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...WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU, OR ELSE BE
ABSENT, I MAY HEAR OF YOUR AFFAIRS, THAT YE
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STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE
GOSPEL. PHILIPPIANS 1:27

REVELATION 22:2, IN THE MIDST OF THE STREET OF IT, AND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, WAS THERE THE TREE OF LIFE, WHICH BARE TWELVE MANNER OF FRUITS, AND YIELDED HER FRUIT EVERY MONTH: AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE WERE FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.



WE INVITE YOU, DEAR READERS, TO PARTAKE OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD WITHIN THIS ISSUE OF KIT. FROM THE MESSAGES TO THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, FROM CONFERENCE REPORTS TO NUGGETS, THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR YOU. WE COULD NEVER EMPHASIZE ENOUGH HOW MUCH WE ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU! WE EACH HAVE A PART TO PLAY WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST; IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR HEART FROM GOD, WORDS OF WISDOM, A FAITH BOOSTER, A FUNNY ANECDOTE, A PRAISE REPORT, PLEASE FEEL THE LIBERTY TO SEND THEM TO US TO INCLUDE THEM. EMAIL US YOUR SUBMISSIONS AT LWOMMAHOMET@GMAIL.COM. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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Are Ye Able to Drink of the Cup?

But Jesus answered and said; "... Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? ...and he saith... Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with (Matthew 20:22-23).

What is this drinking and baptism that Yeshua was speaking of? In the time that Christ was speaking this word, *baptizo* (bap tid' zo), would have been understood by anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of Greek to mean "immerse." The word described a process wherein a white cloth or thread was dipped into a vat of dye and submerged until it took on the color desired. Prior to the cloth being dyed, it was cleansed by the fuller who used strong soap made of alkali, potash and soda. This cleansing was to remove the oils from the wool thread to allow it to take on the desired color in the dyeing process. Interestingly, this was an art that was practiced from ancient times by Jews who were dispersed throughout the world. This practice dates back to the earliest periods of history with dyeing being first established in the area around biblical Haran.

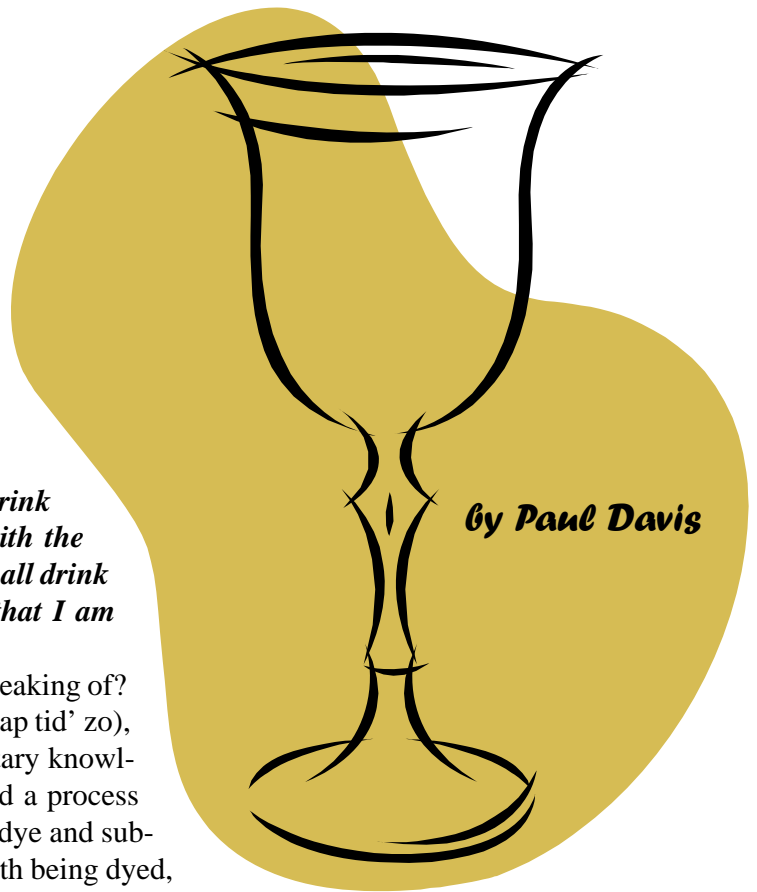
What James and John understood from Yeshua asking the question, "Are you able to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with," was that they were to be immersed into whatever Yeshua was going to be immersed. To their finite minds and given that they were asking about sitting on His right and left side when He came into His kingdom, they thought He was going to somehow be swept into power and they surely wanted to participate in that. Yeshua said they knew not what they were asking for and yet, when asked about drinking of His cup and being immersed as He, they answered very quickly, "Oh, yes, we can do it." They did not know of the cup of His suffering and the going into the grave of hell, they only thought of the glory of sitting with the King.

How much do you and I think of sitting and basking in the glory of the King? Have we allowed ourselves to get caught in the pleasures of this world and think that because we have a somewhat less-than-casual experience with Christ that we will be seated on His left or His right? Noah Webster uses this statement for his proof text of the definition of the word *immerse*; "It is impossible for a man to have a lively hope in another life, and yet be deeply immersed in the enjoyment of this. [*life*] sic."

