

# The Liberating Secret

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## Ministry News

Come join us (meaning Jenny Fienning, Fran Giles, Margaret Lester, and Sylvia Pearce) at Pawley's Island, South Carolina for an semi-annual woman's retreat in March 10-17. E-mail Jenny for more info. That is: [jennyfianning@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyfianning@hotmail.com). If you can't make this one, there will be another one, Oct. 27-Nov.3.

Don't forget our annual God Unlimited week-in here in Louisville, Ky. That will happen May 18-21 2006. Just before Dan Stone passed into Glory, he said to many of us, that we all should get back to the fundamentals of union, I'm not sure we ever got off of them, but anyway it is in our hearts to lay down the fundamental teaching that were first taught us, by Norman Grubb.

Expect the Holy Spirit to move in marvelous ways giving us all more insights into our completed salvation and liberation in Christ. Brian Coatney, Bill Bower, Jim Fowler, Steve Pettit (maybe) and myself to say a few, will teach what to us is the meaning of life. Since there is only one power, and one almighty person in the whole universe> Then we are not separated independent law-bound beings... That is the lie of the universe. Therefore, "no independent-self" is the key to our liberation in Christ-it is not the promise land, Christ as us is that, but it is the key to it. Then the second important key for walking steadily in the promised land is seeing with the single-eye of faith- i.e. seeing "God only" behind all things. Then lastly, the third key is how Christ is "operating the Cross" by us, which produces transforming power able to liberate others by the laid down life of His intercessors. Our May conference will explore these three, life changing keys, and share as the Holy Spirit gives us unction. Circle May 18-21 on your new 06 calendar, you don't want to miss it.

The New Year started off with a bang... 2006... I still can't believe it. Did you know 20 years has pass since the Challenger catastrophe? Where did the years go? Anyway, back to 2006... January is the month of the year that I always send out our thanks for all that our precious supporter- contributors have given. Here is our appreciation letter for this year.

Dearly Beloved,

We want to start by thanking you all from the bottom of our hearts for your love, your prayers, and the support that you have given Christ, Our Life Ministries. And also to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of you who have bonded with us in faith and support in spreading this message of LIFE. Whether you supported us in prayer, in loving service, by financial giving or just simply for us and desiring along with us to reach the world with the 'rest of the Gospel,' we want to thank you and say how much we appreciate you. We at Christ, Our Life Ministries are glorifying and praising God for you, and for your thoughtful and faithful endeavor.

As usual the Spirit is expanding our radio ministry. We are now in 6 different cities, and soon to be adding Memphis, Tn. to our repertoire of five day a week programs. WMQM is 50,000 watts during the day, including our time 7-7:30 Am. We are also considering WBXR-AM 1140, Huntsville, Al. broadcasting our program at 10:00 Am. (That' sa good time too).

We hope that our friends in Birmingham can hear it as well. Yes, it is more money, but remember our motto..." Put the heat on God and not on man" ...I believe we got that one from Bill Bower, our friend in Pasadena, Ca. This added two stations will raise the number to eight stations...five days a week. Praise the Lord for all that He is doing to awake His body to the truth of union with Christ.

I' m getting lots of response from our Nashville, Tn. Station. Our new friend Rodney McFarland told me by phone that the Spiritual food that he gets from The Liberating Secret feeds him to overflowing, making it unnecessary to eat natural food. That may be a little extreme, but you get his point.

Christ, Our Life book store has expanded to Mimi Anderson' s house. The books will be distributed by Brian Coatney. We still have supplies here in Louisville at our house, but the added mail-out address will help. Brian and Mimi are continuing there ministry at Christian County Jail. Be sure to read the testimonies of liberation coming from the inmates, they are posted in the last two Liberating Secret Newsletter. By the way, many are committing favorable on the monthly Newsletter. If you aren' t on our email mailing list, you might want to sign up.

Brian is feverishly writing new materials to publish. Check the web bookstore for his latest masterpieces. My favorites are his, tongue and cheek, yet profoundly inspiring, dialogs. I' m sure they will be in printed form soon. I am still working on my new book, which will soon to be a old book...Good thing we are eternal, and not bound by time. Who has time anyway?

David, our son is ministering, as an inmate himself, to men at the Jefferson County Jail. Many are being saved, and disciplined by Dave. Praise the Lord for you, Dave. " Life' s disappointments are veiled love' s

appointments."

