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*...whether I
come and see
you, or else
be absent, I
may hear of
your affairs,
that ye stand*

*fast in one spirit, striving together for the
faith of the gospel; Philippians 1:27*

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○ magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:3

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Dear Readers,

We bring you this December issue of Keeping In Touch with the hope that it will strengthen you in the Lord and in the power of His might. There are two messages about *agape* love in here. This concept of love is key to a wonderful walk with the Lord and our fellow man. We trust it will bring a renewed determination to love those around you, as you are also reminded of the great love that God has towards you.

As an orchestra plays the instruments perfectly in unison, so let us stay in unity with the Body of Christ.

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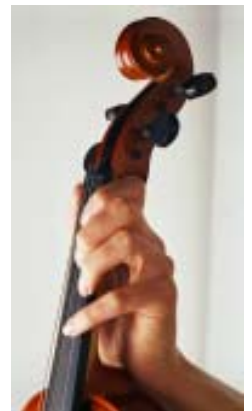
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The Love of God is the strongest force in the universe. Jesus was that Love; God manifested in the flesh. He was and is and shall always be our Love. Those who are saved today are saved because love covers a multitude of sins. His love is an everlasting love. It is a love that has been imparted to us as individuals. That love draws us to Himself. Love edifies us. Love is as strong as death. This love also precedes all time because the Bible says... GOD IS LOVE!! - Tommy Cook

The greatest message there is, is the Love of God. Turn to the book of Revelation, chapter 2. God is speaking to the first church. There was a problem in this church.

Ephesus means "desirable" (one meaning of it). There are some things we desire that

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are good and there are other things we desire that are not good. Verses 3-4, *And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. ⁴Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee...* What would Jesus say to us today? What would the Lord have against us in some area of our life? With the church of Ephesus He says, *...I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.* The Lord NEVER leaves us! Man, himself, does the leaving! It is us!

Verse 5, *Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works...* Notice...first love and first works! The first work He did in you was putting His nature in you. He is continuing to do a work in us. Yet, when you leave that first love you are going to leave the first works. If we have actually drifted from that first love or leave that love then...*Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.* I understand the candlestick of this church was removed. He tells us what to do if we have left that first love; we must repent. If we forsake Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, He will remove our candlestick. If we forsake Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, He will remove our light.

Matthew 24:8-10, *All these are the beginning of sor-*

rows. ⁹Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be haled of all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. Notice that first there are offenses, then betrayal, then there is hate.

Verses 11-14, *And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ¹²And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. ¹³But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.* Now, Jesus said that right before His coming there would be those that would be offended. They would mistrust people. They would be betrayed. There would be a ministry of false prophets that would actually cause people to turn away from God. If you will notice in verse 11, He talks about these false prophets rising and deceiving. In

verse 12, lawlessness or iniquity also will multiply and abound and the love of many shall wax cold. The opposite of love is HATE. The opposite of being cold is HOT. They were hot Christians. They were loving Christians and now they are turning to hate and becoming cold. Jesus did say in Revelation 3:16, "I want you either hot or cold. And if you are in the mixture realm or lukewarm, then I will vomit or spew you out of My

of God

mouth." We are either in or out, hot or cold. This living between the fence line will never please God. IT IS LUKEWARMNESS. These people, in Matthew 24, will actually turn from the Lord. They are leaving that first love.

When you turn from that first love, the Bible does not mean too much to you. We quit studying and reading the Word of God. We quit praying in the Holy Ghost. We quit fellowshiping with the people of God. We quit going to Holy Ghost meetings. Now, we might go to meetings but they will not be anointed meetings. There are churches that have thousands of people and if they would be led by God and the Holy Ghost, He would speak new things to them. He would bring some convictions into their lives.

As people leave Jesus, or that first love, their attitudes are not the same. When we drift from Jesus and get away from the Lord we can lose that glow we once had. It can be very subtle. The glow begins in the heart and it comes out in the face. If the heart is empty then the face is going to be empty. Our priorities change. The Lord is not first like He once was. We put ourselves first. We begin to drift. We begin to descend instead of ascending. We begin to go into apostasy.

I had a pastor friend, years ago, who was a godly man. He had a vision for two and a half hours. He was literally taken miles into space in this vision. He saw the devil himself. He saw God's people as they would intercede and pray and would ascend in God. Then when they would stop praying, they would start descending. He saw this. Around the world he saw these big canopies and small canopies and places where there were no canopies. The Lord told him that the canopies represented Christians. He had a tremendous vision on intercession. It is true...when we stop praying, we begin to descend. As we pray, as we seek God, as we do warfare and move in God then we begin to move up in God. We have to guard that time. We have to battle for that time. Do you have to battle for that time? Whether you rise up early in the morning or stay up late at night, however you do it - God has to work that out in all of us!

I will tell you what happens when we leave Jesus. We go into La La land. We go into passivity. We do not fight like we once fought in the things of God. The same desire is not there. The standards we once held to are no longer there. We begin to compromise when we drift from Jesus and get away from the Lord. We move more into the religious realm and move out of the spiritual realm. There is a form and no substance. If you leave the love of God then all you have is a religious club. Conviction is no longer pricking our heart as it once did. We become critical, we murmur. There is hatred, there is bitterness. We begin to blame others. We do not see our-

selves as we should. We see all the faults of everyone else. Has anyone been there?

What do we do? We repent!! We repent and say, "Lord, I'm sorry. I moved away from You. I have drifted from You. I have left my first love." And He will receive you back.

I want to tell you something about this love. I want to tell you eight things in this teaching on love. Now turn to the Book of Ephesians. I am not saying there are only eight points about the love of God, but this is what the Lord said to share.

In Ephesians 1:4, **love precedes time.** God is Love. Love precedes time. *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be*

holy and without blame before him in love:

Who chose us? God, the Father!
Whom did He choose? He chose you and me, His Body.

Where did this choosing take place? In Him! In Christ! When did He choose us? Before the foundation of the world! Why did He choose us? That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. That love precedes time.

The second scripture is in Jeremiah. I want to show you three things about this love. I thank God for His love. You can give your body to

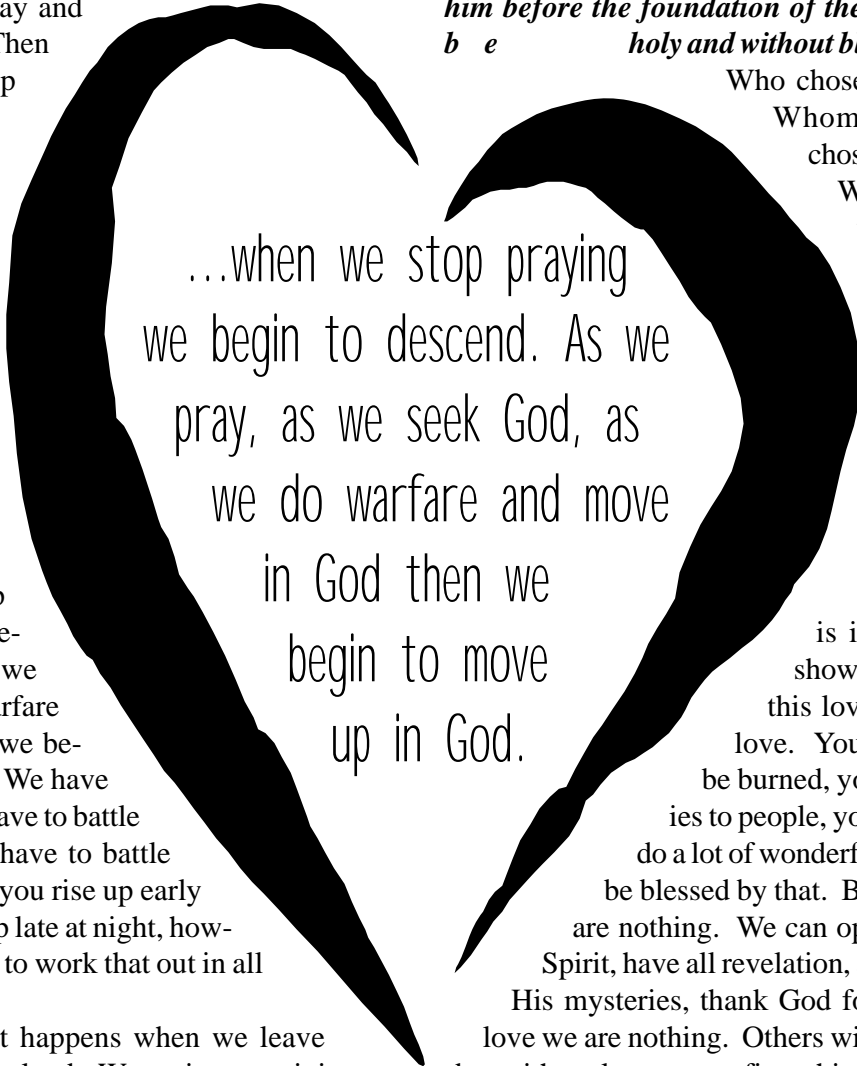
be burned, you can give your groceries to people, you can prophesy, you can do a lot of wonderful things and people will be blessed by that. But without that love, we are nothing. We can operate in the gifts of the Spirit, have all revelation, all knowledge and know

His mysteries, thank God for that, but without His love we are nothing. Others will be blessed and helped but without love we profit nothing. Everything we do we must do it in love.

Jeremiah 31:3, *The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

Notice three things: This love was to Jeremiah, a prophet and shepherd. It was personal. Ministries are pastors or shepherds.

1. This love was to him personally.
2. God's love is everlasting.
3. By that lovingkindness *have I have drawn thee.*



There is drawing power in His love. It is personal; it is everlasting; and it draws us to God. How many thank God that you were drawn by that love? You were drawn to Jesus!! I remember as a boy, the Lord would begin to prick my heart and I received Jesus. I did not really live for Him as I should have. Even though I drifted away, I came back. The Spirit was there to bring me back years later. I thank God, He deals with us in a loving way. We are to remember our Creator in the days of our youth when our hearts are tender towards Him.

Love is a person. I John 4 says God is Love. I John 4:15-16, *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.* ¹⁶*And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.*

God is love... Love is not a blob out there some where. Love is a person. *...and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.* This is our residence. Are you dwelling in God? Yes, when we are dwelling in love.

Now look at the next verse. Verse 17, *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

Was Jesus the manifestation of that love? Yes! Jesus was the Son of God manifested in the flesh. Right? We know that He is the Son of God, the Son of Love. What is He doing today? He is raising up sons of God, sons of Love, sons that will be manifested, in God's time, to the fullness of that love. We are not there yet. He desires to bring us to full sonship and into this fullness of love.

