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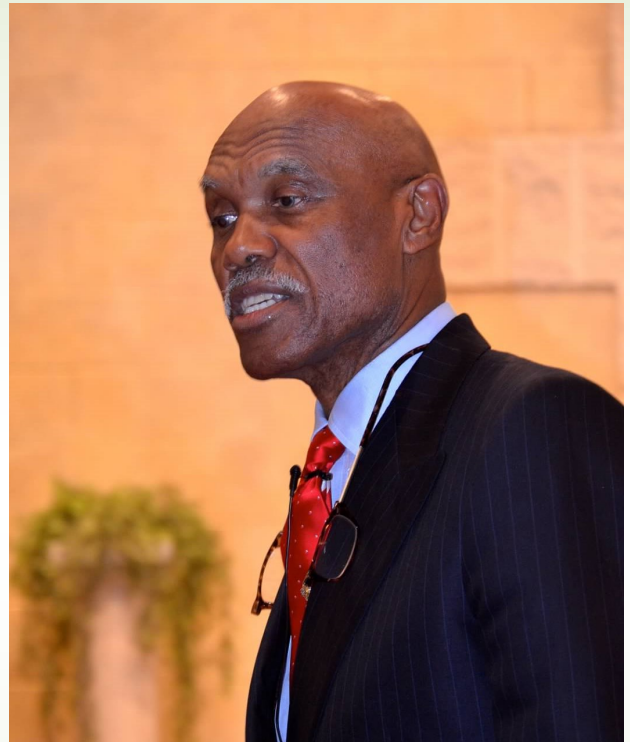


# Pressing Forward

## *Pastor Owen L. Alston*

*Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead... (Philippians 3:13).*

I believe that God is prodding us to press into Him. There is a level of understanding of the operation of the kingdom of God in the earth that we haven't touched yet. We have come to a point and time in history when evidently human knowledge is insufficient to sustain us. We seem to have more people on medication than has been in the history of our nation. Though we are supposed to be smarter than ever before, yet we are sicker than ever before. I believe God is saying, "Now that you have exhausted your understanding, come, talk to me." In the book of James there is a wonderful truth concerning pressing in to God – "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8). This is not only the answer to sickness, but to all other things that seem to be plaguing the human race. Every person must decide within himself whether he will continue to try and operate a failing system or press into God and live in victory. Our theme text gives us clear instructions on how to do this by "forgetting those things which are behind," forgetting all your failures, forgetting those things that just don't work, and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God. The power to attain this is in the word of God. Don't make the mistake of thinking that this is something you accomplish through human effort.



When you decide within yourself that your way is not working, you just simply place your trust totally in the word of God.

*"My son, give attention to my words. Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22).*

The power that's going to change your situation is in the Word. As you begin to make the word of God a priority in your life, change will start to take place. Remember that this a growth process, not something that will happen all at once. Find a good church that has good examples that you are will-

ing to follow. *“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*

*(II Timothy 2:1-2).*

I have heard the statement, “I am just sick and tired of being sick and tired.” This statement depicts a person who’s ready to press forward. The hope that we have is in Jesus Christ and all that He has done to deliver us from despair. There is knowledge beyond that which you presently

possess. God has made provisions for us to live an abundant life. He has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love so let us no longer dwell in a place of stagnation, but press forward into God. Not only will we elevate the quality of our lives but we will be an example for others to follow. In the words of Jesus, “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify Your Father which is in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:16).

**God has made provisions for us to live an abundant life.**



**DO YOU KNOW...?**

**GOD LOVES YOU**

**JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS**

**YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE**

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

**God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense**

**PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:**

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

By: Jacqueline Cuavers





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Jan Bright



**Ulla Persson**

Many people who pass through the front doors of Harmony Church are greeted by a petite white haired lady with sparkling blue eyes who welcomes them with a warm hug and a kiss. This is our own beloved Ulla Persson.

