

# Gospel of the Kingdom

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## FREE FROM SELF Kitty Pace

Although I know that the Lord is within us all the time, last Wednesday night I was especially made aware of His presence. It was all of a sudden, and I had nothing to do with it. The glory was there and I was shown things within me and knew that this was for all. I saw this clearly but it was not like a vision. I believe I was seeing with the eyes of my understanding. I saw two separate beings. One was Christ and the other was self. Until this time, I had not called it “self.” I had called it the fleshly man.

When I went through my operation in Guam, I had asked if I would live through it. I was not scared but just wanted to prepare my loved ones. He did not tell me if I would make it through or not, but I was assured that, whether I made it or not, that *He and I were one*. Now, knowing that my outward is not perfect, I knew that He was talking about my spirit. So I took it that at this point, my spirit and His had become one again. On Wednesday, I saw only His Spirit, the Christ Spirit, and knew that I was one with Him, speaking of my spirit. (This is similar to an experience that Martha Wing Robinson had. She knew that Christ was there, but she didn't know where self was. She was only aware of Christ).

This Christ was strong. I just knew that He was very powerful. The self was just there, as if it were nothing. I knew that it was as nothing before the Christ. I was told a few things. One, was that I had to learn to say “No.” I knew this was in regard to doing things for others even when I felt no leading. He let me know that He did not want us under bondage to anyone or any thing. He let me know that I had done this, thinking it was of Him, but that it was not, and that sometimes self sets itself up as God in the sense that it tries to rule us and make us do things that are not of God although they seemed right and good. I felt so much *freedom* during this time and I knew that it was a taste of the freedom we will have once He has set us free from Self.

Several days later, I found a page of W.A. Tozer's writings and knew it was for me. I had no

idea who Tozer was, but I found this sheet in a basket beside my computer. I assume that someone had sent it to me and I had never read it. The Father used it as a confirmation to what He had given me a few nights before. Tozer said: “Self is the opaque veil that hides the Face of God from us. It can be removed only in spiritual experience, never by mere instruction. One might as well try to instruct leprosy out of our system. There must be a work of God in destruction before we are free. We must invite the cross to do its deadly work within us. We must bring our self-sins to the cross for judgment. We must prepare ourselves for an ordeal of suffering in some measure like that through which our Savior passed when He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

Today I was thinking how much people talk of self: like, self-conscious, self-righteousness, self-pity, and a host of others. Then there is selfless—now, that is one I like, and I live in the hope that soon that is the way I will be—no more I but Christ within, for now I live with this great hope.

I'll end with a prayer by Tozer that I got off the Internet. “My Father, I repent of my preoccupation with *visible things*. The world has been too much with me. At times, You have been here with me and I knew it not. I was blind to Your presence. Open my eyes that I may behold You in and around me. In Jesus name, Amen.”

It seemed good to add here a word that Jim Alspaugh sent us recently. “Just as by our new birth experience we know that Christ has saved us from our past sins, now we progress to where we know Christ is our sufficiency for daily living. As we came to know we were children of God by an inner certainty, now we come to know that our old “I” is crucified with Christ and has been separated from satan's control. The new “I” has Christ as its permanent life. Our spirit has been joined to the Spirit of Christ as its permanent life, fused together into the vine-branch, and the problem of abiding has become as natural as breathing. If we have any faith, *it is His faith through us*. If we have any life, *it is His life through us*. Without Him functioning through us, we are nothing.”

## THE SONG OF THE BRIDE

Part 14      Canticle Three      Elaine

### The Chariot of Salvation

**Song of Solomon 3:6-8, “Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant? Behold, it is the litter of Solomon; threescore mighty men are about it, of the mighty men of Israel.**

To the Jew, the beginning of this canticle is the description of the hosts of Israel, coming up through the wilderness and journeying toward the promised Land. The “Litter” is a symbol of the first Tabernacle which was built in the wilderness in which Jehovah dwelt in the midst of the hosts of Israel. The “Chariot” is a figure of the permanent glorious temple of cedar wood, which Solomon built after their journeyings were over.