Let us see what else love does. Look in I Corinthians 8:1, *Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.* It builds you up! Submit to love. Verses 2-3, *And if any man think* (it is our slinking thinking that gets us in trouble) *that he knoweth any thing* (the more I know the more I do not know anything), *he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.* ³*But if any man love God, the same is known of him.*

So love edifies.
It precedes time.
It is personal.
It is everlasting.
It draws us to God.
Love is a person.

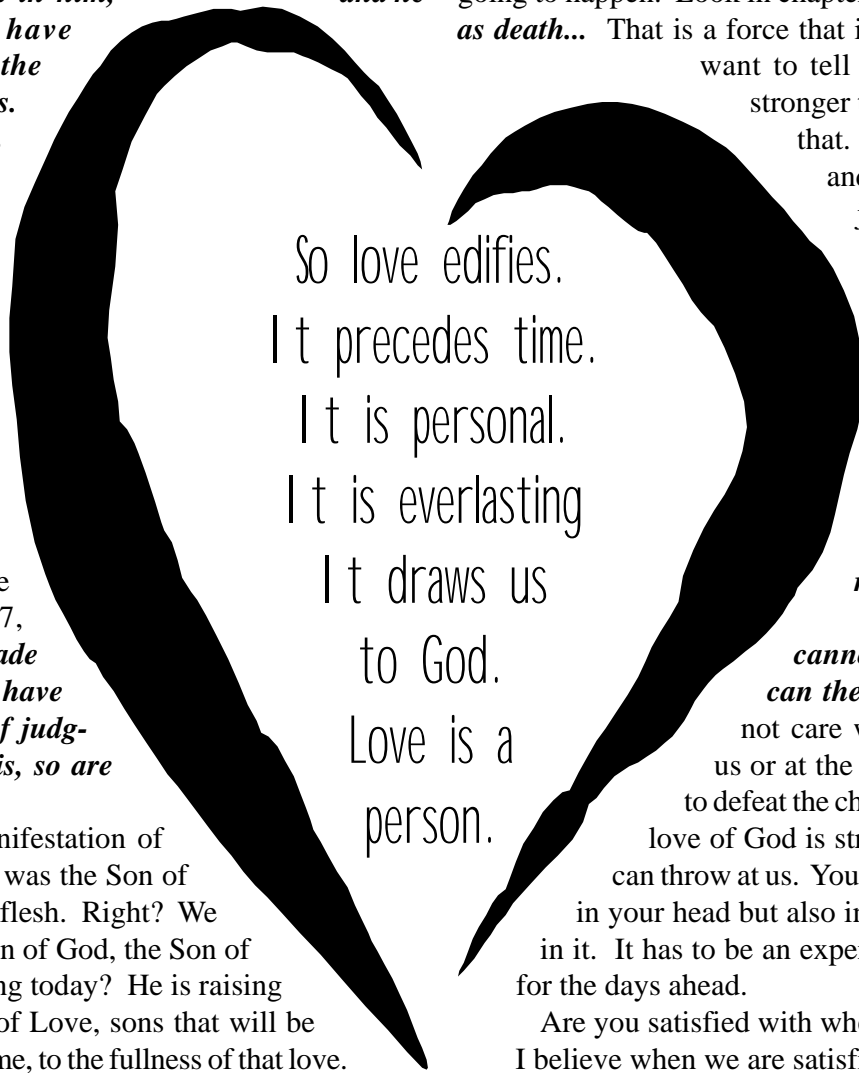
Look in Song of Solomon chapter 8. Love is mentioned many times in Song of Solomon. Can you resist death when it finally comes to your home? There are times when God may intervene when the death angel comes to destroy us but I mean when the final curtain comes and God is ready to take you home. You cannot resist it; it is going to happen. Look in chapter 8:6, *...for love is strong as death...* That is a force that is irresistible, too. But I

want to tell you something, love is stronger than death. Jesus proved that. How? By death, burial and resurrection! Hallelujah!! When John saw Him, he saw Jesus as the Lamb of God, in Revelation 5, standing as the Lamb of God. *...for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.*

Verse 7, *Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it...* I do not care what the devil throws at us or at the church. He is not going to defeat the church of Jesus Christ. The love of God is stronger than all that satan can throw at us. You must know that, not only in your head but also in your heart and walking in it. It has to be an experiential walk in our lives for the days ahead.

Are you satisfied with where you are in God?

I believe when we are satisfied then we have drifted. Look in Ephesians 3:16-19, *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.* God wants to pour His fullness of love into us. Do you know what will happen? God will have a hundred fold people. They will be the sons of God. This is the



manchild of Revelation chapter 12. THE OVERCOMERS! The Feast of Tabernacles that we are waiting for. We have just tasted some of it. There is much more that we have not attained to yet.

Several things happen when we begin to leave the love of God. Go to I John 2:3-5, ***And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*** (that is religion talking). ***⁵But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected...*** That does not mean we are totally perfected yet. We all have some love in us if we know Jesus. That love we have is perfect. But He said that if we keep that Word - in you and in me - is that love perfected. ***...hereby know we that we are in him.***

Look at the next verse, ***⁶He that abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*** How did Jesus walk? He walked in love, in authority, in power, in the Spirit, etc. He walked in the love of His Father. If we have drifted from the Lord, we are no longer living in the Word. You cannot love the Lord any more than you love His Word. Because He said, "If you love Me, you'll keep my commandments."

Turn to Revelation 22:14, ***Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.***

There are seven times in Revelation that he uses the word *blessed*. There are seven blessings; this is one of those seven. One of the blessings is in Revelation 14:13, ***Blessed are those that die in the Lord.*** It will be a blessing to die in the Lord at a particular time in the tribulation. In fact, in that verse in chapter 14, John said that it is right in the midst of tribulation, right in the midst of the mark of the beast and trouble. I believe pressures are going to get so strong on some that it will be a blessing to die in the Lord. If you are going to die, die in the Lord.

Revelation 22:14 says, ***Blessed are they that do*** (they are actually doers of the Word) ***his commandments, that they*** (those that do his commandments) ***may have the light*** (the authority or the privilege) ***to the tree of life...*** Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden and did not get to partake of the tree of life. What did God put at the entrance of the garden? A FLAMING SWORD! So to come back through that dimension you have to come back through the flaming sword. Which way is it turning? The Bible says it turns every direction - east, west, north and south. That same fire, that same anointed Word will destroy every enemy that we have, coming from every direction. ***...and may enter in through the gates into the city.***

Turn to Revelation 2:7. This is the love of God. ***He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of***

God. Where was Paul taken to? Paradise! What do you think he was partaking of? The tree of Life! And he said to the overcomer, ***I will give him to eat of the tree of life...*** So in Revelation 22:14, those that are doing His commandments are the overcomers. What authority do they have? They have that right or authority to partake of that tree of Life. What else? They enter in through the gates of the city. The city is the church, the bride. How many gates are there? 12! What is the number 12? Government! They are the first to partake of the tree of Life. They are the first to enter the city. They are the first to enter government, the government of God. Who are they? Overcomers! Why? Because they do His commandments. They are walking in the Word. I do not mean lip service. They are doing what God says to do. God says, "Cast out devils, heal the sick and pray for the lepers and raise the dead." God wants people to do it under His direction.

The second thing that happens when we drift from the love of God is we stop moving into the Kingdom of God.

Look in James 2:5, ***Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*** Do you know anyone really poor? Do you know anyone rich in faith? Those who are poor in spirit, Jesus said, "Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to be poor in spirit? It simply means, "God, without You I simply cannot make it." You depend totally on God whatever you do. It is a broken and a contrite heart that God will never despise. The verse says ***rich in faith.*** Some are not rich in faith. They may have a level of faith, the measure of faith, but he said "these" are rich.

Remember the church in Smyrna? He said, "I see your works and I see your poverty," but he said, "thou art rich." You know what He saw? He saw they had Him. The last church at Laodicea said, "No, Lord, we are rich." He said, "No, you are not, you are poor." Look in James 2:5, ***...heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to them who love him?*** If we turn from that love, we will miss out on the kingdom.

Look in II Peter chapter 1. It speaks to us about the Word of God. He uses the word *virtue*. The word *virtue* means "to excel, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness," and in verse seven ends with charity.

Verse 8, ***For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren (idle) nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*** Verse 9, ***But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*** Verse 10, ***Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*** What did Jesus say in Revelation? You have left your first love, you have fallen. Look at verse 11, ***For so an entrance shall be***

ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we leave the love of God, when we move away from It, we are no longer moving into the Kingdom of God.

Turn now to I John 4:18, *There is no fear in love...*

How many of you battle fear in your life? I was telling some brethren that I was in London a few weeks ago and I was staying in a hotel. I was in my room and I was writing some things down on a teaching I had taught years ago on deliverance and as I prayed I felt something rising up in me. So I began to get some deliverance from fear and from pride. It was really coming out. I was really getting with it. I thought I would have to

submit this thing down or else I would wake up the guy next door. But he snored all night long and kept me awake. Fear and pride were coming out of me. We need more humility. *...but perfect love casteth out fear:...* Speaking of deliverance, if you submit to God, He will give you a good dose of the love of God - that fear cannot slay. You do not even have to have anyone lay hands on you. *...because fear hath torment.* So if there are areas in our life where we are fearful and there is some torment, listen - cry out for the love of God and He will come in and push that fear out.

There are over 200 kinds of fear. There is a natural fear. If you are driving down the road and you have a blow out and you are about to hit a telephone pole - that is a natural reaction. One time I was driving from one town to another town to teach. The sun was up a little bit and a truck pulled right out in front of me. In that kind of situation you do not always know what to do, but suddenly God showed me what to do. I went around him. It had rained and it was muddy so it slowed me down a little bit. I hit the ditch pretty fast but the mud began to slow me down and I came up right around him. He never saw me. I would have been killed if I had hit that truck, because I was going the speed limit. I thank God that He intervenes in those situations. Even in that natural circumstance the Lord showed me what to do. That was a

natural reaction of fear.