Ulla came to Harmony in 1999 after hearing Pastor Alston speak on Good Friday at another church. She remembers saying to herself, "Oh, boy, that man can preach. I must find out where he preaches." She began coming to Thursday night Bible class at Harmony and soon she was coming to Sunday service. In 2000, member George Lester asked if she would mind becoming an usher and Ulla's response was "I would like that." Ulla admits, "I'm a people person. I just love people." It's no surprise that one of her favorite Bible verses is Mark 12:31, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In addition to serving as an usher, her love for people led her to join Harmony's Hospitality Committee.

If you talk to Ulla, you will notice that she has a slight accent. That's because she was born and raised in Sweden where she still has family. She came to the United States in 1959 with a girlfriend who had been promised a job and asked to bring a friend with her. She began working for a family in Mendham, New Jersey. Later, she moved to New York where she worked four years for the parents of actress Jill Clayburg. During that time, she met and married her husband and later gave birth to a son Eric and a daughter Melanie.

One day she drove down to Whiting, New Jersey with a co-worker to visit a friend who lived in Crestwood Village. She remembers thinking, I want to retire here... and she did. She moved to Crestwood Village in 1996 and still lives there in the same house.

In addition to her church activities, Ulla crochets shawls and blankets for the Comfort Group, an auxiliary which donates these handmade items to a local hospital. In her

spare time, she enjoys bocce, yoga, and visiting with friends. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This verse is dear to her as she reflects on the fact that "He died for us." Ulla will always remember when Pastor Alston "rebaptized" her in Lake Horicon. "That changed my life. I have felt closer to God since that time."

Ulla has come to appreciate the importance of submission to God. She recalls a time when God told her to take Route 37 to the Parkway, but she traveled Route 70, believing it was a shorter trip. "As I approached the Wawa near Massachusetts Avenue, a big truck made an illegal left turn into the Wawa parking lot. I yelled, 'Jesus!' I stood on the brakes and the car just stopped. I began praising the Lord. Although I felt like giving the truck driver a piece of my mind, I didn't. Throughout the incident I was never upset. I was so calm."

Another time as she was preparing to visit one friend in the hospital, God directed her to visit another woman. This lady previously had no interest in the Lord, believing when you die, you die. Ulla recalls, "As I drove to the hospital with a friend, I was praying that the Lord would give me an opportunity to speak with her alone. As it happened, she sent the other lady for coffee and I was able to speak to her about Salvation. She cried and accepted Jesus. Three weeks later, she died. I am so glad I was able to lead her to Christ. Can you imagine how I would feel if I hadn't listened to God?"

When asked what keeps her at Harmony, Ulla replied, "Because of the teaching. I've learned so much since coming to Harmony. Pastor is such a good teacher. He is so gifted. I will never leave Harmony." Ulla Persson loves Harmony and Harmony loves her. It's a match made in Heaven!

**Harmony's Purity Program** helps children and single people to maintain the purity of their bodies until marriage. Please contact Church office for workshop schedule.

**B.A.B.E.S. in Christ** is a young adult ministry that provides a Christ-centered haven for young adults to socialize and fellowship. For information about dates and time of meetings please call the church office: 732-657-9660



*"I think it's awesome. It's great to have a young adult ministry, and to know you're not the only Christian." – Nick Bowden*  
*"It was a different experience; I enjoyed it." – Todd Ambula*

*"Amber is inspirational. I will definitely be back. I am motivated to go to church again." – Tavon Spearman*

*"I enjoyed hearing different perspectives. I liked the genuineness of the group. It was raw and new, and had a lot of energy and zeal." – Justin Underhill*

*"Positive message. Good leadership. I enjoyed hearing the perspectives of the other young adults in the group." – Kevin Ayoola*

*"I got to meet great people. It is a "no judgment" zone. I look forward to participating again." – Tanika Spearman*

*"Very welcoming. Open discussion. Different taste of what church and community is like." – Dave Wu*

As the problems of society try to weigh us down, we can stay  
lifted up by continually pressing toward Jesus.

For more information on **Harmony's Purity program** or **B.A.B.E.S. in Christ**,

please contact [harmonyoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:harmonyoffice@yahoo.com).



# Moving Forward With Conviction

By

Yvonne Shaw

I won't go back,  
I can't go back to the  
way it used to be  
before Your presence  
came and changed me.

