

Christian Seeking Identity

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July 2014 Newsletter

Greetings Family and Friends,

We hope that you and your families have been enjoying your summer. We have been very busy and for us it seems like this summer has gone by in a flash. We certainly enjoyed our trip to Andrew's Family Bible Conference this year. Suzan and I were able to catch up with many of our friends that we had not seen in many years (and some since graduation in 2006). The second leg of our trip took us from Colorado Springs to Albuquerque, New Mexico where we visited with Suzan's youngest son (Seth) his wife (Lacey) and the newest granddaughter (Piper) who was born on Easter morning. What a beautiful delight that was to see them all.

As we continue to study God's word and receive His revelations, it is very exciting to see God's word being manifested and lived out in our very lives. It is a blessing to receive revelation but when you begin to experience them in your life it is quite foundational. In this month's message we will look at a truth from God's word found in 1 Samuel 16:7 "...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." It has been challenging and yet reassuring to walk in those words of truth. Paul had a revelation of this truth. He proclaimed in 1 Co 2:2 "For I determined not to know anything **among you**, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified". Paul was looking at man 'through' the redemptive work of Jesus. He was not looking at man in a carnal manner but yet in a spiritual manner, looking at the heart of the man.

We pray that the message this month will be and inspiration to you in your life.

We **Thank You** for all of your prayers and support as we could not do what we do with out you being with us. We love and appreciate you so very much.

God Bless you.
Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan

Our Itinerary:

July 29th thru Aug. 11th - Ecuador: Ministering in Machala, Huaquillas

Aug. 13th thru Aug. 24th - Ecuador: Lago Agrio (Ministering to Indigenous)

Aug. 26th thru Sept. 15th - Colombia, South America : Pastoral Seminars in Bogota and Cucuta. Presiding over the ceremony of a dear couple and close friends that will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Sept. 16th thru Oct. 2nd - Costa Rica: Pastoral Seminars and churches in Limon, San Jose. Nicaragua: Churches and groups in Managua, Chinandega and Esteli.

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God Sees the Heart

Not long ago during my daily Bible reading time, I was reading about how Samuel anointed David as king. Samuel was directed to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite where God told him that he had provided a king among his sons. The first son that was presented to Samuel was Eliab and based on his appearance, David was sure that he was the one that God had in mind.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

As I read this verse, God initiated these thoughts:

God does not see things the same way that man sees things. God has no carnal sight! His observations of man are not based on man's appearance or upon man's performance. God only sees spiritual truth! When God looks on the heart, is his seeing based on the man's attitude or his integrity knowing what that man will do in the future? No! That would be basing his sight on carnal perceptions.

Strong's Concordance defines the word heart as the most interior organ. What is man's most interior being made up of? What does God see in the core of man?

Ephesians 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: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

God sees us in Him-as a part of himself. He sees us Holy and without blame. Not by what we

have done, but by what he has done through love. His observation is not based upon the power that the man has to bring himself up to that level. It is based on God's own power and the integrity of his own word.

1 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We may not know who we are. We may be deceived and our eyes may be blinded, but the truth of the matter is, residing within every one of us is the God given power to be who we were created to be.

According to the story in 1 Samuel 16, seven sons of Jesse were presented to Samuel before he brought in David and they were all rejected. Their rejection was not based on carnal perceptions. They were rejected because that is not who God created them to be.

As we evaluate both others, and ourselves we need to continually keep in mind that we are who we are by the grace [or according to Strong's Concordance-the divine influence that God has upon our hearts] of God. **Romans 12:3-6**

Galatians 6:14-16 The Message Bible For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do—submit to circumcision, reject circumcision. It is what God is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

God Bless you!