

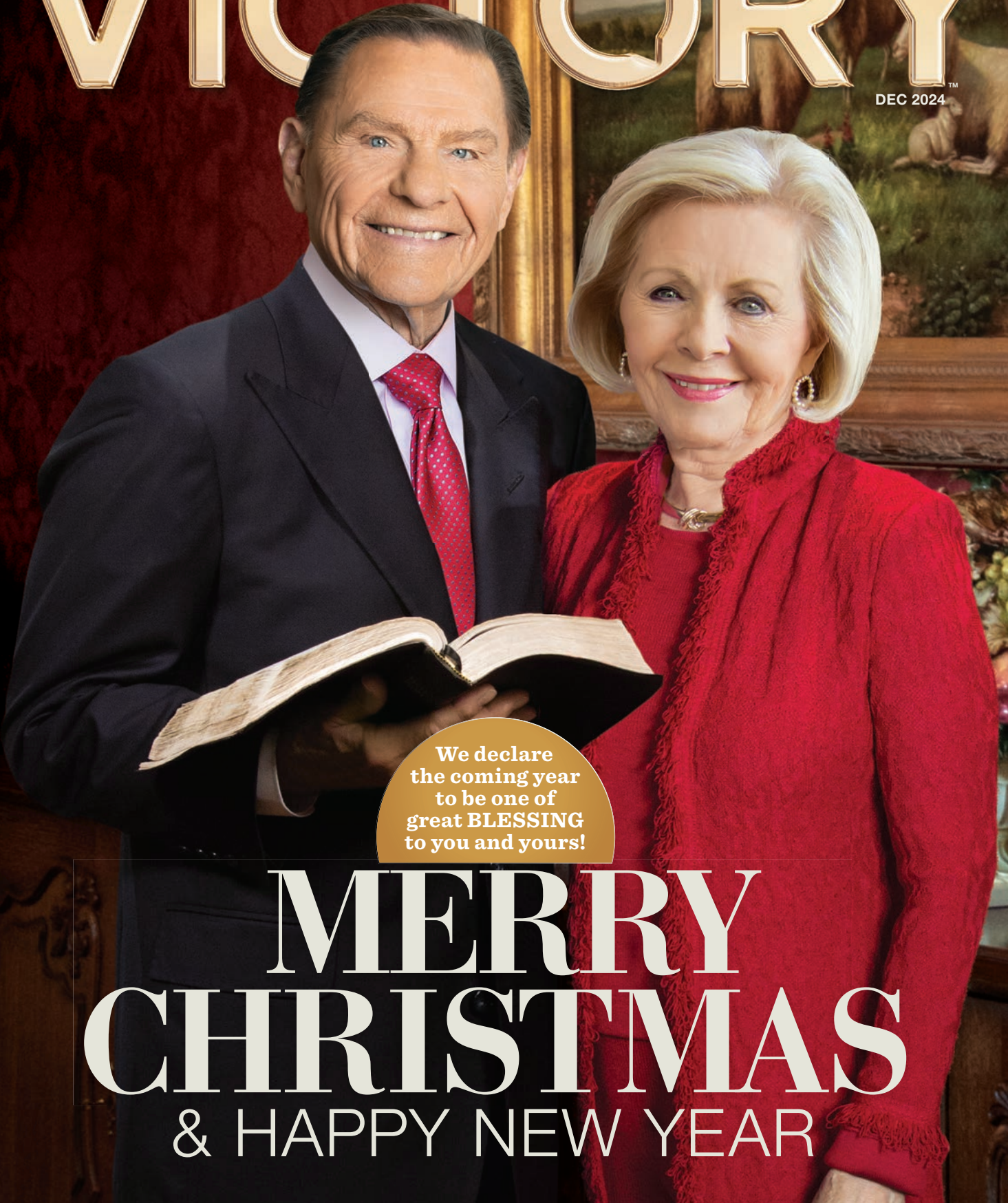


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CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Press In This Christmas!

Dear Partners and Friends,

Christmas is a time we celebrate God's most excellent gift to us: His Son, Jesus. He loves us so much that He held *nothing* back and gave us His absolute *best*.

As 2024 comes to an end, there's no better time to press into all God has for us in His gift of Christ—the Anointed One and His Anointing. We want to be able to say, as the Apostle Paul said:

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.... I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one *thing*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8, 12-14, *New King James Version*).

Hallelujah! This Christmas season, let's not sit around, waiting for our spiritual inheritance to appear. When the pressure is on, let's **PRESS BACK** on the devil and **PRESS FORWARD** in Christ to apprehend all He has for us!

What does He have for us?

- » FULLNESS of JOY (John 15:11)
- » FULLNESS of PEACE (Philippians 4:7)
- » ABOUNDING HOPE (Romans 15:13)
- » BOUNDLESS LOVE (Romans 8:38-39).

These are God's excellent gifts to us in Christ, gifts for us to receive **IN FULL** if we have the courage to press in.

Be assured that, as we celebrate Jesus with family this Christmas, we'll also be thinking of YOU. And just as we do every day, at every meal, we'll pray for you. We'll pray you receive all The LORD has for you this season, and all next year. Because God loves you, we love you, and **JESUS IS LORD!**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kenneth & Gloria

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PS. The LORD has showed us that, "2025 Will Come Alive." Let's press in and receive that now! Hallelujah!

Editor's Letter

A Gift Worth Giving!



Sometimes, it really is the gift that counts. Especially when you feel you had to move heaven and earth to get it to someone.

Our daughter, Desiree, had just turned 6, and was just one of the gazillion kids in love with Cabbage Patch Kids—those pudgy-faced dolls that exploded onto the scene in the early 1980s. My wife, Edna, liked them, too.

Being a dedicated father, I joined the millions of parents across the country who, leading up to Christmas 1983, raced from store to store searching for these dolls. From my home in North Carolina, my search extended into the bordering state of Virginia where, in a desperate last-ditch effort, I phoned my name in to a department store drawing—hoping to win one of their supply of 28 dolls.

A week later, I called back. I didn't win. Christmas came and went.

In August 1984, I spotted Cabbage Patch Kids at a JCPenney store. *They'll be easy to find now*, I reasoned, thinking the fad was over.

I didn't buy one.

Desiree would turn 7 on Oct. 6. For her birthday—you guessed it—she wanted a Cabbage Patch doll. Easy enough, right? Wrong!

Trips to Sears, JCPenney, K&K Toys and a few other places came up empty. I even called back to the store in Virginia. They had a new manager, but no Cabbage Patch Kids. An editor friend even had her parents in Knoxville, Tenn., check stores there. Nothing! On her birthday, Desiree settled for a pajama party, a pair of Strawberry Shortcake roller skates, and a few other things.

Around noon one Saturday morning, just three weeks before Christmas, I got a call from my editor friend. She was calling from Knoxville, and standing inside a store that had Cabbage Patch Kids.

"I'm looking at them now," she said. "Want me to get you one?"

Heaven had opened up!

That year, on Christmas Day, "Bo Hubert Roberts," born Sept. 1, 1984, in Atlanta, Ga., to Xavier and Paula Osborne Roberts (yes, the dolls come with birth certificates), was adopted into our family. A few days later Bo's sister, "Candace Rhoda," moved in. Not only did Desiree get her doll, but so did Edna.

What does this have to do with Christmas? In my opinion—everything! Just read Romans 8:32, *The Message*: "If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?"

Has God's greatest Gift to mankind moved in with you?

Merry Christmas!



