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# Serving Our Generation

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1,2)



By Pastor Owen Alston

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption....( Acts 13:36)

As we launched into 2021, I received an urgency in my spirit to really get serious about the calling which God has given us. First of all, it's really an honor to be called by God and to have a place in His kingdom. If He loved us enough to give us a place in His family, certainly we should respond with great allegiance to Him.

In our text above, we have a great example from Jesus on how to truly serve our generation. We must look away from all the distractions that are so easily ensnaring us. The way that is done is by looking to Jesus and not to all that is going on around us. Our adversary is walking around like a roaring lion seeking to devour us, but we must resist him in the faith by looking to Jesus to follow His counsel and directions. Jesus was tempted in all points as we are; however, He endured because of the joy that was set before Him. Therefore, we are encouraged by Jesus that if we overcome, we can sit with Him on His throne as He overcame and sat down

# SCrving Others

with His Father. There are a lot of distractions going on around us even as I speak, but when we keep our focus in the right place we will win every time.

David was a man of great stature. He is depicted as a man after God's own heart. He served his generation well and fell asleep. It was by the will of God that he served. I believe that we can learn something from those who served before us by looking at their commitment and faithfulness. David understood and depended on the anointing of God that was upon him. I believe that this is the key to our success as we endeavor to serve our present generation. God has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us for the task of the day. Jesus said we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us and then we would be witnesses. My encouragement to you is to trust the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to navigate you to victory in the fulfillment of your calling. The reason why David was so victorious in his many campaigns was because he always inquired of the Lord for advice. David *"Therefore* inquired of the Lord, saying, 'Shall I go and attack these Philistines?' And the Lord said to David, 'Go and attack the Philistines, and save

#### Keilah.'" (I Samuel 23:2).

"Then David said, 'O Lord God of Israel, Your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O Lord God of Israel, I pray, tell Your servant.' And the Lord said, 'He will come down.'" (I Samuel 23:10,11).

Now we can see why David is called a man after God's own heart. He would always inquire of the Lord before acting. I believe that God is just as interested in us serving our generation. So why don't we follow the same pattern as David by receiving the Holy Spirit and trusting His wisdom in the fulfillment of our calling?

Let me conclude with the words of Jesus: "Behold, I stand at the door "and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3:20-22)



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Revelation3:20

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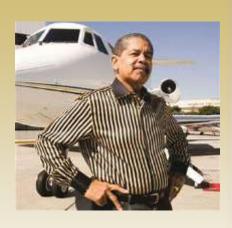
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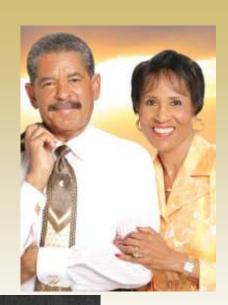
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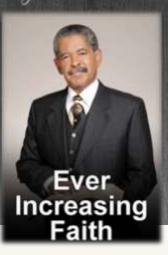






Honoring The Legacy











In Memory of Apostle Fredrick K C Price

In reflection of the life of our dear beloved Apostle Predrick Price, as my Apostle and friend I would like to share a word of honor and respect. Apostle Price was a man of character. I learned so much from him. I have never been in the inner circle of any man with such integrity and yet so humble. He not only impacted my life but many others across this nation and around the world. One of the things that I learned from him was how to GNE. Having grown up in a particular denominational environment, I had never been taught the value and principles of giving. He taught me how to give, not in a classroom setting but by example. I truly believe that where we are today in our ministry, is the result of the example that he set before us.

I do not say that we have lost a great leader in the Body of Christ, but I do say that we are honored to have had a great leader such as Apostle Price in our generation to learn from. This has been an encouragement to me to stay faithful to my calling so that I may impact the lives of others as I have been by the life of Apostle Fredrick K. C. Price.

Pastor Alston

# A Kingdom Mindset

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think" (Romans 12:2 NLT).

Believers should not be shocked or moved by what we see or experience today. We have been forewarned. God's word is clear. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" (Revelation 12:12 NKJ). God tells us, "Stay Alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8 NLT). He devours people with his lies, and if you are not careful he will deceive you with thoughts that you will mistake as your own. "But we have the mind of Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16 NKJ), and we must protect what we have been given.

Too often believers become too entrenched in

the times. It is very easy to let our guard down with news reports and social media. The cares of the world infiltrate our thoughts and believers assimilate or become so absorbed into the present culture that they lose their kingdom mindset. They allow negative thoughts and emotions to consume them. Then they look to man for their hope. Our hope is only in Christ. In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he tells them, "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of

**By Deborah Peniston** 

God" (I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJ). God tells us, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ" (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT). He goes on to say that we should think on things that are just, pure, lovely... "whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

He does not tell us to meditate on the things of this world.

