



“the SON-Light eNews”

Pastor Richard James

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From the Pastor’s Heart....

The other day I pulled an old booklet from my shelf and began to re-read some wondrous truths that were written by John Osteen many years ago. In my reading, I felt that the Lord was quickening my heart that this word was for us, right now, today, just where we are. In the next couple of issues of “the SON-Light E-Newsletter”, I would like to share these thoughts with all of you. Please enjoy, taste, allow it to become a part of you, and cause you to turn ALL of your needs to the ONE Who alone can hear and answer.

Blessings, Pastor Richard James

Part I, from “the Believer’s #1 NEED” by John Osteen (1980, John Osteen Publications)

.... I said, ‘Well, you told God that you were a great sinner, weak, unworthy, black-hearted and a failure. Now, I want to know if you are really in that condition.’

‘Oh, Brother Osteen, you know what I mean.’

I said, ‘I guess you meant what you said, unless you were lying to God. Let me quote you a scripture and then ask you a question. The Bible says in I John 1: 9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” The question that I want to ask you is this: What do the letters A-L-L spell?’

He said, ‘All.’

I said again, ‘What do the letters A-L-L spell?’

He replied, ‘All!’

The third time I asked him, ‘What do the letters A-L-L spell?’

Frustrated, he began to reply, ‘It spells..... Oh, I see, that does make a difference, doesn’t it?’

‘Yes, Brother, the Blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you from ALL unrighteousness, and if you are cleansed from ALL unrighteousness, then you are not a worm in the dust, a failure, nor a black-hearted sinner. If you are cleansed from ALL unrighteousness, then you can stand tall in the presence of God without inferiority and in the presence of the devil without fear.’

This story illustrates what this book is all about. A great number of Christian people live under condemnation and a sense of weakness and inferiority. The Body of Christ should move in scriptural authority, but there will never be that authority as long as there prevails a sense of inferiority.

The truths in this book are to strengthen, encourage, and enlighten you as to how you can come out of a cringing, cowardly attitude to become a stalwart soldier for Jesus.

The devil knows that his time is short.

God is unveiling Bible truths in order that there will arise a body of people who will walk in righteousness and shatter the kingdoms of darkness!

The Book of First John speaks of two kinds of people on the earth – the children of the devil and the children of God. (I John 5: 18-19)

II Corinthians 5: 17 says, ‘Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.’

WE ARE NEW CREATURES

Let’s look at how God sees this new creature. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 1: 16-17, ‘I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.’

Many times we have read these two verses and stopped at the end of verse 16. However, verse 17 tells us why the Gospel is the power of God. It is the power of God because “THEREIN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED...”

“the Believer’s #1 NEED” (pp. 2-4) by John Osteen (1980, John Osteen Publications)

Note: Part II, from “the Believer’s #1 NEED” by John Osteen will be in September’s issue.

Three Cheers!
Our Church's New Website is Up and Running.

Check out the new website. We are sure you will really enjoy the trip on the net to see the beauty of the website with photos, articles, and much more. Our many thanks and appreciation to Marcia Perkins for all of the hours and hours of work she has devoted in making this the best website possible for Destiny Fellowship. God Bless her for all her efforts!

www.DestinyFellowshipChurch.org

***Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Ministry Update***

There are presently 11 sending countries world-wide, collecting 8,133,087 shoe boxes in November 2010. 5,503,968 were from the USA and 4,662 from our area of the 5 northwest counties. Currently shoe boxes from our area go to China, Indonesia, Nepal, Panama, Philippines, and Mongolia. The goal for our area this year is 6,000.

Destiny's goal for 2011 is 150. Remember to stock up on school supplies, underwear, sox, etc. during the back-to-school sales. Boxes and information will be available mid-October. This year the final date for shoe boxes to be turned in will be November 20th. Please pray about how you may be a part of this very special ministry. A child is out there waiting to be blessed by you.

For more information please contact Darla Wilson

Redding Air Show Tickets

Great Value!

Greg and Debbie Covington have 5 adult tickets for sale to the Redding Air Show. The tickets are for Saturday, September 24. This is a great price of \$55.00 each for the Flight Deck (\$95.00 value).

