powerful force of reason and discernment to know for sure what the bible is and is not saying! It is a man-made system of evil control hiding in plain sight as a religion!

This is the same type of religious control that plunged the whole earth into the dark ages for a thousand years, when the Roman Catholic church put the scriptures in Latin and hid them from ordinary people. Hence, ordinary people

could not study for themselves and have their minds renewed by God! This hideous religious control also established a clergy lording over a laity system that created a professional elitism of ministers that stole the truth from the common man. The people had no voice to understand, agree or disagree with what religion was saying because they didn't know what the scripture actually said.

This changed Christianity from a true Spirit-led body ministry, into a false leadership of religious domination. But in Christ, God had only ordained one body or one holy community of believers to seek and express His will! The light of God in the world was hidden for a thousand years from mankind by the control of religion! It took pioneers like Wycliffe, Tyndale and Luther to set us free by proclaiming and publishing the Gospel in the common language. God left it to mankind to control the real expression of Him in the earth! Scripturally we have the dominion of the earth today! But we must cast off every bit of religion to enjoy it!

It's not YOUR kingdom!

To restore us to the joy of our salvation today, we must expose the lies of modern religion and

bring ourselves back to a real relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just words about Jesus but a personal intimacy that marks our hearts for Him! He alone is our joy and He alone is our real life today. We must first face the pain of wrong beliefs before we can return and be refreshed to right thinking and a personal experience of His presence!

We are now discovering God's plan to show us who He is in us and learning how to remove the dead religion from our midst! We are submitting ourselves to God and His word as we learn to really study to be a disciple. This is the way of maturity in Christ, not conforming to a religion of lies that bears no Spiritual fruit. For only His Spirit filled words can set us free to see Him as He is, to know His will for us and to learn how to walk together in His love! A humble submission to His true presence!

Today our bible covers just over four thousand years of history in a collection of sixty-six books. Each book has its own author and historical context. The over-riding principle is that each of those authors wrote as the Holy Spirit led each person to write. When it was written, it made sense to the author and each had its target

audience to make sense to as well. All scripture was written for you but not all scripture was written to you!

Figuratively today we can read over their shoulder and think we understand the meaning but we will never know for sure until we apply the context, audience relevance and language relevance into each sentence. For example, in Greek there are six words for judgment and four different words for love. Each one has a different meaning! If we don't know what each word is saying in the context of the writing, how on earth could we actually know it's meaning? Then what is the scripture saying to whom and what exactly does that mean for us today?

Does every child of God know God well enough to hear His voice when they first become a new Christian? No. At least not enough to teach, as the bible says. Each of us grow individually as we learn the words of the bible in truth. We all start off as children in this walk and learn to hear His voice as young men and then through discipleship we walk on by faith into the mature adulthood of fathers. This real life is a process that takes years of training.

The bible does not allow for any so-called supernatural understanding of a text. 2 Peter 2:10 says that "no one man has any special interpretation of the text but it is designed for all to read and understand!" The bible is a study book not a magic book. Many have taken the book out of context and done terrible things with it. We must return to an honest respect for the book and its Author. For it is both a history book of an Old Covenant and the declaration of a New Covenant that we are now living in with Jesus Christ!

Modern churchianity confuses the old and new covenants, denying the very reason that Jesus came! He died for us so we could become One New Man in Him, not just an old man fixed! By taking God's words and implying that they are magic and allowing them to be manipulated by man, we forsake God's truth. That is not honesty but abuse!

Mankind thinks and learns in layers of words within a timeline. What we believe is always based on the words and experiences that we have had before. In translation there is a saying that, "If we take text out of context, we make a pretext of error!" A warning to listen and learn

from what has been said clearly to avoid the tragedy of misinterpretation! All text relies on what was said in context before it!

All the good in the bible is always going to be good and all the bad in the bible is always going to be bad. Mankind began with a four-thousand-year covenant and law minded journey, but now God has transitioned us into a new relationship with Him by grace through faith. A final new covenant of marriage with God in Jesus Christ. We are not supposed to ever ignore the pivotal moment of Jesus' cross for us. It is at the point of the cross and resurrection of Jesus that Jesus Christ made one new life possible! A divine life made of Jesus as our head and us as His body!

Today's religion blurs that event so badly that most churches teach a blended covenant and by doing so destroy the meaning of either one! Modern religion confuses the terms and meanings to suit their views until no one can tell the facts or errors apart! That makes the holy words and actions of God to no affect because of the religious traditions made by man's religion. This is what steals the true joy from the believers today and leaves us with a disconnect by not knowing His great love for us!

Religion or relationship?

Think about this, the Old Covenant is written for our instruction as history and the New Covenant is written as our New Life in Christ Jesus! If we confuse the two, we become a monster of misbeliefs. That is just what modern "churchianity" has become. It is religion that has taken our joy from us. It is the lie that hides the truth. Jesus' company gives us joy but Jesus will not keep company with modern religion or religiosity. That is why I call it "churchianity" because it is an alien life to God that denies His appearing among us today! Jesus desires us so much but He also will not compromise that holy love with the lies that produce a manmade effort. A dead religion is not a real relationship!

Some folks press into a deeper relationship with Jesus and get great results. Yet others set their churches up with a one-man leader like the old covenant system. Then they set up a tithe rule that has a curse attached to it! That is not biblical at all! The original New Covenant church had plural eldership as leaders. Their support system was a free will, Spirit led giving only. The system was set up to be communal or many as one, not in the pyramid scheme of today's

denominational religion! The church system was a loving family not a business, an expression of a new faith in life linked in His love. It is not a religion of supporting a one-man rule system!

In today's world the word "religion" means something done as a habit or a custom. You can smoke religiously or drink religiously, etc. It has been reduced over time into just a form of Godliness with little or no power. The system of making all religions equal and denying the King of Glory in our midst has made the habit of religion a true joy killer! A tradition of empty actions, often linked to one denominational view or another. Pure religion that is mentioned in the bible meant a good habit but today's reader does not have that concept. In this book I compare and contrast religion and relationship. The first is a ritual or habit of control, compared to the second which is the gift of living intimately today with Jesus Christ!

In our journey of discipleship this scripture becomes alive to us: "Weeping is for a night but joy comes in the morning!" We must endure the pain of the truth to expose the false religion in us. Then we receive His joy in real relationship. Once His joy manifests, we have it in an

unlimited and forever expression of Him!
Enjoying it as much as we are willing to walk in
it by His Spirit every day!

Modern "churchianity" is a religious lie about special biblical insights and a proposed hierarchy in God. This was all modelled after an Old Covenant perspective of God. But Jesus came to end the Old order and establish a New way of knowing God as He is in Christ Jesus! We now know that the bible denies such a pyramidic structure or special ability for just one person to rule. The New Covenant was written so clearly that we all can understand who God is. Not just for a special few to reinterpret what God has said!

In today's culture the local pastor speaks for God without true accountability or correction. That is not why the bible was assembled! Modern "churchianity=church without God." This has corrupted our view of God. Most church services today, are designed to manipulate those who want religious lies sold to them. Today's Christians do not study the New Covenant facts of a real life in Christ for themselves. They live in ignorance of the true relationship that the bible clearly speaks about.

They have given their life away for an old testament lifestyle of leaving someone else to experience God. Sadly, they are satisfied with a report about God but not hungry for an experience with God. I say this with forty years of church leadership experience! Modern churchianity is a powerless mess of man playing God games at the people's expense!

Most of our weekly church meetings have become the heart of today's religious control. A new religion that, like Catholicism did, makes god's out of the pastors and takes the bible study away from common folks! This does not conform to scripture at all! This misinformation creates building-centered denominations, pastor/king bureaucrats and other religious concepts! Such things are not Spiritual but deceptive mind control! Just as in Jesus' day, those with all the education blocked the common folks from knowing who God was and what He was doing. A religion with no real relationship with God heartlessly kills good people who just go to church!

God's words are His life to us!

The truth is that all God's words are true but not all God's words are equal. God speaks in time and space to real people on the earth. He is not speaking all His words at once for us to play with. Power hungry men speak God's words out of context for us to try and make sense of. But there is no real context in their presentation. When man is in control, God's words are misrepresented and the minds of men grow dim. When God speaks to the hearer in context, we then learn something by what they have said. We must learn the language and apply the context of the text so our minds are enlightened by knowing the meaning of God's intention! Not just the words but knowing what it meant to the hearer when it was spoken! Whatever God said in a different covenant is NOT something that He is speaking to us today! God is well aware of the covenant we are living in and He speaks to us today to make sense to us! God speaks to each person in the moment and according to what our heart will allow. Today we are in a new covenant with better promises. We are not to go back and repeat what never worked for Moses or even Abraham. But we now live and move and have

our being in Christ Jesus! Only in this “present truth” context can we understand the difference between what is good history and a real present truth word of God for us today! Only His real message spoken to us for today gives life! We are not in a dead religion but in a real relationship today!

If we try and put our context into the writing, we are simply using His words to tell our lies to suit our own fancy or frenzy! This stops others from getting to know who God is and how He is! If we build any other system without using integrity and honesty to really understand the bible’s own words, then we build a method to deceive and not reveal His truth.

The serious business of translation and presentation are never any one man’s or even one pastor’s view. We must learn what the bible teaches and not just rely on one man’s interpretation or opinion! When we read God’s words, we are gazing into the heart of God. Each story now gives real life through them to us, if we remember they are spoken in the context of that time! If we don’t keep them in His context, we end up with a religious misquote that ruins lives!

