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So that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

April 2017 Ministry Letter

Overshadowed by the Cross.

Jesus died on the cross for you and me to have salvation and that is the truth but not the whole truth. I don't mean to ruffle feathers here but we are not complete with just the cross. In Christianity today we are focused on the cross and not on what Jesus did on the day He died and especially on the day He rose again. Is the cross important? Yes but there is more, much more that is being overshadowed by the cross. For instance:

2 Corinthians 8:9 New Living Translation
"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

Jesus became poor so we could be rich. I have heard so many times that Jesus was rich in heaven and when He came to earth He gave up all the riches of Heaven and became poor as a man on earth. As I have studied the life of Jesus that just doesn't hold true. Financial riches are not needed in Heaven, earthly riches show prosperity and status in society. *Literally it means adjective, richer, riches according to the dictionary: having wealth or great possessions; abundantly supplied with resources, means, or funds; wealthy.* Did Jesus need any of this in Heaven? I don't think so, when we talk about riches we are talking about here on earth. So was Jesus poor here on earth, scripture tells us He was but when did He become poor? Maybe at birth as others suggested. Couldn't be then because the moment He was born Wise men from the east were looking for Him to make sure He has the finest things in life. There were certainly more than three Wise men and possibly hundreds of support people, guards and servants, to transport such riches safely. Matthew 2 9:11 *"After the Wise Men had listened to the*

king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. 11 The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh." The Wise men went to the house not the manger and saw the child not the infant. So it couldn't have been poor at birth or even when He was a child because the Wise men didn't show up till Jesus was a child in the house, not in the manger as the world would have us to believe.

Jesus took care of our earthly needs and desires and He took care of them at the same time.
Happy Resurrection Day

Now it couldn't have been when Jesus was a young man because He was a carpenter and owned His own business and helped support His family,

it was the family business. And it couldn't have been as a traveling minister because He had 12 on staff who needed support and a treasurer to take care of the finances of the ministry. You don't need a treasurer if you are poor. I know when He was poor, it was when Jesus was told He had to pay taxes but yet again the money was there not only to pay for His tax but the Disciples tax as well, so again He was not poor. There is only one time Jesus has nothing:

Matthew 27: 26 So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. 27 Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. 29 They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on

his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 30 And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. 31 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

They wove a crown of thorns, why? Everything Jesus took had a meaning and a purpose. Those thorns drove deep into His head probably down to His skull causing His head to explode in pain. He took that for us, our mental health, I have talked with many people who believe they would just explode or they were so confused, mentally out of order. Jesus not only took our physical health issues and healed them but our mental issues no matter how severe Jesus took it all and healed it all!

They stripped Him of His clothes at that point Jesus had nothing in this physical world, not even the clothes on His back, now that's poor. Even Jesus' clothes were valuable: *Matthew 27:35 After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.* Why gamble for something worthless, after all if He was poor who would want His clothes but yet they were so costly the guards gambled for them and I am sure the winner was delighted.

So why is this important? Jesus became poor at the time of His death so we could be rich. Well that is spiritually rich, so Jesus became spiritually poor so we could be spiritually

rich. So when did Jesus become spiritually poor? He didn't, even in Hell he overcame the Devil and all of Hell itself. This fact of prosperity has been overshadowed by the cross. Why is it important because Jesus died so you could be rich, rich in all things including finances.

But wait that's not all *Matthew 27:26b "He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified."* *1 Peter 2:24 New Living Translation*

(NLT) 24 "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed." We know on the cross our sins were forgiven because Jesus became sin for us, but what else happened what has the cross over-

shadowed? Healing, by His wounds you are healed. What wounds? Just the wounds on the cross, the nails in His hands and feet, the wound in His side. *1 Peter 2:24 Young's*

Literal Translation "who our sins himself did bear in his body, upon the tree, that to the sins having died, to the righteousness we may live; by whose stripes ye were healed." What stripes? The wounds left on His back caused by the lead tipped whip used by the Roman soldiers that laid the stripes on His back leaving strip wounds. They were taken on Jesus back the same day He died on the cross and it was not for our sins but for our healing. Lets not minimize what Jesus did by taking the stripes because He took the stripes with the same love and passion as He took the cross, but we love that old cross a symbol of torture and shame and never question our salvation but the same day Jesus died on the cross He took the stripes for

our healing. A great number of Christians question the healing Jesus provided for us. Well maybe it's not for us today, you know healing died with the Disciples, well we are just not sure healing is for everyone after all not everyone is healed. Well is salvation for



everyone? Of course but are all saved? Is it God's will for all to be saved, scripture tells us that it is, but not all are saved. Same goes for healing because the same day that Jesus died for our sins He died for our healing and our prosperity. We can't let some people's view of the cross overshadow all that took place the day Jesus died because Jesus has done so much for us.

