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Unveiling the Mystery of the Kingdom



By Pastor Owen Alston

'The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:26,27



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Christ

Our dictionary describes the term mystery as being "anything that is kept secret or

remains unexplained or unknown". This great salvation that we are presently privileged to access is so valuable that God our Creator has kept it concealed until this present time. Now, what is it about this generation of time that would cause God to release such revelation? Consider with me, if you will, Galatians 4:4, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law," This is the beginning of the unveiling of this great mystery. We can see in our foundational text that the mystery is "Christ in you". God sending His Son into the earth born of a woman is the ice-breaker for God to first come and identify with us through Jesus, by Him becoming flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and



the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1,2,14). This mystery of Jesus, the Son of God taking on flesh and being born of a virgin, was far beyond the imagination of the rulers of this age. "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (I Corinthians 2:7,8).

This well-kept secret "Christ in you" is the way God chose to give us guaranteed liberty with Him forever. Second Corinthians 5:17 and 18a says "Therefore, if any-

one is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **Now** all things are of God..." The mystery of our being in Christ provides a security that no human could attain alone. The reality of this is by faith in Jesus Christ. When the good news is proclaimed that Jesus has paid the full price for our redemption and we choose to believe it, God unveils this mystery and we become new creations. To those who are receptive to Jesus, this is not complicated, but to the arrogant, it is foolishness. "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them"

(II Corinthians 4:3,4).

Once we are in Christ we must learn to walk in this new found liberty. Notice the eighteenth verse of Second Corinthians five-“ Now all things are of God”. No longer do we depend on our understanding, but we place our dependence totally in the grace and wisdom of God. “Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” (I Peter 1:13). Depending on God’s grace is done by faith. Once the mystery has been revealed and we are in Christ, we no longer walk by sight, but we walk by faith. This is a process. Remember old things must pass away. Do not allow yourself to be frustrated by the devil.

God’s word is true and being in Christ you have a right to have whatever it says. Jesus taught us how to trust His word in Mark 4: 26,27 “And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.”

Those of you who are in Christ, I encourage you to continue in developing your faith in your daily walk, and to those who are uncertain, I plead with you to surrender to Jesus today and ask Him to come into your life that you too can say with certainty “I AM IN CHRIST”.



Member Spotlight

By Jan Bright



Min. Michael Singletary

As a preacher's kid, Mike Singletary spent a lot of time riding in the back of a car as his father, the Reverend Edwin Singletary, a second generation pastor, drove to his current church posting. "We moved around quite a bit because Dad was a pastor and we lived wherever the church was. When I was a child, we lived in Bayville and commuted to his first church in Wildwood (about 83 miles away) several times a week." Without the distractions of i pads or cell phones, he and his siblings entertained themselves by singing. "I learned how to sing in the back seat of a car while listening to James Cleveland and other gospel choirs." At the age of ten, Mike decided that while he loved singing, he was ready for something more. He began watching his mother, Girlena, play the organ. When the family moved to a community that had a clubhouse, he would often go there after school to practice what he had observed on the baby grand piano. "Based on things I learned from my mom, I taught myself to play the piano. At the age of thirteen, I got my first job playing for Macedonia Baptist Church in Lakewood." He continued to play for his father's church as well as other churches nearby.



Michael's first experience with Harmony Ministries came when he was asked to teach the praise team songs for a women's conference. Then three years later while on hiatus from his church, Mike was invited to attend a Sunday service at Harmony.

"We came and my kids loved it! Harmony made me feel warm and welcome. I felt the love the first time we walked through the door. Harmony was different." The hiatus ended and Mike returned to his own church but felt something was missing. He would be in service wondering what was going on at Harmony. What was the pastor preaching about? "One day a woman stood up and prophesied, 'Someone in this church is looking for a church home. You don't have to look any further,' and she looked at me!" Mike felt it was time for him to come to Harmony but still was praying about it. The move was further confirmed when a visiting minister told him, "You have heard God speak. He gave clear instructions. You know what to do." In 2002, Mike joined Harmony Ministries. "The main factor that keeps me here is the Word. I grew up in the church with my father a preacher. I have been under some fabulous teachers, but there was something about the Word at Harmony. One of the things I give Pastor Alston credit for is his ability to rightly divine the Word. It was a tremendous blessing. It was different. Pastor preached and the word of God just struck my heart."

