

# THE RECONCILER

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## LIFE IN GOD'S LOVE

Is it possible to relate to God, our loving Heavenly Father, in a realm where there is no guilt or inferiority? Will sin consciousness always come between us?

Since the Garden of Eden, because of guilt and sin-consciousness we hide from God. In our hearts we are aware of our sinfulness and inability to stand in God's presence. This can cause us to ignore, run from or deny God. *"Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden."* (Gen. 3.8)

God Our Heavenly Father yearns to have close relationship with us and to restore us to be at home in His presence.

How can we humans live in such a dimension? It would be impossible if it were based on OUR performance. However, God has made a way to bring us back into His family. As prophesied by Isaiah (many years before Yeshua was born) the Father sent His Son to take upon Himself all the sin of the Adam man. (Isa. 53) Thus by His death and blood His infinite justice is satisfied by His infinite mercy.

Though there is no difference between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament the *RELATIONSHIP* we can NOW have with Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, after the Cross is totally different. Believers who put their faith in the FACT that God, their Heavenly Father, has successfully laid their sins and guilt on Jesus can enter into a completely NEW relationship with God the Father.

This intimate relationship was not available before the Cross, because, the sin consciousness and guilt, of the Adam man stood in the way. Since the Cross however, we can have a relationship with God our Father that is not shadowed by layers of guilt.

*"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a NEW AND LIVING WAY which He consecrated for us,*

*through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."* (Heb. 10.19-22)

Though millions have received forgiveness through faith in God's work in Jesus, our Sin-Bearer, not many have fully laid hold of the dimension of living in God's presence without guilt, fear, inferiority or sense of unworthiness.

Jesus, God's eternal only Begotten Son, enjoyed this relationship from all eternity. Adam partially enjoyed it, until he walked away from it. (Genesis 3)

Why then do so many believers still remain bound by sin consciousness, guilt, inferiority, fear and sense of unworthiness?

1) They regress from putting their faith in the complete and finished work of the Cross of Jesus, to putting their faith in their own performance or goodness. They get their eyes off the GIFT of righteousness that God gives them through Jesus and instead look at the imperfection of their own selves. *"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"* (Gal. 3.1-3)

2) They fail to renew their minds or shake off the guilt and inferiority of their past adamic life. This is done by cancelling agreement with all lies and by renewing their minds with the word of God. (Rm. 12.1, 2 Co. 10.3-5)

3) They do not know how to resist the Accuser, who accuses them night and day by pointing out their inadequacies. (Rev. 12.10-11)

4) They do not continue to hold fast their faith in the FACT that Jesus has done more than enough. *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."* (Hebrews 10.23)

Not Many believers steadfastly remain in the joy of their sonship. It is usually not too long before someone tries to talk them out of it by telling them they have not done enough, or they need to receive another touch from God. They may be told that they cannot enjoy this relationship until they get to some illusive far off place of spiritual maturity.

Yet Jesus invites us ALL to live in this place of total acceptance *"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."* He encourages us to make our home and resting place in His love and in His father's love. Welcome to your new home!

### **Parable Of Prodigal Son & Loving Father**

The parable of the Prodigal Son shows that the fullest relationship with Our Loving Heavenly Father can be received the moment we return. He wants ALL His children to live confidently in the love of their Heavenly Father without guilt, fear, sense of unworthiness, or inferiority.

When the Prodigal Son came home, he received FULL acceptance. He was showered with love. This love was certainly not based on his past performance. It was based entirely on his father's love. His father removed the son's filthy rags and adorned him in clothing of dignity and gave him a ring of authority.

The elder brother, on the other hand, lived in the father's house but his life there had become dutiful and joyless. He did not have enough boldness to enjoy his father's love. He felt he had to wait until he had done more work or accomplished more. He failed to realize that relationship with his father was not based on his performance.

It is now time for all prodigals to come home to their Heavenly Father - not only to forgiveness - but also to a first class relationship in the glory of the Father's love and care. It is also time for the elder brothers to come in from the drudgery of mere service and religion to receive and enjoy the continual, unearned love of our amazing Father God.