When we enter into the waters of baptism, we are making several statements both in the Spirit and in the natural. First, we are declaring to Christ that we are willing to join to Him no matter what the cost. Second, we are declaring to the powers and principalities that we are no longer their property and we now belong, through covenant agreement, to the One who is higher in power than they. Third, we are declaring to the Body of Christ that our lives are not our own anymore, we are now joined unto them in separating ourselves from the world. We are now dead to ourselves, yet alive to Christ.

As to the cup, while Christ was in the Garden of Gethsemane we are told that He asked for the Father to allow for this cup to pass from Him, yet not His will but the will of the Father. This is none other than the cup of suffering coupled with a willingness to lay down our own will for that of our Heavenly Father. Again it is about death to self, being immersed into Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Are you able? Yes, by fixing your eyes upon Yeshua the Author and Finisher of our faith.

May God bless you and keep you immersed in Him. ☞





Nuggets for the Needy

Grace

by Maris duCille

Foreword by Stacy Asbill:

As I was looking through the chapters of Nuggets for the Needy, I was impressed with this chapter simply titled "Grace". I have been greatly encouraged by this as well as the "Growing in Grace" chapter because they really bring a lot of clarity and depth to the word grace. In this chapter Mrs. duCille talks about grace working in every stage of our Christian development and that each step in our life is due to GRACE. The definition of grace is "undeserved favor of God to man" and perhaps I am not the only one who has looked at grace as mercy extended to us from God when we have sinned or not walked in obedience. In fact, a common saying that has been coined is, "grace period," which has come to imply that it is permissible to allow something to continue for a certain length of time. From this passage, though, grace is clearly defined, not as allowing sin to remain, but as a tool of strengthening us to overcome sin! As our Christian walk is typified through the Tabernacle, we see that at every stage, God's grace abounds toward us to enable us to go through that process. We sing the song, "He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater." As we continue to progress in our walk with the Lord, no matter what the situation, His grace is ever present to enable us to achieve ALL that God intends for us to achieve in that moment!

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Grace is undeserved favor - God to man.

Enoch found grace with God - he walked with God, and God took him as He desired.

Moses found grace with God - he talked to God face to face and lived; he received the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God; he led a miraculous life from Egypt to Canaan, died and was taken away by angels, and did not see corruption.

Elijah, the prophet, found grace with God - he lived a life of power and spiritual authority and was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire.

Jesus Christ, our great Benefactor, the very Author of grace, with all the faculties of God fully developed in Him, showed us what it meant for man to live by the grace of God. He was the embodiment of grace, peace and love. In Him, we beheld

the glory of God. He is the grace of God.

God dealt with the patriarchs individually according to His promises. He dealt with Israel, His choice as a nation, under the law, according to His promises. The prophets stressed repentance in their prophetic writings, and encouraged Israel to take advantage of the GRACE which God always makes available to man. They stressed repentance as an inward work which renews the heart, as a gift of God's grace.

God's grace envelops mercy, lovingkindness, goodness and forgiveness. His AMAZING GRACE includes the divine power to equip man to live above his fallen state, thus fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

God, therefore, exonerates Himself from blame,

because GRACE is His free gift to everyone. Accept it and you have life; reject it and you are lost. Grace is from the beginning to the end of our salvation. Justification is through grace. When one comes to Jesus in repentance, God in His grace treats him, the guilty one, as if he had never sinned. Here FAITH, which is also a gift of God, is exercised to accept this forgiveness *not of yourselves* (Ephesians 2:8), but the will of God. Ephesians 1:13 speaks of consecration and baptism as the next step in grace - a provision for the conquest of sin in the believer's life. It is, therefore, necessary that one must be at an AGE and STAGE to recognize sin.

NO GRACE, NO GOSPEL: Every step in the Christian life is due to GRACE. Romans 8:28-30 shows there is a calling, a justification, and a glorification, with a responsibility in between, obedience being the moral attitude.

Hebrews 4:15-16, *For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the THRONE OF GRACE, that we may obtain MERCY, and find GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.*

So many times, we Christians fail so miserably with our loved ones and the world in general, forgetting that the whole creation groans and travails, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Before the world can have that witness, we, the people of God, must overcome the nature within us that is contrary to HIS DIVINE NATURE.

There is a work to be done in the soul - the mind, the emotions, the will and the desires (this is man) - by daily exercise, which necessitates getting to the throne of grace - i.e. forgive, that you might be FORGIVEN.

The trouble with many Christians is that sin does not appear EXCEEDINGLY SINFUL. The Holy Spirit has not been allowed to permeate the soul to do the purifying work to which the heart and conscience bears witness. They always seem to be either excusing themselves or accusing one another; therefore manifesting anger, malice, strife, wantonness, love of pleasure, divisiveness, cunningness, impatience, bitterness, selfishness, ego (which exalts self almost or altogether above God), fear, contention, pride, etc. - fruits of the flesh in general. All these are enmity against God, having