"We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4 NLT). Simply, we take every thought captive, meaning we consider every thought, making sure it aligns to the word of God and if it doesn't, we cast it down. For as believers, "we know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one" (1 John 5:19 NLT), but he has no control over us.

God tells us it is a battle, but we are to withstand, to remain undamaged and unaffected. How? We resist by understanding that we are not fighting each other, but Satan and his cohorts, principalities and powers of darkness. We use God's mighty weapons by putting on and keeping on the full armor of God being fully persuaded that he is a defeated foe.

> "Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:14-17 NLT).

The enemy is aiming those fiery arrows for our minds. He wants to control our thoughts because "as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7 AMP). He wants to bombard our thoughts to distract us from the things of God. He wants us to forget whose we are, that we are "royal priests, a

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, You heavens, And you that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil has come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.



## But you are a **Chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, an **holy** nation,

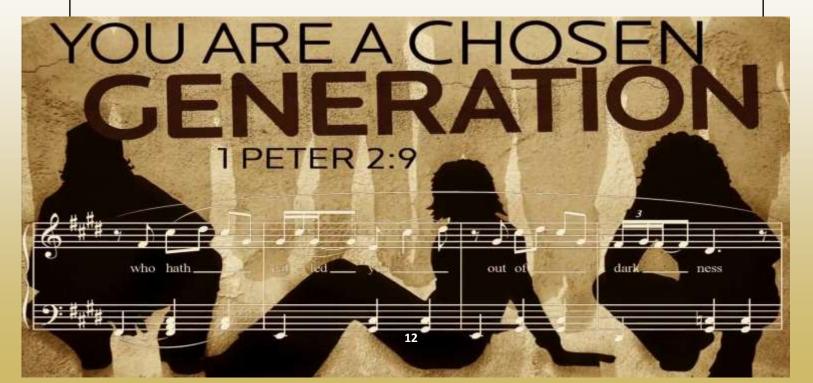
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#### 1 Peter 2:9 (New Living Translation)

holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9 NLT).

In the end, it is only what we do for Christ that will last. He is omniscient; He sees and knows all. He told us the last days are upon us, but that He will never leave us, in fact He sent us help, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who lives in us. He says, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6 NKJ). "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus" (1 John 4:16b-17 NIV). So let us look to Him, "who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness" (1 Peter 2:23-24 NKJ).

It is considered reasonable worship to God to give him our bodies for His use. We surrender our agendas for His. We study His word and pray to Him daily for guidance. We behave like Christians.



"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:9-19 NKJ). In other words, "do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Again you ask, how? You can only do it through Christ. As you have received Him, walk in Him and "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). Let us work together on developing a kingdom mindset.

### Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21



afraid, for I know that you are looking for J esus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen,

just as he said ... "

Matthew 28:5-6

#### \*\*\* 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.

Submitted By: Jacqueline Cuavers

# How the Love of GOd Provides Unity By: Yvonne Shaw



What is love? *God is love*! People struggle to define the meaning of love, and are constantly redefining it to fit their perspective, but God's definition is clear and His Word will never change:

"Love endures with patience and serenity, love is kind and thoughtful, and is not jealous or envious; love does not brag and is not proud or arrogant. It is not rude; it is not self-seeking, it is not provoked (nor overly sensitive and easily angered); it does not take into account a wrong endured. It does not rejoice at injustice, but rejoices with the truth (when right and truth prevail). Love bears all things (regardless of what comes), believes all things looking for the best in each one], hopes all things (remaining steadfast during difficult times), endures all things (without weakening). Love never fails (it never fades nor ends). But as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for the gift of special knowledge, it will pass away." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

Corinthians 13:4-8a) is a cl As Christians our love started with God

and continues through the Holy Spirit for God Is Love. God's love initiates, maintains and reconciles relationships. It is only through Christ that we are able to unconditionally forgive and forget what others may have done to us. When God cleanses and heals us by His love, He enables us to forgive and wipe away all division and discords that only His love can do and unite us as one! God never commands us to do anything without equipping us with the ability to do so. Loving others is the only way to keep God's love flowing in our hearts. This is a precious gift given to us that should never be taken for granted. Because we love Christ we must also demonstrate that same kind of love freely to one another in action. It's easy to say that we love one another, but do we actually demonstrate love? When we truly love from our heart, it's not necessary to continuously say it with our mouth (although it's nice to hear), but if our actions don't matchup with our mouth something's wrong.

