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GREETINGS IN THE MARVELOUS NAME OF JESUS!



It's great to be alive and even greater to be long to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When you are seated with Jesus in heavenly places, it doesn't get any higher. The Bible says in Hebrews 4:15-16 *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come BOLDLY to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. We have one who ever lives to make intercession for us.* Hallllllelujah what a Savior!!!!

First He washed us in His own BLOOD and made us brand new. ALL OF OUR INIQUITIES AND SINS HE HAS BLOT- TED OUT, THROUGH HIS OWN PRECIOUS BLOOD. AND HE REMEMBERS THEM AGAINST US NO MORE!!!!!! No wonder the Word declares he that the Son makes free is free indeed. Not by works of righteousness that we have done but by His own blood, He has paid for us. He has made us Sons and Daughters of the most High God. People might have various opinions of you or me but only what Jesus says is what is going to matter. We have a faithful High Priest who ever lives to make intercession for us. The Blood of Jesus answers ever accusation of the devil...EVERY ACCUSATION OF THE devil. The Bible declares that the BLOOD OF JESUS IS ABLE TO CLEANSE OUR CONSCIENCES OF DEAD WORKS. Philippians 1:6 says: *HE that began a good work in you will perform it till the day of JESUS CHRIST.*

Press on faithful saint, forgetting those things in the past; are they not under the BLOOD? Forget them! Press on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ JESUS, looking unto JESUS, the author and finisher of our faith. May HE be mightily exalted in all our lives. He is worthy. God Bless you,



Love
Pastor Mike

Invitation to Travelers (Of Life)

by Minister Lorraine DeLille

And He said, "Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels." Gen 24:31.

What a cordial greeting to fall upon the ears of a weary traveler! But far more wonderful is the invitation God gives to us: "Come in." Have we come fully into the rich spiritual experience of righteousness by FAITH? This is the experience that God is

calling His people to enter into. No one has ever yet exhausted the possibilities of Christian discipleship. Come in - let's possess all our possibilities and possessions in Christ. "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead." Come in, dwell in, and abide in...Him.

"**Thou Blessed of the Lord.**" Blessed with God's special last-day message for the world, Jesus Christ in His fullness as Savior, priest and coming King; blessed with the guidance and counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy. Oh Thou thus blessed, how canst thou linger just outside the door! Come in...to a richer, deeper experience with Christ. Isn't this word of God music to our ears? Come in thou blessed of the Lord; why would you stand outside and look in, and wonder? Come on in, for I have prepared the house for you in mind.

"**I have prepared.**" There are also heavenly mansions Christ has gone to prepare for us. Are we prepared to live in them? When Jesus comes and says, "Come in," shall I enter in then? That same Jesus says now, "Enter into thy CLOSET." Have you experienced the unspeakable joys of secret fellowship with Jesus? "Come in (now), thou blessed of the Lord; why standest thou without this beautiful gate of prayer? It is the gate of power and blessing and the gateway of service unto the Lord.

If God's words were studied as it should be, men would have a mind like Christ, a nobility of character, and stability of purpose rarely seen in these times. A thousand verses of scripture cry out, "Come in, search Me, explore My hidden treasures. I am have prepared for you, come in; why standest thou without? Come in to the Scriptures. Come in! Come In!

Talk to Me in prayer...sing a song to Me...be excited in and with Me. Expect, expect, expect of Me. I will pray with you, I will sing with you, and I will be excited in you. I am expecting that you will HEAR ME, too.

What an amazing invitation!! Please RSVP!

In His Service, Lorraine DeLille

MY Treasured Princess (or Prince)

Submitted by Martha Griego

from His Princess Warrior

by Sheri Rose Shepherd © 2010 Revell

I know that your identity is under great attack every day as you are bombarded with lies of the enemy. Too many times I see you surrender by allowing Satan to make you feel worthless. Don't bow down to these man-made idols to find your worth. You are Mine, and this identity crisis is not My will for you, My beloved Treasure. Allow Me alone to appraise your true value and worth. I already proved to you how much you are worth on the cross at Calvary. Starting today, begin to embrace what you really are - My treasured possession and My crown jewel, chosen by Me, the King above all kings!

Love, Your King who defines you.

Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession. Deut. 14:2.

Christian Cyber-Ministries

by *Pastor Bill*

Submitted by *Bettie Clark*

Isaiah 61:10 *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. KJV*

The following story by an unknown author shares with us the insights of holding on to the past when forgiveness has set us free. A true introduction into letting go! The story goes like this:

A beggar lived near the king's palace. One day he saw a proclamation posted outside the palace gate. The king was giving a great dinner. Anyone dressed in royal garments was invited to the party.

The beggar went on his way. He looked at the rags he was wearing and sighed. Surely only kings and their families wore royal robes, he thought. Slowly an idea crept into his mind. The audacity of it made him tremble. Would he dare? He made his way back to the palace. He approached the guard at the gate. "Please, sire, I would like to speak to the king." "Wait here," the guard replied.

In a few minutes, he was back. "His majesty will see you," he said, and led the beggar in.

"You wish to see me?" asked the king.

"Yes, your majesty. I want so much to attend the banquet, but I have no royal robes to wear. Please, sir, if I may be so bold, may I have one of your old garments so that I, too, may come to the banquet?" The beggar shook so hard that he could not see the faint smile that was on the king's face.

"You have been wise in coming to me," the king said. He called to his son, the young prince. "Take this man to your room and array him in some of your clothes." The prince did as he was told and soon the beggar was standing before a mirror, clothed in garments that he had never dared hope for.