We started the New Year 2016 with a heart-stirring series that teaches that we cannot be stagnant in our relationship with Christ Jesus. We have to continue growing to higher levels of understanding and knowledge which will take our relationships in Christ Jesus to another level. Pastor gave a clear understanding that we can't remain where we were last year. We have to, on purpose, with full determination, increase our understanding of God's word and develop our relationships with Christ as we continue **"Moving on to Higher Ground"**.

Our agenda as Christians should be to constantly move forward, growing and doing all that we can to spread the message of God's love to others for we know just how much Christ loves us and how He is not holding anything against us. In John 8:11, Jesus told the woman caught in adultery, **"Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more."** When we are doers of the word and receive God's forgiveness in

our hearts and believe that our sins are forgiven, we can let go of the past which will only hold us back. Second Corinthians 5:17 tells us **"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"**. As we move forward, we leave behind the things of the past, grudges, offenses, and selfishness, and continue the growth that leads to maturity. God's word tells us that we cannot remain as babes but we have to grow into maturity with determination.

*Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you*



*not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?*

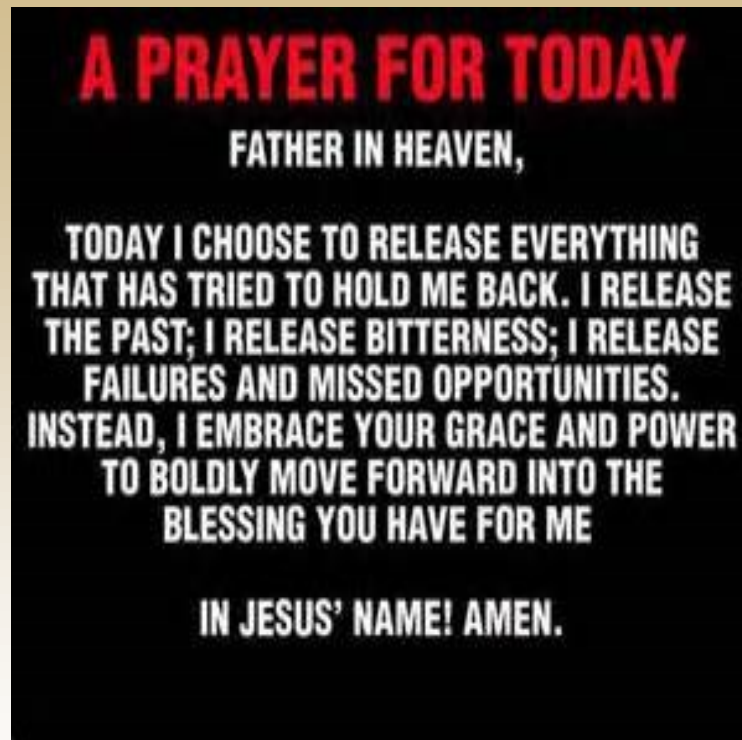
*1 Corinthians 3:1 - 4*

When thinking about the steps we take to develop relationships with one another, I realize how easy it is to develop a relationship with Christ. In nurturing a relationship with another person, we take time to know what's important to one another, our likes or dislikes and we begin cultivating a relationship and in some cases it becomes our goal to establish that relationship. We take the very same steps in developing our relationship with Christ which is the most important relationship we will ever have. When we invest the time to grow in the Word and communicate with Christ we ignite a relationship and as we nurture that relationship we develop an intimacy with Christ and at that point we become insistent that nothing or no one will separate us from God's love.

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



Moving forward means we let go of the past. It's impossible to move in two different directions at the same time. Although the Adversary wants to keep confusion in our lives, confusion is not of Christ. God told us that



He came to teach us how to live an abundant life, not just how to live, but live in abundance.

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

*John 10:10*



To get to the place that Christ ordained for our lives we have to, with purpose and determination, continue with all of our heart increasing in God's Word and nurturing our relationship with Christ. It's not enough to know the Word: we have to live the Word and apply it in our lives. We must be an example of Christ as He is in me and I am in Him. As we mature, we have to live a life of love for God is love. When we don't love, and don't forgive, we are held in bondage.



