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Before They Call, I Will Answer

By Norman Grubb

Every human situation of need with which we are faced is a voice from God saying to us: "That points to My fulness: that imperfection to My perfection: that need to My supply: that perplexity to My solution." The whole of life in its fallen state is a great finger-post pointing the way from the imperfect human to the perfect divine. But that would not be of much help if we were left with pointing signposts and an impassable gulf, only to be bridged in a future life. No. Jesus incarnate, crucified, resurrected and ascended has altered that. *Continued on page 2 ->*

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Grace has already bridged the gulf: from heaven to earth and back from earth to heaven. The result is that God permits needs in our lives *that* He may *now* supply them in Christ. That is the point. Needs, shortages, problems are summonses to *faith*. That is why they are God's will. They are His necessary way of compelling us flesh-bound humans to recognize our earthly limitations, to be dissatisfied with them, to seek the way to transcend them, and to become agents of redemptive faith. There He stands just the other side of the barrier, beckoning to us and saying "I am the answer, I am the supply. I have come to you in Christ. Receive Me in this situation." For need is a shadow. And what casts the shadow? The light. No light, no shadow. The light of God's fullness shines on this world. The oppositions of Satan, to which we add the sin of unbelief, have interposed themselves and cast the shadows of the lacks of this life. Christ has come to destroy that intervening barrier. Then to those who believe Him, it is no longer a barrier but a bluff—a challenge to faith.

That may or may not mean that the actual material situation is changed. Very often it is. But it means that we look at all situations with God's eyes. We see that in reality they are *His* situations, into which He has deliberately put us that He might be glorified in them. Therefore before we call, He is already answering, because He Himself has instigated this actual situation with His answer all prepared. Our calling is His stirring of us to feel the need and recognize that here is a situation in which God is going to do something. Our action then is to call on Him, in other words, to take the attitude of faith. Faith means that we turn our attention from the need to the Supplier who is already supplying that need, and who allowed the need because He intends to supply it to His glory. Therefore our calling on Him is our seeing Him and praising Him and confessing Him before men, and awaiting the manifestation of the supply.

Taken from: *The Deep Things of God*



Receptivity: The Key to True Humanity

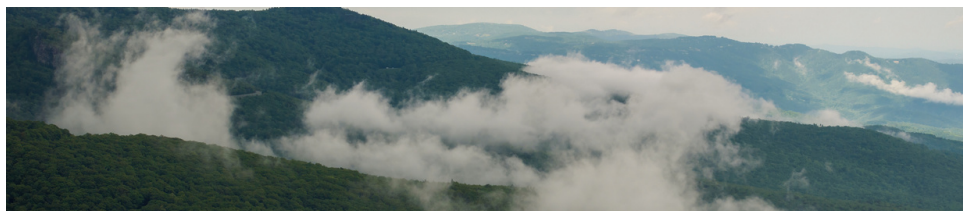
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I believe in being thoroughly irreverent with God! That's putting it in extreme form, but what I mean is that a great deal of our pious talk and reverent attitudes and language is a cloak for insincerity. Men of God, God's familiars, God's friends, talk back and forth with Him in plain language.

But Moses, like every one of us, had to learn that you don't do God's work by self-effort and self-wisdom. Forty years later, Moses saw what he had not been ready to see before. He saw a queer object near where he was tending sheep in the wilderness. It was a common bush on fire. But the curious thing, as he watched it, was that it didn't go out. That is where God showed Moses what humanity is meant to be: a common bush aflame with God. But a man must be common first. Moses, in his own opinion, had been a very uncommon royal bush, and God doesn't live in uncommon royal bushes. Then Moses saw this sight: God's presence, God's word out of a common bush—and as the divine consumes the bush, it refuels it. “The bush was not consumed.” That's exactly what God does. The divine life keeps flowing in, as you give it out. That is receptivity: the key to true humanity. *Then* you move out into activity.

No one can be active like a Christian—because the believer is motivated by the divine resources, the divine power, the divine Person. We've got to learn by our hard knocks to clear out of the way and recognize Another functioning—get His voice, His plans, His resources. Then we come back into the situation as servant, not boss. Once you have come to understand that your basic function is a constant recognition of Another, the whole of life is transformed. It is no longer a matter of inviting Him to come into your life, because you already have received Him. But it is the recognition of Another. Another is the functioning one.