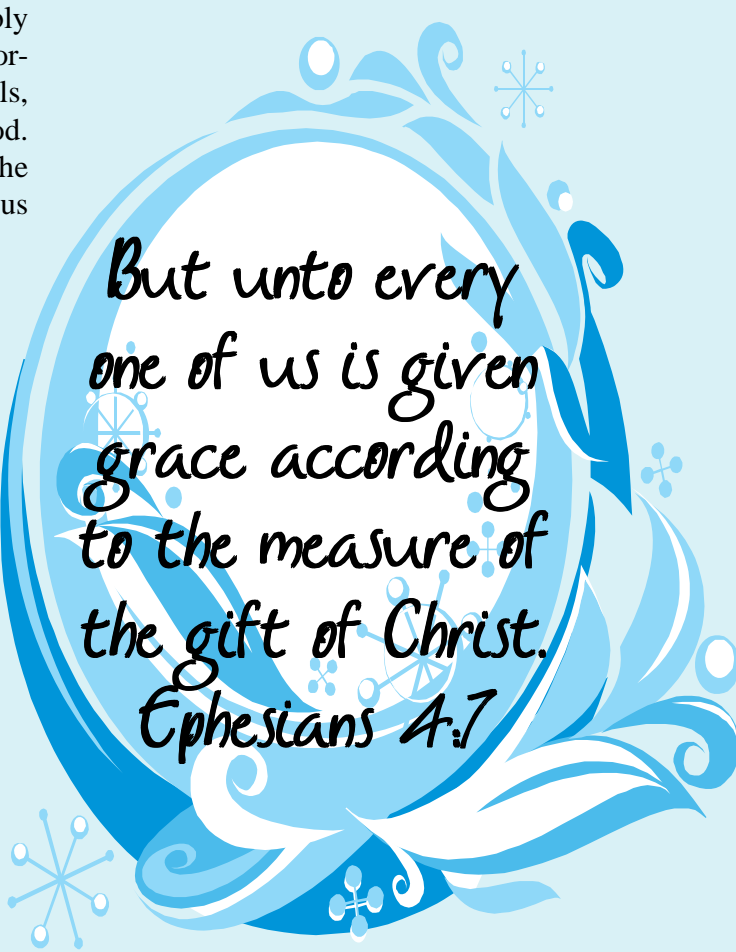
one's personality organized in the wrong direction.

Because the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh, God makes provision for man in mercy and grace - that we might find the grace needed for the situations of each day.

It matters not how much one prophesies, preaches, imparts healing, teaches or is involved in any church activity; one needs to find GRACE to help when accused, robbed, beaten, reviled, cursed or caused pain or grief. The believer does not draw from the abundance of words in one's own vocabulary or from one's own strength, but rather from the abundance of GRACE from the THRONE OF GRACE. This will glorify God and produce much overcoming strength.

Matthew 5:21-28 shows that under grace, anger is equated with murder, and a wrong look is equated with adultery.

To stand on one's pride and depend on and use one's strength is frustrating the GRACE OF GOD, whereby we are S-A-V-E-D - saved from having been born in sin and shaped in iniquity - being saved from our own self nature - being saved from corruption to incorruption, and from mortal to immortal. ✨



But unto every
one of us is given
grace according
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the gift of Christ.
Ephesians 4:7

The Hour Cometh

Barak Asbill

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There is a lot of substance in the Word of God with regard to baptism. When we look at the three dimensions of baptism, we see that the intent of baptism is to lead the believer out of the Outer Court experience, through the door of the Tabernacle, and into the Holy Place.

The word that began to come to me is out of Galatians, and it is found in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th chapters. The word really starts in Galatians 3:1, ***O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?*** There is something in the heart of God wherein He is looking amongst the people of the earth and desiring for somebody to begin to arise out of the midst of humanity and have a desire in their heart to go the whole way with God. When God sees such a one and the cry of their heart becomes of such a voracity, it moves God out of His place of being God in the realm of God down into the midst of the earth to quicken that one wherein they might have the strength, virtue, and character of Jesus Christ to begin to rise up out of the midst of the mundane and the carnal.

If we read here in Galatians 4, you see that what Paul is writing to the Galatians is a difficult thing. You can feel the heart of God as Paul begins to address this group of people. The Word that had been preached

had a certain design, intent and objective to bring forth within the people. Yet Paul is grieved, if you will, over something else that is beginning to work contrary to that objective. Galatians 4:19 says, ***My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.***

We could probably stop right there and preach a message on the objective of God in that the prize is the soul of man. The prize is not just so that God can have you, as a soul, like a trophy on His shelf. It is not just for Him to say, "This is my prize. This is what I won." You understand what I am saying? It is more than that. The prize in God's mind is that God can bring forth Himself inside of that person's soul. Once that objective is reached it is not something that is relegated to the shelf. When you go into a high school and walk down the corridor, they have their display case of all the victories that the teams of that school won. I suppose on one level it is kind of nice - there is something that testifies of what was accomplished. But in the same sense it is just a piece of history because it has little value now other than a nice looking jersey or something of that nature. You go twenty years down the road and nobody even remembers the victory or the game or whatever it was that was accomplished.

In God it is not so. It is not His objective to put us down in the "Hall of Fame" as "The

Overcomers.” Imagine walking down God’s “Hall of Fame.” Here on the left is Paul or here on the right is the apostle Peter and there is some wax figure over there that represents him and there are some artifacts to testify of how he overcame. We thank God that it is not so, but rather that God is making a living, breathing, walking, talking individual that is everpresent. The desire in His heart is to bring forth Christ in your soul and then to take you and plant you somewhere, whether it is on this sphere that we call earth or whether it is on some other heavenly body that He has created, that He might demonstrate His absolute creativity by Him by you and me.

So he says, *My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. Verse 20, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.*

I believe, if I am interpreting this correctly, Paul is saying, “In my heart something is breaking because something isn’t right and I long and desire to be in your presence that I might begin to bare my heart through preaching, through ministering, that you might hear the inflections of God’s emotions in my voice.”