### **LIVING IN OUR NEW HOME**

We now see we do nothing to earn this amazing new, guilt free relationship of intimacy with God our Heavenly Father. He has done it all. We simply put our faith in what He has done for us in Yeshua. This is the "REST" that Paul speaks about in Hebrews Chapter 4.

*"Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it."* (Heb. 4.1-2)

Later, in the same letter, he says we who have entered this "REST" and have returned home are to prepare to "RUN" with God i.e. to cooperate with Him. To do this we continually shake off

- habits of sin,
- negative thinking (including guilt, inferiority, unworthiness, regret).
- We also shake off worldly and past entanglements. These keep us from *enjoying our new position* with God our Father, from *MANIFESTING OUR NEW NATURE*. and entering into the unique set of works He has for each of us

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us RUN with endurance the race that is set before us"* (Heb. 12.1)

### **Don't Confuse "Rest" & "Run"**

It is VITAL that we do not confuse "rest" and "run". Note the order. The rest comes FIRST and the running comes later. This is the ONLY way to live a victorious Christian life.

To live this way we have to live in complete dependence on His strength This is why he sends us the HELPER - the Holy Spirit.

*"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."* (John 14.16)

Even the running is done only with God's help. *"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."* (Phil 2.12)

We need only to hear, obey and yield to Him  
When we do this, we discover the love, joy peace and provision of the Kingdom of God. May we enter this REST by faith and RUN in the (unique and varied) works He has assigned to each of us.

### **Church Attendance Linked To Longevity**

A new study indicates that people who consistently attend religious services may live longer than those who don't. In an article published in the June 2016 issue of JAMA Internal Medicine, four Harvard University researchers analyzed data collected from 75,534 women over 16 years, between 1996 and 2012. They found that those who attended more than one religious service each week had a 33 percent lower risk of premature death. "Religion and spirituality may be an under-appreciated resource that physicians could explore with their patients, as appropriate," the study concluded. Out of the 75,534 women who self-reported information, the majority were Christian. 1,700 were Jewish. - (Jerusalem Post)

## **WHAT OTHERS SAY**

*His way of being in this world is full of joy and love and gratefulness. In this state of being all burdens are light and each step rests in trust. Contentment and peace rule the heart. A new power flows unrestricted in a great dance between the Father, the Son, the Spirit and yourself now fused into this staggering relationship .....*

*It seems as though we Christians have developed a nasty habit of leading people into a radical encounter with God's unconditional love, forgiveness acceptance and union only to spend the ensuing years teaching them how to become close to God to earn his approval. In this way we unwittingly deny their existing union with and in Christ. Perhaps we are trying to talk them out of their experience of first love because we no longer experience it ourselves.*

- Ted Dekker, "The Forgotten Way" pp. 33, 35 & 36)

### **Living IN our New Identity**

*'John 5.30 "I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

*What a picture of the Master! He had no personal ambitions, no personal ends to achieve. He was simply doing the will of His Father, unveiling the Father until He could say, "He that has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14.9) The less worldly ambitions we have, the less wordily desires, the more fully the Father will unveil Himself to us.*

*Self-seeking limits one. The selfish man is the limited man. He who lives in the Word and lets the Word live in Him, he who practices the Word and acts upon it, is the one who reveals the Father. When we act upon the Word of God we unveil the Father."*

- E.W. Kenyon, "The Two Kinds Of Faith" p. 71

### **Living In the Father's Love**

*"Are We experiencing His extravagant love? Are we showing that love to the world? Are we finding peace in the midst of the storms of this life and so saved from them?*

*Our Challenge isn't in becoming more than we are, because we are already risen and complete. Our challenge is **to remember** and abide in who we are each day and hour. to the extent we remain blinded to our true identity we search for significance in all that this world seems to offer us for acceptance, satisfaction and security.*

### **Kuwaiti Academic Challenges Arab Nations To Recognize Israel**

A Kuwaiti writer, Abdullah Al-Hadlaq, challenged the Arab states' longstanding solidarity against Israel, in an interview with Kuwait's Alrai TV channel, calling the Jewish state "independent and sovereign." "Like it or not, Israel is an independent and sovereign state," he said. "It exists, and it has a seat at the United Nations, and most peace-loving and democratic countries recognize it." The countries that don't recognize Israel, are "the countries of tyranny and oppression," citing North Korea as an example.