"You are now eligible to attend the king's banquet tomorrow night," said the prince. "But even more important, you will never need any other clothes. These garments will last forever." The beggar dropped to his knees. "Oh, thank you," he cried. But as he started to leave, he looked back at his pile of dirty rags on the floor. He hesitated. What if the prince was wrong? What if he would need his old clothes again? Quickly he gathered them up.

The banquet was far greater than he had ever imagined, but he could not enjoy himself as he should. He had made a small bundle of his old rags and it kept falling off his lap. The food was passed quickly and the beggar missed some of the greatest delicacies.

Time proved that the prince was right. The clothes lasted forever. Still the poor beggar grew fonder and fonder of his old rags. As time passed people seemed to forget the royal robes he was wearing. They saw only the little bundle of filthy rags that he clung to wherever he went. They even spoke of him as the old man with the rags.

One day as he lay dying, the king visited him. The beggar saw the sad look on the king's face when he looked at the small bundle of rags by the bed. Suddenly the beggar remembered the prince's words and he realized that his bundle of rags had cost him a lifetime of true royalty. He wept bitterly at his folly.

And the king wept with him.

We have been invited into a royal family--the family of God. To feast at God's dinner table, all we have to do is shed our old rags and put on the "new clothes" of faith which is provided by God's Son, Jesus Christ.

But we cannot hold onto our old rags. When we put our faith in Christ, we must let go of the sin in our life, and our old ways

of living. Those things must be discarded if we are to experience true royalty and abundant life in Christ.

What in your life can be classified as dirty old rags --- to be let go --- forever thrown in the dumpster of life?



Steven & Tina Zeigler and family are moving to Orlando, Florida. Pastor Ken and the congregation prayed for God to bless them and go with them. We wish them much success and happiness.

OUR VETERANS



We honored our veterans on the 4th of July. We appreciate them very much. God bless all those who serve or have served our country.

WOMENS MEETING



Last month *Dee Paraspolo* spoke at the Women's Meeting. Her messages usually include demonstrations that make her point in a memorable way, as shown in the pictures with Jaymie Barreiro (Lt) and Debbie Shaw (Rt). She is an excellent spokeswoman for the Lord.



Editor's Note: I want to thank Michelle Watts and Cherie Wheeler for the wonderful pictures of the Skid Row event - some shown on the next page and all shown at communitychristiancenter.org.

The Skid Row Outreach



On July 17th CCC and United in Him motorcyclists, along with many other organizations came together with the purpose of serving the lost and needy in Skid Row. (Approx. 300 motorcycles were counted.) As Chris Sloan said, "Skid Row is a dangerous and treacherous place where transvestites, gangs, homeless, and stuck victims who live in fear can be found." He said that the people there are dead in spirit with nothing to live for but to get high. There is no joy on Skid Row. But, we brought hope and joy with us as we brought the good news of Jesus Christ to these people. A large amount of tracts were given out. Jim Conrad gave out inspirational books. Many people were prayed for and heard the message. We served up over 1,700 hot dogs from just CCC alone. We also brought clothes. Ice cream was supplied as we had hefted a freezer onto our trailer so that we could treat them with frozen ice cream on one of the hottest days of the summer. Denise Ponce and Harry Smith washed the feet of some of the Skid Row inhabitants. Kathy Hoover said that she felt God's presence and knew we were making Jesus so proud of us. Al Olguin, and Pastor Ken want to thank all who came out on that day. Dennis Ponce said that God ministers to us as we minister to others, and gave this verse: Matt 25:34-35 *Then the King will say ... "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..."* NIV

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE APOSTLES DIED?

From the Internet

Submitted by *Reverend Laura Tassin*

Matthew: Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.

Mark: Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.

Luke: Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

John: Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

Peter: He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

James the Just: The leader of the church in Jerusalem who was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. (This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.)

James the Great: Son of Zebedee was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian

Bartholomew: Also known as Nathaniel was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

Andrew: Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers, they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

Thomas: Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent.

Jude: Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

Matthias: The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot was stoned and then beheaded.

Paul: Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational doctrines of Christianity, form a

large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22

From the Devotions of Charles Spurgeon

-contemporized-

Deut 5:24 *"The LORD our God has shown us his glory and his majesty.*

God makes His glory evident through the great design inherent in all His works. This was His aim. But, how will the glory of God be shown to such fallen creatures as we are? Man is always looking for his own honor and he also overestimates his own power; therefore he is not qualified to truly see the glory of the Lord. It is only when 'self' gets out of the way that there is room for God to be exalted; and this is the reason that He brings His people, at times, into problems and difficulties in order to make us conscious of our own foolishness and weakness. It is through trials that we may be able to behold the majesty of God when He touches our lives and delivers us.

One, whose life is smooth and easy will see only a little of the glory of God because he has never been through the self-emptying process, and has little ability for being filled with the revelation of God. Those who navigate little streams and shallow creeks, know but little of the God of the tempest-tossed storms; but they who are out there in great oceans and seas see His 'wonders in the deep;' among the huge Atlantic sized waves of bereavement, poverty, temptation, sickness, and reproach, we learn the power of our God because we find out how very small man really is.

Thank God, then, if you have been led to travel a rough road: it is this which has given you your experience of God's greatness and lovingkindness. Your troubles have enriched you with a wealth of knowledge **to be gained by no other means:** your trials have been the cleft of the rock in which Jehovah has set you, as He did His servant Moses, that you might behold His glory as it passed by. Praise God that you have not been left to the darkness and ignorance that continued prosperity might have kept you in, but that in the great fight of affliction, you have been made capable to see the outpouring of His glory in His wonderful dealings with you.

A Week Without God

From the Internet

Submitted by *Stephanie Alexander*

Without GOD, our week would be:

Sunday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday & Shatterday.

Remember seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK!!

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