Simply put, words do not mean what we can read into them or manipulate them to say. That is what makes true words a lie! But the words do mean what the context tells us they mean. Any word or group of words written in separate cultures and centuries may or may not mean the same thing today! We must always consult "CARL" to accept the truth of scripture and not the mindless dogma of religion! CARL stands for Context, Audience Relevance and Language. These four views work together to discern what is being said to whom! CARL always knows what the bible is really saying!

Often in ministry I see the same problem appearing in an argument. Someone with an opinion is enraged that no one else shares in that opinion. However, as you examine the issue it is only one of two things. The first is that the person who is speaking has a more accurate and honest view of the bible's words in context and has not glazed over the facts to adopt the common carnal view. Or per-chance the rest of us are right. Either way we should all be willing to see, learn and study something new! To reason together and not just swallow the rituals around us as truth! We must adopt the nature of a humble child to learn what God is saying to us today!

CARL see's the Bibles Words in Context!

Context: Means that the surrounding sentences tell us who is being talked to and about what. We cannot change that to suit our view. We cannot read into the text to see what we want to see! Context is king in the rules of interpretation.

Audience Relevance: Means to remember whom is being addressed and the times they lived in. That way we know what these words mean to them! This allows us to hear from the first hearer's vantage point. Audience=the target and Relevance=the meaning for them!

Language: Means to study the original language to see why those specific words are used and not other similar words, to know the definitions of that era so we gain insights into word prefixes and suffixes as well as word placement. We must know what the specific words used meant in that culture to hear what they are saying today to us!

When we can read the passage using CARL, we see what the reader of the day would have

understood and then the real meaning comes to life for us. We see the purpose it was written with and feel the passion of the point being made!

This context issue is life or death to a Christian. If we become trite and self-centered, we will slip into the deadly religion of unbelief, through believing nice sounding theories that are improvable and unlivable. It is this mental disconnect that steals our joy. The very life that Jesus came to give us! Today's religious society has been so brain washed that they have no idea that man's religion will steal the supernatural power of Jesus' joy right out of our lives! Real relationship with Jesus gives real life and real joy to our souls today. Religion hides the truth behind rituals until our joy is stifled and we become zombified in a manmade doctrine! Religion follows lies and untruths about scripture-ish things and it does not allow us to learn and study the actual scriptures!

Never confuse just reading the bible with actually studying the bible. They are two completely different things. When we read, we can read into the bible and think we know what He is saying. But, when we study the scriptures, we will learn to whom He was speaking to and see what He

actually said in context. Then we can start asking better questions for God to answer! A person who studies to know the truth is obeying God. It is then that we invite God into the process of learning His own words! The religion of churchianity's goal today is to misrepresent real faith and real relationship! But God's brotherly fellowship goal is to mature us into expressing and enjoying the real life of Jesus Christ!

To free ourselves from the dogma of religion we must ask ourselves this question: What has changed from the original relationship with God that Jesus paid for us to have today? And, how did today's version of modern "churchianity" start?! Real Christianity was never designed to imprison us in ignorance. We are designed to always keep learning about our loving Savior and His plan. We all start out as newborns, spiritual babies when we are born again. Yes, all of us are part of God's body but we must grow until maturity to express His nature through us to others! Now we must take back our involvement in our own faith! To do that, we must expose the religious lies that are being sold and told to an unsuspecting public! Exposure and deliverance are the first steps to wholeness in Jesus Christ!

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CHAPTER THREE

What has gone wrong?

Below are some things we can learn about today's "churchianity" and mankind's religious behavior that bankrupts our faith in Jesus Christ! We cannot live in His joy if we have these lying religious dragons living in our thinking!

It is our responsibility in scripture to renew our own minds! Not just go to church and trust someone else to program us. We must actually know the scriptures that pertain to us. Specially to know what the bible says from The Gospel of John to the book of Jude. The New Covenants basic doctrine is described in those books!

How to Identify the Religious Traditions that confuse our Faith and Kill our Joy!

1) Is church a building or a Jesus' living body in the earth?

Modern churchianity loves its buildings. But the early church had none. Not even a weekly meeting at a house that most think of. Nope. They were wanderers who came to town with the message of Jesus' love and left town in a few weeks. When they started meeting in houses it was by provision and willingness that they gathered. Please understand God is not for or against buildings but is very much against the building being the focus for fellowship!

Today we should gather not for control but to share a meal and listen to what God had done in each one's life.

“What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.” 1 Cor 14:26 NASB

A church building is a modern convenience that has sometimes taken money away from God's real vision of people helping one

another! A building in itself is not evil but the real church is the people living together in His love. Not just a box of believers but a sound of joy in the earth! A daily congress of life for all to see! We must remember Jesus who made us as His body in the earth, we are the church and not the building!

2) Is your pastor playing godfather or head? Or is Christ being seen in the body everyday as The Head!

The early church only had elders who followed the Lord's direction and submitted to one another. Not paid professionals or bible school graduates but normal folk who held jobs and raised their family. Honest and real fellowship was more important than theological agreement and everyone had a voice in what God was doing among them. Any prophetic word was judged by the elders openly and instantly. No one man was ever allowed to take the Lord's place as the head. A unity of submission and persecution caused all to pray and seek the Lord daily. There was no paid professional trying to keep his job but only elders that even when

they disagreed, dedicated themselves to a real prayer life and a true unity of the faith.

These days we have pastor/kings that submit to no one else and trade pulpits with each other instead of being accountable to the Apostolic, Evangelistic or the Prophetic gifts. A sad takeover by manmade religion over the real New Covenant church! This religious dogma is not found in the clear instruction of the scriptures.

3) Are the scriptures a bible or a real text book?

The history of our bible is a great adventure to study but my heart is more concerned today with how we look at our bible. Do we study to learn or do we read to read into it what we like? This shows us two different hearts toward the bible. The bible is a text book that was left by those who desired for us to learn something. It is not a magic book that produces magic results!

Think of the bible as a mirror. As you look into it, it looks back and sees your heart. For some that is a scary idea but that is how scripture works. It reads who you are and

you see whatever you are willing to see. When you seek Jesus in the scriptures, you will always find Him. But if we seek our own agenda it reveals our heart and we are left with half-truths and frustration.

As a bible teacher I have had some of my unholy and most ignorant encounters with those who teach the bible at the university level. They have studied themselves out of a glorious faith just because they have believed every opinion rather than seeking God's view of the issue. In this way the bible describes them as "Those who are ever learning but unable to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim 3:7 KJV

Now with that in mind, which one are you? Do you study the language and the context of scriptures like a Berean to see if these things be so? Or do you just shrug and accept what is being said because it sounds scriptural? An honest answer may include both as a verdict.

How we look at the scriptures will be the compass of our life. A good elder will help you find the right books to read and the right study tools to research God's word. Don't

ever think God has left you without a good resource to study. These days in just a few minutes we can do all kinds of research on the internet!

The bible is a good presentation of man's developmental history with God. The New Testament is a record of the power of the Gospel and that has changed the world's understanding of who God is in Jesus Christ! I thank God we have the bible but as a bible teacher I know how much man misinterprets the text. To be clear we must study to show ourselves approved by God and not trust any man's collection of writings. We are to be led only by His Spirit and use the bible as a reference tool to verify what we understand!

The entire Old Covenant was prophesying about Jesus' coming and the Gospels are the witness of that coming in Jesus Christ. The New Testament is prophesying the events of the 70AD era as the physical end of the Jewish religious order by the destruction of their temple! That is why Jesus said that "He was only sent to the Jews" of that time. They needed to learn what God's new way looked like!

Today our New Covenant means that we are living in a new relationship with God. If the church would line up with the One who saved us, miracles would flow and relationships in Christ would express righteousness, peace and joy in His Holy Spirit. When mankind manipulates the knowledge of the scriptures for their religious purposes, the end result is a dead religion. When they take the now truths and make them future promises by taking them out of context, they deny who God is in us today! That turns modern Christianity into a joyless religious ritual of death created by dead doctrines!

The New Testament was designed to give us new life, not just a religion. The New Covenant thoroughly and forever changed the world's understanding of who God is. For it revealed that God is now both known and displayed in Jesus Christ! Today He is seen and honored in our midst as we fellowship by His Holy Spirit. By this the world will know that we are in Him, if we love one another! That's what the first New Testament Christians did and that is how we are supposed to live today!

4) Is church a once a week event or a living lifestyle of loving one another?

The saddest abuse is to speak at people weekly but not to let them talk in return. This goes directly against scripture! The one man, one ministry lies started with the Catholic church. Today we have a five-fold ministry mafia that is taken Ephesian 4:22-24 out of the true context. This scripture goes on to say that each of us have a part in the ministry but for some reason men set up modern Churchianity as a business model, with a CEO type of headship. In the scriptures there are twenty- two gifts of the Spirit to enjoy. We need to make room to hear and see God in each other as we gather in His love. We need to have a real relationship not just a religious meeting! The five-fold gifts are supposed to teach and inspire as needed so the whole body can do the work of the ministry. But we must make room for all to minister in our meetings! That is what 1 Cor 14:26 says that as we gather "let each of us bring something" to our meetings. Like a Spiritual pot luck! What if

your church did that? Hopefully the leaders would have very little time to speak! That is really living in the Holy Spirit of God. When we all bring what He is saying and doing together in real time. Then He is really seen and honored in our midst!

