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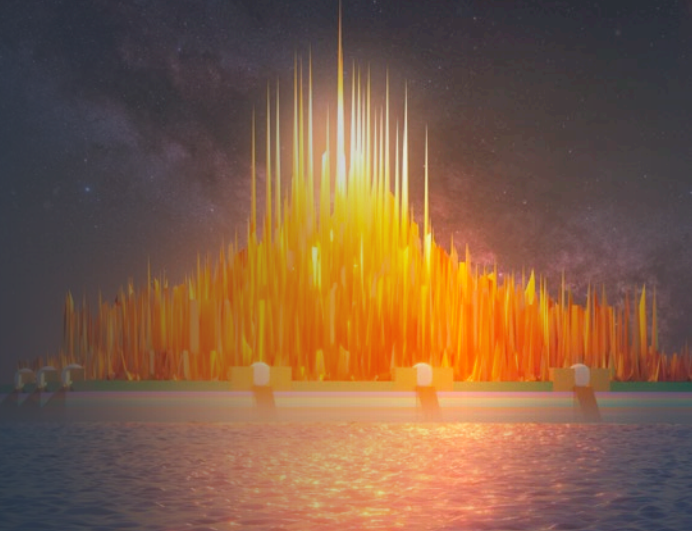
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Citizenship of the New Jerusalem, Who are they?



By Apostle GT Mullings

It is written our citizenship is in heaven from whence we look for the saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ who shall change our vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.

According to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself, Philippians 3:20 and 21. When the son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory, then the King shall say to them on his right hand, come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 25: 31 and 34) In the parable of Christ from Matthew 25:31-34 the shepherd likened his followers to sheep and goats so it is the sheep that will be on his right hand.

In God's master plan, he set two ways before us, life and good, death and evil, He said choose life that you might live, and Christ Jesus in preaching says straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to eternal life, and few will find it. Because broad is the road that leads to destruction and many go there.

As pilgrims on the earth we have a dual citizenship for the heavenly, we have to be born again of the spirit of God to get God's DNA. Our Lord told Nicodemus you cannot see nor enter the kingdom unless you are born of the spirit. And again it is written, flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, only those who are doing God's Will, will be changed from mortal to immortality.

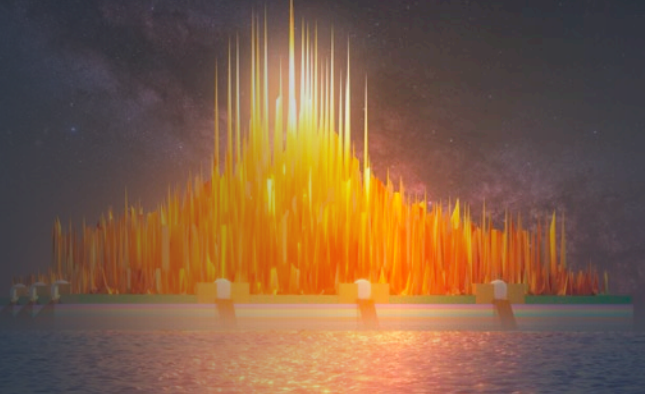
As it is written, this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruption shall put on incorruption, then shall be bought to pass, this saying death is swallowed up into victory, oh death where is thy sting, oh grave where is thy victory. The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ.

The fall and rise of Adam

After the fall of Adam God told him the things that would befall him, and his posterity that in the sweat of his brow, he would eat bread and would return to the earth from which he was taken. But dust you are and dust you shall return.

God also clothed Adam and Eve his wife with skin, thus a lamb was slain for atonement and for their clothing. A true token of the blood of the Messiah. God's plan for the redemption of Adam was prepared from the foundation. Adam understood what was done, and it seems as if Adam was thinking what should he do next. Why God then makes this statement, 'now the man has become as one of us to know good and evil, lest he stretch forth his hand and take of the tree of life and live for ever, let's get him out of the garden' so he drove out the man and placed cherubim with flaming swords to guard the way of the tree of life.

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So Adam was thrown out the garden, with the hope of eternal life which God who cannot lie had promised him and his posterity. Adam believed the promise of the Messiah's death and resurrection.