There is a fear of man, which the Bible says brings a snare. Then there are religious fears. I studied over in John's gospel how some people were kicked out of the synagogue and others were not because of religious fears. Then there is the demon of fear; that is an abnormal fear. I grew up under some fear. When my mother was carrying me something happened to her. She never told me what it was. She had some kind of fear that entered into her. That thing affected me in the womb. How many have been affected by things in the womb? Be honest. I grew up under that fear but the Lord has helped me get rid of a lot of that. It is abnormal. Then there is the fear of God, reverential fear, a holy awe we must have. God says this love will

cast out that fear and that torment because *...He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

When we move away from the love of God, we quit seeing the over-comer realm, the hundred fold realm and all the fullness that we talked about. Now look in Jude 20. *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*

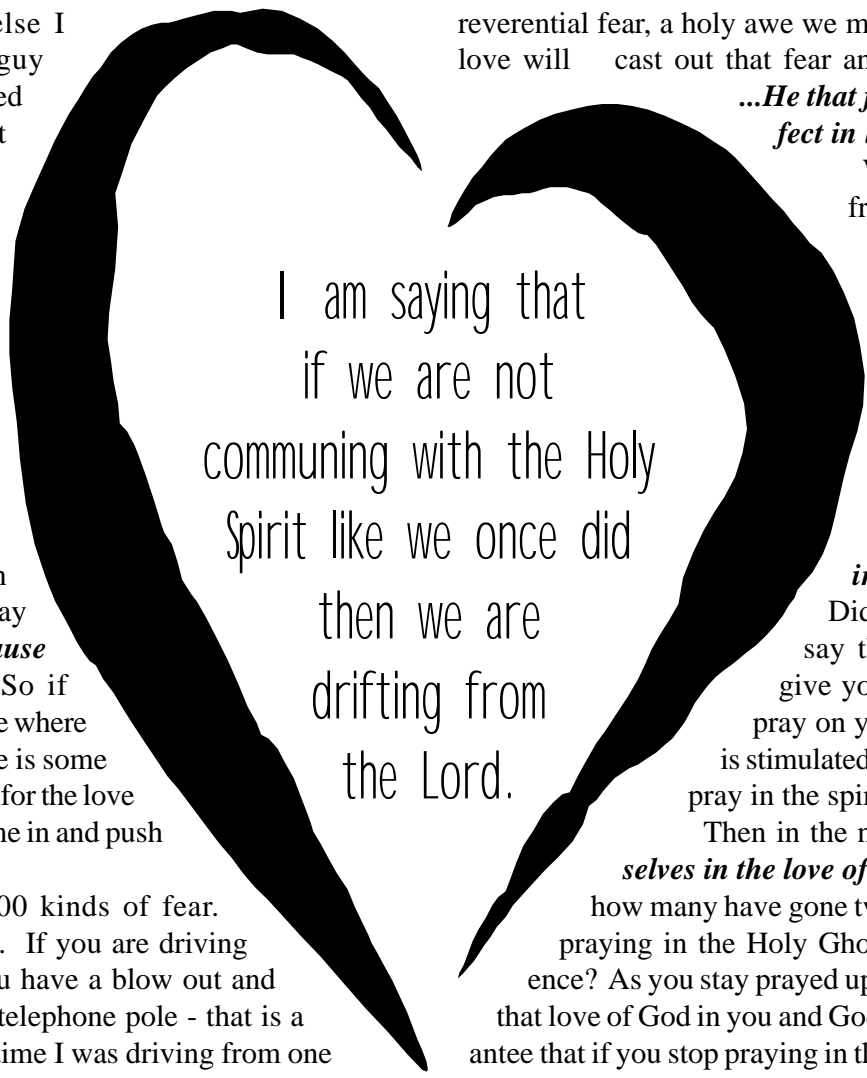
Did you notice he did not say that this praying would give you faith? He said, "You pray on your most holy faith." It is stimulated and it is activated as you pray in the spirit.

Then in the next verse, *²¹Keep yourselves in the love of God...* Let me ask you, how many have gone two or three days without praying in the Holy Ghost and can tell a difference? As you stay prayed up, you feel that churning, that love of God in you and God moving in you. I guarantee that if you stop praying in the Holy Ghost for two or three days, you will feel and know a difference.

Verse 22, *And of some have compassion, making a difference:* If you stay in the love of God you will have compassion. You hate fleshly things. I want to hate them more. How do I do that? By staying in His presence.

Verse 24, *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling...* what happened in Revelation 2? They fell. They walked away from the love of God. They quit praying in the Holy Ghost. *...and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.*

Let me ask you something. If we are walking away



from the love of God, are we still communing with the Holy Ghost like we once did? Do we still have that intimacy and union with God? NO! Which means four things:

I am not praying in the Spirit like I once did;

I am not living and residing in the Spirit like I once did;

I am not being led by the Holy Spirit and

I am not walking in the Spirit.

Look at II Corinthians 13:14, ***The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*** Notice the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion with the Holy Ghost. He is with us, Hallelujah! The Holy Ghost exalts Jesus! Thank God His presence is with us. We thank God He is with us.

I am saying that if we are not communing with the Holy Spirit like we once did then we are drifting from the Lord. Philippians 2:6, ***If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies...*** Let me say something to you. If you have fellowship in the Holy Spirit, then, verse 2, ***Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*** You are going to be like minded. You are going to have that same love. You are going to walk in one passion, in one accord and one mind. That is needed today.

Verse 3, ***Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*** I would like to meet some people like that, people who are not too high on themselves, but they are high on the Lord and high on the Body of Christ. Verse 4, ***Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*** William Booth, who started the Salvation Army, was to go to a convention years ago and he could not make it. He sent a telegram and it said one word - "OTHERS." So let us think of others besides ourselves. The love of God will cause you to do that.

One more thing. This is a critical area. When you move away from the love of God, you begin to lose the desire for the coming of the Lord. That is critical. Jesus talked in Matthew 24 about a man who was a wise and faithful servant. Then he said this man became an evil servant. The first thing that happened was he lost his expectancy. He said, "The Lord delayeth His coming." Let me tell you...He has never delayed His coming. There is a set time. God the Father knows it and it will be. When you follow this servant you see that he quits walking in the Spirit. When you walk in the Spirit, His coming is always eminent, not only within you but even in the air. The servant quit walking in the love of God because he began to smite God's people. He became a smiter and a fighter. He became a beater and no longer a feeder. You know what it means to "smite"? It means to "wound the conscience."

He began to wound those that were under him. I have met Christians that have been wounded. They have been ripped asunder and many have been destroyed. We are not to beat the sheep but to feed them. We are to gather them, not to scatter them. We are to feed them and not fleece them.

We can no longer forgive if we are walking away from the love of God. You can only forgive in the love of God. In my flesh, sometimes, I do not want to forgive anyone. We so often do that which is right in our own eyes. Remember Judges 21:25, where they did that which was right in their own eyes because there was no king. I tell you, if we walk away from the King then we do that which is right in our eyes and not what is right in His eyes.

Look in II Thessalonians 1:3. This church knew more about Jesus coming than any church because in every chapter he talks about His coming. ***We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.*** Would you like to be in a church like that? A church where faith is glowing, love is abounding toward one another, where we are not cutting each other down and criticizing. It is love that is covering a multitude of sin.

Now turn to I Thessalonians 1:3, ***Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.*** Remember when Jesus addressed the church in Revelation 2:2-3? He mentioned their work, their labor and their patience, but He never used the words *faith, love and hope*. Notice in I Thessalonians 1:3, it says *faith, love and hope*. What is the greatest of the three? LOVE! Here Paul is addressing them that they were without ceasing which means it was not coming to an end; it was increasing that work of faith, that labor of love and the hope of patience. In verse 10, he says, ***And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.***

Go to chapter 3:12-13, ***And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: ¹³To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*** How many see that the love of God must be in us when Jesus comes?

Look in chapter 4:9-10, ***But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. ¹⁰And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;*** Let us increase more and more!!

In verses 13-18, he is talking about the coming of Jesus. By the way, in those few verses, the coming of the Lord

will take place. He is coming in clouds, clouds of heaven; the seventh trumpet is going to sound; the resurrection is going to start and it is in the day of the Lord. So he says to let that love increase, be in you and abound for that day.

Look in chapter 5. He is talking about the day of the Lord again. Verse 2, **For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.** What does that mean? It means an element of surprise. A thief does not come to your door and say that he is coming at 3:00 AM, does he? He has a set time. He is probably watching the house, waiting for people to leave and then he is going to move in. Jesus is not a thief but He is coming as a thief, which means there is going to be an element of surprise.

Have you ever studied the lives of the people that knew Jesus was going to come the first time? It was just about eight people or so. It was a remnant. I want to tell you something, the majority of people are not looking for Jesus' coming. The majority of Christians are not looking or expecting His return. You know where He is coming first? In us!! Someone says, "I already know Him well." He wants you to know Him better. He wants to change us in our souls.

In chapter 5 we see the day of the Lord. Look at verse 8, **But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.** That breastplate of love and faith. Look in verse 13, **And esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.** Verse 23, **And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Turn to II Thessalonians 1:3, **We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;**

Look in verses 7-8, **And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from**

heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

In chapter 2:8-10, **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹Even him, whose coming (there is a false coming) is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. SALVATION IS IN YOUR SPIRIT, THEN IN YOUR SOUL AND THEN IN YOUR BODY. Or I can say, "I have been delivered, I am now being delivered, I shall yet be delivered."**

Look in chapter 3:5, **And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.**

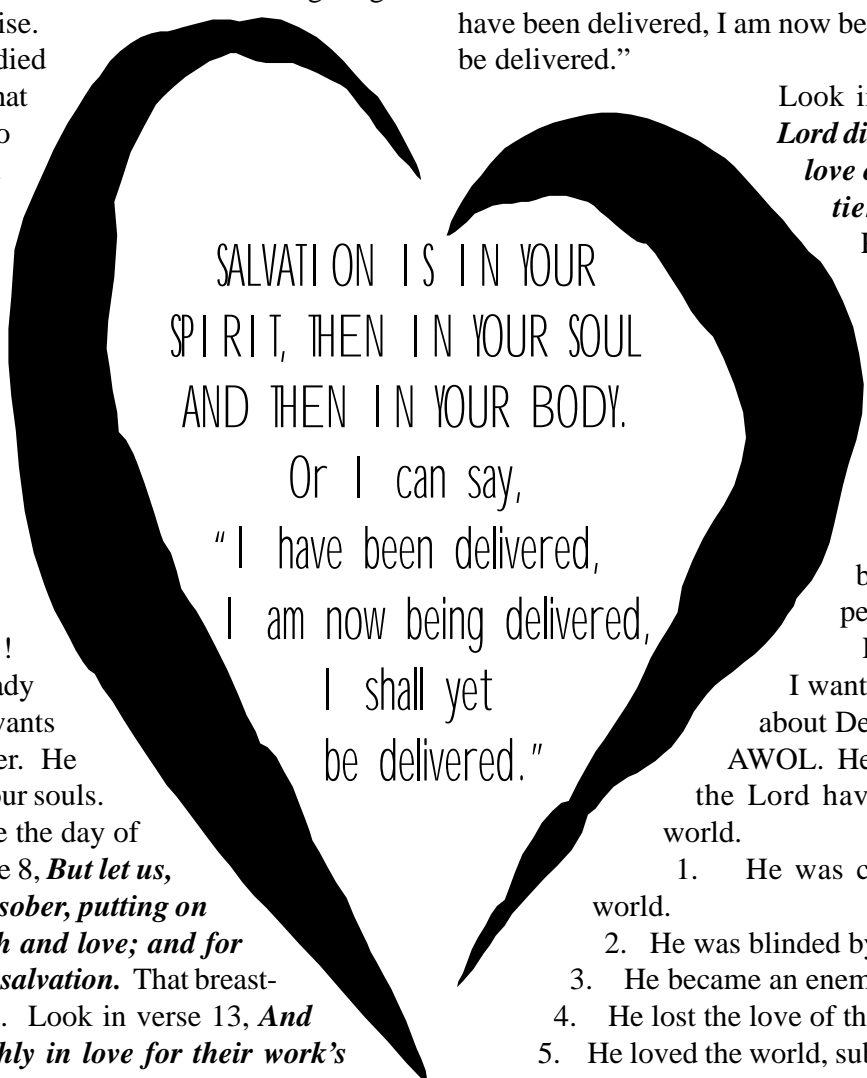
Paul said in Timothy that those who would love the appearing of Jesus would receive a crown. I want to tell you three things: We must look for His appearing; we must love His appearing; we must be like Him when He appears.

