

GOD IS PASSIONATE ABOUT YOU!



Did you know that God is so passionate about you? We need to know God is passionate about us! We can sometimes think that God condemns, dislikes or even hates us because we can do things that offend Him but because of His passion towards us, we can always turn to Him.

John 3:16 says that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost but have everlasting life."

Because of this we didn't get a cheap salvation, we got a costly salvation with the bill paid in full by the Lord Jesus Christ. This is how passionate God is! Every person in this world matters to God. If you were the only person alive God would have still sent His son Jesus to die for you and because of His great sacrifice He is risen. He went to the cross for all the people of that time and all those who would follow. Just to think that your descendants and those who go after you, your children and your children's children can also be bought with that precious blood of Jesus! He gives us a new life in Him and He makes us His children. We are adopted into the

family of God. "The father loves us so much that we are called children of God (1 John 1:3)."

Is the way you feel today based on truth and feeling? How do you value yourself? God says that His word is truth. What is written in the word is more true about us than what our emotions can sometimes indicate. Most of us don't value ourselves on God's truth. We value ourselves on the way that we feel and this can so often lead to guilt. God's truth is "In Christ we are set free by the blood of His death and so we can have forgiveness from the things we have done wrong (Eph 1:7,8)". We must not and cannot value ourselves on guilt. We need to value ourselves on God's forgiveness and grace. "Those who are in Christ Jesus are NOT judged guilty (Romans 8:1)" If you have accepted Jesus into your life, God desires you to be free from the guilt because you have a brand new nature in Christ Jesus.

If you feel that you cannot value yourself and consider yourself inadequate, be encouraged! Psalm 139 tells us that we are made in an amazing and wonderful way. We have been made for a reason. We ALL have something to offer because we are made like God. So many people value themselves on things that are negative and conveniently forget the positive. This is not the victorious living that God has designed for us. God has in fact designed us as a temple and when we get saved, we become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Did you know that you are God's Temple and God's Spirit dwells in you. Your heart is God's throne room. Be careful what things you allow into the throne room. Is there any rubbish in your temple? Rubbish is representing anything that is between you and your walk with the Lord. What kind of temple are you?

Are you like a garden shed? Your temple is placed at the bottom of the garden, which is seldom visited. It is an outside part of your main body and dwelling within is a lot of junk that you seldom ever clear out.

Are you like a mobile caravan? Your temple is not always needed so it is left on the driveway; it is only used when it is specifically needed – you can be hook up to something more powerful than you and you can get led down the road sometimes and you just go from one place to the next.

Are you like a show home? You find your identity by making people think that you are faultless, you don't like to be messed about and everything in your life has a set place and nothing must ever be changed or moved.

Maybe you are none of these things that I have mentioned but I believe that God wants us to be like a greenhouse whereby you don't mind people looking into you and you are full of life (there's lots of new life and fruit in your temple), you live the life reflected by the powerful rays that of the Sun that you just soak in.

Whatever you feel like, be encouraged that you are a Holy Temple and the King of kings and the Lord of lords is in residence. Praise Him!

So today don't beat yourself up about the past, forgive yourself and let God's forgiveness reach you. It was once said to me that God's forgiveness is like a letter on a table waiting to be picked up and accepted. It never changes and it's always there. Feel free and let Him live in a heart that has no rubbish in it.

