

January — March 1997 Word

“For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done — whether they be of God or of his own will.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

My dear friends, we are in the closing hours of the age called Christianity or the church age. The end of the age (world) means we will all be harvested or cut off from one world and born into another world. God is actually birthing His Kingdom out of the old age. In other words, a nation is being born out of a nation. The old world, its ways, its governments, its foundation which was founded on the dysfunctional natural family — it is all giving way to a new age. If your focus has been on the family, you had better change your focal point and your desires to pleasing and obeying Christ. The wineskin of the old world is pride. The wineskin of the new world is humility. We are all caught in the throes of a change as drastic as the change from night to day.

Now notice the scripture says we **all** must appear before Christ — not just the Christians, but everyone must be changed into a new creation if we are to live in the next age. The Kingdom is at the door. Is God putting you through the paces and are you still blaming someone for your faults or your misery? He is here to set us free. However, many would rather stay living in misery justifying themselves and remaining right in their own eyes, than to humble themselves under His disciplining hand. Many, especially the Christians would rather hang onto their own rightness, their own ways and control over their own lives than lose their lives. I predict that shortly the only work to be found will be in the new world under God. Believe me when I tell you He will not recognize ninety percent of the work Christians have been doing “for Him”. I predict that God will put into the hearts of the people to look for families to join to make up a new community where there is no male or female, no Greek or Jew, no husband or wife, no one superior to another but all submitted one to another as flesh of one’s flesh

and bone of one’s bone — one spirit walking with the same God that Adam walked with before he was cast out from His presence.

Let us not boast that our family is walking with the Lord but rather boast if their names are written in the book of Life, no longer your children or your husband or wife, but members of a new family, a new creation.

I am going to list some truths we are going to have to face if we are to enter into the next age, God’s Kingdom.

1. WHY IS IT THAT JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MOSES BOTH DID NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM??? My spirit is continually before the Lord beseeching Him that in the kingdom I may see some of the ones who helped me as I plowed my way into the kingdom. Whether it be a teacher, a prophet or anyone in the charismatic move that God called — I pray they not be like Moses or John the Baptist. Moses took one look into the Promised Land. It was not the giants that scared him. It was the cross. He would have to change his way of relating to God. And what a pity that John the Baptist did not have a clue who Christ was. God changed His face and John could not relate to Him. Is that the tale of the whole charismatic move???

Will any of this paper wake up those which sleepeth??? Or is the alarm sounding on deaf ears??

2. We cannot be intimate with God and also be intimate with our husband or wife. Marriage is a union of the flesh, marriage to God is a union in the spirit. Our flesh with its affections and with its lusts must be crucified (Galatian 5:24). Flesh and blood, the flesh and blood

of Adam, cannot enter the kingdom. You may twist the scriptures to fit your wishes but the gospel is set in motion and nothing, even our manipulating, will stop it. The devil is not destroying the marriage and the natural family. God's blessing is shifting to the new family He is birthing.

The natural dysfunctional family has been a grief to God ever since the fall when we all inherited the will of Adam. Try as we may to keep the status quo He must tear so He can heal. The restoration of peace, joy and righteousness will come to all who turn to Him and trust that He knows what is best for us. When I first met the Lord He told me He was going to place me in a family where I could be nurtured and grow up into Him. He said that He would put me in family of His choosing just like He did when I was born and raised in my natural family.

3. Paul and Jesus were the only two people who called themselves an example to follow in these very turbulent times. Paul was without a spouse. He was constantly in fear of his life. Many times he was filled with despair. He called his education, his religion, his ways of thinking, his zeal for his god all dung as he beheld the glory of Christ and began to realize that he was called to be changed into his likeness. He wept even as I weep. For people then even as now were setting themselves up as examples when they in actuality were enemies of the cross. They were conformed to the world. They looked good to people with their wives, family, selling the gospel for money and calling this an example. Read Philippians 3:17, 2 Thessalonians 3:9 and 1 Peter 5:3. Notice that Paul worked with his hands and admonished the people to work or not eat.