Look at II Timothy 4:10.

I want to tell you seven things about Demas. Paul said he went AWOL. He left the ministry, he left the Lord having loved this present world.

1. He was conformed back to this world.
2. He was blinded by the god of this world.
3. He became an enemy of God.
4. He lost the love of the Father.
5. He loved the world, submitted to it and was not delivered from it, as far as we know.
6. He had a heart problem. Something of this age, of this world attracted his heart.
7. He went backwards. He stopped going forward and went into apostasy.

We need to check our heart. How many would be honest and say there is some area in your life where you have slipped? Maybe in your prayer life, maybe in studying the Word or having fellowship with others. It can be a number of things. That is between you and the Lord. God is able to restore us. It is easy to get our eyes on our own



troubles, our tribulations and the things we go through and get them off of the Lord. Maybe it was a trauma or a hardship but God is faithful to bring you back as you cry out for Him.

This love of God covers a multitude of sins and His faith He has put in us worketh by love. So may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

SEVEN WAYS LOVE IS IMPARTED

1. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. (Romans 5:5) Bestowed upon us (I John 3:1)
2. Love is a fruit. It must grow; a process of time. (Galatians 5:25)
3. His love is perfected in us as we keep His commandments. (I John 2:1-5)
4. We keep ourselves in the love of God by praying in the Holy Ghost. (Jude 20-21)
5. Only God can give us the capacity to love. We love Him because He first loved us. (I John 4:19; I John 5:1)
6. Our love can provoke (incite or stimulate) others to love. (Hebrews 10:24)
7. This love was manifested (revealed) to us from God,

the Father, through His Son, Jesus Christ. (I John 4:9)
SEVEN BLESSINGS TO THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD

1. His mercy. (Nehemiah 1:5)
2. Peace and no offense. (Psalms 119:165)
3. Prosper. (Psalms 122:6)
4. Preserved. (Psalms 145:20)
5. Fear and torment cast out. (I John 4:18)
6. Draws us to God. (Jeremiah 31:3)
7. Heirs of the Kingdom and a crown. (James 1:12; 2:5)

SEVEN THINGS GOD REQUIRES OF US WHEN WE LOVE HIM

1. Hate evil. (Psalms 97:10)
2. We keep His commandments. (John 14:15; I John 2:1-5)
3. Do not mistreat your neighbor. (Romans 13:10)
4. Love our brethren in the Lord. (I John 4:21; I John 5:1)
5. Give substance to those in need. (I John 3:17)
6. Love with a pure heart. (I Peter 1:22)
7. This love is without dissimulation which means sincere, unfeigned, and without hypocrisy. (Romans 12:9) ✨

Our Condolences

Dear Brethren,

It is with great sadness that we announce that our beloved Brother Cecil duCille went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on October 20th, 2009. Just three weeks after his 87th birthday, and eleven months since the passing of his beloved Mavis. Although a shock to most of us, we rejoice in the sovereign will of Almighty God, knowing that precious in His sight is the death of His saints. We are so thankful for the many years of faithful ministry to the Lord. He and Mavis dedicated their lives to the Body of Christ, and we have all been eternally blessed by their sacrifice. He most certainly fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. There is therefore laid up for him a crown of righteousness. He is again with Mavis, and has now joined the ranks of the great cloud of witnesses. May the fruit of their labor continue to flourish in the earth until His glorious appearing.

Gary Sonmore ✨



The Mountains Declare That He is Lord

2009 Czech Republic Conference
by Paul Davis

Beautiful lush countryside with gently rolling hills and evergreen forests once again provided the setting for the 2009 Czech Conference. When the songwriter penned the words, “The mountains declare that He is Lord” he had to have seen something of the beauty that is the Czech countryside. Indeed, God’s rich and abundant glory can be seen throughout the beauty of this melodic land. Within the hills that are a precursor to mountains to come in neighboring areas one finds a marvelous peace and a place for solace of the soul.

Within the gathering of the Body of believers there came forth a strong and faithful word to reinforce the declaration, “I will never doubt it, my heart wants to shout it, that the Lord, He is God, He is God.”

From the outset of the meetings, a clarion call to repentance was sounded with a resounding alarm. From message to message it was clear that God is calling for His people to understand in this hour that it is needful for there to be a daily awareness that the earliest message of Christ was, “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” Not only was this His initial message but it continues to be the foundation of the message of the Kingdom. In order for the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be viable in a person’s life there is a strong need for an awareness that a part of the normal Christian life is to have a sense of humility that quickly leads the believer to repent when they find themselves apart from God.

During the meetings, it was made very clear that God is seeing us in the light of the messages to the seven churches throughout Asia. In particular, the church at Sardis was the primary focus of comparison to the place where the church finds herself today. This fellowship of believers is warned very clearly by the Lord that this church finds itself having a name that it is alive and yet Christ sees her as dead. However, He does not completely discard the whole church at Sardis but calls upon the saints to be watchful and strengthen the things which remain. Yeshua tells the church to **remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent** (Revelation 3:3).

One of the messages clearly brought forth the point of the word Christ spoke, **remember therefore how thou hast**

received. The message served as a definitive reminder that there are points of doctrine that set apart the message of the kingdom as being different from the ordinary belief system of the general church. These are: no rapture, Christ as King, the attainment of perfection on this side of heaven, and the coming of Christ within a people. The speaker pointed out that when these doctrines were originally received they were accepted with great joy and the knowledge that these truths set the believer apart from the world in a place of strength. However, what the Spirit is speaking to the church in this hour is that there has been a subtle relinquishing of these truths and a gradual slipping into religion replacing abundant life relationship with Christ. Early in the conference, one of the brethren had a vision of a large python that was stretched along the length of the meeting room floor. This giant snake was unmoving and seemingly unnoticed by the brethren as they stepped over it and even some children were seen to be playing on top of it. A word was brought to explain the actions of a python, a large snake that literally sneaks up on its prey by being very quiet and unmoving until it drops down upon the victim and slowly suffocates his meal. The victim of such an attack shows no outward signs of bruising and becomes dead through means of the blood flow being cut off from the vital organs. The vision pointed to a condition that is subtly plaguing the church in this hour. The busy condition of life is slowly strangling the life out of the church and unless a change is made through repentance, death will surely be the end result.

There was also the sharing of a dream about a jet that had been delivered to the body for the purpose of taking them to a higher place. However, this jet could not take off on the runway that was provided for it without there being adjustment to the engines. The brethren milled around the jet knowing that there was a need for changes to be made in order to attain flight, yet not wanting to touch the engines to make it happen. The understanding of this dream was that there was a need for repentance to come in order for the brethren to attain to a higher place in Christ.

In short the word for this hour is “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” God bless you all. 🙏

Nuggets for the Needy

by Mavis M. duCille

Foreword by Shannon Asbill

I was so blessed to read Mrs. duCille's gentle reminder that it is when we truly SEE Jesus that we will be changed - impossible problems become easily overcome obstacles. If we could remember this everyday, how much easier and more pleasant our lives would be! Remember that God knows the beginning and the end of all things, and if we will cry out to and submit ourselves to Him, He can show Himself strong in our lives. ~ Shannon

A Look at Jesus

December 1982

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5-6.

Recent thoughts and observations of the Christian walk beget questions, demanding answers which throw some light on Paul's statement that *"some walk as enemies of the cross of Christ."* As truth avails itself, there is an unveiling of the confused state of the Christian world today.

Certain facts are indisputable: The Father and the Son existed before the beginning, then God said, *"Let us make man in our image and likeness..."* Man was made in God's image, but before he could take on His likeness, the serpent came into the picture and beguiled Eve, causing her to disobey. They did not partake of the TREE OF LIFE, and consequently were driven from the garden.

God has never fallen short in His plan for man's redemption, and neither has Satan ceased in his endeavor to rob man of this glory.

It is abundantly clear in the scripture that when God unveils Himself dispensationally to different generations, some recognize, honor and glorify Him as God, giving thanks, while some reasoned (applied vain imaginations

and foolish and irrational speculations), getting their minds darkened, thus missing the glory, majesty and excellency of the eternal God.

When Adam and Eve left the garden, they lost the ability to communicate with the Creator on a certain level - to enjoy good exclusively. They gave up obedience, and lost the mandate to have dominion over every living thing and to subdue the earth. The image of Satan, who hates God and man alike, was superimposed upon man, causing him to *know* good and evil without the power to *do* good, hence the perversity of the human heart. It then became absolutely necessary for man to totally embrace God's provision for deliverance from this bondage - which is Jesus Christ and all His attributes manifested through all the ages and through the whole universe.

The man who recognizes and loves God will recognize and love his fellow man. Even as the fall overthrew the true dignity of man, so shall the other crucial event, which is the coming of Jesus Christ, redeem and save all those who love and obey Him.

God has made provision for every man in every dispensation. Some recognize and accept with joy, while others reject, though they prove His power and might. When man submits to God, then good is brought forth - mercy for judgment, compassion for condemnation, joy for sorrow, love for hate, happiness for misery, life for death, peace in the midst of the storm, strength for weakness and on and on.

