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Greetings, hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year. This marks a year of new beginnings for all of us. God is going to do great things in 2010 and we are going to witness it. I am so excited about what God is about to do I can't begin to explain. (Isaiah 34:1-19)

So as I embark on writing a another newsletter I would like to focus on the cleansing process that is coming. I believe God is about to cleanse the land like never before. He is about to shake all that can be shaken. He desires His bride to be without spot or blemish. The bride of course is His Church, it's us, every believer, all those who call on the name of the Lord. (Zephaniah)

So be ready, prepare, look to Him, fix your eyes on Jesus, and keep them there. Don't look to the right or to the left, look to Jesus and no one else. The book of Joel in the Old Testament is being fulfilled before our eyes and we need to look at Jesus to see it. (Joel)

Now this is nothing to be scared of, or run away from. On the contrary it is something to be embraced. It is time to move closer to Daddy (The Father) and reach for a deeper level of intimacy with Him. He loves us so much and desires all His children to be as intimate with Him as possible. (James 4:8)

As this cleansing is taking place, God is working on each one of us individually. But He is also working on His Body (the Church) as a whole. He is working on us to get our flesh, wrong mindsets, and the demonic out of our lives. This is so His presence can come forth in us and in the Church, greater than it ever has. (Eph 4)

But in order for that to happen we need to be lead into greater levels of submission and obedience. I want you to notice the words being lead into. You see the more time we spend with Jesus the more we will be willing to be submissive and obedient. The key is spending time with Him, making yourself willing to be that clay on the potter's wheel. The cultivation of your relationship makes you willing, because you begin to see how good God is and how much He loves you. He does it all, He is the one that makes the change in you. All He does is from that relationship with you. It's not us, it's Him, that's why He is God we are not.

So as God becomes more real to us, and we allow His power to change us, He removes attitudes, sin, all the junk that wars against His presence. This is where we become molded into what He created us to be. We truly become that clay on the potter's wheel. He pounds out the lumps, puts us back on the wheel and molds us again. After all that, He puts us in the oven and fires us. Then His very presence becomes manifest in our lives. Glory to God (Joel 2:32, Romans 9:15-33)

## The Manifest Presence of Jesus (MPJ)

The term or phrase the manifest presence of Jesus is not used in scriptures. But I use this term to describe a part of the relationship between God and His Son. I also use it to describe a part of the relationship between Jesus and ourselves. MPJ is only a part of our relationship with Jesus. It is the expression of Jesus in us to the world. In that our relationship with Jesus should reflect Him, as we reach out to others. This expression should be with the same power and glory that Jesus expressed to the world from His Father. After all, we are to walk as Jesus walked and minister as He ministered for He is our example. So it is the conclusion of cultivating a relationship with Jesus and will flow out of our daily walk with Him. It is the essence of the way that Jesus wants to manifest Himself in and through us. To bring His very presence to a lost and dying world.

The definition of the word manifest from Webster's Dictionary is this. To be readily perceived by the senses, especially by sight.. You see, the presence of Jesus needs to be readily perceived by others in our lives, especially by sight. This means as others saw God in Jesus they should see Jesus in us. Let's look at a scriptural example of this from Acts Chapter 3 in the New Testament.

<sup>1</sup>Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup>And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; <sup>3</sup>Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. <sup>4</sup>And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. <sup>5</sup>And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. <sup>6</sup>Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. <sup>8</sup>And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup>And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