Adam taught his children of the hope that was in the blood of the Messiah, So Able offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cane. Able's offer speaks of the death of Christ atoning for our sins. Now it is written, the first Adam was made a living soul and the last Adam was made a quickening or life giving spirit. And if he bore the image of the earthly we will bear the image of the heavenly.

So then we see that God's master plan and purpose was set up in the blood of Christ and no one can change it. He that believeth on the son of God has life, he that believeth not is condemned already. If God gave Adam immortality, the purpose of God for man would have been lost, for he had chosen us and given us grace in Christ before the world began. 2 Timothy 1:9.

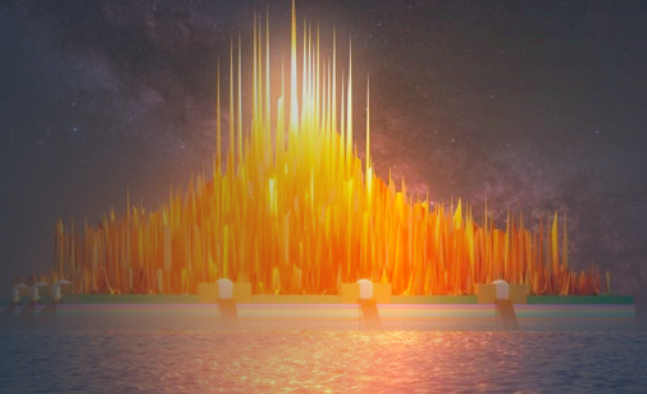
The great question is this, who will be the citizen of the new Jerusalem and who will enter those gates, the new Jerusalem? The word of God says the wicked shall be turned into hell and the nations that forget God. It is also written, and there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whosoever worketh an abomination, or make a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb's book of Life (Revelation 21:27), blessed are they that do his commandments that they might have the right to the Tree of Life and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs and sorcerer and whoremongers and murders and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. Revelation 22:14 and 15.

And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice if any man worships the beast and his image he shall drink of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation. God has great indignation against false religions. Why, because they have led millions astray from the straight and narrow way that leads to life eternal. Most of these religions and their doctrines don't know that those who are accounted worthy to partake of the resurrection to life eternal, will be as the angles of God.

As it is written the first Adam was made a living soul and the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. And as we have borne the image of the earthly we shall also bear the image of the heavenly and again flesh and blood will not inherit the kingdom of God, and again he will change our vile bodies that it might be fashioned like unto his glorious body. And again we know that if this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have the building of God and a house not made with hands, that is eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. (2 Corinthians 5:1-3)

I have been to the place where the parted spirit are kept. In my vision, I saw a Christian that did not make it, how they have sorrow that cannot be described and they wished they could come back into the mortal body to make themselves ready, but it was too late. I saw the perverted ones also; they were together and they did not want to hear the name of Jesus. However he is the resurrection and the life, they that believe on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Citizenship of the New Jerusalem, **Who are they?**



This mortal life is only a vapour, therefore prepare to meet thy God, what glory that will be, when with the ransom hosts we will be. Don't be fooled by great Christian religions, for God has made known to us the mystery of his Will that in the fullness of time he will gather all things in one, in Jesus Christ. The church is his bride, his tabernacle, his household. It is the mount Zion of the Lord. In Psalms 132 it says, he has desired it for his habitation for the place of his rest, God has a kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. He has grace to keep us and help us to make it in to fulfil our citizenship. Believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be filled with his spirit for he has chosen us to salvation from the beginning by the belief of the truth and the sanctification of the spirit and he has chosen us to obtain the glory of Jesus Christ by the gospel.

Don't lose out find out if you want to be a citizen of the heavenly Jerusalem.



... "CALLING THE AMBASSADOR HOME"

By Apostle Lloyd Denny

Britain said on Wednesday, 30th November it had ordered the immediate closure of Iran's embassy in London and had closed its own embassy in Tehran after it was stormed by protesters. Foreign Secretary, William Hague made the announcement in Parliament following attacks last Tuesday in which mobs hauled down British flags and ransacked Britain's offices in its Tehran embassy in what is believed to be in retaliation for the UK's support of tighter sanctions against Iran.