Kierette Paulson Derbyshire

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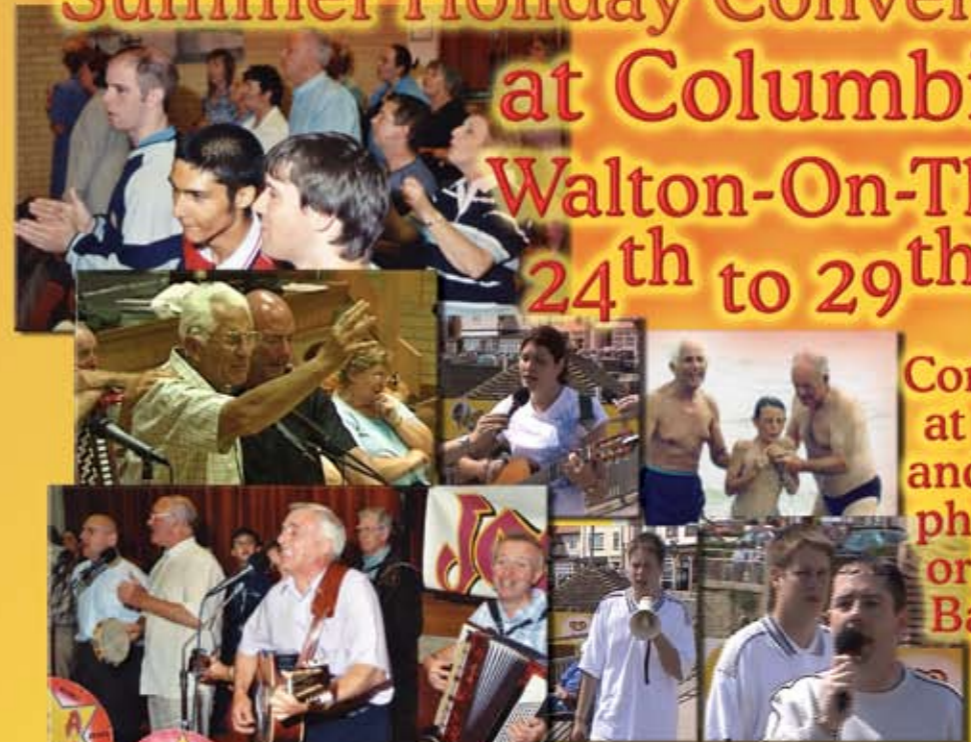


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FROM THE BASILDON GLORY CENTRE

I SAW HIS EYES LOOKING AT ME!

After being brought up in the Glory way you would think that I was well saved, and on the right road, but I had never really fully surrendered my life to Christ, I thought I was ok, but in adulthood, when the storms of life came my way, my walk with God soon took a backseat, and I proceeded to go my own way, for a few years I hardly gave the Lord a second thought, I just muddled through life the best way I knew how, lots of things happened in that time, that made me quite cynical, I was totally living in the world, to the worlds standards and expectations.

In 1987 I changed jobs, and went to work at Centre Parcs, in Sherwood Forest, the distance from my home in Ripley, Derbyshire was too far, so I moved to Mansfield, and looking back, that is exactly when God started to draw me back, Henri, and other wonderful people of God, started to visit me out of the blue! I didn't understand why they wanted to see me, and to be honest I always half expected a lecture about my lifestyle, or lack of commitment to the church, but the lecture never came, all they ever did was love me!

My Mum emigrated to Australia when I was still a teenager, I had not seen her for nine years, when she decided to come home to England for a holiday, of course she wanted to go to the Glory Holiday whilst she was here, and I thought in order to spend some quality time with her, I would take my leave of work for three weeks, and spend the first of them at Bridlington with her, I thought it might be nice to see some of the old faces I knew from my youth.

On the Saturday I went to the opening meeting with Mum, very much trying to keep a low profile away from any probing questions about where I'd been for the last nine years, but the questions never came, all I got was hugs, kisses and the warmest love, it had a real impact on me, I knew that kind of love was missing from the world I lived in, and I got to thinking, about how much I was missing.

On the Sunday, there was a communion meeting, and when the emblems came round I knew enough to examine myself, so I passed the bread on, and did not have any, when the cup came round, the congregation were singing, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Jesus Is Lord of all, and I was thinking to myself, He's not Lord of my life, and went to pass the cup on, as I did Jesus revealed himself to me, crucified, in a vision, He showed me himself on the cross, as I looked up I saw that He had terrible wounds, His body was a mess, He was dirty, sweaty, bruised, and in agonising pain, and I said to myself, He must hate me, it's my fault He's there, but as I looked up further I saw His eyes, looking down on me, and all I could see was love, pure love, they seemed to convey to me that it was His choice to be there, for me, that this was the place where my life could change, this was the price He was willing to pay for my salvation, as I started to understand this, I started to weep, I knew that He was giving me a invitation to except Him as my personal Saviour and Lord, by this time the communion service was over, and the congregation were singing a really lively chorus, as I stood I was still crying, and felt the need to kneel down, and get right with God, but I thought people would look at me, and felt embarrassed to kneel, but a voice in my head said "Am I not worthy?" with that I knelt down, and started to pray, I asked Jesus to become my Saviour, and to forgive me, I knew I was a sinner, I now fully understood, the price He had paid, I was so ashamed, broken, and guilty, as I prayed I knew that He was right there with me, I told Him that I wanted Him to be first place in my life, I knew there would be no going back, there was nothing to go back to! Nothing this world had to offer could compare to this, as I stayed there on my knees I felt the most strange sensation come over me, it was as though I had a flip top head, and it popped open, as it did I felt warm oil being poured in, and it started to go down, all the way to my toes, and as it started to come back up, it was as though all the rubbish, all the sin, all guilty stains were coming up too, and when they reached the top, they left, and my flip top head closed shut!! All of a sudden I felt clean, washed, fresh, and new, and I started to speak in other tongues, and laugh, my face was a mess, I was crying, and laughing all at the same time! I knew God had filled me with his wonderful Holy Spirit, I felt so humble, but oh so clean, I knew I was saved, I knew!!