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Bo Hubert & Candace Rhoda

Pass this magazine on to a family member or friend.



When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.*

For 51 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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A winter forest scene with snow-covered evergreen trees and a stream, with the text "His Excellent Glory" overlaid in white serif font. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a low sun, creating a soft glow and long shadows. The sky is a mix of blue and pinkish-purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the stream flows through the center of the frame, partially covered in snow.

His Excellent Glory

by Kenneth Copeland

We live in a day where most people do just enough to get by. Rather than taking the time to do things right, they opt for what's fastest and easiest. They take an *Oh, that's good enough* attitude, and the faster they go, the less excellence there is in their lives.

**But, as believers, that's not us.
It's not who we are.
It's not what we're made of.**

Excellence is in our spiritual DNA!
We're children of Almighty God who is "excellent in power" (Job 37:23).

We're born of incorruptible seed by The WORD of God (1 Peter 1:23).

We've been raised up with Jesus—His Excellency Himself—by the same "excellent glory" that raised Him from the dead and seated Him in the heavenlies (2 Peter 1:17; Romans 6:4).

Indwelt by and anointed with the same excellent Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), we're joint heirs with Jesus and partners in His ministry, which was and is a ministry of excellence (Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 5:18).

In addition, we have an excellent heritage! We have in our spiritual family tree ancestors like Daniel. Talk about someone who wasn't content to do just enough to get by. Even as a captive living in Babylon, Daniel did such a first-class job at

everything he was given to do, that the Bible says: "Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.... So this Daniel prospered" (Daniel 6:3, 28).

One definition of the word *prosper* is "to excel to the highest place available," and that's exactly what Daniel did. Faced with extremely negative circumstances, he kept being promoted until he was second in command under the king.

If Daniel could do that under the Old Covenant, what can we do under the New Covenant? Shouldn't we, as believers, also be prospering and being promoted to the highest place available in whatever sphere of influence to which God has called us?



**POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:**

1

You have within you the glory of God that raised Christ from the dead.

(Rom. 6:4)

2

As a joint heir with Jesus, you have the potential to live and walk in the excellence of that glory.

(2 Pet. 1:17)

3

Your spiritual heritage is one of excellence that includes people like Daniel.

(Dan. 6:3)

4

The knowledge of how to operate in the excellence of God's glory is already within you.

(2 Cor. 4:6)

5

Like the Apostle Paul, you can press into this knowledge.

(Phil. 3:14)

Sure, we should—and we can. We just need to walk in the excellence of our true identity.

I first received a revelation of this years ago when I was attending Oral Roberts University and working for Brother Roberts. He said to those of us on his staff, “If we’re to demand excellence from our students, we must demand it of ourselves.” He was adamant about that, and I realized he was right to be. So, from then on, especially when it came to ministry, I followed his example and that became my standard.

I remember one time, in the beginning years of this ministry, I was in the studio with some musicians recording an album. We’d done several takes on the various tracks, but I still was not satisfied with the last song. I said, “We can do better than this. Let’s try it at least one more time.”

The guy who’d been playing steel guitar wasn’t interested.

“Aw, that’s good enough for gospel,” he said.
Good enough for gospel?

Just hearing that made me want to feed the guy his guitar. I didn’t. But I didn’t smile either. I just ignored him and we did the song again and again until we got it right.

Of course, later The LORD brought us musicians like Steve Ingram and Phil Driscoll to work with, and they had an entirely different attitude. They stuck with a song as long as necessary. They’d keep recording one take after another until we all said, “Yes, that’s it!”

Some people might call that being a perfectionist. But it wasn’t that we were looking for perfection in the music. We were looking for the anointing to come on it, and it’s an interesting thing: The anointing and perfection run along side by side.

Excellence and the glory flow together.

Put Some Pressure on the Devil

One person who understood this was Apostle Paul. He never had a sloppy, just-get-by attitude. Even before he was born again, his zeal as a Pharisee was unsurpassed, and as a believer he became even more zealous

about following Jesus. After meeting Him in His glory on the road to Damascus, Paul went after Him with everything he had.

As he wrote in Philippians 3:

I count all things but loss for the *excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus* my Lord: [Remember, the word *Christ* means “the Anointed One and His Anointing.”] for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ...that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (verses 8, 12-14).

Notice, Paul *pressed*. He didn’t just wait for his spiritual inheritance to fall on him like an apple off a tree. He didn’t just sit down when he ran into hardships and trouble and say, “I think I’ll quit. The devil is putting too much pressure on me.”

No, instead of slacking off, when the pressures of the devil hit (and they hit all of us), Paul turned the tables. He put pressure on the devil by continuing to press into the excellence of the knowledge of the Anointed One and His Anointing.

The devil has no answer for the Anointing of God! He can try to pressure us to back off from it, but if we continue to press forward in faith to apprehend that for which Jesus has apprehended us, our pressure will win over the devil’s every time. If we take the attitude Paul did and say, “Forget the failures of yesterday. I’m pressing forward into my high calling in Jesus. I’m reaching for the prize of the Anointing of my King!” the devil doesn’t stand a chance.

That’s why he fights so hard to talk us out of pressing forward. It’s why he wants us to take the same *that’s-good-enough* attitude he’s sold to the world. As the god of this world, he’s “blinded the minds of them which believe



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not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ... should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:4); and now he wants to blind the Church. He wants to keep us from seeing the excellence of God’s glory that’s ours through the new birth, because he knows what will happen when we do.

The manifestation of that excellent glory will increase in us and among us! People will see and hear about it and come in droves to hear about Jesus. That’s what happened in Jesus’ ministry. It’s what happened in Peter’s ministry and Paul’s ministry. And it will be the same with us.

When we step over into the fullness of the glory that God has planned for the Church, our only problem will be finding room enough for all the people. We’ll bring the final great harvest into the kingdom of God, wrap this thing up, and the devil’s day will be done.

“Brother Copeland, are you saying the devil is scared of us?”

Absolutely. He knows (even better than most Christians) that we’re more than what we look like in the natural. That we’re not just flesh and blood human beings. On the inside, in our spirits, we’re exactly like Jesus. We’re carriers of the light and life of God.

