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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 redeemed humanity)

I just met a lady at the doctor's office and in our chat she agreed that parents, mates and people in general can't love others because they are too bound up with guilt and self-condemnation. She was a Christian so we concluded that Jesus wants to get out of us, but is oftentimes hindered because of our own self-stuff. What a good lead-in to the Liberating Secret. We had a blessed time in the doctor's office. Why are folks asking for revival? **We Christians are a revival about to happen when we know our true liberation in Christ. Although, folks need a revival to awaken them to the fact that they already are a revival.**

For some strange reason more folks watched this video of the peacock than any of our other video's <http://spiritbroadcasting.net/misc.htm> . I didn't know that we were in competition with a bird!!! The update of the peacock is that I ask the Lord if he could leave just one of his beautiful feathers for me. The next day he started losing them like crazy. Now he has lost most all of his long tail feathers and I have collected them in an arrangement. Is he molting, and is this normal? Does anyone know? It has me stumped. I know that the Lord answers even the little request, but poor bird.

Dad and I are soon to do a **teaching tour** through southern Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina starting in the middle of September through October the 10th, and then after October 20. If anyone would like for us to come to your fellowship or church, please contact Margaret Lester at marlester@comcast.com.

A NEW COMMERCIAL for the Liberating Secret. One of our faith partners requested a Liberating Secret commercial lasting 60 seconds as well as one for 30 seconds. Check out the results: <http://www.godsit.com/ad.htm> and tell us what you think.

The benefactor of our new commercial asked if we, as a family, could produce a **INTRODUCTION/WELCOME video** for Spirit Broadcasting. So click [HERE](#) to see it. We are really proud of Dave's hard work. It takes many years to be trained in sound, lightening, videoing, and editing, and Dave learned his expertise through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He has come a long way from our first video's that we did on our back porch. Thank you Dave.

Live Internet Sunday School Coming late this summer:

Global Sunday School will start up late this summer with a verse by verse study of Galatians **live with Brian Coatney**. The method will be texting style participation for those who sign up and receive a logon. This is a discussion class for people I don't already know, where I will guide with comments on Galatians, and class members can share insights all throughout the 75 minute class that will take place from 2:00-3:15 GMT each Sunday. Your assigned logon will ensure privacy, and classes will not be archived for public access. This is a live class for enjoying a time of fellowship and insight in the moment. Later, we can add in audio or video components, but the idea now is to get going. When class size reaches 10-12, class members will talk about how to divide into two classes. Watch the web site for details on when we will be set up to go. For more information please contact Brian Coatney at: coatneys@newwavecomm.net

It would be great if any of our old timers would help to encourage new folks to join this class, since the class is only designed to facilitate new people.



Would you like **radio in your area?** Please contact **Margaret Lester** at marlester@comcast.net for more information.

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

Quotes

"We are creative beings—We are either creating mountains or plains." SP

"Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet offers the heel that crushes it."

"Truth needs no defense, it is immortal, it will sustain the ravishes of time." Charles Rains

Heirs of the Kingdom are those who die to ACHIEVING and live by RECEIVING!

Kierkegaard talks of being a Knight of resignation as opposed to a Knight of faith. To all appearances, the Knight of resignation looks like the ideal Christian (and, in fact, is in a valid first step) by his acceptance of the situation "as is." But the Knight of faith can rise up and

receive back his Isaac even as he is offering him up. It is that unique sense of expectancy (though paradoxically thrown into an absurdity of faith which follows the path of loss, yet knowing it will never extinguish our real heart's desire) that keeps the man of God *proving* the heart of God, and not merely being loyal to it. Soren Kierkegaard

"If we bake bread with bitterness in our hearts, We feed only half of man's hunger"

"The **adventure of adversity** when seen in its true perspective, it is found to be the doorway into God's most transcendent secret—that adversities and sufferings, which in their origin are the effects of sin and instruments of the devil, in the grasp of faith become REDEEMPTIVE. They are transfigured from the realm of merely something to be endured as an opposition of Satan, to something to be used to conquer their author and redeem his victims. Faith in times of adversity makes the serpent swallow itself! Once again the supreme proof of this is that when Satan made his fiercest attack in history on the person of Christ, God used that attack through the faith and endurance of the Sufferer, to bring about the world's salvation. God uses evil to bring about good." Norman P. Grubb

"Frequent trips through hell burns the ugly off, and that is why we are so beautiful."

Fran LOVE Giles

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

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

" Never measure wealth by how much money you might have"

"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

You are not a vessel that contains YOU—vessels don't contain themselves.



