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*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
Luke 22:32*

“At Peace with God”

Enoch had this testimony that he pleased God! We have often misinterpreted this to mean that Enoch was pleasing to God because of his efforts and works. But what if all it means is that Enoch was at peace with God! He was confident in God’s unconditional love and care for him and it allowed him to experience God in a way that transcended the things of this world.

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Enoch was translated (Strong’s Concordance-to change sides, exchange.) His life in the flesh was

literally exchanged for life in the Spirit. He never experienced death. All of this was made possible through his faith in the goodness of God. He knew that God was pleased with him. We long for an “Enoch experience” with God and yet it seems out of our reach because we are looking for it in the wrong way.

Enoch enjoyed God’s favor by faith, in spite of Adam’s fall; he proved that faith defeats death. (His absent body prophesied the resurrection of Christ; faith does not die!) Hebrews 11:5 Mirror Word

We have what Enoch had. God is pleased with us. Jesus made it sure! It is the most basic Christian principle and everything else God has for us

depends upon our understanding of this one thing. 1Corinthians 13:1-3

Once we begin to understand this, spiritual things will come alive in our lives and we will be able to transcend the cares of this world that keep us continually in bondage! Not only will it affect our lives, but it will affect the way that we relate to other people and that in turn will affect the way that those people experience life. John 15:12-13

We have spent the last three weeks in Machala Ecuador witnessing this whole process at work. We have been working with two CBC mission teams, one under the direction of Kent and Sheila Coates from Raleigh, North Carolina, and one under the direction of Delron and Peggy Shirley from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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The teams are made up of students from all over the world who came to Charis Bible College searching for what Enoch had, and it is obvious that they have found it!

We have watched them connect with different people here in Ecuador who don't know or who have forgotten that God is pleased with them. People everywhere are discouraged, lonely, abandoned, rejected, and filled with guilt and condemnation. They are angry with a God who does not seem to care. The students were able to relate to their pain because they themselves have experienced similar situations. It was amazing to see students that have overcome rejection naturally reach out to those that feel rejected. To see students that have experienced condemnation reach out to those who walk in self condemnation, and students who have been angry with God or have given up on him reach out to those who have

searched for God and not yet found Him. We saw grown men holding battered children and watched in awe as the children responded to the love that was being transmitted. We heard students say, "God just wants me to give you a hug," and watched as the people on the receiving end instantly became connected to the love of God that they had been desperately longing for.

We were part of the captive audience that listened to the overcoming testimonies of the students. It sounded like the modern day version of **Hebrews 11:33-39**. The only difference is found in verse 39. The people mentioned in Hebrews obtained a good report but they did not receive the promise. They passed away before the things that were promised to them in the spirit were made manifested to them. We have obtained a good report through Jesus! He died our death and now we are able to transcend into the

things of the spirit without seeing death just as Enoch did.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: Hebrews 11:39

Jesus once told Peter as Peter faced trying circumstances that He would personally see to it that Peter would become an overcomer and He told him to strengthen his fellow brothers with the same strength that had been given to him. **Luke 22:31-32**

Thanks to our great friends in Ecuador who ministered the same message of love and acceptance to the members of both teams and to both Mickey and I. Together we are one in Christ Jesus and together we are strong.



"Thank you Pastor Alfonso, Lurdes, Marietta and Pancho for all your planning and hard work!"



Paster Alfonso baptized three members of the Colorado Team



"Thank You "Vinicio" for going the extra mile in serving us!"



Mickey and I at a home group meeting in the home of a fisherman. The scale where they weigh the fish is above our heads.



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