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Called to bring:
The Whole Gospel to the Whole man to the whole World.
(All of Christ, in and manifesting as, all of us)

February, so soon, where did January go? It will be spring before you know it. That is why we already have our May invitation out on the web-sites. Also, check out our video invitation Click here:
http://spiritradio.net/May/May_invite_2008.htm

Did you know that on Tuesday night the 30th of January, Louisville had a tornado with three touch-downs? One touch-down was close by. Good thing that we were safe in our under-ground Mega Church. OK, we were safe in the basement in our new studio, giving the Lord the praise and hardly noticing it. Isn't it wonderful seeing the Lord's hand in all things.

We are already making plans for the May conference. Dad and Dave are busy with their heads together trying to figure out where to put the tent this year seeing we now have a gazebo that could pose a problem. For more room, I think that they are going to build a stage behind the tent where the fountain now stands. That would make the podium to be over the existing fountain—Hey, maybe a metaphoric prophecy is in the makings. Anyway, you can see we are already excited, I hope that you will RSVP me soon. Also make your reservations with Norma Mouser: norma@travelloptions.net.

Also, check out our new web-site: www.spiritbroadcasting.net. It has totally been refurbished, and it is so much easier to get around. I have most of the Liberating Secret radio programs, all the conferences, Bible Studies that Brian and I did, and Norman's stuff on the **radio archives**, and lots to see in the **TV archives**. I have some new video's of Dan Stone that will soon be on, provided by our friends in Wilmington, NC, Marion Dixon. Also, we have a Fort Washington, Pa. video of Norman yet to go on, check it all out.

Make your arrangements now for [Pawley Island, SC Women's Retreat April 4-11](#). E-mail jennyfiennig@hotmail.com for all the information.

Dad and I will soon be on our way to Hilton Head Island for a delayed trip down south where we try to escape the winter's cold weather. We will be going to Hopkinsville, Ky. first on the 13th of February, hopefully to visit with Brian & Tandy Coatney and Mimi and Billy Anderson. I hope to visit the city jail where Brian and Mimi have a growing ministry. Then straight to Hilton Head Island for a couple of weeks, where we hope to have a meetings at Lucie and Larry Mann's house on February 23. Lucie is a long time participant at Pawley Island Women's Retreat.

Then we will be headed in our RV to Alachua, Fl. for Steve Pettit's conference held on Feb. 29-March 2. I hope that some of you can come. E-mail Steve at ellais@alltel.net for more info. Do it soon, because he has to know by Feb. 11.

We are bringing our Monaco Hilton (RV) home for the summer and on our way home we are stopping by Nashville for the Christian Broadcasting Convention on March 8-12. What an opportunity to meet all of our radio managers and friends as well as other broadcasters in Christian radio.

Here is an **opportunity** to buy Rickie and Sharon Skaggs new album, "Salt and Light" at a reasonable price. Check out their web-site: <http://skaggs.musiccitynetworks.com/index.htm?CFID=4201279&CFTOKEN=30675383>

Hey, their "Salt and Light" album have been nominated for a Grammy Award. The album is great, you will love it.

Here are the new AM radio stations:

I've already gotten a phone call from a hearer in Mobile, Al., he wants to teach The Liberating Secret.

WLMR-1450 AM—Chattanooga, Tn. 7:30-8:00 AM (475,000 potential listener)
KXKS-1190 AM—Albuquerque, N.M.—3:00-3:30 PM (885,000 potential listener)
WJJD-1270AM—Mobile, Al.—12:00-12:30 PM (550,000 potential listeners)
WNYV-1070-AM—Pensacola, Fl.—12:30-1:00 PM (450,000 potential listeners)
WITK-1550AM—Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa.—4:00-4:30 PM (710,000) potential)
WSKY—1230 AM—Asheville, NC—6:00-6:30 PM (450,000 potential listeners)
WFAM—1050 AM—Augusta, Ga. —5:50-6:00 PM (550,000 potential listeners)

Hey, are you ready for this???? That is over 4 million new potential

listeners to THE LIBERATING SECRET.

Pray that the Lord will open the flood gate of Spirit-revelation to His precious body. We have waited a long time for this. **Thank you Lord.**

If anyone has friends or family in any of these areas, please contact them with the station information.

Now, that is not all, The Liberating Secret radio program is going to be on Short Wave all over the world. This is still being negotiated, be patient.

Please send me the news in your area to be posted in this Newsletter.
sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB-SITE:

The Lord is always pressing us to advance our ministry. We are considering a new section on our site that offers ministry to the body of Christ. I have asked several to have their own page, offering themselves as counselors, prayer warriors, mentors, Spiritual advisors; etc. They will have their e-mail links, and any other links that they might have available. Already, I have gotten a response from 5, with 5 more to go. That will do for now, but we could rotate ministers maybe in a year. **Several of you have responded to this request, one friend in England is already on the job composing her site-letter. As soon as our English link gets her page done, we will begin adding whoever else wants to be involved in World Ministry.**

I'm still looking for others, any takers?

