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WHEN JESUS
APPEARS

"WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, SHALL
APPEAR, THEN SHALL YE ALSO APPEAR
WITH HIM IN GLORY." COLOSSIANS 3:4

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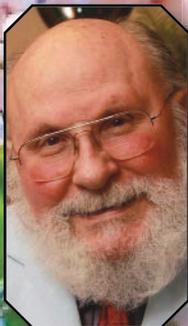
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ENDEAVORING TO KEEP

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

(Eph 4:1-4)

The apostle here speaks these words to a "church" - a body of people in a certain region who have been drawn by the Lord to one another to have fellowship in the Truth. He does not admonish them to create peace, or fabricate unity. Rather, he appeals to the unity which already exists naturally between the sons of God, to continue in the unity which has already been given unto them as brothers in Christ as members of a whole host of brethren which includes members over the entire earth, and even in heavenly places. He is essentially calling those in this church he is writing to, as followers of Jesus to, in their dealings with one another, follow after the Prince of peace,

I think this is an endeavor which, if we are not mindful of it, can be neglected. Although unity is natural in the Spirit, just as one must constantly employ their faith in believing, continually fan the fires of hope, continually have their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance, and the spirit must be continually walked in and according to, unity must continually be kept, the bond of peace must remain a bond - it must be held together. Just as all of these other things will not happen by accident, this unity and peace we have been blessed with in Christ will not be kept without considerable effort.

I have been recently stirred in this matter by my negligence in failing to labor enough in this endeavor. I repent of that before God and men. This revelation to my heart, mind, and spirit has stirred and provoked me to seek grace to be more faithful in this endeavor. I have also been moved to speak words of affirmation to brethren who have been used of the Lord to minister to me, and let them know how much I appreciate and was moved, or added to by their ministry.

I have been richly blessed to have been given to know and fellowship with a great number of brethren of like precious faith, who are members of the same body, partakers of the same spirit, and are living according to the same hope.

I don't ever want to take this for granted. We are living in a time when the wicked one is working furiously to use any thing he possibly can to divide and break apart the children of GOD, to cause imaginations to be placed into the hearts of the brethren, to cause them to focus upon and overemphasize misunderstandings and miscommunications and allow them to bloom into robust roots of bitterness which can spring up and trouble many. I am resolved to not allow such a condition to exist within me, and it is a great burden and desire that I have for all others I know in Christ to do the same.

I encourage all in Christ to think of your interaction with fellow believers, and be mindful to not speak in a way that would cause offense. I am not saying that we should do so at the expense of compromising the truth, or be afraid to confront iniquity, or error because it may hurt the persons feelings in the flesh. I was converted by such a word! I am more than thankful that someone was willing to hurt my feelings to save my soul. That being said, it is needful to consider more closely the spirit and desire behind any communication between believers. I have been provoked to ask myself, is this edifying? Is this encouraging? Is this beneficial? Is this really the truth? Or do I just feel like saying this because I want to voice my opinion? I think anyone who is honest and truly desires to labor in this endeavour will come to the right conclusion if they thoroughly examine the spirit and motivation of their words in accord with this standard. *"Let all things be done to the use of edifying"*

I encourage all in Christ to be sensitive to not offend, yet also endeavor to not be easily offended. Don't be quick to assign ignoble motives when there may have just been a miscommunication. Be quick to assume the best of your brethren, unless you have been given some obvious outward evidence to the contrary. Matthew Cobb

BE NOT WEARY!

THIS EVENING AS YOU LIE DOWN TO SLEEP, IF YOU HAVE HAD A DAY WHERE YOU FOUGHT HARD TO STAND, WITHSTOOD HEAVY TEMPTATIONS, RECALL THESE WORDS OF COMFORT, THAT YOU MAY HAVE HOPE...

**"IT IS OF THE LORD'S MERCIES THAT WE ARE NOT CONSUMED,
BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING:
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS." (LAM 3:22-23)**

REST THIS EVENING IN PEACE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW MERCIES AND COMPASSIONS OF THE LORD IN THE MORNING.

IF YOU HAVE HAD A DAY OF INCREASE, A DAY OF BLESSED FELLOWSHIP IN THE LORD, OF OBTAINING AND PRESSING FORTH. REST WITH PEACE CONSIDERING THIS SAME TRUTH, KNOWING THAT IF YOU CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SAVIOR WHOSE MERCY AND COMPASSION HAS HELD YOU UP TODAY, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RELY UPON HIS CONSISTENCY AGAIN TOMORROW.

**"AND LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING: FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT. AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH."
GALATIANS 6:9-10**

THERE IS A PLACE WHERE THE SAINT OF GOD CAN THRIVE, LIVING APART FROM THE STRIFE AND FAILING OF THE FLESH - THIS PLACE HAS BEEN CREATED BY GOD FOR ALL THOSE WHOM HE HAS PUT "INTO HIS SON, CHRIST JESUS"
THIS IS A PLACE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY, A PLACE WHERE SIN CANNOT ENTER AND FAILURE IS IMPOSSIBLE! WHERE IS THIS PLACE YOU ASK?
IT IS REALIZED AS WE "WALK AND LIVE" IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD!



"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16



Praying With all Prayer

With Sister Adah Hutchcraft

Our Father in Heaven,

Thank You for keeping the souls of Your children who are oppressed. We bless You for the promise of the resurrection body which will bear no mark or memory of the pain, molestation, scars, or humiliations experienced in this world. Christ alone eternally bears the marks of His wounds, and they are the timeless testimony of our purchased forgiveness and salvation. For this we bless You and live in hope, for our hope is Christ Jesus our Savior. In His mighty Name we come to You, Amen.

(Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 5:6)

Our Gracious God,

Give us increased confidence that You will complete the good work You have begun in us, and that You are able to deliver the godly out of temptation. You are our only place of true security and assurance. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Our Gracious Father,

May more people more deeply look to You, not as a means of getting what we want, but as the one and only who can satisfy the soul. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Our Precious Heavenly Father,

You give grace to not lose heart. For though our outer man is wasting away, our inner man is being renewed day by day. This light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. These things that are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal. Strengthen our faith, for it is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Hebrews 11:1)

HOPE

Hope is rocket fuel to the inner man! It allows him to endure nearly impossible obstacles to Christlikeness. Ability to endure is in direct correlation to the quality and amount we possess of this pure, heavenly elixir. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can source this otherworldly hope. There is absolutely no place on earth where man can find it. Nothing at all can allow a normal person to endure all of the rejection, disappointment, disapproval and difficulties, (too diverse and many to catalog here), that are inevitably encountered by those who are really trying to imitate Christ and change the way things are in this wicked world. Those who're actually paddling upriver with all of their might. Those who are flying and or sailing against the prevailing winds of evil that are spewing like sewage out of the gates of hell against the anointed elect of Christ.

We feel the very real spiritual darkness around us in this world, and are not unaware of Satans's strategies, not one bit! Climbers of Mt. Everest never felt this downward pull of the gravitational forces more strongly than we feel hell and this world pulling our ascending souls! Only by manfully fighting upward and onward do we escape this pull, using the God-given resources of prayer, selfdiscipline and strong determined faith. But, it is HOPE alone that sustains our faith and love when we are nearly worn out and totally exhausted by this fight, the "good fight" of faith. Without confidence in a better outcome, an eventual release from the tensions and strains of daily struggles to overcome, we would lose the ability to carry on so heroically. One more day, and this too shall pass, we tell ourselves.

This won't last forever. Tough times don't outlast hopeful people! They endure, they look for the silver lining, they believe that all things really do work out....eventually... for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. (Rom.8:28)

So they (we) never quit...permanently, though they (we) do take a break from time to time, slow down, and smell a few tulips....and roses. This is a marathon, not a sprint, after all! They learn to lean heavily on Jesus, on their belief that He really does care and is here, and there, and everywhere, sustaining, comforting, caring. Without that magic potion of the heavenly balm of real hope, they would fade, fall, finish badly, and end up poorly! But not with it! With hope, they wake up refreshed, ready to try again, to try harder, to believe more, that they can please the Lord by their simple faith, that He will add to their feeble attempts His own powerful aid and expansion. Sandwiches feed thousands, faint but sincere prayers ignite the hearts of thousands.

Hope does dawn eternal in the human heart, when cultivated and nurtured with God's ironclad promises in Christ. A contract has been made, sealed with the blood of Jesus! He will not forsake His own, and will deliver us to the uttermost, and we shall overcome some day, even today while it is still called today. We can do it, because we believe. Hope works for us. So do whatever is needed to get more hope, keep that hope safe, and live by it every day until you die or Jesus comes again. HOPE!

- Brother Jeff Hostetter

FAITH

THOUGHTS ON FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

By: Brother Justin Cobb

There will be situations you will encounter in life that appear on the surface to be hopeless. They will appear to contradict what God is doing in delivering saints on the Earth. Today, you may experience the following:

Hunger, heat, cold, inadequate clothing, sadness, sickness and disease, tiredness, pain, perils in commuting, persecution and hatred, being forsaken of men, injustices, over-encumbering tasks and burdensome labor, death and injury of loved ones, the cares of the world, sinful environments that vex your soul, distractions, and various other fiery trials and temptations. On paper it's easy to boil these down to a mere intellectual assessment, but to experience them for yourself is quite another thing altogether.

For instance, it's one thing to say to a person who has lost their child to trust God, and it's another thing to experience your child dying and having to trust Him yourself. Regardless of what we pass through all of these things are purposely designed and sent by God to produce things in you. **(1 Pet 1:7)** These things are produced in us when we, in the experience, lean the weight of our souls on God, trusting in Him. We pass through, trusting in the Savior's words, "...be not afraid, only believe" **(Mk 5:36)**. Focusing on what you're going through will cause you to be afraid — Believing Jesus will cause you to pass through!

Just like Peter began to sink when he turned his attention from Jesus and onto the storm **(Matt 14:30)**, If at any time your attention turns to what you are going through, you will begin to sink. You see, all of these experiences generate thoughts within every one of us.

All thoughts are like roads. They lead a person places. Some thoughts, if entertained, can lead you away from the light, distract you from doing the works of God, and give place to the devil. If followed long enough they lead to other evil thoughts, imaginations, erroneous conclusions, unthankfulness, doubt, unbelief, and they can eventually cause these things to enter your heart! It is a sobering truth, that a person who errors in their conduct, first errors in their thinking.

This is why we are admonished to, "set our affection on things above." **(Col 3:2)**, and to "...bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" **(2 Cor 10:5)**. To "cast your care upon Him" **(1 Pet 5:7)**. To "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." **(Heb 3:12)**. These are realities we must be aware of at all times.

Remember what Peter did during the time he began to sink, He called out to Jesus to save Him, believing He could **(Matt 14:30)**. As we set our attention on the things of God there are Holy thoughts generated that lead us to beautiful and fruitful places. Places on High that nurture faith and hope. As we are built up in our most Holy faith, we will find that impossible situations are not so. You will be able to pass through things that even defy nature— like walking on the water during a storm, you can endure persecution, temptation, injustice and more. If anything stands in your way, you will be able to conquer it! Giants or not!

But Peter walked with Jesus. He was acquainted with Him so much so that He knew to call out to Him when He needed help. Our relationship with Christ is no different. When the storms of doubt, trial, and temptations come our way, we need to already be intimately acquainted with Jesus, so that we will know to call out to Him. Closeness to God gives the believer a constraining zeal to follow after righteousness, and to not want to sin. Why would a person resist a temptation if they did not want to resist it? How can a person call out for help when they do not want it? Nearness to God will cause you to reach out to Him and take the way of escape.

This is also why it is important to culture Godly friendships in the world, and not to be intermingling unnecessarily with those who are unbelievers. They are not afraid to speak what they think, even things that ought not be spoken, so not only are you having to do battle with your own contrary thoughts during your time of trial, but with the thoughts and suggestions of others during your trial. On the other hand, those who are fighting the good fight can share with us Holy and precious thoughts! They can encourage and build us up and strengthen our hands!