So, you begin to hear and see the pleading of God for the Galatian people through this man, Paul. *For I stand in doubt of you.* This is not the kind of doubt that works against our faith. This is a doubt where something present is contending for the faith that is in the saints. If the saints aren’t equipped, if the saints aren’t aware, if the saints aren’t actively resisting this contention, they stand in jeopardy of finding themselves on the outside looking in.

For I stand in doubt of you, verse 21, Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear

the law? In the previous chapter Paul was explaining that the law (which he termed *the schoolmaster*) was a legitimate implementation of God by which to bring you and me to a place of compliance with the plan and the will of God (Galatians 3:24). You know, it is rather simple when you look at it. In the natural, when you drive down the road there is a speed limit sign. The sign with the speed limit posted is an external restraint and reminder whereby you know what your parameters are, and as long as you operate within those parameters, all is well. When you exceed the parameters, in this case, the law has the right to bring you into tow. So, for a time and a season, and maybe in many ways still yet, there are external restraints that God puts upon us in the midst of our lives in hopes that somewhere in the midst of our going to and fro we will begin to learn the principle that is behind the external restraint and begin to embrace that principle and receive it as something that needs to be deposited inside.

When in your life is the presence of Jesus the greatest? It is in the midst of tribulation and travail. Hence, the thing that has been outside, God is working into the inside. If all goes how God intends, if your heart is broken before God at that particular time in your life, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the principle that has been outside, suddenly is deposited inside. You begin to self-govern. You no longer need the speed limit posted on the outside. Something inside of you automatically begins to govern your mode of operation. This is the rubber meeting the road, if you will.

Let us come back to this thought of “standing in doubt” and Paul’s pleading with the Galatians. I think the book of Galatians is very pertinent to us because

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we stand in jeopardy of doing the same thing that they did. We have rejoiced in the word preached - sonship - and have come a long way. We have tasted the good word and have received a measure of blessing, but as we are coming to the end of the race, we discover by the Spirit that we are not where we think we are. We find a situation beginning to arise in the midst of the church - a kind of separation, if you will. Not by man, mind you, but by the nature of God Himself. Come, let us look at the Word and see what we are talking about. In Galatians 4:22 we read, *For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.* This is a very interesting dynamic. Here is Abraham, called by God, selected by God, appointed by God and sent out by God. In the midst of Abraham's life, God began to write the Bible. Out of the midst of God's dealing with humanity, Abraham in this case, there was this development of two scenarios taking place side by side in the same house.

Can you see the parallel? Can you see the application in our own lives? We were lost out there going about our own business, trying to fulfill some position or reach some edifice in the midst of life. So God came and He intercepted our downward descent into hell and through the Blood of Jesus Christ, He washed us. That is the free part. That was easy, you understand. You were drowning, you were going to hell and somebody came and delivered the Word to you. Whether it was a preacher or God Himself, the lifesaver came and you grabbed it. The Blood that is still running, from the day that it was shed unto this day, quickened your soul from out of the midst of the grave, out of the midst of hell's pronouncement and lifted you unto a realm of life and liberty. So, we danced and we rejoiced and we basked in the presence of God and the peace of God was finally coming into the remote regions of our hearts. **That was the free part.**

After you come through that exhilarating experience, you head on into the next phase of God's plan. It is like what was being

reiterated this morning with regard to baptism. It is death to self. Now, I don't really think self dies one time. The moment that you were all baptized, whenever it was, wherever it was, you didn't completely leave self behind. The nature of the flesh didn't stay there in the pool of water, but there was a transaction made to complete the covenant with God. So, by faith you walk to see the finished point.

But the old flesh is hanging on. It is bullying its way back into your life. It is like gravity. Gravity is a fact of our everyday life. Now gravity is a benefit in many, many ways and in many, many things, but there are some things that would be easier to do if we didn't have it. Isn't it wonderful how God gives us all these natural things to demonstrate the spiritual counterpart? The flesh is like gravity to the spiritual man in that it is like a weight constantly pulling in the opposite direction to which the spirit man wants to go. The only way to overcome the gravity or the pull is to have a power that is greater than the force of the pull. So, God gives you the doctrine of baptisms, because inside the doctrine of baptism is the plan.

For example, let's say you buy a new printer. You take it out of the box and typically it has a pictorial instruction of how to plug the printer in and get the printer operating. Now, from the time you buy the printer until the time you have finished the instructions, the printer is of little value to you. It is the same with the Word of God. We have the instructions, we have the principle and we have had the preaching to go along with the principle that the Word has delivered. Yet if we do not follow the instruction and strive to apply the instruction and come to the other side of baptism, then what we have is of little value to us and will not do what it is supposed to do in the midst of our souls to bring forth Christ.

So you have the scenario in the house of Abraham of this son of the flesh and the son of the promise growing up together. Let's read on in Galatians 4:24, *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25For this Agar is mount Sinai in*

Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

When you look at the history of Israel, God brought them out of Egypt and took them into the wilderness to prove them and to try them in hopes that, while in the midst of that hardship and tribulation, they would reject Egypt and receive Him. The apex of their journey was at Mount Sinai because up until that point, all they did was go around that mountain. The whole intent was for God to bring forth out of Himself the next segment of His plan to bring forth Christ.