Expulsion of diplomatic staff by the host country is not unusual in modern diplomacy; in fact it is not unusual in the past either. There is significance to the expulsion of diplomatic staff, in that it is evidence of tension between two countries. Countries take this course of action for varying reasons, for example spying, but in the case of the recent 'tit for tat' expulsion between the UK and Iran it is more than the above reason but evidence of real tensions between the two countries.

Calling the ambassador home is the most significant step any government can take. The significance lies within the fact that it is not an expulsion but rather a decision by one country to recall its ambassador. Sometimes this occurs as code that the country in question is not very happy with the host country, or because the ambassador is no longer effective or the ambassador has asked to be called home.

An ambassador is the highest ranking diplomat who represents a nation and is usually accredited to a foreign sovereign or government, or to an international organization.

Sometimes countries also appoint highly respected individuals as Ambassadors At Large who are assigned specific responsibilities, and they work to advise and assist their governments in a given area. The word is also often used more liberally for persons who are known, without national appointment, to represent certain professions, activities and fields of endeavour.

In everyday usage it usually applies to the ranking government representative stationed in a foreign capital. The host country typically allows the ambassador control of specific territory called an embassy, whose territory, staff, and even vehicles are generally afforded diplomatic immunity in the host country.

Ambassadors are ministers of the highest rank, with plenipotentiary authority to represent their head of state. In modern usage, most ambassadors on foreign postings as head of mission carry the full title of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. "Ordinary" ambassadors and non-plenipotentiary status are rarely used, although they may be encountered in certain circumstances. The only difference between an extraordinary ambassador and an ordinary ambassador is that while the former's mission is permanent, the latter serves only for a specific purpose.

Other than for the above reasons calling an ambassador home is of huge significance because it is the very last act taken before there is conflict or declaration of war. No country will declare war before calling the ambassador home. This calling home is often not done in secret for it serves as a message to the opposing country that there is nothing left by way of talks or diplomacy, it means war.



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Apostle Paul uses the term ambassador when describing the work of Christians in his second letter to the church at Corinth. "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 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". (2 Corinthians 5: 18-20).

The apostle is letting the church know that it has a responsibility to represent heaven here on earth. This representation is the one that brought God, in the person of Jesus to earth also, namely the reconciliation of man. As Christians armed with the gospel and in the name of Jesus Christ we have plenipotentiary authority in the work of salvation. Heaven's representative in the person of Evangelist Phillip went to Samaria and reconciled many citizens of that city to Christ. Peter on the day of Pentecost was asked by the thousands that gathered outside the upper room in Jerusalem what must we do to be saved, the response from Peter was "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ". Three thousand did so and were added to the church family.

The church is here on earth to reconcile men and women to God. Last Sunday we baptized two teenage brothers who when asked why they wanted to be baptized, one said because he did not want to go to hell. The other said he had seen bad things happened to friends and that he did not want to get into trouble for carrying a knife.

Before Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, God called His ambassador home. Before Jerusalem was destroyed by General Titus in AD 70, God called His ambassadors out of the city.

2011 has seen huge changes in our world. The year began for me on 5th December 2010 when in prayer I heard in the Spirit that 2011 would be the year of change. I then wrote a blog and posted it on the website. It can be found under the title "a special message" from Lloyd Denny. The year is ending and we are being told its "Armageddon" or the world is on the brink of disaster or we are staring into the abyss.

It is the Lord's prerogative to call His ambassadors home and this He will do one day. The church is also involved in the decision to **call the ambassador home**. Elijah the prophet became tired and asked to be called home, God sent a chariot from heaven to bring him home. If the church were to en mass pray to be called home then the end would come. However, because we are ambassadors of Christ, the Church like Abraham can often be heard praying "not yet Lord", there are those who may be willing to change.

"Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen". (Revelation 22: 20-21).

