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FROM BILL AND ELAINE

Every once in a while we feel to let the brethren share throughout the whole issue—they have so many good things that we cannot share them all each month. Hope you enjoy it!

1—Betty Houk (U.S.): You wrote about the *marriage of the Lamb*, and it made some things come together in my heart. Recently, I have been walking through a time when I am so aware of my barrenness and out of my deep innermost being there is a cry to bring forth His life from this union. He is causing me to desire only Him and the simplicity of His presence with me and the contentment it brings. We can love Him for all He has called us to, for all His provision, for our ministry, etc. He may allow some of those things to dry up in our life to see if He alone is enough. At this point, it is easy to become depressed at the loss and turn to the five senses for consolation—food, drink and entertainment. We may be surprised at how much life we get from these natural springs.

There is certainly no condemnation, but the Lord is faithful to show us if we are ready to love him only for who He is. I also asked the Lord if He desired to marry me. I was reminded of an experience I had a few years ago. I was sharing with an older woman from organized religion how worship songs can teach us about intimacy with the Lord. She liked singing the old hymns **about** the Lord, but singing love songs **to** Him caused her to become very uneasy and she asked me why I enjoyed it. I did my best to explain how the Lord desires each of us to have that kind of intimacy in our relationship with Him who is the true lover of our soul.

That night, I was awakened about 4 a.m. and the Lord came near to my bedside. There was substance to Him that was visible to my spirit. He seemed to take the form of a cool mist. He said He was there to cause me to understand true intimacy and desired to become one with me. I was immersed into the mist and the mist was immersed into every part of me and I couldn't tell where one began and the other ended. I began to weep and weep. For four hours I wept and was overwhelmed

by His presence. I realized how frail this body is and why John fell as a dead man in His presence.

I asked the Lord this week if He desired to marry me. Then He reminded me of this experience. What was it but the two becoming one? I said, "But, Lord, I wept for four hours!"

He said, "Yes, but you always cry at weddings." I didn't consciously remember that until He said it. I needed to hear that and in that particular way. Isn't He so mindful of our every intimate need? I didn't think of it at the time as the *marriage*, but it was for me to understand now at this time.

2—Shirley King (U.S.): I am writing to say how much I appreciated your last letter on the bride. I was elated when you asked me if I would ask Jesus to marry me. I've told very few because no one believes me. They think of themselves as brides automatically—maybe so, but I did not ask the Lord to marry me. I was in deep prayer for several hours when the Holy spirit fell on me and there was an exchange of such love—so deep I cannot explain it. No earthly husband could ever give that much love; no marriage vows could be so beautiful and fulfilling. After that, I thought, "No husband could ever fulfill me as the Lord has since that day about six or seven years ago." It is refreshing to be able to talk about it and be *believed*. Thank you and God bless you for writing about it. It's time to freely say it.

3—Darlene Peoples (U. S.): I've had much tender intimacy with the Lord lately, precious times of refreshing and revealing of His presence within. So many times now I can recognize thoughts coming that I don't need to be thinking about. It's just like I'm looking up from my brain to the upper left-hand corner and I can see them trying to come in. I can intercept them there and refuse to let them in—I pass them on to Christ Jesus to be grounded out! They are not there to think about! It is such a peaceful thing! I don't even remember what they were at the time.

And—remitting sins, sin nature and marriage to Jesus—I know the progress I see and hear in certain ones must come from that release in the Spirit.

It seems the Lord is saying to me that we are declaring their Jubilee!

4—Phillipe Rigoulet (France): What a comfort it is to realize that Revelation isn't something past which would condemn us to be "spiritual archeologists", but something present opening up gradually to a future where time is meaningless!

If I had to sum up in a few words what the spirit laid in my heart last year, I would unhesitatingly say: "**Remitting sins.**" I have become aware of this positive burden, the potential of which is even greater than we thought at first! There is a close link with the creation awaiting the revelation of the Sons of God. This is why I wish I would be used more and more efficiently in this way for the kingdom to come nearer and faster.

5—Dagnie Gutema (Ethiopia): In the past time, God poured out His Spirit in measure. But the time is come when we receive the fullness of His Spirit. God's elect will be baptized by the Seven Spirits of God. They will enter into the realm of incorruption and immortality. I feel within my spirit the mighty coming of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God shows us the glorified Jesus and when we see Him in His glory, we will be changed into His likeness. In that realm of immortality, it is impossible to think or feel your own will. When the body of Christ enters into the glory of her Head, then the manifestation of the Sons of God will occur. They will deliver creation from the bondage of death to the realm of life where they live. The glory of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Amen!

