



# RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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## Letters of Faith

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**“...in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”**

Ephesians 3:10 NASB

Dearly Beloved,

We are taking seriously the challenge of adopting into our Holy Communion prayers the assignments given to the Apostle Paul as though they were given directly to us: **“To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things...”** (Eph. 3:8-9) In summary, we are to proclaim **the unfathomable riches of Christ** and to enlighten the world on God’s **administration of the mystery** of Christ taking on the flesh of man.

This daring assignment begs the question—why? The headline verse answers the question and is an awesome challenge to the Church: *Body of Christ, make the manifold wisdom of God known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places!*

I submit to you, Beloved, that most of us in the Body of Christ today are stretching just to fully proclaim to a searching generation Jesus Christ and who He is and what He has done for mankind on His cross. To be responsible to enlighten the powers and principalities in heavenly places of God’s manifest wisdom seems totally and frighteningly above our pay grade. Nevertheless, if God’s Word says we are to do it, let us get prepared to do it!

The next two verses in Ephesians 3 make it clear that all the manifold wisdom of God is manifested in Christ Jesus and that we, the Church, have been given divine access to it: **“This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.** (3:11-12) My conclusion from these verses is that one of our jobs as the present-day representation of Christ on this earth is to make Him known to the powers and principalities—the rulers and authorities—in the heavenly places.

How do we do that?

We, the corporate Body of Christ, must take seriously the Scriptures that tell us God’s plan for us is to be so one with the Holy Spirit of Christ in us, that we are experientially in Him as He is in us. Together as His Body, we are in the Father, and so pleasing to Him and beloved by Him that the works done by Jesus will be done through us. (John 14:11-21)

Yes, and we even believe that greater works than Jesus did (vs. 12) will be done through us because thus the Father will be glorified in the Son (vs. 13).

We could argue forever without coming to a Biblical conclusion about what the “greater works” that Jesus referred to could be. Just one area of His love and power being manifested to that degree, is a body of saints, joined in unity of faith and obedience, committed to

enlighten the powers and principalities in heavenly places of God's manifest wisdom beyond anything done before. They would fulfill God's declared commission in Jeremiah for the first time: **"...I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,** [that is the rulers and authorities in heavenly places] **to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."** (Jeremiah 1:10) That is when the spiritual power in the corporate Body of Christ will release the ultimate power and authority Jesus proclaimed to be His. He then promised it to us as He ascended into heaven (See Matt. 28:18-19).

I submit to you for your serious consideration the simple fact that our recent national election was determined by the corporate will of the people of this country divinely led by the prayers of God's people, directly opposite to the plans of the powers and principalities previously controlling the bulk of our serious political differences.

As recent days have shown so clearly, the victory in the election is not the finish of this important assignment of overcoming the domination of the worldly powers and principalities that have so greatly usurped the control of our nation's governance. The Holy Spirit recently delivered a strong injunction to our congregation to continue to pray for God's intervention in the unstable political environment in our country and around the world. This prophetic Word was powerfully confirmed by a Holy Spirit proclamation given during a flag officers' Skype prayer meeting:

*"Don't be fooled by the outcome of the election into thinking that it marked an end to conflict. Rather, the times ahead will be marked by battles and opposition that may cause some to ask, 'Has anything really changed?'"*

*"But know this, that these times will be the times of revelation and demonstration of My power radically unleashed through the power of the prayers of My people."*

*"When My people respond immediately to My Spirit's call to pray, results will be produced through My power that will literally astound. Nothing the enemy or man under the enemy's influence can do will even marginally reduce My glory that is prepared to be released upon the earth."*

*"Pray and see the glory of your Lord!"*

This sounds to me like God is saying, **"...that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places."** (Eph. 3:10) To paraphrase: The Church is going to release to the powers and principalities of the world what God wants done and what God is doing, **"...in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus."**

The Church has not walked in this eternal purpose in Christ most of her recent existence. We are now being drawn into a *Kairos* time of exercising the **"...boldness and confident access through faith in Him"** to fulfill this aspect of dominion which God gave us to walk in when He created us. (See Gen. 1:28)

If this doesn't excite you, you definitely need a heart transplant!

The saint who 47 years ago finally sealed the deal to bring Gretel and me into the family of God has First Corinthians 2:2 as his life verse, and he planted it soundly in my heart: **"For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."** I am becoming freshly aware of how dynamic and powerful it is for all of us to walk in these words.

Let me explain by slightly expanding the words in this scripture: *I determined to know and teach nothing among you except experientially knowing Jesus personally and all that His flogging, His crucifixion on the cross, His death and burial, and His resurrection and final ascension did for you.*

Imagine if you can, a Body of Believers where this is all that is taught, meditated on, and walked out, and demonstrated in public and in private. It would require we eat only of the Tree of Life, and not of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

It would require that we taught only what we knew personally and experientially. That would mean spiritual experiences of Galatians 5:24: **“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”** It would require multiple experiences of Galatians 2:20: **“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”**

It would require us to appropriate all that His flogging and His crucifixion did to make us free and what “being free” really means. **“Freedom means that we become so completely free of self-indulgence that we become servants of one another, expressing love in all we do.”** (Galatians 5:13 TPT)

In addition, it would require us to have never-ending hope that we would be able to know, understand, and experience all He did for us in His death and burial, and His resurrection and final ascension.

To this hope, and to meet my restrictions on space, I fondly address you to my mighty Men’s Bible Study Teacher’s favorite “hope” Scripture: **“Now may God, the inspiration and foundation of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in Him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with His super-abundance until you radiate with hope.”** (Romans 15:13 TPT)

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