A friend is struggling with the whole idea of what it means to be a Christian, and I thought, "Why am I a Christian?" The question seemed fresh and of the moment, so I sat down, and here's what popped out. BC

Why I am a Christian?

Brian Coatney

Not everyone wants to be a Christian, and nobody starts out as one in life. My mother and grandmother were Christians, but neither could make me into a Christian; each could only

point the way and answer questions. Really, my mother took the simplest route; she gave me Egermeier's Bible Story Book in elementary school, when I could read it, and the Old Testament stories convinced me that sin is the problem. When I read the New Testament stories, they convinced me that sin was my problem.

Reading the stories about Jesus, it never occurred to me to try to solve my sin problem by doing good things. Instead, the person of Jesus Christ stood out clearly as the savior who forgives anyone who receives him. The best part was eternal life instead of eternal condemnation. So I accepted Him.

I would like to say that I lived a holy life after that, but the contrary was true, for I found that though I loved forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, I loved being my own boss, and the pleasures of that, even more. Consequently, when given the choice to live carnally or according to God's Spirit, I chose the carnal life most of the time for years.

This life led to symptoms in my early 20's that I didn't recognize at the time as depression, but the hopes of job, family, and personal fulfillment—pleasant as these were—still left me asking, "Is this all there is?"

Though I knew that a person cannot do anything to merit forgiveness, I didn't yet know that a person cannot do anything to bring about reform and Christian character. In other words, I still thought of myself as someone who could change for the better by going back to the Bible and trying to do good.

Not really that familiar with the Bible, two shocks awaited me when I started this program of self perfection. Nothing ever seemed enough, and efforts to do good only produced the opposite: I became more sin conscious the more I studied the Bible. To my horror, I realized, "I have never lived like this in my life." Years later, after total failure, I would realize, "I can never live like the Bible says to, no matter how hard I try."

I was missing an ingredient to the Christian life—the Spirit. It had not occurred to me that when I received Christ, I received the Holy Spirit. My only knowing of the Spirit had been times of anointing when the Spirit worked in ways outside the pale of everyday life. I reasoned, therefore, that the Spirit was an influence, a mighty and wonderful one, that enhanced life at times, and I wished that I could figure out how to enjoy those highs all the time.

The fundamental purpose of the Spirit still escaped me—not that I wanted to know, because you see, I already knew that the issue centers on control, and I wasn't ready to give that up yet. We aren't ready for that until our own efforts to control things so devastate us and others that we can't try even one more time to make life work. Exhausted and defeated, we lie pounded and tormented by sin, with no way to get ourselves out of it.

The Bible tells us a lot about sin, describing its manifestations, but we don't know that to fight against sin means to fight against the devil himself, and that's no battle we can possibly win. No matter what the particular sin, the devil is the source of that sin, and as such, one can only win over sin by winning over the devil. As much as we might like to think, "My only enemy is myself," the enemy is not self but sin and its father working in the self.

Knowing this does not come by reason, but by revelation. However, even that revelation is not enough; we can only get victory by deliverance that comes not from ourselves but from our savior once again. God delivers us by speaking to us in such a way that we stop looking at Christianity as anything other than a love relationship with Him as a person. He reveals Himself to us and tells us exactly how to respond to Him. As we do that, we find ourselves in the obedience of faith.

When this happened to me, I didn't even have a Bible any more and thought, "I don't know if a person can lose salvation, but if so, I think maybe I have." Life had turned into

constant self consciousness and condemnation, and I didn't have any energy left to try to fix anything.

Surprisingly, I didn't have to. As God spoke to me, I discovered that He talks to us in promises, and so I just accepted those and began to let them take root in me. That seemed easy enough, even miraculous. Here I had tried for years to bring about faith, and simple receptivity became the constant means of life. All of life turned into living by God's Spirit. Now, however, it wasn't God's Spirit giving me experiences like before, though that can and does happen. More fundamentally, God's Spirit opened up as the one who produces the fruit in us.

Think about agriculture for a moment. When we want fruit, we plant a seed. Galatians tells us that Christ is that seed, and as such, God created us into new beings by that seed. He did this by putting to death the person we were, crucifying it in Christ, and creating us as new beings by a new birth—by Christ's death and resurrection.

God put us into Christ's death, His burial, and His resurrection.

Boom, we're not reformed versions of who we were; we're people that we never were. This is the part of being a Christian I had never seen. I had been trying to reform the old self into a new self, but the Bible tells us that God's plan is that He put the old self to death in Christ's crucifixion, and in Christ's resurrection, put Christ, the seed, into us, and us into Him. So we're one now.

