

# Christian Seeking Identity

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Greetings Family & Friends,

Last month we had the pleasure of hosting the Charis Bible College Team from Dallas, TX for their mission trip. We teamed up with Meet Me at The Bridge Ministry and ministered to the homeless in Durham and in Charlotte, NC. The Team also worked two days with a ministry called With Love From Jesus in Raleigh, NC. The ministry distributes food as well as household items to all those in need. The first day they stocked the shelves with all types of food and household items and the second day they participated in praying for the people as well as giving out the food and household items to all that visited the ministry.

At times I look around and see so many needs and I try to figure out, “what can I do to make a difference?” Have you ever had the Holy Spirit of God ask you the question, “Do you trust me?” That is what happened to me and with tears running down my face I answered, “Yes Lord, I trust You!” As day by day went by, I saw God’s hand at work through me in an effortless manner. Sometimes the things of this world seem to block out God’s voice and blind us to what God is doing. But the Holy Spirit of God is present in us to deliver us from the things of this world so we can see things in a clearer light. In this month’s teaching Suzan shares with us regarding what happens when you “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”.

We pray that it will be inspirational and enlightening in your spiritual walk with the Lord.

God Bless you,

Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan

## Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

I woke up not long ago rehearsing the catchy phrase of a song: “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face **[presence]** of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We are faced with unsettling times.

2 Corinthians 4:8 -10 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the

Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

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Grace by definition: the divine influence of God upon the heart and its reflection in the life therein. We have been baptized with the holy Ghost and with fire so that we can see beyond what we see in the natural. It caused me to think of another scripture in a different light. The scriptures say that one day God will destroy the earth and everything in it with fervent heat.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements [**strong's definition-the fundamental governing principles of the natural world**] shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

If we allow the letter of the word to be the basis of our interpretation, we can read all kinds of catastrophic events into this passage. But maybe this scripture contains a hidden nugget that takes us beyond the scope of our natural understanding.

“The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.” According to the Greek definition, a day can mean anything from a moment in time to a particular age. We live in the age or dispensation of grace. Christ in me, the hope of glory.

Could this scripture simply mean that as we look at things going on in this world in the face of Jesus, in the light of his glory and grace, [as the Holy Spirit opens up our eyes to see into the spiritual realm] that we will no longer be bound by what we see occurring in the natural? Just food for thought!

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul are you weary and troubled ,No light in the darkness you see,There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free ,Through death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there, Over us sin no more hath dominion, For more than conquerors we are, Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace, His word shall not fail you, He promised, Believe Him and all will be well, Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell, Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

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***CBC Dallas Ministering at “With Love From Jesus” & In the Park to the Homeless with Meet me at The Bridge***

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