6—June Jakob (Canada): Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! I've just received the info' and the tape that you sent me. What a teaching! For years I have been sitting in a Pentecostal church waiting for *steak*. It never came, but I didn't understand why. I kept saying to one older lady (hoping for an answer) that I felt I didn't belong there and should not be there. Well, your writings explained everything to me. I am so excited. Hence, this letter to request the blessings of Almighty God to be upon you. If you have more tapes, please send them—I'm so hungry for corn and steak.

7—When Are We Real? God not only *told* us He loved us, He *showed* us. Maybe that's why many of us only *speak* of love and kindness; it does not cost us much. But, to *demonstrate* love, now that costs us! But the benefits far outweigh any sacrifice made. Let me tell you about a children's story called **The Velveteen Rabbit**. The dialogue is

from a new toy rabbit to an old skin horse, as they were lying side by side one day.

"What is **real**? Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"**Real** isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time—not just to play with, but **really** loves you, then you become **real**."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are *real* you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You *become*. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are **real**, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eye drops out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all because once you are **real** you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

This reminds me of something Faith shared with me about a brother. For seven years the Lord worked this word into this man: "**Do all things without murmurings and disputings.**" He wanted the Lord to work on other things in his life that he thought were more important. When he finally *broke* on this issue, all the other things were gone, for this was the *root* and he was learning to obey God in everything. At first, the Lord told him he was resisting *His authority*, for *He* knew what He needed to deal with first!

The Lord spoke to Faith, "I am bringing you into My camp. The Lord is uttering His voice before His Army. When I say 'Speak!', thou shalt speak. When I say to be silent, thou shalt be silent. You have not walked this way before!"

(Reprinted from a 1997 newsletter).

8—Priscilla Van Sutphin (U.S.): **There is A Remnant (a prophecy of Feb. 20/03).** "There is a remnant of My body that is called and set apart, consecrated for the greater things I am going to do in this hour. I have been preparing them in the wilderness of affliction, persecution, rejection and suffering. They have been hidden and many have been maligned, cast off, treated like so much flotsam and jetsam (wreckage found floating on the sea or washed ashore; useless things) and yet they are so precious in My eyes because I have seen

their suffering. I have seen the way they continue to cling to Me, even when they are disappointed and not chosen. Even when they have to endure great physical pain and suffering for the sake of the church, they have continued to believe. They have continued to persevere in spite of all opposition to their coming forth as gold refined in the fire. Many have endured great seasons of pain from rejection. Many have gone through the fire of doubt and severe disappointments, have overcome the anger and trials of temptations. They have clung to the truth of My Word and clung to the skirts of my garments for the **hope** that endures forever.

“And I am not going to disappoint those who have suffered with Me, for those who have suffered with Me shall share in My **glory**. That is My Word and I will keep it. The Day is close at hand. I will use many whom the church at large has not thought capable.

And, in fact, that is why I will use them, for in their weakness, I will be made strong!

They will not go in the strength of their own arm. They will know to lean on Me for all that they need. I am their Rod and their Staff and they know that they can't do it without Me. They will not care to be recognized by those who are popular. They will not care for worldly prominence, even though many will be received in that arena when My light shines on them and through them. They will only care for pleasing **Me**.

“The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth because I will fill them with such a fullness in Me that they will be poured out on the masses of the great sea of peoples on the earth. And True revelation of My love for My creation will pour forth from them in such a manner as to draw others like bears to honey. Even the most hard hearts will melt in the presence of the King that will be revealed in them. Look at this: a people rises like a lioness! And like a lioness, they will devour their adversaries. They will feed many nations in Truth and in Justice; they will rule over their adversary because they will have died to all that is of the flesh so *that I could be revealed in them*.

“To live is Christ, to die is gain” Phil. 1:21.

“They have learned that to die with Christ is to be risen in Life with Him. Nothing of this world will cling to them. There will be a fullness of My presence that has not been understood in previous times, residing in them. The greater things they will do! Do you want this life? For it has been

available to those that are willing to pay the cost. Are you willing to embrace My cross? To identify yourselves with Me in My suffering? Are you willing to lay *everything* down, that you will have *everything* of the inheritance I have planned for you?