Jesus, it turns out, is the only Christian in the universe; so to be a Christian, I find that I simply, by His Spirit, express Him. How easy, when we see it. That's why I'm a Christian.

Driving Out The Canaanites

Part One of three parts

by Ron Block

I've often wondered what the "sin which indwells me" of Romans 7 really is. I was recently reading in Exodus and a lot of light was shed on the subject for me by the Word of God. The Old Testament is full of historical happenings which are simultaneously illustrations of truths or realities if we have eyes to see them and do a little digging into meanings of Hebrew or Greek words with a lexicon. The Passover is Christ our substitute; the Exodus from Egypt is our deliverance from bondage to sin; the Ark of the Covenant, made of wood overlaid with gold, containing the unbroken tablets of the Law and the jar of manna, is Christ, his humanity overlaid within and without by the gold of Deity, our living Law and daily Bread from Heaven.

Bear in mind that humans are three-part beings, spirit and soul (Heb 4:12) and body. The word "flesh" is from the Greek word "sarx", and in the sense in which Paul uses it means the body and soul of man taken as a unit. Eph 2:2 says that there is a "spirit that works in the children of disobedience (literally, 'the unconvinced') and that this spirit is "the prince of the power of the air." In Christ this spirit is removed and we are given a new inner spirit, a new source - the Holy Spirit. Thus, our soul/body is a container, a temple or vessel of a spirit - either the Holy Spirit or the unholy one. Bearing all this in mind, let's take a look at Exodus 33.

On to Exodus

The LORD said to Moses: "I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: Unto a land flowing with milk and honey." Ex 33:20 One day not long ago I wondered what the various names of the inhabitants of Canaan meant. I already knew that most of the old Gospel songs about "The Promised Land" being Heaven were wrong. Heaven won't have Canaanites to subdue. And my experiences in the Word and in faith over the last few years have taught me that God works from the center outward; He implants His life in us and changes us from the inside out. So that the Church ruling and reigning with Christ will take place when she learns to rely on her inner Husband at all times and in all things.

So from the inside out, the Promised Land is first our own soul/body. Our flesh. Our "land" in which God plants Himself, unifies Himself with us, and then wants us to take over in faith. This Land becomes populated with Canaanites early on, often as children, as Satan implants these hooks for his latching-on. These hooks foster our fleshly ways and means of coping with life, and bring passive, aggressive, and passive-aggressive behaviors, phobias, and any other kind of tool by which Satan lives through us. We'll deal with these hooks in Part Two.

Letters

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Dear Sylvia

I was relaxing in my room recently - listening to a CD from a well known and respected prophet, when he started teaching how we walk in the spirit and he goes to Micah, I believe chapter six...where it says this is what the Lord requires of you, well something happens in my spirit and it says No, "***The Lord Requires of Me***" !!!!

I'm not there to be required of anymore, I'm dead - Christ is my life. **When will the church quite preaching from the shadow of things to come and not from the true light - Christ our life's and living bread our substitute in death and in living!** Christ is my humility, Christ is my justice, Christ is my Mercy and He expresses those things through me It is Christ who is the producer of these great and wonderful attributes! Not I - but Christ...

Love,  
Your friend

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A new song in Patty's heart!

Hi Sylvia dear,

Miss you loads but still enjoying your tapes on an almost daily basis. Tom and I had to

go down to the Miami veteran's hospital 2 weeks ago. Tom had to have an ultra sound for the stent that they had put in almost 2 years ago as it was leaking and in need of repair. It turned out to be not as bad as it sounded as the leak was contained inside and now they are watching it. Starting the night before we went down there, a song started up in me and continued ever since, even through family horrors etc. I was walking in glory singing this song.(I really can't sing or know anything about music but here it is:

What's so amazing about GRACE?

What's so amazing about Jesus?

What's so amazing about the Way the Truth and the Door, The life and so much more?

Why, they're a Person.

I'm so amazed with amazing Grace. I'm so amazed with amazing Jesus.

I'm so amazed with the Life, The Truth and The Door.

The Life and so much more. For they're a Person

I'm where the Living Waters flow. On Living Bread I'm always feeding

And the amazing thing is He has come to live His Life as Me .

And that's what's so amazing about Grace. That's why Grace is so amazing,

and the amazing thing is He has come to live His life as WE.

And that's why Grace is so amazing.

I wish Jimmy Durante could sing it for us Ha Ha.

Love Pattie



What about physical healing?