So when the 10 spies give an evil report, do not judge according to appearances, but with a righteous judgment! God said He would deliver us, and He will! Today, fight the good fight of faith! Wrestle to stay focused on God! Everyone who fights wins, regardless of the giants they may face!



Brother Marty Ellison

After Paul wrote his first letter to the Thessalonians, he became aware that false teachers in the church were perverting the Truth of the gospel He and Silas had taught, misleading believers with erroneous ideas that the day of the Lord was already come. Some thought the “day of Christ is at hand” (2 Thess 2:2), some thinking it so near that it was as good as present, and believing that was why they were experiencing tribulation.

Paul perceived the immediate spiritual danger to the church and wrote his second letter, restating the Truth and the facts revealed to him concerning the events of Christ's return, explaining the jeopardy of the church's condition. Paul would later write to the Ephesian church about a similar problem of believers failing to grow in their faith and thereby becoming prey to false teaching: “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Eph 4:13).

Paul determined it was his responsibility to re-establish the Truth, as Christ “cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth” (Psa 96:13). It was necessary that Paul correct the deceptions that had crept in to the church, and encourage them in their faith. He's wise to address the whole church in a spirit of unity as “whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it...” (1 Cor 12:26), first explaining the meaning of suffering - which is righteous judgment (2 Thess 1:5), and is not a sign that the day of the Lord is come.

What believers in the church had heard from others was wrong. The Holy Spirit's manner of dealing with this crisis of faith was to speak through Paul the truth and then give the meaning. He discerned deceit had been allowed to intrude into the minds of the believers, purposing to weaken their faith – exactly how Satan operates.

Suffering aims ultimately not at men's harm, but at his holiness and Paul reminds them that it is by this suffering they are “counted worthy of the kingdom of God” (v1.5); Faith enables us to tolerate suffering and to walk through it by God's strength;

He also reminds them that those who are afflicting will become the afflicted at the Lord's second coming – the Lord “recompenses tribulation to them that trouble you” (v1.6); evil will neither prosper nor prevail;

Yet, believers who are being afflicted will be given rest at the coming of the Lord; the Lord will recompense “to you who are troubled rest with us” (v1.7); here, referring to an end of their troubles and persecution, a rest that is ours because we have believed and which the saints will receive in fulness at the Lord's coming.

Brethren, Jesus Christ “is leading many sons to glory”, and it pleased the Father to “...make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings”. He also is gloriously perfecting us in like manner. Paul wrote Timothy that God will reward our faith and patience: “If we suffer, we shall also reign with him” (2 Tim 2:12), and he was well able to expound on these things as he himself must suffer in the earth with a thorn in his side, so that he could truthfully testify and witness to the words spoken to him by the Lord:

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....My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness”, and glorify God. Paul gladly bore and glorified in his infirmities “that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Cor 12:9), and witnessed to the Galatians: “From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.” (Gal 6:17). Peter said of this provision “But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye” (1 Pet 3:14), and we also can testify that in our trials we have experienced the power of Christ resting on us.

And we are fully persuaded this is not because Christ is come, it is because Christ will come! We're exhorted to remain stable, watchful, and alert that we would be prepared for the Lord's return, to “be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled” as were the Thessalonians, as if the day of Christ were already here (2 Thess 2:2). The saints are reminded Christ can come in judgment at any time, so “...be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer” (1 Pet 4:7), and “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith” (1 Cor 16:13); and “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess 5:6), putting on “...the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph 6:11).

On the Mount of Olives when Jesus' disciples questioned Jesus about his return, His very first response was “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matt 24:4); Peter wrote “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet 5:8); the Hebrews writer tells us “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” (Heb 2:1); and Paul told the Romans “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.” (Rom 16:17).

The enemy's very present and forceful attempts to turn the saints away from the Lord through the reality of false teaching is the greatest threat of all to the faithful believer. The saints' capacity to oppose and neutralize it and be ready for Christ when He comes is a matter of life and death. And this we see expounded in second Thessalonians. Jesus gave many warnings: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” (Matt 7:15), “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matt 24:24), and Peter wrote “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you....And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Pet 2:1-2).

It takes all men's faith, God's strength by grace, and the love of the truth to remain wholly vigilant and repel the wicked one's advances. After the walls of Jerusalem had been rebuilt, and Sanballat, Tobiah, Arabians, Ammonites and Ashdodites - very wroth - surrounded the city looking to forcibly enter, the people “made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them day and night” (Neh 4:9). Brethren this is timely advice.

Paul again reminds the Thessalonians (he has taught them before) of the manner of our Lord's return: “...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints....” (2 Thess 1:7-10).

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Before this, however, there will be an apostasy in the earth - a falling away, a defection of men from the faith, an act of unpardonable rebellion against God and his Truth. There will be a famine of hearing wherein the Word of God, though available will not be heard: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord; And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it” (Amos 8:11-12). Then the man of lawlessness – Antichrist, the son of perdition - will be revealed on earth.

Satan's evil and deception are already at work in the world, and many anti-Christ's: John wrote “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1 John 2:18). That man of sin's appearance is presently being restrained, by whom or why, we are not told, but God will allow him to be revealed at an appointed time and then he will stand in the temple of God and declare himself to be God, opposing any other, and exalting himself above the one true God. He will come with evil power and with fake signs and pretend miracles to promote his lies, but Christ will consume him “with the spirit of His mouth”, and destroy him “with the brightness of his coming” (2 Thess 2:8).

He will come “....with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thess 2:10-12)

The man of sin works by innate deceit and falsehood, and will by means of such trickery and misrepresentation, masquerade his unrighteousness as righteousness, his wickedness as holiness to impose upon the world. Though all will be exposed to Antichrist's deceptions, those “that perish” are in the greatest jeopardy. Such are those that did not care for the truth, whom when given it rejected it, preferring darkness over light, to whom “....the preaching of the cross is foolishness” (1 Cor 1:18), to whom the gospel “is hid”, “in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not”

(2 Cor 4:3-4); whom God has given up “to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts” (Rom 1:24); they received not the love of the Truth, and preferred unrighteousness.