Taken from: *The Key to Everything*



Why We Are Attacked

By Norman Grubb

Even the best of the evangelical Bible and Victorious Life teachers believe in a self-functioning human nature, taken captive by Satan through the Fall. Thus, by our nature we express his sin nature and are “carnal, sold under sin.” Through the finished work of Calvary, Christ’s nature replaces Satan’s, but the emphasis remains upon us to operate and express one of these two natures. There has been the radical change from Satan to Christ, through Calvary, but the responsibility is still laid upon us to do the “abiding” in this exchange. And we are constantly pulled back into responding to that former sin-nature. Therefore, the main emphasis is upon our need to walk watchfully.

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But this is a mistaken emphasis. We humans were never created to be self-responsible; we only have the ability of choice as to who will spontaneously express his deity nature by us. There never has been an independent, human, self-operating self.

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Our main human drive is simply to walk in the spontaneity of the deity nature possessing and operating us. When pulls come from the opposite, now outcast, deity nature, our one response is to recognize those pulls and not be deluded into falsely seeking to combat them as if we are self-operating. We simply affirm in our recognition that He of the New Nature now operates us. In that faith recognition, His nature, as us, swallows up the pulls of the opposite one.

So the issue between us and the great majority of evangelical Bible believers is in locating the area of responsibility. They put it on us in our humanity as if we are the arbiters, and as we “abide,” so we remain free or captives. We, on the other hand, lay the total emphasis on the God who indwells us and expresses His nature by us—the god of this world, or the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we maintain that this is the Bible emphasis, the experience of Jesus Himself in His dove baptism, and of Paul, and of all believers after Pentecost whose eyes have been opened to the total truth.

But it is usually named as dangerous “mysticism” by most evangelicals.

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Our emphasis is not on us as responsible to walk this way, but on Him who is now joined to us in place of that Satan-spirit, the One who walks in us and as us. Our main human activity is the faith recognition that He is so walking in us and as us (1 John 4:17). This is our “suspicious” freedom which is attacked and warned against by all precious Bible believers who see themselves as having an independent human self and so still put their emphasis on human responsibility instead of on Him.

The whole point is that HE who is living His life, in us and as us, spontaneously maintains us in a totally responsible walk of holiness and the “Sermon of the Mount” standards of living. We who see, believe, and experience this total Christ walk as us are totally bold in witnessing to it and expounding its Biblical basis. It seems at present that we must be prepared to be largely outcast from our believing brethren, though there will be increasing numbers of those who become see-ers and knowers by Spirit illumination, and thus equally, totally absorbed in sharing our total truth to the whole body of Christ to whom it belongs. ■

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The Mystery of the Union Part Three

By Scott Prewitt

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul explains that our lives are a reflection of the spirit that we contain. He says, "In times 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" (Ephesians 2:2) and we were the "children of wrath" (Ephesians 2:3). Yet, "even when we were dead in sins, (God) hath quickened us together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5). Now, "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:10).

These first verses in chapter two of Ephesians take the reality of spirit union and show that this union is found in believers and non-believers alike. Paul says that we all have been operated by Satan, who he refers to as "the prince of the power of the air." We are born into union with Satan's spirit, and he then does his work of evil through us to accomplish his evil will. But when we are "saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus"

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(Ephesians 2:8), we are transformed to “do good works.” By Christ’s death on the cross, we put our faith in Him. Through this faith, the spirit within us is switched, and we become what we were created to be. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:10). Now we will bear fruits “unto good works” because the Spirit of Christ in us produces the good fruits. Yes, God has created us not to live life separated from Him, but to CONTAIN His spirit and produce His good works.

Paul similarly states, “In Christ also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will” (Ephesians 1:11). He goes on to say that Christ “fillet all in all” (Ephesians 1:23). Christ works all things by working through us. He fills everything. Since He is “all in all,” then we are assured that He is in us and He fulfills His desire by working through us. Paul uses the word “all” multiple times here so that no doubt can be raised. “All” does not leave any room for alternatives. Independent “I” has no mention or place in our lives as Christ is “all in all.”

God has proved His love to us by sending His only son to die on the cross for us. We know that Christ’s blood washes away our sins and serves as the singular and eternal atonement. Our penalty has been paid with the perfect blood of Christ. Yet we have been given so much more than just simple atonement. We have been given a new life, and that life is in Christ. Now, in union, we are joined to Christ as the lie of independence has been crucified with Christ. What an awesome treasure to know and acknowledge and live by faith the “riches of the glory of the mystery” of the union life with Jesus Christ. ■

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