# INTRODUCING ASK THE PASTOR

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We are excited to announce a new column in the next issue of the Harmony News Magazine. Ask the Pastor will feature questions sent by readers and answers provided by **Pastor Owen Alston** or **Assistant Pastor Dennis Adams**

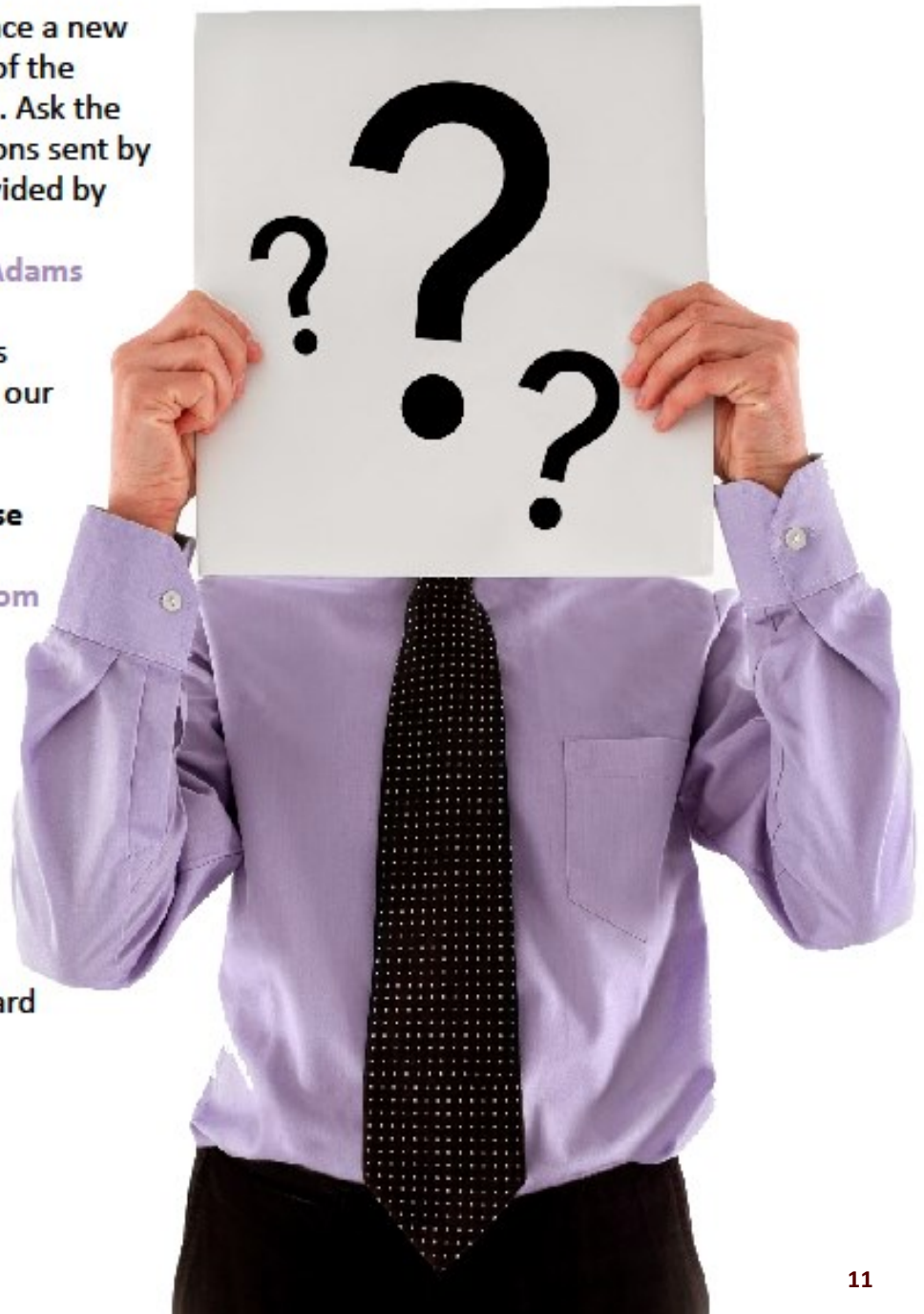
We all have had questions about the Bible, our God, our faith.