So, He delivered them out of Egypt. But when Israel came out of Egypt, they brought Egypt with them in the midst of their hearts. You see it time and time again, that when they were in the midst of tribulation, when the pressure came on, when they were hungry or thirsty or the Egyptians were behind them, immediately they wanted to go back again to the place from which they had been delivered.

How many times in your own life have you done just that? The tribulation comes on, hell rises up and begins to pressure you, begins to call in question your own salvation, interject doubt, fear, whatever it may be, and right away we are ready to throw in the towel. Right away the temptation is to revert back to the old way of life. But the hope in God is that, in the midst of that circumstance, we can reach up into heaven and take hold of the substance that is God and receive it in the midst of our soul. But the thing is, a lot of times we revert to these

conditions because there is a nature inside that we still like, that we still want to hold on to, whatever it may be, whatever selfish nature that is there in the midst of our human flesh – it is still there like the son of Hagar contending against the son of promise.

In God's timetable, Sinai has come and gone, history-wise. Even in the development of the spiritual church, it has come and gone. The church ought to be somewhere in the midst of leaving Jerusalem. As the Bible says, "When you see the abomination stand up in the holy place, flee to the mountains" (Matthew 24:15-16). But it seems as though, as a church, we are not even at Jerusalem yet because we are still dealing with Sinai and to some degree, the nature of the law.

Let us read John chapter 4 where it talks about the woman at the well. I'm sure you are all familiar with the context of the story. What I want to pick up here is in verse 19. *The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

Here is a scenario that commonly took place with Jesus. You have the woman who is

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at a certain frequency, a certain level of understanding. Here is the Son of God, in a much higher place of revelation, communicating with this person that is down here, and it was like He was giving her a verbal ladder, wherewith, if she could grasp it, she could begin to climb.

Now let's continue with the thought of baptism. When you are baptized, you don't come up to go down. You go down into the water completely submerged, completely buried, final, finished, done. Water being the grave and then, as the human being comes up out of the water, he is not coming out in the oldness of the old flesh, but he is coming out in the newness of the life that God gave him while he was in the grave. I think our walk should be a lot like that. It is taking you, an individual with the sin nature, and putting it through God's refinery, if you will. God puts us through the wilderness which brings us through that place of revelation at Mount Sinai where the Word of God written by God's finger is written *not in tables of stone, but* (written) *in fleshly tables of the* (our) *heart* (II Corinthians 3:3).

So, when Jesus said in John 4:23, *the hour cometh*, it means that **it has come**. Do you see that? He is talking about a frequency or a place in the Spirit where the way is extremely narrow and the application of this water, (to obtain this water), is of a very narrow nature. It is so marvelous. This story from two thousand years ago was also applicable to this woman at that time. Yet when we read it now, we read it as if He was saying it today because He said, *But the hour cometh, and now is...* right?

When you look at the tabernacle you find that there are two entrances, (actually three). But in this case, you find that the first one is called the "gate" and the second one is called the "door." Jesus clarified it as far as what the door meant. He said, *I am the door...* (John 10:7).

So the hour **is** come. At that very point, Jesus, under the

anointing of the ministry of Christ that was in Him was opening the door and saying, "It now is."

The question is, are you willing to go through the door? When you enter the door, immediately to your right is the Table of Shewbread. This is what baptism brings us to. So it is when you come through the door of the Tabernacle that to the right is the Table of Shewbread. Here again, Jesus, while He was yet present in His body, clarified the understanding of the scripture. He said in John 6:53, *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.* Now, I don't know how else you can cut that. Do you understand what I am saying? You cannot put a spin on that to change its meaning, to alleviate that culpability. It is spelled out pretty plain. Verse 54, *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

If there is an impetus in the Spirit for the time we live in it is to eat His flesh and to drink His Blood. It is to avail ourselves before God so that God may search the inward parts. The psalmist said, "...try my reins..." "...know

my heart...And see if there be any wicked way in me..." (Psalm 26:2, Psalm 139:23-24).

For some of us there is ancestral sin that is come down the lineage. By right of inheritance it is exercising a claim in the midst of our lives. That sin being present hinders and inhibits God from coming into His tabernacle. There is a time even now as we go before God, that God would give us the anointing by which to begin to annihilate and destroy this claim, wherein we can come into a place of liberty and freedom and power with God where our own lives can begin to be bread feeding the hungry.

Let us take the last supper and look at it a little bit deeper. Do you remember the 3-dimensional box? Natural - Spiritual - Fullness. Jesus said, "This is My body..." and

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I am breaking it and I am distributing it amongst you (Matthew 26:26). Eat it!" "This is My Blood, this cup, this wine, this is My Blood" (Matthew 26:28). Do you understand that as He was naturally doing that, He was fulfilling the spiritual covenant then and there, yet He was prophesying to the fullness of the breaking of the Body of Jesus of which you are!

So, are you the Body? Are you willing and ready to be broken like bread to be distributed amongst God's people? Hallelujah. Praise the Lord.

