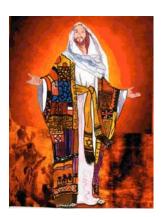
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#### Newsletter for January 2004 Vol. 2 No. 1 Praise's of the Month

Well I guess the greatest praise for the month is that Pastor Felsia Manginsay ( the one with the guitar ) and her 9 pastors are alive and well in the Philippines. Last month their area was hit with rains that turned into mudslides. Some of their pastors lost most of their possessions but they were not injured. His Will Ministry has committed to help them rebuild. We currently have a standing invitation to go and preach among these people. Sadly, the Lord has not released us to go yet. Please keep this in your prayers.



Well I guess the next greatest praise of the month is the ministry's radio program went live on January 21, 2004. Check it out on our home page and follow the link that will take you right to it. You can also go to the radio page of <u>www.globalprayerwarriors.com</u> and link directly to the program. The third praise is that the program had not even been on the air for 24hrs before we received two e-mails saying people had been blessed by it. We have already gotten a contact from India wanting to receive the ministry newsletter. Please feel free to e-mail and let us know what you think.

The final praise of the month is that Pastor Davies and his wife Loveness have spent the last few weeks in Tanzania and Kenya. They have been using the vehicle that the ministry helped them get to travel and the portable sound system we sent to preach the Gospel. Think about it, every one of you that gives to this ministry have a part in every soul saved in this crusade. Brother Davies may have been the one preaching, but you that were praying for him were standing by him in Spirit.

Please keep this in your prayer requests. Pastor Reuben Rai from Nepal has asked the Ministry to help sponsor a leadership conference in his county. He wants pastor A. J. to come with Mary and preach the message of hope to them. Please pray that the Lord's will be done in this situation.

# Mary's Thoughts for the Month

I have been looking back on the year 2003 and savoring the highlights. This year God blessed me with three of my siblings being

baptized and following Christ Jesus. And as happy as I am for Herb, Linda and Debbie, I have to admit a little selfishly, I am happy that years of prayers have brought them into the Kingdom. Jesus drew them in, I had nothing to do with that, but He expected me to pray for them. We have three brothers in my family who still do not follow Jesus Christ, and I will continue to pray for them. You see, Heaven would just be more 'heavenly' with them there. I love them, I grew up with them and I want them to be near me eternally. The Bible clearly says that there is only one way to get to heaven, and that is through Jesus Christ as your Savior, it matters not how good you think you are, the fact is that none of us are good enough. The Bible says that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Part of what will make Heaven wonderful is having our loved ones with us forever. In this world we have physical death, it is a sad part of our lives here. In the world to come, if we know and follow Jesus while on earth, we will have an eternity free of death, pain, disease and sorrow. Try to imagine that, close your eyes for a minute and visualize what that will be like. Did you come close? If we knew nothing more about heaven than it would be pain free, disease free, sorrow free, and free of death, sin and the grave, that would be marvelous enough. But, we have a Bible full of heavenly descriptions that we can savor. I challenge you to begin your New Year by searching the scriptures to get a glimpse of Heaven. You need to become familiar with your eternal dwelling place anyway. The New Heaven and the New Earth, waiting for your discovery in the Bible. Have a Blessed New Year.

Love in Christ Mary.

### **Pastor's Corner**

Well we have launched another phase of His Will Ministry. We officially launched the radio program "Where the Rubber Meets the Road" on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Our first program is about God's Royal Way. Satan had worked hard to keep the program off the airwaves. I had been working on several programs and on the Saturday before the program went on the air I had left my computer running with the virus scan going. Sunday morning early I came into my office and my computer was locked up. When I started the computer back up I got the dreaded "NO OPERATING SYSTEM FOUND". Through the grace of God I was able to resurrect my computer in about 10 minutes. The only problem was, all the programs I had been editing were gone, just vanished into cyberspace. Then on Monday I was studying and the Lord gave me the scriptures He wanted for the first program. I was writing down the scriptures, I leaned back to scratch my shoulder and ponder a verse running though my mind. I was not even touching my desk but my coffee cup fell over (was pushed) with such force it covered my scripture notes and me with coffee. This is one of those cups with the top that only has a small slit for drinking. When this cup does fall it spills very little. But this time it was like a river of hot coffee. Well, to say the least I almost lost the verse that was running through my head, but my Lord kept it in my mind. We recorded the program on Tuesday night and were ready to send it out Wednesday morning. But we could not get the system to accept it until late afternoon.