At Harmony Ministries, Michael Singletary is an elder of the church, a minister of the Gospel, and along with Deborah Peniston, heads the music department. On Sunday morning, he is at the piano and sings along with the praise team. He's an active participant in the Youth Department and Vacation Bible School and recently returned as a Sunday School teacher. "I'm just happy to be back working with the young people. They keep you on your toes. They're a great investment. I want our young people to prosper, to grow, to be successful but also I want them to understand that the Word is first. We talk about the Word works, but the problem is we don't work the Word. I look at every situation, my own and things other people go through,

and I ask this question, if the Word is working, what's the problem with this situation and most of the time it's because we are really not working the Word. The Word will accomplish what it's sent out to do. A lot of times we talk a good game, but faith without works is dead. We need to put faith into action."

In August of 2017, Mike suffered a stroke at work. He remembers that his speech was slurred, he was coughing and he had difficulty breathing. When he could not swallow his tea and became dizzy and unresponsive, a co-worker called 911. "God had it that there was an ER nurse present who rushed over and began to take charge of the situation." An ambulance arrived and an EMT began to work on Mike saying, "Hold on. You can't leave now. God still has work for you to finish." While the medics worked on him, Mike had an out of body experience. "I remember leaving my body as I watched them work on me from above. There was such a peace and a warm embrace and I began to hear scriptures. I asked God if it was my time but there was no response. I began to return to my body before they used the paddles on me. I could hear EMT say 'I got a pulse.'" Mike was in the hospital for three weeks with paralysis on his left side. He was unable to stand or move. He was sent to rehab. When a nurse came to take care of him and help him bathe, he told her he could take care of himself despite being unable to stand or walk. He asked her to give him some time to talk to the Master Physician. "I went into prayer and when she came to get me, I was standing on both feet using a walker. I was supposed to be in rehab three months, but God turned it around and I was only there three weeks!" Mike continued to recover as he endured seventeen procedures, two surgeries, and a number of bad reports. "But I believed the report of the Lord. I'm healed!" From this experience he has learned, "God is a healer. I have learned how to appreciate God and be content in Him. I have learned



Min. Michael & Cassandra Singletary

to appreciate life and rest in Him."

Mike's favorite scripture is "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 3:8). "It's like eating something for the first time. Children often say 'we don't like this,' but they've never tried it. I have tasted my relationship with God and I can say God has never failed me. My relationship with Him has gotten sweeter and sweeter. Every time I taste, I see that He is good. It reminds me of a fresh anointing with God and I know something good is coming my way."

In the future, Mike plans to move further into ministry. Although he loves music and playing, his first passion now is really the Word. Mike feels that too often we get so caught up in the things that we do and we forget about the purpose for which God has called us. "God has spared me from the stroke for a reason. There is destiny in the lives of the people of God and I am part of that destiny. When the Lord spoke to me, one of the things He said is we have dreams and aspirations but everything we aspire to is because of Him and through Him. Many times we try to do it on our own. In the scripture Pastor Alston has been dealing with, Second Corinthians 5:17-18a, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God..." now means for me that my destiny has been activated because I am in Him. We put our dreams on a backburner. We just go along with life, but that's not the will of God. The purpose of God is for the Kingdom. So my mission in life is to advance the Kingdom and whatever He has to do in me to cause His purpose to come forth, I'm going to allow Him to do it."

Minister Michael Singletary and his wife Cassandra reside in Manchester. They have four children, Jeff, Chris, Alexis, and Justin and six grandchildren.



Obtaining Emotional Stability as New Creatures in Christ Jesus

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” Eph 2:13.

By: Marilyn Phillips

Emotional stability is attainable through the blood of Christ Jesus. As new creatures in Christ Jesus and members of the household of God, we are no longer separated or, far off, from the promises of our God. We are not controlled by the enemy, negativity, frustration and instability in our emotions. Establishing our position in His household obtains for us several promises. One of these covenant rights is stability in our emotions and strength in our inner man. We reside in a world where sometimes; emotional pain can create turmoil in our minds if we allow ourselves to focus on it. This pain may spring from past and present relationships, family members, finances, sicknesses, and loss of love ones. During these times, we have to draw near to Christ Jesus and obtain strength from Him. We should deliberately cause our mind to refocus and dwell on something positive. His Word states in Philippians 4:8, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is any-

thing worthy of praise, think about these things.” Know also the situation will not last forever. God states in I Peter 5:10, “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” Yes, He did say suffer but happily we will not remain there.