5) Tithe with a curse attached to it or give as the Spirit leads?

The wrong teachings of a New Covenant tithe are everywhere in this society and yet nowhere to be found in scripture! People who just read their bible and don't study it, or who blindly listen to others without studying for themselves, have their joy stolen away by an Old Covenant Law mentality. Works of the flesh abound and faith diminishes as the religion of churchianity blinds us from seeing His life in us today. New Testament Christians are to be led by the Holy Spirit as we give. It's never a law for us but a free will choice to share money or time with the Lord's family to establish His work and build His people. Only if we live by the Holy Spirit can we please God and live by faith with no law needed.

6) Be a denomination or become a real Christian?

Theology is the study of God. True Christianity is the knowing of God by a supernatural encounter with the Holy Spirit of God. When we let our "brand" become larger than the knowing of God, we have left the life of Christ and sold out to a religious, "I'm right" belief system.

In the early church, there were no denominations. There was a constant learning and loving of God and each another. It is simply unchristian to separate those who have come to know Him in Spirit and in truth for any reason. Our life is in Him today and He lives in every part of His body by His Spirit. Even the early church had some things they did not agree on but they knew that Jesus' love for all of them was more important than any one of their opinions. Can we do that today? Can we manifest His love to one another no matter what? Is that not our purpose?

7) Do we brag on our pastor or should we brag on Jesus Christ's love for all?

How we behave is really what we inwardly believe. Ministry lust is common in "churchianity," but it is hard to see when you're in it. Who is being honored, why are they being honored and what is the heart of the issue? We must humble ourselves to really see how much bigger God's plan is than our small church system. Seeing our church friends as the real home of God allows us to break free from the idolatry of "church and pastor worship." My prayer is that no man or ministry be lifted up in our gatherings but Jesus Christ alone! Man is not allowed any place if we are going to honor the living God in our midst. We must see Him as He is, not from within our construct or traditions of ministry, but to see Him as He is, living in us all!

8) Give to missions and/or do we live like a missionary?

Real Christianity is a lifestyle not a mission statement. A direct meeting with God that makes each day a brand-new joy. Each one

an emissary of His message today! It is not about committees or events but it is about gatherings and sharing life! If you live like a missionary in your world your heart will be God's home. When we leave ministry to other people, we lose the real joy of a living relationship. You are His messenger to your neighbors! Always give as the Lord leads you to, He honors our obedience as we share what we have! Get involved in your community and you will be surprised how many people needed to see His love shine out from you!

9) Bible Versions, Transliterations and fake Bibles!

This topic is misunderstood today because pastors do not teach the basic rules of bible study. Rather they tell us how to think their way. That was never their job! Today's bible versions are a business sold and marketed for profit. As an example, most bible translators surveyed say the NIV bible is the worst translation ever. Yet its marketing was so effective that it is one of the most popular versions ever sold! Some very good

translations are now disappearing because newer versions are coming out and most of those have very little to offer but come with a slick marketing slogan.

Some pastors preach from a bible of misinterpretation which hides God's truth and molests our minds each Sunday! They don't speak about the importance of honest study and how to use reliable learning materials. The pressure of their job has overridden the main point of keeping the believer's eyes upon Jesus rather than upon the pastor. Since when are our family's souls to be made merchandise of? The present church system is designed to hide from real talk of what to look for in a bible. Can you see how by having a religion of dogma, we have left our first love and fallen into the web of deception that modern "churchianity" sells? Are you seeing where Jesus disappeared into our religious commerce? Can you see overturning the tables in our churches today? Our joy dies in a dead religion. Do you now see why Jesus flipped tables when men's doctrines took over the church? Are manmade traditions hiding the heart of our King from us? Yes, they are! We

need to refocus on who Jesus is to us today. We need to fix our minds on Him by returning to our first love of Him!

Today's business and religion of bible version manipulation and dictionary branding has hidden what the real bible words mean! In the whole New Testament only Luke and Acts were written in Hellenistic Greek. Yet when you look in most simple dictionaries like Strong's they use only the Hellenistic definitions of the words. How does that help anyone know what the Holy Spirit was saying in the text? Five-sixths of the New Testament was written in Koine Greek or Common Greek which was the prevalent market place language in Jerusalem at that time. Yet only authors like Roberts, Vincent and Kittles, all university level books, deal with Koine Greek at all. The problem is that all the words do not mean the same thing in Hellenistic as in Koine Greek! Hellenistic is a dry, brittle and unemotional language. Koine is a very passionate and direct language. All of John's Gospel and His letters as well as the Book of Revelation were all written specifically in Koine Greek. If we do not have dictionaries

to understand these exact words, we are missing what the readers would have understood in the message written. We then lose track of what God has said, we then might misinterpret what that really means He is saying today!

I am saying these things to expose a system of religion that hides the truth from the common man. This system works for only mere profit! This is the system of carnal unbelief that has taken the joy from our souls! Our joy is lost when we acknowledge manmade lies as truth. Just as Jesus said, "Your traditions make the word of God to no effect." Mark 7:13 We lose the gift of God if we do not all fellowship in real bible accuracy and love! It is not a bible issue, it is a heart issue! We forsake the truth for a lie if we fail to "study like a Berean to see if these things be so!" How did we become so deceived as a culture, that we just want paid professional liars to tell us what the bible says?

I know this is hard to understand for some. Just look at an Amplified Bible and you can see how important the meanings of the words are. Not the silly manmade square

brackets but the round brackets that give the real dictionary meaning of the words. Context changes and reveals a truth of God when we actually know what is being said by each word being used in its context!

10) Today's Christian Radio and Media Bias

Our society has evolved at a fast pace this century. Christian radio and TV are now a big money-making industry. Bible truth has fallen quickly into man centered doctrines that feed the flesh and cashflow of the media. Blood moons and end time garbage fill our air waves and TV screens selling both pleasant sounding and joy killing lies.

The Christian media of the past was not the money hustling business it is today. Its songs and preaching today are filled with scriptural error and partial truths. Mass marketing hype is blocking the real truth of the bible's message from being heard at all! This is a common practice for businesses but it should not be so for the bibles clear message to us. There are good men and women of God that are not allowed on the TV or radio because of the old boy network

that is controlling the media. Their tactics are based on the selling of flesh centered doctrines that corrupting the truth of God! The world sees this organized corruption and laughs at the hoax that Christians have fallen for!

In knowing that it is man's distortions that have stolen the truth from us about our real purpose and future in God, we can now return to our right relationship with Jesus as our Christ. The joy of His presence revives us and we are reunited with our Christian family in love. He becomes visible as we respectfully un-mash the scriptures and hold fast to the sincere truth expressed there.

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of *devotion* to Christ. 2 Cor 11:3 NASB

Jesus was the personal leader of the early believers. He had life sharing experiences with those He taught. Each of the disciples had a submission and respect for God that made them walk tenderly and reverently with each other. They did not have a brand name or a denomination to defend. Rather they had a common goal to know God daily in the person of Jesus Christ! Then after the cross His Spirit came

to live within each one of them. It was never just a religion or a business meeting. Even now only a personal relationship with Him empowers us to walk by His Spirit. Then we will see Him as He is in each other as well! It is real fellowship not just church going that causes us to grow and mature. We are changed as we live in love with each other and learn together by His Spirit! Jesus paid for a community of believers not a denomination or sect or religion!

Bible schools indoctrinate to graduate!

The schooling of today's typical religious pastor/teacher always starts with good intentions. But the truth turns from a moral objective into an academic stew of facts and grade points. Eventually they morph into a prejudiced narrow minded professional that just works within an institution! Every one of them afraid to lose their job. At that point they are just submitting to a doctrine created by man for man with no relationship or even genesis in God. An evil religious mind verifies itself by itself and submits to no other view. This is the amoral system that forms today's denominations of "churchianity". They have many views of God that no one submits to except their own. Modern

theology is a man-made moral dragon eating its own tail going nowhere! They worship another god rather than knowing Jesus intimately and seeing Him as He is today! Worse they have made up doctrines based on past and future lies that rob us of the right now relationship with God. But a right now relationship with God today is what Jesus paid for us to have!

Now as we destroy the giant of manmade religious thinking, we are turning back to a holy relationship with God based on Jesus' finished work. He finished redemption for us and now as we mature, we express His glory in the earth!

“so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:11

By this we are humbled and thankful to be found in His loving arms, as His bride forever! Each one of us in Him, live here on earth to give Him glory. That is our only job. We are His home to show who He is to others. A mission of love to the world that does not yet know Him as He is. We are His ambassadors that need to return to His loving way to represent Him in our lives!

I am exposing these things for you to see for yourself that church addiction or following one

man's "gifting" addiction is not God's best place for us to live in. If we do not confront the attack on real personal Christianity by devious religious spirits, we can get blindsided by the misinformation they sell. Do not be deceived. Your Christian life depends on your real understanding of these words. No one can take our salvation from us but the enemy can and will distract us from living in the joy of the Lord today if we let him! We will either find real life in "the simplicity of devotion to Christ" or we will slide back into the sleep of man's religion and have no real joy at all! That is why some have no strength at all!

Jesus really is the answer to every question!

Each and every day it is your choice. As you start fixing your eyes on Jesus' love for you, there is a great change that happens as He interacts with you. Keep enjoying and drinking in His great and personal love for you! Yes you! He is a miracle working God who is well worth the time it takes to know Him!

