



## Happy New Year 5770



I forgot to order a new Hebrew calendar this year. I guess I'll have to make my own this year. Hey, that's a great idea. I guess I've just given myself a new project. Anyway, we are in a new biblical year and that means a shift in things in the spirit realm. I share this with you so that if you sense recently that something has changed you won't be totally out in the dark. Each year we remain here simply means we are one year closer to the end of the sixth day or day when we quit working on the planet. It also means that the adversary is more driven to steal, kill and destroy.

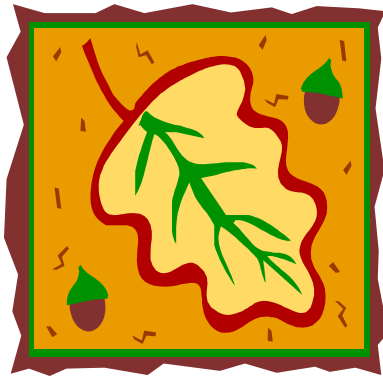
We are told in the book of Hebrews to "labor to enter into that rest" that "rest" being the Sabbath rest. Our work now is to believe the report of Isaiah 53; the report of the finished work of our Lord. He did the real work and now we're supposed to "fear not and believe only". He told us that we'd be doing "greater works" and I've come to the conclusion that the work we're supposed to be doing is wrapped up in only believing Yeshua/Jesus' final, finished work.

Personally speaking I have workaholic tendencies. I really have to labor to rest. I know that I am tempted to save myself on a daily basis. I find my soul wanting to save itself from ungodly and power hungry men, to save itself from overwork, to save itself from pain, sickness and sorrow, but the Lord did all of the saving I need at Calvary. I KNOW who is at work when I'm driven to work and save myself. I KNOW that I need to resist those urges or temptations. I also KNOW that God is always with me in trouble and HE will show me the way of escape from EVERY.

If there was ever a truth I could share that would help in every situation it would be the truth that God has the BEST vantage point of any living thing and He is the best one for the job. Let God be God! He can see the end from the beginning. Run to Him when you're in trouble, not from Him.

### Pray for us:

- *Pray for the leadership, don't just complain. Obedience is better than sacrifice and we're told to pray for the leaders not whine about them.*
- *Pray for Jeff and I as we travel and minister wherever God leads us.*
- *Pray for the Body of Messiah/Christ to be filled with the spirit of revelation and that the eyes of our understanding to be opened and clear to what God is doing.*
- *Pray for us as we seek to hear God for the Body and the lost.*



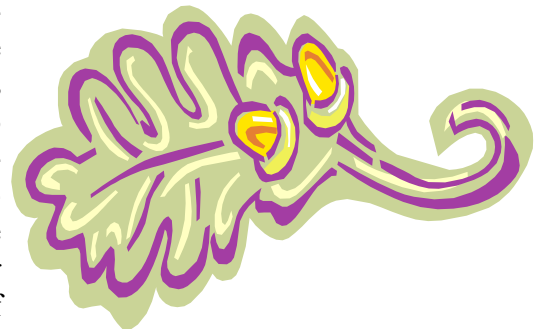
It's a New Year and we thank God that whatever storms may come our way, we are founded on the rock of His word. We hear His voice and another we will NOT follow. **IF** we hear the word of the Lord in 5770 and obey what He is telling us, the storms will only beat at our doors. They will not destroy us. We have a firm foundation for the year ahead. Worry is work and it is a dead work. I've decided that with God's help and guidance I am going to strive to be worry free in 5770. I will begin by casting the care of this New Year over on Him for He does the caring for me. Praise God for this year and for what it holds for each one of you.

May you too resolve to be worry free and cast your cares on Him. Go in and possess the land for Him. Drive out those giants of fear, worry and self preservation and let God be your God 24/7 and every day of this year. I exhort you to read Isaiah 53 at least once each month in the upcoming year. Choose to believe the report of the Lord.

## Behold the Lamb of God; Who Did What?

John the Baptist was a prophet that spoke the word of God to the people. It was John that said "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Was he a false prophet? No, of course not, he spoke the word of God, from God to all that heard him. Why is what he spoke so difficult to understand and receive today? From most pulpits sin is what is preached and the dangers of sin. My friends fear is the product of such preaching and with fear the evil one accomplishes all of his dastardly deeds. Sickness, disease and pain all come from fear. How, you might be asking, does fear do this? It is the fear that sin is the problem and simply not having faith in the finished work of Jesus that opens the door for the enemy to make it happen in your life. Did Jesus accomplish what God sent Him to do? Yes. Why then do we still believe that Jesus did not "Take away the sin of the world?" Because the body of Christ has not been taught that by Jesus' finished work, God can now make anyone who confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, righteous in a body that can still sin. As righteous as Jesus was, is and always will be so are we. The body of Christ will become skillful in the word of righteousness and it will not come through the teaching and preaching of sin. We, the body of Christ, are made new creations, new creatures, and spiritually alive beings together, one with the Spirit of God.