A positive outlook revitalizes us and keeps us healthy. The spirit of God in us has the ability to uplift our emotions, tear down strongholds of depression, anger, guilt and shame. The Word states in Psalm 30:11, “You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.” The cross allows the benefits of peace in our minds, and stability in our emotions. Because of this peace, we can obtain freedom from many illnesses, stress and anxiety.

The enemy plans to harm and destroy us, but many times, God uses these trials to reshape us for His glory. “For we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28. His Word also assures us in II Corinthians 4:17-18, “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the



things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” The Bible also states that our trials have purpose as seen in Philippians 1:19, “For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.” It’s all working out for our good. We must believe His Word.

Occasionally, we may want to question or lose patience in our struggles. However, it is in those times, we should become more rooted in His Word and His promises. We must remember we walk by faith and not by sight. We know also that although the enemy is against us, we have our God who is for us every day and in all situations. He walks with us every step of the way. He is strengthening our emotions and stabilizing our walk with Him in the struggles. He is not allowing us to be tempted more that we are able to bear it,” as stated in I Corinthians 10:13. We must also believe and know that enemy has no grip on us.

During difficult times we should arm ourselves with God’s Word. The Bible urges us in Ephesians 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” No dart that the enemy throws at us is stronger than God’s Word.

Focusing on things that God has already done in our lives and the battles we have won will uplift us and build our hope in Christ Jesus. We all have several personal testimonies. It is during these times we must remember them and encourage



ourselves. The power in Jesus’ name never fails. We know that demons tremble and flee at His Name. The Word also states in Proverbs 18:10, “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” Towers are usually very strong, tremendously tall buildings, a secure refuge away from our enemies. Jesus Christ is our strong and safe defense. Jesus also said He is always with us: It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deut. 31:8.

Finally, we don’t have to dwell on the past. We are moving forward as new creatures in Christ Jesus. His Word declares in Philippians 3:13, “But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.” Therefore, as renewed creatures in Christ Jesus we are stepping ahead, eliminating the stress and anxieties in our lives. We are enjoying the transforming peace that His sharp and powerful Word creates.



Knowing Who I Am in Christ



HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

By Yvonne Shaw

Do you know who you are in Christ? This is the most fundamental question that we should ask ourselves. If we do not know who we are in Christ then how will we know how to excel in the abundant life Christ came to give us? How will we know the keys to activate the benefits we are entitled to as children of God? In the natural world, if you were left an inheritance but were not aware of it, you would continue to live at the same level of life you are accustomed to. However, in a far better world, the spiritual world, if we do not seek the understanding (the mysteries) of God's word to know the benefits we are entitled to as children of God then we will not know the key to activate those benefits in our lives. Knowing who we are in Christ is the key to a successful Christian life. The Bible tells us that as a man thinks in his

heart, so is he (**Proverbs 23:7**). To be productive in our walk we have to plant the Word of God in our hearts so we can continue to develop an intimate relationship with our Lord. When we stay in the Word and our relationship matures in Christ, our speech shapes the identity, reality, and what we believe about ourselves in Christ as we speak positive things over our lives. Confess the right words over yourself and filter what you allow others to speak into your mind and spirit. When I think of how many times in the Bible Christ calls me His “*beloved*” and tells me how He “*loves me*” my heart is full of joy. Here are some of the things that Jesus said about us:

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we take on a new identity. We are now everything God

I am complete in Him (Colossians 2:10).

I am alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).

I am free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (1 John 5:18).

I am holy and without blame before Him in love (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:16).

I have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5).

I have the peace of God that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

I have received abundant grace and the gift of righteousness (Romans 5:17).

God supplies all of my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).
 I am chosen by God who called me out of the darkness of sin (1 Peter 2:9).
 I am born again spiritually transformed, renewed and set apart for God's purpose (1 Peter 1:23).
 I am God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works (Ephesians 2:10).
 I am a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 I am a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).
 I am more than a conqueror through Him who loves me (Romans 8:37).
 I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
 I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9).
 I am the righteousness of God I have right standing with Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Galatians 3:13).
 I am healed and whole in Jesus (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).
 I am saved by God's grace, raised up with Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:56; Colossians 2:12).
 I am greatly loved by God (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).
 I am strengthened with all power according to His glorious might (Colossians 1:11).