The CARL understanding also works to give us a clear picture of the covenants and promises we are in today in the bible. In Christ we have all of the promises of Abraham and none of the curses.

We have all of Jesus Christ's life in us now and we have now come into His life on this earth. Yes, heaven is great but it is still just a relationship with Jesus Christ that started the day you were born again! You are made to represent Him here on earth today!

The "churchianity" system of today has hidden the truth of who you are in Christ. We are being bamboozled out of a real life by a religious mixture of thoughts and covenants. However, when you apply CARL to this you see that there is only one New Covenant of God, that makes everything else old. You cannot just take things from the Old Covenant and try to apply them to the New one. That will never make sense! When we are told that all God's words are true, we then are open to being manipulated by people who DO NOT KEEP GODS WORDS IN CONTEXT! It makes lies of His words and hides their real meaning! Yes, that is exactly what religion does. It lies about what covenant we are in and what has already happened. In that light, they also have no idea of the future in God either. The blind leading the blind in a web of lies that keeps them blind.

As a pastor and minister of the Gospel for forty years, this is what I say to new Christians, "Read, study and memorize from the Gospel of John to Jude in the bible!" Once they learn to know who they really are in the New Covenant then I recommend they read Psalms and Proverbs. Then eventually the rest of the bible.

For at least the first six months they should only be studying the Gospel of Jesus Christ from John to Jude! Why? Because once they learn what the New Covenant says is for them, they will never fall into the lie of religion! Once they know what the truth about His love for them personally, they will never buy into today's religious double talk! After that true discipleship no scripture of the bible will ever be read out of context to them. They will have come to a New Covenant view of the bible. A sure foundation of Christ living in them the hope of glory!

The discipline of being discipled means they will never fall for a religious lie again. They will know WHO CHRIST is within them and will see Spiritually what He has made them into. Knowing WHAT HIS PLAN is and knowing your identity in Jesus Christ will secure you in His love forever.

Then no mere religious card shuffling will ever be able to deceive you!

This is true discipleship. To fellowship and teach people how to walk by His Spirit every day. To live in the New Covenant that gives us His real life today. Yielding to His love and preferring one another in that love. This is the simplicity of devotion to Christ that always keeps us flowing by His Spirit! We are His body to demonstrate His love to the world around us! We are His evidence!

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CHAPTER FOUR

Knowing God as He is today!

This is a now view of God. A subjective up close and personal view of who He is and how He thinks today!

When God made man there was an US and THEM expression. "Let US make man in our image and likeness and let THEM have dominion." Obviously, our God is plural and, in this statement, He was adding us to that construct. A plural someone whom He had a place for but was created separate from Himself. The plan was so mankind could later become a new creation in Jesus Christ. A whole new form of life in God. An independent life from His own that in some way in Christ was going to mature and learn to be

formed into God's very own new body. A marriage of willingness.

Mankind was going to start as an infant and grow into a position of family relationship and rulership of his/her own in the earth that God created. Dominion over the earth realm was promised to mankind as a starting point. Earth was the training ground for a life with God. Eden was just the playpen in which the first man and woman began!

For God so loved the world. Even though man had fallen and failed and died. God never changed His great love for His project of mankind. In Jesus He provided a way to be made right in relationship and find a place of belonging under the headship of Jesus Christ! A new man formed in loving submission and agreement!

Trinity or Tri-Unity?

But who is Jesus really? He is more than just the historical figure that religion has made Him. For the bible says that He existed in God before He came to earth. Then how could we and why should we trust His love for us? Silly questions perhaps but when we see the answers, we will

know why God gave us Him as our Savior and why God is happy to live in us through Him! For God summed up all things in Jesus to make sure man could be restored in Himself and bring us all into One New Creation. That way we would never leave home or marriage again because He gave us all of Himself to be with us eternally!

Father God is a plural Spirit in nature, meaning a corporate being in a singular identity. Omniscient and omnipotent without beginning or end. Way bigger than just a man's perspective. A big God who is big enough to refer to Himself as God and yet He chose to make us free agents in His creation. In the beginning God was too big to have a personal every day, all day relationship with mankind when He made them. He could only visit and lovingly encourage His prodigy in the cool of the day. It was not just because of God's size or power that God restricted Himself with mankind. No, it was really because of His love and respect for the tiny new creation He made for Himself to live within. They had to be grown into a relationship of maturity and real willingness. Not mere subjection, but to grow us all into a family that would understand and accept a loving Husband and Father into their existence.

Four thousand years later, in Jesus Christ both parties had to defer and submit to enjoy this new form of Godliness in the earth. A part of God left just being a Spirit and used Mary to bring forth a perfect man, Jesus Christ which is God in the flesh. Not to submit us to, but for Jesus to submit Himself to us in dying for us in His great love! His submission birthed our willing submission. A unity of the Spirit that causes us to see the greatness of those words, "for God so loved the world."

A New Covenant that was made for both man and God to enjoy together. God and man living in one new creation within man! As much as we are willing to mature to accept it! A brand-new thing in the earth! To be in the God class of being on the earth. Yet still our God inhabits all space and time beyond earth! Now God lives in our body on earth to enjoy communion. In Jesus Christ we have become a corporate expression of this Holy God in the earth. We are His home forever as the body of Christ. A part of His life! This is the eternal witness of His love and faithfulness to us!

We accept His love shared in the gospel and become one new man in our acceptance of His free gift to us. We are the new home of God for

there has never been a body for God, that we know of. Do you see how God first loved us in the creation of Adam and then in redemption of Jesus Christ? Now we get to respond to His love with love! What a miracle of procreation and matrimony. That we as a created being, born of God, have now been born into God by accepting the gift of His Son's crucifixion and resurrection! We are raised into "God consciousness" by learning of His great love for us. Though we started in Adam's mere flesh, we now live in Jesus Christ in the God's body eternal class of being!

Even though we have hundreds of names for God, the only name God is concerned with and wants us to understand is the name of Jesus Christ. This is the only way God lives within us today! Jesus is the first person of God and the only God the flesh. God chose to be known through Jesus in this intimate relationship. His focus and choice not ours. Right now, Jesus Christ is living within each born again Christian, not just in a future heaven but here and now in this world!

I see folk try to use things from other covenants or a name from another era and try to impress

God with their understanding of it. I realize it is just immaturity, but it does make me want to explain things to them. If you speak English then worship Him in English. He is big enough to know what your saying. When we try and learn ancient languages to impress God, we by nature distance ourselves from God and that is not a good idea!

Western mindsets do not interpret eastern thought very well. We must rethink what God means when He refers to Christ as His son. The bible says that Jesus was united with the Father in the beginning before time began both as one Spirit. The scriptures say that Jesus created all things in creation! Jesus is the name given to Him by His earthly parents as instructed by the angel Gabriel. Luke 1:31 Christ is Jesus' glorified position in God. We now have an intimate relationship with Jesus as He is, the face of the Lord of all heaven and earth. We have no other arbitrator of this new covenant but Jesus Christ. Today we have Jesus' Holy Spirit living in us today. Please know that according to scripture that God accepts no worship or adoration but through Jesus Christ today. We oft times misunderstand the intention of God in sending His Son to us, but perhaps it will help us to see that in Hebrew the term "son" means in that culture "my future".

The invisible God chose to be seen in Jesus Christ to the world and then to purchase back or redeem mankind through His Son's cross and resurrection! God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself! It is God as Christ that we must allow ourselves to see! Colossians calls Jesus Christ, God in the flesh! Jesus is the very body of God that we have all been joined into. Jesus is the only visible image of the completely invisible God! He is our Head! We are made one new man in Him and enjoy His life now if we are willing to live in it!

Once these words sink into our ears, we begin to see Jesus as the reigning Son who reveals the invisible Father's heart to us! The bible says clearly to "Fix your eyes on Jesus", "hear Him", "seek Him" and "Let nothing dissuade you from the simplicity of devotion to Christ!" We are told to set our eyes on Jesus Christ to see and hear what the Father is doing! Jesus said that, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father" and that "before Abraham was, I AM" which means Jesus was already alive as God before Mary got pregnant! John 1:14-18 What an amazing thing that John says that even though He was conceived before Jesus that Jesus existed before He was born!

Our Father God is always an invisible living Spirit. The bible says that no man can see Him and live and it also says that He is invisible. But in the Son, we find our place of meeting for transformation and triumph. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and the first of many brethren. He is our Head and Captain, the first born of all creation. Jesus is the only one we are called to follow and believe in. He made the new and living way to know God in Spirit and in truth today!

If we honor the Son, the Father is honored! Because they are the same water in different containers. God the Father was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. The Father who is Spirit has His expression in the Son! This is not an earthly relationship but a Spiritual one. English terms are so limited to express what the bible is saying about the unity within the Godhead! To see this, consider how Jesus came to earth. John chapter one tells us that He/Jesus/the Word was one with God and in God. Jesus came forth from God who is Spirit and then He was formed in Mary as a God/man.

This is more a tri-unity than a trinity but either way they are all mutually submitted and defer to

glorifying the others in the group. Our God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and there is no God junior in them. Jesus while in the flesh was submitted to be under God the Father but then after that God place Jesus above all things that ever existed even Himself. Then Jesus places them all back under the Father. It is a circle of submission and deference in the love that they are. It is a tri-unity of glory and eternal love. In Ephesians it was that we His body are coming into the "unity of the faith" to the "complete stature of the Lord Jesus Christ"!