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

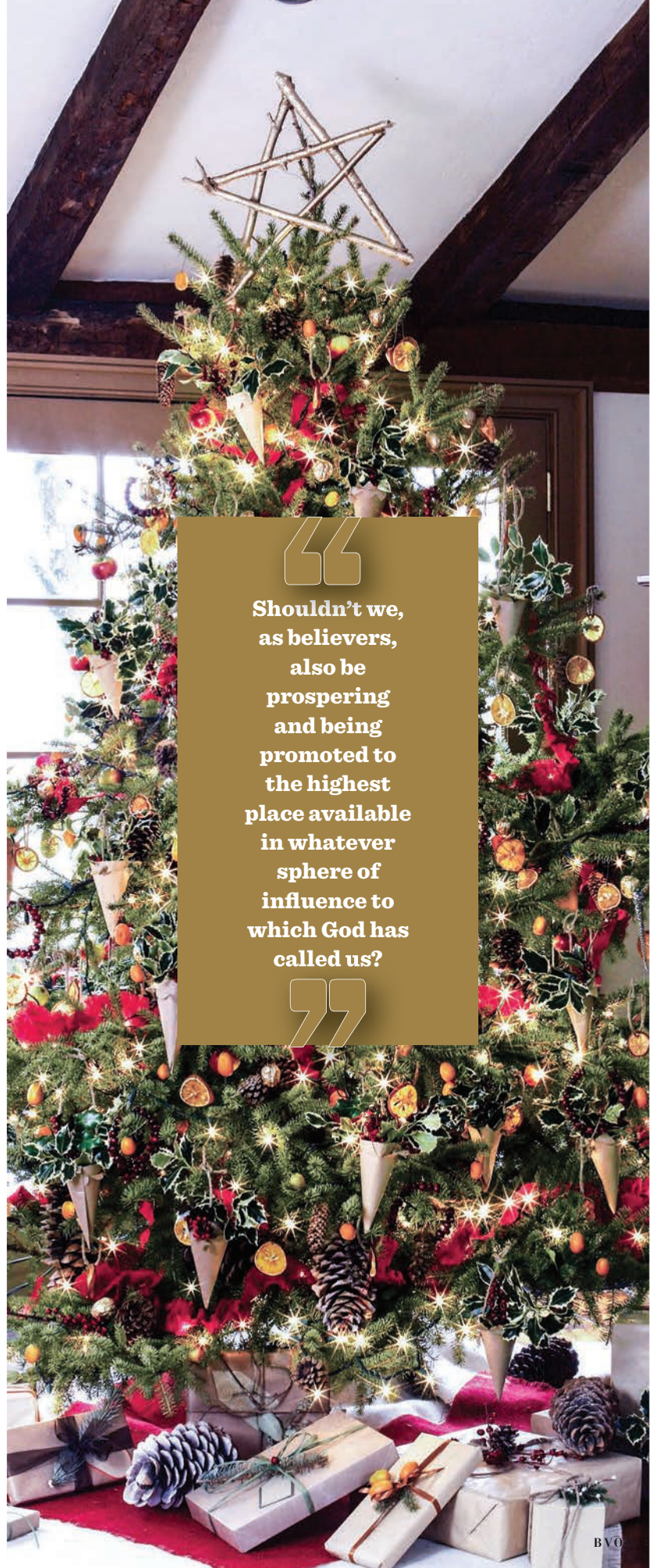
Reading those verses, I used to think they were saying that the glory of God is our treasure. But in this context, the treasure being referred to is actually *the knowledge* of God’s glory.

The Greek word translated *knowledge* there means “a working knowledge.” What’s a working knowledge? I compare it to the kind of knowledge that, as a pilot, I have about airplanes.

Anyone can ride on a plane, but I understand how to operate it. I have enough working knowledge of aviation that rather than just being a passenger, I can get in the cockpit and fly the plane wherever I want to go.

That’s how it ought to be for us, as believers, where God’s glory is concerned!

Every one of us has the glory inside of us. So



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**Shouldn't we,
as believers,
also be
prospering
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the highest
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in whatever
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called us?**
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the potential for us to operate in it is there. But most Christians haven't done much with that potential. They're more like spiritual passengers than pilots because they don't understand the principles by which the glory works. They don't know what to do with it, what feeds it or what hinders it.

The good news, however, is that the knowledge is available. God has already given it to us. We just have to press into the excellence of it by making a quality decision to step up into a higher place in our walk with God.

Golden Vessel or Mud Pot?

"Well, Brother Copeland, I believe how high I go spiritually is up to God. Like the Bible says, 'In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.' So if God decides to make me a little mud pot, that's what I'll be."

God isn't the One who makes the decision. You are. The verse that follows the one you just quoted makes that clear. It says, "If a man therefore purge himself...he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet [or profitable] for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:20-21).

Every child of God is a golden vessel—if they just knew it. The choice as to whether we live like one, however, is up to us. We can either slop along as little mud pots, or we can cleanse ourselves of dishonorable attitudes and actions and serve God with glory and excellence.

Part of serving Him with excellence is doing what He tells us to do, exactly how and when He tells us to do it. It's obeying His written WORD and the promptings of His Spirit, even about issues that to us might seem small. There's no such thing as a lightweight command from God! Whatever He tells us to do, there's a reason for it, and it's big.

Let me give you an example from my own life. In the early days of this ministry, The LORD told me to begin exercising. *Kenneth, start walking and don't quit*, He said. I didn't want to hear that. I'd hated exercising ever since I played football in high school. Plus, I didn't see the value of it. So even though I'd understood God's instructions perfectly, I'd walk for a few days, then just slow

down and soon forget about it.

Knowing I had to lose weight to fulfill my ministry calling, rather than exercise I used different dieting programs to get rid of the 30 or 40 extra pounds I was carrying. I hoped that would be good enough. But eating healthier didn't help get my body fat percentage down to where it should be. Most of the time, it stayed around 30%-35%.

Then about three years ago, The LORD was speaking to me again about excellence and, while pointing out some areas where I'd gotten sloppy, He brought up exercise again. *What are you going to do about that?* He asked.

"I wasn't planning on doing anything about it," I replied.

Well, you're going to have to, He said. So, at 80 years old, I finally got with the program. I made a quality decision: I would start exercising, not quit, and get my body fat down to 18% (3% above the optimum), which had always been my dream.

Why did I set my sights so high? Because my physical body is part of the excellence of God. It affects how much of the glory I can walk in. I know now that if I'd just done what He told me to five decades ago, I would have dodged a lot of the back pain I've dealt with over the years.

The LORD had already sent me one of the finest trainers in the country. Everything I needed was already in place, and the trainer had been doing his part; I just had to start doing mine. I did...and once I released the excellence of the glory of God in that area of my life, what had seemed impossible for 20 years suddenly began to happen. My body fat began to drop, and within two and a half months it was at 15%.

Now, at almost 88, I'm carrying out a brand-new mandate from God. Instead of winding down, I'm pressing with renewed energy toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of the Anointing and glory of God.

I'm telling you, God is ready for that glory to come into full manifestation in us and through us. He's ready for it to flow through the Church until it covers the earth like the waters cover the sea. He's just waiting for you and me to get our acts together.

Let's do it. Let's tighten up the ship, move in obedience to Him, and go back to our first love. Let's live as the people of excellence we were born again to be! 🍷

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'2025 Will Come Alive!'

“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.”

Habakkuk 2:2,
(New King James Version)

A brand-new year is right around the corner. What should we expect from 2025? What should be our vision?

I want to share a vision given to me that I thought would be good to pass along to you.

This year’s Southwest Believers’ Convention was tremendous! The WORD of God was so rich. Our guest speakers delivered messages that strengthened us for these end times.

At Eagle Mountain International Church, the convention begins on the Sunday morning before it starts at the convention center in downtown Fort Worth and concludes the following Sunday morning. It is a long, but rewarding, week for all who serve.

At 3 o’clock on Sunday afternoon, the day after the convention concluded, I received a very significant phone call from Brother Copeland! We talked about the convention and how wonderful it was. We also discussed several other things.

Suddenly, Brother Copeland

began to speak from his prophetic office. Knowing him for as long as I have, I can quickly discern when he transitions from conversation to revelation, which is what was happening. As he began to deliver a word from The LORD, I reached for my pad and pencil and began to write. (I was fulfilling The WORD in Habakkuk 2:2 that declares, “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”)

First, Brother Copeland said, “Watch the next seven years. Many changes are going to take place.”

Then, the word of The LORD came clear about the new year.

“2025 WILL COME ALIVE!”

He continued by saying, “Next year, this country will come alive. So, prepare for 2025.”

Praise God, I thought. We are receiving our marching orders for the end of this year and on into the new year.