Dear Kathy,

Now to your question-- Yes, as Christ operates through us as us, we do experience miracles all the time. Although, not all on the physical level. Healing is on all three levels of our existence. The human spirit is healed when Jesus comes to live in us at Salvation. Christ replaces Satan the usurper of our being, with Himself. Our souls are on-going being healed from false condemnation, false thinking which lead to false believing, scares from childhood, pain from life's trauma and etc. And then thirdly on our body level. All levels are important to God, because he came to save us to the uttermost. Whenever we discover who we are we are tremendously healed, which works out in our souls and then often times to our bodies. Lots of physical ailments are due to false believing, and self-condemnation. Whenever one is heal by believing the truth about themselves, their physical problems take most often care of themselves. I mostly major on that kind of healing because that is what God has called me to, however, just last week someone was healed physically on our back porch. To me that shouldn't be made grandiose because it is the natural outcome of our living as Christ. Jesus often said, don't broadcast this to others, and I feel the same way. If the person healed wants to tell it, then great, but I believe that we are being just naturally supernatural in all our

common life, simply because it is the life of Christ is supernatural (to me this means raised above the natural). Since we are living in the heavenlies far above principalities, and powers (ascended with Christ-Eph. 2:6), then why not call things into being and bring to earth what is already done in heaven.

I really hope to connect with you this fall. Keep in touch,

Love,

Sylvia



A word to a brother on how do we handle temptation?

Dear One,

What you are experiencing is common to all of us. You just go to a further extreme. Most think this Christ life really doesn't work just because of these kinds of incidents. That is so wrong, and certainly the devil's answer. Anything to discourage us, that is if he can. The truth is that everyman is tempted, just like our older brother Jesus who "learned obedience by the things He suffered," and Heb. 2:18 says that He suffered in that He was tempted. Thanks, Jesus I'm so glad that you were like the rest of us (Heb. 2:17). Now Jesus was Mr. Perfect Union man, and He suffered with temptation. So, I guess we are ok since we suffer with the same thing.

So then how does this all fit together. We are in union with Christ—my spirit joined with His spirit—however our (soul and body)-(Flesh) lives in this world filled with injustices, pain, and Satanic activity. We all see it, and do hate it. But how can we really blame God for the consequences for sins which we ourselves have chosen. Then, you might say, what about a true victim? All of this life victimizes us continually, that is why we are called to another life. You know, It is not what happens to us, that is ever the point, it is what we do with what happens to us, that is the point. What do we do with these circumstances, then?

Number 1, You are a son of God and you are an over-comer simply because Jesus the over-comer lives in you and he has overcome all. Since you are already an over-comer, then you need plenty of practice learning how to overcome...that is... how to be a "more than a conqueror"...how to be a King/Priest etc. You must establish first that temptation is not sin, and none of us should take condemnation for temptation, and even if we go so far as to sin, we still do not take condemnation (John 3:17), and then we trust the cleansing BLOOD. And never do we promise God "I will never do that again!" Why don't we promise God? Because we are not an independent-self so I have no independent keeping power in the first place. Matter of fact, in myself, I have no keeping power at all—period.

Although, that is a hard lesson to learn, "I HAVE NO KEEPING POWER OF MY OWN! We are so use to thinking that we do have our own keeping power, that God has to prove it to us that we don't. God says "OK, you all, Do you think that you can handle this one, go ahead and try just one more time." It's a great blow to our ego to find out we don't, and can't keep ourselves. We are helpless vessels and at the mercy of either the indwelling Christ, or an outside Liar who constantly tells us that we can do it in our own sufficiency's.

This may sound wrong to you, but I am going to say it anyway. Stop trying to fix, change or rearrange yourself. Give yourself permission to be human and don't be condemned for your human reactions. I always say, "Give your humanity a break." Sin can only get power over us through the law (I Cor. 15:56). Stop putting law on yourself! Stop saying, I shouldn't act that way. Ok, you shouldn't, but how do you not do it, that is the point. 1. Give yourself permission to react, without condemnation, 2. Don't say I won't do that again, 3. Vital point, refocus on Jesus with praise who is your over-comer—you are now focusing on the all powerful one, and not focusing on the weak vessel that can't do righteousness anyway.

This is much harder than it sounds, and is not a quick fix, but you have to start somewhere. Practice saying the truth about yourself, and say by faith I am not out of control even when you act out of control. This sounds like a gimmick, but it actually is practicing the presence of God in every situation. When I was at my craziest, I would say, I am not a crazy person, I am Christ in me. I acted like a crazy person, I assure you, but that action is not who I am. I felt like a crazy person, but that is not who I am. It may have been what I was doing, but it was not who I am. As I replaced by faith and by speaking **a word only**, the Spirit transformed me to much more than I could have imagined.

