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Colossians 2:10 states: "And ye are complete in Him" Do we live what we are believing?

Greetings Family and Friends,

Suzan and I pray that you and your families are enjoying God's best in your lives today. With the change in the seasons of the year sometimes there are changes that take place in our own lives. For me personally I have found myself taking an inventory of myself and my life. Maybe you have done the same at some point in your life. My findings have caused me to submerge myself deeper into God's word to find answers and clarity for my life. In this process I have discovered that even though God's word tells me something (a truth) about an area of my life, I have not been able to incorporate that 'truth' in a 'full' measure into my everyday life.

Let me share with you what God has been teaching me and how He has been proving Himself to me. Take for example the "truth" from God's word that tells me that I am blessed, "Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:" Now I ask myself the question, "Do I see myself, do I feel, am I really blessed?" Amidst circumstances and situations in my life, how do I see myself?

The Holy Spirit brought clarity to the scripture in Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. God's word is truth and that means, in every area of my life. Neither life's circumstances nor situations can dictate the validity of God's word in our lives. That is proven again and again in God's word. The woman with the issue of blood, spoke a declaration from her heart painting a picture in words of how she saw herself through a truth. Mat 9:21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. It was the same with Jairus as he painted a picture of declaration to Jesus: Mat 9:18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a

certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

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As I continued to study and meditate upon these scriptures, I found myself enveloped by God's love through His word. Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Col 2:9-10 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Vs10 And ye are **complete** (fully persuaded) in him, which is the head of all principality and power. We can rely on Christ and have confidence in His finished work despite our circumstances. He assured our victory!

As we enter into this Christmas season let us truly examine our hearts to see how Jesus has paid the price for us and all mankind to be able to partake of His good blessings and in our hearts to realize that we are "complete" in Him and we lack no good thing. May you and your family be blessed of the Lord not only during this time of the year but everyday of every year of your long, long lives. God Bless you!



From our family to yours we want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Blessed New Year.

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Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Message Bible says "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace so that your *believing lives*." Many times we as Christians find ourselves with a head full of knowledge about how the things of the kingdom of God should work, and yet don't seem to be living what we believe. In actuality, we are trying to believe and not doubt, we are trying to get healed, we are trying to manifest the things of the kingdom according to head knowledge when God manifests the kingdom to us by revelation knowledge. There is a difference. One is the faith of man and his ability to believe, the other is literally the *faith of Christ!*

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Galatians 4:22-31 presents a very clear picture of what I am trying to say.

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

Gal 4:23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

That which is born of "man working faith" produces bondage.

Gal 4:29 Message In the days of Hagar and Sarah, the child who came from faithless connivance (Ishmael) harassed the child who

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came--empowered by the Spirit--from the faithful promise (Isaac). Isn't it clear that the harassment you are now experiencing. follows that old pattern?

Are you experiencing frustration in your life? Perhaps you have become entangled with that same yoke of bondage!

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Gal 5:9 Ampl A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump {it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church}.

Are you living by *His faith*, or are you living by *your faith?* If you are living by *His faith*, your believing will live and you will be filled with joy and peace.

CBC Atlanta (directed by Tom and Cindy Boyd) had their annual "Missions Week" starting December the sixth. We were invited to minister at this event along with Mike and Carrie Pickett (directors of the CBC school in St. Petersburg Russia.) It was a blessing to see once again the now second year students that we had seen and been with last year.





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