Praise God through it all we are all ready hearing from people how they are being touched by the words the Holy Spirit gave for the broadcast. Please keep us in your prayers as this program will add to the work load of everyone at His Will Ministry. If you do not have internet access please write us and we will send you the radio program on CD once a month. We are also looking at the possibility of some limited over the air broadcasts.

### Love in Jesus

Pastor Jay



# Down Home Advice from The desk of Reverend George

Hi Everyone,

All of us are very unique individuals. Think about it for a minute, have you ever met anyone else exactly like you? I have not, I have met a lot of people with similar thoughts or

they may do some things in the same way. But, never have I met anyone just like me. I don't believe this has come about by happenstance. I think that it is all part of God's plan, for us to have the unique personalities that we each have.

As different as we are from each other, God must have made us this way for a very important reason. In fact I believe we start forming our personalities in the womb of our mothers. And this is why some babies move and kick more than others do. The same with us grown ups, we think and do things differently than others around us. While some of us are very out going, others are more withdrawn. While some are very bold and brassy, others are meek and shy. While some never feel alone, others can feel like they are the only person in a crowd of ten thousand people.

Some people seem to just shine out like a star. They seem to have all of the achievements, and awards that go along with them. While others just don't seem to fit in to what is going on at all. They may even be considered a black sheep in or to their families. So the families don't want to talk about them and would rather focus their attention on the star. Sometimes this can happen to more than one, and even to a family within a family. So if you feel like you just don't fit in, it may just be that God has something planned for you.

I mean if you are feeling depressed and rejected it might not be all bad. In fact it just might not be bad at all. Maybe you just don't understand why things have happened like they have. Maybe you have had questions about these things all of your life. If this is the case, then this just might be just what you have been looking for. Rest assured God

does have something in store for you. God may be waiting till just the right time to reveal the work he has been performing in your life up to this point.

This goes all the way back to the biblical times of David. Maybe even before that, but it is David that I would like to use as my example. Way before David was called to be the King of Israel, he had been put away from the family to watch over his father's sheep. Let us take a look at the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel you can find what I am speaking of in Chapter 16 starting with verse 1 and going through verse 13.

16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 16:2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 16:3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 16:4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 16:5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 16:10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 16:11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Here is what has happened up to this point, Saul was the king of Israel, but God had rejected him and is ready to appoint a new king for his people. Samuel had been in mourning for Saul. In short God told Samuel to get over it, I have a new King for Israel, and I want you to go and anoint him. Samuel was afraid Saul would kill him, so God told him to go to Jesse and how to go and what to do after he had arrived. When he got there he called Jesse to the sacrifice as he was instructed of God.

The head people in the town wanted to know if he had come peaceably or not. I want to show you a little something here, there was a time when the man of God was respected even to the point of fear. See, the head people in the town knew that he could bring down the wrath of God on them if it wasn't a peaceful visit. Now let me get back to what I was saying. Samuel sanctified Jesse and his sons, and told the rest of the town to get ready and sanctify themselves. Samuel had Jesse bring his sons in front of him one at a time. Jesse did this not only once, but at least twice. God rejected each of them one by

one. Samuel told Jesse that God had not chosen any of these. Samuel asked Jesse is this all of your sons?

I think Jesse started to stutter a little about the time he said, well I have one more, but he is out in the field tending the sheep. He may have even said he is not like the rest of us. He sings, dances, and takes running leaps and calls this praising God. He is different, he doesn't attend the family gatherings with the rest of us. He is really a bird of a different color than the rest of us.

Do you think Samuel might have even heard David in the background screaming glory to God. Maybe he heard him playing his harp and singing praises to the Lord. I don't know but I like to think something like that was going on. See God had set David apart from the rest of his family to draw him closer to him. He had been made a shepherd to learn the responsibilities of looking over his flock, so he would use the right judgment when he became king.

