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# Words of Life

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### January -- March 2006 Word

#### My Kingdom Is Not of This World

"These things I have spoken unto you, that ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world..." - John 16:33

In the world we shall have tribulation. Now we know that tribulation creates perseverance. What are we persevering for? Why are we called to persevere? Well, we are called to persevere until we overcome the world in which we were born. Now notice we do not die physically, we do not get raptured, we overcome it.

Then we are called to be in the world but not of it. That infers and rightly so that our elements, our character, our DNA, our very being takes on a drastic change. The worm and the butterfly are the best example of two living creatures that live in the same world but the butterfly is in the world with the worm but not of it.

That, my dear friend, is the same metamorphosis we must go through if we are to attain our goal "in Christ".

**D**enying our old life happens only if we "seek first the kingdom of God". Your love for the truth will be like a carrot ahead of your nose making that inner man of yours, known as "the first Adam" begin to decrease and the "last Adam", Christ increase until the filthy grave clothes of your old nature have fallen off and you become a new creation.

Now, religion will make you deny yourself like St. Francis of Assisi, like Mother Theresa, and end up a religious nice person instead of bearing the reproach of Christ and the shame of the cross which changes one into a new creation able to have the living God, the fire

of God, abiding in your very being .Not eating meat on Friday, going to church when you do not feel like it, not using four letter words or any other man made ideas of "denying oneself", only makes for a more self righteous Pharisee. There are no nice people in God's Kingdom, only those who have been birthed out of a drastic reformation; for "in Christ" are all things new, in Christ we become a new creation - old things have passed away, behold, all things are new.

Have you dared to be the laughing stock of those who were your friends? Have you allowed the mockers to jeer at your commitment to the death of Christ? Have you bowed your head and let your rightness be seen as a filthy rag? Have you become so weary of no answer to prayers, to seemingly no light at the end of the tunnel? And then when people begin to see you have changed and appreciate the path you have taken, is it not irony there is no reward or satisfaction even in that? Saying all that - the big reward, "My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives it but as I give unto you," is greater than any complimentary reward for it sustains you in the midst of all chaos, all disappointments; as a matter of fact, with His peace you have no disappointments for you have no need to expect anything.

**S**o long, my dear friend, I will sup with you once again in the Kingdom as we all overcome the world.

Marie Kolasinski

## January - March 2006 Letter

My dear Sweetsie Babies,

Now is the time for all of us to humble ourselves as God - your and my Creator and Father - has heard the cry of His people in America, in Iraq and in Guantanamo Bay, and He is aroused out of His Holy Habitation to silence all flesh; set the prisoners free and to heal the broken hearted... a rare time in the history of mankind.

I pray His peace reign in your hearts as we see America go through some drastic changes. "We will not all sleep but we will all be changed."

"My peace I give unto you. Not as the world knoweth but My peace I give unto you."

A blessed Christmas to you all,

Marie Kolasinski