The “Litter” as applied to Jesus, is a symbol of His human body which was the tent, or tabernacle, in which He walked when upon earth. It was in this despised tent that He came to His people. It was in this human “Litter” that he dwelt and learned obedience through the things that He suffered. Ever since he was crucified, He has been dwelling upon earth in His spiritual body, which is made up of redeemed souls that are vitally one with Him. They are members of His body, bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh, and through them, *His life is continually flowing*. They are travelling up through the wilderness with their Solomon in their midst. His glory is overshadowing them and legions of angels surround and protect His spiritual body. She appears neither glorious nor protected to those who behold her, but He is a wall of fire round about her, and the glory within.

Not only is she travelling home in this wonderful Chariot, but He has given her a commission to fulfil upon the journey. As He is, so is she in the world. As He brought home to His Father mountains of spices and fragrance, so has He appointed her to bring home a precious cargo of spices and incense, of perfumes, which, as a merchantman in a far country, she must gather in the wilderness of this world.

The drier and more barren the wilderness, the hotter the testings and harder the path over which she goes, the more precious are the spices she gathers and brings away with her. Not only must God bring us into the places where these precious

spices grow, but we must gather all we find there. Often we are so distressed by the desert, that our eyes behold not its precious perfumes. These spices, which we gather as we journey along, are the graces and fruit of the Spirit, and the beauties of our Beloved, which are perfected within us only through the things we suffer.

The pure gums do not come forth from the tree until it is pierced; so with the saints of God—only as they are pierced and bruised, are the precious attributes of Jesus manifested. As the spices are not found in the fertile plains, neither are the graces and fruit of the Spirit perfected in the smooth places, but in the rough places. I Peter 4:12-14 says that we are to rejoice with exceeding joy when we come into fiery trials and are partakers of Christ’s sufferings. As we do this, we begin to gather from the bitter shrub, “Suffering”, the fragrant incense, “Joy”, to take up and present to our Lord.

How do we gather the precious spice of “Faith”? God brings us to a desert place where everybody and everything fails us. We can look nowhere but up to God, and He leaves us hanging there upon the thread of faith, clinging and looking to Him, believing Him. If we do this without wavering, we begin to add to our cargo the faith that calls the things that are not as though they were, and removes mountains.

How do we get the precious Spikenard of Humility? God lets us be pushed down a little lower by each one around us, until we appear to be misunderstood and deserted by all. This gum is found in the lowest, most barren places, and if we go far enough to gather it, on our way back to the Mount of God, we shall find all other spices and gums. The desert will not appear so grievous after having perfectly gathered Humility, for it is the foundation of all the attributes that our Lord would have us bring up to Him. It is through many tribulations that we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. The word tribulation means, “affliction, threshing, beating out.” It is not joy alone that our Lord tells us to gather, but *peace*; peace when everything is in a tumult about us. Jesus can guard our hearts even when the threshing is going on.

Basilea Schlink, a notable believer, earnestly asked the Lord to let her experience the fellowship of His sufferings. She did not know that she would be required to gather the spice of Humility in the process. All the success that she knew in ministry was removed from her and she couldn’t under-

stand what she had done wrong. Finally, the Lord told her He was answering her prayer! I am sure we can all relate to that. Whatever the Lord brings into our lives, He *uses* to work out His glory in us!

## **BINDING THE SOUL TO THE LORD'S LIFE**

A Prophecy

Sandy Fallis

"I have had some in a solitary place where, even in the midst of a crowd, they have passed through unnoticed. It has been given to others to enjoy fellowship, a successful ministry and the fulfillment of their earthly desires. It has been granted to these to know isolation, loneliness, loss, disappointment, limitation and constraint, detours and delays. I speak to these today that they might know that all of their humiliations and oppressions, even those resulting from their own human frailties have all been bound up in My Divine, Eternal purpose. I have both called and chosen them, and for this reason none of the sufferings in their lives has been in vain but they all have been for My Name's sake.