God responded to their continuing sin by bringing upon them strong delusion (no longer just an indifference to the Truth, but an effectual influence of error upon their hearts) with the deliberate purpose that they are now unable to discern between truth and a lie. Paul later wrote similarly to the Romans of God's retribution and wrath against the unrighteous and ungodly who had changed the truth of God into a lie: “....For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections” (Rom 1:24, 26). When Antichrist comes, such will neither recognize the reality of his deceptions, nor be able to escape receiving Satan's lie which Antichrist would have them believe, succumbing totally to his seductions and falsehoods unto condemnation. Jesus knew this would happen: “I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:43). They will do so because they have not received the love of the Truth – a gift from God to all men - and will not be saved from condemnation; they have forfeited God's salvation that He had purposed for all men.

The burden on God of Israel's sin caused Him to tell the Israelites “Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.” (Amos 2:13). How much more the burden on God, of all the sin in the world? This burden He purposed to have gloriously lifted through the work of His Son Jesus Christ whom God sent that all should “believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:29).

We are not to think that this is ultimately for our sakes – it is ultimately for God's sake. Who among us is so ignorant and vain to refuse the love of the Truth of a mighty God, of whom, Isaiah wrote “....hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance” (Isa 40:12)? God was pleased for a season to overlook the times of human ignorance of his Deity, omnipotence and His will, and His people failing to love Him, but not anymore since He gave His Son to save the world. He is not going to wink any longer at unrighteousness, and men not receiving His Christ and His gift of the love of the Truth. As it is written: “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).

LOVE OF THE TRUTH

If men do not have the love of the Truth, it is impossible for such to bring honor and glory to God's name. As the Truth is His gift to men who have a choice to reject it, or believe it, so the love of the Truth is His gift and men must receive it or be forever lost. God thus requires men to not just assent to His Truth, but to love it, and if we do not have the love of the Truth and do not pursue it, we cannot have a saving relationship with God.

We may be zealous for God and purpose to learn and know as much as we possibly can about Him as in an intellectual search for Him in the books of Moses and the prophets (as the Jews purposed to do), yet not know in our hearts, God or His ways, or His will, or His righteousness, or His salvation. Paul said of the Jews, praying that they might be saved: "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." (Rom 10:2). Such do not know God in the manner of knowing Him with a heart's love for Him. Diligent study of the scriptures may teach a man about God and Christ, but he will not know either, unless he has the love of the Truth. Fleshly affections for the truths in the gospel, knowledge of and even compliance with the scriptures, as of laws, or historical faith in the doctrines but denying the power thereof, are not evidences of the love of the Truth.

In order for men to love the Truth it must, in his heart be preferred and esteemed highly above all else, recognizing its value is higher than any other thing in his temporal life; it is not to be given up for any purpose, for any thing; it is written "Buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov 23:23), and we would be willing to sell all to obtain it "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." (Matt 13:44).

The love of the Truth parallels our love for Jesus Christ, as He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Our love of Jesus embodies the love of the Truth. The two cannot be separated in the sincere heart. If we do not have the love of the Truth, we cannot profess to love Jesus. If we do not love Jesus, the love of the Truth has no meaning. A love of the Truth means we have an heart attitude which values the Truth for its own sake – even for Christ's sake. That is, we love the Truth not because it is our only source of Truth, speaks the Truth, or instructs us in the ways of Truth and righteousness, but because it is the Truth.

We love the Truth in such a manner that our heart is compelled to desire more of it – to plumb its depths as deeply as our heart will allow, and by grace and through the Holy Spirit we do receive even greater capacity to love and know the Truth and Christ, and by it, an increase in our love for the Truth until its end is reached when we see God. The Truth must be our "first love", and we would forfeit all else to put it and Christ first in our affections, resisting attempts by Satan who would have us to place our greatest love in things of the earth.

Paul's expression of the infinite value, and ultimate saving power unto all men of Christ's sufferings and resurrection, I believe demonstrates to us the meaning and the glory of the love of the Truth: "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Phil 3:8-11). And this too is our heart's highest desire.

For him who has not the love of the Truth, the window of time for him to receive it is still open, but it closeth. Paul said "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Rom 13:12).

The good news is that those who have received Jesus Christ and the love of the Truth from God by the Holy Spirit, and follow in His ways – not perishing – are saved; saved from the assaults of lies from anti-Christ's and the lawless one; saved from being wholly deceived; saved from receiving the curse of delusion; saved from perishing; saved from condemnation.

This Truth that we love is that which was revealed to us and given to us in Jesus Christ by whom all grace and Truth came and exists; it is the sum of promises, God's purpose for all creation in the sum of His Words; it is hid in the hearts of believing men; our love for it is the reason we died by His mercy and his grace, and the reason for our life here and in the hereafter by His mercy and His grace; it is that which made us free, and it is the only means by which we may come to know God and Christ, the only means by which we may appropriate and lay hold of God's gift of eternal life, as it is written: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

- Brother Marty Ellison

TILL THE COME

Part 7 of a series considering the subject of the Lord's Table by; Brother Robert Cobb

Final Consideration - Part seven on "The Lord's Table

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?"

What a powerful word we have been given here, "the communion of the blood"

The "communion" of the Blood-

The "fellowship" of the Blood-

The "association" of the Blood-

The "function" of the Blood-

The "relation" of the Blood-

The "communication" of the Blood of Christ

God has developed the proper perspective that men must have when considering "blood" in His word. God told Noah "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." (Genesis 9:4) I know that some do not think anything of eating blood sausage, but they should reconsider! God is very specific when it comes to eating blood, and the Apostle even affirms this in the new covenant era "But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. (Acts 15:20) – So we can begin to see how foreign it must have been to have Jesus show up and talk about "eating His flesh and drinking His blood" – These scribes and Pharisees did not have a clue what Jesus was talking about.