The Flight Deck includes all you can eat BBQ lunch, soft drinks, water, ice cream and shaded area to watch the show. You can purchase additional adult tickets for \$65.00 each and children's tickets for \$25.00 online and even purchase a Preferred Parking pass for \$10. Contact Greg or Debbie for further info.



THAT'S GOD

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for...THAT'S GOD...he talks to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to...THAT'S GOD ... He wants you to talk to him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them...THAT'S GOD...there is no such thing as "coincidence."

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford... THAT'S GOD...he knows the desires of your heart...

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it...THAT'S GOD...he passes us through tribulation to see a brighter day...

---author unknown

A TESTIMONY

By Ginny Hibbard

What is a Testimony? For me a Testimony is when you feel the Lord's presence with you. Maybe it is just a feeling or impression; yet maybe it is more than a feeling or impression, but something more concrete. Can others know you have more than a just a vivid imagination? Yes, that is possible, as sometimes it is possible to notice unusual happenings about what a human doesn't 'know' or feel or understand about themselves, and pick up on it.

I do feel all of us, who have Faith and Belief, may receive His gifts, yet all a little different gift(s). We just need to accept whatever gifts He may have given us, and then use them for the purpose(s) He wants. Is it easy for us, as humans, to always know what the Lord wants besides the Commandments, I'd say, no. But, should we not look? No. We cannot learn them; we cannot teach them, as He is the only one who is able to bestow His Gifts. If given, we have only to accept them. He gives, and He takes away. He is our God the Father; God the Son; God the Holy Ghost/Spirit.

For a number of years, I would have dreams, some of which would come true. They were strange, though, as I'd only remember for a few minutes the dream I had. Then, months later, the dream would play out. I could not change how they advanced, who was in them, just that they would go to the end of a thread. Does that mean our lives are preordained? That answer is above my knowledge. Other odd things happened off and on until one day a friend called saying he and his wife were invited to fly with friends to Southern CA. What did I think about the trip? I questioned why he was asking me. He said my husband said to call as I would know if it was safe to make the trip that weekend. I was astonished at that idea! I had no idea how to call on the Lord to give me the information about something I didn't even know I could possibly do, think, or even explain.

I asked him to talk with me about anything for a few minutes. Finally, I said I didn't have a good feeling about the coming weekend. He asked about the following weekend. I told him he'd have to call me the next Monday. He did call thanking me for possibly saving their lives as there had been a very bad wind storm in Southern CA, which had caused a number of small airplanes to crash killing their occupants.

We went through the same routine of him talking, and me listening for the coming weekend thoughts, premonitions, or whatever I had been possibly given by God. I said after a few minutes that it was not the best weekend, but they could go, although I felt the following one would be the better. He said they had to fly down that particular weekend. After the weekend passed, he called saying they almost ground looped coming in for a landing.

Needless to say, I thanked God for their safety. He had provided His good Grace to the four people that weekend. Do I know how I did it? No. Do I feel that somehow the Lord put the information into my mind? Yes. When I discussed the two calls with my husband, he felt that I had a gift. The more I thought about the fact I had someone's life in my hands, I set about closing my mind to these feelings, impressions, dreams. I didn't want that responsibility. It was too frightening.

A number of years later, a LDS (Mormon) woman friend and I talked about Gifts from God. She said that I should not have closed my mind to God's Gift. Needless to say, I had thrown God's gift away for years. Am I sorry? Yes. But, thankfully, He has seen fit to have given me some gifts, again. Will I throw them away once more because of my personal fear? No. God does Bless.

WANT IT IN THE Enews????

Contact the eNews with your personal Testimony

Everyone has had at least one notable encounter with the Lord!

Have a story you want to share? Put it in the eNews.

Would you like to write an article of interest? Publish it in the eNews.

The eNews deadline is the 20th day of each month. Send your contribution to Destiny-Fellowship@att.net

WANT IT IN THE BULLETIN???

For submitting activities and other ministry information in the weekly bulletin, you may download a Bulletin / Announcement Request Form from our website, www.DestinyFellowshipChurch.org. Please submit all information no later than Tuesday of each week. Be sure to submit it in advance enough for attenders to work your event or activity into their schedules.