Brian Coatney and I started a new TV/radio series on I Corinthians its great, here is the link.

http://spiritradio.net/archive/video/bible_studies/1st_cor/1st_cor_video_biblestudies.htm

Quotes

"Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen."

"Faith builds Heaven in the midst of Hell's despair!"

"Fear is faith in reverse, and faith once aroused to believe the worst can be reversed to believe the opposite."

The human mind despises mystery, yet we are surrounded by it naturally as well as spiritually. The mystery of the Christ, the divine one, joining Himself to our frail humanity stuns our reasoning mind,
yet faith looks beyond what seems unreasonable and declares it to be fact.

"Faith is saying yes, when everything else is saying no. Faith is believing all things are

possible in the midst of impossibilities. Faith sees the presence of light in darkness, and the presence of God in all.

Faith gives inner substance to thing hoped for, and faith gives inner evidence to things not seen. Faith can truly move mountains, and it does." Sylvia Pearce

...thoughts and souls laid bare at the feet of the One who can turn all tomorrows into spring...

If God's gifts are our blessings, and the devil's assaults are also our blessings, what remains to harm or depress us? If good is good, and evil is equally good to the enlightened, then a realm of life is entered where we rejoice always, in everything give thanks, and in all things are more than conquerors. Norman Grubb

Announcement: Check out **Meredith Bubs'** new Web-site. You can see her beautiful hand painted crosses in full color. There is no way you can just order one, it soon gets to be a habit. Maybe you have a favorite verse, she can hand paint one to your specifications. Here is the web address.
www.thanksinall.etsy.com

A Basement in the House of "I"

Posted by Ron Block

www.rabbitroom.com



I don't know what's gotten into me - I'm cleaning out my basement. Right now it looks like a deathtrap; it looked a lot better before I started. I'd call it "junk," but it isn't all junk. There's plenty of that, but also memories, perfectly good gear (I found a stereo I can use in one of the upstairs rooms), years of recordings, practice tapes, bits of songs, and some things that I probably wouldn't ever want to hear. In fact, the basement is my life on display. Victories and embarrassments. Joys, sufferings. The births of my children. The deaths of old dreams.

On second thought, I *do* know what's gotten into me. Awhile back I prayed for God to show me anything in my life that is contrary to His will, that I would forsake whatever it was. The first thing that happened was that the band I'm in, Alison Krauss and Union Station, was going to take a year off - after taking one off the year before. We'd play a summer 2007 tour and then be set free. The only trouble was I didn't like being set free; freedom is scary. It involves choice, and risk, and faith, and I'd spent sixteen years carving out my role in that band - a role that has become comfortable and sometimes not very

risky. I didn't know this at the time, only later. So God, answering my prayer, started dragging stuff up. A chunk of Fear. A box of Unbelief. A slimy lump of Self-Pity from the closet. Things that have been hidden in there since childhood. It took awhile to take a faith stance, but once I saw the putrid, molding garbage for what it was I handed it over and let Him take it to the dump. Then we replaced Fear with Faith - *I choose to believe God is sovereign, that He intentionally filters all of my circumstances, that He has thrilling and adventurous things for me to accomplish for His eternal purposes. I'm a Kingdom man.*

Faith takes up less space, smells good, and is actually beautiful and useful.

The next thing He did was show me a serious problem in my parenting. Later in the year, a day after I repeated that prayer God again answered - this time with a really bad morning with my kids. They were rebellious, defiant. What came up in me was Anger - red-hot anger. Later, I asked God what the anger was all about, because at the time I had no clue. The word came up in my mind's eye, spelled out: "F - E - A - R." I said, "Well, fear of what?" And into my mind's eye appeared a couple of my relatives who are in a continuous cycle of rebellion, jail, and refusing to take responsibility. So again, I gave it up to the dump. "All thy children shall be taught of Yahweh, and great shall be the peace of thy children." Fear for Faith. Junk for treasure and basement clarity.

Now, don't get me wrong. There's plenty of useful stuff in my basement. Passion. Musical talent. A desire to excel. Creativity, and an exploding desire to use it. But, like the stereo I found hidden behind a bunch of junk, the boxes of Fear hide the good things, and so God can't make use of us like He wants to.

Sometimes, when we've opened ourselves to God's working, we get hit with circumstances and have a knee-jerk emotional reaction. We often judge one another in those times, but it is in those reactions that God is clearing away the junk so that the perfection of the House can be seen and utilized to the highest degree. It's not the time for condemnation (self- or otherwise); if we choose faith, it's a time for rejoicing. "For by one sacrifice He has perfected forever those who are being made holy." The House of "I" is perfect; we just need to recognize that, to let go of old ways of thinking, and embrace being new creations. We're transformed from glory to glory by that mind renewal.