Ezek. 44:28 NKJV “It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that *I am their inheritance*. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession.” (This was a promise to the *priests*).

“A transfiguration is coming to those who have been willing to pay the cost, to those whose hearts have so wanted to be free, but have been unable to overcome. Do not fret. Do not lose heart! For your Prince of Peace is coming. And when I come, I carry with Me the keys to death and hell. The last enemy to be overcome is death. If you will embrace the cross and death to self, you will soar into realms of glory that you have never imagined. Just as I was prepared by the Father for My great test and sacrifice, so you who are willing will be prepared. Come to Me and let Me fill you with My presence. Let Me fill you with the fullness of My love and grace. Put aside all worldly concerns. Rest in Me and eat the scroll. Live and breathe and have your being in Me, for I Am the Bread of Life. I Am the Staff of Life to all who will come.

“In the quietness and *rest*, you will be restored and flourish like a **stall-fed calf**. Come and eat! Come and **let Me hold you in My arms of Love and tenderness**. Let Me breathe **My Life** into you. Do nothing, but to *let Me* touch you. If you are still and quiet, you will be able to hear the voice of My whispers. You will be able to see all I want to show you. For the Lord does nothing unless He shows it to His prophets first. Time will not stand still, so come while the door is open to you, for I stand at the door and knock. To him who opens, I will come in and sup with you.”

9—Ted Martin (U.S.): Judy and I have been “digesting” the booklet, “Paul’s Key to the Liberated Life” by Norman Grubb that you sent us. We’re beginning to see the delusion we’ve been under all these years, thinking that our growth into maturity is a battle between the “old man” and the “new man.” Oh yes, we “reckoned” our old man to have been crucified with Christ, and claimed this as our “position”, but we never considered that it was an experiential fact because of the weaknesses of the flesh (and attitudes) that we could observe in ourselves.

After reading and re-reading this booklet, we have said to each other, “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death, and I *have* been crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, *but Christ lives in me, as me.*” We are saying it is so, and believing it is so, and will await His inworking to make us **know** it is so. As Brother Grubb said, it took his wife two weeks to experience the knowing, while it took him two years.

The truth Grubb brings out in this booklet seems “deep” at first, but only because we were never taught the foundational truth that *we are only neutral containers or expressers—expressing either Satan’s rulership which preserves our supposed independent human nature (allowing, of course, for God’s assistance), or God’s rulership. There is no in-between position where it’s just ourselves.* We’re slaves of either one master or the other. There’s no middle condition in which we are independent humans. We’re branches, and bear the fruit of either the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or the tree of life. There’s no such thing as being independent and not branches of one or the other. We are married “wives” under the marriage bond of either one husband or the other, and are bearing his children. We’re never just single and unmarried.

When we read the Book *Yes, I Am* by Norman Grubb, we wondered if he was saying that because of our union-life we are a finished product, because he emphasized our being *complete* in Him. So many have had this “complete in Him” emphasis which seemed to stunt their growth into Him, not realizing that there is a realm of sonship to which He is calling us upward. So we were very pleased to read on page ten of the booklet (under the subheading “Training Years”, “You have begun recognizing and realizing that you already are Christ in your human form (Gal.2:20; Col 3:4); and it is necessary that you are brought, by the maturing grace of the indwelling Spirit, to exact conformity to Him. What a destiny! There is a *steady, gradual conforming process* in action by the Spirit, who is already indissolubly joined to our spirit (I Cor. 6:17). And we are being “changed into His likeness from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

So the total basic transformation that has already taken place (our being crucified with Him and raised with Him, and thus being vessels, slaves, or branches expressing *His life*), is not to be confused with, nor does it negate, God’s trans-

forming operations, “taking place in us through those constant trials and pressures (which James said are used to establish us ‘perfect, wanting nothing’).” It seems like all these years we’ve had “the cart before the horse” or should I say, “the cart being pulled by a distorted horse.” In “Paul’s Key to the Liberated Life,” Brother Grubb restores the “horse” (our total basic transformation that has already taken place) to its rightful place at the head of the cart (God’s transforming operations).

Are you going to make this booklet available to all? (Our answer: Since it has blessed you so much, we simply will have to do that! Cooks)

10—Elaine Cook: Prophecy: “The upheavals of nature and the outpouring of My Spirit come *together*, for I am bringing conviction of sin on one hand and healing from sin on the other. Man would like to separate Me from the vagaries of Nature, and explain them in natural terms, but the elements are all in my Hands, to use as I see fit. Have you not seen in my Word how I have withheld the rain and sent the floods when My creation went far astray from Me? Yea, they will seek Me in hunger and in fear.

