

# Christian Seeking Identity

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Greetings Family & Friends,

Wow! June! The year is half over; but we still have a lot of time left in this year in which we can be used by God to do the work of the Kingdom. The month of May commonly known for graduations was a busy month for us, as two of our grandchildren graduated from college. We also had the distinct privilege of being the speakers for the



CBC graduates of Ann Arber, Michigan. What a joy it was to see them again after having hosted their mission trip in Durham, NC.

Suzan and I are very thankful that the travel bands have been lifted to many countries that we worked with before the covid issue.



We traveled to Colombia at the end of May and we are still here doing seminars and preaching in churches.

What a blessed *(Pastors meeting-above)* time we have had reuniting with the friends and pastors that we have not seen in some time as well as meeting many new ones.



In this month's teaching Suzan shares an inspirational insight from a very well-known scripture 2 Chron.7:14 ( If my people...).

We trust that it will inspire you and may the Holy Spirit of God within you give you more personal revelation regarding this scripture.

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## **Search Me O Lord....See if any wicked way in Me**

**2 Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Recently as I was meditating on this scripture, I saw it from a completely different angle. This scripture specifically addresses Christians. Healing the land is contingent upon changing the way we are looking at things, not about reviving Old covenant principles to correct the world's wicked ways.

In this passage, God is urging the people that call themselves by his name to humble themselves, set aside the things of the flesh and look to him. He is the answer. He is the source. He admonishes us to concentrate our efforts around communicating with him and exploring our union with him. He reveals himself and displays his glory to the world through his church. The world is looking for a savior, but they can't see him unless they can see him in us.

The interesting thing is, God is addressing our wicked ways in this passage, not the world's wicked ways. We normally associate wicked ways with bad behavior. But God does not look at it like that. Wicked ways for a Christian is all about not putting our confidence in him as our savior.

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The Greek dictionary startled me when I looked up the word wicked! It described wicked as *a mental idol of pain or sorrow!* Now that is a mouthful. Let me tell you what registered in my mind when I read that. When we focus on everything that is wrong with people and on all of the negative things going on in this world, the problems become larger in our mind than the power of God that resides within us.

Let us look personally within ourselves and heed the petition that God has put before us as His sons and daughters so that we might be all we were created to be.

Message Bible Matthew 5:13, 16 "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? 16 Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.