Yes David was different from the rest of his family, all he had on his mind was taking care of the sheep and praising God all day long. So, to his family he was different not like the rest of them. He probably felt a little alone when he was around them. They might not have even had a whole lot to do with David. When he came into town people probably looked a little funny at him maybe like a homeless person. He might have been a little dirty or smelly, from living with sheep. He might have had some old dried up blood on him, where he had helped one of the sheep have a lamb. He might have been scraped and bruised from fighting off a wolf, bear or lion. He might not have had the manners of the upper class folks at the eating table.

There was one thing about David, he was a man after God's own heart. That doesn't mean he had God's heart. What it does mean is he sought after God's will in his life. It makes me think that everything David did or even considered doing, he took it to God first. See Jesse David's father might have been ashamed of David, but God wasn't.

Can you relate to David? Does your family think you to be a little strange? Could it be because you worship God a little different than they do. Maybe you might not wear your hair short enough. It could be instead of finding reasons to say away from church you find reasons to go. It might be because you are drawing closer and closer to God, and it is taking some of your time away from them. Maybe it is because you don't answer your phone or go to the door when you are seeking God's heart. It might even be because you go off into the woods and pray for days.

They might think you're a little to different because you don't keep up with nascar, fishing, football or what ever they are into doing. When all you are into is coming closer and closer to God. Don't give up for just as God redeemed David he will do the same for you. God might be using you to show the rest of your family the light of Jesus Christ. You might be the only hope that they ever have of knowing Jesus.

See just because you are different it might not be a bad thing at all. God made you like you are for a reason. But if you change and join in with the rest of them, he won't be able to use you like he had intended. You might be asking yourself how does he know all of this about me and my family. Well I might be just a little different myself. I hope this has helped answer some of those questions you have had about not fitting in so well with people. Or maybe why you feel a little alone in the middle of a crowd full of people. It just could be you are another David. God Bless till next time.

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### This Months Bible Moment



Many years ago one of our children said to me "dad don't ever grow up!" This was because they loved to play with dad. So to this day when I act a little silly I tell my lovely wife "Hey, I can't grow up I promised the kids." But I want to share with you what Jesus has been laying on my heart about the kingdom. Jesus said in Matthew 18:3-6 "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Have you ever wondered what Jesus meant by this. The new Living Translation says unless you turn from your sins. The word converted used in the other translations in the Greek means to twist or turn around. So Jesus is saying unless you turn around and become like little children.

We live in a world that no longer allows kids to be kids. Just take a look at the video games or television that is aimed at kids. Our boys are taught to be tougher to survive the world. They play video games that are aimed at seeing just how many humans they can annihilate. Our girls are taught to dress like inappropriately dressed 20 year olds. I guess I am old fashion but when I see a 4 year old dressed in skin tight hip huggers and skimpy tops I do not think it is cute. I think it is a sad statement of how sick our world has become. Our children read books on how to cast spells and learn witchcraft not the old Hardy boy's or Nancy Drew mysteries. I have talked to 10 year olds that know cuss words that I at 49 have not even heard of. No, I am not on a rant and rave session I am just making a point. We in America have given away our peaceful innocent society, to become one of filth and sin. If we look at our world today we cannot get to the point Jesus meant in Matthew 18. Jesus was telling you and I that we had to have several things to get into the kingdom of heaven.

The first thing we need is that child like trust. Do you remember your youth? It may not have been your dad or your mom, but you had someone you trusted in. You would do anything they asked because you knew that they would never hurt you. You knew that they had your best interest in mind. You knew they loved you. That is the first thing we must do. Maybe I should say it is the first place we need to get to. We have to get to the place where we give our lives totally over to Jesus and let Him do the work He needs to do to place us where His will for us is. But our "SELF" always seems to get in the way. Until we get to the place of giving everything, opening every room in our heart, getting into the passenger seat of life, we are not like the little children Jesus was talking about.