This is truly a prophetic word and vision from The LORD for us to pay close attention to.

Allow me to address some important things relating to the ministry of the prophet.

Amos 3:7, *New King James Version*, says, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” God reveals those things He wants to accomplish through His prophets. He always has. Hosea, Zechariah, Micah, Jeremiah and Isaiah all saw and declared the coming of Jesus. They declared: “There is One coming! There is One coming!” The result was, as we all know, that Jesus was born into the earth.

A prophet is someone who has visions and revelations. A prophet is a “seer”—one who sees things in the spirit before we do. They see out ahead of the rest of us by God’s divine appointment.

Many years ago, Pastor Lynne Hammond was ministering to the KCM staff regarding the ministry of the prophet. She said: “Prophets are like eagles that are able to see far out into the distance. There is an apparatus that comes down over their eyes

that makes things clear. They can see farther than any being on earth. That is the way of the prophet. It is not a natural eye. It is an eye that God gives to them to see things that are yet to come.”

Words are the primary equipment of a prophet’s ministry. They come down from heaven and into the heart of the prophet for





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the people to believe and say.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 says, “Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” Verse 9 tells us that “the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, *I have put my words in thy mouth*” (my emphasis).

Prophetic words are spoken with an unusual force and high level of authority. They are words that change realms, spheres, nations and kingdoms. Like an alarm clock, they wake everyone up. Often, they even declare coming judgments in order to give people the opportunity to repent and receive deliverance.

We must pay close attention to God’s prophets and take their words seriously.


Second Chronicles 20:20 tells us to “believe in the LORD your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” The word *prosper* means that you will push forward, break out, advance, make progress, succeed, and go over the top. Are you ready to live like that? If so, take hold of this prophetic word for 2025. The LORD has spoken a very clear vision to us.

He said, **2025 WILL COME ALIVE!**

Take time to meditate on this word. Ask The LORD how it applies to you, your family, your future, your church, your business, the nation and the world. It is only four words—**2025 Will Come Alive**—but they are very powerful words that will carry us through the next year.

Keep this word before your eyes all year long. Write it in your Bible. Put it on your mirror. Confess it every day. Keep this prophetic utterance alive and allow it to be your vision for 2025!

Go to insidethevision.org if you would like to become a “KCM Vision Insider.” It is easy to sign up. You will receive your own personal *Inside the Vision* journal, as well as a book by Brother Copeland about the power of partnership. You will also receive regular email updates with exclusive content and powerful teaching that will inspire your vision.

Be sure to watch *Inside the Vision* on VICTORY Channel and allow it to inspire your own vision. 

Phase 2 of the Kenneth Copeland Ministries World Headquarters building renovation is well under way! Our ministry property took some hard hits during the Texas winter storm of 2021, but the Lord is faithful. We have seen His favor and provision through the weeks, months and even years that have followed.

Since we last reported, here are a few of the things that have been completed as we’re taking back and moving forward:

- » **Electrical and plumbing work**
- » **All drywall installed, taped and mudded on walls**
- » **14 electrical floor boxes core-drilled.**



Praise God! What an exciting time at KCM as we stand in faith on Proverbs 6:31, which says the thief must return *seven times* what he stole. Partner, thank you for your continued support through your prayers and financial giving that is having an impact, as we are taking back and moving forward. As your partner, we are standing with you so that you can take back what the enemy has stolen in your life!



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by Terri Copeland Pearsons

God's Perfecting Gifts

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IS NOT JUST CHRISTMAS CARD FODDER. EACH AND EVERY PART OF HIS STORY IS RELEVANT NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER.

RELEVANCY IS GOOD NEWS! IT MEANS ANGELS ARE STILL RELEVANT; AREN'T YOU GLAD?

OBEDIENCE IS RELEVANT. IT PAID OFF FOR JOSEPH AND MARY, AND IT WILL PAY OFF FOR US TODAY.

Divine protection is relevant. It couldn't have been any more desirable then, than in the world we live in today.

Divine provision is certainly relevant! Who couldn't use a camel-load in their time of need?

While the angels tend to get top billing surrounding the birth of Jesus, the prophets really should be hailed as the most valuable players.

When you think about the birth of the Savior, what prophets do you think of?

Most Christians recall the prophecies given by Zacharias, who was the father of John the Baptist, and maybe even Simeon. Also, there was the prophetess, Anna, who, along with Simeon, recognized Jesus as the Savior and openly proclaimed who He was.

Another favorite Christmas prophecy was spoken through Isaiah, who declared: "A virgin shall...bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.... For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6).

The truth is, *every* Old Testament prophet





“Psalm 29 reveals that the voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty...it makes way for the glory and gives His people strength, blessing them with peace.”



prophesied of Jesus—covering not only His birth, but the details of His life.

Matthew 1:22, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, says, “All this took place that it might be fulfilled which the Lord had spoken *through the prophet...*” (my emphasis). Several more times Matthew says, “that it might be fulfilled.”

Jesus based every action of His ministry entirely on the prophetic words which became the written Word. Furthermore, Jesus is the Word made flesh, right (John 1:14)? What word? The Word spoken by the prophets!

Could it be that the ministry of the prophet is relevant for us today? Some say, “No, that’s passed away.” Others disagree, but don’t really know how it is relevant or how to use their faith for this glorious ministry gift. Let’s explore.

The Gifts Still Remain

First, let’s establish that prophets did not disappear after the 12 apostles went to heaven. They didn’t end an era; instead, they began one! Ephesians 4:11-13 says, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God” (*New King James Version*).

Who gave these gifts? Jesus.

Have evangelists, pastors or teachers ceased to be gifts to the Church? Of course not.

Can we find any scriptural indication that the Lord has withdrawn apostles or prophets? No, we cannot.

Since “the work of ministry for the edifying of the body” has not ended, then why would Jesus withdraw any of the gifts He gave to equip us for that task? The truth is, He hasn’t.

The next four verses, Ephesians 4:13-16, go on to list the purpose for the five ministry gifts mentioned earlier, one of which is that of the prophet. These gifts are given to bring the whole Body into a perfect (or mature) man, measuring up to the full stature of Jesus and His Anointing. The Apostle Paul explains that we are to grow past spiritual childhood and



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can destroy themselves.

How does God change those realms? By His Word spoken through the lips of men—especially through the ministry of prophets.

Amos 3:7, *NKJV*, says, “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Does the kingdom of God need to be revealed to people today?

not be tossed to and fro. We are to be unaffected by men’s doctrines, firmly established in the Word, and led by the Spirit—speaking only truth and always in love.

Are we there yet? It would not appear so. Clearly, we need everything the Lord has provided for His Bride so that we may become the glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle (Ephesians 5:27).

Some say all this is a work of the Spirit, and not man.

Everything good is a work of the Spirit, but not without man. God has chosen to work on behalf of men by most often working through them. Isn’t that the story of the Cross—that God became man so He could work the work of Redemption through a man?

Jesus said John the Baptist was the greatest prophet under the Old Covenant. That was true because of the assignment he carried. He was to prepare the way of the Lord. Luke 3 and Matthew 3 show him carrying out that mission. His message brought revelation, an enlightened awareness of the kingdom of God, and a call for repentance so the people could embrace it.

The Scriptures mention that John had the attention of the religious, political, economic and military leaders, as well as the general population. God gave him an open door to speak not only into their individual lives, but also into the realms they represented. You do realize there is a political realm, economic realm, religious realm, etc. Men can get so caught up in their own way of thinking and doing that, without God’s intervention, they

Certainly. Do each of these realms need to be awakened out of their self-dependent, destructive ways to the Lord? The sooner, the better!

