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The *Source* is already in you!

Too often our focus is on what we think or feel we lack. Our prayers reflect that it is so when we pray for more love, more wisdom, more peace, more anointing etc.

The Good News is that all of this is already put inside of you. It's now a matter of believing that it's already inside of you and then start leaning on Him who lives within.

He is our love, wisdom, and anointing, and He is our peace that surpasses all understanding. The source is already in you! "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life... Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 4:14, 7:38).

The same is true concerning healing. The healing is already inside of us, and as we believe we already have it, we will start walking in it!

Enjoy reading the two teaching articles we present this time, from Pastor David Sterling and Pastor Mike Walker. Both *overcoming grace* and *rest* already belong to you. Send us an e-mail, we would love to hear from you.

And it would be great seeing you at the GGN conference in **Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, 28th to 30th of January, 2010.**



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The Overcoming Grace

By David Sterling

As well as possessing "overcoming faith" every child of God also possesses "overcoming grace."

Grace is much, much more than "unmerited favor" as it has often been defined. Thank God, grace is most certainly His free, unmerited, unearned favor – but it is even more amazing and astounding! The Holy Spirit desires to enlarge our capacity to understand and experience God's grace in all possible aspects. As well as possessing "overcoming faith" every child of God also possesses "overcoming grace." Using his own experience, Paul

explains how this abundant, overcoming grace comes to us in our time of need.

Paul spoke of all that he did in serving Christ and then he added, "Not I, but the grace of God that was with me" (1 Cor. 15:10). Paul saw the grace of God as something that empowered him to lay down his life for the cause of Christ. He understood God's grace as something that was available in his greatest

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time of need. He realized that God’s grace was the motivating force behind all that he had accomplished. When the angel of Satan was tormenting him, Jesus revealed that the grace of God would energize Paul to overcome the attacks of this supernatural spirit-being. (See 2 Cor. 12:7-10)

WHAT WAS THAT “THORN?”

Paul’s thorn was not sickness or some form of physical disability. This thorn in Paul’s flesh was not a natural weakness or some carnal tendency to sin. This “thorn in the flesh” was a supernatural spirit-being sent to harass him and hinder his preaching. Paul met with fierce opposition wherever he preached the uncompromising Gospel. He tells in his letters of the many sufferings he went through to take the Gospel to unreached peoples. The Lord did not tell Paul that He would not remove this devilish spirit that was attacking him as he labored in the Kingdom of God, but rather He said that “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.” “Paul,” Jesus was saying, “All the power you need is already yours. Your present trials are just bringing you to the end of yourself so you can discover the abun-

dance of grace that is in you to resist and overcome these attacks. Trust in that grace to help you overcome these present challenges.” After having gone through these trials in his ministry and based on his own experiences of “overcoming grace,” Paul was able to say with great certainty to a younger minister - “You therefore Timothy my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:1).

BE STRONG IN THE LORD!

Grace is the anointing of the Spirit within and upon us. Grace is God’s own ability working through us. It is God’s supernatural favor to us when we least deserve it. Grace is something that is given to us as we need it. It has been said

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that the Law would make us “workers,” but Grace would make us “resters.” As we recognize our weaknesses and commit them to the Lord, we find out the true meaning of being “strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” We are not strong in ourselves and our personal determination, but strong in His overcoming ability (grace) working through us. We become stronger through His grace that equips us to meet the challenges we face in life and ministry. His grace will never let us down or forsake us!

Paul said, “When I am weak then the anointing, ability, and grace of Christ rests upon me.” You can be fully assured that if the power of Christ was resting on Paul, the angel of Satan was thoroughly defeated! This “thorn in Paul’s flesh” could not stand against this overflowing grace that accompanied him! The Holy Spirit is in you as the Spirit of Grace (Heb. 10:29). No devilish power can stand against the “Greater One” that abides in you!

All the power we will ever need for victory is already in us. There is no need to ask for any “extra” power, anointing or authority. The written Word assures us that the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead also abides in our



mortal bodies. Christ Himself abiding within our inner man is our "Hope of Glory." Our great need is to learn how to cooperate with Him, the Holy Spirit, and better yield to Him. He, who is this wonderful Spirit of Grace, is also the voice of Christ in our inner man. He is to guide us into all truth or reality. He is our personal teacher, comforter and helper. He is in us to show us the things freely given to us by God. One of the things freely given us is His indwelling Presence! It is time for us to become "God-inside minded." Living daily in God's grace makes us more sensitive and conscious to His presence within. This is possible because of the grace of God, which is now available to us in the New Covenant! Trust and rest in His grace! Thank Him for His grace which is always available in our time of need!



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Two great articles about the experience of the reality of CHRIST IN US, HIMSELF:

The Exchanged Life,
 by Hudson Taylor

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Himself, by A.B Simpson

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HIMSELF

by A. B. Simpson

Once it was the blessing, Now it is the Lord;
 Once it was the feeling, Now it is His Word.
 Once His gifts I wanted, Now the Giver own;
 Once I sought for healing, Now Himself alone.
 Once 'twas painful trying, Now 'tis perfect trust;
 Once a half' salvation, Now the uttermost.
 Once 'twas ceaseless holding, Now He holds me fast;
 Once 'twas constant drifting, Now my anchor's cast.
 Once 'twas busy planning, Now 'tis trustful prayer;
 Once 'twas anxious caring, Now He has the care.
 Once 'twas what I wanted, Now what Jesus says;
 Once 'twas constant asking, Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
 Once it was my working, His it hence shall be;
 Once I tried to use Him, Now He uses me.
 Once the power I wanted, Now the Mighty One;
 Once for self I labored, Now for Him alone.
 Once I hoped in Jesus, Now I know He's mine;
 Once my lamps were dying, Now they brightly shine.
 Once for death I waited, Now His coming hail;
 And my hopes are anchored, Safe within the veil.