Therefore, Jesus the Word left the unseen realm of heaven to become a physical God man. God is Spirit and God always holds all things together. When God Who IS Spirit came and formed Himself inside Mary, He did not stop being the God of the universe! But He did form a God man named Jesus to be seen as the Savior in the world! God living as a man yes but not God limited to mere manhood ever. God still holds the galaxies within His power. Jesus is God in the flesh, Emmanuel!

Before Jesus died on the cross, He told the disciples that He was going to "return back to the Father" from where He came from. He spoke His

return into the Spirit realm where and who the Father is. Jesus returned back into the Holy Spirit of God which is the same Father that He came from. A supernatural God in a supernatural holy state! Remember, that Jesus said I will not leave you comfortless but "the Father will send you the comforter IN MY NAME!"

"Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

John 14:23

That is what Jesus and the Father sent forth in the Comforter which is The Holy Spirit who now lives inside us. God the Father and Son's Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of Jesus Christ are now themselves living in us!

What a new creation God formed in us! We are the home of the living God! The Holy Spirit was sent in Jesus name so He is the compound of Jesus Christ's and Father God's Spirit that lives inside of us today! That is who the Holy Spirit is! Jesus Spirit is within us as His body here on the earth. He lives in us eternally by His Spirit and He also lives within the Spiritual bodies of those that have passed on into heaven! Jesus is the life of the whole body, not separate from God the Father or separate from the Christian lives who

are His body! He holds all things together by His Spirit!

“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.” John 15:9-11

Now you may think or ask if Jesus returned to the Father then how can He live in us today? My point is that since God IS Spirit and His Holy Spirit is not God junior, then God is living inside us by His Spirit today! It is the Spirit of Jesus Christ that is now living inside every born-again Christian! God is always God and can confirm or appear in any form at any time! He is always a God bigger than our understanding. He appears as He desires to fit the need of the moment. But if we see God, we are going to see Jesus Christ because that is His form to us. He is the head of every one of us who were born in Adam and then accepted His offer of salvation! An infinite God in a time and space person for us to know Him as He is today. We are His body in the earth today! Jesus as God is now living and breathing by His Spirit in every Christian on the earth. He is maturing and growing us into His loving

expression in the earth! Revealing His love through us to others every day!

The reason I need to be so clear on this is that we have had our theology hi-jacked by a false theology that no one can prove. A three headed monster of misquotes and misunderstandings. A trinity of words that have no power at all. But for us, God summed up all things in Christ Jesus! If we do not acknowledge Jesus Christ in our gatherings there will be no miracles, for the Holy Spirit of God only moves to glorify the name of Jesus Christ. He is our head in the body of Christ so we must learn to submit and flow as He leads. If we have confused and unfocused worship there will not be any significant move of God in our gatherings at all!

Please notice that neither Father nor Holy Spirit is a name at all. Perhaps a role or assignment but not a name.

“There is no other name for a man to be saved but by the name of Jesus Christ!” Acts 4:12

We are now married to Jesus Christ and belong to Jesus and He is our “life and our way and our truth.” John 14:6 No man can come to the father but through Him! But if you have come to Jesus you have seen the invisible Father and the invisible

Holy Spirit! Only in Jesus Christ can we see the face of the invisible God!

We have left our first love when we do not sing about who Jesus is and what He has done for us! Our joy and life depend on knowing who Jesus is as God in the flesh sent for us! This is the Father's design to honor the Son as His Body with us His wife. Jesus now is seen in us and through us! All mankind, that's you and me, exist to honor Jesus Christ. 2Thess.1:12 How sad if we forsake the design of God for man-made myths and theological fairytales! Very sad if we follow religion off a cliff of error and forget that God spoke and said "This is my son, listen to Him!"

I have experienced this in practical ways in churches across the country. As Jesus is honored the Spirit moves to glorify Him as the bible says. When that focused worship stops then there is only an empty emotion that betrays who Christ really is! God is not honored by vague and misleading worship. We must honor Jesus to see the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus in our midst in meetings! That is the Holy Spirit's purpose in the body of Christ. To glorify Jesus Christ in the earth through us! That is why He is given to live inside us. Not just to guide us into all truth but also to

glorify Jesus who IS truth in our midst. Only real truth glorifies Jesus Christ! This is the passion of the Father that we might know Him through the Son who is the visual image of Himself! God among us! Jesus alone is our head and we unite in His love as His body! One New Corporate man to represent Him in the earth! Our mission is to have real dominion in this earth through Jesus' Spirit and His character within us!

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CHAPTER FIVE

Hearing His Voice!

“Let him who has ears to hear, hear!” God seeks the seeking heart. This “hearing ear” speaks of one who has determined themselves to know Him! It is more than just knowing words. It is knowing His heart in the moment and this hearing allows us to see Him as He is today! God always gives us over to what we desire until eventually all we desire is Him. Then we function as we are designed to function. In Him, by Him and through Him, out to one another as we flow in His “agape” love. Agape love is the God kind of love. He alone gives it and we share it to His glory!

The purpose of God today is to be seen and heard by His people on the earth! Once we hear then we can respond and walk in both the power and the love of God for people! This is a fundamental and practical issue but the truth is more of us over think the issue and turn it into a dead ritual. Rituals come in many forms. Religion thrives on ritual. Relationship thrives on real connection and true intimacy!

God asks us to have faith in His love for us. "Before you called, I answered" says the Lord. We must acknowledge the supernatural nature of God when we approach Him. Then we can "come boldly before the throne of grace in time of need." Let's get ourselves away from the place of what we know about our problem and into the place of hearing from God personally. When we choose to leave the place of religious presumptions then we can then submit to knowing His intimate love for us. That is where His real relationship thrives and holy conversations blossom within us!

All relationships have a breathing quality. Meaning sometimes we are closer than others in our perception. This is true in all types of relationships. However, with God, it is not Him

who wanders but more the nature of our own immaturity. Some days we may hear God answer right away and other times it may take a while. Sometimes the delay is only to test our intentions and it is not a denial at all. Other times we learn to ask new questions or face our deeper thoughts on the issue! We must use the faith in the relationship with Jesus and learn to trust His timing. We learn how to think and act as we progress. Everything in God is accessed by our faith in His love. God is always waiting for us to really hear His heart on an issue. Remember that He is a very good, very able, loving father!

If we have a prescriptive attitude in thinking that we know what God should do for us, that will distract us from actually hearing from God. God is not our puppet to command. He is both our personal Lord and still the God of the entire universe. Once we have made our cause known to God, we must stifle the desire to over explain and just trust Him as we wait on His answer. He cares and He will answer as we learn to meekly submit ourselves to Him. He is ALWAYS found by those who seek His heart! In life many of us get stuck in circles of our own making. We need to learn to humble ourselves as a little child and ask

God for His help. He gladly rescues those who return to His love. He will rescue us as we just ask in faith and wait to listen for His instructions!

To live life on this planet and be Spiritually successful we need to learn how to calm our mind and hear the heart of the Lord. This is a place of supernatural peace that connects us by faith to His heart! It is not self-effort or something that requires some kind of work to accomplish but more an act of submission and deferment to His plans for us. An intentional choice to be still and KNOW Him rather than just use Him. A decision to be silent in His awesome presence. Accepting the truth of knowing that it is His greatest joy to speak to you personally. Trusting His love to make a way out of your own thinking and into the sacred place you both share in Him! Never minimize God's love for you personally. He died on the cross to meet you!

I remember one time a friend of mine and I were caught up before the throne of God together and as we walked in Jesus said, "Come in my children. I have been waiting for you!" When you approach God as God, always remember this, He is waiting for you to come and talk to Him. He is

always waiting for us to come to Him. He loves us so!

Today, our minds are so plagued by over-stuffed information and attention-grabbing media that we need to relearn how to be still and know! We must decide to not be motivated by external forces. We have been conditioned for years by TV to have a hair trigger response to stimulus. That is how the media controls our buying habits and our hunger for meaning. The world system works by addictive habits that hyper everything and that is the opposite of Godly thinking.

Our real lives are hidden in Christ so now we can live in righteousness, peace and joy all the time. We can learn how to not have a quick opinion but be like a child who is safe and content, so we can hear His directions. We must surrender our will so we can be in His peace for that is where we hear His will. Submitting to Him and trusting the results of His great care for us! Only then do we enjoy the tangible gift of His righteousness, peace and joy!

If we are honest, we will find Jesus right where we put Him down on our journey. Life rushes on but we must stop everything and return to our first love. Ask God, where we left Jesus and He

will lead you right back to that point. Right there we start over with a fresh understanding. We were never designed to live without our first Love. He is our Head, our real life and our beloved husband! Not a sexual thing but a leadership role formed in the surrendering of our will to trust His love for us! Then we will thrive in that divine submission to His headship of our lives.

We measure our lives by time. We celebrate anniversaries and birthdays to acknowledge the landmarks of passing time. But what if God measures time by our ongoing relationships with Him and with others in Him? What if to God time means the choosing of maturity and growth with real people we love? A quality life is one spent with each other and not so alone that no one even knows where we live. We are the only ones that can take the risk to step out and connect with each other. Many times, God has spoken to me through my friendships as I just relaxed and enjoyed the fellowship. God is always using Godly relationships to lead us by example! Each of us have this choice every day!

