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# First Light Herald

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## The Blessing

The more we study on the blessing of God somewhere along the way we see things about the blessing in ways we haven't seen before. In a greater degree faith will spring forth unconsciously. Some folks have this idea about faith that somehow they can "feel" faith and they know when faith is present. No! Faith isn't a feeling, faith isn't an emotion. We can have the emotion of fear going on in us and still have faith operating. A couple

examples in the New Testament are the centurion with his servant home sick near unto death and the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years. Jesus had to tell the centurion his servant was healed and tell the woman her faith had made her whole. The woman with the issue of blood certainly had some fear going on as she was breaking the law to touch a man while in her condition. They were both operating in faith believing and it was Jesus that had to tell them that it was their faith because they were tactically and emotionally unaware.

So as we hear the word of God taught, faith is reaching out and manifesting the word in your life. We can hear the word of God preached and know or perceive something in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts will come out our mouths. So the more we study on the blessing of God the greater the opportunity for faith to operate in our lives.

*Eph. 1:3-4. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ".*

We have already been blessed!

Where? In heavenly places in Christ. Many believers don't understand what "in Christ" means, they just receive it as a cliché; just a phrase. 'In Christ' is referring to where God sees us. God put us "in Christ" when Jesus was on the cross. I am crucified with Christ and I am dead with Christ, I died with him. Then I was raised with Him far above all principalities and powers, above every name that can be named, above every sickness and every disease, in heavenly places.

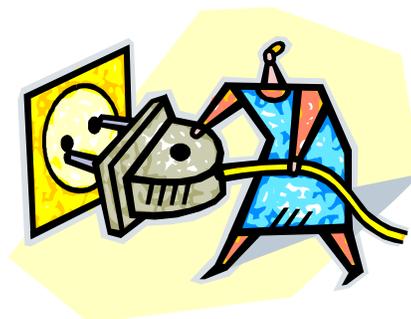
Where is Christ Jesus? At the Father's right hand.

Where are we? In Christ.

We should never talk to satan as an equal entity! He is under our feet defeated!

We should never talk to God as some far away ruler that is "up there" above us somewhere. He is ever present with us and we are equal with Him because He made us that way in Christ.

In Christ there is no condemnation! Then someone says to me, "Jeff I still sin you



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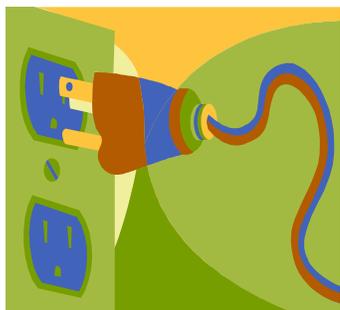
- *We ask for your prayers for an ongoing work Jeff is doing in N. New Mexico. We continue to believe for divine appointments, wisdom, and clear direction as he does this new work.*
- *I covet your prayers as I'm teaching a new Russian Ladies' bible study with women who have never opened a bible or stepped into a church! It's exciting work, and I need God's clear direction.*

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know, how can there be no condemnation for me?" You sin, Christ was condemned, whose sin was He condemned for on the cross? His own? He had none! He was cursed and condemned for our sin. Was your sin paid for? Yes! We in Christ should never receive condemnation because all condemnation was taken by Jesus the Christ. So, now we can believe that there is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ. As Christ is so are we in this world, wherever Christ is you are as far as God is concerned. Whatever Christ has you have, whatever He inherits you possess.

*Eph 1:3-4 "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in Love".*

Before anything was, God's plan was to have a blameless people holy before him because of Him being Love. That Love can only be found in Christ. "You see Jeff right there we must live without sin to be holy before God." Wrong, if we say we have no sin we make God a liar. Sin has been dealt with forever!