Praise the Lord, that was 15 years ago, and my lovely Jesus has been so faithful, He has kept, and sustained me, taught me from his word, and been my all in all. Thank you Jesus, Hallelujah!!

Ann Ritecz Southend

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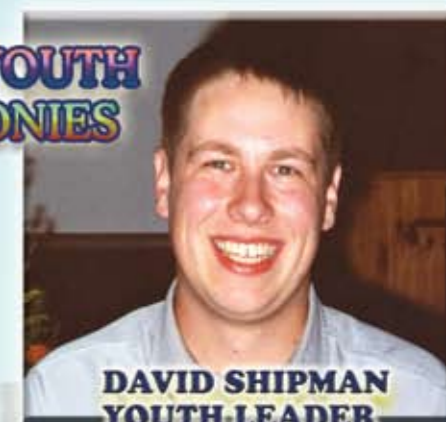
Praise the Lord everyone! Thank God that He is the one who gives us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. He is the one who is able to do exceeding abundantly more than you could ever ask or think. Whatever your needs are, I thank the Lord that He is willing to meet your need and He is willing to manifest a miracle in your life.

I have been challenged of late in my own life to be constantly in that position where grievance, strife or cares of this life are to be laid at the feet of Jesus. God loves us in the good times and the bad times, with all our faults and our shortcomings and our inadequacies as well as our moments of glorying in Him and being able to use our strengths for His glory and to glorify His name. I believe the key to seeing how much God truly loves us is to grasp the vastness of it. If we could grasp the depth and the length and the width and the breadth that Paul talks of in Ephesians 3:14, we would continue to live and stay in the victory! The key to a victorious lifestyle, in my opinion, is to grasp the love of God in your own life and to realise that His thoughts towards you are so much more lovely than our own thoughts about ourselves sometimes. The atoning sacrifice on the cross paid any debt that we owe God for our previous life. Praise God that the blood prevails!

In Romans 8:38, Paul talks about nothing separating him from the love of God that is found in Christ Jesus. The verse before in Romans 8:37 talks about being more than conquerors. Paul had a revelation that he was more than a conqueror in Jesus. Have we got the revelation that we are more than conquerors? Paul could truly say that nothing could separate him from His precious Saviour because he had a living, vibrant revelation that when the stormy winds blew and when things were going wrong, he knew that He was in the palm of God's hand and that was where the devil could not touch him because he knew he was living in the victory.

So my dear brother and sister, as we kick off the new Glory season, stand fast in the liberty and be not again entangled with the yoke of bondage! If you find yourself caught up in knots, then allow the Lord to cut through the fetters in your life because He alone is able. Get alone with God in the secret place, in the Holy Place, for it is in that place when God chooses to reveal and remind of His love and where He is taking us. Finally, get yourself booked into the two conventions and let's all get together to have a real drink of this Holy Ghost wine!

GLORY YOUTH TESTIMONIES



**DAVID SHIPMAN
YOUTH LEADER**

David Shipman Coventry



Someone talked about a blessing machine. Well, my experience is we are blessed people. Recently I left university and I was looking for a job and had prayed about it. Then I went away for a fortnight on holiday and when I came back, people were throwing job oppor-tunities at me! God is good, isn't He!

Peter Elliott, Manchester

I have been reaching out to this couple recently. The man in the relationship has an alcohol problem and he admits it and he seems to be at a loss for help. So I said would you like me to pray for you and he said OK to that and he said he could believe God to meet his need and so we prayed and that was three months ago and he hasn't had a drop of alcohol since. I didn't consider myself as someone with any major gift but I think if God wants to do something, he can use anybody. It isn't us who he is working; it is God in us working. It's amazing!