Jenny Fienning's Pawley's Island Women's Retreat is continuing to grow— we just recently got an application from a sister in California. So the west coast is coming east. Jenny, Fran Giles, Margaret Lester and I, share, counsel, and teach the ones at Pawley's. However, the Spirit is moving in mighty ways developing new teachers and just plain blessing us all. In 2006 the dates are: March 10-17 and October 1-8. Gals, you don't want to miss this!!

Margaret Lester's women's luncheon and meeting last October was a total success. There were about 25 women and two men (we like men too). I think for most there, they hear the fullness of the Gospel for the first time. We will have another one in October this year. Check the web-site for the info. Also in March, Margaret has put together another "Day Apart," in Cary, NC., hosted by Cheryl Humphrey.

Last year Scott and I were privileged to teach at Sharon and Ricky Skaggs' house. Ricky told me that Romans 6-8 was the best kept secret in Christianity. Well, hopefully it won't be a secret long. He also said, after reading Dan Stone's book, "that book just butters my corn." What joy to know such folks.

We had our fourth annual 'GodUnlimited Enrichment Week-end' last May. Always, folks say it was the best yet, but wait until May 06, you haven't seen anything yet. Last years week-end exploded into a greater awareness of God's love for each of us and our love and burden for the whole body of Christ. Bill Bower led a prayer time lasting several hours. Dan Stone, the one who asked for the prayer time, experienced his last union life meeting before going to Glory. He wouldn't let us pray for him, he said that he was ready to go. Hey Dan, you will be with us in May from on high, give us a special blessing, PLEASE. We are all looking forward to this years conference—May 18-21 Please think of who you can invite. You may look for your invitation sometime in late March.

God bless every one of you for being a blessing to others. May all that you have given double back to you so generously that you can hardly contain it. Christ, Our Life Ministries thanks you, and blesses you with all our hearts.

Brian Coatney came to our house to do TV with me. While he was here, we finished our radio series on Colossians. I believe that it is the deepest, and richest yet. Brian met me at the insight TV studio and we continued with our TV series on Romans 6. He was here in December doing Romans 5 with me and I talked him into coming again to do 6, and maybe 7 and 8. What a great thing to have. It is professionally done at the TV studio— my friend, Becky Malone, the technician loves our teaching and complies to all that can help us achieve our goal. God Bless her.

Recently while I was in Hopkinsville visiting Brian and Tandy, Brian read me one of his poems. I was so inspired hearing him read to me that the idea came to me to put him on CD reading his poems. While he was with me this time we did just that. He read from, *Did You Ever Think of This*, his book and also his poetry book, *Seeds to the Wind*. I think this new CD of his readings is so anointed that everyone ought to order one. If anyone does want to order one: Send \$5.00 to Brian Coatney 404 Crestview; Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240.

**An Inmate' s Testimony**  
The Sermon  
by Lorenzo Lee,  
an inmate at the Christian County Jail

Let me tell you about this guy I once knew. I remember him like it was yesterday. He was such a good guy, lived life to the fullest, but he is gone now. They say we are only known by the dash between the day we are born and the day we die. I call it the dash of life, because it' s the date after the dash where time stops; all things are passed away. You enter into a new consciousness.

I have laid off preaching this sermon, even though it is long overdue. I' m glad you came by to pay your last respects, honors, and dues. For it is only through obedience that I' m giving this benediction:He was a proud man, had any and everything anybody would want or need. He had a house, cars, money, and a live-in girlfriend. Yes, he was getting his milk for free. Life seemed to come easy for him, he did as he pleased. In the prime of his life, life as we know it stopped. He has passed on to a better place.

I can remember him when he as about twenty-two, the first time he gave his life to the Lord. It didn' t take too long before he was back in the world. He tried again when was about twenty-eight, right before his military unit deployed to bring peace and stop a war. When the crusade was over, he lost his joy in the Lord. He no longer needed God' s help. The battle that raged in his mind ended with a treaty overseas.

It seems like only yesterday when I last saw him. Thank God he had just given himself back to the Lord. Guess what? He was in another tight spot, between some bricks and prison bars. When I found this out, I could only shake my head and pray for him. I truly believe this time he was not only saved but delivered. I could see Christ in him. For the first time in his life, the things of this world no longer mattered. He was happy to belong to the Lord— being a Christian was no longer a bore. Yes. It seems like the Lord has filled him with joy.