*Deut. 28:1-3 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God shall set you on high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you because you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the country..."*

Jesus diligently obeyed the voice of the Lord. It was Jesus that carefully observed all the commandments. And because Jesus did all this, all these blessings are on us. Overtaking us because of Jesus! You ask any evangelical Christian today, "How can you be blessed by God? They will answer, "Obey God and keep His commandments." Obedience is important but that is not the right answer. The New Covenant way of being blessed is not obeying God. If you can be blessed by obeying God you don't need Jesus! You asked the same person, "How can you be cursed?" They will answer, "By disobeying God. That's not the right answer either, if you can be cursed by disobeying God, Jesus did not accomplish what He was sent to accomplish. You are cursed by living by the works of the law.

The blessing is not in the city nor is it in the country. It is not on your storehouse, the blessing is on you because of being in Christ. The blessing is not on your job or your location, the blessing is on you where ever you are!

Where is the first place in Deut. 28:1-3 that the blessing affected Jesus Christ? He, God, will set you on high above all nations of the earth. That is referring to our position in Christ first then in heavenly places all those blessings come upon you.

*2 Cor.1:19-20 "For all the promises of God are yes and amen to the glory of God through us. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, by me Paul, Silvanus and Timothy was not yes and no but IN HIM was yes"!*

*Gal.3:13 "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us, (for it is written cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree.)"*

*Deut. 28:21-22 "The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. ("The Lord will make" is not a causative phrase it is a permissive phrase meaning He will allow the plague to come on Jesus.) The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, severe burning fever, the sword with scorching with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish". (All this God allowed to happen to Jesus on the cross) Deut. 28:20 "The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do".*

The words: Curse, means = bitterly cursed, confusion = tumult, confusion turmoil of an uneasy mind, disquietude panic. (All this happened to Jesus so we can live free of all of this.)



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Long before there is a fever or sickness there is a condition of an uneasy mind.

Rebuke = to condemn

Long before you have a fever or sickness or disease you have a sense of condemnation in what you have set your hand to do. You have a sense that God is not happy with you, you are not doing things right, you can't do anything right, you are a failure. Watch out! It is beginning to sound like you are living by the works of the law and the curse is on its way. But allow the mind of Christ to operate in you by faith **in His word**. His promises are yes and amen now to those of us that are in Christ.

*Isaiah 54:9 God says He will never rebuke you! Rebuke in this verse is the same word as in Deut. 28 meaning condemn, so God is saying to us He will never condemn those in Christ.*

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God prophesies of opening up His good treasure to Jesus Christ in *Deut. 28:12-13* "The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the works of your hands, you will lend and not borrow". This was fulfilled in Matthew 3:16-17 The heavens were opened to Him, Jesus. We need to understand that this is not only water from the heavens or the sky but the word of God by the Spirit of God as well. The word of God has many facets, never only one meaning. We must get this "rain" as believers don't you think?

*Deut. 32:2 "Let my teaching be as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass".*

God's word-His teaching is like this rain! You have the faith you need to only believe when you hear His word taught or preached. His promises are yes and amen!

*Matthew 3:16-17 "And suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."* This is that rain...My beloved Son, IN WHOM I am well pleased". We are the, "IN WHOM" We are accepted, "IN THE BELOVED!" As soon as we are IN HIM we are IN WHOM God is well pleased.

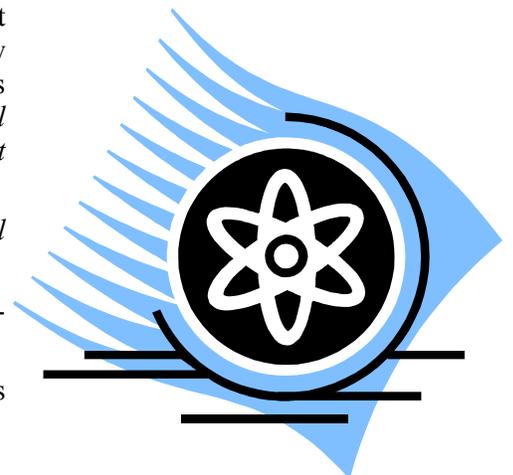
Jesus never performed any miracle until He knew He was God's beloved. Jesus didn't go into the wilderness to defeat the devil until He knew He was God's beloved. Jesus had received the rain when the heavens were opened unto Him. We are in Him as He is so are we in this world.

