



# THE WORD OF FAITH

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## Made Alive!

Notice that after Jesus arose from the dead when Mary saw Him at the tomb, as recorded in John 20, He said to her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father..." He then gave her a word to take to the disciples whom He called His brethren. He told her to tell them, "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (Verse 17).

Then notice that a few days later, as is recorded in Luke 24, when Jesus appeared to the disciples and they thought they were seeing ghosts, or spirits, Jesus said to them, "...Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Verse 39).

To Mary He said, "Touch me not." But later to the disciples He said, "Handle me."

When Mary saw Him, He was on His way to ascend to the Father. This ascension was not the ascension He later made when He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, where He is now seated. First, He had to ascend to enter into the heavenly holy of holies as is recorded in Hebrews 9.

He entered into the heavenly holy of holies with His own blood once and for all to obtain an eternal redemption for us. He does not ever have to do that again. His ascension and seating at the right hand of the Father where "He ever liveth to make intercession" for us, is a continuing thing. (See Heb. 7:25.) He is still there--He ever lives

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EPH. 2:4-5

to make intercession--He continues to do that. But He does not continue to enter into the heavenly holy of holies to obtain eternal redemption for us. He did that once, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12).

So then, as we put the scriptures together, we see that when Mary saw Him, He was on His way to enter into the heavenly holy of holies, for He said, "I ascend unto my Father..."

In the Old Covenant, we see a picture: a type is represented there. The high priest would enter into the holy of holies once a year with the blood of bulls and goats, or innocent animals slain for the atonement of the people;

for their sins. He entered only under great precaution. He had to go through certain processes before he could enter. And if anyone else who had not been consecrated intruded into that place, he fell dead. Through this Old Testament picture we can see a little into why Jesus said to Mary, "Don't touch me." And then after He had ascended why it was then all right to touch Him.

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

God has quickened us--made us alive--together with Christ! Jesus died as our substitute. Him who knew no sin was made to be sin. He took upon Himself our sin nature--and He died. He was separated and cut off from God. He went down into the prison house of suffering in our place. He was there three days and nights. Then God raised Him from the dead. Now not only was He physically resurrected, His body resurrected--but His Spirit was made alive unto God

again. He had died spiritually. He took upon Himself spiritual death--for us. And He is the first one who was ever born again--His new birth is our new birth! We were made alive together with Him!

ACTS 13:30-33

30 But God raised him from the dead:  
31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Paul is preaching here in Acts about the same thing which he wrote to the Ephesians. What day was it that God said, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee"? It was the day He raised Him up from the dead. It was that day that Jesus was begotten of God. After all, when Jesus was born from the natural standpoint, His physical birth, all He did then was to take upon Himself flesh. He existed with the Father from the beginning.

JOHN 1:1-2, 14a

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us....

Paul states that the prophecy in the Second Psalm, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (verse 7) refers to the day Jesus was raised from the dead.

Why did Jesus have to be begotten, or born again? Why did He have to be quickened or made alive in spirit? It was because He had taken upon Himself not our sins, necessarily, but He was made to be our sin, our sin nature, spiritual death. He died spiritually.

Now that does not mean He ceased to exist, spiritually or

any other way. You cannot follow dictionary definitions of some words and understand the Bible. The dictionary definition of the word "death" for instance is the cessation of life. But death never means that in the Bible. Looking at it from the natural standpoint, as we see someone die physically we see the body lifeless. But the Bible speaks of some people being dead while they are living. And too, the Bible teaches that when physical death comes, people do not cease to exist.

COLOSSIANS 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

This is not just talking about the physical resurrection, although He is the first born of the body, but He is the first born spiritually. And Ephesians 2: 5 says that we were "quickened", or raised, together with Him! When Jesus was raised up--we were raised up!

In the mind of God, legally speaking, it was when Jesus was quickened and made alive, that we were recreated. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus...." (Eph. 2:10). It becomes a vital reality in our lives when we are individually born again. But in the mind of God, that is when it happened.

Jesus was justified in spirit and declared righteous. And when He was declared righteous we are declared righteous.

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Having been made righteous, having conquered Satan, stripping Satan of his authority, Jesus arose from the dead. He had to appear first in the presence of God for us. And the Supreme Court of the Universe, so to speak, put the seal of approval

on His work for us. What Jesus did is all marked down to our credit, because He did it as our substitute. It is ours--whether we ever enjoy it or not.

We might wonder sometimes about why God doesn't do certain things, or why He permits others, or why He doesn't do something about the devil. Well, He has done all He is going to do for the time being.

I JOHN 4:1,4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

When he says, "Ye have overcome 'them'" who is he talking about? "Them" refers to these spirits. God's Word says that we have overcome them. Jesus' victory is our victory! What He did, He did not do for Himself--He did it for us! He died as our substitute. He arose victorious over Satan, overcoming him and stripping him of his authority. When Jesus did it back there--it was all marked up to our credit. God wrote it down as though we did it and that is why John said, "Ye...have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." He overcame them back there--and now He is living in you! And the One who is in you is greater than these evil spirits in the world. How in the world can they overcome us?