All that I have talked about happened before Jesus died. He became poor, took our sins and gave us healing. All things that are needed here in the physical realm, but it didn't stop there when Jesus took His last breath here on earth that is where our future and hope lies in. Luke 24 New Living Translation The Resurrection **1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. 5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."** We can't let the cross overshadow the resurrection of Jesus because that is where our eternal life exists. Jesus was the first to be resurrected and we are the ones yet to come. That is our hope, that is our future.

Jesus not only took care of our earthly needs and desires but He took care of our eternity. It's not just what happened at the cross, as important as that is, but it is what Jesus did for us while we are here on earth and our eternal life. While Jesus was here He preached the Kingdom of God. He has taken care of us on earth, Kingdom of the world and in the Kingdom of God to come. Now isn't that just like God taking care of His children through everything!



His Arm & Fuzzy

It's Personal!

Look out world because here I come. Yes I have made the step or the drive anyway I am now driving our car and yes even in the Los Angeles traffic. God is restoring everything. I walk without a cane just not long distances but I am getting stronger and walking longer everyday. Thank God I kept my licenses and insurance in tact through this ordeal! God is so GOOD! I still walk funny but I walked funny before I was sick, but it is getting prettier and prettier everyday. As I said on the last newsletter I am doing all the maintenance on the RV and the car. God has and is so good to me! God has taken what the Devil ment for my destruction and turned it around for the good. Not only the good for me but for all the people that Patti and I minister to, truly they see the goodness of our God.

You'll notice the bus in the picture it is not because



of my driving we took the bus it is because there are people on the bus. If we are going to minister Encouragement to people we need to go where they are, so Patti and I decided to ride the bus line in Los Angeles. We had a blast, we were able to minister to so many people one on one and when you talk in a bus your

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voice carries so the majority of the passengers hear our testimony and about the faithfulness of God. Many would stop and ask us questions and comment on our conversations and they were all positive. The picture is of Patti and one of the bus drivers, we blurred out her face to honor her to keep her privacy but let me tell you she was wonderful! We were able to pray with her and encourage her. A mother and grandmother who has set aside her music career to raise her children, but now encouraged to go forward with the gift she knows God has given her. When you meet someone for the first time and you know you are one in the Spirit and you become family. We had the privilege to tell our testimony of the goodness of God to so many people and in turn we have a long list of prayer requests as well.

When God said He would restore me we are finding out that He ment so much more than just my physical body. Along with ministering to so many people God has allowed us to go back to the place where I proposed to Patti almost 44 years ago at the Reef restaurant on the beach next to the Queen Mary ship. There is a road now next to the ocean but the spot I proposed still had the sand and trees. The memories just flooded in and we had a wonderful time. We were able to go to the little Danish town called Solvang where we had our honeymoon, and the same hotel was still there. We even stopped to the exact place and had a picture taken where we had our first kiss. Talk about restoration!

God said he would give us life and life more abundantly and to be able to travel, see new and old things and create new memories and relive the old ones and have the best time we thought possible is just a miracle. We minister all the time and having the best time of our lives. Sometimes I get concerned that we are having to much fun and then God reminds me that this is His plan. He gave us the assignment and the ability to do it and provides in every way.

We went to a restaurant we use to go to when we were young called the North Woods Inn and while walking from the RV to the front door we started talking to a couple of young men, come to find out one of the boys had the last name of a friend we went to school with. He knew they were related, what are the chances we would meet and minister to both of them.

We went walking on the Santa Monica Pier where we purchased a picture directly from the artist who painted it right in front of us. As he created the painting we took advantage of the time and sat with him for quite some time telling him how good God has been to us, how he healed me, gave us the RV and paid off the 1/2 million dollars from the Doctors and Hospital. He was so encouraged and excited about what God did

and what God was going to do in his life because God is no respecter of persons. He kept thanking us, shaking our hands and hugging us. When you know God is faithful you can't help but to get excited!

One special experience we have had in our travels is that we received a tour of Air Force One. Not at all what I expected it to be but certainly bigger than our RV, it goes faster but not to brag our RV is much nicer LOL. Here is a composite picture of Patti and I leaving Air Force One it was an honor.



Another miracle: In the RV park we stayed at they had a party that we decided to attend, the way to meet people is to go where they are. We had a wonderful time, ministered a lot and

the miracle is that I was able to dance with my wife, two fast dances and one slow dance. The young man, whom we had been testifying to, said I am witnessing a miracle and was over joyed as much as we were.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Reagan and Patti

We want to thank each and every one of you for traveling with us on our Happy Trails Thank you for your love, support, encouragement, fellowship, gifts, and prayers! We pray the Lord will prosper you above, and beyond anything you can desire or imagine. Please remember you are very special to us, you are in our prayers everyday. On our web site we have a place for prayer requests and praise reports or you can always call for prayer anytime.

GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU,

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