The Lord's servant
Apostle Lloyd Denny

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The greatest gifts of life are at no cost to us



By Bishop Courtney Brown

Have you ever stopped to think of how much God really loves and cares for you? Let us think about some of the most essential things of life, firstly...life itself, considering the complexity we are faced with from conception to birth, it is amazing how so many of us are born normal, then we are kept alive and preserved by a loving father, who blessed us with talents and special abilities. Next we are blessed with oxygen (the air that we breathe) free of cost for all of our lifetime, compare that with having to pay for oxygen for just a few hours. Another is water, it is said that water is life, and rightly so, our God sends us water in abundance freely (rain) again compare that with how much we pay when we have to buy it, isn't God good, that even when we don't deserve these blessings he still sends them to us? Mt. 5:45

Let us now take a look at the greatest gift ever given, God's gift of his son (Jesus) for our salvation, as the scripture declared, for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jn.3:16, this is so hard to believe that great men, or so-called great men find it hard to accept the fact that something as powerful as salvation could be for free, OH yes it is freely given to us, however don't forget that it costs Jesus his life, as Jesus himself said...greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jn. 15:13, then Apostle Paul reminded us that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us Rm.5:8.

This should propel us to acknowledge God's love for us and come bow down and worship him as our Creator, Lord and Saviour.

Ordinary and simple people believe and accept this call and have become some of the greatest people ever lived, and will be coming back to live eternally. Yes my friend God has freely given us the best things of life, don't take it for granted, don't neglect it, accept it today, then and only then you will be really living, outside of accepting the master plan of salvation you are merely existing but not truly living.

God is the creator of us all and of all things, and our purpose here in earth is to fear God and keep (obey) his commandments. Ec.12:13. Many of us have come to associate high prices with best quality, though true at times, that is not always the case, as I highlighted before, the free gifts are, life, oxygen and water, these are essential to this side of life, and we all accept them gladly.

I therefore call upon all of you to be wise and accept the free gift of salvation which will benefit you on this side of life and on the other side after God the creator shall judge and reward you according to how you live now. 2 Cor.5:10.

Accept Jesus today and receive everlasting life.

Shalom
Bishop Courtney Brown

“...THAT HOLY THING...”

LUKE 1:30-38

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Text: “And the angel answered and said unto her (Mary), ‘The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also **that Holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.’”

Luke 1:35.

Good morning, Bible-studying Christians **and** any sincere unsaved seekers after truth who may read this article in The Advocate Magazine.

Not for you a mere cursory, superficial, glancing through Holy Scriptures. You are an in-depth Bible student; a serious seeker after Eternal truth - as the Word of God encourages all believers and seekers to be.

You do well, beloved in Christ, you do very well. You do well, unsaved seeking soul, you do very well. Praise God for the truth of His Word which brings Spiritual life through faith! (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

When you and I arrive at a phrase in Scriptures such as ‘...**that Holy thing...**’, featured in this evening’s selected passage from Luke’s Gospel, we desire to search out the deep meaning of such a term, and thus find Spiritual meat to encourage faith in both regenerate and unregenerate souls. Let us linger for a while, therefore, and look at this particular Scriptural phrase: ‘...that Holy thing...’ (Luke 1:35)

For any credible interpretation of Scripture one must use what we Bible teachers refer to as ‘the whole thread of Scriptural truth’ - Old Testament and New - as our final Authority. God the Spirit is the Divine Author of all Scriptures. Thus, He speaks to our souls through His Word.

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

For instance, when Christ said, “I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger...For I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.” - all those who heard Him were left in no doubt that He was making reference to the manna given of God to Moses and the children of Israel to sustain vital physical life as they walked through the wilderness wastes. (John 6:32-40)

Again, Christ said to them: “I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This (Christ Himself) is the bread which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.”

The Lord could not have been more clear in His terms of reference. (John 6:48-51)

So, let us examine the manna given to Moses and the chosen people to see if it may yield up more insights on the Person of Christ Jesus, the Son of the Living Lord God Who has openly promised:

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“..Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13-14)

The Manna: (Exodus 16:14-15) “And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, it is manna; for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread that the Lord hath given you to eat.”