The second thing we must do to get where Jesus wants us is to get back to that innocence. I cannot speak about your children, but until our five reached a certain age there was an innocence in them. They did not know what it meant to be in trouble. Oh yes, they got in trouble, but most of the time it was just a natural curiosity that got them there. Before the world gets them trained even the children of today are born with a sweet innocence. They take things at face value because they have not been trained not to. They see a puppy they love it. They don't consider how to feed it, care for it, clean up after it. They just love it. This was what Jesus meant here. When Jesus said if you have the faith of a mustard seed you can say to that mountain arise and be cast into the sea. He meant it. He said Truly, truly about this saying. The Greek means a truth or fact. In other words Jesus said this is a truth a fact, twice about this little amount of faith. Now an innocent child can picture in their mind with no problem that old mountain just getting up and being thrown into the sea. But we adults with our EIB have to say Jesus was using figurative language. He did not really mean that we could have the faith to move a mountain. I cannot count how many theologians I have heard say that was only figurative. For those who don't know, EIB stands for Educated Idiot Box, or our overly educated minds. This phrase was coined by Harold Hill and I love it. This pastor has a masters degree and I tell people that, it and \$.50 gets me a cup of coffee. All my education has ever served to do was to come between myself and the Lord. Because I thought I was smart enough to understand things I did not. Or how about where, Jesus said to his disciples I go to the Father so that you may do greater things. I cannot count how many times I have heard "Oh Jesus meant as the church." Look we are sending missionaries around the world and that is what Jesus meant. If we had that innocence of a child we would think a minute and see a leg grow back before our eyes. Or, as a sweet innocent teenager on her first missionary trip to Africa saw (a true story), a blind woman's eyes grow back into her empty eye sockets because the teenager stepped out in faith and prayed for the old woman's healing. Why did she pray because, Jesus said to.

Finally little children have an unconditional love. I have seen this in abused children so many times. No matter what the abuser has done the little child thinks it must be their fault, because the one the child loves could never do such a thing without a reason. Jesus wants us to have an unconditional love for Him. No matter what is going on in our lives we must hold to Jesus, trusting and loving Him to the end. This is a hard teaching. When you are cut off in rush hour you must love that person and pray for that person. Remember Jesus said to love your enemies and pray for them. It is easy to love someone who love us unconditionally. But much harder to love your favorite pain in your side. But that is what Jesus want of us who dare to wear His name, CHRISTian. So to become as little children again we must learn to 1) trust unconditionally; 2) become innocent and pure again; 3) love unconditionally.

I hope this has helped you in your spiritual growth. The Lord is always giving me hard teachings not for others, but for myself.

Love Ya

Pastor A. J.



# From the Directors Chair

### The Love of Money

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (Mark 10:23b)

Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:23b)

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (Luke 18:24b)

This may look like the same verse repeated three times, but I want you to notice that there are three different authors. Three different eye witnesses to what one God has to say about what happens to a rich man when he dies.

Notice in the text of Mark 10 in verse 21 Jesus points out how to get treasure in heaven, and the one thing this wealthy man lacked to enter heaven. Do you notice in verse 26 that the disciples were astonished out of measure? They didn't expect Jesus to be so harsh, after all this man was a good man! Look at the list he had going for him, and yet Jesus said one thing you lack. What are you saying Jesus?! Astonished out of measure, I think so. After all what do we work so hard for all our lives, and scrimp and save to have a nice life for our family and a comfortable retirement. Isn't that what it's all about? Not according to Jesus. Sell out! Give it to the poor, deny yourself and follow Jesus. RADICAL! Look in verse 32, even after they were on their way to Jerusalem the disciples were amazed and afraid.

Did the "love of money" keep this man from doing what Jesus told him? He came to the one who had all the answers. He asked the right question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He did, though, fail to obey what Jesus told him to do.

