



Christians Seeking Identity

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EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

Since we wrote the last newsletter we have been busy. In April we hosted two CBC teams in Bogota Colombia. One was from Washington DC and the other one was from Colorado. When we left Bogota we went home for two days and then traveled to Saint Petersburg, Russia. We were only there for a week, but it was a full week. We ministered in two churches, taught in the CBC school, in the leadership school and also were the guest speakers in a pastor's conference where we taught an eight hour course called *Contend for the Faith*.

We got home on May 8 and have spent some much needed time catching up with our families in North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The ministry that came forth from the members on both CBC teams in Bogota was exceptional! Their testimonies and teachings were powerful and the response from the people that sat under their ministry was tremendous! It is always exciting for Mickey and I to watch the students *discover themselves!* It seems like the number one thing that the enemy has kept hidden from Christians is what it means to be *one with Christ!* Religion's number one focus is dealing with the issue of sin. Religion tells us that we

should not compare ourselves with one another but it actually teaches people to measure themselves by themselves and with their ability to keep the law rather than by what God has done for them. When that happens it causes them to become spiritually blind.

2Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

We have been called to glory and virtue. We have been sanctified by God, and we have been preserved in Christ Jesus. **Jude 1:1.** His divine power has given us everything that we need that pertains to both life and godliness and he has equipped us with everything that we need so that we can be partakers of his divine nature. **2 Peter 2:1-4.** (*Teaching Pastors & Church Leaders in a conference in St. Petersburg-Below*)



Jesus displayed the glory of his father to the world around him. When people saw Jesus, they saw the Father. God created us in His image and told us to take dominion over everything that he created. Jesus commissioned us to do what He had done. **John 17:18**. He filled us with his fulness **John 1:16** and called us joint heirs.

For the most part Christians everywhere struggle with their identity. They have a head knowledge of who they are as Christians but they don't have a revelation of it! Jude says that we should ***earnestly contend for the faith*** **Jude 1:3** because there will be those who will rise up among us that will take us back to the things of the law. **Jude 1:4, 2 Peter 2:1**. When the law is our point of focus we will fail to see our true identity because the law always leaves us feeling condemned and unqualified to assume the role that we were created to assume. Not only will the law keep us from seeing who we are, but it will also cause those that we minister to to be spiritually blind as well.

Both **Jude** and **2 Peter** warn us that going back to law thinking after we have come to the realization that we are sanctified by God and preserved in Jesus will nullify our faith and keep us from experiencing the fullness of our spiritual identity. **2 Peter 2:20-22**



(CBC-Washington Students ministering in a Women's Rehabilitation Center.)

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(CBC-COS students ministering in church.)
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Earnestly contend for your faith! Become an expert in what God has done for you and refuse to let it go! It will set you free! This is the real message that God has called us to proclaim.

Jude 1:1 *Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: 2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

*God Bless you.
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