Sean Cutbert, Clacton

Cont. from page 6> In the gloom, it sounded like a mass choir at the Royal Albert Hall, when the lights came back on there were only about 100 people. What a night!

In the light of recent news from Pastor Marcel and reports of the rebel uprising in Haiti, we need to pray more earnestly for the deliverance of Haiti from corruption in high places and deliverance from abject poverty, disease and mortality at a young age. With no electricity, health service or running water and little food available, citizens of Haiti might just as well be residents of another planet, lost and oft times forgotten.

There has been much success, for example: - There are 20 satellite churches (G12 vision). There are 5 Functional schools. Over 500 children are served daily and 38 adults are employed. But they do have special needs which are: - 10 desks, 200 benches, 10 computers, 2 copy machines, 20 typewriters, 10 new school doors. Also to finish installing the school toilets and to complete the school additions.

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JULIA
STAY CONNECTED

I was really blessed when I thought about a Psalm 150:1 David wrote, "Praise ye the Lord, Praise Him in the sanctuary, Praise Him in the firmament of His power". Amen, we are in the firmament of His power. "Praise Him on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance. Praise Him on the high cymbal. Praise Him on the loud cymbal. Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord." We are dependent on the sap rising through the branches. We are so dependent on the sap rising in every meeting we come to.

I have been reading from John 15, and we know it so well. Those of you who remember Henri will know that usually week by week we would read from the same chapters, John 15 or John 17, or Isaiah 61 and it came as fresh as ever Praise the Lord. "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing", and as I read these verses I said to myself out loud "stay connected". We need to "stay connected" to the vine. All our life is not lived in the external, it is not even lived in bodily health, it is not even lived in the success of the work of God. Our life is lived in union and communion with the vine. You can "stay connected" to the vine 24/7 and it does not matter which church role your name is on so long as you are connected to the vine. Jesus said Abide in me, I will abide in you. I am glad it is an "in you" job. I am glad God put something in us. It's in you. It's in you brother, it's in you sister. We have got it on the inside and it is holding me – it's keeping me connected to the vine.

I used to work for BT many years ago – it was in the days when operators used to put plugs in to connect you and she would say, "you are through now". We are through now to the source of power. We are through now, connected to the source of love and we can be generous with it because we have an endless supply. Praise the Lord.

A word came to me this morning and it was the word "nectar" and I thought we have come for the nectar of the Holy Ghost. That is what has brought us together. We are like bees round a honey pot. That nectar is so that we will pollinate the seed. When the bees and the wind do their job that seed within is pollinated. I have found out you can self-pollinate and you can cross-pollinate. Some people in the natural have hay fever. I pray there will be so much Holy Ghost pollen in this place that there will not be anybody with hay fever. We shall just be pollinated by the Holy Spirit and quickened within because it is that which will develop the seed of the word within you. You can be in it, but it is better to have it within you.

Julia Elliott Barnsley

MISSIONS TRIP



MARGARET

Haiti – Pearl of the Antilles, mansions and millionaires, this is what one thinks of when we first hear the name Haiti. Yet what we saw was far removed from anything we could ever have imagined. Abject poverty on a scale which is indescribable in our country.

We stayed in an enclosed compound with high walls surrounding the Pastor's home, which has been adapted to house 22 people now besides his wife and staff. On our first visit "outside" to try and find a "chemist" we understood why! I'm thankful to God we got back alive. From then on we had an escort / bodyguard. The name of the Ministry we visited is called "Tabernacle de la Foi" and was started by Pastors Marcel and Nicole Ternival to

take in children whose parents had either died or were too poor to keep them. We met Marcel at a meeting in America and he gave us an invitation to minister at his church. We combined this with our last trip to Brazil in October – November last year, 2003, returning home just in time for Christmas preparations with family.