So I'm cleaning out my basement. It looks trashed right now, but in a few days my basement studio will be completely revamped; I'm ready for a powerful and productive year off the AKUS road.

'With all sorts of doubts I am familiar, and the result of them is, has been, and will be, a widening of my heart and soul and mind to greater glories of the truth I cannot say I never doubt, nor until I hold the very heart of good as my very own in Him, can I wish not to doubt. For doubt is the hammer that breaks the windows clouded with human fancies, and lets in the pure light.'

George MacDonald

Letters

Sylvia, I am so thankful, soooo thankful. . .for your website and books, especially "The Treasures of Darkness". I believe your wording is easier to receive than others. I have given Larry (worship leader) your book but I don't think he has made any attempt to read it. He stays busy and is about to leave for Austria. In March he and his wife will present the Easter Program at church and I believe, after talking with him today, he will find out what you have to say in your book.

The pastor shows a lot of respect toward me which I'm very thankful; yet at times I feel he feels I am a threat to him. I give him material to read but I was disappointed when he didn't read Norman's "Romans 6 to 8". He just finished preaching in Colossians and I had given him The Intercessor (Vol. 23, #3 of 2007) and I know he read some of it but Sunday at the end of his sermon he talked about us being more like Christ. It brought tears to my eyes, but I believe the Spirit is dealing with in him. "But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

My adult bible teacher his wife are reviewing the message that Christ is their life to be lived through them, His vessels. I believe he spends time on your website. Again, I'm so thankful for your website. . .just yesterday I passed it on to my cousin in California. It is so amazing how the Truth is made available all over! We just need to pass it on.

Today I gave your\His website to a lady that lives here in the apartments. She questions me some times about the things of God. She went to church with me once but, there, you really don't hear the good news that sets you free. The other day someone ask me why I go to that church. I told them I don't go for what I can get; but that I go because that is where the Lord has me.

I am so thankful to have you as my sister in Christ and it thrills my heart for what He is doing as you. I got so excited when I read January's Newsletter. . . we have an amazing God and He is soooo exciting. . .everyday!

I just know our Father is doing something special at that very young church that I go to. . . I can't help but believe.

I love you Sylvia,
Sue



This letter is in response to someone who wonders why I didn't write about the historical Millennial reign of Christ and David's throne, but I think he missed what it means to reign with Christ now.

Bill,

I will send you a book that Scott and I ran across that even Billy Graham forwards it. It is very profound on this subject. It is out of print so I will send you one. It will change any (open person) a new outlook on what world history is really all about. It redirects our attention to God's eternal purposes and plans in the future and how we can operate in our full authority in Christ right now. It's name is "Destined for the Throne," by Paul Billheimer.

I do not disallow the Millennial reign of Christ, nor his future seat on David's earthly throne. However, Christ is sitting on David's throne of power in the heavenlies now. David's power of authority came from above, and not from him anyway. David knew that, that is why he is called "a man after God's own heart." Now, we are co-heirs with Christ as Eph..2:6 Says, seated together with Christ (sharing his throne of power and glory (John 17: 22,) all this is ours in heavenly places right now. That is why Hebrews letter says that we should come boldly before the throne of grace now, wielding the authority of believing prayer. That does not disallow any future events, but the Body of Christ needs to know their inheritance in Christ, now, and then they will be prepared for the future. Too many of us are looking to future events and missing the now of Christ. I

will send you my new booklet, which is another chapter from my book, "What is Man?" It is called, "The Abundant Life."

Jesus said "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one (John 17:22). We Christians are always projecting into the future, instead of knowing what we have now. That is not to say there is no future event of glorification, but what does II Cor. 3:18 mean when it says, that we are being transformed "from glory to glory?" I would be crazy to think that my physical body is glorified now, although Romans 8:30, says I have it now, in the invisible eternal. I just like living in the eternal now, instead of always waiting for the future. We are eternal people, just visiting time, we are not timed/temporal people (II Cor. 4:18). Yes, we in an temporal body now, but the Bible tells us not to consider it at all, "Since we are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, and not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1). That is why Paul says in II Cor. 5:16, not to know any man after his earthly flesh existence. Then it goes on to say for us not even to know the historical Christ after his earthly flesh (II Cor. 5:16). See Jesus as the glorified, God-man, Lord of the universe, and we seated with Him.

No, I am not minimizing history. It is because of the historical incarnation of our Lord, that he has won the victory over the devil, the flesh, and the world. And we are meant to be co-rulers with Christ on David's throne throughout all eternity. Although, why is Jesus waiting for "all enemies to be put under his feet"? I think that is because his body is meant to be His overcomers now, yet only under the direction of the heavenly headship, the Lord Jesus. "We are members of his body, of His bones, and of His flesh" (Eph. 5:30-31) now and it doesn't yet appear what we shall be (I John 3:2). The book of Revelations is about "overcoming." "To him who overcomes".....The church is so far behind in understanding its fullness in Christ and the devil surely doesn't want any of this to get out. We are overcomers by virtue of the fact that Christ has already overcome all and we are in Him. The problem is that we don't even know what is ours now, so how can we take it by faith.