Paul said the same thing, "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27). Don't give the devil any place in you in other words.

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Well, we must have the authority and victory in order to be able to keep the devil from doing anything. Because of Jesus' victory we don't have to give the devil any place in us.

The Bible itself talks about the devil in the last days. He will go about doing his work because he knows his time is short. But regardless of what the devil knows, or does not know, the important thing is what you know! Let us know that Jesus, when He was raised up, overcame Satan. He stripped him of his authority. And when Jesus did ascend on High to sit down at the right hand of Majesty, the Bible says that He has made us to sit!

**EPHESIANS 2:4-6**

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Not only were we raised with Him, not only were we quickened

with Him--but we were seated with Him! We are seated with Him at the right hand of Majesty on High! Praise God!

Now we are not physically seated there; physically we are here. But that means that "positionally" in Christ, we are there with Him. We are identified with Him. And being seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father in heavenly places--that is the place where we should live! Set your affections on things above!

I am convinced that we miss it in our Christian experience because we do not go on with the Lord. Certainly we need to go to Calvary--but we do not need to live there. We need to go on to Pentecost--but we do not need to stop there. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is just the door--just the entrance into a life in the Spirit! We need to take our place with Christ at the right hand of the Father at the place of victory and in the place of deliverance!



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--THE FOLLOWING WORD FROM THE LORD GIVES INSIGHT INTO THE HEART OF SUCH A FATHER WHO SO LOVED, THAT HE GAVE...BECAUSE OF THAT LOVE WE CAN LIVE AND ENJOY PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM--

Yea, I am thy heavenly Father; and I care for My own.

And you can, as a little child, exercise confidence and faith in Me as your Father God, One who loves His own. Thou shalt enjoy My mercies from everlasting to everlasting. And thou shalt walk in the richest fellowship with thy Father.

Yea, thou shalt come to know Him, even as thou dost an earthly Father--and even beyond that which ye know in the natural. Thou shalt come into His presence with thanksgiving; thou shalt enter into His gates with praise; Yea, thou shalt come into His very throne room.

Others are afraid to approach unto Him, for they are fearful. Yea, but thou art not afraid to open the door, and to enter into the very throne room; for it is your Father who sits upon the throne.

He invites you to come, so you should come with a spirit of gladness, in a spirit of boldness.

Say, "Father, Father, oh I love Thee. May I stay a moment to visit with thee? No, I have no needs. I have no requests to ask of thee, for Thou art such a wonderful Father that Thou hast made all provision for me. But I just wanted to hang around the throne for awhile to be near You. I wanted to tell you how much I love You. I want to tell you how much I appreciate You, so Your heart will be blessed."

And the heart of the Father shall be made glad--He rejoices in His own.

My sons and my daughters, run not away from Me, but come into My very presence. Yea, into the very throne room where love gifts are given so lavishly.

Even as a natural parent would say unto his children, "Jim, come. Sit down and visit with me. Mary, come. Let's talk over the affairs of the day," as a natural parent would enjoy the fellowship of his or her children, so I enjoy the fellowship of My children. I invite you to come. Dost thou need healing? Yea, I am the Healing One. Dost thou need comfort? Yea, I am He who comforts. Dost thou need help? I am the Helper. Dost thou need grace? I am the Gracious One. I have invited you to come boldly to the throne that you may obtain mercy and find grace in the time of need.

And thou shalt become acquainted with Him, thy heavenly Father, and thou shalt come to know Him, until thou shalt say, "Oh, my Father, Thou art entirely different than I thought. Oh, Love of God, I've sung about it, I've rejoiced in it, but now I have come to know the Love of God. Yea, I have come to know His heart; and His heart and my heart shall beat as one. I'll walk in unity and fellowship with Him; and the mind of God shall be my mind..."

## CRUSADE SCHEDULE

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Sunday, Mar. 31 2:30 pm

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Washington Jr. High School Auditorium

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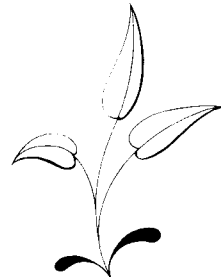
Dr. Yeoman concludes her FOREWORD to this book by saying, "The heart cry of people is still, 'Sir, we would see Jesus' (John 12:21)... Jesus saving, Jesus healing, Jesus baptizing, Jesus coming in the clouds...when they see Him they will run toward Him. That this little book may be used to help them to see Him as the 'Healer of every sickness,' the Great Physician, is the earnest prayer of the writer."

Most of you know how highly Kenneth Hagin esteems Miss Yeoman's books. The Lord brought them to his attention in his early ministry and he has often stated that he regards them as some of the best on faith and healing. Not long ago these books, which had been out of print, were made available for us to share with you. So many of you requested the first two books and we know they were a blessing to you. This month we are happy to send THE GREAT PHYSICIAN to those sending any offering and requesting the book by title.

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