With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27b)

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience: (Colossians 3:2-6) If riches increase, set not your heart upon them. (Psalm 62:10b)

The Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries define this covetousness "avarice". Look this up in Webster it is excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain, fraudulency, extortion. Webster also defines "concupiscence" – to desire ardently, strong desire. God's word talks a lot about our lusts, our affections and desires, and the love of money which is "covetousness" is only part of the picture.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the full knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence. Through these he has given us his precious and wonderful promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine

nature, seeing that you have escaped the corruption that is in the world caused by evil desires. (1Peter 1:3-4 International Standard Version)

Notice His power gives us everything we need, and it's through knowledge and these precious and wonderful promises. In other words, by His power and through His word. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, it says in James. The corruption that is in the world verse 4 says is caused by our evil desires, one of them being covetousness, or lust.

For this very reason, you must make every effort to supplement your faith with moral character, your moral character with knowledge, your knowledge with self-control, your self-control with endurance, your endurance with godliness, your godliness with brotherly kindness, and your brotherly kindness with love. For if you possess these qualities and they continue to increase among you, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in attaining a full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the person who lacks these qualities is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing that he has received from his past sins.

So then my brothers be all the more eager to make your calling and election certain for if you keep on doing this you will never fail. For in this way you will be generously granted entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1Peter 1:5-11 International Standard Version)

There are seven items in this list we are to increase as we walk with our Lord. Let me suggest some scriptures to look up concerning these seven.

**Faith**: Romans 10:17, **Moral Character**: Philippians 4:8,9, **Knowledge**: 2Timothy 2:15, **Self-Control**: Philippians 4:5, Galatians 5:22-26, **Endurance**: James 1:2-4, **Godliness**: 1Peter 1:16, **Brotherly Kindness**: Romans 12:13, Love: 1Corinthians 13

We are assured that if we are diligent in these areas our calling and election will be sure, being generously granted entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord. Hallelujah! Amen. Our armor is not complete if we leave any undone. Let me leave you with 2Timothy 3.

Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystyra; what persecutions I endured: But out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

#### God Bless, Bro Scott

# **TEACHING OF THE MONTH**

# A few benefits in being a Child of God

Being born again is without a doubt the first and most important part in any Christian's life. It has been down played, mocked, joked about, and even used as tools in politics. The fact is it's not even preached or even taught about in many of our local churches today. It has been said this topic may offend some of the congregation. I am speaking of the speaker friendly churches, which don't want to hurt anyone's ears, or upset them.

In many cases the New Birth experience has been replaced by a more humanized viewpoint, which puts emphasis on being a good and moral person. But being good, and having a good set of morals will not get you into heaven. That's right paying your bills on time or helping people is not enough. Folks these are not requirements of being born again. The fact of the matter is you can't even get there by being some kind of a religious fanatic.

The only way to make it to heaven is to truly accept Christ, as your personal savior on his conditions and not your own. In the third chapter of John's Gospel, this is what Jesus tells Nicodemus. " Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Ye must be bornagain." This is what Jesus himself had to say, if there was another way to heaven he would have told Nicodemus. So why must we be born again to get in to heaven? Because we were spiritually dead, we were under the judgment of God, and we were alienated from God.

The fact is we were born spiritually dead. This was passed on to us from Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden. But God promised he would not leave man in a spiritually dead state without the hope of salvation. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us so that we may have the hope of redemption. Not just for ourselves but for all that we can tell about Christ, which is the only sacrifice that is acceptable to God.

The first step to our redemption is to accept Christ as our Savior. Then our dead spirits come into contact with God and are quickened. This is when we become alive spiritually, by being born again through Christ. When Christ died on the Cross, he bore our sins. He became our substitute by dying in our place. By dying for us he redeemed us from the power of Satan.

This is what the book of Colossians is telling us in Chapter 1:12-14. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

That means Jesus has already paid the price for our sins. When he shed his blood and died for us on the cross. So you can plainly see our redemption can only lay in Christ and Christ alone. It also means that if we are truly born again, we are redeemed from the power of Satan. And if we cover ourselves in the blood of Jesus, then Satan has no power over us. In fact the only power that the devil can use is what we give to him. We do this by not watching what we say, the filth we are seeing broadcast on television, and the people and places we frequent. What you sow in your spirit is what you will reap out of your spirit.

