



# RESURRECTION CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

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## Letters of Faith

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**“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete,  
without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

(1 Thess. 5:23 NASB)

Dearly Beloved,

This year truly started out for us incredibly bright and shiny! We were covered by 12 inches of Colorado Powder and when the sun finally emerged again, everything was shiny-clean and almost blindingly bright.

We all tend to make New Year’s Resolutions about things in our lives like “habits” that are less than acceptable to our Holy Lord and relationships that need some major overhauling. But have you noticed how our New Year’s zeal for “a more perfect me” so soon dribbles away to accepting the same old same old!

Let’s face it, there is a part of us that is much like God’s creation around us—with this beautiful fresh snow cover, everything is clean and bright just like we *feel* as we enter this new season of our lives covered with fresh and new resolves, intents, and enthusiasms. But we know from past years experience that when the sun melts away the glorious snow cover from the ground around us, the same old dirt underlying it is still there. And so it has often been with us!

But it doesn’t have to be that same old way!

Instead, let The Son melt away all the false cleanness in our lives while we absorb the cleansing, life-giving, sin-melting Grace of God as it flows into our spirits, instead of letting it just run off like the water from the melting snow runs off a paved parking lot.

That’s how we can appropriate Paul’s above most precious prayer for us, which he followed by the blessed assurance that: **“Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”** (1 Thess. 5:24) Now THAT’s a great way to start the year!

Two “Words” are rolling around in my heart and brain for 2014.

First, follow the love-flow of Jesus and the signs and wonders will flow.

I am very blessed to be a part of a cell in the Body of Christ that is composed of saints that truly love God, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, *and* each other. I could actually feel their love for God and me as they joined in prayer for my health as I went through a series of “colds and flus” the last weeks of December. They spontaneously formed teams to fast and pray for the healing of those several of us who were undergoing physical attacks and the results were awesome to experience. The love-flow of Jesus through His Body was discernible as He brought me healing.

This is not the first time I have been blessed to experience the healing power in the love-flow of Jesus. Some years ago I was approached by one of the elders of the church we were part of to join him in prayer for an elderly lady who had just declared to him that Jesus had promised to heal her if she would get the elders to pray for her before that evening’s service. We knew her condition was perilous because she could hardly negotiate her way to a seat with the help of her walker.

In response to her faith-filled prayer request (actually more of a declaration—which you can understand did put us “prayers” under a bit of pressure to “perform”), the elder and I joined in the Spirit to release God’s healing to this precious little daughter of God. The anointing was strong as we prayed, but nothing seemed to be happening in our sister’s body.

The pastor called the meeting to begin, and the elder said sweetly that we would pray more for her after the meeting. As he left for his post on the platform, I saw the deep disappointment all over this precious little wounded lady. I reached over to give her a reassuring hug, and when I encircled her in my arms, 10,000 volts of God’s divine love poured through me directly from Jesus into that frail little body, and we were breathtakingly welded together in its power.

I knew in that instant that Jesus’ love was healing her. As soon as I was able to stand again, she leapt out of her seat, and without a thought for me or for her walker, she ran down the aisle shouting, “Jesus has healed me! He said He would, and He has healed me!” As I staggered back to my seat by Gretel, I asked the Lord to never let me forget that power of His love to heal and deliver.

Beloved, when you feel the pull of God’s love toward someone, know that He is calling you to release His healing love-flow. Be bold, pray into that love-flow, and see His healing love bring wholeness to the person to whom He has drawn you.

The second “Word” rumbling about in my heart of hearts is that Jesus will lead us to proclaim and to demonstrate “Your Kingdom come” to full restoration—to more than revival, more than refreshing, and more than reformation—to a restoration of ALL that was lost when Adam yielded his God-ordained position to Satan. Salvation, healing, health, and provision, yes of course, but also authority over everything on earth, and most importantly the restoration of the Body of Christ to become the attractive, mature Bride who Jesus will be excited about and want to come back for—a true Proverbs 31 Woman: **“Her children rise up and bless her; her husband *also*, and he praises her, saying: ‘Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.’”** (Prov. 31:28-29)

I actually quake deep inside when I hear my beloved friends in Christ pray, “Jesus, come quickly” as we read at the end of Revelation. I believe I know what their heart is crying for, but I can’t join in because I see how much all of us that make up the Body of Christ must mature to truly be a Bride that will draw Christ to us as an excited Bridegroom.

That is why the lead verse that I started with is so important to us all today. The Apostle Paul prayed for us to be prepared as a beautiful and perfect prize for the Lord’s return by the sanctifying presence of God’s peace and perfection. He declared for all generations, including ours, that God’s faithfulness will do it!

Beloved, God’s Grace and Peace are ours to transmit to His Kids and we must proclaim it and demonstrate it in our lives! That is why we are here.

Romans 4:13 says: **“For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.”** What was the promise to inherit by faith? NOT just to die and go to heaven. It was to inherit the whole world and all the real estate in it!

How? By faith!

By whom? By all of Abraham’s seed—all those who have “the righteousness of faith” like Abraham—all of us who have faith in Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah.

For Jesus said: **“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”** (Matt. 5:5); and **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”** (Matt. 5:3); and **“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”** (Matt. 5:16)

Beloved, the spirit of the age idolizes tolerance, pluralism, cultural and moral relativity, and even depravity. But the Holy Spirit in us calls us to pray, **“Your kingdom come. Your will be**

**done, on earth as it is in heaven.”** (Matt. 6:10) His will, Beloved, will be done here on earth *through us*, or not at all!

So we all must **“...repent and return, so that your [our] sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you [for us], whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”** (Acts 3:19-21 emphasis added)

The Lord has been ministering a very special Word to me for the past six months. I truly believe it can be a guiding Word from Jesus to us all as we navigate the turbulent times ahead of us this year: **“Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. *The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”** (Phil. 4:5-7 emphasis added)

Huge Healing Hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The script is cursive and fluid, with the ampersand connecting the two names.