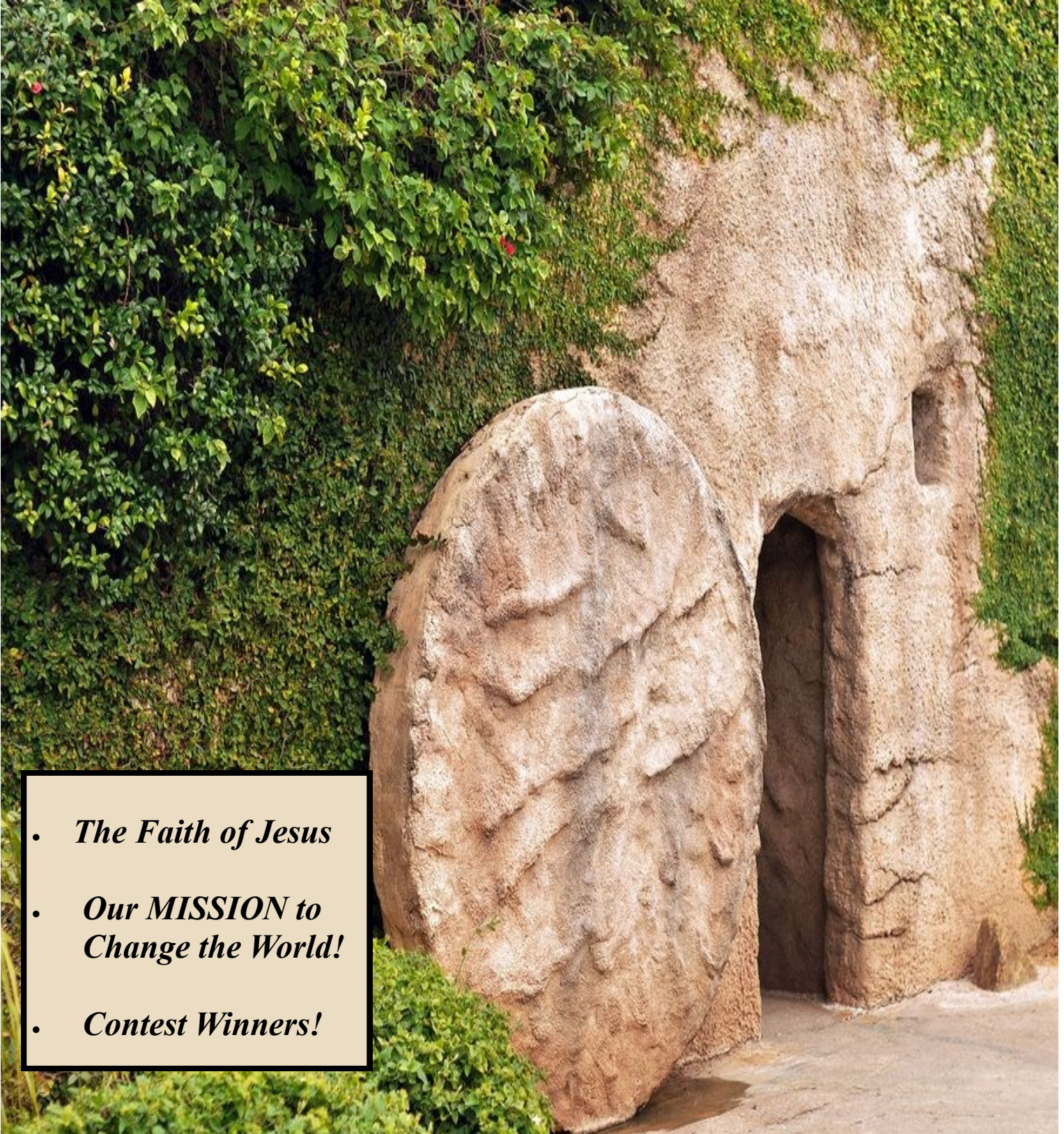


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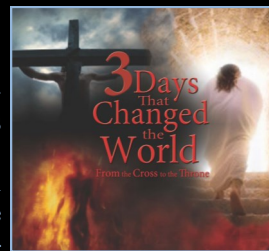
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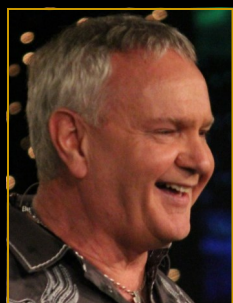
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# The Faith of Jesus

By Jim Richards



**Possibly** one of the most important yet mysterious phrases in all the New Testament is, *the faith of Jesus*. The King James Version of the Bible is very inconsistent in its translation of this phrase. That's probably because the prepositions in, of, by, through, and with are all the same or similar Greek words. It is therefore left to the discretion of the translator to determine how the Greek word should be translated into English. It seems that the early translators were just as confused about this phrase and its incredibly important implications as the Church is today.