I'm glad to be preaching his last sermon. It's a going-home party, because he's in a different place. It is his will that I tell you about his life since I knew him best. He left behind a wife and a beautiful little girl to carry his name on. He also left behind a loving mother and younger brother. He has asked that no one cry because of him— he's in a better place now. He assures us he'll see you again if it is the Lord's will. So wipe away the tears from your eyes because death is only but a sleep.

I've never preached a sermon like this before. He has left his last will and decree for all to read, about the day he received his sight, for now he can see. For this was the day that "I" died! You see "I" have tried this Christian thing before. Twice "I" have stumbled and failed. I always found myself in a personal hell. No matter how hard "I" tried to live for the Lord, I would always come short. "I" looked at myself and found out "I" couldn't do it any more. I thought, "My God, why have You forsaken me, why does it seem You are way up there? 'I' really need some help from all this despair." "I" dropped down to my knees and cried out to the Lord; "I" told Him my life was not worth living. "I" told Him my problems and all my woes.

"Please God, take my life, 'I' simply can't go on. Just take my life. 'I' can't do it any more. This Christian life is unattainable, at least as long as "I" remain in this world. 'I' give up, 'I' can't go on. Please take from me all my pain. 'I' have no strength to go, not one step more. I just want to die."

Now don't feel sorry for me, neither be in dismay. It was this same faithful day when "I" went to the grave. You see "I" stopped trying. "I" gave up on self. Trying to live the Christian life just wasn't fun. As "I" dropped to my knees and sent up my plea, the Lord reached down and placed His hands on me and said, "Don't you know that you are already dead? Why are you trying to do what only I can do? Don't you know that you have no strength of your own, nor any power, and no hope without Me? How low will you have to go to realize that you cannot live the Christian life nor can you be like Christ? YOU ARE DEAD! Stop trying to die and simply be! When Christ died, you also died. I raised Christ from the grave into you. It is no longer you living your life; Christ is resurrected in you expressing His life as you, if you would all but allow Him to. Allow Christ to live the Christian life in you and through you. First you must realize there is a cross in your life. A cross of trying. It has to die; then I will impart My life in you and express it through you."

That same faithful day, "I" died! Christ was resurrected in me. The world I once lived in passed away; all things became new. I didn't see my neighbor the same way. The Scriptures didn't mean the same. I saw Christ in everything; I was like a baby, I was finally at rest. Christ did it all. All I did

was receive His love and nurturing. It is through His grace and mercy I am alive today to preach this sermon. I found out the hard way: unless a seed falls to the earth and dies, it cannot bring forth fruit. When I died, a child was born in Christ Jesus!

David Majors, Tim Spellman, James Sims, and Lorenzo Lee are a growing number of called-out men of God, schooled by Brian Coatney, to teach and preach the union Gospel to their fellow inmates. We believe this is only the beginning of how God is now using, and will use these great men of God in the future. Pray for them.

## Praise and Prayer Reports

Pray for our coming conference in May. Pray that peace and harmony surround us as we prepare for this all important event. Pray for our time at Pawley' s Island- may God grant open hearts and ears to His truth. Pray for the prior meeting in Cary, NC with Cheryl Humphrey. Pray for the Memphis area as they hear the Liberating Secret Radio program. Prayer and praise goes together as a single sweet aroma to God. Jesus said that we can ask what we want, and then praise Him as if we already have it, because we do.

## Testimonies

### WHY ARE WE WHERE WE ARE?

It sometimes happens that our feet are led into strange paths, so much so that we tend to question the Lord' s wisdom in His government of our lives or what He means to happen to us. It is then that we need to remember His prayerful words about us: " As thou didst send me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world" John 17:18).

Many years ago, when I was visiting a city on the Amazon, I went to see a Brazilian Christian who was in deep trial. The man belonged to an up-country village to which the gospel had been taken, with the happy result that he and his family had received the Good News and turned to Christ. For a time he gave a faithful testimony, and then a great calamity fell on him. He contracted leprosy. At that time there was no cure, so this meant that he had to become an outcast. He left his happy home and was exiled to the leper colony, which was just a group of sufferers, collected in rough shacks on an island in the river.

Here was he then facing a lingering death in loneliness and poverty. How strange are God' s ways! This brother had truly consecrated his life to Christ and yet now he found himself among a group of human derelicts. As a young missionary, preparing to go into the jungle, I was greatly moved by his story and decided to pay him a visit. My purpose was to take him some material and spiritual comfort, though I confess that I wondered what might

have happened to his sorely-trying faith.