JUST A LOOK AT JESUS TURNS NIGHT TO DAY, DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

This paradox is at the core of the Christian experience. It is invariably manifested in the course of personal trials. Just think how many times the impossible is all that is seen: a great mountain in the path - when

one cries out in distress or despair, then the Captain of our soul, instead of removing the mountain, simply lifts us above the situation. Oh! Never a mountain too high or valley too deep, or any situation one can think of that is impossible for Him. He specializes in things seemed impossible. **The Christian walk is not for God to be continuously removing our problems, as much as to teach us how to rise above them, where we can SEE JESUS who gives the victory.**

It is the cross of Christ that teaches the children of God to turn the other cheek when smitten, smite not again. Love them that hate you. Do good to them that despitefully use you and persecute you, forgive seventy times seven, and all the other seemingly impossible things - ah yes, Paul said, ...*not I, but Christ*, (Galatians 2:20) - a look at Jesus.

To be reckoned righteous is to touch God when our hearts SEE JESUS. It is not so much the idea that we have been brought into a salvation experience by asking Jesus into our hearts. It is by far greater; it is that our hearts SEE HIM; that we can make that adequate presentation of ourselves to Him, to meet Him and make personal contact. This gives inner strength, fortitude, confidence and power over the power of the enemy.

When we really see Jesus - Head of the Body - we can humbly take our place in submission; to receive as well as to contribute, that we might save and bless one another.

It is unfortunate that many hear of Him but not many SEE HIM. When one sees Him, the inner man is illuminated with His glory, and a transformation process takes place.

Where there is space for hate and strife, etc., it is a manifestation that the believer has not seen Jesus. When we see Him, we can find our place in His Body, since there is no member of the Body that is against the other. In the physical body, all the members work in harmony, because they are under the command of the head. Even so it is in the spiritual.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work (James 3:16).

When one sees Jesus he is able to apply Christ-likeness to a situation, rather than soulishness, as the scripture says:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7).

If we do not see Jesus as He is, we frustrate God's plan of redemption in bringing man back to the God-consciousness which Adam lost. SEEING JESUS IS A

CONSCIOUSNESS and awareness of God's glory and righteousness in all things, and there is no space left in one's life for part-time Christianity.

Paul saw Jesus and he said, ***I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord***, not that Christ had taken him prisoner, but that he wanted nothing else in life, but to be a prisoner of Christ. It is finding the pearl of greatest price, and you sell all to obtain it. It is more than just salvation. Salvation is the beginning, but this is the ultimate. The sole purpose for which Jesus came is that we might be transformed into His likeness; be made into His likeness. The only way we can be made into His likeness is when we are able to see Jesus.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (II Corinthians 3:18).

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:21).

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him (Colossians 3:10).

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (II Peter 1:4).

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (I John 3:2).

This is final. If we do not begin to see Him now, we will not be able to see Him at all. Seeing Him in His righteousness, in His love and in all His attributes, not just looking physically at the Word, but the seeing of the heart. When the heart sees Christ, then the life begins to manifest. If you think that you are seeing Him or say that you are seeing Him, and your life does not manifest His glory, His righteousness, then you are being deceived.

No form, no creed, no regimentation, no discipling will cause you to manifest His glory. It is basically a heart condition, a heart going after that which it has seen in Christ, determined to bring forth that Christ in the earth.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (I John 3:3).

A very important thought is in the 6th verse.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not SEEN HIM, neither known Him (I John 3:6). ❧

They Have Moved!



David and Kristi Wickboldt
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By Melissa Trotter

David and Kristi Wickboldt have moved to the Mahomet area! I asked them how it all came about that they rather quickly just bought a house and moved. Kristi willingly gave me the whole story!

First of all, Kristi was living here when she and David were married in May of 2004. David lived in Marengo, Illinois, located 60 miles northwest of Chicago, where his computer business was established, so Kristi moved to join him there. She had the thought in mind that the Lord would bring them to come to live in the Mahomet area, and in her own mind, figured it would only be a year or two before that would happen. It seems the Lord had different plans! It was five years before He gave them direction to move.

About a year and a half ago, David and Kristi talked about moving. Kristi shared that the Lord was telling her to be still enough and small enough not to be anxious about staying where they were. David was coming from an opposite viewpoint and said that he needed to be still enough and small enough to not care - and say "Amen," - if God said to go elsewhere. Because of his business, he couldn't just pull up and move. It had to be the Lord. Kristi said, "We came to the place where we, together, were wanting to hear the Lord and wait patiently for Him. At this time, we were not even sure if, when or where we would move!" David had people invite him to come live in various places, but he didn't feel right about any of them. He really had people in Mahomet bugging him to come here (not only family members, either!). Of course, Kristi still wanted to come to the Mahomet area!

So, she let it go; she gave the desire up unto the Lord, but she confessed, "I still thought about it a lot!"

When they were driving home from the July Conference this year, they were talking in the car and Kristi felt to ask David if they could specifically pray about moving to Mahomet. If the Lord said, "No," then that was fine.

They just wanted to hear what He had to say. Whether it was, "Be still," or "Go," they would praise the Lord.

Kristi said they fasted and prayed for three days for various things, including the possibility of moving. Although asking the Lord about moving was not the top priority in the list for her, Kristi really did want to know what the Lord had in mind for them! She said, "We didn't talk about it again and maybe prayed one other time. I had a peace in my heart about it and thought, 'I don't need to pressure David,' and I let it go. I knew the Lord would speak to him in His time."

Then, about three weeks later, David came running upstairs with the laptop computer and said, "Kristi, you should see this house!"

David had been casually looking at houses in the Marengo area for a long time but ended up not having any peace about buying a house there. It was like the Lord was saying, "I don't want you looking at houses in Marengo." He then started to casually look at homes that were for sale in areas north of Mahomet, thinking about being able to continue his business from there.

So David showed Kristi the videos of the house and she said, "It was beautiful. I really, really liked it. David also thought it looked great and we decided to look into it further." This was at the end of July. They called Mrs. Asbill, who is a realtor, and she got the ball rolling. The second week in August, they came down here and looked at the house, as well as two others. Kristi said, "This one absolutely stood out to us! There were so many things we liked about it. I liked the pantry in the kitchen, especially, and also the window over the kitchen sink. There was room for the children to run outside, and the indoors was so open and sunny! The Lord knew the desire of our hearts, and gave us far above what we asked for." David was looking for a location somewhat north of Mahomet, be-

cause of his business. He also wanted space for his office. He wanted at least three bedrooms and this house had four. David also wanted a large yard, to have space for a garden. The house had all this, and more. It seemed that the Lord was saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

From there, they went through the process of buying the house and the Lord just opened all the doors wide. The day they made an offer on the house, the owners responded by accepting the offer the same day! Even for their old home, their lease was open-ended, so

they were able to stay until everything was finalized with the new house.



They officially moved in on October 3rd and are very excited about being here. Kristi said, "It was not too hard to leave the old house; it was just so exciting to move on and be near the brethren in Mahomet. There was so much joy, even though there was the sentimental part of leaving the house all our children were born in. We knew God was moving us on."

So, that's the story! 🙏

A big welcome to you, David and Kristi, and to your children, Joshua, Elisa and Abigail!

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Announcement!

Nina Elizabeth Chattic was born to Nate & Kate on October 28th, 2009 at 11:54am.



She was 9 lbs 8 oz, much to Isaac's delight - because she matched his birth weight! She was also 21 1/4 inches long, had a full head of black hair and very dark brown eyes. I must admit, we all fell in love with this "little" girl!



The delivery was excellent, which was a specific answer to prayer, and we are thankful each day that God has blessed us with this beautiful child. 🙏





LOVE



One Another

Cecil duCille May 24th, 2009 Mahomet, Illinois

I am indeed blessed to be here, to have this privilege to bring to you the Word of the Lord. God has been speaking to me through the week and one of the things that He did was to show me a vision. I saw a human form and the word *LOVE* was being written. “L” on the right shoulder, “O” on the left, “V” on the stomach and “E” in the belly. After it was written that way, He wrote *LOVE* with “L” on the forehead, “O”, “V” and “E”, right down. He turned him another way and He wrote “LOVE” on the side written in red. I wondered at it. What kind of vision is this? What did God mean?

Our only hope is love. I began to remember a brother in Grove Place back in Jamaica many years ago. He was a rough, hill man. He lived in the mountains and did his agriculture and he was pretty rough! He had never learned to read or write. We went up into the hills and started preaching and he heard the Word of God and received Jesus Christ. You would think it was a university professor speaking when he opened his mouth and began speaking the Word of God. He couldn't put two words together properly in English, because when he would speak in Jamaican you wouldn't understand anything he said. But when he got in the Spirit, the man was an entirely different person. Hallelujah. The love of God took hold of him and he was just an entirely different person! He quickened the whole

of God's congregation when he spoke. So, I remembered him, Brother Biggs, as I sat down there in my seat. I just remembered him and the Lord began to show me that after all our efforts, all our labor, all our work, the main thing is love. Do you have it? If you have love, does love have you?

Let us look at what Brother Paul says here. I think there is a feast somewhere for us today. I Corinthians 13:1, *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.* In other words, a dumb brass sound - that is what I am if I don't have *agape*. Now, I have been trying to find out why they translated it *charity*. I have been looking through all of the history that I can find of the writing of the Bible and I cannot understand why anybody would look at the word *agape* and translate it *charity*, because *charity* is far removed from *agape*. You can have *charity* and not have love. There are some people who could give you many things - Rockefeller could give away billions; that wouldn't make him a lover. Bless God Almighty.

The word that came to me as I sat there is that there is no law against love (Galatians 5:22-23). We should never be afraid of loving one another. That is the honest truth. We can be afraid of coveting one another, you know, but

not loving. If you love someone and you show the love for the person, it is God's Word and Spirit in you. Love can do no harm. Real love is not the petty thing that men play with. It is L-O-V-E, God Himself speaking. That is the only word in the Bible that describes God, because, we couldn't find any better word. You see, God is light. God is peace. God is everything. But when the Bible said, "God is love," there is no other word; you cannot circumvent it (I John 4:8). I don't think I have ever heard anyone adequately describe love. The thing is beyond our ken, beyond our understanding. That a man could be crucified, beaten, bruised, kicked, killed, hanging on a cross and saying, "God, forgive them. Don't let it go to their charge for killing Me" (Luke 23:34). Amen! The man ran a sword into His ribs and He said, "God forgive him." The man put the whiplash on His back. I'm telling you, if someone hit you, brother, you have got to have God Almighty not to tear him apart (if you have the strength and the power) and not to hate him. To love someone who hurts you, who hates you is beyond our understanding because we believe that love is supposed to be reciprocated. That is, if I love you, you are supposed to love me back. That's not what God says. Love doesn't want anything to be given back to you in order to pay for it. It is too precious to be paid for. You can't pay for it.

