Osiyo (greetings) in the priceless name of our Risen Lord! Spring is almost upon us and what better time to observe and celebrate new life that the season brings. For those of you that are following the Jesus way let this serve as a reminder of the power we have already operating inside us.

Ephesians 3:20 tells us “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (emphasis-cb). Notice this verse says God can do things exceeding abundantly above all that we ask according to something. That something is the power in us! Yes, the power that raised Christ from the dead was placed inside of you when you became a believer!

In the last newsletter I touched on the topic of our authority in Christ by sharing that we are already blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3). We have already been given everything we need by the work of the cross, yet many believers are still begging God to do something. This was a strong message and one in which I expected to hear some complaints. However, the opposite has come about.

The number of people downloading this newsletter from our website more than doubled last month! We do no advertising or networking. This is new people being led to our site by the Holy Spirit! Why is the number of people downloading this newsletter surprising? Many leaders in the Body of Christ today believe we are about to enter a great door that will allow us to function as the Glorious Church described in Ephesians 5:27.

This is the year of open door and we must know and operate in our authority as we enter the end of days (as we know them) before Jesus comes back.

In her partner newsletter, Sister Billye Brim, a highly respected teacher on End-Time events shared a poem on our authority which we are including here. She quotes John A. MacMillian as saying “Let us often remind ourselves that we are seated far above all the powers of the air, and that they are in subjection to us. As our faith learns to use the Name and Authority of Jesus, we shall find the spiritual forces yielding obedience in ways that will surprise us.” (emphasis-cb)

Remember, doors that were shut before will be opened and doors that we could not shut on the devils ways will surprisingly shut! In the last month alone I have seen these surprises in our ministry. From witnessing to atheist in Honduras to encouraging military and other chaplains, God is opening doors to send His glory, His outpouring, and the revival that brings in a bountiful harvest!

More than ever before let me encourage you to stay in the Word. The enemy knows his days are numbered and will do everything in his power to stop this move of God. When we know our authority we can take our place far above him and stop his maneuvers!

Authority

When mountain walls confront the way.
Why sit and weep? Arise and say
"Be thou removed!” and they shall be
By the power of God cast in the sea

All power on earth, all power in heaven,
To Christ, the Son of God, is given;
And from the throne He will endue,
And hindrances will flee from you.

O'er all the power of fiend and man
Say through the Lord, “I surely can”;
Take from Him power on earth to tread
On serpent's sting, on dragon’s head.

Whate'er thou art, O mountain high,
Where'er thou art, in earth or sky,
Whene'er thou art, truth is the same,
"Be thou removed, in Jesus name."

"Be thou removed!” Faith bids thee start
For yonder see-aris! Depart!
I may, I can, I must, I will,
The purpose of my God fulfill.

Anonymous
If we exorcise our authority in Christ Jesus we can be in command of all situations of our life. This is a bold statement, especially if your focus has been on the “glass half empty” side of your salvation.

In all “camps” of beliefs and denominations I am still hearing folks say with a sad look on their face: “I’m just an old sinner saved by grace”. Yes, I was an old sinner, and yes I was saved by grace through faith (don’t leave that “f” word out), but now... The word “but,” just wiped out the words previously spoken. I was an old sinner, I was saved by grace through faith, but now I am the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The glass half empty Christian (pessimistic) will focus on being saved by grace alone. Scripture tells us in Ephesians 2:8 that we are saved by grace through faith. By faith the glass half full Christian (optimistic) will focus on the new creation inside them (2 Corinthians 5:17), which will lead them to understanding their right standing with God. If you focus on your righteousness in Him, you will become more holy by accident than you ever could on purpose! The more we know who we are in Christ (abiding in His word), the easier it will be to exorcise our authority right now in this life.

Focus! Anyone that rides a motorcycle knows that where his or her eyes go – the bike goes. Once on an old narrow back road in North Texas we turned on to a road with potholes - too many for a bike to safely pass without great concentration. If the biker focuses or only looks at the holes in the ground the bike will hit the hole. If the biker focuses on the small sliver of pavement between the holes – the bike will safely pass through the dangerous area. The difference between life and death can be our “focus”.

If we focus our attention on sin and always look back at the sinner we once were, then the temptation to “fall” into that sin will be like the biker who looks at the hole. Eventually you will fall. That is why we must train ourselves to focus on our right standing In Him. Focus on your authority in Christ and become the commander in God’s army that you are called to be!

Understanding and using our authority is the key to seeing miracles happen. Brother Andrew Wommack says it like this “If we don’t take our authority and become commanders instead of beggars, God’s power will not be released. There needs to be a radical renewing of our thinking on this issue.

Focus on your authority and be the Commander you are called to be!

Prayer for our readers: (from Eph 1:17-20) May Creator give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. May He open the eyes of your understanding that you may know what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

Life is about choices:
The Feather of Unity

Most of our readers know about the problems our brother, Robert Soto of McAllen, Texas, has had with the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and their confiscation of his eagle feathers.

Pastor Soto is a member of the Lipan Apache tribe. This tribe is not Federally recognized and according to the 1978-79 Freedom of Native American Religious Act only Federally recognized tribal members may own eagle feathers. The eagle represents the “link” between Creator God and man. An eagle feather is given to people who have proven themselves worthy of this link to Creator in actions and character. For Pastor Soto and other Native Christian ministers these feathers give them creditability among the unbelieving First Nations tribes. Among other things, it is a “tool” of ministry.

Federally recognized Tribes sometimes are envious of Indians of State recognized Tribes. Some are very protective of their “status”. This is very understandable. There a lot of “wanna-bees” who may be of “Indian blood” but have not been “Indian” all their lives either by association, language or family traditions. Many of the “wanna-bees” are only after “them benefits” which is sad and not the Native way! The Native way is in giving - not receiving! Brother John GrosVenor and other Native Christian leaders are calling all Indians, Federally recognized and State recognized to stop this jealousy and rivalry and work together.

This ministry is now asking the “Church” to get involved. Brother GrosVenor says it best: “IF you love Indians, then support Indian issues: land, language, sovereignty, treaties and yes, unity among Indians. For if a State recognized Tribal member is caught with eagle feathers, he/she is fined and could go to Federal prison. Get hold of your Senators and Congressmen/women and get that law changed to include "any Indian of any Tribe" to possess eagle feathers!”

Thank you Brother GrosVenor! And thanks to our readers that will get involved in this issue by contacting their elected Senators and men and women in Congress!

A Ministry of Faith

Many years ago when the first Europeans came to America to "evangelize" the Natives, they came with religious bias and ignorance (lacking knowledge). Their message was based on the premise that there must be a cultural or outward change before a person could come to the Father in Heaven. The results were and continue to be devastating as very few First Nations people have come to Christ.

This ministry and others have a simple message: that God loves you just as you are. He loves you the way he created you and does not require that change your culture before you can receive the free gift of His salvation through Jesus Christ. Our message, based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, does not demand a change of culture, but a change of heart and by faith, the receiving of Christ’s forgiveness and the work of the Holy Spirit. We focus on keeping the main thing - the main thing - Amen!

Merry Heart does good like Medicine

When the Europeans first came to America they found the Indians had no taxes; no debt; plenty of buffalo; medicine men were free and the women were doing all the work – and they thought they could improve on that system!

To enter the Blood Covenant

(To follow the Jesus Way)

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 Rom. 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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