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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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Letters of Faith

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Dear Beloved,

From our perspective, the Holy Spirit is revealing afresh to the Body of Christ the difference between “the new things” of the last days and the “repackaged old things,” and He is saying really clearly to us all: “*Do the new!*” We challenge you to want to change—and do the new—too!

Change your thinking about yourself, about Jesus, and about God’s Word! Change your meditations about Jesus from knowing what He did (as we read the Gospels), to what He is doing today (as we read testimonies of His extravagant miracles).

Change your focus from who He WAS (here on earth, on the way to the cross) to who He is NOW (resurrected, ascended to the right hand of our Father in heaven, glorified, and in you). These changes will make a reviving shift in your view of Jesus, and of God’s precious Word, and about how God wants to use you.

For example, notice in the familiar Romans 10:17, “**...faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word** (*rhema*: Holy Spirit-breathed word to you) **of Christ,**” the word “hearing” is in the present continuous tense. It is not in the past tense! Faith to do the works of the Father—like Jesus did—doesn’t come from *having heard!* It comes from *hearing—now!*

Hear what we are hearing as the present continuous word to the Body of Christ today: “*Press on! Press in! to the high calling to do what Jesus did as well as be transformed into His likeness.*” (ref. Phil. 3:13-16) We firmly believe that we are hearing that His calling to DO and to BE is not either/or! It is both/and!

In the past few months, we have emphasized Jesus’ final words to His disciples as found in Matthew 28:18-20. One of these phrases is particularly pertinent to this word: “**...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**” In this last verbal communication with His disciples, Jesus was saying: “*When you go in My Name, and when you use My Name, in accordance with My words to you, it is as if I am there with you!*” Jesus gave us the power and authority to do as He did in His Name, just as He did in His Father’s Name. His power and His authority will be with us and flow through us when we go in His Name: in His love, His nature, and His obedience.

What did Jesus command His disciples to do? “**...go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.**” (Matthew 10: 7-8)

Jesus' clear words to us are: *"I will no longer accept My people walking in My Charismata without My Character OR My Character without My Charismata—My Power without My Personhood—My Teachings without My Touchings—My Helping without My Healing—or, and this may shock you—in My Words without My Wondrous Works."*

The aging Apostle John's first Epistle says: "...**we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us...**" (1 John 4:16) We have come to know, and are constantly coming! Have you?

It is very important that you do, because: "...**God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.**" (:16-17)

Get it?

As He IS—not as He was, or as He will be. As Jesus IS so also are we in this world. This isn't a "someday, by and by" word! It is a today word from one of God's dearest friends who saw Jesus as He is (see Rev. 1).

How is Jesus today? Not the buddy that John rested his head on at the final Passover covenant meal. He is glorified! His appearance on the Isle of Patmos scared John off his feet! Yet, he recognized Him!

Most of us say: "We can't heal anyone! It's all Jesus!" But remember what Alexis said last month: "I have faith to be a messenger of the gift of healing Jesus bought on the cross!" And also recognize that the enemy of our souls specializes in diluting what Jesus commanded us to do, and what He said we can do, and loves to dwarf and intimidate our beliefs into submission to his power of deception over sickness, poverty, and death.

Because as good as it is "for keeping us humble" for us to say: "We can't heal anyone! It's all Jesus!" the trouble is that Jesus told us to do just that! (Reread the preceding scriptures!) Jesus told His disciples to heal! to deliver! and to revive!

Born again in Christ Jesus believers, filled to overflowing with God's Holy Spirit, are never too young, are never too old, and must not ever get too jaded, disappointed, or distracted to DO the works of the Father that Jesus did—and that He commands us to do!

Acts 2:22 says: "**Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did through Him in your midst...**" Jesus did signs and wonders and miracles—the works of His Father—as a human being in right relationship with God and yielded to His Holy Spirit. He did NOT do these as God!

Jesus said in John 5:19: "**Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.**" And the resurrected Jesus said to His disciples in John 20:21, "...**as the Father has sent Me, so I also send you.**"

Are *you* a human being in right relationship with God and yielded to His Holy Spirit? Are *you* His disciple? Then Jesus said this to *you*!

Since He said it, we have to know that He has equipped us—you and me, His disciples—to fulfill this commission—to do it! We just have to be willing to truly listen, to really believe, and to fearlessly obey.

God gave me a powerful vision for an upcoming ministry. Then He asked: "*You saw the vision?*"

Yes, Lord, I did!

"*Was it from Me?*"

Yes, Lord! I know that I didn't make that up!

Then He clearly said: "*Believe what I showed you in the Spirit will be done on the earth!*"

I responded: Yes, Lord, I believe! Help me in my unbelief!! (Mark 9:24—That's my favorite Scripture for religiously pleading my faintheartedness!)

Immediately He said (quite firmly): "*Bind that spirit of fear and unbelief, and believe!*"

Later, when I had gathered enough courage to share this experience with Gretel, the Holy Spirit lead us to understand: Jesus ministered to unbelievers all the time, so the heart cry of the epileptic's father in Mark 9:24 was acceptable to Him. But we have His New Heart and we are filled with the Holy Spirit of Almighty God, our Father Who is in Heaven, so He expects us to believe and obey His words to us, and not plead for Him to do the Father's works for us in spite of our unbelief! Selah!! (That is "Psalmic" language for pause—and think about that for a while.)

And that is Scripture—even Old Testament! "**...Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?**" (Num. 23:19)

Beloved, there are only two ways to reveal Jesus to the unsaved world through your life: through revealing the fruit of the Holy Spirit as Jesus did, and through manifesting the power and authority of the Holy Spirit as Jesus did! You are only playing with half of a deck (or, ministering half a Gospel) if you do not release both His gifts and His fruit.

God is truly an awesome God. Would any of us choose us to re-present Jesus here on this earth in this anti-Christ, ungodly time? No! His ways are not our ways, and our ways are certainly not His ways—but *they can become His ways* as we listen and obey, as we watch and pray, and as we start daring to do things His way!

We bless you, and we release over you the energizing power of the Holy Spirit of Almighty God so you will re-present the living Christ Jesus to a world literally dying to know Him. We pray that this year of our Lord 2007 will be the year we all grow into our full, true responsibility of doing like Jesus did and becoming like Jesus is—no matter how far away we feel we are right now writing and reading this letter!

The Truth is, that is what God is doing in each of us. So let's all let Him!

Hugs of Hope,