Properly understanding the phrase, *the faith of Jesus*, may be one of the most important concepts for our personal faith that we need to understand. Over the past 60 years the faith revival has brought incredible insight into our need for personal faith. However, like all movements, it has some misunderstandings in its application of faith. Possibly it was just the result of an over-emphasis of our need for personal faith without really explaining the object of our faith. Whatever the cause, it seems that more people are focused on having faith in their faith than they are on having faith in the Lord Jesus and His finished work.

In my estimation there is a serious misunderstanding about the entire concept of faith in Jesus. When most people think about faith in Jesus, they think about the life Jesus lived here on Planet Earth. His life was a model to us. It showed us what we could look like as men and women who were full of the Holy Spirit yielded to the power of grace and walking with God. Many people say, "Well, it's different for Him; He was without sin." When we were born again we were made righteous; therefore, we have the ability to function just as Jesus functioned. What holds us back is not the fact that we've committed sins, but the fact that we refuse to believe we are righteous in Jesus.

Jesus became a man and had every limitation that we have as human beings. Everything that He did here on Planet Earth He did as a man full of the Holy Spirit, walking in faith. But that isn't what the Bible is talking about when it refers to *the faith of Jesus*. Nothing that Jesus did as a man on Planet Earth has anything to do with what we receive in our salvation experience. It is important that He was a man without sin, therefore, He could be the Lamb slain for our sins. But our faith for salvation is not based on what Jesus did as a man walking Planet Earth. Our faith for salvation is based on what Jesus did from the cross to the throne.

The message of the cross is the message of the New Covenant. Yet when we preach the cross we very seldom talk about what actually happened on the cross, in the grave, through the resurrection, and when He was seated at the right hand of God to receive an inheritance. It's amazing to me that the most central part of the gospel is virtually never preached in Christian churches around the world. There may be some vague reference to Jesus dying on the cross, and some vague reference to Jesus being raised from the dead, but none of that means anything if we don't know and believe what Jesus did by His faith through the entire process.

In Philippians the Apostle Paul makes an incredibly profound statement saying he wanted to be... *found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in (the faith of) Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead* (Phil. 3:9-11).

This passage of Scripture embodies more about the faith of Jesus than possibly any other single *Con't on pg 14*



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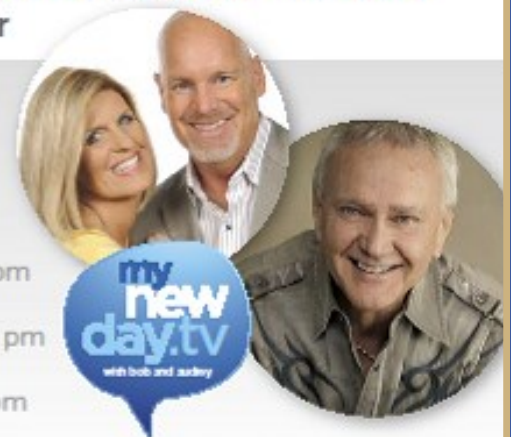
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# Are You Ready for the Church of the Future?

*By Jim Richards*



**What** would you do if you could no longer attend church? What if church was against the law? Or, what if churches were no longer allowed to preach repentance, mention sin, or proclaim Jehovah as the One True God? I know it sounds like something out of early Church History when it was against the law to say there was only one God. What if you couldn't teach morality and ethics as a godly way of life? In the world of the early Church promiscuity and sexual deviancy was even part of some types of legal ceremonial worship. Unless you've had your head in the sand, that's where we are headed today... faster than you might realize!