Loving you both,
Sylvia

Why Christ in You Doesn't Work for Some

Brian Coatney

SYLVESTER: Perceptus, I observe that few even accept that Christ in them is the sum of the Christian life, and among those who do, many still do not enter into the rest that the writer of Hebrews talks about. Why is this?

PERCEPTUS: The answer is simple: when a person comes to know that Christ must be the doer of all for peace to reign, temptations and trials do not cease but even seem to intensify, though they do not. The believer, for a season, has merely given up intoxicants from life's pain and the devil's arrows and lives solely by the sweet grace of Jesus Christ. We know, however, that excruciating pains of life wear hard, and so for some relief, unsettled believers go back to taking a false medicine rather than the pure word of God.

SYLVESTER: But they might argue that the word of God is wooden—just so many words on a page, and must therefore find quickening in the Spirit.

PERCEPTUS: And they are correct, but impatience overtakes them, and to avoid waiting

and endurance, the wrong spirits—those warned about by John in his first letter—captivate them and make the whole world seem one grand extension of an all pervading spirit.

SYLVESTER: Not many can take the frightening prospect of such deception.

PERCEPTUS: Our only protection is in God's keeping, for He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world, again citing John's letter. But on to more about why Christ in us is not enough for some, when a person goes beyond Christ, he or she has not known that we died with Christ, were buried with Him, and rose with Him, and are seated with Him in heavenly places. Not to know this leaves the believer with the idea of Christ within as a help to the self, as if the self needs refurbishing, rather than the raw biblical truth that the self had to die.

SYLVESTER: This is a grim truth that we had to die, for we linger long, even as Christians, in the false notion that God looks upon us for at least bits of what is loveable, and therefore spares us death.

PERCEPTUS: This is a grim truth as you say, and until we see the utter slavery we were in to sin—bound to it to fulfill its every lust, despite the "Have a wonderful day" niceness of customer service and mutual satanic fondling that the world bestows back and forth to perpetuate its constant self gratification—with every setback to ourselves, we will rebound with a new plan to better ourselves and make diplomacy our tool to secure lustful ends.

SYLVESTER: You make the situation sound hopeless, and few will accept that they are bound by the spirit of sin indwelling them that makes death and rebirth the only remedy for salvation.

PERCEPTUS: This is why Christ had to not only shed His precious blood for us to cleanse away our sins, but He had to take us into His body on the Cross. God had to unzip Christ's body on the Cross and put us into Christ, making us one body with his death so that we died in His death. Further, God had to make Christ to *be* sin, though Christ never sinned. Therefore, He became one with our body of sin, the body that is Satan in us, which truth is hidden to us without receptivity to the revelation of just how hopeless our situation was.

SYLVESTER: Yes, so then as you have regularly taught from Paul's Romans 6, our old self died, and we rose as new selves in Christ's resurrection. This revelation can hit with shattering totality but then fade to a glimmer when the Christian falls into the deceptive net again of trying to fit in with the world and the legalistic church, both of which are always trying to better the self and make it more godlike.

PERCEPTUS: I must go, but before leaving, let me say that you have hit upon the basis of all of our redemption, namely that only as entirely new creatures, raised from the dead in Christ and now indwelled by Christ, can we discover rest. We must see that we have already died, and the withering and corruption of this present earthly body is not death, except on an outer level; for on the inside, in the seat of our being, we have been born anew from the heavenly realm, and as such are not creatures of this world any longer, except to live in it, while knowing that we are not of it. Any trying to mix the two worlds fails and takes the believer back into the endless sea of turmoil that comes from trying to revive a self that Christ crucified. But I must go, and we will resume this next time.



By Barry Burton (He is Christ, Our Life's modern day Soren Kierkegaard)
Meditate on these thoughts, and be blessed

For God so loved the world He gave His son so that through his Cross He might multiply himself as a sacrificial lamb driven to bring others to THE LAMB OF GOD. **This is from a brother in Nigeria, Africa. Listen to his heart.**

Dear Sylvia,

There is a great price to pay in the work of soul winning. It is very clear that our responsibility is to evangelize to people for Christ. Lost sinners must be brought to the place of repentance towards God and faith in Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-18) (Acts 2:37-38). To achieve this goal for every convert, we must have the concern of a father (1 Cor. 4:15), the travail of a mother (Gal 4:19), the sacrifice of a lover (2 Cor. 12:15), the gentleness of a nurse. (1 Thess 2:7-9), the endurance of a soldiers (2 Tim 2:3,4) and Jealousy of a friend (2 Corith 11:2).