In Exodus 16:14 the manna is portrayed as:

Small: Christ Jesus came to us as a tiny babe; small of stature and humble of station; born in a manger among the lowly animals. He left the portals of ultimate glory and, by His incarnation (that is, God becoming man), humbled himself to walk in the human flesh of a mere man. The Almighty Creator took on the puny form of His creatures that, through His suffering for our sins on the Cross, we might take on the form of the Supernatural and live forever with Him in Glory. The God-given manna was 'small'. (Philippians 2:5-11) (1 John 3:1-3)

Round: Exodus 16:14 reveals to us that the manna given in the wilderness was indeed small, and it was also round in shape.

The true Manna, Christ Jesus, is the Eternal Son of the Living Lord God Jehovah. Like a true round circle, Christ has no beginning and no end; the Alpha and Omega; He is “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever...” (Hebrews 13:8)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth...For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (John 1:1;14-17)

Thing: (Exodus 16:14) As our text from Luke's Gospel above teaches us, Mary was told by the angel Gabriel, “...That **Holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

What better description would inform the finite human mind that a Person would be born into the world Who would possess two distinct natures in the one Body? He would be at all times Almighty Lord God and yet, paradoxically, at all times truly human - able to suffer and experience all that you and I suffer in life day by day.

Praise God for sending ‘...that Holy thing...’, Christ Jesus, as Saviour, Substitute, and Redeemer King. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

White: (Exodus 16:31) (Numbers 11:7) “And the house of Israel called the name thereof ‘manna’; and it was like coriander seed, **white**; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.”

There is none whiter in true and perfect Holiness than Jesus Christ, the well-beloved Son of God, who, ‘...knew no sin...’, yet Who was ‘...made to be sin for us...that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.’ (2 Corinthians 5:21) (Hebrews 4:15)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that, whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

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Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! None whiter in Holiness than Christ Jesus, the true Bread of Life. Glory to His Holy Name! Amen.

Sweet: The manna was sweet ‘...the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.’ Can we not hear King David and the children of Israel cry:

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that **trusteth** (continuous verb: trusts, and keeps right on trusting) in Him.” (Psalm 34:8)

The Eternal Word of God, Jesus Christ, is ‘...sweeter than honey...’ indeed, much sweeter than any physical manna could ever be! (John 1:1)

“How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Through Thy precepts (moral instructions and teachings) I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.” (Psalm 119:103-104)

Now, reflect for a moment, both Bible studying Christian and sincere seeker after the Truth: After hearing this sermon, supported at every point by the inspired Word of God, is your regenerate soul not throbbing with the satisfying love of, and for, the risen Lord Jesus?

Unsaved soul who may be reading this Advocate article, is your precious soul not left longing to know this Christ as your Bread of life; as your personal Lord and Saviour?

Does each of our souls not thrill and ‘...our hearts burn within us...’ at this written revelation of, God’s Son, the risen Lord Jesus Christ?

From the Old Testament description of the physical, God-given, manna, to the New Testament revelation of Christ as the Bread of Life, we are left in no doubt at all of the Holy Ghost’s inspiration of our Bibles and God’s fulfilment of Bible prophecy reference the first coming of Messiah Jesus.

We are amazed by the truth that, ‘...that Holy thing...’ which was born of the virgin Mary, was, is and forever shall be ‘...called the Son of God...’, for that’s precisely Whom He Eternally is. Hallelujah! What a Saviour! Jesus lives and is ever present both to edify in faith and to save.

I commend unto you this day, the Lord Jesus Christ - the true and only Bread of Life Eternal. Come, eat, and be forever satisfied in Him.

Thought: “Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35).



“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again.”

By Rev Fidelia Onyiku-okupiri and Bacbi Onyuku-Opukiri

“Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again.”

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

This was a section of statement made by Christ during His conversation with the Woman at the well. John. 4: 13 & 14.

Water is a source of life. Around 75% of the body is made up of water. So we are always advised to drink plenty of water, if you don't, your organs will fail and you die of dehydration. That is how important water is to the body, apart from other uses of water such as washing, bathing, cooking etc. Here, Christ is concentrating on water as an essential of the body. Water that gives life and keeps life going.

Christ is talking about your source of life. We see water as a very important part of life, of course, it is. But Christ is saying that there is another type of water that can quench ones thirst better than the ordinary water we drink. Do not get me wrong, Christ is not discouraging anyone from drinking ordinary water. Christ is our main source of life without Him, we have no life.