Save the Date: August 7th

August 7th is a very special day. We are planning a special celebration with lots of music, special songs, kindergartners graduating and so much more... all in recognition of Bonnyview and Destiny becoming one church. There will be a bbq / potluck following the service as well. Ok.. so here's the plan!

- The church will be providing bbq'd hotdogs and polish dogs... and sauerkraut
- You need to sign up at the Welcome Center for what you would like to bring....
- Let us know how many in your family will be coming so we know how to set up.

An Inspirational Moment

God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow,
Sun without rain,
But he did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears,
And light for the way.

Little Bits:

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Our Hebrew Roots

By Pat Heinsohn

Part IV

This month we learn about the first fall feast, the Feast of Trumpets, which is described in Leviticus 23:23-25, Numbers 10:1-10, and Numbers 29:1-6. The Feast of Trumpets occurs on the first day of the month of Tishri (our September or October). So it was a festival celebrating the Hebrew New Year.

The Feast of Trumpets is also called Rosh HaShanah, or the day of Judgment. (Wouldn't it be a lot easier to remember the feasts if they didn't have multiple names?) Together, Rosh HaShanah, the following Ten days of Repentance, and Yom Kippur make of the High Holy Days. Prior to Rosh HaShanah, the shofar, or ram's horn, is blown to call people to repent and remind them that the holy days are coming. Basically, it sounds a warning that Judgment Day is coming.

The Jewish people believe that God writes down everyone's words, deeds, and thoughts in the Book of Life which He then opens on this day and judges. For those whose good deeds outnumber the sins for the past year, their name will remain in the book for another year. People who repent and do good deeds in the ten days following Rosh HaShanah up to Yom Kippur can increase their chances of being inscribed in the Book of Life.

Christians believe in the Book of Life as the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21:27). Both Jews and Christians repent by changing their minds, hearts, and behaviors. But the early Jews had to offer animal sacrifices to atone for their sins. Although the law was just, it could not deliver a Jew from sin. And that's a big difference! The Word says And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices which can never take away sins (Heb 10:11). Christians accept the broken body and blood of our savior Jesus (Yeshua) as a living sacrifice. As the Word says: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God (Heb 10:12). Through Jesus (Yeshua) we are justified by faith in Him (Rom 4:13-16) and are redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13).

Lest we start to feel puffed-up about being joint heirs, let us not forget the unbelievably awesome legacy the Jews have left us, their love of God, and the truth that they are still God's chosen people. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God (Eph 2:8).

To be continued next month...Part V

AUGUST 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Y@H 5:30 & 6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Janet Roehik (Bible Mama)	3 "Relationships" 7PM	4	5	6
7 Special Celebration Service / Kindergarten graduation / BBQ	8	9 Y@H 5:30 & 6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Pastor Richard	10 "Relationships" 7PM	11	12	13
14	15	16 Y@H 5:30 & 6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Connor Rock	17 "Relationships" 7PM	18	19	20
21	22	23 Y@H 5:30 & 6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Brenda Anderson	24 "Relationships" 7PM	25	26	27 Men's Prayer Breakfast – Country Waffle on Athens @ 8AM
28	29	30 Y@H 5:30 & 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Worship	31 "Relationships" 7PM			

Young @ Heart – Guest Speakers

August 2nd

- Janet Roehik (Bible Mama)

August 9th

- Pastor Richard James

August 16th

- Connor Rock

August 23rd

- Brenda Anderson

August 30th

- Praise, Worship & Prayer



"Boundaries" Bible Study for Women

Ladies... starting back up in September, join the Bible study entitled, "Boundaries." This study is already reaching deep within the lives of those attending. All of us need boundaries in our lives... When to say YES, and when to say, NO! Sign up to purchase the book and/or the study guide. \$20 for both, or \$10 for study book. Call for the addresses of the individuals' home where the studies are being held each week.

About the study of Boundaries: Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend give you biblically based answers to saying Yes and No, and other tough questions to take control of your life. Show how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers, and even yourself.