The Anointed Prophet

John prepared the way of the Lord. Is the Lord coming again? Yes, and very soon!

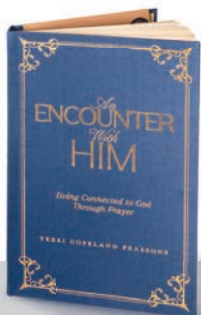
Then prophets are needed today.

This doesn’t mean the Kingdom relies solely on the prophet’s ministry. Unlike the Old Testament, where the anointing rested only on the king, the priests and the prophets, the anointing is on the whole Body of Christ. We all have responsibility and authority in the Kingdom. But the anointing on the prophet is like a weapon the Lord releases to cause change. When the prophet speaks, his words become the voice of the Lord in the earth.

Psalms 29 reveals that the voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty; it destroys long-standing obstacles and releases judgment; it makes way for the glory and gives His people strength, blessing them with peace.

No wonder Paul so often asked the saints to pray for him that he would have a free flow of divine utterance. He knew his words, ordained and anointed of God, would not only affect each person who heard them, but alter the spiritual condition of every realm known to man—and angels (1 Corinthians 2:6). All this is only one aspect of the prophet’s ministry.

There are two main aspects of the true prophet’s ministry. One, of course, is



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Fact vs. Truth

prophecy.

Prophecy is not limited to revealing the future, as some might think. Prophecy often warns, reveals error, and gives correction and direction. Prophecy, as a simple gift of the Spirit, edifies, exhorts and comforts (1 Corinthians 14:3). But when the ministry office of the prophet flows in that gift, it carries a different level of impact. It is more empowering and far-reaching. Often, the impact reverberates even beyond the ones who actually heard the prophecy because a spiritual force is released. Depending on the call and assignment, a church, a city, a nation or the whole Body of Christ may be changed.

Perhaps the greatest aspect of the New Testament prophet's ministry is his/her preaching and teaching. Yet, it is the least valued.


Who are named as the three greatest prophets in the Bible?

That would be Moses, John the Baptist and, of course, Jesus. Though they all prophesied, they were least known for their prophecies. But all three were teachers of the Word. The difference in their teaching than that of others is twofold: It had a different quality of revelation knowledge that seldom accompanies other teaching. Also, it goes to the heart and mindsets of entire groups of people.

The Lord knows how to perfect the saints! He knows it will take all the ministry gifts—apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher—to get the job done.

When, as 1 Corinthians 12:31 (AMPC) instructs, we desire, cultivate, love and pray for those ministry gifts among us, the kingdom of God will be magnified and His glory will fill the earth!

The hidden things of God “are created now [called into being by the prophetic word]” (Isaiah 48:7, AMPC). ▼

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Isaiah 53:5, “With his [Jesus’] stripes we are healed.” It’s a truth that can never be changed. What’s more, if you’ll apply that truth, it will overcome sickness every time! Truth applied changes facts.

Applying it. That’s the key. You can put on your finest traveling clothes, pack your luggage and go sit down in a perfectly good airplane...but you won’t get 6 inches off the ground unless somebody turns on the engines and begins to put the law of lift into motion.

What we need to do is apply our faith just like Jesus did. We need to learn to supersede our natural circumstances by activating the supernatural law of faith. So apply the truth to your facts today. Speak Isaiah 53:5 to your body. Speak Philipians 4:19 to your needs. Speak Isaiah 54:13 over your children. And watch the truth change the facts! ▼

Jesus commanded us to operate in the same God kind of faith He has. He also told us that anyone who did it would have the same results. After all, it’s His faith that’s in us. He put it there.

That being the case, how do we deal with the fact that so many Christians are being defeated by sickness, poverty and every other kind of problem? By understanding that those defeats are “fact,” but they are not “truth.”

You see, facts can be changed. Truth can’t. Truth supersedes fact. Spiritual law supersedes natural, physical law.

The law of gravity, for example, is a fact. But there is a higher law than the law of gravity. Those in the aeronautical industry know it as the law of lift. If you do certain things—make an airplane, build the wing right and engine powerful enough and so on—you’ll be able to put the law of lift into motion and make an airplane fly.

How does that happen? Does gravity cease to be a fact? No. The law of lift simply supersedes it.

In the same way, sickness and disease are facts. But those facts can be superseded by the truth in

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by Gloria Copeland

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Our Great Salvation

“Are you saved?”

Ask a believer that question and they'll answer with a quick, “Yes!” But ask them if they know exactly what they've been saved from, and you may run into some confusion.

Most of us realize that we've been saved from spiritual death, snatched from a hell-bound train. We know our salvation has changed our final destination. But what many of us don't realize is that we don't have to simply sit around until then, spiritual suitcases in hand, waiting to die and

go to glory.

God intended for us to begin our trip to heaven the moment we were born again. And sin should be the first territory we leave behind. That's because God has given us His very own righteousness and authority. It is part of our great salvation.

Christians are discovering that we have authority in the Name of Jesus to resist sickness, disease, poverty, demons and fear. The Scripture says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will



flee from you” (James 4:7). But before we can effectively resist the devil, we must first submit to God and obey Him.

Dead to Sin

Jesus has already paid the price to free us from the dominion of sin. When we believe Jesus is the Son of God, that He was raised from the dead, and we confess Him as Lord, we are saved according to Romans 10:9-10.

Colossians 1:13 tells us that at the moment of our salvation, we are delivered out of the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God’s dear Son. This is not something that happens when we die. We live in that Kingdom now.

When you are born again, the old sin nature that used to be on the inside of you dies. A new nature created in righteousness and true holiness is born. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The very life of God Himself is the substance of that new man. Righteousness—being in right-standing with God—not sin, is now your nature. That righteousness is imparted to you by the Holy Spirit through the new birth.

Your spirit is instantly changed when you are born again, but your mind and your body are not. It’s your responsibility to fulfill the righteousness that is imparted to you. You do this by renewing your mind (Romans 12:2). This change of thinking reveals what God says in His Word. It transforms your entire life as you believe and obey. It enables you to walk out the will of God and walk in His blessing.

Romans 6:6 says it’s in knowing this that we will no longer serve sin. Our spirit is already dead to sin and re-created in righteousness. That inner righteousness becomes outwardly apparent when we renew our minds to this fact, and act accordingly.

The moment you are born again, sin

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 133-136; Prov. 29:15-27	
Mon	2	Ezek. 42:15-44:31	Rev. 3
Tue	3	Ezek. 45:1-47:12	Rev. 4
Wed	4	Ezek. 47:13-48:35; Dan. 1	Rev. 5
Thu	5	Dan. 2:1-3:18	Rev. 6
Fri	6	Dan. 3:19-5:12	Rev. 7
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Sun	8	Ps. 137-139; Prov. 30:1-17	
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Wed	11	Dan. 12; Hos. 1:1-4:10	Rev. 10
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Wed	25	Zeph. 3; Hag. 1-2	Rev. 20
Thu	26	Zech. 1-5	Rev. 21
Fri	27	Zech. 6-9	Rev. 22
Sat	28	Zech. 10:1-14:15	
Sun	29	Ps. 146-147; Prov. 31	
Mon	30	Ps. 148-150	
Tue	31	Zech. 14:16-21; Mal. 1-4	

loses its hold on you. Just as death lost its dominion over Jesus when He was raised from the dead, so sin loses its dominion over you.