**Now you can submit those questions to:**  
[harmonyoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:harmonyoffice@yahoo.com)

**subject line:**  
**Ask the Pastor,**  
**with or without your name**

We reserve the right to select and edit the questions for our publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Magazine Staff



# LET IT GO

by Cindy T. Brown

***Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold,  
but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind,  
and stretching forward to the things which are before,  
(Philippians 3:13)***



Reasons for unforgiveness vary from person to person because Satan is always ready to tailor our destruction to suit whatever situations people are dealing with. He knows that a spirit of unforgiveness ultimately leads to a separation from God, and that is the whole purpose of his being.

Although forgiveness is the last thing we may want to think about when we are hurt by others, forgiving them is exactly the best remedy for the hurt that we are experiencing. By forgiving others, we let go of abiding anger and resentment that limit our ability to express and receive love which destroys our peace of mind, our health, and our joy.

Most importantly when we have unfor-

giveness in our hearts, it blocks our ability to experience a close relationship with Jesus because we are being contrary to how He wants us to be. In order to be fully in His presence, we must yield to His will in all things.

Pridefulness, self-importance/selfcenteredness, and a fear of appearing weak or foolish to others are feelings that can foster a spirit of unforgiveness because they emphasize fleshly emotions and distract us from God's will.

Proverbs 13:10 says, "Pride only brings quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice." And

again, Psalm 138:6 says, "though the Lord is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar."

Personally, I have never been one to stay angry or hold a grudge against someone; however, there was a time when disrespect of any type, whether real or imagined, triggered a brutal tongue lashing from me. I'd even be angry with myself at times for not having said enough or letting an offender off the hook too easily because I felt like I was allowing myself to be a pushover or a punching bag. After I'd sufficiently "gotten things off my chest," I would be done with it, and I'd expect those who had been damaged in the aftermath of my tongue lashing to also move on. However,





each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.” (Colossians 3:13)

“[Since,] we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28), we don’t have to fight our own battles because God will take care of us no matter what. And the Lord cautions us, “Don’t seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God’s wrath. For it is written, ‘Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay’, says the Lord.” (Romans 12:19). Finally, we are admonished, “And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses” (Mark 11:25).

words can wound deeply and are difficult to retract so as I grew spiritually I had more remorse over those crushing words I’d spoken than the personal injustice that had triggered them to begin with. As a mature Christian, I can now truly appreciate my ability to easily move on from situations because it has removed blockages to my spiritual growth and allowed me to develop a strong personal relationship with Jesus. Nowadays, I have peace of mind because I am less focused on offenses against me than I am conscious of not offending others, and that is a win-win for me as I continue to grow to be more like Jesus each day. God emphasizes the importance of forgiveness because it is critical for our own spiritual well-being and peace of mind.

Jesus is our supreme example for how to walk in forgiveness. Even as He endured the greatest wrongs imaginable, He beseeched the Father on behalf of His tormentors praying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Many times an offender is unaware that they have offended you or may not care to ask for your forgiveness, but whether they do or they don't is irrelevant because harboring unforgiveness does more harm to you than it does to the offender. Jesus showed us how to forgive our tormentors and He commands us to do so, "bearing with one another, and forgiving



Peace, Joy, and *Forgiveness* in Jesus' name!  
Amen! ~





*“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in charity, in faith, in purity.”  
1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV)*

Being called and chosen of God is one of the greatest honors known to man, and accepting the call and committing your life and purity to Him in your youth can only bring about immense blessings in your life.

On Saturday, February 13th, 2016 we shared a special moment with the youth of Harmony Ministry, as they dedicated their lives and purity to God. We know that “cleanliness is close to godliness” and God requires of us to keep our bodies pure because they are a temple to Him, and pleasing God is one of the greatest things you can do.

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? - 1 Corinthians 6:19 (KJV)*

By taking part in the Purity Ceremony, participants demonstrated an act of love and trust to God because they took a pledge to save themselves until marriage, to the one that God has

**by Jenille A. Tyson**

appointed for them to build a life and a family with, through His guidance and grace.