The point is that there are different types of thirsts in life. Just as the woman at the well came to fetch water to quench her physical thirst, yet within her was a greater thirst. The thirst created by problems in life. It could be thirst for good health, thirst for better finance, thirst for peace of mind, or even thirst for permanent, good, loving, and kind husband, as this woman needed. This was a major problem in her life. A situation she longed for and thirsted after, to resolve.

In other words, to have a problem is a kind of thirst that you have. When the problem is solved your thirst is quenched. Christ was telling her that however much of that water in the well she drinks, those personal, emotional and spiritual thirst will never be quenched. Meaning that however much we struggle to solve the problems of our lives, they will never be sorted unless we receive the grace of God through relationship with Christ. So there is a need for a better water, which Christ describes as the living water. A water that is alive. It dwells in you (believers) forever. It is a fountain of water and fountains have the characteristics of continuous flow. It never stops flowing, that is the type of water Christ was offering this woman and He is still offering this water to us all in the whole world, full of problems trials and tribulations. Even just thinking about it as a replacement water for her ordinary first, this woman longed for it and requested that Christ gave It to her so that she will not need to be coming all that way to fetch water. John 4: 15.

It was a very comforting thought for her. She did not actually realise the depth of solution to her problems Christ was offering her. Surely if her problems of having a loving and steady husband was



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solved, coming to the well to fetch water would no longer be stressful. She will no longer be thinking and worrying about her situation while on her way to the well. In fact that husband might even help her to fetch the water or arrange for someone to fetch it for her. It only dawned on her, the power that was in the words of Christ when Christ revealed her major needs in life. then she realised that she was not speaking to an ordinary Jew.

This was ‘the Christ’ son of the living God, who herself and her people have been waiting for all their lives. Her reaction was to instantaneously abandon her port, rope and the bag she use for drawing water and ran back to town to call people to come and see Christ for themselves. She could not allow that moment to pass her by. Her eyes, soul and mind has now been opened to the living water. She has received it.

She had now received Christ into her life. She has a relationship with God. The solution to her problems has arrived. She can now talk to God about her needs and God is able to change this situation and send her a better and permanent loving husband. Something she could not do by herself before, she now has the God who can change all situations of life.

By her encounter with Christ, this fountain of living water Has been installed in her. She now knows how to handle every problem of her life. And more over, Christ is now in charge of her life and needs. Before she asks, God knows it and it is done. She can now pray and study the word of God. This living water is here for us all through the sacrifice that Christ made for us on Calvary. We need not carry our burdens by ourselves alone any more.

Child of God, servants of God, the world we live in could seem so hopeless and situations may look terribly impossible to deal with. You need to remember this statement by Christ himself. Your needs are the thirsts of your lives. There is a solution to every thirst/need of your life. To know Christ and have a relationship with him opens the door of solution to all your needs. As He said, that living water will dwell in you and continue to flow forever. Amen.

The knowledge of Christ, you will obtain, will open up greater and a better relationship between you and God. You can speak to God as a close friend of your life. Although friends can disappoint you, God never disappoints. And there is power in the blood of Jesus Christ to do for you what friends cannot do. Christ is the maker and creator of all things visible and invisible. He is the giver of life and he knows how to supply everything required to make life perfect. Connection with Christ opens the doors of blessings and fulfilment into your life. He becomes your protector therefore you are fortified. You need not fear.

He becomes your supplier therefore you will not lack. He becomes your healer, therefore the enemy cannot take your life. He becomes your life manager therefore your life will never be in confusion or disarray. He gives you peace of mind therefore you will not need to worry. Christ has proved himself to be trustworthy by this self sacrifice on Calvary. Renew your mind and your thoughts with the word of God. You will experience this living water anew in you.



“Whosoever drinketh
of this water
shall thirst again.

Begin to trust God again in your life. If you have never known him, he is ready to show you himself and the way. And if you have known him before and have fallen apart, he is a God of second chance. Arise from the dust where the enemy has dumped you, Christ has stretched out his hand to pull you out. The living water is in you as He said, “ Come onto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your soul.

