

April — June 1995 Word

“They had all things in common...” Acts 2:44

“Examine yourself to see if you are of the faith.” (2 Corinthians 13:5) Or examine yourself to see if you are truly a follower of Christ or if you are just of another religion called a Christian.

The Lord our God is one God. Jesus said He came to lead us back to the source — or the Father or the one true God. He is the only way back. Many people receive Him and have the power, i.e., the Holy Spirit to become a son of God, but there their vision ends, and because they have no vision the Holy Spirit leaves them, and then they say they have the same God that Jacob has. Indeed they know not that their God is a God of their own imagination (Romans 1:21). Jesus warned the people — You have heard my word — obeyed not — and therefore you will die in your sin (John 8:24).

There is only one God like there is only one church and the church is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:24). **The body of Christ is not a cracker eaten at a ritual nor is it a dead organized religion — it is living entity — filled with the glory of God —** a people who have made their way through a very painful wilderness and who now get their sustenance from their Father, the Tree of Life. Christ is the head of His body, the church. He has only one body. The word church means origin — the point whence motion and action proceeds (*Strong's Concordance*).

Now, test yourself to see if you are of the faith. If you are of the faith you will have left your family, which is dysfunctional because of the fall, and found your way into a new family from whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named (Ephesians 3:15).

You will not own anything — not your wife, your job, your house, yourself — for all things will be God's (Acts 4:32).

You will live together as a community and **have all things in common** (Acts 2:44 — 4:32-35).

You will have a common bank account. Oh, how we hate to disclose how much money we have. We love to have secrets and put our possessions in our hearts, making idols of them.

You are of the body of Christ (the faith) if you are of one heart and one soul and of one accord. There is nothing to argue about if you all have the mind of Christ and all think alike and judge alike (Acts 5:12).

Finally all of you be of one mind having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous — not returning evil for evil but **on the contrary blessing, knowing that you are called to this, that you may receive a blessing.** Dear fellow sojourners, the face of the Lord is against those who are doing you evil and the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears open to their prayers.

Finally brethren — farewell —

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like minded toward one another according to Christ Jesus that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Marie Kolasinski

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Dearest Friends,

Once again I have the privilege of chatting with you all. March is coming in like a lion and Orange County is expected to be pelted with another deluge of rain this evening. Peoples' lives are coming to an end as their houses slide into oblivion and all they lived for slides with it. Thank God, that when He closes one door of our lives, another opens, and we are usually much more dependent upon Him after He wipes out our life and then restores it.

Have you come to the place in your life when you ask, like Jesus asked, "Who is my mother, who is my brother?" And then He answers His own question, "Not my natural family, but those doing the will of the Father." It takes much humbling before our stubborn will is relinquished to the Father. We would rather relinquish it to a tyrant, a dictator, an abusive mate, anyone but our heavenly Father. Dear folks, just because someone is a priest, has a wonderful ministry, or is a pastor, doesn't make him or her one of Jesus' brethren who has relinquished his will to God. We are living in the days of Noah when all the flesh of all people will be wiped away by the flood. Some will inherit eternal life, but those who have not prepared themselves will be found naked and under condemnation. Do you understand the seriousness of the hour????

Life as we know it is coming to an end. Changes are taking place at such a rapid pace, I pray we will all make the big metamorphosis into His glorious Kingdom.

*Piecemakers, the people, are all experiencing much change in our personal lives and also in the store. God seems to be pruning the tree called Piecemakers and hopefully the results will be more and better fruit. Some of the new fruit coming forth — we are opening a little sandwich and soup bar that will provide delicious **luncheons from 10am to 6pm**. Tables in the entrance and under the canopy outside will provide a place to visit and dine. Another addition that is proving to be a wonderful blessing to all is our bread we are getting from The **Great Harvest Bread Company**. Let me tell you about this bread that will make you stop baking. It is all hand kneaded — it is sugar free and no added fat — its shelf life is two weeks, yet it is without any preservatives. We will carry around fifteen different "flavors". Not all kinds will be in the store at the same time. Each morning the bakers at Great Harvest mill their own flour from wheat imported from Montana. This bread is truly the "staff of life" — full of substance and so very delicious. Another new addition to this schedule — At the end of this letter, I will tell you of a dream I had. Will you please help me end the dream by finishing the story? A prize of a free class or a Piecemakers calendar will be given to the winner.*

*Mark your calendar for the **Spring Craft Fair April 8th & 9th**. Once again we expect the warmth of God's love, excellent food and fun for all the family, and top that with the best artisans and the best country singers this side of the Mississippi.*

*Last year the Easter Pet Parade was a family affair. Proud owners brought their extended family, and the little critters provided much fun for all. So once again on **April 16th** we will have our **Easter Pet Parade**. Don your Easter bonnet. Tuck your pet under your arm and come to Piecemakers. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks will be available.*

*Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, daughters and sons, our yearly fashion show for men and women will be held **May 13th**. We're calling it **Buttons, Bows and Cowboy Boots**. There will be a delicious luncheon, music by the Piecemakers Country Singers and the Fashion Show all for \$10.00.*

***May 29th** is **Clear Out the Store Sale** with **25% off all items**. Come help us make room for the new fall stuff coming in.*

Our **rummage sales** have a county wide reputation for being the biggest and best. **June 17th and 18th** will be the last one for 1995. If you would like a booth to sell your rummage, call for reservations. Come early and get while the getting is good.

July 15th and 16th is our **High Country Craft Fair** in Colorado. Give yourself a treat and take a trip to Colorado — a most beautiful state with mountains and rivers, and of course, Piecemakers. You will find the same warmth and *gemutlichkeit* in Colorado as you have experienced at our fairs here in California.

Check the **Calendar of Events** for any fun events I may have forgotten to tell you about.

God bless you all. He is nigh unto each of us waiting patiently for us to turn wholeheartedly back to Him. We send our love and prayers to all of you from the Piecemakers.

Marie

Now let me tell you my dream that was interrupted by my awakening. Will you finish the story? In my dream I was telling this story to my little grandchildren:

Back a long time ago a family fell out of the sky and landed in a place called South Dakota. The family was a Mom, Dad, a little boy and a little girl. I do not know the names of this family but they seemed very happy to be in this new world. It was summer and they delighted in the birds, the warmth of the sun, the flowers and trees. Because they had never lived in this strange country before, they had no idea that there were seasons and before long they would be caught in a severe winter.

I awakened after that and have no concept of what happened to this little family. Can you finish it for me??