

Words of Life

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“WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH”*

Man is a triune being (body, soul and spirit). He is being made into the image of God, which means he is spirit, for God is Spirit. With our natural eyes, we cannot see him (our inner man). We can only see the animal skin given to him to dwell in. It is this inner (fallen) man that God is interested in. He (this fallen man) is the one God is determined to make and change into His likeness; therefore, He sent His son, who is an extension of Himself into our world to change us and reconcile us to our Father. There is only one, true God, and His son's name is Jesus, or Savior. You can either allow Him to have your total life or you can reject Him.

This is basic kindergarten knowledge of the answer to the world's problem. Please, if you cannot understand what is written, do not call us. Go to God and ask Him to open your eyes to your own unbelief and blindness and your need for Him. The hour is late and each person is responsible for his own salvation. We can only give out the truth. If you can receive it, blessed are you, for yours is the Kingdom of God. A new age of peace is at hand, and only those (old or young), who are of a new generation will partake of it.

*Without a proper vision, My people go astray (Proverbs 29:18). If your desire or vision is to be conformed to the image of God's son to find your resting place in God's heart, you have the proper goal before you. God is really not interested in building earthly empires (hospitals, stores, amusement parks, or churches). The Bible refers to these as vain visions or visions of your own imagination. He is looking for a city not built by hands but built by Him. Living stones He calls His people, out of which He can build His temple and dwell in it. We are the temple of the Holy Ghost only if we have the Holy Ghost mightily at work in us, creating and changing us into His dwelling place.

Please, I beg of you, do not call yourself a Christian if you are not yielded to the crucifying power of the Holy Spirit. What a sham Christianity has been!! God's

so-called leaders are enemies of the cross. They crucify the Lord of Glory with their man-made gospels. And the American people, ignorant of who God really is, tithe their money to the mockers of the Holy One of Israel. Remember, when you tithe your money you become a part of that gospel. Your inner man is conformed to that gospel. Please, America, start seeking the one, true God. Think for yourself! The fragmented church we see today is not the true church. Read your Scripture and ask God to give you the Holy Spirit to teach, change and lead you back to Him.

How many of you know that if you are a Christian you should be running a race (Hebrews 12:1)? Are you running it as if it were the only important goal in life? Are you running it as if there were only one prize? Soon God will say, “It is all over — now let Me see who has made it into My heart,” (the place Jesus went to prepare for us). Don't expect it to happen with physical death. The Bible says death is an enemy, not a friend. An enemy will not reconcile us back to God.

How many of you know you are on a journey, if indeed you are a Christian? You should be very aware of leaving one world and entering another.

How many of you know that if you are a Christian, your old family ties and relationships are all passing away? A true Christian has different elements than our natural family, which is of the animal world.

How many of you know until you're changed into the image of God's sons you are very little different than any other animal in the animal world?

Do you, as a child of God, have a vision or a goal for your walk with God, or are you one of those who have received Christ and considers yourself saved? You are a poor misled soul if this is all the vision you have. Or is your Christ inside a little wafer you take on Sunday? What idolatry! What mockery!

God is determined to have some sons and daughters after the likeness of His Son, Jesus, born out of his loins without spot or blemish, and sinless. He is determined to have a temple He can live in. He is determined that His people find their way back to Him out of death and the grave of self and into His house. Today God is calling us back to Him. Receive ye the Holy Ghost and begin your journey from death (the grave) back to Him. The way is narrow and painful, but well worth the suffering. This suffering, oddly enough, ends all suffering.

“Oh, how wondrous are Your ways, oh Lord, that You should be mindful of us and consider us to be Your dwelling place.” Change us and conform us into the beauty of Your holiness. Out of the ashes of our old life, Your new world will come where we can dwell together as one!

Give us that perseverance to stick with the circumstances You have prepared for us. Give us that inner vision of Your desires for our lives. Thank You for Your persistence, longsuffering and patience. Open our eyes to our wretchedness. We appreciate you, oh heavenly Father, God of the Harvest. Amen.



Marie Kolasinski

October — December 1987 Letter

Dear Friends,

Truly these are the best of times and the worst of times. If we have the heartbeat of God's people, your summer was much like ours here at the store - great personal upheaval, financial belt tightening, enemies trying to snuff out our very light, and yet more than ever before, we see a light at the end of the tunnel.

New horizons seem to be opening up both spiritually and otherwise. That wonderful awareness that in the very midst of our distress and poverty, God reigns and will bring us through our terrible crisis — not by having us escape, but by allowing the circumstances to change and strengthen us and depending more than ever upon Him.

We have so many new faces in the store who are always excited and thrilled that Orange County is blessed with a unique place like Piecemakers. We thank God for that and also we thank Him for our old, steady, dear friends who are always there, loyal and supportive.

Now... please get your Piecemakers 1988 "TIMES AND SEASONS" calendar early. It has won an award for its uniqueness, and I'm sure it will be a keepsake. The patterns in it will help you make a quilt or wallhanging. What a nice Christmas gift for that special friend! We hope that the Piecemaker calendar will eventually be like the old almanac, one in every home in America.

Our cookbook is also a keepsake — one you'll want to read and reread. The recipes are all tested and have been proven by our customers, who submitted them to our store.

ATTENTION BOUTIQUERS!

All you who love to create but have no outlet for your creations, on Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, we are having a BOUTIQUE FAIR AND TOLE WOOD SALE at Piecemakers Warehouse on Logan Avenue. Booths will be \$35, and you keep all the money from your sales. We will provide the festivities — music, food, etc. Mark your calendar for this weekend of exchanging ideas and gifts.

Oh yes, Julian classes are a treat you must give yourself! Talk about a weekend spent in the whimsical part of God's heart! For those who haven't heard about them, transportation, meals and lodging are all provided along

with the classes for the small fee of \$125. That is two nights and two days spent in the tall pines of the San Diego mountains. Birds and squirrels are everywhere, and we've seen deer also. Don't miss this opportunity for a therapeutic weekend.

This year we will have a big "NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" SALE on December 23. The store will be open until 12 midnight. For you last-minute shoppers, Piecemakers has just the gift you're looking for.

The week before Christmas and New Year's, we'll have a house cleaning sale week at Piecemakers. Everything from 1987 must go to make way for the Jubilee years.

.....1988 will be the beginning of the three years of Jubilee for America. Help us start the New Year with a big Open House on Friday, January 1. Coffee and Jubilee Cake will be served for a small fee. Our Piecemaker Singers will be there with their wonderful homsey singing.

Our hard working men on Logan Avenue are all becoming teachers. Learn a trade or a hobby by taking their classes. Learn how to make your own tole projects or furniture for your house. These men have learned their skill the hard way — they've worked for it... not out of books, but by experience.

WIN A QUILT and many other nice gifts! Every three months we will raffle off one of Piecemakers' hand quilted quilts (valued at \$800) and five other unique gifts valued at \$25 or more. Donation tickets will be \$1.00. Our last quilt winner at our 4th of July drawing was Caroline Sbardellati of Anaheim.

Winners of the gift drawings at our last sale were the following: Diana Oakley, Dorothy Steward, Haley Merrill, Pat Raether, Diane Tobin, Pam Boon, Jamie Brown, Michan Miller, Gary Leonard, Rosie Deems, Helen Wang, Lenore Well, Susan Brunasso and D. Cummings. Congratulations to all these winners!

Once again, we will be open on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Turkey and trimmings will be available in the kitchen. Let us be your home away from home.

And now, 'til next time, may God's life become our life, and His ways our ways.

We remain steadfast —

The Piecemakers