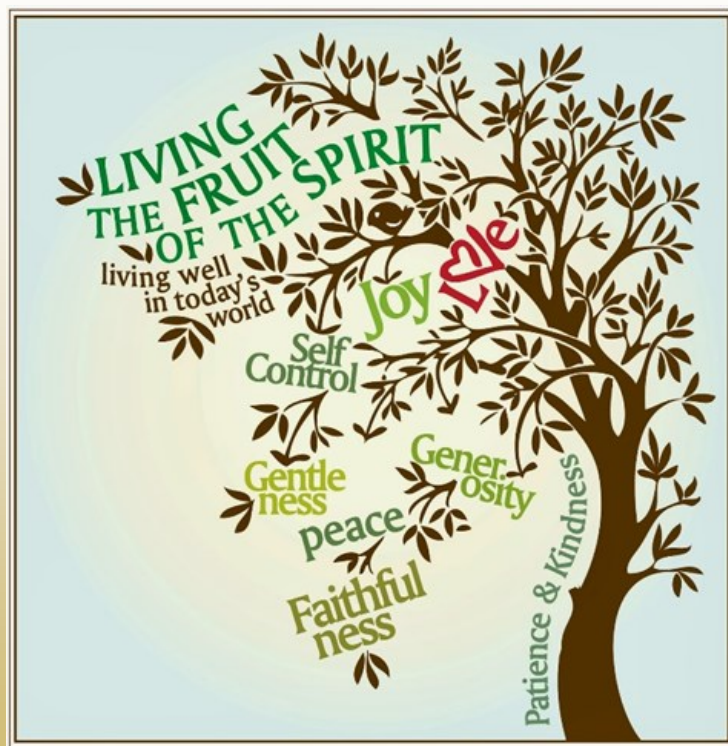
says we are. When we honestly commit our lives to Christ and accept Him as our Lord and Savior, we will experience a different lifestyle. There should be no desire to live that old sinful life because we are now a new creation (a new person) in Christ. Being a "new creation" in Christ does not mean an outer appearance change but it does mean an inner spirit change. If we really love Christ, we no longer want to walk in the old sinful past. That old man is dead and we need to keep him buried. Our new spirit that is walking with Christ should have no desire to go backwards to the old sinful life.



Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]. But all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the ministry of reconciliation [so that by our example we might bring others to Him], that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to

Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].
 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

If we look into the perfect law of liberty and evaluate our own lives, with honesty, to see if there are any changes, we need to make in our lives being determined to give **NO PLACE** to the adversary. Let us walk in God's Word being an example of His characteristic so when people meet us, they meet Christ in us as we walk in the *Fruit of the Spirit*.





Chosen for Such a Time as This...

But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart (even) before I was born. Galatians 1:15AMP

by Deborah Peniston

The story of Esther clearly shows us that God is purposeful with His people. This young Jewish girl would become queen and save the Jews. Her story didn't start out bright, like so many others. She was an orphan and was taken in by her cousin, Mordecai, a Benjamite of the tribe of Israel. Her story takes place when the Jews were in exile in Persia. King Ahasuerus, who reigned over 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia, held a feast for all of his officials and servants. After much drinking, he called for his wife, Queen Vashti, to flaunt her beauty before everyone. She refused, he burned with anger, and decided to give her royal position to another. In search for a new queen, the king's servants sought beautiful young virgins to be brought to the king's palace to go through a royal purification process. Esther was also taken for the Bible tells us she was lovely and beautiful. Mordecai told her not to reveal that she was a Jew. She found favor with King Ahasuerus and became his queen. Later in the story, Mordecai refuses to bow down to Haman, the king's highest advisor. Haman conspires to destroy all of Mordecai's people, the Jews who live throughout kingdom of Ahasuerus. Mordecai gets word to Esther saying, "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the king-

dom for such a time as this?" Her response, "...And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" She could have said no, but she understood she was chosen, selected for her assignment, born for such a time as this.

Centuries of people in this world, yet God knows each one. He knew each of us before we were born and He knew who would answer the call as His chosen. Like Esther, we were chosen, selected as the best or most appropriate for our assignment. We have been chosen for our lives, for His purpose, for such a time as this.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. Ephesians 1:3-5

Now according to His good pleasure, He placed us in the body as He saw fit, giving us gifts and talents to be used for His purpose... for His glory.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophesy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Romans 12:4-8

Jeremiah 29:11 AMP tells us, "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome." Even with this, He still gives us volition or free will which is the power to use one's will. He never forces Himself upon us, but He wants us to understand the depth of His love so He has given us Jesus, all we need to succeed and be victorious in this world. He reminds us

that we are His, "...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

We were chosen before we were born. Galatians 1:15 says, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace." This means He knew me before I became me, or was I already me before I got here? Either way, our lives are not by chance or coincidence, but are purposeful. Is there more that He is requiring of you? Do you know the plans He has for you? If you do, have you said yes?