The writer of Hebrews says, "The law was a shadow of good things to come." The blood of bulls and goats could never take away a conscience of sin. If it could have, then after one sacrifice there would not be a need to ever do another. But under the law there was a need every year to remind the people of sin and do another sacrifice for their sin. Thus they were always being reminded of the state of sin that they were stuck in. By this we know sin could not be taken away by those sacrifices. But Jesus became the final sacrifice for sin and His blood was enough to both take away sin, and if we believe that do away with a conscience of sin. We should not be reminded all the time of sin giving us a conscience of sin. No, we should be taught that we are the righteousness of God because of what Jesus accomplished for us. When we awake to our righteousness we will sin not. But if



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we are continually reminded of the sinful state we WERE in we will never become skillful in the word of righteousness. Yes we WERE sinners without Jesus in our lives but we were saved by His grace and we are NOT sinners anymore. We are the righteousness of God because God made us that way. The faith we have been given by God will not operate when we believe we are still sinners. Faith operates when a born again person believes the promises of God and God has no promise in His word that says after we are born again we are still in sin as sinners. Again I say to you believing we are still in sin as sinners brings fear into operation and the evil one gets away with anything he can put to work in our lives. Faith goes to the promise that Jesus did



away with the sin of the world for me and I believe THAT no matter what the evidence points to. If we are going to be led by the Spirit of God, then faith is the power that brings the manifestation of His promise. When we begin to have faith operating, faith that believes we are the righteousness of God, righteousness will be the manifestation in our lives. It is at that point where all the other promises can begin to manifest, no more sickness or disease or pain or strife simply because we believe Jesus gave God a way to make us just as righteous as He is. Does Jesus have a sin problem? Is the evil one tempting Jesus to sin now? Is Jesus worried about failing His Father by making a mistake? No, and as He is so are we in this world.

Whenever I say that the law has been abolished by God (Eph 2:15) people have a difficult time receiving it because of what they have been taught. But it is still the truth; the law has been abolished by God! Why is this a big deal? Think of it this way; the law is what the evil one used to tempt everyone to sin including Jesus. Where the law said don't lie to your neighbor the evil one came and tempted people under the law to lie to their neighbor. All but Jesus lied to their neighbors giving into the temptation. Now in the New Covenant; where the first (Old Covenant) was done away with, (the law) a second was put in its place. With The Old Covenant abolished by God the evil one has nothing to work with. The sting of death was sin and the strength of sin was the law, but thanks be to God that gave us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! Where there is no law there can be no sin, so again I say to you; Jesus was the Lamb of God that took away the sin of the world. By giving God the right to abolish the law that condemned us through what He accomplished he offered to whosoever will a new living way of life. That one will never be separated from our Father because of the law of sin and death. We are forever one with the Father of all life and there is no sin that shall separate us. This is so simply because we have faith in the finished work of Jesus.

You want to know what sin is now in the New Covenant? Read John 16:9 and receive the freedom that Jesus is saying. The sin in this world under the New Covenant is not believing that Jesus is the Son of God. Then after we do believe that Jesus is the Son of God the Holy Spirit continually tries to convince us of the righteousness that God has made us. It is not by our performance but by Jesus finished work and our faith in that work. We are the righteousness of God, believe it!



## Acts of the Apostles , brought beatings, jail and even death.

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So why did the apostles do what they did time and time again knowing what it could mean to them? Being filled with the power of God changes a person, or at least should. There was a time when Peter was trying his best to prove to a small group of folks he was never with nor any part of the crowd that ran with Jesus. He was trying to save his own skin he didn't care about anything else at the time Jesus had been taken into custody by the Sanhedrin and Roman authorities.