I won't take the time to go into this very far but most of you know that Boaz is a type and shadow of Christ our redeemer, and Ruth a type and shadow of the body of Christ that was redeemed by Boaz. Ruth's mother-in-law says to Ruth as she is worrying about things taking too long, *Ruth 3:18 "Sit still until you know how the matter will turn out, for the man (Boaz) will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day".*

*Psalms 91:1 "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide..."*

The word (dwells-means- *sit still*) (secret place- means *covers*) (Most High-means-*places in the heavenlies*.)

Here is some rain for your faith to meditate on so it can manifest God's promises in your life. Remember; Faith needs God's word!



## Faith Towards God



The time is coming and is really upon us now that we believers are going to HAVE to believe. Most of us have been living off the prosperity overflow of past generations. They believed God's word, acted upon it and we reaped the benefits. Understanding the times we are in can seem like a daunting task, but if one takes the time to really get alone with God on a regular basis it is quite doable.

When I am faced with a humongous challenge to my faith I am tempted to say, "Why me"? The truth is that the reason the tests seem so hard is that the devil is trying Christ. He is so spiritually dead he doesn't know that we see ourselves as weaklings. He *knows* that he was defeated at the cross, but doesn't even understand that. He *saw* the Lord come back from the dead. He *saw* the Lord give assignments to his disciples. He *heard* the Lord say, "All power is given unto me." He also *hears* the word spoken with power in various places on the planet. He's trying the Christ in us. It isn't until we open our blab mouths and say, "I can't" or "I give up" or "Why me?" that he *senses* our defeat. He uses the power of life and death in our own mouths to defeat us. When we should be walking in Christ as new creations, just like the Lord, full of power we chose to lay down and play dead. (And not in a good way.)

Let's get back in Christ in our thinking. How many times did Yeshua/Jesus take up offerings or beg for money? We're told that he was poverty stricken. I used to buy this junk until I started really reading the word for myself. Did you know that Jesus had his own home?

*John 1 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.*

Not only did the Lord have a home, but it was *his* home that the four men pulled up the tiling and let down the paralyzed guy for healing. The Lord was well off enough to be unconcerned about replacing the roof on his home.

The bible does tell us that he was made poor so we could be made rich. Considering the streets are made of purest gold in heaven I'd say the Lord did suffer poverty for us. He went through the suffering of donning human flesh and that is a quite a step down from the heavenly home he held before he was manifested in flesh.

Today the Lord has inherited all of earth, the heavenlies and the handiworks of God. He owns everything we see and things we don't see. We are co-inheritors of all he has been given. It's a shame we don't act like it. We fret and worry the second we hear some negative report. The Lord didn't even flinch when he handed Judas his purse strings and he knew he was a thief. That is someone who has confidence in his financial standing in spite of the circumstances surrounding him. His faith was in God's willingness to provide for him as he did his Father's will.

Our confidence is low because of condemnation. The adversary has us so tied up in knots fearing we have to DO something to believe God. Our first priority is to believe in Jesus. Most of us aren't even past that yet. God surely isn't expecting us to answer calculus questions when we haven't even passed basic arithmetic? We've come to the place where we're so carnally minded or so self aware and condemned that we can't believe beyond the most rudimentary concepts of faith.

Faith isn't just saying, "Yes I agree with Mark 16". Faith is acting on the word. We can't continue to stay in a welfare worldly mentality. We shouldn't expect the world to care for us. We shouldn't spend all our time using our brains to figure out our next step. Our reliance should be on what God has said in His word and acting upon it. We have to quit seeing ourselves as the woman with the issue of blood and see ourselves as the one wearing the robes she touched. We are IN CHRIST.

Did you know that you can "COME BOLDLY" before God and obtain what you need? Did you know that you can have "CONFIDENCE" that you'll receive what you pray for?