Your sister and friend,
Sylvia



Poem of the Month

The Tapestry

No chance hath brought this ill to me;
'Tis God's own hand, so let it be,
He seeth what I cannot see—
There is a need-be for each pain,
And He one day will make it plain
That earthly loss is heavenly gain.
Like a piece of tapestry
Viewed from the back appears to be
Naught but threads tangled hopelessly;
But in the front a picture rare
Rewards the worker for his care,
Proving his skill and patience rare.
Thou art the Workman, I the frame,
Lord, for the glory of thy Name,
Perfect Thine image in the same.

Recommend Readings

Scott and I highly recommend these three Paul E. Billheimer's books entitled:

1. **Destined for the Throne** (endorsed by Billy Graham and Norman Grubb) ISBN #87508-0146 –Try not to get a revised version–they shaved the edge off when they revised it.

Here is a taste of its splendor

'He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit' (I Corinthians 6:17).

"This union goes beyond a mere formal, functional, or idealistic harmony or rapport. It is an organic unity, and "organic relationship of personalities." Through the new birth we become bona fide generated sons of God (I John 3:2), "**partakers of the divine nature**" (II Peter 1:4) begotten by Him, impregnated with His 'genes,' called the seed ("sperma") of God (I John 5:1, 18 and I Peter 1:3,23), and bearing His heredity. Thus, through the new birth, and I speak reverently, we become the 'next of kin' to the Trinity, a kind of "extension" of the Godhead. That this group outranks all other orders of created beings is attested by Paul's dramatic questions in I Corinthians 6:2-3: "Don't you know that someday we Christians are going to judge and govern the world? Don't you realize that we Christians will judge and reward the very angels in heaven?" Here as a completely new, unique, and exclusive order of beings which may be called a "new species." There is nothing like it in all the kingdoms of infinity. This is the order of beings which God envisioned when He spoke the worlds into being. This is the order of beings which Paul called 'the new man' (Ephesians 2:15), the new humanity destined through the new birth to be the aristocracy of the universe. They form a new and exclusive royalty, a new ruling hierarchy who will also constitute the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. This order is divinely designated to be co-ruler, co-sovereign, co-administrator and a judicially equal partner to the throne by virtue of redemption and wedlock with the King of kings.

Nothing can ever dim the fact that infinity separates the Creator from the created. Christ is the eternally unique and only begotten Son, 'the brightness of {God's} glory, and the express image of his person." But from all eternity God purposed to have a family circle of his very own, not only created but also generated by His own life, incorporating His own seed, "sperma," "genes," or heredity. Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own (in a genetic sense), through what Christ would do for us' In order to obtain this personal, organic family relationship, God conceived the infinitely vast and infinitely wise plan of creation plus redemption through the new birth, in order to bring "many sons to glory."

Christ is the divine Prototype after which this new species is being made. They are to be exact copies of Him, true genotypes, as utterly like Him as it is possible for the finite to be like the Infinite. 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."

2. Destined to Overcome ISBN # 0-87123-287-1

Here is another taste of splendor

"Man was originally made for authority. He was created and fashioned for dominion. When he came fresh from the hand of God, he was given rulership of the earth, kingship of its life, and the control and mastery of its forces. In Gen. 1:26 it is recorded, "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over all earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth," The writer of the 8th Psalm states specifically, "You made him to have dominion over the works of thy hand: thou has put all things under his feet."

Heaven holds the key by which decisions governing earthly affairs are made; but we hold the key by which these decisions are implemented. This being so, then prayer takes on a very different dimension from the conventional notion or understanding. Prayer is not overcoming reluctance in God. It is not persuading Him to do something He is unwilling to do. It is "binding upon earth" that which already has been bound in heaven (Matt. 16:19, Amp). It is implementing His decision. It is enforcing His will upon earth. Prayer makes possible God's accomplishing what He wants and what He cannot do without it. The content of all true prayer originates in the heart of God. So it is He who inspires the prayer in the heart of man. The answer to every God-inspired petition is already prepared before the prayer is uttered. When we are convinced of this, then faith for the answer is easy. Far easier than it would be otherwise."

3. Don't Waste Your Sorrows—ISBN # 0-87508-007-3

And another taste:

This is part of Dr. B. H. Pearson Foreword to the book.