“Even in this day you shall see My Hand at work in nature such as you have never before seen it for this is the day of the Lord when I am going to shake the earth and the heavens until My creation will flee unto Me for help—and I shall be their Rock and I shall bring them into rest.

“Tell My people, ‘Be ye not afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, but fear the Lord only and give Him honor and glory, for He is coming to judge the earth in righteousness. It is the time. Be not afraid. Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh!’”

Psa. 148:8, “Fire, and hail; snow and vapors; stormy wind *fulfilling His word.*”

Consider this: The Lord poured out His Spirit mightily at the turn of the 20th century in Los Angeles, while at the same time there were devastating earthquakes in the same area. People rejected the idea that God had anything to do with the ‘quakes—and reasoned it all away. The last earthquake in Alaska went along a strip that was engaged in evil practices. And, one of the recent quakes in California hit the city which is the source of most of the pornographic literature that is exported from America.

11—David Wilkerson: (an excerpt from **The Reproach of the Solemn Assembly**) “God is looking for a people who will sorrow over the reproach that is being fostered on the Church of Jesus

Christ in these last days. I am talking about the Church that was born at Pentecost. It has been prophesied that in this day of reproach, shame and disgrace, God is going to raise up a holy remnant who are going to grieve and weep over this defilement. God says, "I will have a people that are not going to be satisfied to go their merry way and just ignore what is happening as charlatans and money-mad false prophets are coming into the House of God and destroying everything in sight."

A gospel is being preached that is withering everything in sight. Everything that is green and godly and pure is being withered. The seed is rotten. There is a famine of hearing the pure Word of the Lord. The flocks are desolate and hungry. The rivers are drying up. A strange fire is devouring the pastors. Ezekiel says that Shepherds are trampling down the good pasture and eating the best for themselves.

This is known as the **Prosperity Gospel**. This perverted gospel is poisoning multitudes—even in China, Africa and all over the world. It is an American gospel invented and spread by rich American evangelists and pastors. I was given a video tape recently recorded in Kenneth Copeland's meetings. I was dumbfounded! Paul the Apostle named those whom he believed were false prophets. He warned and he named their names. If you have been feeding your soul on Copeland or Hagin's tapes, you are not going to like what you hear.

"All the speakers could hardly get by because all of the people were running up stuffing their pockets with money. The reason they do that is a new doctrine that has just come out that says, 'If you want to be blessed, you have to find the most blessed evangelist or pastor you can find because he that has been given much receiveth much; he that has little, even that which he has will be taken from him. If you find the most blessed prosperous preacher and give him money, then you will be blessed.' It is a pyramid scheme. If these men were in the secular world, they would be in jail. Hundreds of people were running up until the evangelist's pockets were bulging. The sinner says, 'Is this the free gospel? Dollar bills?'"

"The speaker said, 'If a poor widow on welfare hands you \$5.00, you better take it. Elijah took the widow's last meal. You are the anointed one; you deserve it; you take it.' The same speaker said, 'I live in an 8,000 square foot house. I am going to build a bigger one now. One that King Solomon would be proud of. I just paid \$15,000 for a dog.

You see this gorgeous ring on my finger? I was in Jamaica and just paid \$32,000 for it. I want you to know that when the people in my town come past my mansion and see my Rolls Royce sitting in the driveway, they know there is a God in heaven."

"Now, tell me, that is the gospel? Can you weep over that? One of the speakers said, 'We made a covenant with Brother Copeland that for the next 365 days not one of us is going to *suffer for a single day. We will not know a moment of discouragement. We will never be sick or in need. We are going to enjoy all the blessings. We reject all suffering, all pain, all financial problems.*'"

"This was preached: 'The Holy Spirit can't be poured out upon you until first you are in the money flow. Until you are prospering, the Holy Ghost cannot do His work.' How does it affect you when a preacher says, 'Run for the money!' and people are running wildly everywhere and say as they run, 'We are claiming the riches.'"

"Ezek. 34 says, 'The Shepherds fed themselves and fed not the flock, therefore O you Shepherds, hear the Word of the Lord. ...Behold, I am against the Shepherds and I will require My flock at their hand and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more, for I will deliver My flock from the teeth of these men.'

