

# KINGDOM NEWS

The Kingdom is Yours, the power is Yours and the glory is Yours, forever.... (Matt. 6:13)

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## Motto for the year of 2014

Let us be exhorted to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.  
(Jude 3 KJV Adapted)

### The Chief Cornerstone



#### What if we're wrong?

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What if God really does hate sin and loves righteousness?  
(Psalm 11:7)

What if God really does expect us to walk before Him with a perfect heart? (Matthew 5:48; John 17:23)

What if the blood of Christ really does purge our conscience from dead works, so that we may serve the Living God? (Hebrews 9:14)

What if the grace of God that brings salvation really does teach us that by denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we may live righteously, soberly and godly right here in this present world. (Titus 2:11)

What if God really does mean for us to awake to righteousness and sin not? (1 Cor. 15:34)

If we're wrong about our 21<sup>st</sup> century rendition of the Gospel ... and if we're wrong about a "Grace" that doesn't seem to

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#### Do Stuff!

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April is the month when many people celebrate the resurrection of our Lord & Savior (or the Easter Bunny – take your pick). Some of us may see this month as a time of refreshing and reawakening. I would like to submit for your consideration an additional perspective.

We could also see April as a time to soak in the life of God and breathe out actions that are in line with His internal leading. We could “Do” the things God has been talking to us about. Now, you may say, “I’m already doing what I believe God has been telling me.” If this is the case, wonderful! The commission to you is then to continue in His word.

For those of us who may not have gotten started or who have not made much headway in terms of the “doing” of God’s directives, we might find some inspiration in this discussion. In Psalms 24:1 (KJV paraphrased) the scripture talks about what belongs to God. It says that the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.

When we consider this, we might understand that everything that comes from the earth is God’s and is used by God in some way. Indeed He uses everything He created to fulfill His purpose. The second part of this same passage tells us that world belongs to God and everyone that lives in it.

Let’s ponder this for a moment. Every person who has been born and who will be born all belongs to God. We “belong” to Him. From this, we might understand that God uses every person to fulfill His desire. Again, we know that He uses all of creation.

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be able to empower us to cease from sin; but it is able to encourage God to "look that other way, when we do sin?"

If we're wrong about God ... the last place we'll want to find out that we were wrong ... is at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

(Romans 14:11b-12)

What ... if ... we're ... wrong?

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Does this mean that because God uses me (or any person) that I am in a right relationship with Him? No, the scripture does not say that. Instead, we understand that every person has decisions to make as it relates to being in relationship with God. However, the fact that a person chooses not to walk with the Father does not mean God relinquishes His right to utilize that person in His plan.

God recently reminded me of these very truths. He let me know that if I could wrap my mind around this principle, then I could understand better how He orchestrates all things to work together for my good (the good of those who love – obey - God and are the called – responsive - according to His purpose, Romans 8:28 KJV paraphrased).

I was reminded that God orchestrates situations and uses people and events to work out His will in my life (whether the people are aware of what is going on or not). My job then is to do what He places in my heart to do – having a heart of purpose (to please God in my doing).

God daily tells me to "keep going." Sometimes situations look bleak. At other times I don't understand every detail (or in some cases – any detail) of a given circumstance, but God continues to push me to keep it moving.

He knows that when He issues His word to me, it comes with everything I need to do what He has directed me to do, according to His plan (and not my plan).

Here is the conclusion. We, as faithful people of God, are to "Do Stuff." The stuff we do is the thing(s) He directs us to do, no matter how we feel about it, and regardless to whether or not we understand all of the elements. Once we know that God has spoken, we should have but one response....obedience (or in the words of an old Nike slogan, just do it).

So, for the month of April may we consider that God is at work at all times, doing His will. He brings us into His plan and instructs us to do a variety of things (stuff). Our response of faith is to move on what He says.

In closing, I admonish each of us to "Do Stuff!"

Joyce M. White



## A Journey to Intimacy Meditation

### I am (*still*) crucified ...

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This meditation just won't let me go ... or I won't let it go. I feel like, Jacob wrestling with the Angel, that night. (Genesis 32:24-26) And as the sun crept over the horizon, Jacob cried, "I won't let you go, except you bless me."

And this is my invocation regarding this meditation. "I won't let you go, until I partake of the reality that I am very really and very personally crucified with Christ...."

#### Paul's Testimony

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ lives in me. The life which I now live, in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

#### My Testimony

The I AM has crucified me with Christ. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him [Christ]; so too, it pleases the Lord to bruise me. (Isaiah 53:10) Nevertheless (*or therefore*), The I AM lives. Yet not the crucified "I," but Christ lives, instead of me. Therefore, the life that is now lived in my flesh is lived according to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus that has (*through the Cross*) made me free from the law of sin and death. For what *The Law* could not do in me, because of the middle wall of partition (*which is my flesh, weak and incapable*); the I AM now does, having broken down the middle wall.

(Ephesians 2:14-16) While the Law is useful (*it judges the flesh and indemnifies God*); it could not through the infirmity of my flesh, reconcile me to God. The flesh always stood between us. But God, Who is rich in mercy, loved me. It is His love for me that crucified me with Christ. And it is His love for me that now lives in me. He gave Himself *for* me, thus giving Himself *to* me. And I pray by His grace, to give Himself *through* me.

This is my *testimony*, therefore it is my *meditation*.

God Speed!

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