Men's Ministry Update

First off, a special thank you goes to all of the men that have come out on Thursday mornings (really, really early) to mow the lawns, field, weed-eat, edge, clip, use the blower and just plain old work hard! Thank you, thank you, thank you Larry Livingston, Leonard Perkins, Jared Hendrickson, Charlie Erickson, Chuck Davidson, Jim Gibson, Pastor Richard, Greg Covington, Thirl Baker... thank you!

- On Saturday, August 27th, we will be having our bi-monthly men's breakfast at Country Waffle on Athens Ave. in Redding at 8AM. For more info, contact Charlie Erickson.

Every Week @ Destiny

Sunday	<p>Adult Bible Studies: 9 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Welcome to the Family” – w/ Cheryl Olson • “Divine Exchange” – w/ Dr. Jim & Paula Potter • “Pillars of Faith”. the Book of Romans – w/ Pastor Harold Hewitt 	<p>SS Bldg., Rm. B115 CE Bldg., Rm. C106 CE Bldg., Rm. C102</p>
	<p>Worship Service: 10 am On the 1st Sunday of each month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion (<i>See below if there is a date change.</i>) • Deacon’s Fund & Food Basket: • Give a financial gift and/or canned or non-perishable food. <i>“If you see a brother in need...”</i> • Sunday Evening Prayer 6pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fellowship Hall. (<i>See below if there is a date change.</i>) <p>Church Library Sunday Hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45 am until 10 am • 12 Noon to 12:45 • Special needs: Contact Darla Wilson 	<p>Rm. B 118</p>
	<p>Children’s Ministries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery - 9:30 am. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preschool through kindergarten - 10:00 am ○ Contact: Marie Sparks <p>Starting at 10:45 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “BIG CITY”, Elementary Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st grade through 5th ○ Contact Stephanie McCollum • Junior High Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6th through 9th grade ○ Contact Chris & Moria Collins • RE+BORN High School Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10th through 12th ○ Contact Pawnee Pleines 	<p>SS Bldg. Rm. B101</p> <p>CE Bldg. Rm. C108</p> <p>CE Bldg. Rm. C104</p> <p>CE Bldg. Rm. C103</p>
Monday	<p>Women’s Bible Study “Boundaries” - 7 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brenda Anderson’s home ○ Kathryn Livingston’s home 	<p><i>The “Boundaries” Bible Study is on hiatus until September</i></p>
Tuesday	<p><i>Young @ Heart</i> – Adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potluck: 5:30 PM • Service: 6:30 PM • Speakers each week. • Contact: Chuck and Mary Davidson 	<p>Fellowship Hall</p>
Wednesday	<p>“How Important Are Your Relationships?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w/ Dr. Jim & Paula Potter 	<p>CE Bldg. C106</p>
Thursday	<p>Women’s Bible Study “Boundaries” - 11 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Heinsohn 	<p><i>The “Boundaries” Bible Study is on hiatus until September</i></p>

About your eNews

You may click on the attached .pdf file of this newsletter. You must have Adobe Reader installed on your computer. To obtain the free software from adobe go to: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> (If you have trouble connecting to this link, highlight, copy and paste in your browser search.)

Make a note: Destiny Fellowship's email has changed to: Destiny-Fellowship@att.net

Your eNews is trying a new format. Hopefully, it will be more enjoyable.

Because of the Destiny Fellowship's website, all telephone numbers and email addresses have been omitted for the eNews. This will eliminate any of your personal information out of the eNews as it will be pdf into the website monthly. All phone and/or emails will run through the church's main phone number. (See below for both those items.)

"the SON-Light eNews Submittal information

All Ministry coordinators are responsible for sending in the information on their Ministry into the eNews.

Send by email to

- Destiny-Fellowship@att.net
- Subject Line: eNews.
- Use Times New Roman, with 10 point.

Or you may send via land mail to office or hand carried in written form.

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**Visit Destiny Fellowship with Pastor Richard James.
We are a Bible-believing, Bible teaching, full-gospel, evangelical body of believers that worship the One True God. Our worship style is contemporary with a dash old hymns or choruses.
Join us each Sunday morning at 10AM in worship and in the Word!**