"A second false gospel is **the misrepresentation of the Holy Ghost**. There is so little discernment that many pastors don't even know when the Holy Ghost is being blasphemed. We get letters from hundreds of pastors all over the world wanting to know what is right and what is wrong. If it's not found in the Bible we should reject it outright. These videos show whole groups of bodies jerking out of control, falling on the floor, laughing hysterically, staggering around like drunkards, writhing like snakes and howling like wild animals. We have evangelists that blow on people to knock them down and one throws his "designer" jacket at people and says that is the "hand of the Lord."

How can two walk together unless they be agreed? When you don't agree with the unscriptural practices you see, you are told, "Don't condemn anybody. Don't judge anybody." That is not what the Bible says. It says that we are to judge righteous judgment, to reprove and rebuke with all longsuffering. I am not on a soapbox. I am on a Rock.

"What are the riches of God in Christ Jesus? The peace of God, the wisdom of God, the nearness of Christ.. The time has come to call a Sol

em Assembly. If you have any of these tapes or books, get them out of your house. Don't give them away; burn them. If invited to attend these meetings, say, "I'm sorry. I don't want a famine of the Word and I don't want my heart to wither and dry. I want the pure Word of the Lord that will cause me to grow. I don't want any message that is going to appeal to my flesh or to foster covetousness in my spirit."

12—Rod Parsley (U. S.): "My deep definition of sovereignty: *He is God and you are not!*"

13—Deanna Paulat (U.S.): My New Year word from the Lord was Isaiah, Chapter three.

14—Elaine re: Tattoos: A young mother asked me to advise her girls regarding getting tattooed. The Lord spoke to my heart, "Look about you, My little ones, and see all the evil practices that are pronounced to be *good*. Has not this people said, 'Evil is good, and good, evil?' Would they not, in the name of beauty, style, and class, tempt My people to learn the ways of the heathen? Do they then not mark *My property with another's signature*? My mark is that of a new nature—a peaceful and loving heart. Satan's mark is outward—to make your own beauty upon your flesh. This I abhor. My beauty is a beauty that is *within*—not an outer beauty, and so should yours be. Regard not whether you should keep an *outward law*, as of olden times, but give regard to *My Heart* that sees *no beauty* in the imprinting of something on the flesh. It is not *My mark*. It is the way of the adversary who would tempt My people to follow in his ways and receive the defiling of their body. This is a form of idol worship."

15—Jim Alspaugh (U.S.): The question that faces all of us is what family tree do we belong to. We are born, not realizing that we are members of satan's family tree due to the fall. Adam could not birth what he did not have. To make a change of family trees is not easy. Satan's family tree runs by *self effort*. When we start to change family trees, the Holy Spirit will convict us as sinners to God's law. It is easy for us to give up past sins. The hard part comes when we start to let Jesus take over.

Just asking Jesus to come inside and manifest the gifts is a big stumbling block to many churches. They don't like the way Jesus manifests the gifts, especially speaking in tongues. I sometimes think God used this gift just to show us that we don't control things in His kingdom. Most of us don't really get moved into our new family tree until we have failed to be a success with self-effort

living. It is not until then that we finally tell Jesus, "I cannot live this life. Would You please take over and live it for me?" When we quit, He starts to live it for us. He starts to will and work in us according to His good pleasure. Finally, we get to the point where we know in our hearts that "for me to live is Christ."

If any living is being done, it is He doing it. Then He can start changing negatives to positives through you and me as we become single-eyed and see only one power and not two. The divided outlook has gone to the cross. This problem facing us will turn to the good. He is always causing us to triumph even if right this second it does not look like it. A great future is ahead of us. When we get our glorified bodies, souls, and spirit, He is going to use all of us to evangelize the world. Right now He is using all of us to get people to change from the tree of self-effort to the tree of life.

16—Jason Sentuf (Indonesia): (From Elaine: I was happy to hear that Jason had translated "*Seeking His Rest*" into the Indonesian language. In corresponding with him, I asked if the Lord was still moving mightily like we read about in "*Like A Mighty Wind*" by Mel Tarri. This was his answer).

"While we are experiencing economic and political problems, even disintegration crises in our nation, yet the move of God is still going on all over Indonesia, even *greater* than Melkior Tarri's time on Timor Island. I believe that the more problems and crises come, the more great awakenings of the Holy Spirit takes place in this country. We see the church of God growing rapidly everywhere."