I need not have wondered. Imagine my surprise and joy when I arrived there and found him the central figure among a little band of Christian lepers, every one of them led to Christ by his radiant testimony. He told me that at first he had entered on his life on that island with a heavy heart, but soon he had come to realize that he was in the dreary place by the will of God. As Christ had been sent into the world, so he had been sent to his needy fellow lepers, to carry God's message of hope to them. If his newly converted friends had known the Scripture, they might have exclaimed, "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15). Even a leper's feet can be beautiful!

For me it was a humbling and an inspiring experience to hear this dear man's prayer as he poured out his heart in praise to God for the privilege of serving Him in that place.

Not so many years afterwards he went to be with Christ. No doubt his life's work was done and it was fitting that he should go from that squalid island to the Father's Home. The same Lord Jesus who had stated in His prayer that He was sending His disciples into the world had also requested that they might eventually go to the Home, to be with Him in glory.

He left His disciples in the world, and He has left us there. He sent them into the world, and He has sent us. No need, then, for unbelief to question why we are where we are, but rather for faith to rejoice in the privilege of being in the place of His sending, and of staying here so long as the Father has a purpose for postponing the call for us to "come up higher."

Author unknown

## Poem of the Month

### Redeeming Love

Brian Coatney

He completes me,  
With a wave of His hand  
I am healed.

He reveals me  
I am not what I am  
Perfect, complete  
He seals me.

Round about heavens gates

angels singing...  
Glory to the newborn King  
in me, in me.

Kingdom' s built  
Kingdoms torn  
Reborn

Annals of old  
The story retold  
in me, in me.

Passion  
Burning with Love  
White hot

Desire unquenched  
Living water...  
Refreshed  
Revived  
In me.

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## Words of Faith

Believe with us for the financial support for a new radio station beginning in the new year. Any suggestions as to where we might put The Liberating Secret Radio Program next? Stand with us as we venture out in faith believing God, not man. Our motto is: Put the financial heat on God, and not on man.

“Whatsoever you desire.”

Mark 11:22-24

“Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and laughs at the impossible and shouts, “IT SHALL BE DONE.” Sylvia Pearce

## A Song

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There' s a light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conquerors we are!

Refrain

His Word shall not fail you— He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

Refrain

So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find  
that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness

## This Months Article

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Dying Daily

By: Norman P. Grubb

What we are talking about is not the cross for our redemption, but for the redemption of others. This is adulthood, not adolescence. This kind of cross is constantly repeated in our daily lives when ever we are in situations which independent-self would be rid of; but instead of remaining in hurt self,

we recognize them to be part of some redemptive purpose of God through us in others. So, Paul says, we accept them as something we have been "delivered unto," and our "dying" which is said to be the dying of the Lord Jesus in us is our heart acceptance of them, though that may be lightly, or easily, any more than the Savior could accept His cross without a Gethsemane.

Here is a principle of constant "dyings," daily maybe, affecting every kind of normal situation in life, not by any means in which we might call our religious activity. Anything which hurts, disturbs our status quo, or challenges, be it what we may call small in our personal lives, or big in some public affair, is a place of dying when we change from self's resistance to acceptance as a step in God's saving plan.

Without such dyings, Moses could never have seen that he was not to be a possible, ephemeral Pharaoh, but a savior of God's chosen people; Gideon could never have changed from challenging God's apparent indifference to accepting the challenge to be himself the deliverer. Abraham could never have exchanged his laughter at the idea of a couple of their age having a son for a productive faith. David could never have resisted the chance of killing Saul to wait in patience for God's day of his coronation. So through every aspect of achieving or enduring faith in all history. Everyone had to start by disturbed, resisting self which saw God in the tough situation and then died to his self-resistance.

Then comes the resurrection— which is the Spirit in us causing us to see things from His point of view. We can begin to be intercessors. We can see what God is after, and the first effect is a joy, release, sense of adventure, praise where there seems nothing to praise for, for we now see the redemptive purposes, something by us for others. Its immediate effect, as Paul says, is a quickening in our own selves: "the life of Jesus manifest in our mortal flesh"— burdens, fears, the sense of a hurtful, not joyful cross, is gone, and others watching can see a release and ease which is not what the world experiences in its tough spots. Resurrection life is manifested in our mortal bodies, and that by itself is God coming through us to others.

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