God's provision for us is "in Christ". The Lord is seated on the right hand of God Almighty (our FATHER). He isn't

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concerned with our lives as he knows he has access to whatever we need to get the job here on earth done. He tells us what to do and we're supposed to be like the centurion who said, "I am a man under authority. I say to one man "GO" and he goes. I say to another "DO" and he does". We are under the authority of the Lord of Glory. He is our LORD. Lordship is something we really need to meditate upon so we will understand the benefits it brings us.

The answer for we the Body of Christ is to be honest and admit we're terrified of thinking we can do a single thing for God or that He is expecting us to. Good, that's a beginning. Now we need to acknowledge that the Lord did it all. Ok, last but not least we need to realize that our confidence is in the Lord and not in ourselves. Yeshua/Jesus **NEVER** said, "These signs will follow those who believe. They shall lay hands on the sick and they will be responsible for whether or not they recover." He simply said believers will lay hands on the sick-God's part was the recovery. He said, "They will speak with new tongues". Unless you're a mocker and pretend you're speaking in tongues you can't even manifest this one without God. It is the Holy Spirit who gives utterance. All we must do is open our mouths and begin to speak.

God isn't expecting a single one of us to do a single thing **BUT** believe. Believing is trusting that what He said is true. It is believing enough to act on whatever we read in the word or hear from the Father. What God asks of us is never based upon our natural ability or talents. Believing is from the spirit. Even the faith it takes to call upon the name of the Lord belonged to God in the first place. All we have to do is rest in what God has said. If God said it **HE** has to make to good. God **CANNOT** lie! It is impossible for Him to lie! Fear not, believe **ONLY** (in Christ)!



## Another Testimony



I was told by one of our readers that we needed to include more stories of God's divine provision. I know how my faith grows when I read similar stories in the bible so I will include another of ours for you.

Jeff and I were taking our 27 ft. Avion trailer, our Suburban and our dog to Abilene for our monthly ministry there. Jeff had mentioned going to a certain fast food restaurant that I really didn't like. I didn't say anything to him, but I did tell God I'd prefer Mexican food and "Taco Villa" came to mind. I let the thought go. We were headed to Midland and then onto Abilene. For some reason Jeff decided to stop at Taco Villa rather than the popular hamburger joint (Yeah). At that time Jeff only had \$4.00 in his wallet. We had a small amount of money in our checking account, so I ordered lunch and used the debit card. Knowing we are doing what God asks Jeff always has complete confidence in His provision. I was blissfully ignorant (at that moment) of our situation. In my mind Jeff just always has what we need to do God's work. After spending around \$8.00 for lunch (we stayed in the car to eat as we had our dog with us) I told Jeff I needed to use the restroom. When I had washed my hands and returned to the car, Jeff decided to do likewise. He wanted to use the facilities, clean up and refill his Coke. As he exited the restaurant he was holding his Coke over his head yelling. He was shouting something and then he crushed his Coke cup spilling its contents on his arm and all over his shoes.

Jeff was so excited I could barely make out what he was saying. He told me he had gone into the bathroom and after washing his hands went to throw the paper towel in the trash can. On the top of the trash can was a neatly folded wad of cash. He unrolled the wad and found four twenty dollar bills! His first thought was to run back into the restaurant and see if the man who had left it there was to be found. On that particular day there wasn't a single man

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in the premises. Even the employees were ALL women. The money Jeff found was just enough to get us to Abilene and make the stay pleasant.

Over the years I've come to really depend upon Matthew 6:33 for natural provision. I've always had a special gift of faith for things. I just refuse to think in terms of poverty. The more I learn about the Lord, the more I realize how my faith is supposed to work. I'm a woman and a wife so God asks different things of me than He does of Jeff. I know if I'm doing what I'm supposed to do; God uses Jeff as my provision. I walk in righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit and all the stuff that the world pursues is added to me. Jeff knows that if He is doing what God asks of him, He provides all we need. What does God ask of Jeff? "Believe only".