This living water also leads you to everlasting life which is life with Christ after the resurrection. Peace with God after your experience of Him in this world. Child of God, Servants of God arise to this great opportunity of life on Earth and in God’s Kingdom. Christ has renewed you, it is well with you and you are blessed and highly favoured. Amen

THE DAY I MET JESUS

by Audrey CA Eccleston



It was a beautiful spring day in February 2011. The sun was shining beautifully, and I was on my way to the 220 Bus-stop in Tooting, where I lived with my parents, to John Perrin School Hall in East Acton.

That weekend was like most weekends. My mother and I were out shopping as we always do in Tooting Market on a Saturday morning; then we would go to Balham High Street to pick up anything that we could not find in the local area. As we strolled along Franciscan Road, a lovely lady, whom I later learned was a Missionary, stopped us in the street and said to my mother: “What a lovely daughter you’ve got, let me invite her to our up-coming Youth Meeting at Church.” I asked WHEN it was and was told that it was for the very next day, the 2nd Sunday in February 1972. **Youth Sunday at the Church was always the second Sunday in each month.** Now, mother and I both sang in the choir at the Anglican Church we attended at the end of the street where we lived; so, I thought that would not work for me. However, I soon realised that our Service was much earlier than theirs and the potential problem vanished. We had Choir practice on the same day as Church, just before the Service started. So, I took the invitation and decided I was going to go to two events on the same day. That was to my mother’s church with Choir practice at 7 am and then to this lady’s church, which started as 11 am. It was Census Day you know the day the Government in Great Britain find out how many people are in the country. These were the Queen’s subjects, so to speak. This situation brought memories of when Jesus was a child and his parents had to go to Egypt to pay their taxes.

The next day, mum got up early, cooked the dinner, and we were off to Church. We filled in the Census form they gave us and I was off to find the 220 Bus stop in Tooting Broadway by the station. Although it was a very long journey to Acton, I did not mind the length of time taken to get there for some strange reason. Perhaps that day I felt adventurous. I asked the Bus Conductor, at the time to put me off at the stop that was nearest to John Perrin School. To my surprise, from there onwards, it was well sign-posted so I found where I was going easy enough. What surprised me was the fact that they were holding a Church Service in a School Hall.

I arrived a little late, so I sat at the back on a chair that was away from everyone else. I listened attentively. I heard the leader welcome every one present to the Sunday Service and as it was Youth Sunday, the youths were wearing green and white uniform. Soon they all went up to sing so wonderfully the song entitle: “There’s a Church in the Valley by the Wildwood.” It was so soothing and different from the hymns we sang in our Choir at Church – All Saints, Tooting Graveney. What was great was the fact that they sang the chorus in between the verses and twice at the end. For me that was so good because it allowed me to learn the words of the Chorus off by heart. I absolutely loved that song. To this day I remember it so well and therefore I will share the words that I still recall with you right now:

There’s a Church in the valley by the wildwoods; No lovelier Church in the dale, No spot is so dear to my childhood; As the little brown Church in the vale.

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Chorus:

O, Come, come, come to the Church in the wildwood; O come to the Church in the dale, No spot is so dear to my childhood, As the little brown Church in the vale.

I was so impressed with their singing, that I can never forget that day I first heard that song. Later on in the Service, a young Evangelist, called Evangelist Oakley, who is now the Pastor's wife was the Spejkr of the day. She spoke much around the question she asked at the start: "Do you know what your purpose is in life?" To be totally honest I really did not know I had purpose in my life, let alone to ask myself such a question. I had an easy-going life, now as a teenager, still a student aiming to go to University, to further my studies.

What I found fascinated was the fact that she spoke about the wisest man on Earth in his day. The background to her narrative was very interesting. His name was Solomon, the first king of Israel. God granted him wisdom because he asked for it, and in addition, God gave him riches and honour, so that duty of man was to fear God and keep his commandments. This text was inspirational. Therefore, if you knew your purpose you could be walking in it and be blessed of God throughout your life. I reflected on this and thought that this Word was profound yet superb.

