

# Christians Seeking Identity

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Greetings Family & Friends,

Suzan and I pray that you and your families are already experiencing God's tremendous blessing. This is quite out of my character but if I may express this to you in this manner; as I am writing this to you it is what I am sensing in my inner spirit to say, "Behold 2014 will be a year of my bringing revelation to man as never before. Man will find himself in a position that he will be looking for answers to some questions and situations that he has not encountered before, and I will be there for my creation to share with them, to help them to know what they need. For my children I will bring understanding and enlightenment to help them to see things that are happening thru my eyes and not thru theirs. I am and I will always be God to my creation, my children. This year is a year of revelation to my creation, says the Lord."

I share these words with you in total humility. They are only meant to encourage you and so I would ask of you to judge these words. If they do not bring you encouragement please forgive me and disregard them.

We hope that you will receive from the Lord through this month's teaching.  
God Bless You!

## *What are we Teaching?*

**2 Corinthians 3:6** *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

There is a deadly mixture of law and grace at work in the church and it is poisoning everyone that comes in contact with it. It is not just coming from those that have no revelation of grace. It is also coming from those of us who seem to have an understanding of grace.

We teach people that they are dead to the law by the body of Christ and that the law has no ability to deliver them from the weakness that comes from their flesh.

**Romans 7:4** *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

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That is well and good, but once they come to Christ, when a weakness of the flesh manifests itself, we tend to throw them back under the same law that they were delivered from and once again they become a captive to it. Let me show you what I mean.

**Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

When someone is overtaken in a fault we traditionally confront them with their faults and present them with the consequences if they don't get their flesh under control. This puts the pressure on the power of the flesh to perform, and it strengthens sin! **Romans 7:18-25**

When someone is overtaken in a fault, the enemy causes him or her to lose sight of who they are by presenting them with all the condemning evidence that disqualifies them. The scripture says that those who are "spiritual" are to restore them. The Holy Spirit leads those who are spiritual and the Holy Spirit always makes people God conscious. Thus, those ministers put people in remembrance of who they are, of who God is and of how much God loves them and wants to set them free from the things that have overtaken them. They emphasize the power that God has to help them overcome everything that they have become entangled with and they take the emphasis off of the flesh that is weak. The Spirit led minister approaches people with compassion and mercy, not confrontation.

Consider the Mirror Bible's version of Galatians 6:1-2

**Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, if it seems that someone continues to anticipate their next failure by carrying just too much load, from your position in faith restore such a person in a spirit of courtesy and grace, keeping your own attitude in check; a legalistic approach would want to suspiciously probe into problems. Remember, you represent grace, not law. 2 The law of the Christ-life distinguishes your spirituality; taking the weight off someone's shoulder is fulfilling the law of Christ. (The message of grace removes all law-related burdens such as guilt, suspicion, inferiority, shame and a sin consciousness.)*

How did Christ relate to people who were overtaken in faults compared to those who represented the law? Here are a few examples: **John 4:9-26** The woman at the well; **John 8:4-11** The woman caught in adultery; **Luke 19:5-10** Zacchaeus.

Check out the new series called "The Law of Liberty" that we have added to our web site under the section titled teaching articles. We think that it will bring as much enlightenment to you as it did to us regarding this very issue.

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Your friends,  
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