"Unto such were these called and chosen (I Peter 2:21). For unto them it has been *given* to suffer for My Name's sake (Phil. 1:28-29). Clearly, some have known this from their youth, for thus the Holy Spirit spoke to them, "I will shew thee how great things ye must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:16). They joyfully received this word in their youthful zeal, thinking that it was preparing them for a mission that would include hardship, persecution and even martyrdom. They would gladly have endured these for My Name's sake. But, instead, they have experienced a more difficult loss—*that of their self-life*. They have known a laying down of all their dearest ambitions, hopes and dreams even to the loss of their own identity. Many are those who teach such things but few there be who have experienced them.

"The "Christ-identity" message is nothing more than a "theology of Thrimphalism"\* if it exempts one from pain and suffering while still making them heirs to riches prosperity, healing, success and blessings. A true identifying with Christ is always through fellowship in My perfect sacrifice. The unity of Spirit and life means a sacrificial life and a willingness to tread the path of suffering reflected in the fulfillment of its purpose. It is one thing to proclaim these things, it is another to enter into them, to embody them. Those that walk this way know that their circum-

stances come upon them because of the constraint of the Cross upon their Life. Each time they have attempted to take their life into their own hands, My Holy Spirit hath brought His constraint upon their life. This "Holy Constraint" hath both guided and protected them, and when they have ignored it, hath corrected them.

"Even as Abigail came to David and intercepted his attempts to avenge himself on Nabal, so I have sent my Holy Spirit unto these, saying, "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, the Lord hath withheld thee from saving thyself with thine own hand...*for thy soul is bound in the bundle of life with the Lord Thy God.*" (I Sam. 25:14-42). The Lord says to such ones, "Thy life is bound inextricably with Mine and as the Lord liveth so thy soul liveth (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:2,4). Thy life is bound up with Mine in such a way that ye cannot separate the human from the divine, where ye stop and I begin, for the mystery of the Incarnation is being made flesh in thee! If these things be true, then how can ye say, "I have failed?" For if ye have failed, so have I, and I cannot fail, saith the Lord. Such is the heritage of those whose life is bound up in the bundle of life with the Lord their God!"

\*Note on meaning of "Thrimphalism." This is an ideology which for the past 1000 years some Christians have held to. They say that the proof of God's favor and approval is victory, prosperity and success, while sufferings and humiliation are sure evidence of His disapproval and rejection. The popular prosperity message and even the teachings of the kingdom message are not immune to this faulty theology. If we accept teachings that deny the necessity of the Cross then we are accepting another gospel. I have read messages fraught with Gnostic teachings (knowledge of spiritual mysteries divorced from the experience of them) even denying the sacrifice of Christ, His Divinity and Humanity. We cannot escape the exhortation to "test all things."

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## **ZARAH AND PAHREZ Terry Crisp**

(Here is a further portion of the history of Sonship which traces the differences between Sonship and New Age beliefs. Elaine).

**A Difference May Be Seen in the Understanding of How Sonship is Attained:** Though both groups talk of attaining manifested sonship, a major difference exists in the way that attainment is understood. Consider the Rosicrucian's description of the path to sonship: "...*This light, to a lesser or greater degree, is in all men. It is that which the philosophers and*

*initiates of all ages have called the divine spark, the voice of conscience, which, to the degree of its growth and development, speaks to all men...he who follows the light assuredly follows the Christ, the Manis, and with each good deed, kindly act, loving thought, and compassionate service, the Christ child in the manger (the body) grows stronger, until at last manhood is attained and man has become (glorified) the son of God.”* (Swinburne Climer, *The Sons of God*).

From this, we can see that sonship is viewed by Pharez as a state one may attain through the performance of good works, rather than by the grace of God alone. Of course, when a person can't distinguish between himself and God, he might easily think that the works are of God. Be that as it may, it nevertheless constitutes *another* way, rather than the one given in scripture.

A principle which undergirds all true sonship teaching is that we take on the mature image and likeness of the Pattern Son, not by our own works of righteousness, lest we should boast, but by simply beholding His glory. *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the spirit of the Lord”* (II Cor. 3:18). The change, therefore, comes naturally. As a result of the inworking of Christ, and of an unfolding of a revelation of Himself, He creates a desire in our hearts *“both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”* We are then enabled to *“work out (our) own salvation with fear and trembling”* (Phil. 2:12-13). Therefore good works result from the maturing image of the Lord within us, not the other way around.