Most of us have stunted our own Spiritual growth by wasting our time which amounts to wasting

our life! Recognizing time wasters is the first part of cleaning house, that allows us to hear God more clearly. It can be television or video games but also it can be a hobby or even a religious tradition. Anything that takes our affections and time away from knowing His will for our lives is an anti-Christ. That does not mean it is against Christ but literally "instead of Christ!" A time waster steals our lives away from knowing and growing in love with each other!

Consider that an over consumed mind is the natural state of an over programmed life! Try taking time with your family to label the things that can turn into addictions in our life. There is no age limit to this. We all need to talk about it and help each other overcome what is keeping us from God and relating to others in our world. By facing the self-absorbing need to be entertained, we can see the real cost of it in our homes and families. This one action could save a home, a family or even a life! God wants us to confront our habits not ignore them! Even just muting commercials can help a family talk and relate to each other. A better option than just zoning out on TV.

Only after we begin to seek God first will we hear His voice speak so lovingly to us. Only then will our marriages and families thrive again. Why? Because idolatry is not life giving but life stealing! A waste of time is not measured in minutes but in heartbeats. We make our habits false gods and then wonder why we cannot find God and the right friends. False god's consume our time and discount anything and anyone that denies their fake power. In the end they leave us empty and addicted to the decision of inaction! This is the North American epidemic that is at the root of all relationship malfunction. But in Christ we are made for more connection and intimacy than we have ever seen! A joy of interconnectedness that causes the Lord of Heaven to appear through us! A oneness that satisfies our soul and helps others see who Christ is within us!

God is not against our time spent relaxing. He designed us with the need to rest and relax. We even need to sleep eight hours every day. But when our life is reprogrammed to do nothing but relax and be entertained, we are being distracted from the joy of pressing in to know Him today in our lives! Today's modern brains are being rewired to be a consumer of time instead of an enjoyer of life. We are dumbed down by radio,

TV, cell phones and computer programming to think and feel just what others desire us to think and feel. Before long we are dying and wondering why we did not spend more time with the ones we love and the others we could learn from!

Learning how to discern the times we live in and watching for meaningful relationships are the things that help us Spiritually grow and mature into the image of Christ. Too many times we Christians spend an hour a week hearing about a good God on Sunday and the rest of our week hearing about fear and doubt on our radio or TV! Instead of thriving in the glory of God we merely tread water in the daily flood of miserly and unbelief. If we would just trade in the negative media for time in God or time with each other, our hearts would soften to hear His voice. We would begin to thrive not just survive! It's just math folks. If you spend 20 hours a week watching TV it is programming you! One hour on Sunday just can't compete! Wake up, spend time wisely and you will hear God speaking again! Supernatural joy will return in His presence!

Hearing God for yourself!

There are people that have been prayed for to be healed. But the Lord has told them that they have not forgiven someone or had some hurt that needs to be surrendered, before the healing will manifest. Hearing God makes the difference in our prayer results! Hearing God is the beginning place of getting results! We don't just have a future God, who does future things. We must decide that we need to hear from God today! Not to just call someone else to pray but to pray together and let God speak to you personally! That is our right in God because He is in love with us today! That is how a way is made for us to develop a hearing ear. When we know that in His love, He wants to share His heart with us. A gift from God that is only accessible to those who stop and listen.

The enemy to hearing God is the false ideas we get from religion. A later God with a not now agenda. When we rest in His love for us, we will always hear His voice for us and others. The inward talk of our life reveals what we think about ourselves and what we believe life is about. God must help us to see as He sees. When we are really willing, He will help us to hear!

One day when I was a young pastor the Lord spoke to me very clearly in a firm way and said these words, "Why do you always insist on being wrong." Honestly it was shocking to me because I had no idea my internal thoughts were acting contrary to His. But as always, He was right. As I pondered His words, I realized that even when everything was going right, I would be wondering what I was doing to inhibit God from being greater in my life. My thinking was that I had to be the problem because God was so perfect. If I was not raising the dead and doing miracles then in some way it was my fault. I felt I always needed to study more or pray harder. I felt that in some way I had to be wrong. That was my stupid religion talking to me. It was a very evil religious thought that prevented me from really hearing and enjoying God's reality in me and His plan for my life! I had to accept being a normal person with an extraordinary God! His life, not mine was to be glorified in me.

In the light of the clarity of Jesus' words to me I realized that there was nothing wrong at all. I was not supposed to fight God's plan for my life but rather just enjoy the journey that He has planned! If I was the author of my own life then I would be seeking my glory not His. I had an

internal logic error that said for some reason that everything truly Spiritual was in some sort of frantic state. But that is a religious lie and not true at all. Everything truly Spiritual was always in a state of peace and surrender to Jesus. I had been keeping myself from hearing God's voice with all my assumptions and internal anxiety and that is not Godly at all. It was a self-deception of a religious kind that kept me from the heaven that Jesus paid for me to live in, now on the earth.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!” Luke 2:14 KJV

Right then I repented of leading my own life with my own negative assumptions and rested in the fact that Jesus was in charge and He did not need my help at all. I would stop insisting I was wrong. What a freeing moment that was! To rest in His love rather than condemn myself in self-doubt or in my competition with another man's ministry. I did not have to be anyone but myself. Jesus' one sentence delivered me of so many religious thoughts I did not even know were religious! How very kind of Him to speak so succinctly and firmly to me! I love His correction and so must you if you are going to hear His voice.

Think about this in your own life. Is somebody's self-help book or ministry secretly making you jealous? Are there other people you are sure God likes better than you? Then they are idols which hinder you from intimately fellowshiping with God. A false expectation that hinders us from a real relationship with God! It is always good to respect others but never to the point of downing yourself over their successes. It is a subtle lie that tries to compare and contrast rather than celebrate who people are and what God is using them for. The lie of a religious ambition rather than a relationship goal! Religion is a killer of true trust and relationship. Love demands equality. We cannot ever be in a pyramid with God. We must enjoy our oneness with God and our uniqueness from each other. Only there is He being honored and exalted. There we find rest for our souls.

Another part of the equation deals with our self-centered, defensive flesh nature of rights and wrongs. This is a thin religious veil that keeps us from seeing God as He is. Are you willing to be wrong and face that possibility? Sometimes the desire to be right or feel right feeds our ego and we miss the whole point of life's great adventure. We were not made to be right without His

righteousness living in us. We are made to be holy and to keep wholly growing in God, not self-righteous but right in Him as much as we have come to know so far. The day we got born again we won the lottery of God. All of Him for all of us. If we will but enjoy His love today, we will be refreshed and start learning again!

His Righteousness or Our Rightness?

Everything in God is ALWAYS right but sometimes we ignore the possibility that we can still be wrong in the application or delivery of God's right ways. Remember that I was "insisting to God that I had to be wrong" in some way because miracles were not appearing in every moment of my life. But what was really wrong was my assumption that "my goal" was the will of God! I was thinking like a man and asking God why I was not acting like a God. I should have been enjoying the life of being God's man without the false expectation or thinking that I was in charge! There is no peace as long as we are not submitted to His headship of our lives. Perhaps I thought success was my fame or in my power but really how sad is that?!

Since we are now living in His life, it is Jesus who is eternally in charge. He is the head! We are His

body. Let's enjoy that place of submission to Him and rest in His plans for everyone! We must never push God but lovingly humble ourselves and listen to what He speaks in love! He made us His wife to enjoy His life and receive His love on earth and in heaven. If we fight for domination of our creator, we will not enjoy the very life He gave us! When we keep His headship of our life in the first place, then we have His peace and our ears will clearly hear His voice speak to us personally! What a joy to know His voice speaking in His timing to us!

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CHAPTER SIX

Following God!

There is an old Jewish proverb that says, “May the dust of your Rabbi always be on your clothes.” It means that the student must follow the teacher closely to know the will and ways of the learned. It is not a small thing to become a disciple, which means a “taught one” and then ultimately a trained one. It takes time, submission and patience to develop the heart needed to demonstrate the lessons we learn. As we mature it is seen on us that we were “with Him” on the journey of life. A disciple is not trying to represent what they know about but Whom they know to others. A disciple that is willing to be trained becomes the future of the truth that

he follows! Jesus' disciples' greatest accomplishment is that people recognized them as "those that had been with Jesus." The dust of their Rabbi was on them from living close to Him. Over time they would demonstrate that by living and dying for others to truly know who Jesus is. Today you and I still profit from their journey to know Him as He is. They knew the cost and still they did not shrink back, because they discovered He was their life!

Today we can know Him who is our life in this way. Not just a name or a doctrine but a living relationship that has expression of His life through us in this life. An adventure in every breath and a peaceful rest in His great love. What an honor to manifest His love through us to others. It is His joy to love others and that becomes our joy as well! We mature into His way of thinking and loving. A whole new vista of life opens as we humble ourselves to see as He sees and walk in His dust.

No one can follow a God they cannot see! Especially since our God is truly a Spirit and invisible to the natural eye. But now when we gather together, as promised, He manifests Himself to us. The Spirit of God allows Him to be

seen as we fellowship and worship with other believers. He appears in our midst to speak to each one and perhaps even through each one as He wills.