*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.*

*Proverbs 18:22 (KJV)*

Growing up in a time where morals are nearly non-existent, and peer pressure to do unclean things is on the rise can be challenging, but we also know that “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it (1Cor. 10:13 NIV). If He requires of us to remain pure and holy until marriage, it is absolutely obtainable, and the best way to do so, is to ALWAYS keep your mind and heart stayed on Jesus!

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)*

We applauded the young people of Harmony Ministries who took the vow to God to save themselves until the appointed time (marriage),





but we also want to let the ones who pledged prior to February 13th, 2016, whether it was at a ceremony or just between Jesus and themselves, keep up the good work! God will bless your consistency. And to the young and/or older ones who may have fallen and made a mistake, losing their purity and are still unmarried, it is never too late! God knows your heart and He knows you want to be pure in His eyes, and He will accept your pledge to recommit your body to Him!

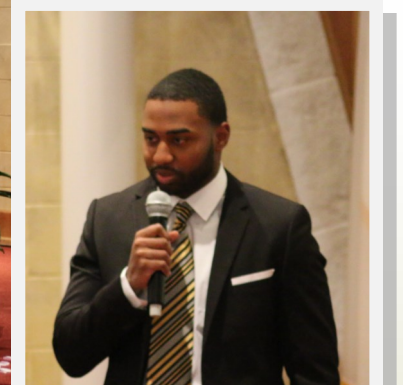
*"...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)*

Consistency is key!

It starts with your relationship with Christ. If you continue to serve Him and desire to please Him, He will continue to strengthen you and bless you for your obedience! *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; -Ecclesiastes 12:1*



Many thanks to the Harmony Purity program leaders Samkelisiwe Dennis and Danielle Lloyd who did an outstanding job organizing the Purity wedding event, and to the hostess Amber Brown, as well as inspirational speakers Bill Hill, Chamara Adams, Crystal Alfonso and Keke Lee who encouraged the youth to press in and press on.



Photos left to right:  
KEKE LEE  
CRYSTAL ALFONSO  
AMBER BROWN  
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CHAMARA ADAMS







# Fun Pages

## Word Search

### JESUS IS RISEN

(MARK 16:1-11)

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MORNING  
MOTHER OF JAMES  
RISEN

SABBATH  
SALOME  
SPICES  
STONE  
TOMB



# Fun Pages Coloring

## Honor the Lord

Jesus said, "Mary did what was right. She honored me."  
Use the code to color the page.

M = orange; J = purple; G = green; B = brown; S = blue; Y = yellow







# Knowing Who We Are In Christ

by Deborah Peniston

Really knowing who we are in Christ is a revelation of who Christ is and what He's done for the children of God. We, as believers, must be fully persuaded that what He had promised He was also able to perform (Romans 4:21).

## *Well...what did He promise?*

God said in Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

*For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness...*, meaning the righteousness of Christ. This verse suggests we are acknowledging the strict justice of God and understanding that we must stand before Him. Being unable to keep the law, we therefore believe (or are fully persuaded) that Christ is the fulfillment of the law and the satisfaction for our sin. We are now justified to stand in God's presence.

*With the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.* We believe, so now we speak. This profession of our faith reconnects us to God and gives us eternal life.

## *Wait...there's more.*

Salvation restores the relationship God intended with us while we are still here on Earth. God's divine purpose for mankind was restored with the finished work of Jesus. Satan stole it, but Jesus won it back! Our inheritance is now secure and we belong to the family of God.

You may say, "I know that. I've heard it all before, but how do I connect to that? Why would God have a divine purpose or plan for me?"



Listen child of God, "But when it pleased God, who separated **me** from my mother's womb and called **me** through His grace" (Galatians 1:15). God is speaking to everyone who calls upon the name of Jesus. He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). He wants that no one be lost and has established a plan for each and every one of us. He knows us each by name. "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:30). He says, "Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him" (Isaiah 43:7). We were made for His glory.