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I am known. 1 Corinthians 13:12

He knows who you are... chosen for such a time as this.

*"...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position
for such a time as this"
- Esther 4:14*



***** PRAYER OF SALVATION *****

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

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

(Proverbs 4:23, NIV)

Guard Your Heart

Your eyes, ears and mouth are all gateways to your heart. What you watch and listen to goes into your heart whether you realize it or not. Similar to a computer, what you allow into your heart programs your thinking and words, which ultimately determines the direction of your life. Indeed, your thoughts determine actions, attitude and self-image. You can guard your heart by being extremely careful about what you watch and listen to. But beyond that, you have to guard your heart against bitterness and bad attitudes. The Bible says that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. That means your words show where your heart is. Take inventory today of what you are saying, watching and listening to. As you guard your heart and mind, the springs of life within in you will flow freely, and you will live in the abundance the Lord has in store for you.

A Prayer for Today

"Heavenly Father, today I submit my mind and heart to You. I choose to guard my heart and ask that You guide and direct my everyday choices. Purify me by Your spirit so that life will flow from me in every area. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

Joel Osteen

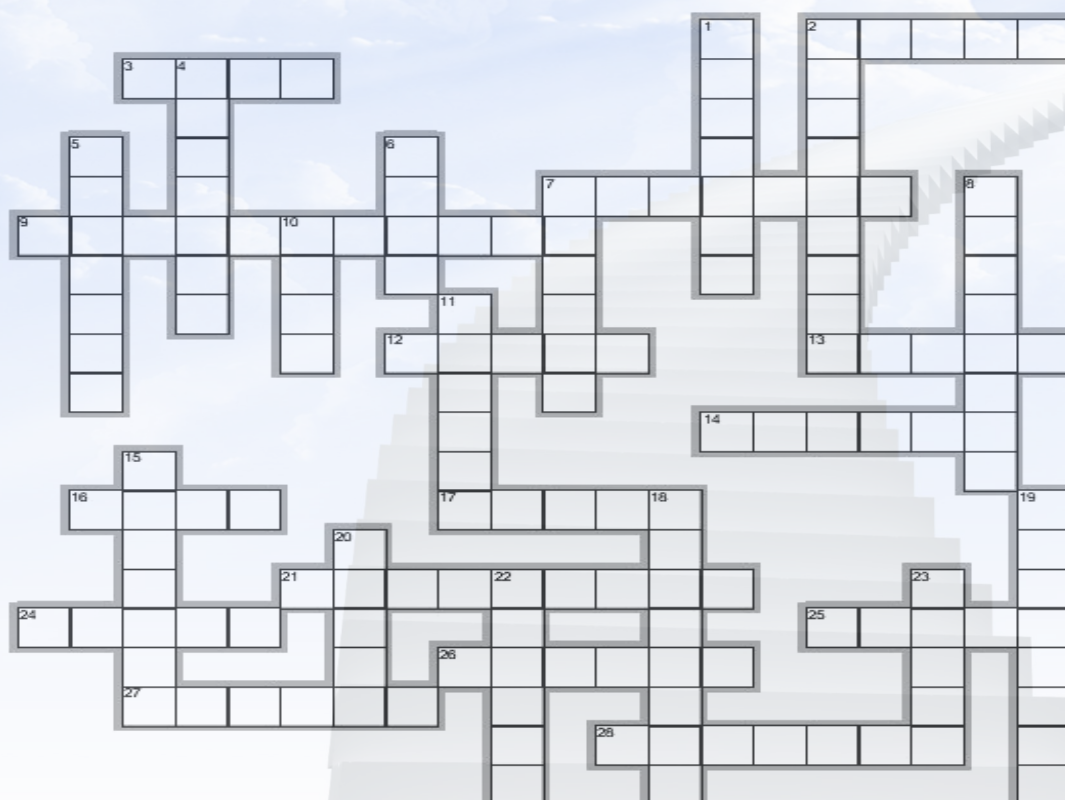
*"Above all else,
GUARD YOUR HEART,
for everything you do flows from it."*

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GAMES

Biblical Crossword Puzzles The Story of Esther

Test your knowledge of the story of the wise and beautiful Queen Esther in this challenging Bible crossword puzzle. We've used the NIV Bible in writing the clues.