Let's turn back over to Galatians 4:26, ***But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. Verse 27, For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.*** So now we have the promise. ***Verse 28, Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 29But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.***

Do you feel the unction and the anointing in the Word of God that it is not just a history lesson? Paul isn't repeating history and saying, "Back here this dialogue recorded happened between Sarah and Abraham with regard to Hagar." Instead you are talking about the Word of God which is a living entity that is operating on a certain frequency that is much higher than where we are living today. If we can receive the Word, ...***receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls*** (James 1:21). Able to save the soul! So this Word cast out the bondwoman. I believe in the Spirit that this is a Word that is pertinent to this time that you and I are in. There is a certain dis-

position of bondwoman and Ishmaelism that is contending against the faith and contending against the nature of the Son of God. Let us consider something here for a minute; if Sarah, feminine by nature, is considered a type of the church, then we should also consider Hagar a type of the church. Both received life; both brought forth, but the distinction being, one was according to the word of promise and the other according to the will of man. The will of man apart from God is corruptible and at enmity with God. If we savor the things of man more than the things of God, if we strengthen our carnal position over the heavenly election, the results will be disastrous as far as God is concerned. Both Issac and Ishmael received a prophetic mandate of which the fullness of that word(s) is unfolding upon us. The fullness of times means

the spiritual maturity of both good and evil. We received a message from the Lord to that effect when a word was shared with us that something had been touched in the spirit as pertaining to the things of God. The result was (is) a counter attack that is spiritual in nature. The Bible says that Ishmael mocked the son of promise thus, in his heart, he rejected divine order. Is the Daystar arising in your heart?

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Or is there
something else?

Or is there something else? If we can lay our own lives down upon the altar, avail our soul before God then the Word of God that says "cast out" will do exactly that. Thus it will deliver us from this corruptible flesh and bring us fully through the waters of baptism and truly into fellowship and communion with Him that when we eat the bread it is Life indeed.

So, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but children of the free. Then we get into chapter 5:1, ***Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*** Hallelujah. Praise be to God. Amen. ✠



Coming Together

in Georgia

By Kate Chatic

Georgia over Labor Day weekend - another conference, another opportunity to gather with the brethren and seek God. I always look forward to going to church meetings and this was no exception. I knew my heart wanted to go, but my body was seven months pregnant and I was not sure how much of a price it would exact from me to make the eleven hour drive, go to bed late each night and be busy all weekend. Even with this to think about, I was still overjoyed at being able to attend!

As I look back over the conference as a whole, I was affected by the words, the time of singing praise and worship unto God, but mostly by the people. There is no mistaking the love and consideration I felt while there. We were welcomed with open arms as family that had not been seen in some time. The truth of the matter is that I know very few of the people that attended the conference, but love was extended to me from every side, from the old friends to the new acquaintances. The difficulty lies in finding the right words to express the love and affection that I received while there. My heart rejoiced and was continually glad. I was able to lay aside the difficulties of our day to day struggles and just drink in the presence of the Lord.

The word that affected me the most throughout the conference was the one given by Alade Agbabiaka. I think God must have given him a gift of encouragement. He spoke to us about the story of Solomon dealing with the women who came to him with one dead and one living child. The women were each a type of church. The church that overlaid her child choked the breath out of it and it could not live, but the woman that opened and allowed her child - giving it room to live, knew that it was the Lord that covers the child, not her. She was not self-seeking. She was interested in the survival of the child. We must allow the Holy Ghost to overshadow the child - the work of the church. That is where we find our sustenance and survival. The foolish woman church operates carnally, encouraging Solomon to divide the remaining living child. Yet the Body cannot be divided and we must encourage unity and become blind to the faults of our brethren. When he spoke about overlaying the child and stifling the life out of it, I was very much aware that we cannot take our spirituality and push it onto another person. With my own children, I can see that they are at different stages of maturity and therefore, I must be sensitive and know that I cannot hold them both to the same level of achievement. We must allow and encourage growth in those around us, but not by a measure of force or nagging, because anything that is born of God will overcome the world!

I was so encouraged! His teaching revealed an entirely different way of looking at the Body of Christ around me. My heart was strengthened to continue onward, and to not give in to the mistakes of the past. There is liberty in Christ and this word pointed directly at the heart of the matter. We, as people, do not need to do the job that the Holy Spirit is going to do in each one of us. We do not bring about the life of God and the transformation of maturity in our brethren, because that is the job of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. I can begin to praise God and love Him and know that He will deal with the imperfections of my soul and that His Spirit will lead me into all truth.

There is much thankfulness that I have for those brethren who came to this conference to share what God has worked in their hearts. Each segment of the Body has something to offer and I was a recipient this time. They were more than hospitable and caring. They had a love that should be found everywhere we go. I learned quite a bit over this short weekend, and it did not all come from the pulpit, but mostly from the interaction with both the adults and the children that attended the conference. Thank you for teaching me and showing Christ to me. It made a mark in my soul that will not be forgotten. ✨



With joy and honor, Martin and Kristyna Kluson announce the birth of their daughter, Elisabeth. She was born on September 1, 2009, at 10:30 at night, and was 3050g (6lbs, 11 1/2oz), 49cm (19 1/2 inches). "She is a very special gift to the Kingdom of God as well as to our family. She is a peaceful, good and quiet baby with much of her oldest sister in her countenance." - Martin and Kristyna Kluson



"Somebody might ask why we did not give her a middle name. Well, four years ago, after her brother, David Joshua, was born, I had a dream. In the dream, I was walking down the aisle of the Mahomet meeting room. Mrs. Joyce Shaffer was walking in front of me. All of a sudden she turned around to me, put her finger to my face and said, "There is only one more name in the Bible you can use for a daughter and it is Lisa." And Lisa is Elisabeth "God of Oath." So we have obeyed and gave her the only name left in the Bible for our daughter. Thank you, Mrs. Shaffer :)" - Kristyna

"I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works." Psalm 9:1

Nathan & Janelle Baughman's daughter, Emery Michelle, was born August 19, 2009, at 8:18 in the morning. She weighed 7lbs, 5oz, and was 19 1/2 inches long. She joins one big sister, Elizabeth.