Poem of the Month

We're All Going Somewhere

We're all going somewhere,
even if just to the grave and the dust.
Whether life is only a quick flip
and then a hoped for memory
in a statue or something—
or a sea of everlastingness—
we're all going somewhere.

But I reckon that the dust answer
isn't so; and in our hearts, we all
know that it's a lie.
A good atheist is only as good
as his anger at God over bad roads
causing distress now.

Let a heavenly wind blow away the dust,
and underneath the hurtful road
is a highway to Zion
that kind of grabs your heart
and won't let go
if you pick up a taste for the invisible.

The dark corridor of needles stuck hard
into the supposed need for a painless trip,
offers the best wake up to
dropping anxiety about trying to get there—

offers the sweet and brightly lit
comfort of a hope not seen.

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### **Other Poetry by Brian Coatney**

If you want to read great poetry, check out this link below. It has 17 new poems inspired by the Holy Spirit and overflowing with Brian's own creative style.

[17 Poems by Brian Coatney](#)

## **Prayer Request**

All prayer request sent to the Liberating Secret web-site will be send to Art and Fran Giles, our newly appointed Christ, Our Life Ministries intercessors. E-mail them at:

[deepwaters@roadrunner.com](mailto:deepwaters@roadrunner.com)

## **Words of Faith**

**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...actually a little of Sylvia and a lot of CT Studd

**Hey, everybody, look at Brian Coatney's article on Samson, its fabulous. Double click and read.**



A Few Thoughts on  
Samson.doc

From: Infinite Supply by Norman Grubb

According to the Apostles Paul, John and Peter, the illustrations used of us in our humanity are vessels, branches, body members, slaves, and temples. In every case that means we are the agent by which the occupant operates. As vessels, we are said to be either "vessels of wrath" or "vessels of mercy," but we must be either one or the other. The vessel of wrath, of course, is a container of the god by whom we experience *wrath*; and the vessel of mercy of Him by whom we receive *mercy* (Rom. 9:22-23). So it is not the type of vessel that is of importance, but the nature of the liquid that it contains.

The branch illustration is even more explicit, for a branch is but part of a vine, the two being in life-union. A branch is merely the living means by which a vine reproduces itself in its fruit. A branch has no distinct nature; it has the nature of its vine. The fruit is of the vine, not of the branch. And when Jesus said "I am the true vine and you are the branches," He was obviously implying that there is also a false vine producing *its* fruit - one vine being He the true Life, and the other being the usurper (John 15:1-7).

We are called temples, and the temple was only the outer means by which the living God manifested His presence. Thus the Shekinah Glory shone through the tabernacle; and His glory is seen in us as His temples. In every case, a temple is only the dwelling place of a deity and reveals his presence, not its own. We are either a temple that contains an idol god, or one in which the living God dwells and walks. A temple has no nature but that of the god in it (2 Cor. 6:16; 1 Cor. 3:16).

Then Paul, in Romans 6:16-23, calls us slaves (as it is in the Greek) and says all of us all the time are either slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness - slaves of Satan, and his power-sin or slaves of Jesus, and His power of the Spirit. But slaves are merely the property of their owners, with no kind of a life of their own and doing only the work of their owner.

In Romans 7:1-6, there is the illustration of marriage. When the first husband dies, the wife is allowed to marry the new husband. We have a choice, either to marry the law, the first husband, or marry Christ, the new husband. According to scripture, if we are married to the law we bear fruit for eternal death. If we marry Christ, we bear fruit for God. Either way, we are simply agents bearing the fruit of the one we choose.

We are members of the body of Christ, and any body operates by the mind and will of the head, and nothing else. It has no body led activity of its own. So in each case the human is only the agent; as temple, manifesting the presence of the deity; as branch, expressing the nature and producing the fruit of the vine; as body member, set in action by the head; as slave, doing the will of the owner; as wife, bearing the fruit of the husband; and as vessel, only a container and nothing else.

## This Month's Article:

This is chapter 1. from a new booklet by the same name.

## The Abundant Life

**Sylvia Pearce**

**Abundant Life is the person of Christ, Himself; but before we can know this life of abundance, we have to know how we all died and were raised to life in Christ, at the Cross.**

Jesus said in John 10:10 that *“The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.”* Since Jesus came to give us His life more abundantly, then what exactly is this quality of life, and how do we get it?

Most Christians are either living in the regrets of the past, or longing for a future event that will relieve them of all their misery. There is so much said about the blessed event of the second coming of Christ. I love thinking about it as well, however, I’m not living longing for Him to come in order to escape my unpleasant circumstances. I’m having too much fun finding Jesus’ Abundant Life right in the midst of my unpleasant circumstances to want to escape them. “Abundant Life” to me is Jesus as me by faith discovering a thrilling adventure and the joy and privilege of being a *“living sacrifice”* (Rom. 12:1) for others.