Across

2. Number of days the king's banquet lasted before his queen was deposed
3. The king offered this portion of his kingdom to Esther.
7. The king's second edict allowed the Jewish people to _____ themselves.
9. Esther's cousin uncovered a plan to _____ the king.
12. Celebration that marks the month when Jewish sorrow was turned to joy
13. Pompous royal official to whom everyone was told to bow
14. Queen who refused to obey the King's summons
16. What Esther did for 3 days before approaching the king
17. Beautiful girls were brought into the king's _____.
21. Where Esther's cousin often waited to learn about her status
24. What the King set upon Esther's head
25. Xerxes ruled from _____ to Cush.
26. Esther kept her family background _____ from the king.
27. Type of ring used by the king to seal all orders
28. Event to which Esther invited the King before she presented her petition

Down

1. One could only appear before the king if the king extended his _____.
2. What Esther's cousin wore when he learned of the deadly edict
4. Name of Esther's father
5. The king wanted to teach all women to _____ their husbands.
6. Banquet beverage
7. A decree was written in the laws of _____ and Media.
8. Tribe from which Esther's family was descended
10. Capital from which the King ruled on his throne
11. Hegai was the king's _____, placed in charge of the women.
15. Where two disloyal officials were hung
18. The cousin who had raised Esther
19. Esther's alternate name
20. A robe and _____ were to be given to the man the king chose to honor.
22. Number of months of beauty treatments prescribed before women were allowed to go to the king
23. An _____ was decreed to annihilate the Jewish people.

FUN PAGES

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. How many books are there in the whole Bible?
2. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
3. How many books are there in the New Testament?
4. In which Testament would you look for the Sermon on the Mount?
5. In which Testament would you look for the story of Jonah and the great fish?
6. How many of the New Testament books are called the Gospels?
7. In what book of the Bible would you read about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego?
8. What is the first book in the Bible?
9. What is the last book in the Bible?
10. If you opened the Bible in the middle, what book would you find?

Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters?

1. Jaileh _ _ _ _ _
2. Henteps _ _ _ _ _
3. Ulpa _ _ _ _
4. Bamhara _ _ _ _ _
5. Lisas _ _ _ _
6. Anho _ _ _ _
7. Raash _ _ _ _
8. Nana _ _ _ _
9. Ossem _ _ _ _
10. Utist _ _ _ _

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 276

Matt. 19:15-30

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N	T	D	A	O	O	L	T	H	T	I	M	E	S	J
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The Rich Man & The Kingdom

CAMEL	BROTHERS
ENTER	CHILDREN
GIVE	ETERNAL
HANDS	FATHER
HARD	FOLLOW
HONOR	GLORIOUS
INHERIT	HEAVEN
ISRAEL	JUDGING
JESUS	MOTHER
KEPT	NEEDLE
LEFT	PERFECT
LIFE	POSSIBLE
PETER	RECEIVE
RICH	RENEWAL
SAKE	SISTERS
SAVED	TEACHER
SELL	THRONE
TIMES	TREASURE
TRUTH	WEALTH

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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A vibrant red rose is positioned in the center, resting on the pages of an open book. The book's pages are white with dark blue or black text, though the text is not legible. The background is a soft, warm brown, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere. The rose's petals are detailed and layered, showing a rich red color.

Who else could correct us to freedom but Jesus?

By: Brenda Benjamin

Those whom I (dearly and tenderly) love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten (I discipline and instruct them). So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal repent (change your mind and attitude). (Revelation 3:19 AMPC)

Let Jesus' words drive satan's lies out of your mind. Jesus has declared war on sin! The righteousness of God has been bought and paid for by Christ Jesus, but you have to take it by faith.

Jesus is calling us to greater freedom in Him. His Spirit and presence is coming like never before. He is calling us to a deeper place into His presence because He is returning for a church without spot or wrinkle.

Jesus has declared war on sin; the battle against sin has been won, but we have to receive it by faith in order to walk in the victory that He has provided for us.

Jesus' correction is one of the greatest blessings because it brings freedom. We must pur-

posefully receive His cleansing power throughout our soul.

There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1 AMPC), but we don't just repent and move on, without a teaching, a standard, and a maintaining, which creates the foundation for change through God's Word. Sin is not just the bad deed you did; it is also the root of evil that the bad deed came from. For example: you don't lie for no reason; people lie because of hidden things in their soul such as pride, shame, worthlessness, inferiority, fear, depression and anxiety to mention a few.