One of the things that the people of God are lacking is love and we are afraid of love. We are afraid of saying, "I love you." We are afraid of saying, "I love you" because if we say so it might sound pretty bad and somebody might, you know, get jealous and all that sort of thing. But we should begin to be children of love for we are children of God. We should love without any restraint. Do you hear me? You should lay down your life for love, not because you want something from the person! Amen! But because the Spirit of Almighty God is in you, for those who the Spirit is in, you are children of love. Did you hear me? You are children of love and you can't help it. Don't be afraid of it.

So God said, speaking through Paul, what a mighty wonderful man that was. Verse 2, ***And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not LOVE, I am nothing.***

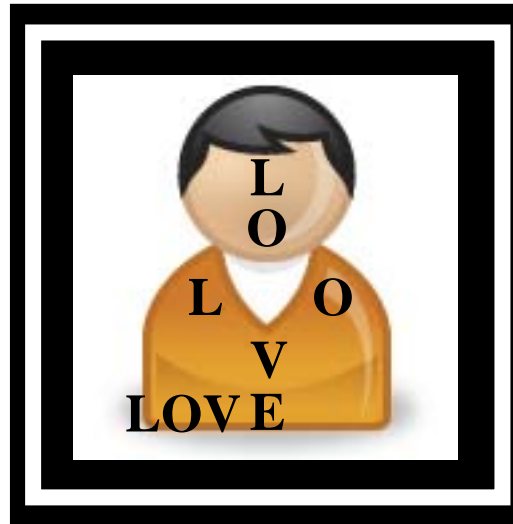
Let me touch on prophecy. In this meeting - well, it was one of the most perfect meetings that I have been in for a long time (I am talking about spiritually speaking). The meeting came to a point where there should be a prophetic word.

I said, "Lord God, quicken Brother Burt, let the man come forth." You see, God anoints every soul in here. Whether you knew it or not, you were adding to the Spirit that was moving. So, the Spirit of God was moving in you for the prophetic word, it all transferred and I think that it got so burdensome to Brother Burt that he had to shout out. Thank God for a body that can come together. We function in parts: my right hand functions, my left hand functions, my right leg... So, when I call upon my leg, if I pitch forward, I have to put the leg forward to stop from falling on my face. The leg answers. Amen?!

Praise God! When a meeting reaches to a certain point God says, "Now the prophetic word must come right into that niche and join the chain together."

You know, we haven't sung enough. Hallelujah. I tell you what. We should just get together to sing all night. If you do it, the next morning you will feel so invigorated with the Spirit. We used to do it in Jamaica and I figure

you guys do it in Africa, don't you? You call it a "night vigil." Oh God, what has happened to us? We need this sort of thing. We need the exercise. We are sick and tired and not doing well. We shouldn't have space to hold people today, but we have a lot of space because we are not exercising. I am speaking to myself both naturally and spiritually, that my legs are kind of not wanting to walk a half a mile. I walk a quarter mile and they are dropping off. I am getting too lazy. I am going to have to start walking. Look at the "walking man"



(Henry Gruver) sitting before me. He walks hundreds of miles. I am telling you, he is one section, he is the walking part of the body, but you notice how slim and trim he is? He is slim and trim because he is walking. I felt in the Spirit like I wanted to dance so I got up but soon the legs started telling me, "You better sit down." I had to humbly take my seat. So, may God help us.

We are talking about love. If you look at your own physical body, do you think your hand loves your feet? Your hand will do anything it can for your feet, especially if you can reach it. Once I could reach mine, but either my hands got shorter or my feet got longer. But it so happens that I am so distressed when I have to reach my feet that I sometimes stop and rest a little bit. Praise be to God. We are thanking God for everything.

Your body is a type of the Body of Christ. Nobody can say that you can't read the Bible, because you can read your body. God Almighty, Who made the body, He made it so that it is a temple of the living God and every piece of

the gospel of Jesus Christ is written in your body. Your fingers are the servants: apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, and teacher. So you have the Word of God written in your body.

So we come now to talking about love. The love is the cohesion. The love is like the blood that runs through your veins, the cohesive force that keeps both the head and the feet together, working as one. This is the love of God Almighty. I'm telling you, anytime you begin to move in love, you will begin to forget some of the wrongs that your brethren do.

You know, if my little boy (a big boy now), does me harm, instead of getting mad or upset and saying, "Lord God, just knock him down for me," I say, "God, have mercy upon him." He is my flesh and blood. If you can do that with your child, why can't you do it with mine? When my child starts hitting you hard, when somebody else starts showing a lack of love towards you, God is saying that **the only answer to lack of love is love and there is no law against love!** Amen! The scripture says that against love there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23). No man can write a law against love. If anybody begins to persecute you against love it is because it is a persecution. That is all that it is and God Almighty will take care of that.

But remember that God is saying to us that we must come into Zion. What do you think He means? The highest point of man's achievement in God is called Zion. The highest point of man's achievement in God is called Zion and God said, "Come up a little higher." Then, do you know what happens to you? You start to feel love for the other people.

Do you know that I had not understood certain things until my wife died? I didn't understand pain. You know, we were in love for sixty years or more, maybe we were even in love before we met. You bet, sure! My thought is that a man cannot live without love, neither can a woman, and if you love the wrong thing, you are in trouble and if you love the wrong person, you are in trouble. Yes! In other words, when I say love, I am talking about the love that unites people together.

Before she came, I was asking God for somebody who could really be part of me. I had a vision. I saw the bright sunlight and I could hardly see but there was a beam coming through my window down into my house. I saw the

woman come down through the beam into my house. When she came, we held hands together and then she faded away. That night, I didn't know she was going to die but after a while it happened and I believe it is the will of God. You believe me? Brethren, I believe it is the will of God. I believe God created her to bring me to this point and I believe that God took her at this point, but I must go on. I believe, brethren, that what she taught me of love of one human being for another is something that I never could have learned had I not had that experience. Amen.

I am talking about agape love. When the world talks about love, the world is talking about something else. You know what I mean. You have the real thing and then you have the shadow of the thing. The poor people in the world don't know what love is. Unless you know Jesus Christ, you never experience true love, believe you me, because the love of God permeates your whole being and it lifts you from being an ordinary low-down human being to a higher level. Do you know that scripture describes human

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beings on different levels? The angel said to the other angels that were ready to destroy the earth... when you talk about earth, we are the highest form of earth. He said, "Don't touch the grass," the low-down grass on the field there. He said, "Don't touch the trees," and he said, "Don't touch the sea," which is the nations, "till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads" (Revelation 7:3). What was he talking about? He was talking about the poor Christian who is low-down to the ground. In agriculture, we would call him a "low-bite." We had to feed some animals on "low-bite;" they had to crop the grass off the ground as part of their exercise. Then we had tall grass and fodder. Then we had some that would pick the leaves off the trees and God Almighty speaks of the Christian as **a tree, planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalm 1:3)**. This speaks of a Christian with high lofty limbs looking up to heaven. Hallelujah! He speaks of them as trees of righteousness!! AMEN, HALLELUJAH! So there is a difference between the "low-bite" and the trees of righteousness that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

So if you will understand, God doesn't want you to be a "low-bite." God wants every one of us to be lifted up, to be trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord. You have

the capacity, the ability, to resurrect from low down to high up. Let me tell you something. Talk about low down - I was low down. I can remember the days as a young man, strong and dreadful. I could be nice, but boy, don't get me mad. I would lose all humanity; I would become a beast. I would want to kill you. It was only the mercy of God that stopped me several times from committing outright murder.

Sometimes I would wonder to myself, "I would like to be good. I would like to be like nice people," but I was wild. When Jesus took me, He carried me through so many stages. He brought me from down low to up high. I can tell you now, you can't make me mad - you can try it sometime. I tell the devil that, I warn him that I have beaten him already. Yes. When I, as a fighter, a warrior, I knew exactly what to do to break your neck. But after Jesus brought me higher up, I would see a man beating me and I would just laugh at him. Another one would be kicking me and I would laugh.

You know, God is so humorous. Somebody was saying that God had a sense of humor. I don't think so. I think God is the humor. I think He has great fun sometimes in doing something. When the man came up to me and the man looked me in the face and "bam," kicked me and pulled back, then another one rushed in and "bam," kicked me and pulled back, what God was showing me was his face. The man made a face, with a snarl and a grimace, and I start laughing at the look on the man's face. The strangest thing is that I didn't feel the blows. They were kicking me and I didn't feel it.

It was a message to a man who lost his ministry because somebody kicked him. He said, "The Bible said if you hit me on the right cheek I must give you the left and so I did it. I gave him the left and he hit me and I gave him the right again and he hit me on the right. But the Bible didn't tell me what to do when he kicked me!" So the man kicked the other guy to pieces. People had to run to save his life because the man was a very strong guy and he tucked him like a football.

But God Almighty was teaching this man a lesson. He sat down there and watched these men who were kicking me and he watched what I did and he began to weep. He just wept and he confessed himself to me, he told me what happened to his whole life. He said there was no hope. Do you know, he died of a broken heart because he completely lost his ministry.

So, we talk about love. It is not something you can make, but it is something you can take. (I am poetic sometimes you know.) YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BUT YOU CAN TAKE IT! You can remember that.

Get love by getting on your knees and saying, "Lord God, I need more of You. I am too human, Lord God."

This thing that covers the Lord God in me, this thing here is a veil that covers the God in you, my brother. Yet there is a God in you that is so great that nobody knows it, not even you know it. If you ever let loose that God in you, you would become one of the greatest men on earth. Hallelujah.

All the suffering that God put you through, brother - Brother Lawyer I am talking to now - all the suffering that God put you through in this life is to make you one of the greatest men on earth. Believe it and if you follow God in the way He is leading, He is going to do it for you before it is too long.

God Almighty is doing something here. Do you know what He showed me this morning? He said He is in the act of cutting that stone out of the mountain (Daniel 2:4). He said it is not human made, it is God made stone - of some of the roughest men, some of the roughest women.

Somebody was telling me about somebody else how she is this and she is that and she is the other. I said to the person, "Well, you know, Mary Magdelene was a harlot before she met Jesus and you wouldn't like to know what I was before I met Him. I don't know what you were?"

But God uses the tough people that life has been rough with and that life intends to destroy. He uses you to be His stone!

Now, I am going to tell you something very peculiar. Do you know that stone that was cut out of the mountain

without hands? That stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands was the toughest part of the mountain. To me it must have been something like flint, something that could mash iron and it struck the image! Do you hear me, brethren? It struck the image with violence. I am not talking about you going now and taking a gun and

vindicating yourself or doing anything like that. I am talking about spiritual violence.