Now Paul thought he was “walking with the Lord” when he was killing the Christians and his life was all put together. It was after the cross cut deeply into his life that he saw he had a religious god and really was no example to bring the people into the Kingdom. Is that the plight of our so-called Christian leaders today??? Are you awake enough to see this??? Or are you one of the blind following the blind???

Jesus said he was the example when he gave the disciples the lesson that would be the pathway into the new world of humility when he washed the disciples'

feet (John 13:14–15). He also had no spouse. His only family was the family doing the will of our Father. Serving one another is the only way a community can survive; giving instead of taking, preferring others before oneself. **Because he was an example, the world hated Him.** Do you still love the adulation and the praises of men?? Right after his claim to be an example, Jesus gave up His life even as you and I are called to give up our lives. For we must all come before the judgment seat alone and make an answer for our own lives. Do you enjoy controlling other people whether it be a congregation, a wife, husband, children, whomever? Or maybe you have a gift God gave you and you use it to draw people to yourself. The best gift you can give the people is the laying down of your own life. Examine yourself. Unless you live in a community that is Christ centered it is hard to exhort one another daily as the scripture admonishes us to do. Without exhortation one cannot grow up as we do not see ourselves as God sees us.

Soon the lopping of heads will begin as God gets rid of the false leaders, those who have kept God's people from entering the Kingdom because they refuse to go in themselves.

I must tell you a story before I close. Recently a man, his ex-wife and their seven year old son came to us looking for the Christ. They are from Syria and had made their way to Piecemakers looking for a family of God's people. Their hearts were prepared and they recognized the Christ much like the wise men did 2000 years ago. They have nothing, but came bearing gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense — the gold of a grateful heart, the myrrh of willing hands to work, and the frankincense of a will given over to our God. I beg all of you who read this letter. Will He bypass the Christians because of their lukewarm hearts, while they sit on their lees thinking they have it all with a comfortable home, a family, a church to go to???? Or have you who are reading this right now prepared your heart for His coming and will you recognize him as our brothers and sister from Syria did??? Time has run out... The new order of things is upon us. Pray you be numbered among those found worthy to enter the Kingdom. God bless you all and may 1997 transform all who read this into a plumb line by which a lost world can measure their lives.



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Greetings once again to all — far and near,

As one year comes to a close, another is opening before us. From now until the end of the millennium God will make Himself available for healing of our heart and soul to all who will humble themselves. Mighty changes are “blowing in the wind”. Remember He gives grace to the humble and His grace covers a multitude of sins.

Our Christmas Craft Fair was filled with many “rare” moments. Thanks to our Lord first, then to our vendors and entertainers, and then to the thousands of people who come from far and near to complete the event by supporting us. The weather was a gift from God with rain before the Fair and immediately after. Sunny, balmy 70° weather and the Estancia High School Band were added gifts. The God-given talent in our entertainers alone is worth coming to see and enjoy. Our Pumpkin Patch and Christmas Tree Lot are always an added service in the fall and winter. Hopefully we will continue to have both every year.

*1997 opens with the **Early Bird Sale** on **January 1st**. We will have hot coffee and bagels for the early birds, so come early and help us house clean. It is a good time to do your Christmas shopping for 1997 really early.*

*Notice our **Hat Day** on **January 15** with a free shampoo from the Upstairs Hair Shoppe here at Piecemakers for every 10th person wearing a hat that enters the store. As I read over the **Calendar of Events**, I see a lot of freebies given in the next three months. Do come in to browse and chat, and have a hot bowl of soup and a sandwich. It is indeed our pleasure to serve you.*

From all the Piecemakers, grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ who is present to heal the broken hearted; to bind up those who are wounded; to uphold those who can no longer cope with the daily trials; to comfort those that mourn and to give joy to those whose sorrow has removed frivolity.

‘Til we meet again — good night.

Marie