## Part 2 MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD

Elaine

We are going to continue to share some of the insights from Henry Gruver on remitting sins. He said, *“There was a particular ‘revelation place’ where God told me to ‘remit their sins.’ I couldn’t understand this word because there was not one human being there. I was standing at the remains of the Shrewsbury Castle in England. All I could see was a pile of rocks all broken down.*

The Lord said, *“The sins that have been committed in this place have mounted up to heaven and no one has remitted them.”*

I answered, *“Lord, I don’t understand. What do you mean ‘remit’? Do you mean ‘forgive’?”*

Here is exactly what He told me: *“When you remit sins, you lift the heavy load of condemnation off of the sinner. The sinner is living with condemnation everyday, 365 days a year. He doesn’t know what it is like not to be under the heaviness of sin. But you, as one of My servants, know what it is like to be out from under sin because Rom. 8:1 says, ‘There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.’ When you remit sins, I release that burden off of them. In My Word I have said, ‘I gave them a space of time to repent.’ You are giving them a space of time to repent!”*

I protested, *“But Lord, there is nobody in this old castle!”*

Then He gave me Rom. 3:25, *“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in 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;”* I wondered, how far back is past? Can we measure how far back that is? The first sin was back in the Garden with Adam and Eve.

I cried, *“You mean I can stand by this broken-down castle and remit the sins that were committed there?”* That’s what He meant, and I’ve since done it all over the world! I’ve remitted every sin—to the very first thought, word, deed, and gesture—over satanic strongholds. I’ve stood on human sacrifice altars and remitted every sin as many generations back as needs be.

*“I remitted a man’s sins one night who held a big knife at my throat. He had jumped me suddenly in a dark alley. He couldn’t kill me because I didn’t have a life to take. My life was hidden with Christ in God (‘For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.’ Col. 3:3). I can tell you, he fled from before me.*

*“We taught our children to remit sins. Once a man jumped into my daughter’s car and held a knife under her arm and commanded her to give him the keys. The boldness of Jesus came over and she began to remit his sins. She put her finger between his eyes and said, ‘This is **my** car and I rebuke you in the name of Jesus. **You** get out!’ And he jumped out!*

*“She had learned well what we had taught her. She was the one who had rebuked death off of me when I had been dead 27 minutes in a fatal car*

wreck. When the paramedics said, “There is no need to do C.P.R. His head is crushed in.”

“My daughter didn’t give up! She stood over me and said, ‘Devil—that’s my Daddy! Death, I rebuke you in the name of Jesus! You can’t have him!’ At that time, I was soaring through the heavens and the Lord turned me back.

Luke 1:77 tells us, “To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *by the remission of their sins...*” While you were yet *dead in trespasses and sins, He gave His Son to die for you.* And He told us, “The works that I do *shall you do also.*” So **why not** remit sins? You’re not exalting yourself by doing this; you are simply fulfilling the obedience of that *which won you* (vs. 78).

“All of this is through the tender mercies of our God. We lift the load of condemnation off them, release His goodness unto them and they will begin to *want to do what’s right.* They will begin to search for truth. Rom. 2:4, “Or despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that *the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*”

“After we have remitted sins, we ask the Lord to send laborers to reap *His* harvest. Many precious souls have come to the Lord as a result of our obedience to remit sins.”

## BREAKING OF THE 7 SEALS IN YOU

Bill Cook

**“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?” Rev. 5:1,2.**

I thought we had dealt fairly extensively with the seven seals until I came upon Larry Hodges’ summary of the seals and felt I must share it with you. I quote:

“The *first seal* is opened, and we see a white horse whose Rider has a bow. A crown is given him, and He goes forth conquering and to conquer. As this seal is opened **in us**, we will find ourselves astride the strong horse of the spirit of faith with Him Who is going forth to conquer every doubt and unbelief **in us**. We are therefore to hold fast to Him who is given the crown of Conqueror and the bow of the Spirit with which to shoot down all opposing thoughts which would keep us under perplexities and from a rising faith. *All in whom this first seal remains unbroken must remain*