Throughout scripture God has laid a good foundation for the appreciation of blood.

Here are some implications of the word

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"communion"

"The communion of the blood."

This word "communion" is a word that is full of meaning.

"The fellowship of the blood of Christ."

When we come around this table and remember Jesus there is a very real and vibrant fellowship with the one that was dead, yet, he is alive forevermore.

There is a fellowship in His death, and a fellowship in His life.

Participation is another aspect of this word.

The participation of the blood of Christ,

The blood of this sacrifice has been sprinkled on us, just as the high priest of old were commanded on the day of atonement to sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice on the people, the blood of this covenant has come, and it has made contact with us, we are participating with the blood of a living person.

"The benefaction of His Blood"

"The conferring aid of the blood of Christ"

The blood, or life of Christ, has conferred the ultimate aid to our souls.

And as we gather to remember the price tag that was associated with the conferment of this blessing, we are given to appreciate "the living person of Jesus."

Another way to think about this blood is

“the communication” of the Blood of Christ.

We know from the revelation of the scriptures that the blood of martyrs speaks against all those who took their life, but we have come to a blood that blesses.

“And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.” (Hebrews 12:24)

When we come around this table we gather “as one man”, or as the Holy Spirit said it "one bread."

1 Corinthians 10:17 (KJVS)

For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

There is a special blessing that is enjoyed as we gather together in the body of Christ.

Gathering together **to remember His death** till he come, focusing together to consider “His blessed appearance.”

Jesus shall “Appear” with power and glory!

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when **he shall appear**, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." 1 John 2:28

Gathering at this table is required so the saints will be found “watching” when Jesus appears in the clouds! This table of remembrance is essential in the preparation of the hearts, minds and souls of all God’s people.

I have enjoyed considering this time of “remembrance” – it is always right and good to remember Jesus! This is a topic that will never grow old, even in the ages to come He will remain “the Lamb that was slain, and is in the midst of the Throne” - Robert Cobb

Things “that accompany salvation”

1. All things are being worked together for our good (Rom 8:28)
2. All things belong to us (1 Cor 3:21-23)
3. All things have become new (2 Cor 5:17)
4. Are a chosen generation (1 Pet 2:9)
5. Are a holy nation (1 Pet 2:9)
6. Are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
7. Are a peculiar, or unique, people for God (1 Pet 2:9)
8. Are a royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:9)
9. Are begotten to an inheritance that is reserved for us in heaven (1 Pet 1:3-4)
10. Are being changed from one stage of glory to another by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:18)
11. Are called to an eternal inheritance (Heb 9:15)
12. Are Christ’s brethren (Heb 2:11,17)
13. Are citizens of heaven (Phil 3:20)
14. Are complete in Christ (Col 2:10)
15. Are dead with Christ (Rom 6:6; Col 2:20; 3:3)
16. Are delivered from the law (Rom 7:6)
17. Are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God (Eph 2:19)
18. Are filled with all joy and peace in believing (Rom 15:13)
19. Are given an understanding (1 John 5:20)
20. Are heirs of God (Rom 8:17)
21. Are joint heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17)
22. Are justified from all things (Acts 13:39)
23. Are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)
24. Are more than conquerors through Christ (Rom 8:37)
25. Are no more strangers and foreigners before God (Eph 2:19)
26. Are reconciled to God (Rom 5:10; Col 1:21)
27. Are redeemed from the curse of the Law (Gal 3:13)
28. Are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph 4:30)
29. Are taught by God to love one another (1 Thess 4:9)
30. Are taught by Jesus (Eph 4:21)

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(excerpt from the larger list of “168 things that accompany salvation” found on his website)

Press The Battle

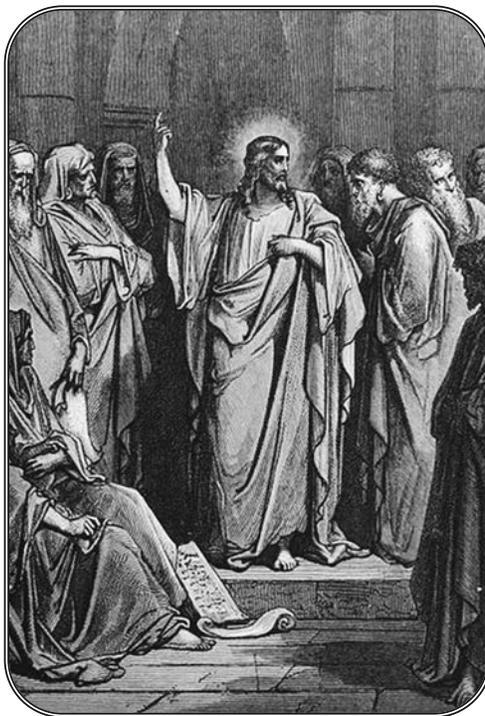
A COMMENTARY BY BROTHER GENE HUTCHCRAFT

The aggressive nature of Jesus' public ministry is striking, moreover since He is often presented as docile, accommodating, and pliable to the circumstances of human need. However, the scripture record communicates this prominent aspect of His nature, the primary one, it is that He pressed forward the eternal purpose of His Father and no other. Remember how scripture spoke of Him... **Psalms 69:9** "...the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." His disciples had to run to keep up with Him, so to speak. Jesus did and said things which continually stunned His listeners and witnesses by its imposing character. Let the implications of this truth fortify your faith to abide in the earth walking in the light of that reality.

Jesus began His public work in and around Judea after returning from His confrontation with Satan in the wilderness. Led by the Spirit Jesus was tested for forty days after which the Tempter personally appeared for this duel in the desert. Satan could not resist the opportunity in which he was unsuccessful. Meanwhile, **Luke 4:14** "...Jesus returned

in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about." What was the basis of that 'fame'? Think of these statements by hearers and summations by the gospel writers of His words and works. Some at the beginning and others later in His ministry. **Mark 1:22** "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes". In Galilee they were amazed. **Luke 4:22** "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'" **Luke 4:36** "And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, 'What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.'"