On arrival at Port-au-Prince Airport, Haiti, we were literally mobbed by taxi drivers and locals wanting to carry our bags and suitcases. Anything to earn a few pence to feed their families for the day. We were rescued by a man called Jackson who managed to ascertain from us who we were visiting. Everyone seemed to know Pastor Marcel. Anyway, Jackson positioned us under a shady tree and tried to chase everyone away but to no avail. We shared the cool place with shoe-shine men and boys bemused by two middle aged white people sitting on their suitcases. Eventually we were approached by a Christian who spoke English and he offered to take us to the home of the Pastor if our contact did not come. More people had now gathered – Derek began to tell them about JESUS with this Christian interpreting into French Creole. Another Christian arrived and wanted to sing a song, so we had our first service in the open air at the Airport. I was able to give this brother an Amplified New Testament in English and a book by Kathryn Kuhlman "I believe in Miracles". Our interpreter said to me, "If you did not do another thing in Haiti but give this man these books, it is well worth your visit".

HAITI belongs to JESUS. This is the message of hope that we brought. It is time for us to intercede on behalf of the nations. The Church of JESUS CHRIST in Haiti is strong in worship, praise and prayer. The first Sunday morning I preached on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple and how the Glory of the Lord filled the whole place so that the priests could not stand to minister. The verse the Holy Spirit highlighted was 2 Chronicles 7 v 14. "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land". The people responded with such intercession on behalf of their land.

The highlight of the Church services was a Tuesday night bible study, praise and worship meeting. We arrived at the Church in total black-out; no electricity. Candles were lit and already the people had started to sing. It was difficult to see how many were seated. The Haitian congregations love to sing and they began..."Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder..." cont >page 7



DEREK

Roy Hollingworth wrote this shortly before He went to Glory **The Answer is Jesus!**

First of all I need you to know that I am not a man gifted with fine words.

I am not able to convince you with enticing words of man's wisdom, I can only speak of the power that the Lord God, by His Holy Spirit has anointed me with when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

Through that acceptance He has cleansed me by His Blood, which He shed on the Cross of Calvary and my faults and failings were also nailed to that same Cross. Furthermore, I was born again of the Holy Spirit without which you cannot proceed further because God is a Spirit and we must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. When I speak of God I speak of the Trinity – the Father, the Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God's got no Favourites

In God's sight we are all equal. None better than another – be you clever or a dunce, male or female, rich or poor. Have no doubt – ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God and ALL must take the same route that leads to the Cross. For without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

The salvation that comes through Jesus Christ is so simple that some people trip over it. There is nothing to pay, fiscally. The only price is to humble yourself and come to Jesus. Ask Him to cleanse you in His Blood and forgive all your trespasses and then the greatest thing – invite Him to come and abide in your heart in sincerity and He will do it. He will write your name in the Lamb's Book of Life. This is the way that every Christian has to come – every one – without exception.

Hey! Do that and you are on the first rung to eternal life!



ROY AND BETTY

Maybe you are disappointed in the way our civilisation is going, even just in your own town. Disappointed with the crime, the violence, drunkenness, drug addiction or just plain ignorant, loveless attitudes. All these are the product of Godless lives.

The only answer lies in Jesus! Only He can permanently change your life.

Turning over a new leaf won't do it. New Year's resolutions won't do it. Turning religious won't do it.

Only Jesus can do it!

Only He can deliver you from whatever it is that casts you down.

In short NEW LIFE BEGINS WITH JESUS.

I speak from experience not from studying about it. Ours is not to know about Jesus but to know Him. He who desires to redeem you and draw you back to Himself. Yes! His desire is to inhabit you, come and dwell with you, to change your life, not for you to change it – but for you to let Him do the job.

Roy Hollingworth
Newark

Just Trust Him!

How wonderful the Lord is, He loves us so much. He wants to stretch our faith, make it grow.

Stretching is stressful and it is manifested in our circumstances. Pray that the stretching in our lives reaps its full reward building our faith, rather than praying ourselves out of the circumstances. We should be rejoicing in God with joy unspeakable and full of glory not only despite the circumstances we find ourselves in, but because of them, for Peter tells us: "That

the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ". 1 Peter 1:7.

Earlier he reminds us that we "are kept by the power of God through faith"; 1 Peter 1:5.

Therefore faith is a very important part of the alchemy, which is the keeping power of God. We need to remember that God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son so that we should be afforded an entrance into the His Holy Presence. Christ's redemptive act is the Father's provision and He has constantly provided for us in every way. Just trust Him.