Our spirit was cleansed by Jesus when we receive Him as Lord and Savior and are born again but our soul (mind, will, and emotions) has to be cleansed continuously by washing with the water of God's Word (Ephesians 5:26) NKJV.

Sometimes we don't know why the same sins keep coming out in our lives, but it's because of bad roots planted that Jesus wants us to be free from. It can only be done through the fellowship and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is our Helper, Counselor, Intercessor, Advocate,

Strengthened, and Standby, who will remain with us forever.

The Holy Spirit comes to bring the whole full Truth. Jesus says in John 16:13 NKJV

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come” For this reason we shouldn’t have an “off-season”. What is going on in our soul (mind, will, and emotions) that keep us from abiding in Him and producing good fruit all the time in our lives not just on Sundays and Wednesdays?

Let Jesus through the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit drive out the lies from your soul and begin to teach you how to walk in total freedom in Jesus Christ.

Take the time to pray and think about how the Lord is working on your cleansing. Where have you felt Him leading you to do better? Maybe, it is in speaking more kindly to those around you, or letting go of financial fears, depression or anxiety. As you take the time to pray, think and meditate on God’s Word and the freedom

that it brings. You will be able to trust and believe the changes that only come from being one with Jesus Christ. Ask Jesus to give you a specific scripture on freedom and continue to apply it to the area of your life that needs some work. Even consider looking up a few extra scriptures on freedom. Write them down, speak them and think on them all day. Watch and expect how one Word from God can truly change you from the inside out!

Here are some to get started:

Galatians 5:13

[Life by the Spirit] You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

1 Peter 2:16

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.





Dearest Friends and Partners,

We are delighted to announce preparations for our 30th Anniversary!

This will include a week of Celebration which will be during Holy Week, April 6-10th, 2020 and on April 26th we will embark on a 7 Day Bermuda Cruise.

Below please see details about the cruise and we hope you will join us for this happy time of celebration.

Book your
Harmony Ministries
30th Anniversary Cruise
7 Day Bermuda from New York
Sunday April 26 – Sunday May 3

Ship – Norwegian Encore (Brand New Ship)

Cruise Ports

Arrive

Depart

Day 1 -New York, New York (Embark)

4:00pm

Day 2 – At Sea

Day 3 – At Sea

Day 4 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda

8:00am

Day 5 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda

Overnight

Day 6 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda

3:00pm

Day 7 – At Sea

Day 8 - New York, New York (Disembark)

7:00am

Deposit \$50.00 per person

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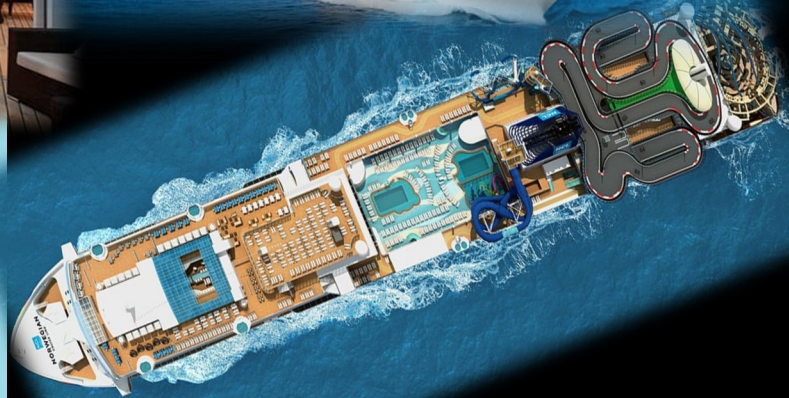
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Norwegian Encore



Come celebrate with us!