What does it mean that God is love? Love is a characteristic of God. Love is a core part of God's character, His Person. All of God's attributes are in perfect harmony. Everything God does is loving, just as everything He does is just and right; the only thing we need to say is *Amen*! God is the perfect example of true love. Amazingly, God has given to those who receive His Son Jesus as their personal Savior the ability to love as He does through the power of the Holy Spirit. This kind of love is not based on feelings, but comes as a result of having an intimate relationship with Christ and as we express our unwavering love for Him, not compromising His Word, He teaches us how to express that same kind of love for one another.

"I have given to them the glory *and* honor which You have given Me, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected *and* completed into one, so that the world may know (without any doubt) that You sent Me, and (that You) have loved them, just as You have loved Me." (John 17:22 -23)

God provided us with an instruction manual

on how to live a full and productive life and it's all written and available to us in the Bible. As our obedience to God's word increases our relationship with Christ increases and our love will continue to grow for one another. Showing forgiveness is a significant aspect of demonstrating love. No matter how difficult we might think it is to forgive someone remember this: God forgave us in our sin. Forgiveness is not an option, it's a requirement. Christians are commanded to love one another. It is not a question of whether or not we want to love other believers, it's a commandment. Not to love another believer is disobedience to God.

There are many examples in the Bible that demonstrate how much God loves us and reinforces that we must be examples of Him and walk in the same love. As we experience the gift of love that God gave to us, let us also give that same gift to one another in unity. When we walk in unity there's no separation, no division, no issues that can separate us. It's God's love that forms unity. "Beyond all these things put on *and* wrap yourselves in (unselfish) love, which is the perfect bond of



unity (for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others)." (Colossians 3:14) God expects for us to walk in love and unity and we know this because God is love and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one in unity! "I do not pray for these alone (it is not for their sake only that I make this request), but also for (all) those who (will ever) believe and trust in Me through their message, that they all may be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe (without any doubt) that You sent Me." (John 17:20-23) The only one who wants to create distractions and division is the adversary. Don't fall for it; it's all a smoke screen. Don't compromise; it's not real. Let's walk in love and unity.

Here are a few verses that show how much God loves us and how He wants us to be united:

#### <u>Love</u>

- "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)
- <sup>\*</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit (the result of His presence within us) is love (unselfish concern for others), joy, (inner) peace, patience (not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)
- "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." (1 John 3:1)
- "Be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God's people) the width and length and height and depth of His love (fully experiencing that amazing, endless love); and (that you may come] to know (practically, through personal experience) the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge (without experience], that you may be filled up (throughout your being) to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself)." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

#### <u>Unity</u>

- But I urge you, believers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in full agreement in what you say, and that there be no divisions *or* factions among you, but that you be perfectly united in your way of thinking and in your judgment (about matters of the faith)." (1 Corinthians 1:10)
- "Beyond all these things put on *and* wrap yourselves in (unselfish) love, which is the perfect bond of unity (for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others)." (Colossians 3:14)
- <sup>"</sup>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)
- Now may the God who gives endurance and who supplies encouragement grant that you be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify and praise and honor the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)
- <sup>\*</sup>Be kind *and* helpful to one another, tenderhearted [compassionate, understanding], forgiving one another [readily and freely], just as God in Christ also forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

As we walk in God's love our unity for one another will continue to increase. There's nothing that can separate us from the love of God and nothing should be able to separate us from the love of one another.



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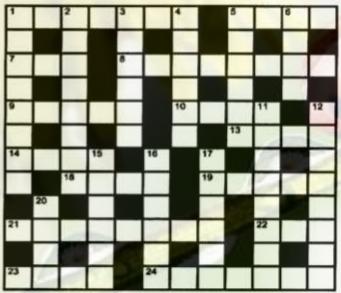
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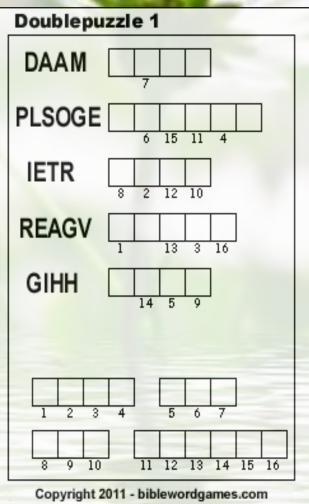
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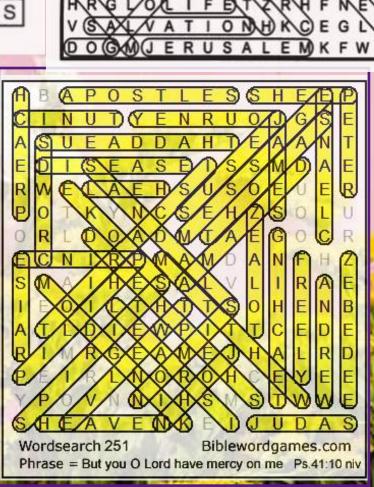


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