Simeon Dudley Sawyer

was born to Levi and Elisabeth on August 12, 2009, at 7:51 in the morning. He was 6 lbs, 3 oz, and 17 1/2 inches long.

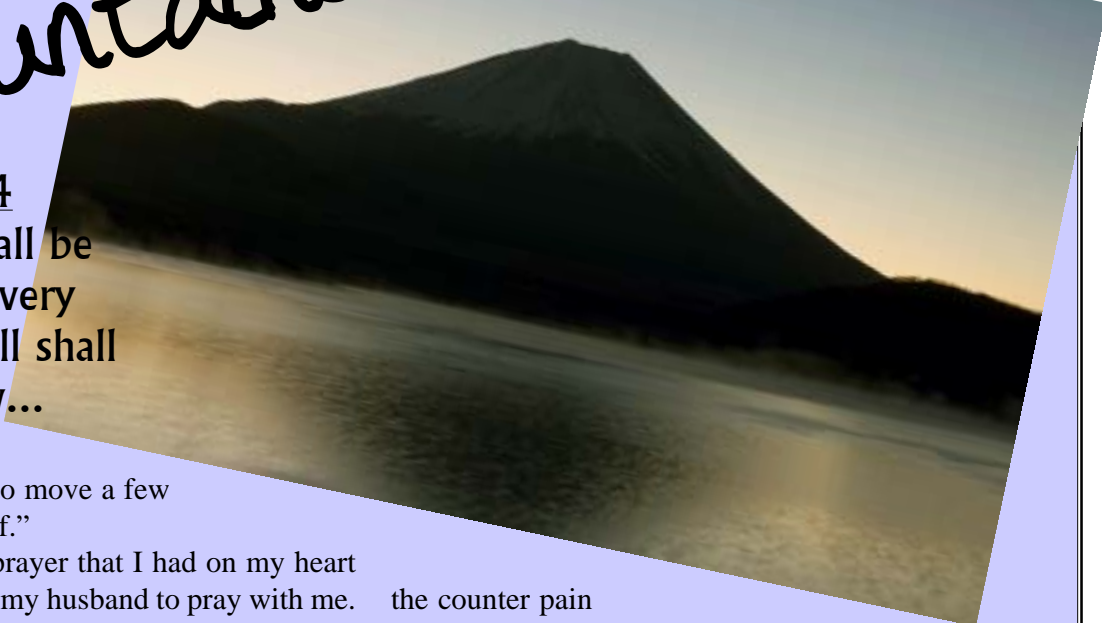
Daddy is so proud and Mommy is overjoyed. Everything went so smoothly. They got to the hospital about 7:30 in the morning, and 20 minutes later the baby came.



"God, we ask You
to move a few
mountains..."

By
Terry
Smith

Isaiah 40:4
Every valley shall be
exalted, and every
mountain and hill shall
be made low...



"God, we ask You to move a few mountains on our behalf."

That was the only prayer that I had on my heart that morning as I asked my husband to pray with me.

"God, we ask You to move a few mountains on our behalf."

My husband agreed and we thanked the Lord together. As I left for work, we both asked the Lord to bless the other. (That is the comforting way I leave my home each day.) This particular day, I left wondering if that simple prayer was enough as these were really big mountains that we needed God to move. It didn't seem to matter because I had no other prayer on my heart at that time.

What were the mountains and why did we need God's mighty hand to move them? Well, my mother had fallen ten days before and when she went to the Emergency Room, they sent her home on Norco pain medication. We didn't think too much about it. We really didn't know what it actually was.

Three days later, when we took mother for her broken wrist surgery, there was an amazing discovery. The nurse said that after the surgery, they had given mother the highest dosage of narcotics that you can give a person and it had not eased her pain enough to let her go home. I asked if perhaps they could give her a couple of Ibuprofen or Aleve, some simple over

the counter pain

pills. Finally, after a two hour extra wait, the nurse said the doctor gave approval to try a couple of Ibuprofen. In fifteen minutes, mother was feeling better. You will understand why this is included in this testimony later.

They sent her home with oxygen, another thing to pray about, spiritually speaking. When they started up the oxygen machine in her home, I could hear the spirits for about a second and then I began warfare against them. I bound up those unclean things and cast them into the abyss. It is not enough that they send you home, there are all these extra things hanging on.

Off we went and Mother was home with three daughters and my dad to care for her. Instead of getting better, there seemed to be a decline. There also seemed to be a mental decline. On the fifth day, mother couldn't get out of bed. She was very swollen up in her belly, even though her belly had not been injured in the fall. After a long wait and several (on-hold) telephone conversations, I was finally told to call 911.

So the firemen came to initially prep the patient and find out what the ambulance needed to know. Af-

ter checking her out physically, they began asking questions, "What medication is she on?"

We replied, "Only Norco, two pills every four hours."

"Has she had the supplement to take with Norco? Have her intestines moved anything through them?"

We knew nothing about anything, but she had no supplement to take.

"This is a common side effect of Norco users," they said.

"What is?"

"Ileus."

"What is Ileus?"

"Intestinal slow down or blockage."