*under doubts of unbelief, which shall keep one from a good beginning in that process which culminates in the breaking of the final and seventh seal.*

“The *second seal* is opened, and we see a red horse coming forth to take away peace from the earth, and the inhabitants of the earth slay one another. He is given a great sword. As this seal opens **in us** we begin to experience the loss of all peace, pleasure and joy in our *earthly* life. At the same time, such a revelation of our *selves* is given as to cause our soul to shrink back from such a vile and abominable earthly condition. Compared to that divine life which we are now seeing Christ hold out to us upon completion of the process and the breaking of the seventh seal, we are now able to rejoice in the knowledge and experience of Him Who sits upon the red horse. He slays with His great sword the *beasts and creeping things* and every evil thing **in us** which has its nature from the original source, Adam.

“In its beginnings, this leaves the mind bereft of all peace, rest, contentment and satisfactions, whether in thought, word or deed. You may ask how this comes to pass. It is because He gives to the Spirit of the regenerated soul a mighty sword (*this sword is but the Spirit of Life or Christ’s Deity in His eternal humanity*) that it may thereby kill and destroy all the nature and substance of the *earthly life* which is not in *union with Christ*. This is Christ’s rising life in His saints, enabling them to conquer the *nature* of the earthly life, *which is the beast* in themselves! It is that earthly essence from Adam which is the beast in us!

“The *third seal* is opened **in us**, and we see Christ riding a *black horse* with a pair of balances in His hand. He is about to bring a famine upon *the beast* in His saints so that its day of plenty must now pass away. Its *earthly* essences (nature) must be weighed in the balance of righteousness. The Lamb’s Life is now rising in His *dead saints*, putting them into that same scale of righteousness, weighing every thought, word and action with the *scale of perfection* and measuring all by that Golden Reed which is Christ. Only that which is found to be in even balance with the one true scale of perfection (Christ) is allowed in the building of that New Jerusalem Temple. Such a famine upon the *beast* is absolutely necessary so that all increase and supply might spring from that rising life of Christ in each. Therefore, nothing of the oil

and wine from this rising life shall be hurt or diminished.

“The *fourth seal* is opened, and we see Christ riding **in His saints** upon a powerful horse whose name is Death, and hell is following Him. But though this *death* has a grim appearance, it shall hurt but the *fourth part* of the *earth*, that is, the vile principle in the *earthly life* which reigns and has dominion until the Life of Christ is sufficiently risen in His saints. Until this work is thoroughly accomplished in His saints, the *Beast* is permitted to slay the soul with hunger, famine and languishing death. He (*the beast*) shall thus prosper and make war with the saints and for a time, overcome them, keep them under and wear them out by ruling over them in the worldly dominion of their outward man *where he has power to afflict*. But the Omnipotent Lord is coming to reign in the life of the Lamb over *all* beasts of the earth and to exalt all who have been killed and slain to a victorious kingdom.

“The *fifth seal* is opened which discovers to us the souls of the slain saints under the altar. Here the soul verifies *conformity to the death of the Lamb*, and lies as a live burning coal under this altar and cries incessantly to rise in such power of majesty that it might take vengeance on those that have killed the Just One. As the blood of Abel cried for vengeance, so does the blood of Jesus cry more strongly in the souls of them who are dead with Christ. The Lord has signified that as the incense rises from the soul’s living coal, the resurrection is then near when the naked soul shall be clothed upon with the long white robe of immortality. It may be said by some who have thus waited long, that “*all things continue as they have since the fathers*,” but this has only been so that there may ascend an even stronger cry. Therefore, all who have experienced the effects of the fifth seal opening in them should rejoice, for by this you may know the nearness of that New Jerusalem Kingdom into which you may shortly be installed as a living stone. Do not look for it without but *within*. The outward fulfillment shall follow in its own course and time.

