



# RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

## Letters of Faith

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**“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you,  
that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”**

(1 John 1:5 NASB)

Dearly Beloved,

As we sit in our cozy office preparing to write this Letter of Faith, we can hear the increasing tattoo of freezing rain on the roof and the gentle wind blowing it against our western window. This letter will initiate our 32nd year of posting these epistles to the Body of Christ with whom Jesus has joined us, and our love for you bubbles up in us and pours out of us in praise to Him.

We apologize for being late—actually the first time we have ever missed our deadline for the printer by so much—and rely on your grace to understand. We had a very blessed time with our small clan over Christmas and the new year, and we pray you did also.

It has occurred to us that both Jews and Christians have traditionally celebrated Hanukkah and Christmas as overlapping seasons of new miraculous beginnings that involve supernatural light. Hanukkah honors God’s supernaturally keeping the lamps burning in Jerusalem’s Temple for eight days with only a one day supply of oil. And Christmas marks the supernatural arrival of Jesus, who is the light of the world. **“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”** (John 1:4 NASB)

Both of these seasonal celebrations culminate near to our calendar year’s end. Thus both Jews and Christians historically approach each new year with an awakened awareness of an expectation of the supernatural release of new light into them and into the world.

The prophetic word from God’s great prophet, Isaiah, says that God Himself appoints us as a light to the nations and personally attends us as we grow into this calling! **“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations,”** (Isaiah. 42:6 NASB) That is truly awesome!

A basic principle of one stream of inner healing ministry is that the emotionally-wounding lies that we believe can lurk in the darkness of buried memories and bring us pain until the light of the truth drives them out. The most obvious fact about light is that darkness flees before it. When Jesus speaks a word of truth into the darkness of a pain-bearing lie, peace and joy immediately result—because **“the light of men”** makes darkness flee—and the pain hidden in the darkness goes with it! Even just a match struck in a dark room rolls back darkness. But in His perfect light, **“...there is no darkness at all.”** 1 John 1:7 says: **“...if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”** All of us in the Body of Christ are called and appointed covenantally to bring the light to the nations. The only way we will grow into the fullness of that calling and appointing is to walk with Jesus Who is the Light and embrace the cleansing of His precious blood.

There are three basic areas of our walk with Jesus that we think God is going to increase the Light of Truth into and through us in this coming year. First, the truth that God is good all the time. Second, that God is working out the plan He has planned for our lives. And third, the Light of Truth will always overcome the darkness of the sin of lies.

It has become increasingly important to us that we believe God is good all the time and **“...that He**

**is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”** (Heb. 11:6) The late great Campbell McAlpine said to us when we first met him: *“God is not a tease! What He said He will do, He will do!”* We see this dedicated understanding of God’s goodness in many of the psalms of David: **“I give You thanks, O LORD, with all my heart; ...I will give thanks to Your name for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, because Your promises are backed by all the honor of Your name.”** (Psalm 138:1-2 NLT)

Although we may not know what God’s plan is for the remaining years of our lives, we must believe in faith that He has a plan and that He is going to work it out in our lives if we simply trust Him to do it in His way and on His schedule. Psalm 138:8 declares this truth: **“The LORD will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.”** We have been blessed by prayerfully reviewing together the awesome things God has done for us and through us over the years without giving even an instant of thought to what He hasn’t done that we thought He should have.

We think the most important area of our walk with Jesus that God is going to increase into and through us in this coming year is that we can be at peace and know that He is God, and that the Light of Truth in us will always overcome the darkness and pain of lies. There is absolutely no room for any of us to walk in an instant of fear over what we may see as evil overcoming good. **“Who is among you that fears the LORD, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.”** (Isaiah 50:10 NASB)

Beloved, God is increasing the Light of His presence in you! **“You are the light of the world— like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”** (Matt. 5:14-16 NLT)

Come on, Beloved, and dare to let the Light of the world that dwells in you shine out of you to the world!

We believe this is the proactive Word of God for the Body of Christ for the coming year 2010. We have no idea how this will be manifested in your life or in ours, but we feel it will be! We have just seen that His instructions for implementing this word are very simple: **“Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.”**

Here are the key verses to being able to receive and believe that God is going to do this in and through you: **“Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”** (2 Cor. 4:1-6 NASB)

Please, Beloved, see that God said **“...light shall shine out of darkness”** and He has proclaimed that you are that light. So dare to let it shine and see what happens!

It doesn’t get any simpler or any more exciting than that.

Hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.