We were led to believe that liberals only wanted fair treatment. But the truth is they want our faith eradicated from the face of the Earth. They want no mention of God. They want to establish their own definitions of righteousness, ethics, and morality. The Bible calls it iniquity! The lie that was sold to us that it was discrimination for there to be prayer in school is now making it against the law for there to be prayer in almost any public place. Political correctness is rapidly taking us to a place where we can't say certain things from the pulpit. In California it is against the law to counsel a child that is conflicted about gender issues.



Muslims now have more rights in our country than Christians.

When I first began a radio program in 1973 I was warned that if I mentioned anything about Muslims or any-

thing that conflicted with another religion the radio station would have to give them free equal time to express their point of view. But today the former vice president, Al Gore, invested in a Muslim news channel that constantly promotes their propaganda against Israel and Christianity. It is even being promoted by Hillary Clinton as a reliable news source. But there is no mention of Christian rights! I could go on down the list of rights and freedoms we have lost but it would be more shocking than you could imagine.

Even now the government is fighting to gain control of the Church. There have already been legal battles fought by our government seeking to give the federal government the right to define what an ordained minister is. It will only be a matter of time before the State will control the churches in America. Much of it will be done through the IRS... yes, the same corrupt organization that is targeting conservatives and the overseers of Obamacare. 50 years ago conservatives warned that the IRS would one day be the equivalent to the SS in Nazi Germany. That prophetic forecast is not that far from being fulfilled!

For decades churches have been slowly seduced to become 501c3 organizations even though the IRS tax code says that all churches are tax exempt. Unwittingly, churches that become 501c3 organizations do not realize they are actually no longer legally churches. They are now non-profits, which means legally they can't declare the Bible to be their guiding foundation. The legal precedence has been established. Now any law that is passed for non-profits must override what the Bible says. To put it in the words of a state official that I squared off against back in the 70's, "The right to teach belongs to the State, we just allow you Christians to teach the Bible out of the goodness of our heart!"

We are living in the age of iniquity: the total rejection of God's commands as the standards of morality, honesty, and character. Iniquity is the most insidious of all enemies of God, the Church, and mankind! Iniquity is abounding in the Church and is taking over the governments of the world!

On the economic front it is inevitable that tax laws will change. In time the only churches that can receive tax exempt donations are going to be government-approved churches that preach a politically correct message. What will the Church do?

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**Partnership:** In Motion Ministries is collaborating with Simple Wisdom Ministries, San Jose, Costa Rica for this mission trip. Simple Wisdom has been working in Costa Rica since 2003 serving the people and sharing Jesus Christ in creative ways across the country.

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# What Would Jesus Be Doing Today?



Considering how Jesus spent His life and knowing the very last words He said to His disciples, we don't have to guess what He would be doing. *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you* (Matt. 28:19-20). If Jesus were walking the earth He would be reaching the lost, ministering to their needs, and making disciples by teaching them the Word of God!

Ministering to others is one of those phenomenal anomalies: No matter what they do, it helps you more than it helps them. One translation of Philemon 6 says, *I pray that you will be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ* (NIV). Learning the Word of God can only take you so far, but ministering the Word of God can take you places in your faith you never imagined.

We are here on Planet Earth to be doing what He would be doing if He were here: sharing the love of God with a hurting world! Most people will never share their faith. In America people are anesthetized to the gospel and sometimes they're hostile. But there are countries in the world where people are still open and hungry to hear about the love of God. Seth Dunn at *In Motion Ministries* can take you on a short-term mission trip where you can share your faith, share your testimony, or help serve in any number of ways as the gospel is shared with the hurting and hungry people of other nations.

This year consider making your family vacation a short-term mission trip. Show your children what the rest of the world looks like. Let them see people respond to the gospel. Give them a chance to serve in ways that may not be possible here in America.

## More About In Motions Ministries Mission Trip to Costa Rica!

Seth Dunn is Executive Director of In Motion Ministries since 1996 and has been with IMM for 24 years.

Seth began serving God through missions at the age of 15, while experiencing a short-term mission trip as a team member. Being a part of sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ with people in another country impacted his life deeply, setting the course for his career and calling: to provide others with this opportunity. In the years that followed, Seth has led 38 short-term mission teams to 21 different countries, giving hundreds of people the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others; teaching them to share the gospel, bring humanitarian aid, and invest their time, talents, energy, and hard work into the lives and ministries of full-time missionaries living abroad.



Training for the 2014 Costa Rica team will be held at Family Bible Church in Eustis, Florida. Shannon and Karin Carroll will lead the training and the trip.