After reading this story many times I never really understood why Peter in verse 4 says "look on us". This statement to this crippled man sounds a bit conceited as though Peter were trying to grab some glory for himself. But later in that same chapter Peter dispels this notion, by saying in verse 12 "why do you look so earnestly on us as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" So this confused me because Peter says to the man "look on us" and then tells the rest of the people standing around don't look on us. But the difference is that when Peter said to the crippled man "look on us", Jesus was manifesting His presence to Peter. You see Peter knew in that moment that Jesus Himself was manifesting His mighty presence. Then Peter was able to say "rise up and walk". You see Peter had the presence and the words that Jesus would speak. As you read this portion of the story it becomes completely evident that Jesus performed the healing. Yet Peter said "look on us." Peter could have spoken the words "rise up and walk" without saying that. But Jesus was in complete control and His sovereign presence was upon him. So Peter followed Jesus' example of doing what He saw the Father doing and saying what the Father was saying. Peter showed submission and obedience to what God wanted to do. God knew He would, and the healing took place. We must be willing to do this same thing when the manifest presence of Jesus comes. But the only way we can do this, is first, know that the manifest presence of Jesus is available to all of us. Second, is to cultivate our relationship with Jesus daily. Third, when we do this, we will be lead into greater levels of submission and obedience. Lastly, as we are lead, I want to say hold on and be ready, because amazing things are about to happen. To the glory and praise of God.

## Walking the Narrow Path

We had wonderful word picture come to us from a dear brother in our congregation, Rob Card. Rob explained that during ancient times many cities had walls built around them to protect them. The city walls would have main gates that were open wide during the daylight hours with guards at the gate to inspect those coming and going. But at night the gate was locked and only a small door left guarded for night passage. This door went through the wall and was tall enough for one man to pass through. So if someone wanted to attack the city at night they could only pass one man at time through the wall and into the city. This of course made it easy to stop an attack as a group of attackers could not pass all at once. The passage was also very narrow and was just wide enough for a man to walk through with very few items. A person wanting to enter the city at night would have to lay aside all his goods in order to pass into the safety of the city.

As our relationship with God grows our path gets narrow and in order to pass to safety we must lay aside our things to enter. God narrows our path as we walk with Him so we will have to lay aside are things in order to continue our walk, and draw closer to Him. It could be anything, it may be a besetting sin for which we need deliverance. It may be a mind set or attitude and requires our mind to be renewed by His word. It may even be something good that we may need to put aside so we can reach what's best. In all, God is trying to get us closer to fulfilling our call and becoming more like Him. This is just one of the ways He continually works on us as we follow Him. What about you? What is God asking you to lay aside to continue down the path you are on with Him. Ask God to show you what He would have you lay aside to get closer to your calling and become more like Him.

## Restoring The Flock

**Ezekiel 34:15-16 (King James Version)** <sup>15</sup>I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

God wants to restore His flock ,feed them, and bring them to a place of rest. Our Pastor's wife, Jean, brought us this revelation regarding verse 15. Sheep will never lie down unless 3 basic needs are met: the sheep are not hungry (God promises He will feed us); the sheep are free from irritants (pests & sores); the sheep feel safe (We need to learn to trust God and the body of Christ).

To fulfill verse fifteen God wants to bring verse sixteen to pass. The revelation from verse sixteen goes like this. The lost refer to all those who are not in the fold who have not come to knowledge of the truth. Then He wants to bring back those who have been driven away who have been wounded by the devil, those in bondage, or who are crippled in spirit. The ones who lay in waste who have been torn in spirit and soul. Jesus desires to rub the healing salve in those wounds and restore them to health. To bind up the wounds of the broken and make strong the ones who are sick. But God will destroy the fat so the sheep are lean and healthy. He will destroy the strong (The word strong in the Hebrew means stiff hearted) those who will not soften to the Shepherd's hand. God says He will feed them judgment meaning that it is better to be fed mercy and repent than not repent and be fed judgment.

So I say let God start on you today, if you don't know the truth about who the Shepherd is, then it's time to embrace it. God can restore anyone from very depths to a brand new life in Him. He is able to heal all wounds, bind up all broken relationships, strengthen all that is sick in your life and make it completely well. He is the Great Shepherd and knows how to take care of all His sheep restoring the flock to complete health in body, mind and spirit. Glory to God

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 them to serve and to  
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