The preacher also spoke about Jesus. She mentioned that Jesus was the only Saviour of the world and he came to seek and to save that which was lost. She said that we were all sinners and needed a Saviour for the Scripture declared in St John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. In that moment I realised that that included me. She explained that sin was unrighteousness, that is the things we do that were not pleasing to God and God requires that we have right standing with him. That's why we pray and ask God to forgive us of our wrong doing. Each day that we live. I was listening very intently and she was thinking intentionally. At the end of her message there was an ALTAR CALL. That's when those in the audience could go up and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord, having repented of their sins. I felt something urging me to go up to the front of the Altar, so I did very quickly. I asked Jesus one question: Lord if it's true what they say about you today, then save me?

At that moment, tears were filling up my eyes when no one was hurting me. I felt happy and filled with an unspeakable joy! Once I realised what had taken place, my tears dried up suddenly and I returned to my seat. What an experience! I have never been the same since. I met with the Pastor and some other people and then left for home again.

When I went home, I was excited to tell my mother what happened, she asked what have they done to you? It was later revealed to me that I was BORN AGAIN. I had been transformed by the renewing of my mind. Spiritually I was a new born baby desiring the sincere milk of the word to grow thereby. I was asked to join their Bible Study group and get baptised. Soon a Baptism was planned and I was one of the candidates for Baptism. I can certainly say I have not regretted that day. One songwriter puts it this way in the song: "I have made my choice forever, just to walk with Christ my king". O the grace that bought me to the fold, wonderous grace that brought me to the fold!

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Now I started to tell others about the love of Jesus. I have since invited many a stranger to get to know the Lord since that day. I also recommended Jesus to my school friends and work colleagues over the years. When I attended Putney College to do my A 'Levels, I joined with a young man named Chris Bishop who was also studying at the college between 1973-1974 and started a Christian Fellowship Group at the college. Once a week we had fellowship in the lunch hour. My Pastor, Rev Michael Ramsay or another minister, was invited to speak for half an hour. We would also pray and sing when a fellow student played his guitar. It's a pity we lost touch when we all graduated from the college. That's the way I brought many to Christ and became an Exhorter and later an Evangelist at the church I belonged to.

The name of the Church where I worshipped then is called Church of God World-Wide Mission. Praise the Lord! I am still in the Kingdom of God and his dear Son. I can state: "God bless the day I met Jesus". He has become my Rock, my closest Friend, my Healer and Deliverer, as well as my Lord and Saviour. I can truly say I have fond memories about the Day I met Jesus. I will never be the same again. I am reminded of the Chorus we used to sing many years ago:

I will never be the same again, O no I will never be the same again, O no Since I met the Lord, I am not the same And I will never be the same again

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE Lord!

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Our Citizenship, not of the World

By The Advocates Magazine

This is life, but not as we know it; being a citizen of heaven leaves us as sojourners in this world and as sojourners we realise that this world is not our home. Therefore, we live not as men in this world but as Ministers of the New Testament having the promise of Abraham, looking unto Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith.

Every man needs to know who he is, and who he was meant to be before Adam sinned and he was separated from God and became an alien to the commonwealth of Heaven to live in this world, but not without the hope of eternal redemption, to all who believed.

“For as **the** heavens are higher **than the earth**, so are **my** ways higher **than your** ways, and **my thoughts than your thoughts, says the Lord.**” (Isaiah 55:9) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

Jesus Christ came down 42 generations, fulfilled all that was spoken of Him by the prophets. Born of a virgin, crucified, buried three days and rose himself again, never to taste death again.

These are they that came through great tribulation having the witness and testimony that Jesus Christ is God and Lord over all, the King of Kings, eternal immortal the everlasting father who laid hold on eternal life, and today they are myriads upon myriads, hundreds of thousand that shine like the stars and the firmament in heaven.

Ephesians 2 explains your inheritance reserved before the foundation of the world, but before this I want to share the final chapters of the scriptures in the book of Revelations, that you understand that before time we had an inheritance.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (Revelations 5)**

Our Citizenship, not of the World

Ephesians 2: “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 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: 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.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;). And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Amen and his name is The Word of God whose soldiers are eternal and immortal. Live long and prosper in our Lord.

Witness Darius

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