17—Marcelle Seal (U.S.): I have to share with you a dream I had a few weeks ago. I dreamed that the chair I sit in all the time when I read and pray (which is only about three years old), was all-of-a-sudden, completely worn out and ragged. Holes were all over it and it was all frayed.

I woke up the next morning and I was thinking about it and these words were spoken to me, "*You're going to be seated in heavenly places with Me.*" Praise the Lord, we're about to be seated in heavenly places with Him! The old chair or the realm we have been in has been wonderful, but what He has prepared for us is more wonderful!

18—Jim Meletiou (U.S.): This is a *true* story. Brother McClain's church from Houston has a prison ministry in Huntsville. I don't know how they came to do services on Death Row, but I

know they don't let those guys out of their cells for anything!

But, have service, they did, and one of the Death Row guys was filled with the Holy Ghost! So, they asked if they could take him and baptize him. The warden said, "No." They then asked if they brought water there, could they baptize him? He agreed to that, so they brought a stock tank and filled it with water. They needed to take special precautions, so they had two guards. The guards put an iron collar on the man, along with wrist and ankle shackles, and then ran a chain through the whole thing and padlocked it. Then he came out of his cell, and they put him in the tank and baptized him in the name of Jesus.

When he came out of the water, his shackles were lying in the bottom of the tank and he began praising and magnifying God! The two guards, seeing the miracle, asked if they could be baptized too! We serve an awesome God! He proves to us that He unshackles us and sets us free. I'm so glad I know Him in the power of His fullness—what a blessing it is to serve God!

19—Helen Martin (U.S.): God has really been dealing with me about His unconditional love, which is so different from the wrong ideas so many have about our loving Father. I want the whole world to know what kind of love He has for each individual. Surely people would *run* to Him, and if they backslid, they'd come back to Him as soon as He gave them grace to return.

His love is **eternal** because He is eternal. It goes on forever and forever. His love is **infinite**. There are no boundaries to it, no limitation; no measures. It is limitless!

His love is **unchanging**, unlike human love. God's love is not great today and small tomorrow—there are no fluctuations to it—no ups and downs. It is steady, always the same.

God's love is totally **unselfish**—He's always thinking of our good. And this lovely love is **unconditional**. It does not depend on what we do or don't do. We can't do anything to make God love us more, and we can't do anything to make Him love us less. His love doesn't depend on *us*—it depends on who *He* is, on His nature, and His nature is love. "God is love" (I John 4:16). He doesn't just *have* love, He **is** love!

In His unconditional love there is no condemnation (condemnation comes from satan and the carnal mind), no criticism, no judgment. He will *convict* of sin, but even if a person doesn't change,

His love doesn't change. The rebellious one will reap what he has sown, and while rebellious, he can't be blessed—he's cut himself off from God's blessings, but God's love stays the same. Oh, how wonderful! If people knew God's love, surely they would *run to it!*

20—Katherine Price (U.S.): We have studied, read, learned, heard, written, absorbed, worshipped, desired to obey Him whom our soul loveth much and have even come to know Him as the Bridegroom God. Now I believe we are being called to put physical feet upon our spiritual estates and begin to "just go about" the towel and basin ministry. Go about in the market place and allow Christ in us to once again touch and minister to the whosoever, whatever is needed. This seems a very tough challenge. It is so much more comfortable to enjoy the honeymoon than to climb the hills and visit the valleys.

We bear about in our bodies a very great treasure. Now we abandon all rights to ourselves and give Him Who indwells us, free choice, free will to go wherever, however, whenever, He, Himself so desires. Absolute abandonment now, allowing Him full and free reign at all times. To me this is proving a still further lesson; of actually practicing whatever we have, in the past, preached! To keep quiet when I would like to speak, to speak when I desire to be silent is the rule now. To be cheerful when I don't feel cheerful. We are each being prepared in our own personal crucible. So all we can do is allow our Dearest Beloved to love us—and to let Him know we love and appreciate Him, just for Himself—for Who He is! As we fulfill the Royal Law of Love—lo! we have fulfilled the law and the prophets—all the commandments, so impossible to keep. Now our needs are met in Abba's Arms.

Norman Grubb used to say: "We just go along for the ride."

21—Elaine: Now available: "Paul's Key to the Liberated Life" by Norman Grubb. ...Just ask!

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