They went on to explain that Norco is a generic brand of Vicodin, a common narcotic pain pill that people get addicted to. This side effect my mother had was not at all uncommon. They proceeded to take her to the hospital, admit her and begin their several days of undoing of what Norco had done.

The next thing we knew, mother was on her way to a nursing home for rehab until she had better mobility. Wonderful! Well, she didn't seem to be progressing as well as you would think. She reminded me of the woman in the hospital bed in the vision that Brother Burt had. In that vision, whenever the woman would try to get up, they would give her more medication, which kept her in the bed. Do you remember that vision? Somehow, I happened to be in the nursing home on day ten when they gave mother her medication. It was a Thursday evening.

I asked the woman, "What are you giving her?"

"Norco and this and that."

My heart sunk and I could have cried, but I didn't. "She can't take Norco!"

"Well, you will have to talk to the nurse."

I explained to the nurse that Norco is what got her in there in the first place. My ignorance and lack of knowledge didn't help me at all. Finally, the nurse agreed to hold off on the medications until I could have the doctor call them with the new change in her medication. I had only until tomorrow morning before lunch to have this mountain moved.

"Thank You, JESUS! Show me what to do!"

Now you understand what the mountain was. Now you understand why my husband and I prayed. Somehow, since I was the one that asked and I was the one that it bothered, this task was now mine. I accepted it and began asking the Lord, "What can I do? How should I pray?" I asked Him to move this mountain for my mother.

Friday morning was when my husband and I prayed

for God to move the mountains on our behalf.

When I stopped at my daughter's house on the way to work, she prayed with me and she said, "Sensitivity. You need to tell the medical people that Granny has a sensitivity to narcotics. Try to get that put on her chart so this won't happen again."

It was simple wisdom from the Lord. *Sensitivity* caused the medical people to listen and not just ignore me. We knew that the Lord had given us a word of knowledge by His Holy Spirit. We also knew that we were not just dealing with medication - we knew that we were in a spiritual battle.

When I got to work I explained to my boss what I needed to do, and she said to take all the time I needed and not to worry about it. My boss and my position are positively the grace of God. I was on the phone almost all morning talking to this nurse, that nurse, this office, that office, the orthopedist's office, the primary care office, the Surgi-Center nurse, the nursing home nurse. I also looked up a few items on the internet to explain some of the medical terminology.

Finally, after explaining this thing as best I could to all these amazing people, I began getting results. One nurse called me and said she had read all the charts and agreed with this being the problem. She was going to help me. I believe God put an angel in a nurse's uniform to help me. AMEN. Hallelujah.

Somehow, the word *sensitivity* brought the necessary concept to finally accomplish my goal. I had a two-fold goal. I wanted 100% for my mother. 30% was not enough. 60% was not enough. I wanted 100% and I knew my Father's will was what gave me this strength and stamina to run this particular part of my race in Christ. I wanted my mother off of all narcotics - that was part one. Part two was to get it put on her chart, "SENSITIVITY TO NARCOTICS," so that it would never happen again.

I was so excited in the Lord. He had not only moved the mountain, He had put several angels along the way to assist me. The doctors had agreed to take mother off the narcotics and to put "sensitivity to narcotics" on her chart for future use. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Thank You, Jesus!

My family didn't fully understand the necessity. They thought stopping the medication was good enough. NOPE! 100%! Somehow it is in me to not be satisfied with less than the best in Christ Jesus. I want that 100% in Christ Jesus for my mother too. 30% was not enough. 60% was not enough. When 100% was accomplished, then Jesus was the victor, but not until then.

This is the natural chain of events. Now, let me share something that happened the night before the prayer I

had with my husband.

While driving home the evening before, I knew that I was up against big, unclean things. Not at all concerned or afraid, I also knew that I am under the care of our GOD for Whom nothing is too difficult. I was on my way home that Thursday night and I was asking the Lord how to pray for this situation. I prayed in the Spirit a bit and then I knew by the Holy Spirit that there were two unclean spirits to deal with, narcotics and addiction. Okay. I took authority over narcotics and addiction from ministering to or through my mother. I commanded that they loose her and be bound up from ministering to anyone else. I commanded that anything in her system would be brought to nought and have no effect on her by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Amen. I had also been binding up all the unclean entities hanging around the hospital and nursing home looking for rest and casting them into the abyss.

All of a sudden, about a second later, I had two BIG, UGLY SPIRITS hollering at me. I believe they thought they could make me fear.

“WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING? HOW DARE YOU BOTHER US? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”

I knew immediately that these were what I had just prayed against.

I said, “I know who I am and so do you. I bind you up by the Blood of Christ Jesus and cast you into the abyss.”

BLESSED BE THE HOLY NAME OF THE LORD MY GOD WHO IS MIGHTY IN BATTLE! HE IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD! HE IS MY VICTORY!

MY GOODNESS! WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!

The next morning, Mother was in her right mind and her intestines were unblocked and I knew it was the grace of God ministering to her physical body as well as her spiritual being. I knew that the Lord was busy moving mountains on our behalf. Thank You, Jesus.

There is one other thing I have not yet mentioned. I finally understood why it was so important that I walk with the LORD as my healer. I believe it was necessary for such a time as this. The Lord had been building and building and building all these things in this tabernacle to prepare me for this battle and His victory. Now it is time for this soldier of Christ's to press on to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2, *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* ☺

...and the Mountains Moved!

Isaiah 40:5

...And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.





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