God said to me a long time ago, "Either you trust Me, or you don't." He said this to me at a time in my life when I questioned His plans for

me. At that moment, I felt as if He had forsaken me, but we know that isn't possible. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). You may be thinking that doesn't apply to me. Yes it does! **You** have to be **fully persuaded** despite what you may feel or what you may be going through.

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel; "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name: You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord

your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3b NKJ) Really knowing who you are in Christ is a revelation of who Christ is and what He's done for you.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1-2). Listen, child of God. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Because of His obedience, we were made righteous (Romans 5:19).

As believers, the Spirit of God dwells in us. His Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Therefore we are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:9, 16, 17)

## So... who am I?

I am redeemed and therefore in right standing with God. I am a new creature, blessed and complete in Him. I am His child and I call Him Father. I am an overcomer, born of God, and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. I take hold to my inheritance, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, knowing who I am in Christ Jesus.





# Spiritual Consistency

by Maria Clausen

Spiritual consistency is a glorious outcome of a well-developed spiritual life. Spirituality which is neglected naturally tends to become stagnant and gradually falls into spiritual decline. A newly saved person must be properly taught and guided through the Scriptures and directed to the right path and encouraged to stay on it. Spiritual nourishment and being in the right company are very important to every believer's development.

## {Obedience}

Obedience to the Word of God is a great door to spiritual consistency. Faith brings to life our Christian service, but fear and love of God sustains our spiritual walk.

God loves people who walk with Him consistently. Enoch pleased God through his godly walk. Abraham delighted the Lord through his faith and friendship. They became classic examples to be followed by many godly men through history.

Being Born Again, in itself is a miracle and God wants us to be a part of His great miracles. On the other hand, the devil wants us to take part in his activities. It is so sad when believers are enchanted by the deceitfulness of worldly

pleasures and led into the snare of the devil. In II Timothy 4:10, "for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica..." Demas was a victim of unguarded spirituality. He who loves the world will surely leave the Word. He who loves the Word must be careful to guard himself from the deceitful propositions of this world.

Spiritual derailment and "on again, off again" spirituality are very visible these days in the lives of many who profess to be believers. Every Christian must be awakened not weakened. We should not let our troubles take control of our lives, but strengthen ourselves in the Lord. It's time to draw closer to God and submit every area of our lives to Him.

## {True Believers}

True believers must realize how short this life is. We should be mindful that our lives are walking epistles and will be read by those we encounter. What a blessing if we are counted as an eye catcher, not an eyesore. We have an important task to finish for the glory of God, but outside of spiritual consistency, we cannot experience and enjoy the powerful work of God in us. Spiritual consistency starts from the heart as a commitment to holy living. It is fueled by love, improved by faith and maintained by the love and fear of God.



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Jesus is  
alive!



On the third day after Jesus had died, there was an earthquake and the stone across the opening of the tomb was rolled away by an angel. It was very early on Sunday morning. Mary Magdalene and her friends, who had gone to the tomb with burial spices, discovered that the tomb was empty. Two angels standing at the tomb told them that Jesus had come back to life. They said,

He is not here,  
He is ...

Draw a line from a-b-c-d-e-f, a-b, a- ...  
in each shaded block.

b	c	a	b	a	b	a	b	d
	e	d	c	d	—			
↑ a	f	b	f	e	c	d	a	c

Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12



Mary and the others were confused but very glad. They ran back to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive.

Later, Jesus joined some travelers who were walking back from Jerusalem to their village. They did not recognise him until that evening when they were having a meal together. Suddenly, they realised that it was Jesus. Then Jesus disappeared and the amazed couple rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive.

How many saw Jesus alive?



... saw Jesus  
... spoke to Jesus  
... ate with Jesus  
... touched Jesus

Add up how many people saw Jesus; spoke to him; ate with him and even touched him.



The women	2			2	← Matthew 28:9
The travelers					← Luke 24:13-32
The disciples					← Luke 24:33-43
More than...					← 1 Corinthians 15:6
The total →					

John 20:1-18, Luke 24:13-45, Revelation 1:18



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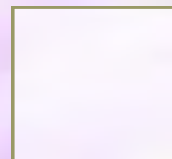
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