Then a few days later we read about him saying something to three thousand leaders and rulers of Israel that surely could get him killed or at the very least flogged and imprisoned. Why the change? We don't get five chapters read in the Book of Acts and we see that Peter and John have been beaten and jailed more than once for acting like their Master. What brought about this need to speak out without reserve? They obviously were not fearful of the local religious laws. And neither were they fearful of the Roman laws that were established by then. Did God by this infilling of His power, the Holy Spirit, make these men do what they were doing? No! Then I ask you once more why would anyone risk his or her life to proclaim out of their mouths anything that would bring trouble into their little insignificant life? Love, yes Love was and is still the reason. The men and women we read about in this Book of Acts considered their lives no more of this world. Above all else they considered the lives of any and everyone else in jeopardy of dying without Jesus and ending up in eternal fire, hell, and that they were headed to where there is nothing but empty misery without hope of ever escaping. These men were willing to lay their lives on the line because they had confidence that their future was settled in bedrock. They were so confident in their own eternal security they wanted to secure the lives of whoever would listen, even if it meant their own natural suffering.

We all get excited when we read about that early body of believers that started it all. But I don't think most of the body of Christ today considers what it cost them to begin the work of God. No I believe the body of Christ today, especially in America, thanks those early believers for getting some kind of right and recognition for them to be able to "GO" to church. Those early believers never had that thought..."GO" to church...they wouldn't have understood the phrase! These early believers were about the Body of Christ and members being added to it. Every time someone received what God led them to say, a "member" (not like a club member, but a body part) was added to the Body of Christ. Yes, at the risk of being jailed, beaten or even killed. (Any many were) Today we find a lawyer to go to court to "get" us the right to speak without fear of trouble afterwards. The body of Christ needs no government to "give" it the right to speak out Truth. Keep reading the Book of Acts! My God who are you? Are you American citizens or Children of the Most High God and citizens of the kingdom of God? No one will ever see the kingdom of God without being born again, this world and all that is in it is the best they will ever have and see. They need your voice in their ears proclaiming the grace of God that you have found. If you're waiting for the governments of this world to "give" you the right to do it, just stay in your living room and watch Christian corporations on TV because it's not going to happen.



There are those that go and do what they believe the Spirit of God has directed them to do and praise God for them. But if you are allowing all the work to be by their hands at least help them. The body of Christ right now in 2009 in America is so fearful of the world system breaking down they are rat holing what they do have for that rainy days that's ahead. Those rainy days are ahead, but your money and house and land will not help you in the day of trouble that's on its way. Believing that you are part of an un-

## Acts of the Apostles.....continued



shakable kingdom is what will keep you safe even to the point of the evil one (the devil) touching you not. Have you noticed you can't pay the devil to leave you alone? But he'll gladly take all you have deceiving you into thinking you can until you have nothing left and news flash your faith will not work for you then in all that unbelief, in fact, you will be blaming God for everything that is wrong in your life. Peter called those people scoffers walking after their own lusts.

Come on folks, there is no shortage of work to be done by you that no one else can do, you were born for this time or you wouldn't have been born at all or born again! You're born again? Heaven is your destination no doubt, but what about all those people you work around or the neighborhood you live in. Your favorite place to vacation and the folks there, do you know them well enough to know they are born again and will see the kingdom of God? Or are they just really nice folks with crosses around their necks so surely they are brothers and sisters. Do you know the lost wear crosses and Catholics wear crosses and new age people wear crosses? I don't wear a cross. Does that cause you to desire to talk to me about the Lord...no it doesn't. It is nothing more than an example of one excuse, there are many, that people use to witness or NOT to witness. Do you have the Love of God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost? Does that Love have preeminence over your life compared to those around you needing to hear what you know about the salvation of God? If not, I would say that it is possible you do not know who you are in Christ and are fearful of most everything that the world has against you, and baby that is no small amount! If you knew who you were in Christ you would believe you have already overcome the world? That early bunch of believers in The Book of Acts met daily from house to house, eating and drinking together all day every day, and sat under the teaching of the apostles. This they did until they believed who God had made them and went out preaching the good news that God loves them and sin is taken care of because of His abounding grace! They were stoned to death and tortured in the coliseums with lions; they were burned alive for their faith in an invisible kingdom overseen by an invisible God. They were beaten and put into prison for life for being a child of the Most High God and believing it enough to confess it! At the risk of unpopularity, I say to you all: Quit being an American and begin being a child of God in His Kingdom. This world is not your home...BELIEVE IT!!! ACT LIKE IT!!!(At your own risk.)

*2 Corinthians{9:6} But this [I say,] He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. {9:7} Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give,] not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. {9:8} And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all [things,] may abound to every good work: {9:9} (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. {9:10} Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for [your] food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) {9:11} Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.*

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## Jeff & Cerise's October 2009 Schedule

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
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4	5	6	7 Gardendale Meeting 14630 N. Hollyhock #35	8 Cerise leaves for Wichita, Kansas	9 Cerise in Kansas	10 Cerise in Kansas
11	12	13	14 Gardendale Meeting 14630 N. Hollyhock #35	15	16	17
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