Most Christians think that “abundant life” means that when all is going well in their lives in some outer successful way, then they will have “abundant life.” On the contrary, “abundant life” means in whatever state we find ourselves His life is there to provide abundantly for us and in us. Until we find joy and peace, instead of self-pity and escapism, we will never know *“the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings”* (Phil. 3:10).

The point is that most of us don’t know how we can experience present tense satisfaction and completeness. We are always looking forward to another time when things will be better, or regretting the past with all of our pitiful “IF ONLY” thoughts.

The question is, have we Christians even heard the “Rest of the Gospel?” My good friend, Dan Stone, wrote a book called “The Rest of the Gospel”.<sup>1</sup> Dan’s excellent book clearly reveals the truths concerning Paul’s Romans epistle which proclaims that we are delivered daily by the indwelling resurrected life of Christ within us (Romans 5:10), and how by faith, we can know this abundant life of Christ right now.

The answer lies in the full meaning of the Cross of Christ. What is the meaning of the Cross? The infinite depths and unfathomable riches of the Cross will forever be discovered and rediscovered throughout all eternity. However, this booklet will be our attempt to bring to light some of its riches.

The Bible in Colossians 1:20-22 declares that there are two aspects of

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<sup>1</sup> Get THE REST OF THE GOSPEL by: Dan Stone at [www.theliberatingsecret.org](http://www.theliberatingsecret.org) bookstore, or Christ, Our Life Ministries, Inc. ; PO Box 43268; Lou., Ky. 40253.

the Cross. It says, “*Having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him, reconcile all things unto Himself.*” Then in verse 22, “*In the body of His flesh through death to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight.*” Also, the book of Romans unfolds to us its revelation of the blood and the body. The first five chapters present to us salvation by faith and the forgiveness of our sins by the *blood* of Christ (Romans 3:25; 5:9), while Romans 6-8 presents the provision of the *bodily* death and resurrection (Romans 7:4).

The blood of Christ satisfied God’s justice, while the body death of Christ satisfies us by the power of His resurrected life daily saving us from sin’s dominion. “*Much more [certainly], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sins’ dominion) through His [resurrection] life*” (Romans 5:10-Amp).

Let us now consider both the *blood*, as well as the *body* of Christ. We will look at the blood side first. Our God meets us in our fallen and blinded condition and offers us the provision of His precious blood for the forgiveness of our *sins*. Sins in the unbeliever are the actions or outer manifestations of a sinful satanic nature. Yet, we are so blinded and outer minded at this point that all we can recognize are our outer sins, and we have no clue to the inner condition producing these sins. We don’t know and cannot see that it is really a spirit manifesting itself through us producing the very sins we are seeing (Eph. 2:2-3). All we know is that, “I have sinned; I am guilty of sin; I need forgiveness; I need a Savior,” and rightly so: we are guilty sinners, and we are in need of a Savior. I see the wisdom of God in not revealing the secrets of sins’ hidden producer too soon. If sinners knew that it was Satan producing sin through them, then they might try to justify themselves and try to sidestep true heart repentance which would be fatal.

The New Covenant is based on the death of the “testator;” “*For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is only in effect after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth*” (Hebrews 9:16-17). Therefore, “*without the shedding of the blood*” (the death of Jesus Christ), *there is no remission for sins*” (Hebrews 9:22).

The Bible proclaims that “*we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins*” (Eph. 1:7); we have peace with God, “*through the blood of his Cross*” (Col. 1:20); “*we are elect through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ*” (I Peter 1:2); we

are redeemed by “*the precious blood of Christ*” (I Peter 1:19); we are cleansed daily by “*the blood Jesus Christ*” (I John 1:7); and we are “*washed from our sins in His own blood*” (Rev. 1:5).

Now we sing a new song unto our God “*for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God, kings and priest; and we shall reign on the earth*” (Rev. 9-10).

So, there is saving power and deliverance in the *blood* of Christ for the forgiveness of our *sins*. Many Christian songs are written with the blood of Jesus in mind. One that comes to my mind and is one of my personal favorites is “*There is Power in the Blood.*” *Yet, has there ever been a song written called “There is Power in the Body Death?”* Or has much at all been taught on the “*Body Death?*” I believe the reason that not much has been written is because the meaning of the *bodily death of Christ* is hardly known nor understood by the Christian world.

Consider the communion table for a moment. There is wine representing Christ’s blood, and then there is bread representing Christ’s body. We are taught truth concerning the blood (wine), but hardly ever do you hear teaching on the body (bread) of Christ.

The importance of the bodily death of Christ is that it delivers us from the nature and power of sin that is, Satan, the one producing sins through us. We were all born with a self-centered satanic nature; Christ’s bodily death delivers us from indwelling sin which is Satan. The blood of Christ covers the *product* of sin, which are sins; while the body death replaces the *producer* of sin.