Do you know that God said that in the end of time He is bringing forth two witnesses? He said, "If any man would hurt them he would be killed by fire coming down from heaven" (Revelation 11:5). He gave us an example. Do you remember Elijah? Do you remember what happened?

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He called down fire from heaven and burned up the sacrifice (I Kings 18:37-40, 19:1). Amen!!! As a matter of fact, he even took up a sword and did some violent thing there to the prophets of Baal, but we are not in that order. We are up higher than that now. Remember now, we have been lifted above that.

I can give you an experience that I had. A man sharpened his machete and he came to kill me. I didn't have any fear and I didn't think he could kill me. In my past, when I was in my violent state I could have defended myself even if a man had a machete. But I wasn't going to defend myself that day because I just believed that God would not allow

him to chop me to pieces with his machete. The people heard that this man came down hunting me to kill me so crowds gathered. They kind of prevented him coming to me as I was standing up there. I heard it and I came down from my house to come down to the church to see what was going on. He was going to kill me because I got his common law wife saved and she told him she couldn't live with him any longer because she had now found Jesus. So he was going to teach us a lesson by chopping to pieces the "Jesus man." He must have really meant business. He decided to sit down under a tree and wait for his opportunity to chop me up but out of a clear blue sky a bolt of lightning struck the top of the tree and split it in two and since the man was sitting underneath this tree, it killed him. You see, he had intended to kill me.

So, the love of God in you will become not only a thing to bring together God's people, but it will be a shield and a defense. When I am talking to you, brethren, please, young people, don't believe I am talking about some far and distant time. We only have maybe five years left, somewhere in that period of time, when God must bring forth His final move on earth. We are the people, the stone cut out of the mountain that God has to use to stop Satan from taking over and from destroying the whole world.

You know how our past vice-president, Mr. Gore, talks about us destroying the ozone? That was his thing. I used to laugh at him.

But I asked God, "Can man destroy Your earth?"

He said, "Yes, they can do it."

I said, "My God, what do you mean? Show me that in the Bible."

He showed me where God said, *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened* (Matthew 24:22).

But for the stone cut out of the mountain without hands... no flesh would be saved. It would become a dead planet. Think about it. It is possible and God says that YOU are the people that He is going to use to stop it from happening.

Now, you want to know if it is really you, right? Let's look at Daniel 2:32, *This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.* I want to tell you that the iron and clay represented the Roman kingdom, secular Rome and spiritual Rome. You see, you had the Roman Empire and then you had the Holy Roman Empire. The peculiar thing about it is that He said that the Holy Roman Empire would come right down to the feet, to the end of time. Are you all with me, brethren? It will come down to the end of time. So that means to say that if we are in the end of time now we are still under the Roman influence, that the whole world has come under the Roman influence.

So we look here and in Daniel 2:35 he says, *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away,*

that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Now the angel explained it in verse 44, *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom...* We are the kingdom of God. The God of heaven set up a kingdom... *which shall never be de-*

stroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Can't you see how im-

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portant we are? BRETHREN, YOU ARE IMPORTANT! YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD. I am glad that Brother Gruver made us to understand, "Don't call yourself a dog or the doorkeeper any more. You are not doorkeepers anymore. You are the Kingdom of God."

Verse 45, *Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.* Now, some of us are not certain, some of us are not sure. Please, for God's sake, be certain and sure! "I AM," saith the Lord God, "Be certain and sure because the hour has come when the stone is being cut out of the mountain and the hour of time will come when we shall smite the image."

You know, our lives are going to be spared. We are going to have a great war and it is going to destroy billions of people. There will be death and destruction everywhere, hell and torment, but YOU WILL BE SPARED! Why? Because you must strike the image! Don't you understand? You must come to the point where you are preserved in order to execute God's will at the end of time. Do you see what I am saying? This is our insurance policy that we are going to live, that we are not ready to die. Amen.

I said to God, "Probably, I should die. Probably I should go home and die."

God said, "Don't you ever mention that again."

We are not talking about dying now. We are talking about taking the kingdom. *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever* (Revelation 11:15). BUT YOU CANNOT DO IT IF YOU CANNOT LOVE YOUR BROTHER. The key of life is love. Do you hear me? **The key of life is love!** The love of God doesn't have any jealousy in it. Do you hear me? The love of God has no jealousy in it. It is God, God, God! And when you love, you are of God. "He that loveth is born of God" (I John 4:7). I mean, you don't love the bad ways of the brother or the sister, but consider your own bad ways - you don't love them, either!!!

Do you ever get before God and say, "God, rid me of my bad ways! I would like to be like Jesus. Oh, I want to be like Jesus! But I have some bad ways that I HATE.?"

The truth is that every man who sees should be able to

see himself and there is no man that can wholly see himself. Did you hear that?

I have never seen my back and I can never see it like you can see it, but if you tell me, I will believe it. Yes. You tell me how it is and I will believe it.

It is good sometimes to go to a person and say, "You know, you are beautiful," especially someone who thinks he is ugly.

The love of God should permeate through us as sons of God and as daughters of God; we should care for one another. I should care how you feel. I should care what

would happen to you if I should do so and so. The care and the love is something that has a revelation in it. **The more you love, the more God reveals love to you.**

Love takes away the pain of suffering. Oh yes. I believe that when they were beating Jesus that the love in Him was crying for them.

Someone beating you and you are saying, "Poor things, they don't know what they are doing. Lord God, have mercy on them. Don't allow them to be killed or destroyed." That is the Spirit that I feel when my children go against me. My God Almighty; everybody who comes against me gets hurt. God Almighty says that anyone who comes against Israel will not prosper (Isaiah 54:17). I said, "O Lord

God, have mercy. Don't put it to their charge, Lord. Put it to my charge. Maybe if I would have brought them up a little different they would have done better." Amen.

Because the love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell! AMEN!!!!

Let me tell you, it cancels sin. **The love of God in you cancels sin.** Amen. Somebody hurts you and you begin to think how awful that person is but the love of God comes in you and you begin to make an excuse, "poor thing, they must be suffering so hard." You know? The little puppy bites you but you know that the poor little thing bites you because he is suffering.

So God Almighty has put in us a thing called love. I will tell you something else, too. Do you know that **love will heal your sicknesses?** Love will heal your physical body. That body you have there is subject to the Spirit. No matter what sickness you have in your body, no matter what pain you have in your body, your body is subject to the Spirit. It was the Spirit of God that made your body and it is the Spirit that God breathed in you that keeps you

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alive. I'm telling you that **the Spirit of the living God in you will heal your sicknesses.**

We had not gone to a doctor for thirty years, believe it or not. Somebody who never went to a doctor for thirty years, but when we went to Africa, Mavis got malaria and we didn't know she had malaria. When we got here, they said that they couldn't legally give her the treatment.

We called Sister Ada in Lagos. She called the doctors here and said, "Give her 1,000 CCs of quinine." The doctor said he couldn't. He said it was illegal.

She said, "Are you going to let her die?"

He said, "Well, we can't do anything."

They couldn't do anything for her and she was left to die. Jesus Christ touched her and she got up and laughed at the doctors.

She had fourth stage cancer. The cancer was skipping from one organ to another, it filled up her intestines, and was going all through the body. They were charting the cancer.

The doctor came out Monday morning, trembling, trembling and he said, "Come quickly." He showed me what the fourth stage of cancer means.

He said, "Nobody turns back from the fourth stage of cancer." He said, "But this morning she has no trace of cancer in her body!"

Friday evening they ran their tests, Monday morning came and they are just charting death now, you know. There is a time when the doctors stop charting life and they start to chart death, but blessed be God. I saw Brother Cody, God bless him, he has passed on, but he came from the United States and knelt down by her bedside weeping all night. Hallelujah.

Monday morning I went to the doctor and the doctor said, "There is no trace of cancer in her body."

Amen. What happened to the wound that the cancer made when it penetrated the intestines and blocked the intestines? Totally healed!!! Thank You, Jesus.

So they called her the Little Lily and she used to sing:
*When I saw the little lily pushing up that heavy clod
Then I marvel at the wisdom of my God*
Hallelujah. Praise be to God.

So, brethren, we believe now that if we begin to imbibe the love of God, that means swallow, get the love of God coursing through your body, through your mind, it

will heal you.

Sister Kathy, God Almighty intends to heal you. Don't accept the down, accept the up. God intends to heal you. The Lord told me to come to your house and to pray for you. You are being healed in the Spirit by the power of the living God right now and it will manifest in the body. Amen.

This body is a servant. God picked up Brother Hicks from California and landed him in Russia. I was thinking it was strange, but when I started reading my Bible, in Ezekiel he explains the same thing. He said he was with the captives in Babylon, in Iraq. The man is in with the captives in Iraq and all of a sudden, he was translated to Jerusalem and he saw the 25 men and he said, "You are the men who troubled this nation" (Ezekiel 11:1-2).

I love prophets like that. May God Almighty anoint the prophets like that, that they get senseless, that they don't have any sense to consider, "What am I doing here..."

Lord Jesus, anoint the prophets, anoint the men and women who are moving in the prophetic realm, for at this

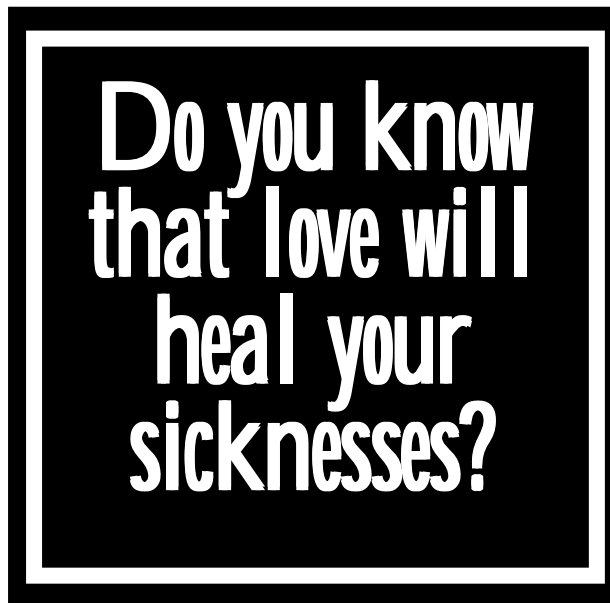
hour, God is going to bring a new breed, a new breed of people and prophets, people who don't value their own reputation. Yes, you don't think about your own reputation any more. Amen. God Almighty is anointing a new breed. Bless the Lord God, oh my soul! Let us bless the Lord. Lord Jesus, anoint them. LET THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY ANOINT THEM! Amen. Thank You, Jesus.