"I am pleased indeed with the volume, *Destined for the Throne*, but I am thrilled with *Don't Waste Your Sorrows*! The insights and vantage points gained in the former volume have enabled you to see deeply and clearly into one of the darkest and most mysterious valleys of human existence—the problem of suffering and sorrow. You have no need of excusing it, for you show God using it as a precious means of developing character here and thereby making possible for the child of God as he enters the heavenly realm "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Most materials written on the problem of sorrow leave the reader with questions. In this volume you give an answer clear, resounding, Biblical, and based on the character and being of God. The concept of God and man suffering together, and eternal values thereby accruing, impossible of achievement in any other way, helps to transmute sorrow and suffering into closer communion with the Lord.

Don't Waste Your Sorrows shows pain and suffering to be not an oversight or accident, but part of the eternal love-plan of God for perfecting "His family" on earth for their place in the eternal Kingdom of God."

A book recommended by Brian Coatney:

Someone (I don't know who) had the Acton Institute send me the book above about environmental stewardship. The book is 118 pages and divided into three sections. Jewish scholars write the first, Catholic scholars the second, and other Christian scholars the third.

What appeals to me in the book is the basic thesis that the problems we hear so much about concerning the environment are nothing that people of faith in democracies with free enterprise can't solve by continuing to grow spiritually, economically, technologically with an emphasis on personal property ownership.

This is not an ecumenical book but simply a book where Jewish and Christian thinkers give basic biblical and scientific reasoning on why things are not as bad as we might think.

I'm not recommending the book because it tells how to find deliverance from sin and walk in the Spirit (the ultimate issues!); I'm recommending it because it's a book about why God is bigger than what we fear and why, as made in His image trusting him, we can see the world as opportunity and not resign ourselves to desperation measures that ultimately cause more destruction than the problems these measures seek to solve.

The most exhilarating things about the book are the dignity of man in the image of God as God's ruling agent and the marvelous possibilities that come from faith and technology combined in a view that doesn't panic over immediate worst case scenarios for the future as if God can't lead man to a better world by faith.

The book is not political and but simply presents three essays on why we have far more reason to believe and live in hope about the environment than we have to wring our hands, place blame, and think the world is about to fall apart.

Below is the book info, I put the link for the Acton Inst. Thanks to whoever sent me the book.

[Environmental Stewardship in the Judeo-Christian Tradition](#)



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Prayer Request

Please pray for Christ, Our Life's **World Vision child**. Her name is Eranda Lici from Albania; she is in the 4th grade.



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

This Month's Article:

I usually hate it when people say, "This is what I believe, what do you believe?" because that attitude is usually based on ones opinion rather than a true profession of faith which should be based on Bible truth. So, I wrote this one day, and I believe this could help folks by confessing Bible truth instead of just voicing their own particular opinions.

"Few Christians have recognized the place that confession holds in the scheme of things. Whenever the word "confession" is used, we instinctively think of confessing sin, weakness, and failure. That is the negative side of this question. Christianity is called "the Great Confession." Confessing is affirming something that we believe. It is testifying of something that we know. It is witnessing for a truth that we have embraced. Confession holds a very large place in Christianity." E. W. Kenyon

Compiled by Sylvia Pearce

Affirmation of Faith

"According to your faith, be it unto you" (Matt.9:29).

I recognize that there is only one true and living God (Ex.20:2-3) who exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that He is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory as the Creator, Sustainer, and Beginning and End of all things (Rev. 4:11; 5:9-10; Isa. 43:1,7,21)

I recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among

us (John 1:1,14). I believe that I was hopelessly lost (2 Cor. 4:3-4), indwelt by the devil (Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 3:10), and on my way to Hell (2 Thes. 1:8-9) before I was born again of the Spirit of God (John 3:5; Rom. 8:9). I believe that God has proven His love for me because when I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Rom. 5:8). I believe that I am now a child of God and have been set free from the bondage of the spirit of fear (1 John 3:1-3; Rom. 8:15-17).

I believe that God delivered me from the dominion of darkness and transferred me to His kingdom of light, and in Him I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:13-14). I believe that I have been washed in the **BLOOD OF CHRIST** (1 Cor. 6:11). I believe that I was saved by the grace of God through faith, that it was a gift and not the result of any works on my part (Eph. 2:8). I believe that I am totally cleansed from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). I believe that I have been born again of **incorruptible seed** (1 Peter 1:23), therefore I am a new race of being with a new genealogy (1 Cor. 5:17). I believe that I have a brand new Identity, I am not just me, Christ is my life (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:4).

I believe that God has given me the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and therefore I am whole, complete and lacking in nothing (Col. 2:9-10; James 1:3-4). I believe that I am crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20), and therefore DEAD (Col. 3:3). I believe that I am raised with Him, and I am now seated with Christ in heavenly places far above Satan's power (Eph. 2:6). I believe that I am sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit, body, soul and spirit (1Thes.5:23-24; Heb.10:10,14)), and therefore, I am strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10).