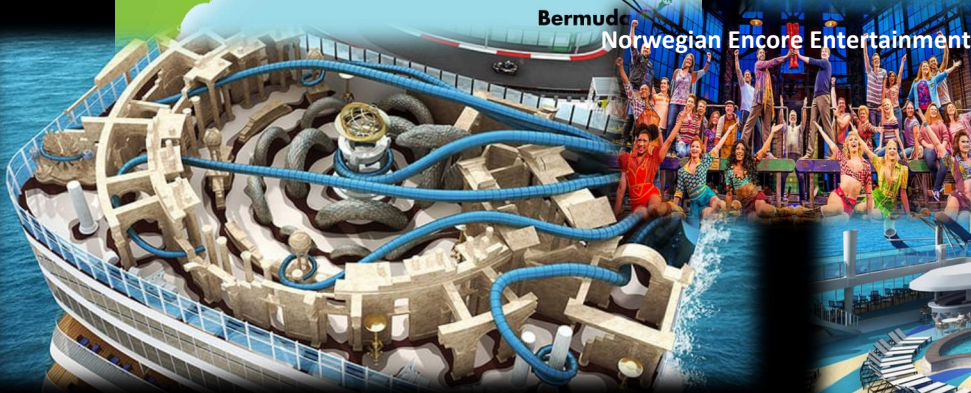


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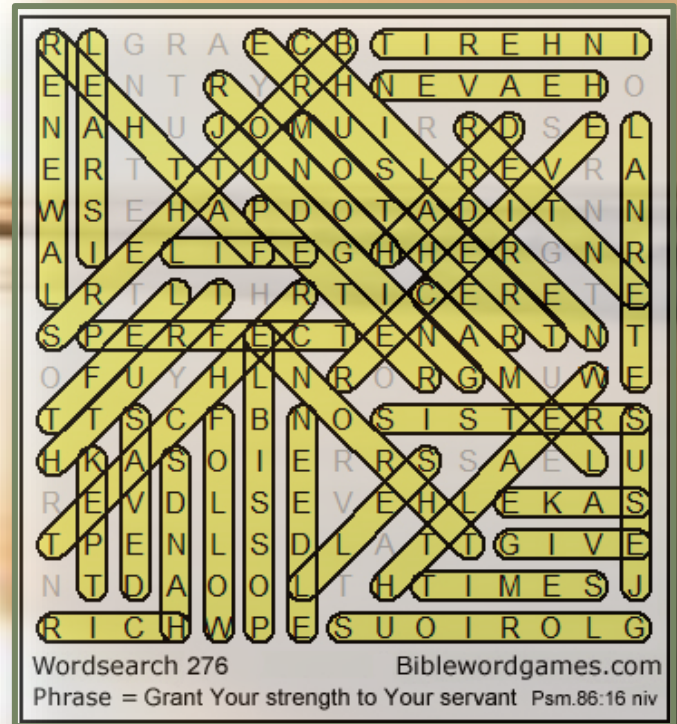
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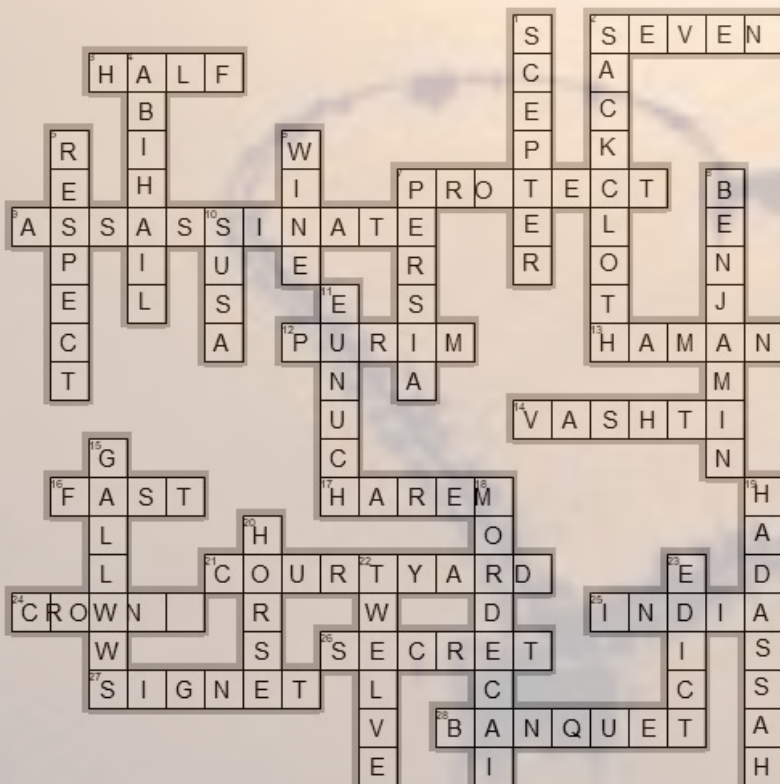
ANSWERS

Bible Trivia

1. Sixty-six
2. Thirty-nine
3. Twenty-seven
4. New Testament
5. Old Testament
6. Four - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 7. John
7. Daniel
8. Genesis
9. Revelation
10. Psalms



Answers



Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters?

1. Elijah
2. Stephen
3. Paul
4. Abraham
5. Silas
6. Noah
7. Sarah
8. Anna

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