“The *sixth seal* is opened **in us**, and the first thing which takes place is a great earthquake which is to shake the very foundations of the *old earth* in which is the original sin. Its hour of judgment is come, and the trumpet has sounded for the dissolving of the *first earth and heaven* so that their place may *no more be found*. The wind

of the mighty Spirit blows upon *all flesh* to cause it die and wither. The *sun* of reason ceases to shine, the *moon* of the senses turns into blood, and all the *starry imaginations* drop like untimely fruit, and every *island and mountain* of human self-strength melts away. There is no hiding from this consumption which the Lord calls upon the entire *universe* that has been under the *Beast’s* captivity. May we not in all sincerity call all this a *blessed ruin* and a *happy undoing*? To see such a destruction come upon all that has kept the Lamb and His kingdom back *in us*, we should rejoice with exceeding joy! Amen!

“Ah, but let us know of a surety that as we rejoice for the broken seals in us, these opened seals will cause a terrible day of woe for the rebellious and unregenerate. Then they will be discovered to be in the **Beast’s kingdom** and must expect to fall and go into perdition with him, for even as there are inward seals to be loosed and vials to be poured out in His saints, so there are yet vials to be poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth, affecting all of which their world consists. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth! Let us make all due haste to flee the coming destruction which is determined upon the *beast* and its followers, not looking back for some cherished thing to take with us. A consummation is decreed upon the entire realm of the beast, and nothing with any semblance of alliance with it shall be allowed to stand. It must be clearly understood that none can arrive at the *seventh seal*, which is the manifestation of a foregoing work, without the other six seals having been broken in him.

“The *seventh seal* opens and causes the sounding forth of the *seven angelic trumpets*. Which *seven trumpets* are seven proclamations effecting marvelous things within each who have been enabled *through their broken inward seals* to hear each particular trumpet. This must continue by degrees until the *seventh angel* shall begin to sound **in us** in order to reveal in a people the **Testimony of the True Tabernacle**. That is, Christ’s very nature and Deity in His glorified *members!* As there has been an opening *eye* of divine revelation with the opening of each *seal*, so there is a divine *hearing* which must be obtained for the hearing of each sounding *trumpet message*.

“Is it not at least, somewhat more clear to us that we cannot arrive at the *manchild* position until all *seven seals* have been, by the power and grace of Christ, broken **in us**?”

## A PATTERN OF SONSHIP

Elaine

I want to share more of the Lord's dealings in the life of Rees Howells, for in it we see how the Lord deals in the lives of those whom He is making overcomers.

When the Lord purchases a property, He starts intensive cultivation of the ground that it might bear much fruit. He first began to cultivate Rees' prayer life. No longer was he to pray general prayers. He must now have *guided* praying—praying only the prayers that the Holy Ghost gave him. He was no longer to pray for things at his own whim or fancy or because someone asked him to pray for a certain thing.

In addition, he was told that he was never again to ask God to answer a prayer through *others* if He could answer it through *him*. When there was a prayer for money, he must allow his own to be used. He was not to “weary God with words” if he were unwilling for God to answer prayer *through him*.

The first prayer the Spirit prayed through him was for an unlikely young man named Will. He was a derelict, addicted to drink, dirty and unshaven and lived in the boiler room of the tin mill. Rees was given the Lord's love for this man and he spent much time in his company even though he had to endure the stares of the villagers. It took three years of loving him with God's love for the final victory. Will appeared in church respectfully dressed and agreed to visit his mother who had prayed for him for many years. Rees said, “I started at the bottom and loved just *one*; and if you love one, you can love many; and if many, you can love *all*.”

His second prayer test was concerning “princely giving.” He had been used to giving a tithe, but the New Tenant who had taken over his house was much more generous than the old one! He was tested on this with Jim Stakes who was one of the worst drunkards. Through his habit, his large family were very poor. During the Revival, he came to the Lord. And that was when the Lord brought him before Rees in prayer. He saw the conflict between God and the devil for a soul. If the devil could get him back, it would counteract the work of the Revival. Rees promised the Lord he'd do *anything* if the Lord would just *keep him*.

That evening, Jim Stokes stood at Ree's door and told him that Rees had “stood before him” that morning at 10 a.m. (when Rees was given the

burden of prayer for him). He admitted he was two years behind in his rent and the bailiffs were coming to take his furniture the next day.