This poem is from the article
 "Himself" by A.B. Simpson.

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Part 2

Rest in Jesus

By Mike Walker

**The rest in Jesus is for every New Covenant believer.
Let's lay hold of this promise of God.**

With so much instability in the world and all the voices that speak into our lives, it is so amazing to receive the abundant grace of God in the area of rest. At the cross Jesus paid the full price for our peace, so in our redemption we have the promise of rest. By faith in the finished work that Jesus did at the cross, this place of rest, in reality, is total peace and victory in every area of our life and it is found in believing the Gospel!

**Don't let the enemy
deceive you**

Hebrews 4:1-3 – “Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us

fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest.”

There is a rest for the people of God. There is a place where we can live and know with an awesome assurance that God will do what He said He would do. Everything we need for life and godliness is found in Christ and His finished work of

redemption. But because of unbelief, many people either don't believe or can't accept the good news of the Gospel – peace, victory, healing, prosperity, deliverance and every good thing. The only power the enemy has over our lives is to deceive us into believing that the Gospel is not true! Religion tells us we have to earn it, but

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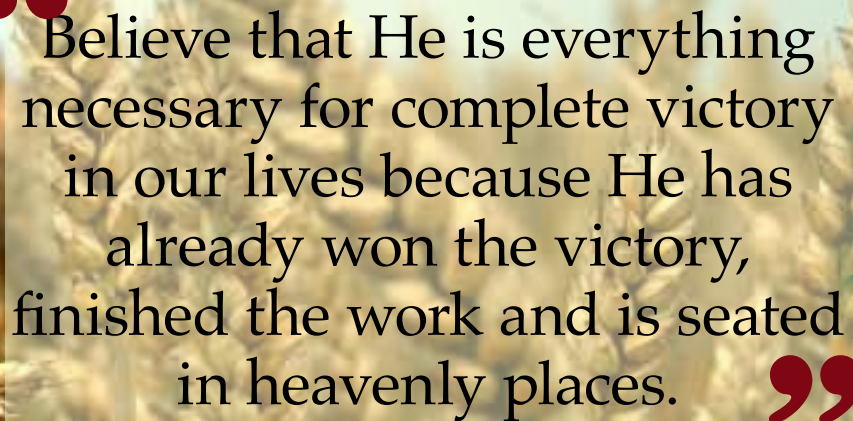
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the Gospel tells us to simply believe!

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

Ephesians 4:17-18 – “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.”

We don't want to become alienated from the abundant life Jesus came to give, but we want to rest in the finished work of Christ. Believe that He is everything necessary for complete victory in our lives because He has already won the victory, finished the work and is seated in heavenly places. Also, he has raised us up to be seated together with Him – now that's good news! We have all the weapons of heaven at our disposal to capture our minds and believe the Word of God, the Gospel – “the news that's too good to be true, yet it is true.”



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Lay hold of the promises of God

Hebrews 4:6 – “Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief.” As I brought out in the first teaching on “Rest,” Joshua and Caleb believed the good report of the land of promise and entered in with the next generation. But because of unbelief, there was a generation that did not enter in and died in the wilderness. There are many disappointments that will come to fill our minds, but we fight the “good fight of faith” and lay hold of the promises of God. We can have peace with God that passes all understanding and move forward in victory because we know the devil is under our feet.

Ephesians 1:3 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”
Ephesians 1:12-13 – “That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trust-

ed in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation....”

The Word of Truth is the good news of our salvation. First we hear the news that is too good to be true – we are saved and victorious in every area of our life – and then we have to believe it. It's done, and we are resting in the finished work of Christ - free from sin, sickness, anxiety, bondage, poverty, and all the works of the devil. This is the abundant life that Jesus came to give, and we are seated far above all principality, power, dominion, and might and every name that is named!

Sealed by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13 goes on to say “...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.” When we believe the Gospel, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise. A seal is a mark or stamp or private mark. For example, depending on the nation we visit, when we travel overseas we have a passport that may

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require a visa. If we don't have a passport, then we are not allowed to enter or leave that country. A few years ago, my wife Jane and I were on our way to Nigeria, West Africa, via London. As we came through customs at Heathrow Airport in London, a young American man had somehow misplaced his passport. Although he argued and raised a disturbance, he was not allowed to enter but was sent back to the United States.

Likewise, Jesus is the passport and believing is the visa! When we hear the promise and believe the Word of Truth, we allow the seal to be put on us – forgiveness of sin, healing, provision, guidance, peace, friendship, and total victory over all the powers of the enemy! We carry the mark of

heaven on our lives by believing the Word and by believing the finished work of Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 declares that **“all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen.”** We have been sealed

“...and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” God has set His seal of ownership on us and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come! **We can rest in the fact that the promises of God are for us and for now.**



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