The Bible declares you are “*dead to sin*” (Rom. 6:2). Dead to sin? When and how did we die to sin? First of all, we need to understand what the word “SIN” means from the Bible’s perspective. E. W. Bullinger, a Greek scholar and theologian, says that:

*“sin is not merely however, the quality of an action, but a principle manifesting itself in the activity of the subject, “The man of sin,” (II Thes 2:3) being the personal embodiment of sin.”*

Sin in Romans 6-8 and II Corinthians 5:21 is rendered a noun and is therefore a person.

Sin is personified in these Romans verses: He is a person who can reign (Romans 5:21); who can master people (Romans 6:14); who can deceive and kill people (Romans 7:11); who can dwell within people and make them do things against their will (Romans 7:17&20). Sin is quite alive (Romans 7:9) and exceedingly active; so it must be Satan, the evil one, dwelling, acting, and

working in fallen mankind.

In Genesis 4:6-7, the Lord addresses Cain, *“Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”* Here again sin is personified. The NIV study Bible says: *“The Hebrew word for crouching is the same as an ancient Babylonian word referring to an evil demon crouching at the door of a building to threaten the people inside. Sin may thus be pictured here as just such a demon, waiting to pounce on Cain—it desires to have him.”* The Genesis 4:7 use of the word *“Sin crouching at the door,”* is therefore synonymous with the word *“sin”* in Romans 6-8—it is a personification and different from the word *“sins”* which is the very action of the person.

Let us address the question, what and how did we die to sin? We must first understand what it means to be *“in Christ.”* Who is *“in Christ?”* Every born again Christian is officially in union with Christ and He in union with us (John 14:20).

The Bible says that all born again people were in union with Christ when God the Father reconciled the world unto himself (II Corinthians 5:19). All born-again believers were *“in Christ”* at His crucifixion (Romans 6:3); we were *“in Christ”* when He was buried (Colossians 2:12); we were *“in Christ”* when He came out of the grave (Eph. 2:5); and we are *“in Christ”* as He was enthroned Lord of Heaven (I Cor. 2:8 & Eph. 1:20-21); Lord of earth (Isa. 66:1); Lord of the Cross; Lord of the grave; Lord of Hell (Acts 2:31); Lord of resurrection, and Lord over His ascended position far above all principalities and powers (Eph. 1:21 & 2:5-6); and finally we are *“in Christ”* as He is crowned Lord of all (Gal. 4:1b & Revelation 17:14).

Do we really get it? How can we grasp such a high and lofty and awesome inheritance? Just receive it as a little child, and don't try to understand it. Spirit understanding gradually comes after our obedience of faith, but never before faith. Simply receive it, and it is yours.

Since we were in Christ at His crucifixion, then what happened at the Cross? II Corinthians 5:21 says, *“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”* God the Father made Christ Jesus sin, in our stead, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God. Christ did the work of the Cross in history, in order that we might simply receive and appropriate the benefits of that finished work, and by the miracle of the Holy Spirit, know that we know, that Christ is our righteousness.

How could the Son of God be made sin, and why? And what does it mean, *“He was made sin?”* The sacrificial Lamb of God was made sin,

which was the sum total of what we humans BECAME through Adam's Fall. We, through the fall, are all sin-soaked, satanic-indwelt humanity (Eph. 2:2-3). Jesus was made Satan-indwelt humanity at the Cross, in order that we might be made Christ-indwelt humanity. It was an exchange of natures.

Think about this: Why the body of Christ? A body is a vessel, or the dwelling place for a spirit, and a medium by which the spirit manifests itself. Through the Fall, all of mankind became saturated with Satan's spirit. God poured Satan's spirit into Jesus' body, for He was made sin's root, which is the satanic nature as well as its fruit which are sins deadly consequences.

Is this offensive to you? We don't like to think of Jesus like that. But love deems it necessary, because a deliverer has to be like the ones he is to deliver. Animal sacrifices couldn't take away sin, nor deliver the person in bondage. It took a sinless human to deliver the human race, and only the perfect man, Jesus, the Son of God, who is God Himself, could be the one.

We need to understand what death means from the biblical standpoint. Death does not mean annihilation, it means separation. When your spirit separates from your body, you are dead. Your spirit goes one place and your body another. When Jesus died, his Spirit/soul went to Hades while his body was still in the tomb. The day Jesus died all of humanity was separated from its hellish bondages as well as sin's deadly consequences (Rom. 6:2). The satanic spirit left Jesus' body and He died. Jesus had beforehand prophesied in John 12:31, *"Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the prince of this world be cast out."* Cast out of what, or whom? When the sin soaked spirit of Satan departed from Jesus, sin and death were defeated and Satan's reign and dominion in mankind was conquered. Yet, Christ's death was not enough to completely restore us as *"New Creatures."* There had to be more.

