Greetings Family & Friends,

As we are starting out in this New Year, I find myself "Looking" around at God's creation. As I do, I am reminded of Psalm 8 where David wrote, in vs 3 "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; vs 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" I look to see Gods creation and ALL that He gave man (His creation) to have dominion over and when I remember that the Bible says that (my paraphrase) all creation is waiting for mankind to take his rightful place as sons and daughters of the Most High God. This is about the time that my inner spirit feels like it will burst inside of me with rejoicing. I sense the "love of God" surrounding me and His Holy Spirit reminding me that there is nothing that can separate me from the love of God. (Rom. 8)

It might be surprising to you when I tell you that, as we have traveled in many different parts of the world, we have found that there are 'many' people that "DO Not" know that God loves them! This truth is strange and even foreign to them because they have always been taught the opposite-you do good God loves you, you don't do good God does not love you. When you think about it, who can measure up to this "law"? Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

When I continue to look around, the world has its own perception of things that it wants to influence me with, whether it be the things happening in the world, the pain and sufferings that people are experiencing or any type of "hopeless" situations, it can cause me to forget that I still have a savior Jesus Christ! This is the times that the Holy Spirit of God is there with us to put us in remembrance of what Jesus has done and who we are "In Him". In this month's article, Suzan points out to us this very fact. In these days that we are in, we need constant daily reminders of this very powerful truth to be able to see things through the finished work of Jesus on the cross.

We pray that it will be edifying to you you and help you with your daily walk with the Lord. God Bless you!

Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan

## The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a Standard

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: And yet they would not hear. Is. 28:9-12

There is only one way for us to come to a correct understanding of spiritual things. Those things must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 1 Corinthians

2:12-13 The word says in Romans 8:6-7 that carnal thinking produces spiritual death. Our carnal thinking has caused distortions in our perception of what we think is spiritual. God never intended for his word to be understood by simply analyzing it with our natural minds. John 16 says that the spirit of truth unlocks secrets that have been hidden in the scriptures for ages. The letter of the word kills, but the spirit brings life.

2 Corinthians 3:6

## Christian Seeking Identity

We found ourselves praying about this new year that is upon us. As we were praying I could hear the roar of the wind blowing across It is the only way that we can see light in the the waters of Lake Gaston. God began to speak to me: The water is simply responding to the wind. It may seem like all hell has broken loose upon the earth, like everything that is good is coming crashing down and like God is nowhere to be found, but this year (2020) is going to be a great year because the church is coming to the end of itself. The church is finally going to put their trust in me. A mighty wave of the Spirit is not only moving throughout this land, but all over the whole world.

"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him." (Isaiah 59:19)

The enemy is at work, there is no doubt about it! All of the prophecies that we have been reading for years are unfolding right in front o our very eyes and it is intimidating.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, 4:6) and men of strength to mingle strong drink:"Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Isaiah 5:20

It is absolutely vital that every church and every individual within that church learns to trust in what the Spirit of God is saying rather than what they see or hear! That is the only way that we will be able to see into the super-

natural realm where God rules and reigns.

midst of darkness. Regardless of what the heathen think and regardless of what the world tries to define as truth, God's word is incorruptible and we can stand on it if we ourselves rightly discern it! Every deviation of the word according to the standards that the flesh may try to set will come to nothing. Everything that is not based on truth according to the Word will fail. 1 Peter 1:24-25

No longer can we depend on the government or politicians to legislate truth. We can't depend on the media's assessment of things. We can't be bench warmers sitting in church Sunday after Sunday depending on the truth that someone else proclaims from the pulpit. We have to discover truth for ourselves! Everyone of us have to learn how to be led by and how to respond to what we see happening all around us by the prompting of the Holy Spirit because that is where the answer to what we see going on in the world lies.

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel. saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah

## It is by His Spirit that He reveals everything to us. Amen & Amen!

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