John records even earlier events in Judea. Jesus' first time in Jerusalem, following the testing by Satan, He violently took control of the Temple area, approximately 30 acres. Jesus of Nazareth imposed His will and removed a market place the priest's allowed to dominate the environment. Jesus, a member of the tribe of Judah, wrenched temporary control of the Holy Places in Jerusalem from the chief priest's and tribe of Levi. Note that these men verbally objected to His actions but did not command the Temple soldiers to arrest Jesus or make any legal charges against Him. Such was the commanding nature of Jesus' presence, words, and works. They feared Him and the crowds who gladly witnessed these things!



Further, John records... **John 2:23** "Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did."

The Master would later have more confrontations with these religious elders and their associates. For they followed Him throughout His travels, even into Galilee and east of the Jordan in the regions called Decapolis and Perea. Pharisees, a very strict sect of traditionalists, once challenged Him and the disciples for picking and eating a few grains on the Sabbath day. Jesus forcefully dismissed their thinking about Sabbath observance and stated the matter of His identity in the same statement. **Matthew 12:7-8** "But if ye had known what this meaneth, 'I will have mercy, and not sacrifice,' ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." His use of Scripture and the claim His identity would strike a thoughtful Jew as stunning, leaving no middle ground. They either believed Him or must charge Him with blasphemy for such words!

Also, Jesus healed on the Sabbath day, many times! This action caused anger and bitter frustration among the Jewish traditionalists. Yet, He met their objections with strong words never shrinking from stating the truth, aggressively. Whether it was scripture truth or the reality of His identity:

Mark 3:1-6 *"And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, 'Stand forth.' And he saith unto them, 'Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?' But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, 'Stretch forth thine hand.' And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him."*

Luke 13:10-17 *"And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, 'Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.' And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, 'There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.' The Lord then answered him, and said, 'Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?' And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him."*

Also, as to Jesus' focus and kingdom view of His actions, His mother and brothers came to where He was and attempted to interrupt. However, Jesus refused their request with these words. **Matthew 12:48-50** *"Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, 'Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.'" Some may have thought He broke the fifth commandment to honor your father and mother. However, Jesus would allow no earthly claims to detour His first honoring the heavenly father. Even so, the time of submission to His earthly mother, as He did at age 12, was now past.*

And one last observation involves the crowd of 5000 men (not counting women and children) for whom Jesus multiplied the bread and fish to eat. **John 6:14-15** *"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, 'This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.' When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone." He would not assent to popular will based on human appetites; not social, political, or physical interests. Jesus submitted to no other desires or expectations but the Father's, always pleasing Him regardless of what men thought!*

Brethren, let us also do this, as Jesus, with a single eye and heart inclined toward the Father. Scripture is clear as to God's view of such people. 2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." And the Psalmist affirms this. Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

So, press the battle of righteousness, truth, and the hope of eternal life opened by and in Christ. You will not be ashamed or disappointed! Extend your faith toward the mark of the prize of God's high calling in the Savior. Nothing else will pass approval on the last day of Jesus' appearing and the judgment to which we are all appointed. Let us ready ourselves for it by faith from God Who rewards it abundantly! Even so did He reward our Savior, His Son!



Conflicting principles are now found within us. We have a "heavenly treasure" in an "earthly vessel" (2 Cor. 4:7). In that condition, it is not possible to be without the experience of fierce inner conflict and contradiction. That situation is the source of contradictory feelings, thoughts, and inclinations. Our "earthen vessel" struggles for dominance, and in its conflict with the "treasure" we have our warfare. The "treasure," like Abraham, is found in strange and hostile environment (Heb. 11:19).

Both "light" and "darkness" exist in us. The presence of these moral influences requires diligent effort to "walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). Light has no "communion" with darkness (2 Cor. 6:14). No place is this lack of communion as evident as it is within the believer. It becomes the source of incessant struggle.

"God and evil" wrestle within the reconciled, struggling for the dominance (Rom. 7:15-23; 1 Cor. 15:33). The influence of one of these cannot be experienced without the influence of the other. "Good" cannot be pursued without "evil" crying for attention, and "evil" cannot become the focus of attention without "good" objecting. Two contrary voices cry simultaneously, demanding our allegiance.

"The Spirit" and the "flesh" have mutually antithetic desires, and make them known within the redeemed (Gal. 5:17). They "lust" against each other, pulling in opposite directions.

Their contrariety is the cause of inner struggle and conflict. The eternal and the temporal orders cry out for the attention of the saints. The sobering reality is that believers have the ability to behold them both (2 Cor. 4:18). This condition requires spiritual vigilance and diligence in the child of God. It is not possible to be passive or casual in this struggle, and still be found "accepted of Him" (2 Cor. 5:9). The presence of warring principles creates a "valley of decision" (Joel 3:14).

There are an "old" and a "new" man within the saved. The "old" is to be subordinated and "put off" by the believer, and the "new" is to be "put on" (Eph. 4:22-24). This cannot be accomplished without hearty effort on the part of the believer. Neither will it be achieved in assemblies of believers that do not contribute to their spiritual strength. The casual sharing of general information and news items will never give the saints an advantage in their warfare. Intellectual treatise of interesting subjects, historical analysis, and humorous anecdotes will not do it either. Leaders that take the warfare seriously will feed the flock. Those that do not should be discharged immediately, and without question. Eternal issues are at stake!

A struggle between life and death rages in everyone that has believed and obeyed the Gospel. It is something in which you are involved. It has to do with eternal life and condemnation, and it was initiated by the introduction of spiritual life.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SITUATION

We are living in two conflicting worlds simultaneously. The "world to come" (Heb. 2:5) is now our abode by faith. This "present evil world" (Gal. 1:4) is our tangible residence while we remain "in the body" (2 Cor. 5:8). These are not merely two different worlds. One is destined for destruction (2 Pet. 3:10-12). The other constitutes a "kingdom that cannot be shaken," and will be revealed when the other one is destroyed (Heb. 12:27-28). Until that time, they are irreconcilable. An eternal order cannot be at peace with a temporal one! As a believer in Christ, you have to do with them both, and that is a constant source of inner conflict.