I believe that I am dead to the *outer law* when it shouts its should's and ought's at me (Rom. 7:4). I believe that Christ inwardly fulfills the outer law in me as I rest from my own works and stand in Him (Heb. 4:10-11). I believe that through Christ's **BODY DEATH** I am married to Christ and set free from all indwelling sin (Rom. 6:2; Rom. 7:4; Rom. 8:2).

I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil. 3:3), for the weapons of warfare are not of the flesh (2 Cor. 10:4). I have put on the whole armor of God, because I have put on Christ who is the armor of truth; the breastplate of my righteousness; the shield of my faith; the helmet of my salvation, and sword of the Spirit (Eph. 4:24). I believe that I am not in my flesh, but I am in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9), therefore I walk confidently and freely in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

I believe that Christ stands firm in me who by His indwelling personhood resists the evil one who tempts me. I believe that I don't have to fight the devil, he is already defeated by Christ's resurrection life that lives within me (Heb. 2:14; Rom. 5:10). I believe that I am dead to sin, and alive to God (Rom. 6:2;11). I believe that I cannot keep myself from sinning, so I don't try, but instead I believe the Lord is my keeper so I rest in His mighty keeping power (Jude 24; 1 Peter 1:5).

I believe that apart from Christ I can do nothing (John 15:5), so I declare myself wholly dependent on Him alone. I am not an independent-self by virtue of my union with Christ (Gal. 2:20). I believe that Christ, **is my life**, and I have no life of my own (Col. 3:3-4). I believe that Christ is made unto me by virtue of our union relationship, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1 Cor. 1:30). Therefore I have no righteousness of my own which is through human self-effort, but now I have righteousness which is through the faith of Christ (Phil. 3:9).

I believe that the human me is nothing more than a helpless **vessel** (Rom. 9:22-23), **branch** (John 15:1), **temple** (1 Cor. 6:19-20), **body** (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18), **slave** (Rom. 6:17-18), and **wife** (Rom. 7:2-4) of Christ, and therefore I have no power of my own to produce any good as well as any evil (Gal.2:20; Rom. 7:17). I believe that my humanity is a weak expression of the life of another (Gal. 2:20). I believe that when my humanity is at its weakest,

Christ strength is made perfect through my vessel of weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).

I believe that temptations and trials are actually good for me, because it always causes me to turn to the Lord for my answers, and it produces patience, experience, and maturity (Rom. 5:3-4; James 1:2-4). I believe that trials are firstly for me, to settle me in the faith (1 Peter 5:10; 1 Peter 1:7), but secondly and primarily they are for others (2 Cor. 1:1:6; Gal. 6:2). I believe that everything that happens to me comes from the sovereign hand of my heavenly Father (Matt. 11:27a). I believe that every evil thing that Satan plots against me, God means for my good (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).

I believe that I have been begotten me again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in Heaven for me (1 Peter 1:3-4). I believe that this inheritance is not faded glory like Moses had, but is an New Covenant inheritance that glorifies me, body, soul, and spirit.

I believe that the Lord has caused me to know the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings (Phil. 3:10). Therefore, I present my body a living sacrifice, and I am transformed by renewing my mind to the truth which proves the perfect will of God (Rom. 12:1-2). I believe that it is God that works in me both to will and do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). I believe that my only work is to believe in the person of Jesus (John 6:28-29). I believe that obedience, submission, and abiding are not by my own works, but are acts of faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26b).

I believe that faith without works is dead, because true faith in Christ produces the fruit **of the Spirit**, while false faith produces nothing but dead works (James 2:26). I believe that false faith is a mental assent trusting in doctrinal truths, while true faith is of the heart and therefore trusts the PERSON of Jesus who **is** the truth (John 5:39; John 14:6), I believe that Christ produces the fruits of the Spirit naturally, as I trust Him.

Since I am abiding in Christ, He bears much fruit through me and glorifies God, the Father (John 15:8). Since Jesus is my Lord (1 Cor. 12:3), He reject any counterfeit works of Satan in my life. I agree with this rejection, because these works are simply not who I am (Rom. 8:9). I believe that in the Cross of Christ, I have been crucified to the wrong use of my flesh, and do not fulfill its lust by simply walking in the Spirit truth concerning who I really am. (Gal. 5:21; 5:16).

I believe that I have all the gifts of the Spirit, because Jesus, the Giver, lives in me. However, He manifest any particular gift, as He wills (1 Cor. 4:1-11). I believe that out from me shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:38). I believe that God chose me, and calls me His friend (John 15:15-16).

