



# RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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## Letters of Faith

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**“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

Luke 19:10 NASB

**“...I must preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities also,  
for I was sent for this purpose.”**

Luke 4:43

**For the Kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.**

1 Cor. 4:20

**So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me,  
I also send you.”**

John 20:21

Dearly Beloved,

I pray that you will meditate and dwell on this selection of Scriptures because I think it summarizes what the Holy Spirit is desiring the Body of Christ to focus on in this unfolding New Year of 2014.

I believe we, as the Body of Christ, have to renew our focus on what Jesus has clearly proclaimed He expects of us. To me, the major refocusing is primarily in the understanding of why Jesus came to earth. Once that is in focus, all of our priorities will be clear.

The first verse above states that our Heavenly Father God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, **“...to seek and to save that which was lost.”** The Church has understood a major part of that assignment for generations. John 3:16 is a well-recognized Scripture, and many even know it means, **“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”**

Unfortunately, so much emphasis has traditionally been placed on the salvation of souls so that they may live forever-after in a heavenly mansion, that much of **“that which was lost”** that Jesus was sent **“to seek and to save”** has been lost sight of by the Church, and therefore is not presented to an increasingly apostate world.

This has created a three-fold problem.

First, it has almost completely hidden any awareness of a corollary verse that is very parallel to John 3:16—that is 1 John 4:9 **“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.”** The emphasis John is placing in this Scripture is on *living through Him*. Losing emphasis on this part of “being saved” has opened the Church to walk away from the power and authority of the Holy Spirit available to the believer to re-present Jesus here and now on the earth. It obfuscates the truth that we are also saved to become the sons of God [daughters, also of course], referred to in Romans 8:19 (**“For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.”**), who will be living the full Christ Life and bringing restoration of all things here on earth in preparation for the Lord Jesus to return for His Bride.

Secondly, it has led the church to mostly ignore all the additional things that were lost when Adam sinned besides the human soul's living relation with Father God. Jesus came to save *everything that was lost*. Adam also carelessly gave away mankind's God-ordained place of authority and rule over all of God's earthly creation. **"...The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy [all] the works of the devil."** (1 John 3:8) These **works of the devil** were made possible by Adam's submission to Satan's authority when he obeyed him and turned over to him the keys of life and death. Redeemed mankind is to destroy the works of the devil in the community of Saints, the Church, and reclaim our authority and rule over all of God's creation here on earth because Jesus said: **"As You [Father] sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."** (John 17:18)

Thirdly, Jesus came to proclaim and to demonstrate the Kingdom of God: **"...for I was sent for this purpose."** Jesus' basic commission to His disciples was to proclaim the Kingdom and to heal the sick: **"And He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to perform healing."** (Luke 9:2) But I submit for your comments, Beloved, that there are very few places in our country where the Kingdom of God is understood, preached regularly, and demonstrated boldly and consistently with power. Although I do know of a few, I would love to hear from you about ministries that you know are doing this regularly. Jesus considered having laid **"...His hands on a few sick people and healed them."** as a basic demonstration of the Kingdom. **"And He wondered at their unbelief"** because in His home town of Nazareth, **"...He could do no miracle there..."** (Mark 6:5-6)

Bob Mumford grounded us in the Word of God and established Romans 14:17-18 as the Scriptural benchmark in our lives regarding the Kingdom of God: **"...the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men."** There are incredibly numerous ways to experience **joy in the Holy Spirit**, but to Gretel and me, there is little that can beat experiencing Him do the miraculous, the nearly unbelievable, and the precious restoration of healings and deliverances of His kids through us. I believe the greatest **joy in the Holy Spirit** is experiencing the presence of the Lord Jesus and hearing His voice and conversing with Him about His plans for our lives and His Church. (Ref. 1 Cor. 1:9)

Whatever your experiences of the presence of the Lord may be, I know they frightened, excited, and delighted you. These precious times with our Living God forever define for us **joy in the Holy Spirit**. During them we experience the power of God: **"For the Kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power."** (1 Cor. 4:20) And during these intimate times with God we realize we are called to seek Him and His Kingdom, not His power. **"But seek His Kingdom, and these [other] things will be added to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the Kingdom."** (Luke 12:31-32)

Since we have freely received the Kingdom from our loving Father God, we must freely give it—proclaim it and demonstrate it—every chance we get. Jesus ordained His disciples to: **"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give."** (Matt. 10:8) When we mature into this call upon us as disciples of our Lord Jesus, we will finally begin to fulfill His commission to His disciples to **"...proclaim the Kingdom of God and to perform healing."**

The way our governance is wilting toward embracing a new one-world government order that will be ripe pickings for the devil and the stronghold of Islam and their anti-Christ agenda, it is incumbent on the Body of Christ to wake up and to rise up to the calling on us to do all of the work in the Spirit that Jesus has called us to. It is more than salvation, though that must be the starting point. It is more than seeking agreement on theological nuances, though Scripture will always be

our compass and anchor for our faith. It is more than revival, or refreshing, or even renewal. It is the restoration to the dynamite-empowered Church that literally turned the world right-side up 2000 years ago and is even now engulfing nations today (like China).

We, the Body of Christ today, must focus on what the Word of God says is why the Father sent Jesus and likewise why Jesus sent us! Sure, you can and should stay aware of politics and societal changes all around us, but keep your focus on the fact that Jesus: **“...chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”** (John 15:16) And, that Jesus repeatedly said: **“...as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”**

Once armed with a clear understanding of God’s unfolding will for His Son’s Body to mature and become a Holy Bride and major on His priorities, you will not hesitate to ask the Father in Jesus’ Name for whatever it is He is putting in your warrior-heart to ask for the Glory of His Kingdom—and He will give it to you.

Be blessed, be Righteous, be at Peace, and walk in Joy in 2014 and beyond!

His Kingdom is at hand!

Huge New Year Blessings and Hugs,

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