Romans 3:24-25 says " being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is through Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Redemption means "a release secured by the payment of a ransom, deliverance, setting free." The Greek phrases this as a conqueror releasing prisoners, which is my favorite, or a master ransoming a slave. So just as being saved now is the same as being saved when we get to

heaven, only if we follow Christ. Then to be redeemed is to be redeemed right here and now, not after you're dead.

Not only are we redeemed, we are also justified. In the Greek justified means to be acquitted, or to declare righteous. Like to be acquitted of a legal offense of some kind. Your sins are the offense you have made toward God. Justification is a divine act of God. We can't earn it, we don't deserve it, and it is not something that we can or have to work for. It is only through Christ we are justified by God. Romans 8:33 says " It is God that justifieth." Romans 3:24 says " Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus". So what happens is this in short, God takes the sinner bound for hell, and justifies them because of the price that Jesus paid on the cross.

The bible also tell us that we receive sanctification. This is one more blessing of being redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ. It is only through Christ Blood that we are washed, cleansed, and made holy. We are set apart from the rest of the world that is dying and going to Hell, and granted life everlasting in the Kingdom of God. The bible tells us in Hebrews 2:11 " For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethern."

Sanctify means to set apart from a profane to a sacred use, or to make holy. Sanctification does not mean the way you dress, or how you wear your hair, or acting like some sort of super duper saint. Like some would have you believe, to fit in to their little clicks. Jesus prayed in John 17:17 "sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth". Sanctification is one of the big reasons why Jesus died on the cross. Hebrews 13:12 says " Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

The last blessing of redemption I will speak about is adoption. We can find this in Romans 8:14-15 where it says. "For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father." When God adopts you it is both a legal and personal act upon his part. It changes you from being a subject to being a child of God. First here is the legal part, it gives the redeemed person a right to use God's name. And the personal part is we have all of the benefits of being in the family of God. I know some of you are wandering when this is going to take place. Well if you are a born again child of God it happened the very second that you accepted Christ as your Savior.

However if you have not accepted Christ into your life as yet, none of what I have said applies to you. Yes you can receive all of this and much, much more by accepting Christ as your personal Savior. You, too, can become a child of the King. You can have life and have life more abundantly than you ever realized. You might be thinking of all of the things that you will have to give up. I am telling you the truth, the things that you are considering to be of value are worth nothing, in comparison to what you will gain.

But the choice is yours and yours alone. You can either yield your life to Jesus Christ or not. No one can make you take the most important step in your life. And no one can stop you from taking it either if the Holy Spirit is drawing you to him. All I can say is if you don't your destination is the very pits of Hell itself. No matter how good you are, no matter how much you help the poor and needy, regardless of what else you might be doing or have done in the past. There is only one way to heaven and one way only. That way is the risen Son of God, Christ Jesus. If you do not receive him you're going straight to Hell. If you do not know how to receive Christ as your Savior please get in touch with our ministry some one here will lead you in the right direction. We will also be glad to send you some free literature that will help you with your new life as a Christian. The Choice is yours to make.

#### A poem for you by Holy Spirit through Mary Warner

#### **ANCIENT OF DAYS**

Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10: I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: a thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

We bow before You, Ancient of Days, and we worship you, alone, We bow in Awe struck wonder as you sit upon the Throne, Your garments are white as snow; your Throne is a fiery flame, And unnumbered throngs prostrate fall at the mention of your name, The earth shakes and mountains melt in your presence now and always, Oh, we bow low in your presence King Jesus, mighty Ancient of Days, We will behold your glory Lord, when time shall be no more, You are the great consuming fire, the King that we adore, You are Mighty Lord, and you deserve all of our praise, We love you and we worship you, Jesus, almighty Ancient of Days, You, who have no beginning, and you who have no end, Our King who shakes the earth, to whom even mountains will bend. We bow in awe of you, Lord, and we reverently speak your name, Jesus, Our wonderful Jesus, you are the consuming flame, Search us and convict us Lord, as we humble our hearts to you, Burn away the dross, Oh King, and make us clean and new, We give you the honor Jesus, right now on bended knees, Hear our words of Praise, Oh Lord, and may they ever please, We give you the glory Jesus, as we worship at your Throne, You deserve all honor and praise, Just you and You, alone.