No sin is so powerful that it can dominate the person who knows he is dead to sin. Drug addiction, alcoholism, sexual sins, evil habits—all lose their power to control those who consider themselves dead to sin.

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (verses 11-13).

Alive to God

It’s not enough to consider yourself dead to sin. You must reckon yourself alive to God. That means when sin calls, you don’t answer. You answer when God calls! You are motivated by the new man on the inside of you, not by the old man you once were!

You can have so much of the life of God flowing out of you that when you walk into a place, the demons there shudder and tremble in fear at your very presence! That’s what the Bible says about Jesus. It says, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

One translation says Jesus went about healing those who were overpowered by the devil. You are *not* overpowered by the devil! You have power *over* the devil.

But if you get your attention on other things, you will let the Word slip and sin will dominate you. Hebrews 2:1, 3 says,

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip... How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.”

The Word in our hearts causes us to walk after God instead of after the world. We’ve got to give the more earnest heed to the things we learn in the Word of God, and not let them slip.

We cannot escape sin and the effects of sin if we neglect the great salvation the blood of Jesus has provided us. Sin and its consequences will continue to have dominion over us. But if we will continue with the Lord, our great salvation will bring us into a state of soundness—spirit, soul and body!

And God wants you to walk in the fullness of your salvation. He wants you to be whole and sound in every area of your life. But you cannot enjoy that salvation now without renewing your mind to the fact that you are dead to sin.

And deliverance from sin is the very beginning of our great salvation. 🕊

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**His Word
Is Power**

I was really tired one evening, but decided to watch the Southwest Believers' Convention.

While listening to Brother Copeland, he stopped his message, took hold of the back of his neck, and spoke that neck pain was being healed.

I instantly knew it was for ME! I took that word, accepted it and rejoiced. Within a few minutes my neck gave a cracking sound. It hurt, but then a release came. My neck now moves easily, PRAISE GOD...after years, I am healed!

I am eternally thankful for Brother Copeland, who has been willing and continues to teach us. Thank You, GOD.

M.F. | Virginia

**Divinely
Favored**

I called the prayer line recently to ask for support in prayer, over a situation that my daughter and her family were experiencing with the selling of their home. The Lord has orchestrated the details in their favor.

He is showing Himself strong in the lives of each one of my children! Thank you for your support and undergirding in faith in times of need. Praise God!

M.F. | New Jersey

Another Victory

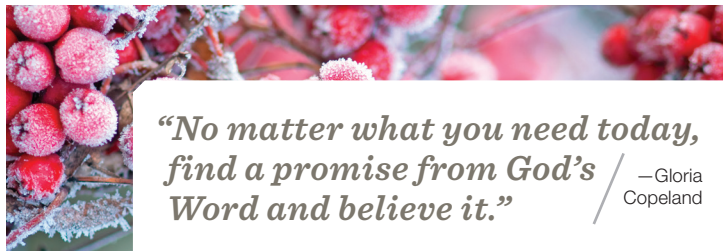
My son had a tonsillectomy scheduled for a few weeks after the Southwest Believers' Convention. I was watching online and Brother Copeland declared healing for someone believing for their tonsils to be healed and would not require surgery.

I believed that was the word of the Lord for my son, so I laid hands on my son in

agreement with Brother Copeland. We praise Jesus for another victory, because my son is no longer snoring or having sleep apnea episodes while lying on his back like he did previously. We canceled his surgery.

Hallelujah!

K.B. | Texas



*“No matter what you need today,
find a promise from God’s
Word and believe it.”*

—Gloria
Copeland

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

I work for a food delivery service; one morning, I streamed the SWBC on my phone. With just one earbud in I listened to Bill Winston and Jesse Duplantis. I want you to know, as they preached the Word of Faith, I had my best day working so far. The highest paying offers kept coming in. Praise God!

J.H. | Tennessee



**The Joy
of Prayer**

Thank you, Pastor Terri, for writing the book *An Encounter With God*. I now understand how important prayers are for my grandchild!

P.T. | Washington

He Is Our Daily Bread

While incarcerated I picked up a copy of *From Faith to Faith*; on that daily reading, it happened to address the very problem I was dealing with...worry!

I put into practice the Word concerning my problem and haven't had a problem with worry since. G.D. | Maryland

Blessed To Bless

I was listening to Brother Copeland talking about THE BLESSING and was set free in the area concerning tithing and giving.

A.B. | California

**He Hears
and Heals!**

I just wanted to express my gratitude for the prayers that were offered on my behalf. I requested prayer for a good doctor's report, relief from headaches, and freedom from fear. During the prayer call, I immediately felt a sense of peace. Since then, I have not experienced any significant migraines or headaches, and my scan results came back perfect.

I want to thank the prayer warrior who patiently and knowledgeably guided me through this challenging time. I attribute all the praise and glory to our Lord, and I am grateful for the loving support system provided by KCM, which allowed me to connect with fellow believers who help me align my faith with God's Word and reach out to Him in prayer.

Praise be to Jesus, our Lord!

J.F. | North Carolina

**He Holds
Our Heart**

I recently called for prayer because my daughter was having open heart surgery, and praise God, her body is accepting the heart and she's free from all major tubes and wires!

M.H. | Florida

SALVATION PRAYER

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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Now Is the Time To Be Healed

One evening at the Southwest Believers' Convention, Brother Copeland started getting words for healing. He reached up, then touched the right side of his neck and spoke about a serious problem in the vertebrae and to receive healing now.

I was watching online and knew that was for me. I had been experiencing pain in my neck for 20 years and over the past year it became evident it was more serious. I was ready when Brother Copeland spoke those words from the Lord. I took it and IMMEDIATELY the pain left and tension released from my neck!

I can move without pain or tightness. Glory to God and thank you, Brother Copeland, for being faithful!

Hallelujah!

M.M. | Texas



by Pastor George Pearsons



The Joy Is Back!

Where's the joy of Christmas?

That's a pressing question these days. Researchers tell us that for many, Christmas is the most stressful time of year. More people suffer depression, worry about finances, and grieve over the disappointments in their lives during Christmastime than during any other season.

But as born-again believers, you and I have good news for those people. We have the same message for them that the angels had for the shepherds in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. We have "tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10)!

With a smile on your face and a sparkle in your eye, you can lovingly let them know that Jesus has come to help them and deliver them. He has come to heal and prosper them, and bring them peace.

Jesus has come and the joy is back!

People these days need to hear that

message as desperately as they needed to hear it that first Christmas night when Jesus was born. They need to hear believers praising God and saying, "Hey, everyone, you don't have to be depressed. God loves you. He has goodwill toward you. He has sent you a Savior—Jesus Christ, The LORD!"

'But It's Just Not Enough'

Some people think that message is too simple to solve the complex problems we face today. They think the world is too dark, that times have become too bad. They think the message that lit up the night sky thousands of years ago of "the



Are you fellowshipping with Him — enjoying His presence and focusing on the wonder of what He has done within you?



babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” just isn’t enough anymore.

The truth is, if it was enough for the people back then (and it was!), it’s enough for people today. Those were dark times. Joy had disappeared from the nation of Israel. As the Old Testament prophets wrote:

“The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also...even all the trees of the field are withered, so that joy has withered and fled away from the sons of men” (Joel 1:12, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

“Joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field” (Jeremiah 48:33).

“All joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is banished and gone into captivity” (Isaiah 24:11, *AMPC*).