Mick Copeman Grantham

Please pray for

Chris Wingfield; Baby Matthew; Gladys Maulson; Violet Cowling; Betty & Peter Holt; Betty Hollingworth; Margaret Prigmore; Frank Gostlow and Rachel Walter, whose Mum Joyce went home to Glory recently.
We have just heard that Norman Wicker has gone to be with the Lord.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MEETING

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IT'S SUMMER TIME



Spring and summer will soon be upon us. It reminds me of that wonderful chorus by Roy Turner from CD 2

*The rain is over the winter is gone,
The time of the singing of the birds has come,
It's summer time down in my heart,
There are pastures green, skies of blue,
Everything in the spirit is new,
It's summertime down in my heart,
Summertime, my heart is really free,
Summertime for Jesus lives in me,
Summertime, what joy and liberty,
It's summertime down in my heart.*

Are you experiencing the warmth and brightness of summer in your heart? Do you feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit touching your innermost being, transmitting His essence of

well-being in and through your physical being, illuminating your mind like a breath of fresh warm air as it touches your outer flesh but having that same experience within you, bringing new thoughts of love from far beyond the realms of time and space. Listen to Him, talk to Him, let Him express Himself through you. You will dance and sing as the children do in the summer sunshine without a care in the world. Experience the great refreshing, which carries you through the turmoil of life causing you to see through the mist of this life and enter into another realm. Enter into that which is within you and enjoy the summertime in your innermost being.

We had our first glory meeting of the year in January at Romanby, Northallerton. It was very well attended despite the weather. Many were blessed and quickened by the Holy Spirit and gave real and powerful testimony of change in their lives. We shall be at Altrincham in April followed by South Wales, North Wales, Cannock, Brent and the Glory Holiday. Please contact me if you have a testimony of what is happening to you in this glory move. Send them to,
Doug Aistrup c/o The Glory Office, PO Box 10, Basildon, Essex SS16 5SX.

Much love to you all in Jesus, Doug and Lily Aistrup contact us via the Glory Office or 01325 353160



I became a Christian in the late 60's and when I was in Ripon I attended the AOG Church. There I met a couple, Mary and Bernard Sanderson who took me in almost like an extended family. We would listen to the Glory Tapes that Henri used to send out and would spend alternately between end-less cups of tea, times of laughing, praising, dancing and praying sometimes till three in the morning. I would borrow the tapes to take back to my RAF camp at Cottesmore in Rutland. I used to play them to my friends in my billet and got many comments for doing so, some of them complementary, others not so much. I attended meetings at Hollybush and Northallerton Baptist Church. It was there that I was introduced to Roy Turner's songs and records. For a number of years, mainly due to a lack of transport, I lost touch with Henri and the Glory Way. Through some more Christians in Ripon, I started to attend various meetings and conferences and we would sing many of the Glory songs. Through the teaching of G.W. North I learnt to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit properly and he also spoke a lot about Christian conduct and lifestyle. With others we eventually set up a fellowship in Ripon. People were led by the Lord to move into Ripon from all over and our group grew. The Glory songs played a big part in the worship. By this time fellowships were growing all over Yorkshire and soon sharing ministers with each other. We also learned that this was happening all over the UK.

Every so often the Ripon AOG would hold a special meeting. I would attend as I often visited this Church. Sue Yates, the pastor's wife had rung me this particular afternoon in 2000 to invite

me to a Glory meeting that night. I accepted. I was quietly minding my own business, enjoying the meeting and dancing quietly in my chair space when Doug drew me out to the front. There was much joy and laughter which was infectious and soon I was on the floor rolling with laughter. Most of the time I was glued to the floor. I did manage to get up eventually at about 10.30pm and I put my address on the glory mailing list. I wished I could go on the Glory Holiday later that year at Hunstanton and rushed home thinking this worship was what was missing in my life. The holiday was an impossibility though, as we had booked a bus tour to Paris the week after the Glory holiday. It was absolutely impossible for us to attend both. I was sitting at home reading the Glory News and thinking about the holiday; how I longed to go on it. The phone rang at that moment and it was my travel agent; "I have some bad news" the girl said, "Your holiday has been cancelled because of lack of support. Would you consider a later date?" So I went down to the office to arrange it. The icing on the cake was, not only were we able to book the Glory Holiday but Wallace Arnold & Co gave us £20 each for disturbing our "holiday". Both Ann and I were so blessed by the friendly nature of the meetings and the joy and laughter flowed.

