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Life and Death; Blessing and Curse (Deut. 30:19)

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Back in the late 1960's and early 1970's, the country was involved in a controversial war in Vietnam. The North Vietnamese had invaded the South and America came to the South Vietnam's rescue. After a few years of war and much bloodshed, Americans were in total disagreement with each other. Politicians were arguing with each other about America's involvement, and many were calling for immediate withdrawal. Does this sound familiar? ***Is history repeating itself?*** Today, we are involved with another war, in the Middle East, and politicians are again arguing with each other, and stirring up the people, calling for an immediate withdrawal.

At that same time, 36 years ago, there was an uprising of "religious" groups, each professing their own particular method of who god really is. It was also a time of sexual revolution. Many young people began protesting the government, the Vietnam War and society in general. They advocated free drugs and sex. The hippie movement was upon us as they lived in "communes" spreading their version of "free speech!"

Today, some of those same things are happening. And it seems to be a more acceptable way in society. While

many are protesting the war in the Middle East, millions of people have accepted legalized abortions. Many have accepted same sex marriages. Some people are also accepting the practices of other ancient religions. The sad part about all this is that these practices are being accepted by some Christian people. ***Is history repeating itself?*** What we are seeing here is nothing more than false gods who have found their way into the lives of good people. They have disguised themselves as "peace lovers" and "do gooders", but are like wolves in sheep clothing. As St. Paul writes to Timothy, ***For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but, following their own desires, will surround themselves with teachers who tickle their ears. They will stop listening to the truth and will wander off to fables.*** (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

GOD'S COMMAND IS CLEAR

When God spoke to the people of Israel and gave us the Ten Commandments, it was clear and simple to understand. This is the first and most important. ***"I am the Lord your God who took you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for***

yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth. You shall not bow down before them or worship them. (Exodus 20:2) It seems clear to me that some of these false gods have wiggled their way into the lives of some good people.

Moses made it perfectly clear when he told the people ***"I have set before you life and prosperity, death and gloom. If you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, and keep His commandments you will live and grow numerous, and God will bless you. If however, you turn away and not listen, but are led astray and adore and serve other gods, I tell you now that you will certainly perish."*** (Deut. 30:15-18) He goes on to say, ***"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live."*** (Deut 30:19)

When Joshua gathered the people together and reminded them of the choice they faced, to either follow the false gods of their ancestors or follow the Lord God. Joshua said, ***"Cast out the gods your fathers served ... and serve the Lord. If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*** (Joshua 24:14 - 15) Today, I urge you to make the same choice that Joshua made: Follow the Lord and live!

GOD'S INTERVENTION

And now is the time for history to repeat itself again. It is time for God's intervention into our lives in the same way He did some 40 years ago. I believe that God will continue to pour out

another portion of His Holy Spirit today! It is time for us to choose life and remove those false gods from our midst.

It was in the late 1960's when God intervened to overcome the rebellious revolution by ***"pouring out a portion of His Holy Spirit on all mankind."*** It was a time of **Christian REVIVAL!** God gave us the **Charismatic Renewal** and it grew rapidly, especially in the Catholic and Lutheran denominations. Individual prayer meetings sprung up everywhere. Large groups of people were coming together weekly to worship and praise our true God. By the glory of the Holy Spirit, thousands of people renewed their Christian faith accepting Jesus as Lord and personal Savior. Thousands were baptized with the Holy Spirit and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We in the Charismatic Renewal should be prepared for another explosion of God's Word to restore His gifts of the Holy Spirit. This means that we should be prepared to go work in the vineyard (the world) of the Lord and plant the seeds of salvation. Jesus said, ***"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"*** (John 20:21) Many may say that this was Jesus talking to his Apostles and it is their responsibility to bring the message of salvation to the world. But that message was meant for **ALL** believers to do the same.

In his [*Ecclesia in America*](#) (January 22, 1999) Pope John Paul II writes:

Sent by Christ

66. *"The Risen Christ, before his Ascension into heaven, sent the Apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world (cf. Mk 16:15) and conferred on them the powers needed to carry out this mission. It is significant that, before giving his final missionary mandate, Jesus should speak of the universal power he had received from the Father (cf. Mt 28:18). In effect, Christ passed on to the Apostles the mission*

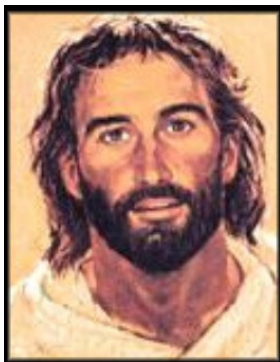
which he had received from the Father (cf. Jn 20:21), and in this way gave them a share in his powers. Yet “the lay faithful too, precisely as members of the Church, have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the Gospel: they are prepared for this work by the sacraments of Christian initiation and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit”. (239) They have been “in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ”. (240) Consequently, “the lay faithful, in virtue of their participation in the prophetic mission of Christ, are fully part of this work of the Church” (241) and so should feel called and encouraged to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. Jesus’ words: “You too, go into the vineyard” (Mt 20:4), (242) must be seen as addressed not only to the Apostles but to all who desire to be authentic disciples of the Lord.”

Recently I heard that if one person would evangelize to just 6 people they would reach the entire world’s population in a short time. That is, those 6 people would tell six other people and so on down the line, each telling 6 other people. I call it the **Power of Six**. I started to figure it out and only got down to the 6th line of the pyramid. My total was **55,986** people. **WOW!** So what are you waiting for? Go into the vineyard and tell 6 people.



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

(John 14:6)



MORE NEW LIFE

Beginning with the next issue, we will be sending out the New Life Newsletter more often in the coming year.

Currently we have been mailing the newsletter about four (4) times a year. Thanks to your prayers and support, we will mail out the newsletter at least six (6) times a year (every other month), and possible more, with your continued support. Thank you for helping us to bring New Life Renewal to everyone who asks.

Our current cost of mailing 450 newsletters is \$327. This includes printing, mail labels and mailing costs (stamps). At the present time we are printing the newsletter in black copy on white paper. It would be nice to print in color, but it costs more. So for now it will be in black print.

On the next page is a donation form for your convenience to cut out and return to New Life Renewal. This will help us to continue our outreach ministry to tell everyone that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

We thank you in advance for your continued prayers and financial support in making this ministry possible.

“He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver!”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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