He said that he was brought from Babylon into Jerusalem and he looked at the princes, twenty-five of them, and he said, "You are the men who trouble this nation." Then

he begin to prophesy to them, "Thus saith the Lord God..." and one dropped dead right there and then he found himself back in Babylon (Ezekiel 11:13, 24).

Believe me, brethren, that body you have is just a servant. That body will do anything the Spirit tells it to do. God Almighty said, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). **We had better begin to believe God.** Begin to believe God that you will remove mountains, that you will be totally supernatural in your natural. Did you know that is what the Bible teaches? The Bible doesn't teach that we will be raptured out of here! The Bible teaches that we will become supernatural in the natural.

We had a case where this woman was in her house and



robbers came in and one of the men had a shotgun in his hand. He held up her husband.

She marched in and said, "GET OUT OF HERE!"

The man turned the gun on her, right in her chest. Now, this is somebody we knew. Right in her chest he blasted her with double barrels.

The woman fell to the floor, but she got up and said, "GET OUT!"

The man ran like a thief. When we examined the woman, she had little pellet marks all over her, but none had penetrated her skin. Hallelujah. **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH!**

FOR GOD'S SAKE, ZION, ARISE!

Get up into the mountain. Get up into the place that God has ordained for His people in the end time. Do you know why? Because God cannot hold the devil back much longer. Time is up!!! He has to loose him and if God looses the devil... He says, "I give you power... over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).

Oh yes, we have to believe. Now the wishy-washy... Our sister talked about the strong and the weak. The Bible says, "Let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich (Joel 3:10). Because the hour has come for us to move the world, God says that the saints will take the kingdom. It says that all dominions and all kingdoms of the world will become the Kingdom of God (Daniel 7:27). We must overcome this world!!! Glory! Jesus! Loose!

So then, as the scriptures say and we have proven... It is one wonderful thing that everything that is written in the Bible I have proven to be true. Did you hear me? They tell me that I was born in 1922. I don't believe it! But since I have been running around this world, I have experienced most of what has been written in the Bible. I have seen people's withered limbs stretched out. I have seen a new tongue come into a man's mouth. I have seen the dead raised. What else do I want to see? I believe God. I believe God with all my heart. Hallelujah.

Some people say, "Well, Cec, some of your dreams never come true."

Well, do you realize that they said that about Isaiah? And Jeremiah? And Ezekiel? and Daniel? One time God said, "Daniel, shut up the book, it is not for your time. It is going to come to pass" (Daniel 12:4).

You know, while they were persecuting me for talking about the year 2008, I said to God, "I am having it hard because I myself cannot answer why these things didn't happen in the year 2008."

He didn't criticize Pope Gregory for his calendar and He did not tell me that the calendar is wrong.

He only called me and said, "Look, a prophet named Duduman came to the United States and he prophesied exactly what you said. Tommy Hicks prophesied what you said. A.A. Allen prophesied what you said."

He showed me a pile of papers this high of all the men who have come and prophesied what I said.

He said, "This last one, you said this. It shall surely come to pass."

Now, who am I to believe? Because to tell you the truth, brethren, I was kind of getting wavering.

I was wondering, "My God, where did I make a mistake?"

But then I didn't make any mistake because I didn't say anything of myself, I only said what God told me.

Somebody said, "It was not God you were talking to. You were talking to another spirit."

But I wouldn't be foolish enough to say that God allowed another spirit to deceive me and He never corrected me. Do you think that is the way your God works? You had better believe, if you are a believer, believe what comes in your heart. If you are wrong, God will correct you. He is not going to allow you to continue to be wrong. You hear me? My God is GOOD! He LOVES me! He is NOT going to allow me to believe a lie. He

said, "If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). That means it is not possible to deceive the elect. Did you understand that?

Stop saying, "My own mind told me."

Stop accusing your mind of not being hooked onto your spirit!

Let me tell you how the line of command goes. The

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line of command: FATHER commands to SON; SON commands to HOLY GHOST; HOLY GHOST commands to your spirit; your spirit commands to your mind; your mind commands to your body; your body executes in the world. That is how God's line of command goes.

God called Moses and He commanded him to do so and so and so. Moses got it in his spirit and got it in his soul. "Remember now, the pattern I have shown you" (Hebrews 8:5). That means it is in his soul now. So the soul must remember the pattern He has shown me. But then my soul (my mind) is in touch with my brain. My brain has a photographic memory. Moses' brain remembered what God showed him in the mountain. So he put it on paper and the work can get done building it.

Don't you understand God, beloved? God is our God. He is not going to allow us to be put to shame before the world. If He tells me to run I am going to run. If He says to stand still I am going to stand still. Though hell will be coming at me I will stand still. By His grace. Amen.

So, brethren, let us look at the Word of God again. I Corinthians 13:3, ***And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor... (though I am Rockefeller) ...and though I give my body to be burned, and have not agape love, it profiteth me nothing.*** There is no profit in it. I am not going to be profited by all of my activities unless I function in the agape love of God.

Yes, the Spirit is cooling down so I know that it is about time to close. You know you need to watch that.

Sometimes we are singing and we sing one song too many times. You have experienced that? Yes. When you feel the Spirit start cooling down... Blessed be to God.

This morning I started laughing. I do a lot of that by myself. I remember my sister. If you gave her a compliment and told her how nice she is and everything like that, she would say, "You are killing me softly with love."

But this message cannot be finished. You know, I started writing a little poem about love and I just couldn't stop. I can't find an end to it, because love thinketh no evil, rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things (I Corinthians 13:5-7). Can you imagine that? **Love is a sufferer.** You cannot love unless you make up your mind to suffer. You have to suffer. Love beareth all things, hopeth all things. You hope for the best. Just on and on and on and on. When you go to I Corinthians 14:1, he says, ***Follow after*** love. **Follow after love!**

May God Almighty bless you with His love and bless us to love one another. Remember brethren, there is no law against love. Amen. I won't mind if you tell me that you love me, because I love you, too.

So God bless you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

¹A.A.Allen: <http://www.harvestnet.org/prophecies/aaallenvision.html>; Tommy Hicks: <http://www.lit4ever.org/tommyhicks.html>; Dumitri Duduman: http://www.greaterthings.com/Visions/Dumitri_Duduman/index.html#Dumitri's%20Vision ☞

**Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
Love never faileth.**

Loving to Learn

by Stacy Asbill



We thought you might be interested to know about some new and exciting things that have been happening here in Mahomet. Ever since the beginning of September, we have been having a weekly co-op for all of the children in our fellowship. To really get the gist of this story, though, perhaps we had better start at the very beginning...

Over the past year or so, I was approached by two different people about the idea of doing some extra-curricular classes with the school-aged children in our church. At first the idea sounded like a lot of work and I didn't really feel up to the challenge. However, this past May when Barak and I went to the Czech Republic, I gained a first-hand experience into how they get together one day a week and all the moms participate in working with the kids to teach them things that they wouldn't necessarily receive in their everyday homeschool situation. Couple this with the fact that it is even more fun for children to learn and do

things as a group rather than by one's self. As I saw the inner workings of it all, I was encouraged that this was something that we could definitely do and that it could be a tremendous blessing as well. Another contributing experience happened one day when I was walking by the pond behind the Kluson's home (while on that same trip). I was thinking about the children and the Lord spoke to me, "Invest in the children." Immediately I knew that He wasn't just referring to my own family, but that God wanted us to really invest in the lives of all of the children. I believe that the inspiration for our homeschool co-op is exactly that -

to invest in the lives of the children.

A short time after our visit to the Czech Republic, Shari Eubank spent a month there and, after having spent time participating with their group, Shari arrived home with a zeal to do something with our children. Since Shari is naturally gifted in the music, literature and drama department, our first two

Music Class





Physical Education

and myself. Since none of us are art majors, the fun has been that we are really learning right along with the children. The older group

classes were formed: music and speech.

Next, we began to examine what some of the needs were in our children's schooling and we noticed that there was a lack in Physical Education. Oh, there is no doubt that our children know how to climb trees, race around the neighborhood on bikes and run around whooping and hollering, but what we could really see that they needed was to learn how to play team sports, have sportsmen-like attitudes (especially when losing), and even just the basic fundamentals of how to do things like jump rope or dribble a basketball. We have also seen the need for them to get a good old-fashioned work out to expend energy and get the heart pumping all at the same time! Lisa is the one who was up for this task and as she is lending her expertise in this arena, the kids are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The other class that we have undertaken for this semester is art. For this we have a younger group (self named *The Overcomers*) taught by Melissa and Pavlina and an older group taught by Bibi

(also known as *Chay*, which means *life* in Hebrew) has been learning about the color wheel and color relationship. One day we went on a nature walk and the art assignment of the day was that each child had to paint a picture of something they had seen on the walk and they were only able to use the three primary colors to paint it. It was amazing to see how well they mixed their colors to achieve the right shade that they needed. It really was a lot harder of an assignment than it sounds! The results were beautiful and the paintings are adorning the hallway wall in the building. The next project we started was teaching them how to sketch and they are working on drawing a picture of a basket of fruit. We look forward to seeing the end results!

Our other group that I haven't yet mentioned is our nursery age group. This includes babies up to children four years old. We have been working on finishing the nursery in the building so that these children will have a pleasant place to be in and play. I am also hoping that as we get more settled into what we are doing that we will be able to have little classes for these children, as well, such

Art Class



Nursery Kids



as teaching them their colors, numbers, alphabet, Bible verses and songs, etc. It is exciting to think about all the possibilities of what we can do!

One of the major things that makes what we are doing work well is that we have parents who are involved, not only in teaching, but also in assisting in the classes. All the parents involved take turns watching the nursery children so that the moms with small children are able to teach their class without too much interruption.

Before I close I want to give a big thanks to all the parents who are either teaching or assisting and also to all those who are helping us out who don't necessarily have small children anymore such as Shari, Patty DeLap, and Betty Peckmann. We are also so thankful for our special visitors like Emily Sonmore, Brother

duCille, and Jim and Joanne Cassell; their smiling faces, encouraging words, and helping hands sure meant a lot to us!

We ask that as the Lord brings it to your remembrance that you keep our endeavor in prayer. Although it is challenging, we are very excited about all that the Lord has and believe that He desires to bless all those that are involved and that in it all, He would be glorified! We are planning on having a program sometime in December where everyone can come and be blessed to see all that the children have learned and accomplished. If you are able to be here, we would love to see you then! 🐦



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All Are Welcome!

Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning
10:00am Fellowship

Wednesday Evening
7:00pm Bible Study