There is nothing as exciting as putting my faith to the test. We are tithers FIRST of all. We don't steal from God and then expect to go to Him for provision. That is stupid. God is a good Father and His ways are wrapped in the simplicity of Christ. The more we know what we have in Christ, the better we are at tapping into the divine nature available in Christ. The more we focus on the righteousness we've been MADE in Christ, the easier it is for God to ADD the things we need to our lives. All we have to do is keep our eyes on Him and not turn around to see HOW the stuff was added. Our part is to seek the kingdom of God; righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit or IN CHRIST. God's part is to add the things we need to our lives. We don't have to know the hows or the wheres, but just the kingdom and the righteousness we are in Christ.

I trust this little miracle helps you the next time you get in a tight spot. The word works for whosoever believeth so that means it can work for YOU!

## Fall Forward



I really hate falling. I don't know about anybody else on the planet, but I really hate falling flat on my face. I don't like failure, I don't like making mistakes, I don't like losing my cool, I don't like blowing it. With all that said the reality of it all is that I fall on a regular basis.

I catch myself getting angry at inconsiderate drivers, disobedient pets, and at a bunch of other things that I prefer not to mention because I KNOW that it's all under the blood.

I'm really glad that God the Father is on the throne. I'm glad because I've been told (on good authority) that I can come BOLDLY to His throne to obtain MERCY and GRACE to help in time of need. There is no greater time of need in my life than when I fall flat on my face and skin my soulful self.

*Hebrews {4:15} For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin. {4:16} Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Every single human on the planet is tempted the same way, so I share these thoughts with you because I know you're tempted just like I am. The really great thing is that the Lord was tempted just like we are (IN

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ALL ASPECTS) but he remained without sin. When he cleared the temple he wasn't having a temper tantrum. He was following the instructions of the Father. He never said or did anything based on his own feelings. Oh he was tempted in the emotion realm, but he never succumbed to the tempter! That's a really good thing!

It can be very tough to teach or share spiritual things when you've just had a fall. Even though your husband is the only other human on the planet to see you fly off the handle, it's still not easy to stand in front of women and share the word after such immature behavior. It's not easy to sit down and let the Lord flow through my fingertips after falling for the umpteenth time. But God and His grace is all about the fallen human. Praise be to our God!

When it comes right down to the basics of our faith, it's about faith towards God, not our achievements or lack of such. **He** does the work in us that He wants done. We are only asked to believe.

*Philippians {2:13} For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.*

When you fail, when you fall the only thing you have to do is fall into God's loving hands. Fall forward and don't look back. Fall into the second chance, or like me the umpteenth chance. God's mercy and compassion is new EVERY morning! We get a clean slate every morning.

*Lamentations {3:22 [It is of] the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. {3:23} [They are] new every morning: great [is] thy faithfulness.*

Every one of our sins was dealt with at the cross. Some teach that only the sin that we confessed is under the blood, but if the Lord paid for our sin BEFORE the foundation of time didn't he see ALL our sin? There are sins we've committed that we are totally unaware of. To expect to be able to confess them all makes salvation a work of the flesh rather than simply believing in Christ and his holiness and work of righteousness. Righteousness isn't something that the new creation in Christ Jesus walks in and out of. Condemnation is the only reason for confession. It keeps the adversary off our backs and out of our heads. If our forgetfulness could cause us to be unrighteous, we are more powerful than the blood of Yeshua/Jesus. God forbid.

I have to remember these things and so I'll remind you. God is love and love NEVER fails!

The key to our success every single day is to keep our minds stayed on HIM and off ourselves. Face it, we're going to fail, sin, fall, blunder, blow it, slip, foul up, get it wrong, blow our cool, make a wrong step, stagger and make a general mess of things. God came to save the sinner not congratulate the achiever.

I'm so glad it's about His glory and now mine. I'd be in a constant state of work and never resting. I'm going to rest in HIM for the times I fall flat on my face. Even when I do everything right in my own sight, it could be a total 180 degrees from what God wants. BUT if I rest in Christ and his finished work, I am told I can come boldly to the throne of grace to get just that, GRACE!

Thanks be to God we don't have to measure up to some imaginary standard, we do measure up IN CHRIST!



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## Jeff's May 2009 Schedule

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