How these meetings affected me: - I had for a number of years felt a sense of grief. I did not know what it was and it was nothing to do with my own feelings or the lackings of anybody else. Both Ann and I have good relations with other Christians but there was something lacking. In the early days I had sensed this joy but on returning to the Glory meetings I experienced the joy. I believe I have a ministry of encouragement and the joy certainly helps with this. I am by nature shy and get very concerned I am showing off and making a fool of myself. But at Glory meetings because everybody is so concentrating on worship and all sorts of things are happening, I have lost the thought about "What will others think?" and feel free to express my love to Him.

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CALLED AND CHOSEN OF GOD



God's call to us has several levels. First He calls us for Himself, this call is to introduce us to Him, to be a friend and to fellowship with Him.

John 15:15," but I have called you friends". It was His choice John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. He chose us, He initiated the process. We either accept or reject this call but as John 1:9 says "He lighteth every man who comes into the world", every one has a call. Mt.22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen. The only choosing we can do is to repent of our sin ask His forgiveness and let His presence fill us. God then imparts His Holy Spirit in our lives and starts to establish His Kingdom within our soul. Lu.17:21 says, "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you". This Kingdom is His will starting to establish itself within our lives, we start to become Christ like and pleasing to God. He regenerates our Spirit, comes and lives within and nothing can then separate "Our Spirit", from His.

Then His call changes, it calls us to come out of the world and to be part of Him and His way of doing things. We get a whole new revelation and depth of purpose in our lives. We are a new creation in Him, 2 Co.5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new". Although he has regenerated our Spirit our soul and body are still tainted by the world. It's the Holy Spirits job to clean us up and help us to become a temple for the Holy Spirit., The Spirit reveals the things in our lives that are not pleasing to God and helps us to change. He is so patient with us. The miracle is that God has forgiven and forgotten our past. He did this when we first asked Jesus to come into our lives. God's forgiveness is all embracing and complete if we are willing to follow our calling by walking in His Spirit. Healing takes place deep within our hearts and minds as the Holy Spirit reveals God's unconditional love for us. The life of Jesus illustrates how this works in His dealing with the women at the well. John 4:7 He showed her He knew all about her sorry life, yet He offered her the living water. Jesus wasn't interested in her past He saw her thirst for reality and met it without condemnation just the pure revelation of who He was. That's how the Holy Spirit works, He reveals the things He needs to change and gives us the power to cleanse our temple and overcome our past. God doesn't use human like methods to go delving into the past failures and hurts in our lives. That's why ministries that delve into peoples past are out of touch with God's plan of salvation. The enemy of our soul will always want to give us a reason why God can't really love us. When we start looking at ourselves and our past the enemy is delighted. But God's inner healing process is to manifest His love, shedding it abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit making us confident that our past is dead and buried once and for all as far as God is concerned. He has put our past in the sea of His forgetfulness and tells us, "No fishing". Jesus dealt with it all on the Cross! He imputed His righteousness in us, the instant He saved us, Ro.4:24 says, "But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"

We don't have to make ourselves right, He gives us the ability to live right and use our past failure as a platform for future success. We can live just like Jesus did listening to what God is telling us and then doing it. God is always calling us higher in our daily life; we are not here by accident Peter says, 2Pe. 1:10 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." The whole point of our salvation is a testimony of God's grace. Immediately Jesus came out of the waters of baptism His ministry started. God said, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased". I believe God is just as pleased with us when we respond to the call to become His sons and daughters. We are given the same opportunities and power to walk as Jesus did if we are willing like Jesus was to be obedient to every word He says to us, as far as our humanity allows. "There is a calling on your life that no one else can fulfil. Jesus Himself said, Jn. 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

You say, "How, why, what, where?" But it's not external it's that still small voice deep within your spirit saying, "Follow me and see how you and I can change the darkness into light wherever we go together". We have this inner witness the call of His Spirit challenging all the powers of darkness and giving us boldness to live as over-comers. "Follow your calling and it will sustain and direct your paths, make the connections you need and meet other people's needs as a natural by-product. You will be just like Jesus in the world but not of it. Wherever you go you will bring change to the world around you, right up to the time when you get that final call to your heavenly home above." Amen.

I believe this message is prophetic for you today, take it on board and God will fulfil it for you as you walk with Him. What a privilege it is to be called: sign up with Him today for the most exciting journey you could ever conceive.

Stop looking for it
START WALKING IN IT
We Love You
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