Al-Hadlaq expressed admiration for the Jewish state, its values and its institutions. "Quarnic verse 5.21," he said, "proves that the Israelites have the right to the Holy land. Allah assigned that land to them and they did not plunder it." "When the State of Israel was established in 1948, there was no state called 'Palestine.'" The fact that I am Arab should by no means prevent me from recognizing Israel. There is no occupation," he added. "There is a people returning to its promised land." "The land of Israel was promised to the Jews by "Allah," Al-Hadlaq said, even going as far as to implicate the Palestinians of doing the plundering themselves.

- Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) Nov. '17 See [www.youtube.com/watch?v=tf5-khQ4DQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tf5-khQ4DQ)

Dear Friends,

Hope you enjoy this newsletter with its theme of deeper union with Jesus. With the clamor of a million voices, both religious and secular, the pressure on young people to conform to a hedonistic, materialistic world order is intense and omnipresent. In this context the value of discovering identity and meaning in the Love of Our Heavenly Father and redemption through Jesus has never been so relevant. The call of Jesus to follow Him and be liberated from the soul-destroying ways of the age has never been more important. The contrast between the joy of God's Kingdom and the pressure from this social environment is creating circumstances conducive to a spiritual awakening.

# NEWS

## Ministry In Europe

As we write this newsletter we are preparing to return to **Ireland, U.K., & Israel** for ministry during September, October and part of November.

During our Spring ministry in Ireland the Body of Christ was involved in an epic struggle to defend the rights of the unborn. Traditionally Ireland has been one of the strongest defenders of the unborn child in the world. Yet, in spite of the fact that 80% of the people claim to be Catholic, two thirds of the people voted in favor of allowing the mother to have freedom to kill her unborn baby. This represents an enormous swing from Judeo-Christian values, which prevailed in Europe for 1500 years to anti Christian values. This swing in public opinion, not only in Ireland but in all Europe, represents one of the biggest challenges to Christianity in the West.

This vote by a population that overwhelmingly claims to be Christian to remove the rights of the unborn reveals the hollowness and hypocrisy of nominal Christianity. It also confronts the Body of Christ of the need to embrace urgently its mandate to evangelize **ALL**

peoples, including nominal Christians. Due to a false understanding of what true ecumenism is i.e. to encourage co-operation and respect between churches, many are hesitant to present the gospel to nominal **Catholics, Anglicans, Methodist, Lutherans. Pentecostals** etc.

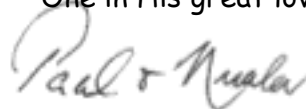
The Lord continues to use and spread throughout Ireland our special edition of the New Testament "Good News For Ireland Today". It includes a special introduction we wrote showing that the word of God has a connection with Irish history, explains the full work of Jesus on the Cross and how to become a New Creation. some of our co-workers in Ireland are availing of this New Testament for evangelism and helping with distribution. They are available free.

We have been at home in Stuart since mid June had the privilege to minister in various local churches including **Open Door House Of Prayer Ft. Pierce, Vero Worship Center, Victory In Christ, Jupiter, Love and Hope In Action, Stuart** and also with a wonderful group from New Covenant Church, Clyde, North Carolina.

Our **Tour to Israel** is September 5th-14th. We have about 25 people. Our tour operator informed us that anyone interested may join up until the end of this month. What about it?

Our thanks to all who help us with encouragement, prayers and financial support. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

One in His great love and service,  
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