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 1 Cor 14:2 KJV

This is His life in the now of today and it refreshes our souls. This is the life of God that we drink from as we follow His loving ways. He appears in the now of now to serve all who are sincerely willing to gather! This is living in His present truth and seeing Him as He is that changes us. Accepting Him as He lives in our midst. Even looking for Him to appear among us! Fellowship is a real communal life experience. Not just a commune but a communion of souls who share their life with each other! One family in Him fellowshiping every day of the week as they feel led!

It is not until we develop Spiritual eyesight that we will see God as He is in our midst. I challenge you to see there is treasure hidden in these clay vessels we fellowship with. Today we must worship Him in the temple He lives in now, that is each other. This helps us know His way of

manifesting in each one! That power lives in us as His body today. We are His temple and we must learn to interface with each other to truly let Him appear to us and through us! This is God's way of ever appearing to us today. A corporate expression of His life moved by His Spirit in us to glorify Jesus Christ!

If we look up, as the disciples did in Acts chapter one, the angels will chastise us for not looking into the cloud of people before us. Yes, Jesus disappeared into a cloud not into the sky. Remember the Angels rebuked the disciples saying, "Why do you look up into the sky?" Jesus now lives in His body of believers on the earth. A cloud of witnesses of His reality! He is not living in a diminished way at all, but in a place hidden from the world and its ways. To us He is as close as our breath. As close as your thoughts. He loves sharing His new life with us. He drinks in each moment as we grow in Him. He is not silent but so holy that we must still our fleshly ways to hear and follow Him.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal 2:20 NASB

His appearing becomes our desire and there in your room or with your friends, He begins to appear right where He lives, within each of us! The more we fellowship with each other the more we see Him appear. We grow in His love as we enjoy the fellowship of the body of Christ on the earth! He appears in the "midst of the two or three" to be seen as He is today!

Corporate worship releases a fragrance of knowing Him in the room. Walking in loving relationship with each other causes His hands and feet to be revealed. Then when we see Him as He is, we are changed by His glory! His real gold appears in the gathering of His dust, a loving deposit of Him that lasts eternally. His life now witnessed in us as we love one another by His Spirit. A supernatural event of worship in love. Our sharing life in love causes a metaphysical change that happens in the ordinary world.

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matt 18:20 KJV

If your eyes are on Bill or Jill and their physical bodies you will never see Christ. But if you look for Christ as you look at them, suddenly and almost imperceptibly, He appears in our midst. It is not the temple or bodies that we are seeking.

It is the sound of His voice that we are listening for! Jesus is the God of the temple that we worship and adore. As we make room for Him in our meetings then He appears to us and through us! As we make room for Him in each other daily, He is glorified through us.

Today, as you fellowship with the body of Christ look for His appearing in and through each person. When we honor the person that we share this life with we are honoring his or her Creator! Jesus life expressed is our desire. We hear Him and see Him because we follow Him as He is today. If we just sing songs we will not be changed. But if we accept His presence in every sincere believer the Christ in us will manifest the Christ in them as we fellowship in His love. Whenever we gather in worship and enjoy Him in our midst we will be changed every time. When we choose to acknowledge Him, He manifests to teach us in love.

Following Jesus means to prefer the brethren and to seek their fellowship daily. That is as important as your prayer life. It takes real faith to see Jesus living in your Christian friends. It takes real trust in God to see people as Christ sees them. But once that happens the

supernatural nature of God confirms it. Real relationships are His plan for us to see and know Him as He is today!

“When we see Him as He is, we will be changed!”

1 John 3:2 NKJV

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Enjoying God!

To enjoy God as God is His idea not ours. However, it is often met with a wall of unbelief both in the church system and even from within the human psyche. In the religious system of our time we are told to work and do works to glorify Him but really that is the wrong way to understand God's plan for us. The bible says that we do good works because He first loved us, not to be loved. We sow love because He first gave His agape love to us! We live as the evidence of God not the source of His love. Just the evidence of it as we glorify Him not ourselves!

It is because of His great joy in us that we act Godly and thus it is to His glory. In Christ's sacrifice we have been shown we are worthy of His love and lifted up into an eternal loving relationship. A marriage in which we are the benefactors of His love for us! In that love empowerment we with joy throw off our rags of self-worth and embrace His joy with which He first loved us! God worked and we enjoy His works. He speaks and we learn and grow. Every part of God that leads us in Him, gives us a joyous life. Every effort we make without His lead is just wasted time. This is our choice to accept every day. Submit to His Spirit and enjoy His presence or fight God and suffer in mankind's delusion.

We don't have to help God be God. He is God all by Himself! But we do get to enjoy the journey of His love and expression of Him in this life He is living here in us! We are His delight and He really desire's us to enjoy this adventure called the abundant life in Christ Jesus! We now are living in His life on the earth today! Today He is hidden inside our earthen vessels, enjoying each and every day with us! So how much are you enjoying each day with Him? What can we do to help us accept and receive His joy over us today?

Read these verses carefully. God is your savior not your judge! No judge can love you as He does. He has removed your sins and is leading you to renew your mind to know this great love He has for you!

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 8:1-4 NASB

God is not mad at us about our slow progress or our sins of the past. That is a lie against what He has made us for. No, He has already forgiven all we could do. Now He is beckoning us forward into more and more of His love that will shine through us forever. A relationship not a religion!

We are not sinners but saints of a Holy God who called us into His life here on earth. We are eternal in Christ Jesus but our life here on earth has a mission to accomplish! It is to grow up and display His love so that others might know Him today! It is the body of Christ that will multiply by His Spirit to cover the earth. Not a future

apocalypse but a global awakening to Christ as He is today in us, through us and among us!

Because there is no finish line, you can never lose this race. You cannot be too slow or be not good enough. Our success is simply measured in units of how much of His love do you know? That understanding reveals His unlimited love for us. There is no end to learning about His love for us and through us to others! It's never ending! It varies in expression like flowers in a garden. No two flowers are alike and each variation gives glory to its Maker! Each one of us displays a different attribute of His manifold glory in the earth. Each one is precious and irreplaceable with another. He is seen in all of us and in each one of us! Each differs depending how people see Him in us! Ask Him to show you how He sees you today. Let yourself believe that your tomorrow is way brighter than you have ever been told!

We never stop growing in His love and character. We keep maturing in seeing Him as He is, living in each other. Living in every believer, yes but more importantly seeing His love living in one other! It is only when we "see Him as He is" within each other that we are changed according to scripture. We are transformed by seeing Him

within each other in this life! Joy becomes multiplied within us as we see Him live and move and have His being displayed in the family of God! A joy unspeakable rising in our hearts to God!

“And I tell you once more that if two of you on earth agree in asking for anything it will be granted to you by my Heavenly Father. For wherever two or three people come together in my name, I am there, right among you!”
Matt 18:20 JB PHILLIPS

Our daily community of real faith causes God to spring forth from us and into each other. Now that is amazing but it gets better. The world will know that Jesus is now with us as we walk in His love with one another. In our preference and deference to each other the world is made aware that God has changed us into His image and likeness in the earth and as we mature to display it, we begin to have dominion in the earth! An expression of God as He is in us ruling and reigning through us today!

This is the purpose of mankind. To know God's agape love and express His agape love to each other in God's love! In this great love, God has called us to rest in Him and enjoy what He does in our midst. We exist in time and space so He may be seen in us today.

Not a future coming end of something as most man-made theology harps. That theology comes from a lack of knowing what the words actually mean in the language of the scriptures. Of the many Greek the words used for “come or coming” see here that they mean two separate and distinct things.

Greek Definitions:

1/ “coming; erchomai”= the one time end of something; used only 4 times in the NT regarding the end of the age. Never the end of the world!

2/ “coming; parousia” = an ever coming, an ever constant coming; used 35 times in the NT of God’s presence ever increasing and appearing in our midst.

I strongly recommend reading the James Stuart Russell’s classic book named “The Parousia” if you desire further study on this subject!

Today we are a real family with a real loving God to shine forth through us! A community of joyous fellowship learning of His ways and helping each other thrive in His love! A global awakening of His presence in our midst that expands to the four corners of the earth. A now appearing of

Jesus as He is, in us today as our life! Filled with His joy unspeakable and full of His glory!

Salvation was paid for by God reconciling man to Himself in Christ Jesus. We enjoy this gift by accepting God's free gift by faith in His great love for us. Joy comes in the birthing of our new life. Him in us appears through us to others!

The deception that tries to stop us from seeing Jesus as He is today comes from the Adamic vantage point in the unrenewed mind. If the person has accepted Christ, he is a new creation man but their thinking is still not yet renewed. They are a babe because they are immature in Christ. A born-again man but still living in a carnal Adamic mindset. He sees a far-off God with far off promises to mankind. He accepted salvation but He is ignorant about how much God already loves Him! If we do not keep growing up in Christ, we could miss out on the entire plan that God has to be seen in the world and to give Jesus Christ glory through our lives. Just look at the scriptures and see that God was clearly living in the early church, living and loving through them! That is how He was doing the miraculous through them!

What stops us from seeing Jesus as He is today is our old Adamic nature, which continually tries to deceive our new creation man. The religion of our time thrives on keeping people ignorant of the fact of the New Man in Christ. Though we are born again we can still live in a carnal Adamic mindset, which sees a religious far off God with far off promises to mankind. But if we renew our mind with the truth of God's Word to see and believe who we are in Christ, then we enter into fellowship with God and experience His loving presence and glory. The same loving presence and glory our First Century forefathers lived in as He daily ministered signs, wonders and miracles through them.