We have also been "espoused" to an absent "Bridegroom" (2 Cor. 11:2). This condition has introduced a conflict of interests. The world solicits us to deny our betrothal and play the harlot with her. No person in Christ is exempt from the struggle. All have received a heavenly mandate to "fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. 6:12,19). Take the warfare seriously, and have done with things of no eternal consequence. The time is short, the battle is fierce, and your eternal destiny is at stake.

Inner struggle also ensues because part of us is dying, while the other part is being constantly renewed. Our "outward man" is perishing, but our "inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). However, the "perishing" part of us is not reconciled to dying! Further, the "inward man" requires that our "affection" be "set on things above, and not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). However, this can only be accomplished while subduing the earthly proclivities of the "outward man." Thus, the struggle.

Matthew Cobb

There is always time to spend with the Lord, the only real question is will we "buy up" the time from other fruitless activities in order to have that most precious time with our Lord!

Ho, my comrades, see the signal,
waving in the sky!

Reinforcements now appearing,
victory is nigh.

See the mighty host advancing,
Satan leading on;

Mighty ones around us falling,
courage almost gone!

See the glorious banner waving!
Hear the trumpet blow!

In our Leader's Name we triumph
over every foe.

Fierce and long the battle rages,
but our help is near;

Onward comes our great Commander,
cheer, my comrades, cheer!

Hold the fort, for I am coming,
Jesus signals still;

Wave the answer back to
Heaven, By Thy grace we will.

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Brother David McGee
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Now for sure, no one knows the day or the hour when, Jesus Christ is coming, but we do know for sure that He is coming and that His coming is going to be “soon and unexpected.” Amen? Well how about a witness here?? Are you looking for and expecting Him??? Now this is “good news” for those of us who have been born again, who have placed our trust in Him! But on the other hand, this is a terrible message for those who have rejected Jesus Christ and stand under judgment. Notice, Jesus said, “surely I come quickly.” The Word “quickly” used here means, “suddenly and at any moment.” Hey Christians we His people “must be ready” for His sudden and soon coming! We must always be prepared, and looking for His soon return! Amen!?

Hey folks, a person who is walking with God as he or she ought to be, should always be looking “forward to Jesus Christ’s return.” A person who really knows God should always be a little homesick for Winsted, Connecticut Heaven. Are you homesick for heaven? If Jesus Christ were to return today, And He might do just that, Would you be ready? Loving you in Christ- Pastor David McGee



Brother Taveon Dumas
Cleveland, OH

He is my GOD, His Son died for my sins, how can I not follow Him?

I love sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I won't stop until He comes and takes me home!

When it comes to the end of your life, the only thing that will truly matter is, if you know Jesus.

You don't need horoscopes to tell you your future, the Bible does that. It tells you the future of the wicked and of the righteous!



Brother Dwight Clifton
Chesterton, IN

May we always reflect on our moments of absolute desperation, and keep in perspective that no matter how much we own, who our close friends and family are, or how much money we have, that all we truly ever need is Jesus



Sister Della Rogers
Orlando, FL

If you don't know anything please know that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us (Eph 3:20), which you should have if you belong to the Lord! In the mean time just stay focused on The lord and I know that he will keep you in perfect peace as he moves you into the future he has for you! This why some people he has moved out your life, and some have showed you the way that he wants you to go— but be aware that Satan is on your track, trying to pull you down, discouraging you with stuff that does not really matter!

Stay focused on the Lord, and He promises that He will see you through. Stay in the word, and pray constantly!"



Sister Samantha Sanchez
Lake Station, IN

In Ephesians 6:14-17 Paul tells us to stand and put on the armor of God, then goes on to list what that armor entails...This means we are to fight our spiritual battles after wearing our spiritual armor. We are not to go to the battlefield when we are not dressed for battle. Since in many circumstances we do not know when the enemy will attack or where he will attack from, we must always be ready for battle by always wearing our armor. Let us therefore emulate Nehemiah and the Israelites and wear our armor even when we are working because "Those who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and those who carried burdens loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at the construction and with the other hand they held a weapon. Each of the builders had a sword girded at his side as he built. (Nehemiah 4:17-18)"



Brother Anthony Nguyen
Huntington Beach, CA

A beloved and loved child of God has a choice not to worry or be anxious. Choosing not to allow fear and anxiety to control your life. Choosing to guard your heart. Choosing to focus your mind and your thoughts on what is the truth in God's Word in the midst of uncertain times. Choosing to not to focus on the problems at hand, but focusing and keeping your eyes upon Jesus and what He has already done and given you. Choosing to let go of all the things that is beyond your control and trusting in the Lord your God that He is still in control. Choosing to walk in faith and believing that your identity is in Christ. Choosing to believe that God is always with you and that He cares for you. You don't have to live in fear when the storms of this life come pouring down, when Jesus can and will calm those

storms if you seek Him and ask Him to. You can have God's peace and His patience in your circumstances. God is far greater and above all things in heaven and on earth." When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought joy to my soul. "(Psa 94:19). Jesus said, "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. " (John 14:27) Blessings and grace, Pastor Anthony #Shalom

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We always need Jesus with us-
We cannot fight alone.
So powerful the enemy,
We need help from the Throne!

We all assumed we had the strength
To win the moral fight.
But after losing we must know
We need the Lord of Might.

Only with Him can we conquer.
We need Him by our side.
By His Spirit we shall prevail
If in Him we abide.



**Brother
Lawrence Baldrige**
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THE SUBSTANCE

Believe! And cling to that belief!
For doubting is a subtle thief
That steals from you poise and power
Faith produces hour by hour.