Why am I using the word *"Hades"* instead of Hell? Bible students know well that Hades is the Old Testament's place of waiting for both the righteous as well as the unrighteous. According to the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Hades, being the same word as the Hebrew word *"Sheol,"* is the place provided for the dead before Christ's resurrection and ascension. According to the parable there was *"a great gulf fixed"* dividing the abode of the saved and the lost. One side is where the believers rested in peace and found comfort in Abraham's bosom, while on the other side, the unsaved live in the hellish torment.

The day Christ died, His Spirit man went to this place called *"Hades"* to do two things: First to show all principalities and powers that His death had triumphed and spoiled their claim on mankind (Col. 2:15), and to openly mock Satan for his attempt to destroy the Son of God, demonstrating that

the very attempt was Christ's' trump card to destroy Satan's power of death over mankind (Col. 2:15 & Heb. 2:14). Second, Jesus went to "Hades" to raise Abraham with all his believing "*seed*" to heaven prepared for them. Ephesians 4:8-10 says, "*When He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.*" Our Champion and King, Christ Jesus Himself, opened the Heavenly Gates ushering the Old Testament believers into the very presence of God.

But wait a minute, how can He raise fallen mankind out of Hades and into the heavenly presence of God. Aren't we justified by His resurrection (Romans 4:25)? Let us go back to the tomb before the resurrection: according to the scriptures, our humanity as well as all redeemed man, both past, present, and future are still in Jesus' body in the tomb—we were dead, and buried. Through Jesus' death we are now released from Satan's "*spirit of error,*" but unless Jesus is raised from the dead, we will remain dead with Him in the tomb (I Cor. 15:17). The glory of our Salvation is in the strength of Christ's' resurrection. By the power of God's (Shekinah) Glory, the Spirit released Jesus from Hades (Acts 2:26-27), and the Holy Spirit raised His dead body from the tomb, and we with Him (Eph. 2:6). Jesus couldn't get Himself out of hell, but praise the Lord, "*Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father*" (Romans 6:4) and all the "world" with him (II Corinthians 5:19).

This one divine sacrifice has birthed a new species of human beings into existence. These "*New Creatures*" are justified, sanctified, glorified (Rom. 8:30) and therefore perfected forever (Heb. 10:14) by this one act of sacrifice which was followed by the Father's faithfulness when He raised Him from the dead. Glory to God.

The unabridged book, Destined for the Throne, by Paul Billheimer is the clearest presentation I know on this subject:

*"As sons of God, begotten by Him, incorporating into their fundamental being and nature the very "genes" of God, they rank above all other created beings and are elevated to the most sublime height possible short of becoming members of the Trinity itself. Although, Christ is the unique and only begotten Eternal Son, yet He does not retain His glory for Himself alone for He has declared, "The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them" (John 17:22). Therefore, the redeemed will share His*

*glory, His rulership, and His dominion as truly responsible princes of the Realm.*<sup>2</sup>

Let me clear up any misunderstanding here. The whole human race has the possibility of becoming Sons of God, by virtue of the provision provided. But only those who “*receive Him to them gave he power to become the Son of God, even to them that believe on His name*” (John 1:12). I am saying this lest any would think that I am advocating, “Ultimate and Universal Reconciliation.” No, I am not. The only ones that truly are reconciled are those who have “*received Him.*” They alone are the sons of God. Whoever does not receive Him refuses the provision provided and suffers the damning consequences.

Let me sum up this chapter by quoting something by Martin Luther that profoundly states:

*“The incomparable benefit of faith is that it unites the soul with Christ as a bride is united with her bridegroom. By this mystery, as the Apostle teaches, Christ and the soul become one flesh. And if they are one flesh and there is between them a true marriage—indeed the most perfect of all marriages, since human marriages are but poor examples of this one true marriage—it follows that everything they have they hold in common, the good as well as the evil. Accordingly, the believing soul can boast and glory in whatever Christ has as though it were its own, and whatever the soul has Christ claims as his own. Let us compare these and we shall see inestimable benefits. Christ is full of grace, life, and salvation. The soul is full of sins, death, and damnation. Now let faith come between them and sins, death, and damnation will be Christ’s, while grace, life, and salvation will be the soul’s; for if Christ is a bridegroom, he must take upon himself the things which are his bride’s and bestow upon her the things that are his. If he gives her his body and very self, how shall he not give her all that he is? And if he takes the body of the bride, how shall he take all that is hers?”<sup>3</sup>*

Miss Bertha, from Cowpens, SC couldn’t love the Chinese to whom she was called by the Lord to minister. She cried out to the Lord to send her someone who could tell her truth. The Lord did, and Miss Bertha did

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<sup>2</sup> Destined for the Throne; by Paul Billheimer

<sup>3</sup> from “Christian Liberty” by Martin Luther

business with God. This is what she said: *"The Lord knows, I know, and the devil knows that I've swapped lives with Jesus Christ."*

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