A People In Mourning

At that particular time in history, there was no joy and no peace. Terror and fear were the order of the day. The political system was exceedingly corrupt. King Herod was detested by the people. They abhorred his unparalleled deeds of reckless cruelty and bloodshed. Historians record that no woman’s honor was safe, no man’s life secure as long as Herod reigned. His suspicious nature drove him to murder anyone he considered a rival, including his wife, her mother and his own three sons. Even the Roman emperor (who was no paragon of virtue himself) called Herod a “murderous old man,” and said it was better to be Herod’s pig than his son. Proverbs 29:2 says, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” No doubt, people were mourning in Herod’s day.

It was then, during the darkest of times, that the angel of God appeared to the shepherds and said, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which

shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

When those words rang out, earth’s atmosphere changed forever. A new government had been announced. A new Ruler was about to begin His reign. Isaiah’s prophecy had been fulfilled (Isaiah 9:6-7).

He Is Still Immanuel

That was the day the joy of The LORD was born in the earth. And, praise God, that joy is still with us today!

I say that boldly even though 2,000 years have come and gone since Jesus was born. Why? Because the Bible says in Matthew 1:23, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, ‘God with us’” (*New King James Version*).

God came to be with us in Jesus on the first Christmas morning—and He is still with us in Him today. Even though Jesus died on the cross and bore our sins, even though He was raised again and ascended physically to be with the Father, Jesus is still here. Through the Person of the Holy Spirit, He is still on the earth, living in the hearts of everyone who receives Him as LORD of their lives.

Jesus said, “Io, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). He also promised, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

Jesus is here to bring fullness of joy into our lives (John 17:13). He is here giving us the joy of The LORD, the greatest Christmas present anyone could ever imagine. So no matter how dark things may seem to be around us, we can



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Unto You Is Born a Savior!

"I don't know about that, Pastor George," you might say. "I'm a Christian. I've trusted Jesus as my Savior and Lord but, even so, I don't feel joyful right now."

Well, are you fellowshiping with Him—enjoying His presence and focusing on the wonder of what He has done within you? Or are you so focused on the negative things happening around you that you've lost sight of the fact that the Son of God has been born unto you?

Think about how excited a couple gets when their first child is born. I remember how it was for Terri and me. We were so thrilled about the birth of our son, Jeremy, that we could hardly think of anything else. We spent hours and days getting his little room ready. We made great preparations for him because we knew he would be a focal point of our lives for a long while. The moment he was born, Terri yelled, "Praise God!" Then the nurses brought out that little boy to me and I knew I'd never be the same. My heart was so full of joy I could hardly stand it. Unto me a son was born that day, and he has brought me great joy ever since!

When our daughter, Aubrey, was born a few years later, I experienced that same joy again. Our children changed our whole lives. Terri and I scheduled our lives around our children. And we've taken enough photos and videotapes of our times with them to start a museum. And in all those pictures you can see that there was great joy in our household.

How much more should we be that way about Jesus? How much more should we center our lives on Him? How much more should we think about Him and talk to Him and enjoy His presence in everything we do?

If we'll do that, we'll find—sure enough—the joy is back in our lives! 📌

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SCRIPTURES FOR

Believing God for a House

Luke 4:18

1 Corinthians 2:7-10

Amos 9:13-15

Acts 17:26

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

Proverbs 9:1

Proverbs 10:22

Proverbs 12:7

Proverbs 15:6

Proverbs 22:4

Proverbs 24:3-4

Proverbs 24:27

Isaiah 32:17-18

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Jeremiah 31:12-14

Psalms 16:5-6

Psalms 31:19-20

Psalms 66:12

Psalms 68:6, 10, 19

Psalms 107:7-9

Psalms 107:29-32

Psalms 107:35-38

Psalms 107:41-43

Psalms 112

Psalms 118:5, 23

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. (Psalms 66:12)

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. (Psalms 16:5-6)





by Gloria Copeland

Christ *Is Born In* YOU

“The life of a born-again son or daughter of God is, to me, the only way to live. It’s the only true life.”

Jesus was born into the earth to make a way for you and me to be born again into the family of God.

Are you born again?

I’m thinking almost everyone reading this has answered, “Yes, Gloria, I am born again!” If so, I hope you will continue reading and be reminded of who you really are as a born-again child of your heavenly Father.

If you answered, “No,” or “I don’t really know,” I hope you will read on and discover the tremendous relationship that awaits you as a child of God.

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God created man (that includes you and me) in His image. You are a triune (three-in-one) person—spirit, soul

and body. Your *body* is made up of the elements of earth. God created every part of your body to cooperate with and thrive in the earth in which you live. It holds up and carries you throughout your life.

You have a *soul* created by God to help you communicate within your world. Your soul is made up of your mind, your will and your emotions. By your soul you interact in





your life and express yourself.

And who you truly are is defined by your *spirit*—the real you. It is the heart and the core of you. Your spirit is the center of your true life. It is the very life in you.

Genesis 2:7 gives us the simple picture of man's creation: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

God gave His very own living breath to man. He gave man the Spirit of life! Now, He gave us natural air to breathe, and He also gave us that breath of His very own Spirit, making man an exceptional being among all

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God's creation! He created us with a unique life that is a complete expression of Himself.

In Genesis 1-3, you can see how Adam and Eve, who represented all mankind, lost their unique relationship with God when they fell for the deception of the devil and committed high treason against God. They were created to live forever, but because of sin were separated from the Spirit of life. Their separation from God's Spirit resulted in the death of their spirits, and eventually their bodies. And that death was passed down, leaving mankind disconnected from God throughout the generations.

The life of God in the spirit of man had been replaced by death. And man has lived on earth for thousands of years as a "human" (earthly) being, but not as a "living" spirit with the nature of God.

Life Returns to Earth

Then, God brought His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, onto the scene—born of God and with the righteousness of God. And with Jesus came the promise that God's life would become mankind's life once again.

This life is what I call "living from the inside out." God created your inner man—your spirit—to contain Himself. And Jesus proved that a man born of the Spirit, and led by the Spirit of God dwelling in him, can live in harmony and relationship with his Father. Outwardly, He showed the world and the devil that God and His creation have been forever reconnected.

Take a look at Luke 1:30-38, *New King James Version*, and see how God brought His Son into the earth. Notice how Mary got the news from the angel of the Lord, and how she responded:

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor

with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary believed what the angel told her. She believed he had spoken the Word of God to her. She was willing to accept the favor of God by becoming the mother of His Son. She received the word and conceived the promised Son, who would "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21, *NKJV*).

Because He is the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16), Jesus went about doing good, healing all kinds of disease, and saving people from all kinds of works of the enemy. Ultimately, He gave up His life so all men could be saved, healed and delivered through Him.

He gave His life for you and for me...so we could have the very same Spirit-born, Spirit-lived life He had. Jesus was born, He lived and He died with our sin, sickness and pain. Then He was raised from the dead to bring God's life to all mankind—and to bring us all out of our state of separation from God and back into union with Him.

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Born Again To Change Things

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, God made it possible for us to be born again—from the inside out—to new life. Our being born again changes things, not only for us but for our world!

First John 5:1 tells us how to be changed from the old man into the new man—the reborn man or woman of God: “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.” How much simpler could He have made it? Just believe and be born all over again.

We begin our lives in Christ Jesus by believing. Then, we live them out by simply believing God’s Word regarding every aspect of our lives. We believe God’s Word about our relationships, our health and our freedom from all the work of the enemy.

