

White Eagle News

Lessons from the Native Way

Healing Within Our Nation

Osyio (greetings) in the matchless name of Yeshua (Jesus), the Name above all names! We have experienced our first frost here in North Texas and a change of the season is upon us. A change in the seasons always comes and that is a good thing. The Lord tells us to rejoice and be glad in all of our days. Have you ever noticed that our lives are like seasons of the weather too? If you are going through a rough time of life right now I have good news for you....like the weather, a change is not only coming, but is inevitable! That is the hope we have as followers of the Jesus way!

I will share more on our hope later in this letter, but for now I want to focus on emotional healing within our nation.

Over five hundred years ago the Europeans viewed the First Nations people as obstacles to civilization, development and cultivation of this land. The total "genocide" of Native Americans was once considered a legitimate approach to solving the Indian problem and they were almost successful.

Rev. Richard Twiss (Rosebud Lakota/Sioux tribe), shares in his book *"One Church Many Tribes"* that conservative estimates of the pre-Columbus Indian population range from 10 to 12 million. If this is true, then the following facts are most disturbing:

1. By 1900 only 237,000 Native people were left in the USA.
2. Today we have close to 2 million self-declared Native Americans in the USA. And another 1.3 million living in Canada.
3. There are 561 federally recognized tribes or nations; 220 of those are in Alaska. Another 150 or so tribes are in the process of petitioning for federal recognition.
4. Approximately 200 Native tribes have become extinct.
5. According to the 1990 census, 23% of the Native population lives on reservations; 77% live in urban areas.
6. There are 250 different Native languages and dialects still spoken on a daily basis (Apache & Lakota are as different from Navajo & Mohawk as Norwegian is from Japanese)
7. The federal government recognizes 300 reservations (taking up less than 4% of the continental USA.) Nearly one-half of reservation populations are non-Indian.

The leaders of some Native nations have declared themselves Christian nations. However, of the 2 million self-declared Native Americans today, only three to five percent of them call themselves born again Christians!

What happened? Haven't we, the body of Christ, sent missionaries, evangelists, teachers, etc. to these people? Yes, we have, but we have used the same methods of evangelism for over 500 years and we are still expecting different results. Let's look at what Jesus said about following different methods in **Luke 9:46-50**: *"Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great." Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."*



When the first settlers came to this land they observed what they thought were demonic ceremonies by the Natives. Thanks to Replacement Theology (*Church replaced the Jews*): many of these earlier settlers were Old Testament ignorant. This ignorance prevented them from observing the Natives worshiping one Creator God just like the Jews. The Native American perspective is much closer to the ancient Hebrew understanding of all creation. They did not worship the animals – they ate them 😊

Today's Native American Christian leaders are on Jesus side. Euro-Americans may not understand their methods, but the good news is, these methods are working and our First Nations people are gaining hope! Hope for a life free from the bondage, free from hate and free to be the people they are – lovers of Creator God and all of His Creation. And they following the *Jesus Way*!



Fire Rainbow - Northern Idaho, June 3, 2006
Courtesy of Associated Press

Spiritual Growth

Seek to mature in the Spirit so that because of use, your senses have been trained to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14

The Jesus Way

The best example to explain the Jesus Way is found in what I use as my personal "life scripture." Jesus says in **John 10:10** "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"

First Nations people have suffered loss of land, dignity, self-respect, life and a way of living. This scripture is a picture Jesus has painted with his words – an abundant life. Now this is Good News!

Following the example of our Great Chief, we want to see all hurting people come to know and experience ultimate freedom and deliverance from the powers of darkness that still prevail in all of our communities through alcohol and drug abuse, incest, suicide, poverty and despair. There are dark and evil spirits that are stealing, killing and destroying our people every day. In addition, there are oppressive and unjust economic and political systems that continue to prolong dependency and control.



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Jesus tells us in **Mark 11:22-24** "...Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. NKJV Have faith and believe without a doubt and you will have what you have asked for. However, there are roadblocks to our receiving the abundant life that Great Chief talks about here. Let's go on and look closer at His words.

For complete healing to come; a pivotal principal must be adopted by all cultures in this nation. It is the principal of forgiveness. It is important to note that Jesus goes on to say "...when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins. **Mark 11:25-26 NLT**



Grandmother White Eagle

Do First Nations people have every right to be angry? Of course, but has this continued anger gained them anything in the last 500 years? Now who is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results? The path of holding grudges has always led to death. Think about this a moment, **un-forgiveness is cancer to the soul!**

Forgiveness is Life!

I personally know several Natives on one reservation that still do not speak English because of un-forgiveness they had in their hearts while growing up. However, thanks to Native ministries they have learned about the Jesus Way and are now reading (thru translators) newsletters like this one! This is the path to receiving healing and abundant life – **forgiveness**.

The path to forgiveness is a choice we make. How important is this choice? **Deuteronomy 30:19** tells us "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

Choose right now to forgive the ones who have hurt you. You can ask Great Chief for help and He will give you the inner strength you need. Healing and abundant life is forever available for those that choose to believe the Jesus Way!

God Bless!

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Merry Heart Does good like a medicine:

Vegetarian is an ancient tribal word meaning
Bad Hunter



From The Nations

A National Day of Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)

In 1941, Congress *permanently* established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember the original spirit of the oldest of all American holidays - gratefulness to Creator God.

No More Tears.

Living an eternity of no more tears is the Hope I spoke of on page one. This fact alone is worth thanking God for every day, not just the fourth Thursday of each November. **Revelation 21:1-5** NKJV says "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes**; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. *(emphasis mine)*.

Healing for the Nations

More good news from this book: **Revelation 22:1-3** says "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. *(emphasis mine)*

Let us encourage you with these final words. Your latter will be greater than your past which means your best is yet to come. Please receive the message of **"No More Tears"** as your Christmas blessing from White Eagle News.

During the Christmas Season this year you can also bless yourself by reading the book of Revelation. If the King James Version is too hard, find an easier version like the New Living Translation. Jesus tells us in Revelation 1:3 that **"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."**

We want to take this time to thank all of our partners and friends that make this newsletter possible, you are partners in the blessing:

May Creator God bless you and keep you; May He make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; May He turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen!



Merry Christmas

To enter the Blood Covenant

(To be Born Spiritually-from above)

If you would like to make the wonderful decision to follow the Jesus Way, simply pray this prayer: Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to **Romans 10:9-10**. "For if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**" I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

Lord Jesus, fill me now with the power of your Holy Spirit as your word says in Acts 1:8, and I will never be the same, in Jesus's Mighty Name. AMEN!

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