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
2 Cor 3:18 KJV

The image we are changed into is Jesus' image, which is the glory of the New Covenant. The image we are changed out of is the glory of the Old Covenant Law, the old man and his ways. Through Jesus Christ we exit the glory of the law and enter the glory of grace and truth by faith. A glory with no end or equal! A faith that believes and receives the substance and evidence of a

holy God – right NOW! That is worth shouting about! The “then faith” was found in the law but our “NOW FAITH” is only found in Christ today. We are a new creation “NOW AND FOREVER!” The old has passed and the new is here! The new “Now Faith and Glory” is not waiting for Jesus to return, rather it is waiting for His body to mature to believe, receive, display and grow-up in Christ by real faith! A love that changes the whole earth!

The scripture that says we are moving from glory to glory is not at all about an increasing glory! It is about leaving the old law glory that never fully worked. The veil over Moses face was to hide the fact that the glory was fading. That is compared to the new glory that we have come into that will never fade! A new order that is full of Jesus eternal nature and glory. A new order with no end or equal!

Our “now faith”, is the now faith that is both the substance and evidence of the Holy God of the New Covenant! The “then faith” was in the law but now we are found in Christ. We are His new creation forever! The old has passed and the new faith and glory is here! This later glory is not about when Jesus returns but it is for the church

to display now as she arises and shines in His light!

Romans 8:19 says that all creation is “earnestly looking for His glory to manifest in the sons of God.” Notice it does not say waiting for the return of Christ but it does say it is looking for the sons of God to be glorious in the earth! Our “Now Faith” keeps increasing until the fulness of day! It is in His light that we see light! Was that not your joy when you first accepted Jesus as your savior? Did you not see His love and the answer for all mankind? Of course, you did. He is both King and Lord of all mankind!

Enjoying God flows from allowing His life to flow through us and give life to everything He touches. It is more about Him than us. Without Him we can do nothing. With Him we are empowered to be a blessing as we rest in His great love for all He lives in. We share that love and trust God to do what He said He would do!

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” 3 John 1:4

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CHAPTER EIGHT

The Presencing of The Lord!

There is no guessing when Jesus manifests in your life. He is there always present but hiding waiting to be worshipped to be seen by others. He is felt or sensed in wonderful ways. As we mature through righteousness and grow up into His peace, then we can enter into His joy. We are not the righteousness or peace or joy! He is! We do not make it happen. We allow Him to be our personal Lord then He manifests as He pleases. Sometimes He is quiet and other times He is verbal. Sometimes He is healing our heart and other time He is blowing our mind with new things about His great love for us. It is not us thinking. It is Him being Him as we yield to His

love. We just respond, we do not lead. Why is that? Because the mind of man is not needed or invited into this holy discussion with God. It is a heart to heart thing, a romance of the Spirit. Not our version of God or a revelation that we have, but a real surrender of our will to know Him as He is. In that communion we are changed in our passions. He is seen and we know that He is here. God in our midst. A holy hush fills our heart as we prepare to let Him have His way to us and through us! This is how we enjoy His appearing in each other! He is seen as He is, living in us!

In His presence, In His presence there is peace!
In His presence, In His presence there is joy!
I will linger I will stay, In His presence day by day.
'till His likeness can be seen in me!

-not my song.

We learn gradually to focus more and more on Jesus, to accept that we are normal and He is extraordinary! We are the body and He is the head! We need to gather together for His love to manifest in whatever He desires each day! Our joy is His presence flowing through us out to others, every day!

We either feed our religion with struggle and score keeping or we enjoy His presence today and rest in His love. There is no in between. We are either in His Spirit and enjoy the fruit of His love or we are in the mind of man with no joy whatsoever!

I love, I love, I love your presence,
I love, I love, I love your presence!
I love, I love, I love your beauty!
I love, I love, I love your beauty!

In the fullness of your presence
I find peace for my soul!
In the fullness of your presence,
I find joy that makes me whole!

-not my song.

There is no secret to knowing God's will but it takes an arresting of the carnal mind to let it rule our lives. We must choose this day whom we serve. Each and every day falling more in love with the One who loves us so!

I'm in love with Jesus and He's in love with me!

I'm in love with Jesus and His love has set me free!

I'm in love with Jesus and He's in love with me!

I'm in love with Jesus and His love has set me free!

-not my song.

It is only as we let ourselves get taken or caught up in worship that we release our mind from this natural world. Eventually we stay longer and longer in His presence as we focus on Jesus' love for us. We become "inChristed" not because of our efforts but because of our making the choice to focus on what He did and not what we do! He is our joy to behold and represent to this world. Him alone! We become both all "Jesus plus nothing" and all "Jesus as He is today!"

When we take the time to focus, He suddenly appears to us. As we fix our eyes on Jesus, suddenly how we see Him changes. Not what we see, but how we see is changed to reveal the living God within the believers. We see Him not because we are trying to see Him but because we know already that He is right here with us. Since Jesus today lives within us and we see that truth in the bible, then it becomes easier to see Him living inside each other. Our view is changed to see Him as He is as we fellowship!

Our fellowship with one another is the birth place of His appearing in us! He comes out in our midst, as we love and prefer one another.

“For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” Matt 18:20 NASB

He responds to our love for Him and each other. Honestly, the more we fellowship the easier it is to see Him appear in the midst of us! As we become others minded and not so self-aware. Being willing to see Him as He is, allows Him to speak and appear through His body the way we need and the way He chooses. We are submitted to His will not just demanding His appearing.

In case you think this is theoretical or even impractical I want to remind you of how Jesus walked. He communed with the Holy Spirit first and then shared the rest of the day with the disciples. They all enjoyed His fellowship and the miracles that God did. He did not strive or struggle. He spent time walking and talking with the Spirit of God every morning and then lived daily life with His disciples. It is the fellowship with the Holy God that manifested the life of God on the earth and the fellowship with the disciples that multiplied God’s voice in the earth. Jesus fellowshiped for three and half years with them and they were made perfect in His love. He matured them in the gathering and sharing of

everyday life. Every meal and every afternoon they communed in His love and lessons. This is how today's church should be. A community of love and fellowship. A sharing of lives to express God in the midst of us in the earth! Not a once a week event but a flowing and growing of real-life excitement!

When Jesus was leaving them, He commanded them to gather and keep sharing His life as He returned back to and into the Father. They were made pure by the words of Jesus spoken to them. Today we must gather together to have Him seen among us, as we fellowship daily!

When His Spirit came back to live inside the body of Christ eight days later on Pentecost it was a glorious event. The Holy Spirit was sent to us IN JESUS NAME! The Holy Spirit is called "The Spirit of Jesus Christ"! So then what Jesus said came true exactly as He said it!

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you!"
John 14:18 NASB

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."
John 14:23 NKJV

Please take the time to read John Chapter 14 in the NASB translation. It will help illuminate what Jesus was saying!

Today we fellowship to see Him manifest in each one of us. "Let each one of you, bring into a meeting" the various gifts of God as the Lord leads. 1 Cor. 14:26 We all have a part in demonstrating the goodness and the greatness of this great God! Our lives are a living demonstration not just a book thing at all!

Next time you meet a brother or sister remind yourself that he or she is God's home. They are God's body in the earth. When you hug him or her, you are hugging the living God! God cares how we treat each other as the members of His body. We must listen to what God may say through them in our conversation. We also must listen to what God is saying to us through our fellow believers! Always asking God for a listening ear and a hearing heart! Let Him who has an ear to hear, hear! Our heart must see Him as He is for us to be changed. This can only happen in our friendship and love for one another in Christ!

When we open our mind and eyes to hear and see where the Lord is, we are changed. Only then do we see what He is doing! If our churches practiced this Godly loving view of the body of Christ, we would explode with growth! We need to be active in the relationship. Not passive. We need to practice His presence as we choose to

see Him as He is in each other! The bible promises that when “we see Him as He is” we will be changed! What a glorious promise! What an exciting hide and seek! This is the reward of maturity. Seeing Him as He is today! A treasure hunt that rewards us daily! He is our real supernatural joy that gives us strength! The joy that we are designed to live in and enjoy today and forever!

You will make known to me the path of life; **In Your presence is fullness of joy**; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11

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Appendix

This book was written to encourage you dear saint. I hope you are challenged and stirred up to know Him more. I am including this small list of books that helped me greatly. I know that following the CHRIST life can be a lonely one at times. Press on for your beloved is calling and may we also say, "Come Lord Jesus!". You matter to His plan!

Other Jeff Moore Books:

Knowing Spiritual Reality and **10 Things That Grace is NOT!**
Both available on Amazon and Kindle!

Other Recommended Books:

Surrender; Your key to Spiritual Success by Arthur Burt
Simply the best book I have ever read! I had two Pastors steal it from me on purpose! Really! Find it online for a few dollars. You will be glad you did!

Waterspouts of Glory by Wade Taylor

Raptureless by Jonathan Welton Free book at
www.raptureless.com

Ye Worship Ye Know Not What by GL Parks Just a great book!

The Shack by William P. Young
This book is a long look at how our heart thinks about God's ways!
"This book changed my life" was the most common response from people I asked about it all over Canada and the USA.

The Discovery Bible NT with Gary Hill's HELPS system for Greek. NASB Moody Press. Easily see what the Greek reader of the day would read in context. Pick it up online! Gary also has a website devoted to language study. <https://thediscoverybible.com/>

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