We become a “new creature” according to 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Isn’t that amazing? Everything about our old life is gone and we start all over. Once again, we become God’s creation—born of the Spirit and led by the Spirit. Once again, we are breathed on by God and we become a new spirit, a new man on the inside.

Our being born again is very similar to how Jesus came into this earth as a babe born of Mary. Just like the Spirit of God hovered over Mary, He hovers over every person to make us a new creation in Christ Jesus. The moment we believe in Jesus, He comes into our hearts. The Spirit of Christ, the Anointed One, is born in us and we become children of God.

We are born over again in the image of God, created in righteousness and holiness. The old man passes away and all things are new for us. The potential that lies in each of us is unlimited because we are God’s children!

Being born again allows us to receive the indwelling Spirit of the living God, who created the universe and everything in it, right into *our* inner man. And as we grow day by day, seeking Him and His kingdom, our new lives begin to unfold. We started off as Spirit-born babes, we continue as Spirit-taught children, and we grow up into Spirit-led men and women.

God places people in our lives to help us grow. And as we grow in the Word, and under the teaching of Holy Spirit-inspired teachers, we can “all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

You can walk victoriously in Christ, once and for all, because each barrier has been removed.

(Matt. 1:21)

2

Believe HIS WORD and mute every other voice that tries to lure you away from His purpose in your life!

(1 John 5:1)

3

Stand in confidence knowing you are a new creation, and He has placed inside of you His Light, that will never go dim.

(2 Cor. 5:17)

4

Fix your eyes only on Him, and He will instruct you in all things that lead to life and truth.

(Eph. 4:13, 15)

5

Christ has welcomed us into His family where all our needs are met and we are connected to His limitless supply.

(Ps. 23)



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of the fulness of Christ.” We can “grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:13, 15).

As we grow up into Christ, His overcoming life becomes ours. We develop into people who are no longer ruled by the powers of this world but who rule this world by the power of God that is in us! We become a force in this world that changes things!

Born To Overcome by Love

God sent His Son so that you and I could be born again. Being born again, as new creations empowered to live by the Spirit of Christ in us, is the only way He could reconnect with us. It was the only way we could fulfill the law of love. It was the only way we could become new creatures, and He filled us with God’s Holy Spirit to teach, lead and direct us.

It starts with believing that Jesus is the Christ: “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:1-3).

Do you see that? It’s all about love!

What a marvelous plan God put into action when Jesus was born into this world. And He did it all for the sake of love! He loves you and me that much!

John 3:16 tells us, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...” It all started with Jesus coming into this world for you and me.

Christ being born in us enables our hearts

to love. Love for God and others is the only way we could ever keep His commandments. God had said in the Old Testament that the day would come when He would write His law on men’s hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). When we believed that Jesus was and is the Christ, our hearts became new. They became a place where God could speak and we could listen.

But God’s purpose in our new birth doesn’t end there! As born-again children of God, totally immersed in His Word and His love, we are world overcomers! We have within us the faith—the belief—to walk as Jesus walked, talk as He talked, do the works He did, and love like He loved. All of which puts the devil out of business!

Because we have been born of God, the devil no longer has any authority over us. Not over our bodies, our finances, our families, our homes, our careers, our friends...not over anything that concerns us. He can only do what we allow him to do. We must let him know in no uncertain terms that we take our lives back! What he stole from Adam has been returned to us...a hundredfold!

When we live like Jesus lived—we can be carefree, with all our needs met. We can focus on and reach out to others whom God loves so much! Our lives are changed and we’re to love people and see their lives changed, too!

Get this into your heart. When we, the children of God, come onto the scene—any scene—we bring with us the love and faith to change the scene! Believe it! God’s purpose in having a family of Spirit-born, Spirit-taught, Spirit-led children was so the world would know He loves them!

Jesus Christ was born to make it so—for you and for me and for us all! 📌

Stars That Light the Way

Commander
Kellie's Corner

Merry Christmas, Superkids!

We have every reason to be full of peace, love, joy and hope. We celebrate God's love that sent the Son He loved, Jesus, to the earth. Because Jesus was born, lived and died on the cross for us, we can live the Ephesians life we have been learning about.

To be one with the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit; to have His creative genius living in us; and to be on His team is the greatest gift we could ever have! So, we can have more than a merry Christmas.

No matter where you live or how good or difficult life may be, you can have a JOY-filled Christmas. All because we have the FATHER who loves us, the SAVIOR who gave His life for us, and the HOLY SPIRIT who connects us to every word they speak and all the gifts that heaven holds for us. Healing, wisdom, peace and protection are just a few examples of God's gifts to us.

Have you ever thought about how long God had planned for Jesus to be the Savior before He was actually born? There are over 300 verses in the Old Testament that tell of the Messiah (Jesus), starting with Genesis 3:15! When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, there was already a plan in place to save them, and us, from sin. A price had to be paid for God to get what He wanted. First Peter 1:19 says that YOU were purchased with the precious blood of Jesus! You are that valuable to the Father! Verse 20 in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, says, "It is true that He was chosen and foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world, but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you."

Brought into public view means "to make known, or seen." There was always a plan! Jesus was chosen to go to the cross and be our Savior and Shepherd BEFORE the creation of the world. He was introduced to mankind thousands of years ago in a stable in Bethlehem. The star that shone above the stable

was a sign that directed the shepherds where to find Him—the One who had been foretold since before the beginning of time.

We have spent all year pressing into the secret plan of God. The Apostle Paul calls it a mystery. As we end this year, let's look again at Ephesians 4:13, the final scripture from my last letter to you. It needs to catch our full attention like the Christmas star caught the attention of the shepherds.

"These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness into the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one into a perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed into the abundance of Christ" (*The Passion Translation*).

You know what I see in this scripture, Superkid? Just like Jesus was the Father's plan to show His love to people and make it possible to come to Him, we are Jesus' plan for people to come to Him! Just like that star, we are becoming full of the light of Jesus Christ, as we choose to let Him lead us into the fullness of Himself. Ephesians is showing us that we are an important part of the plan. We are part of the team and the light that points to Jesus!

As you celebrate Christmas this year, I hope you'll take the time to talk to Jesus about what plans He has for you, what gifts He has given you, and what makes you special on the team. He has offered us the opportunity to experience



Him IN FULL! Jesus wants you to unwrap the mysteries we've learned and discover who you really are.

I am so proud of you, Superkid, for making your choice to follow and represent Jesus. You are living your life worthy of Him because you walk with Him. Don't be discouraged and don't quit! He didn't quit on us, but instead He paid a mighty price for our lives. It's time for Him to open this beautiful present: YOU!

Pray these words:

Father, thank You for sending Jesus to purchase my freedom from sin. It's a gift to belong to You, and I receive Jesus into my heart. Jesus, Your Word says I belong to Your Body, and I will experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God! I receive Your gift today! Now, I give You Your Christmas gift. I give You my life in full—all of it. Please teach, guide and change me. Fill me completely with Yourself until You and I are ONE in every way. Through my union with You, I will shine like the Christmas star wherever I go. And I will tell people about Your great love. In Jesus' Name. Amen!

This Christmas when you see the Christ child in the manger, the star of Bethlehem, and the gifts under the tree, remember that He was given to us. As we give ourselves to Him, we know that, together, we are His Body—the Light of the world!

Merry Christmas,
Superkid, and Happy
New Year!

Commander Kellie 🍷

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