I believe that the truth will set me free (John 8:32) and that walking in the light is the only path of fellowship (1 John 1:7). I believe that Jesus in me stands against Satan's deception by taking every thought captive in obedience to Himself (2 Cor. 10:5). I believe that through the Cross I have put off the old self with its evil practices and I have put on the new self (Col. 3:9-10). I declare myself to be a new Creature in Christ, the old self has past away, and the new self is Christ in me the only hope of Glory (2 Cor. 5:17; Col. 1:27).

I declare that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and a authoritative standard given to me for sound doctrine, reproof, correction, and for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:15-16). I believe that the Bible is also a confirming witness to what God has already given me in Christ. I believe that I am filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18), and He leads me into all truth (John 16:13). I believe that The Holy Spirit intercedes through me with groaning which cannot be uttered (Rom. 8:26).

I believe that Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan (1 John 3:8), and He disarmed

the rulers and authorities and made a public display of them, having triumphed over them (Col. 2:15). I believe that Jesus has all authority under heaven and on earth (Mat. 28:18) and that He is the head over all rule and authority (Col. 2:10).

I believe that Satan and his demons are subject to me in Jesus' name, because I am the bodily form of Christ (Eph. 1:19-23). I believe that Christ has given me the keys to the Kingdom of God (Mat. 16:16-19), and I exercise that right by faith. I believe that all things are possible with God (Mk. 10:27), and I believe that I can ask anything in his name, and He will give it to me (John 14:14).

I believe that I can say to any mountain (crystallize thought patterns, addictions, emotional hurts, etc...) in my life, "be though removed and be cast into the sea," and it shall be done (Mark 11:23-24). I believe that I am a co-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17), that means that all that Christ has inherited through the one act of obedience (the Cross) is freely given to me by the Father (1 Cor. 2:12).

I believe that Christ is living His life through me fulfilling God's eternal purposes that He preplanned before the foundation of the world (Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 2:10). I believe that I am blessed with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places (Eph. 1:3). I believe that by His stripes I am healed, body, soul and spirit (Isa. 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24). I believe that miracle working power is available to me at all times (Mark 16:15-18). I believe that Christ is resurrection power in me, and He is my Wisdom so that I might use this power wisely (1 Cor. 1:24). I believe that I draw from a well that never runs dry (John 4:13).

I believe that Christ has given me all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him and has called me to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3). I believe that God has given me exceeding great and precious promises and by these promises I am a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4a), therefore I believe that I escape the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Peter 1:4b).

I believe that I am crucified to the world (Gal. 6:14); I believe that I am crucified to the misuse of my flesh (Gal. 5:23) and I believe that I am crucified to the devil's power over me (Heb. 2:14-15). I believe that I am holy, without blame and without reproof (Col. 1:22). I believe that I am raised in Christ unto good works which He does through me (Eph. 2:10), and I believe that I am seated on the throne of power through Christ's ascension (Eph. 2:6). I believe that Christ is therefore joined to me body, soul, and spirit (1 Cor. 6:15-17), and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me (Gal 2:20). I believe that I am a member of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Eph. 5:30).

I believe that Jesus and I are joined together as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17), fulfilling Jesus' prophetic prayer for me in John 17:21. I believe that Jesus has given me His glory which unifies us together into one person (John 17:22).

I believe that I am justified by faith (Rom. 3:24), I am sanctified by faith (Heb. 10:10;14), and I am glorified by faith (Rom.8:30) as I look into the mirror of who I am, I am transformed from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18). AMEN!

*Since this is the truth concerning every born-again person, then why do we have problems accepting this great inheritance? I believe that our only problem is that we are walking in unbelief, instead of walking in faith (Rom. 7:19-20). I believe that we trust more in what we think and how we feel, than who God says **we really are**. How do we walk in faith? "Walk in the Spirit" truth concerning yourself, "and you **shall not** fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). Leap into the truth and expect the Holy Spirit to fulfill His promises in you, and "**POSSESS YOUR POSSESSIONS**" (Obadiah 1:17).*

"After you were illuminated you endured a great fight of afflictions" (Heb. 10:32). And "Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Heb. 6:12).

*"Blessed is the man that endures temptation for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown of life** which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12). We are overcomers for Christ is in us and He has already overcome **all**. Enter in and you will **"eat of the tree of life"** (Rev.2:7); get **"a new name"** (Rev.2:17); have **"power over the nations"** (Rev. 2:26); get **"a white raiment"** (Rev. 3:5), and **"sit with Christ in his throne"** (Rev.3:21). **HERE AND NOW!***

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