If all the world denounces good,
Believe! And act the way you should!
If cynics all deny the Light
And try to turn your day to night

Aflame with faith, shine on, shine on,
Until the darkness all is gone!
And be a symbol to mankind
That faith, true faith, is never blind!
Hebrews 11:1



**Brother
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And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. (Psa37;6-7)

It's very easy to become discouraged by the things we see in this world. When Christians are mocked, beaten and killed for their faith while the wicked are lauded and paraded. The world's system has turned away from God completely and people rejoice at this. Christians are seen as problematic; they are persecuted on the daily. But you, dear Christian, should not be discouraged because God is always with you. There will come a time where your name will be cleared and you will be free of the oppression you have faced on earth. Continue to find solace in God's presence, trust in Him, and know that the wicked will have their day. In the meanwhile, stay fixed on God for He is good and his faithfulness is forever.

Heavenly Father, I am grateful because I know that no matter what I face on this earth, nothing will separate me from the love you have for me. When I am mocked, insulted, or ostracized for choosing to follow you, though it may hurt me, I will not falter in my faith because your love is my strength. You supply me with the peace I need; you remind me of the glory to come. Even as I see the wicked walking tall, I will not let discouragement get the better of me, because I know what truly matters – my life in you. Father, I thank you for your love and your faithfulness. It will never leave me wanting. It will never leave me restless. You are the source of peace and strength. Help me, O Lord, when it seems like there is no way. For with you, there is always a way. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



Brother Stephen Queen
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Heavenly Father,

Thank You for all the wonderful, Jesus loving, Holy Spirit filled believing friends I have on FB, I am grateful for sharing Jesus Love, encouragement, prayers and testimonies . I am blessed. Thank You, good and giving God. Please bless them all with more of You, through the power of Cross/Holy Spirit! In Jesus Name, Amen.

When the enemy presses in hard, do not fear, the battle belongs to the Lord. Through Cross of Christ and Sword of the Spirit. Thank you God, for Victory in Jesus! God is willing ! Jesus is able !



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The essence of fellowship is to edify one another. Edification is quite different from exciting people. If you will say anything that will cause doubt, fear and unbelief in the heart of your brother, just keep silent! The next time you speak in fellowship or Church, endeavour to weigh your speech whether it will edify or not.

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THE ENEMY HAS AN ARMY – We have to be aware of what we’re dealing with from day to day. The devil didn’t get kicked out of heaven by himself. “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” – Revelation 12:7-9 That is exactly why the bible tells us to be armored up. “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor

of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” – Ephesians 6:10-12

BEATITUDES

"From The Old Testament"

The word "beatitude" means "blessedness," or "a state of utmost bliss." That God desires to "bless" the people is evident in a number of pronouncements concerning being blessed by Him. May you find yourself in many, if not all, of them.

"BLESSED IS the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." (Psa 1:1)

"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. BLESSED ARE all they that put their trust in Him." (Psa 2:12)

"BLESSED IS he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. BLESSED IS the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile." (Psa 32:1-2)

"BLESSED IS the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." (Psa 33:12)

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: BLESSED IS the man that trusteth in Him." (Psa 34:8)

"BLESSED IS that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies." (Psa 40:4)

"BLESSED IS he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." (Psa 41:1)

"BLESSED IS the man whom thou chooseth, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple." (Psa 65:4)

"BLESSED ARE they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah." (Psa 84:4)

"BLESSED IS the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them." (Psa 84:5)

"O LORD of hosts, BLESSED IS the man that trusteth in Thee." (Psa 84:12)

"BLESSED IS the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance." (Psa 89:15)

"BLESSED IS the man whom Thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of Thy law;" (Psa 94:12)

"BLESSED ARE they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times." (Psa 106:3)

"Praise ye the LORD. BLESSED IS the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in His commandments." (Psa 112:1)

"BLESSED ARE the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD." (Psa 119:1)

"BLESSED ARE they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart." (Psa 119:2)

"BLESSED IS every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways." (Psa 128:1)

"Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for BLESSED ARE they that keep My ways." (Prov 8:32)

"BLESSED IS the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." (Prov 8:34)

Given O. Blakely

Steadfast Saints



FOR THE LAST THIRTEEN ISSUES OF THE BATTLEFIELD MAGAZINE, BROTHER MATTHEW AND SISTER NICOLE COBB HAVE GIVEN THEMSELVES TO THIS MINISTRY. EACH OF THEM HAVE GROWN IN THEIR ABILITIES TO CONSISTENTLY EDIFY AND BLESS THE SAINTS OF GOD. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICALLY THANK THESE “STEADFAST SAINTS” FOR THEIR CONTINUED LABORS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. NOW, AS THEY SET OUT ON A NEW MINISTRY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR THE LORD, WE ASK THAT GOD WOULD BE WITH THEIR FAMILY AND OPEN MANY DOORS OF FRUITFUL MINISTRY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. BROTHER MATTHEW WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WORK AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY BATTLEFIELD ISSUES TO COME.



COMMENTS FROM THE FOXHOLE

Given O. Blakely - "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:" (Psa 92:1). When I think of "all spiritual blessings" (Eph 1:4), and "All things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet 1:4), I want to shout praise to God.

Aaron Hutchcraft - it is a snare to think "I am not like other men" while only comparing ones self to other men, the Lord Himself is the plumb line of righteousness and truth. Only by the knowledge of the Lord is this present world seen for what it is.

Robert Cobb - We must "stand firm" on our own battleground and use the faith that God has placed within us to defeat all the giants that stand in our way of obtaining the blessing!

Emilie Arnold - "LAY hold on eternal life." Observe that this precept is preceded by another—"Fight the good fight of faith." Those who lay hold on eternal life will have to fight for it.

Bill Parsons - "There is always a way to get to Jesus. If God is for us, who can be against us? Who can effectively separate us from Him? He is the Savior, and He has purposed to save."

Adah Hutchcraft - In Christ, even when our will is not done with the specificity of our request, it is most certainly satisfied in the sufficiency of our Redeemer.

Jeff Hostetter - Being "led by the Spirit" is so much more than just a vague, poorly defined thing, like having a better attitude or even avoiding sin. It means going & doing, whatever the Lord desires.

"We are in a war saints! - Pick up that cross and run this race with endurance!"