Mr. Howells offered to pay half of that large sum and said he'd ask a friend to help with the other half. The Holy Spirit was having none of that! “Didn't you tell Me you would give *all* you had to save him? Why are only giving him half? Did not the Savior pay *all* your debt and set you free?” Humbled, Rees apologized to the brother and said, “I will give you two year's rent and all you need beside. You will be delivered in such a way that the devil can't use this situation to get at you.” The moment he said that, the joy of heaven came down and something was broken in his nature so that it truly became more blessed to give than to receive.

As a result of his gift, Mrs. Stokes came to the Lord and they started holding meetings in their home where many came and some of the worst characters gave their hearts to the Lord.

## TRIBUTES

I'm sure most of you have heard of the recent passing of our beloved Alma McClure. She will be greatly missed. I understand she was asking the Lord if He was not going to heal her, to please take her home. I assure you, that heaven is greatly enriched by her presence, and all who knew her will miss her greatly.

Also, David Ebaugh went on to his reward recently after a severe bout of illness. He also was of that “Inkhorn Company” who shared the good news of the kingdom for many years.

We also want to acknowledge Charles Weller who has also graduated from this realm to his heavenly home. It will not be too long before we shall be seeing them again in the resurrection!

## E-ZINES Bill and Elaine

Those who are receiving the newsletter monthly by E-Zine seem to like the convenience and simplicity of it. It is not sent as an attachment. We send you a notice when it is posted on the Web Site and you just click on the address we send you and print it out—in any size of print you like. Acrobat Reader software is needed, but we send it free of charge—just follow the prompts and you will find it easy. I want to encourage you to try it if you have access to the Web Site. It saves us money which we are able to use to send to those “for whom nothing has been prepared.”

## THE BRETHERN SHARE

**1—Pat Savas:** Your last letter really blessed me. I've been going through many of the same things—**deep** emotional wounds, battling thoughts in my mind that I did not want, etc. The external signs in the world are just the symbols for what He is doing within each of us—i.e. battling and overcoming the enemies within.

Although the battle has been fierce, I have been encouraged when I remember: **The Battle is the Lord's** and it is Joshua-Jesus within Who is the Overcomer. I have been casting myself upon the Faithful One within and living by His faith (the real meaning of Gal. 2:20) and asking Him to rise up and crush all those enemies.

I am coming to the **total end** of myself, even of my human love and compassion, and am crying out to Father for a new heart and a new mind—His—to be established in me. In my flesh dwells **no** good thing and I have come to see that "I" cannot **do** any good thing, either—that is just operating from the good side of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

About a month ago, in the middle of the night, I heard a voice say, "*In order to establish My divine nature in you, I must first destroy all of your own nature.*" I realize that this work was completed in the Lamb of God from before the foundation of the world, but it is being experientially wrought out in us now. The Lord also showed me that He is bringing us to the place where, in the Pattern Son, we can say, "The enemy has nothing in me."

As excruciating as this fire has been, (and there are times I would have preferred physical death to this slow annihilation of self, if I would have been given a choice), I ask for the grace to embrace it because I know our God is a consuming fire. I believe in "hell" although I don't believe it is "forever." It is the fire of purification which we must all pass through, either on this side of the veil or the other, until we come fully into the image of the Firstborn Son.

I take courage in the completed work of my Savior, Who has saved us "To the uttermost." "It is finished." I love Him because He first loved me!

**2----THE SIMPLE TAILOR (II Cor. 5:16) Sent in by Kyle Thomas:** There lived an old tailor who was known for his quiet wisdom. While mending people's clothes, they would often stay and ask for help or advice for their problems. With a soft twinkle in his eyes, God used this tailor to mend the fabric of their torn lives. One day a restless young man came to the tailor's cottage to talk with him. "Sir, I've read the Bible, and I understand it, **but** I still don't have peace with God." Motioning for him to share a seat at his work-bench, the tailor asked, "Would you like some tea?" Impatient, again the young man blurted out his question. "**Sir**, I've studied the scriptures. I understand them....but I haven't peace with God."

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