A day of FUN in Orlando has been set aside for the 2014 Costa Rica Mission Team where you can choose the attraction to visit!

See Registration Details And GO WITH US to share the gospel with Costa Rica!



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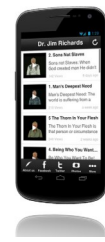
I'm doing everything I can to put as many tools in your hands as possible. I want to bless and encourage you every day! That's why we are updating our phone app. The app we had was outdated and limited to just iPhones, but our new app will allow those of you with any kind of smart phone or tablet to have access to tons of great material.

For several years I have posted daily personal quotes and encouraging words on Facebook, but not everyone has time to check their Facebook account every day. Plus, Facebook now only allows 5% of my followers to get the quotes I post and that is done randomly. So out of the 90,000 people who have signed on to my Facebook account to get the help and encouragement we offer, less than 5,000 are actually receiving anything. I want you to get your free daily encouragement messages!

This means you'll be able to watch our program on your smart phone or tablet. You can access our website from anywhere. You'll be able to listen to the many free messages on our Free Stuff page right from your smart phone or tablet.

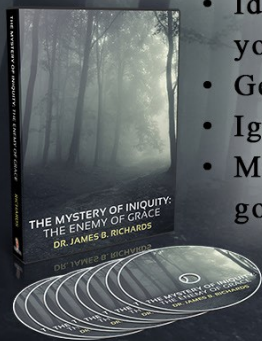
You'll have immediate access to free and special offers. You'll even be able to view regularly posted ministry and personal photos. Our World Changers can even listen to the monthly World Changers Message right on your smart phone or tablet. This is going to be so great!

Watch for it! It's coming soon! As soon as it's available you'll receive an email or a message on Facebook that allows you to click and download the free app! I can't wait. This is the kind of connection with you that I've always wanted. *Jim Richards*



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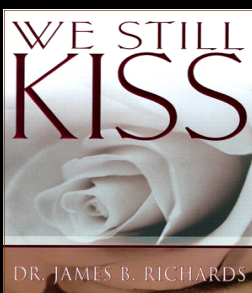
## LOVE FEBRUARY Winners!

It was so wonderful to see all the creative ideas people are doing to express love to their spouse. I hope you were inspired to be creative and do all you can do to invest in a life of love and harmony. I personally made it a point to send Brenda a love note every day telling her something I love and appreciate about her. I could have easily kept going for another month.



In order to remain impartial the Love February contest winners were not selected by me or any of the Impact staff. Our winner was Jim Crowe of Hoschtou, GA. Jim and Karen will receive our \$1000 date night. Our four runners up are Annette Record, Dawn Vines Seward, Angel Brown, and Momo Smiley. They will each receive my relationship teaching series, *Everything About Love* and *Beating the Odds*.

Proverbs tells us, *He who is slack in his work is brother to him who is a destroyer and he who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is brother to him who commits suicide* (Pr. 18:9). Whether it's your marriage, your health, your business, or your children, you are either investing in their lives or destroying them. You are either making things better or worse. Nothing is stagnant, nothing is neutral. Look for ways to know love, show love, and grow love! It will be the best investment you ever made!



Here are some of the ways Jim Crowe invested in his marriage in February!

- Re-read *We Still Kiss* for her and for me!
- Temporarily worked at a job I didn't like to provide her a feeling of security
- Dinner and SHOPPING for our anniversary!
- Gave her a massage (I'm trained in massage therapy.)
- Brought her flowers
- Asked her to tell me 4 things I can do to make her feel loved (She did.)
- Created a "Value Diary" where I write special things about my wife—I speak them, too, but she can read the book anytime
- Helped her with her homework! (She's back in school.)
- Shared with her some extra cash I had
- Washed dishes while she visited with a friend
- Extra long hugs!
- Spent quality time talking with her when she couldn't sleep

*I appreciate you initiating this exercise, Dr. Richards! I encourage everyone to start looking for ways to show value and love for your spouse! ~Jim Crowe~*



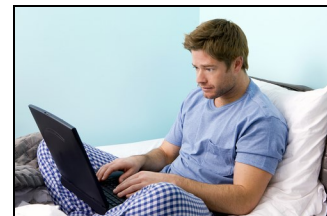


# APRIL TESTIMONIES

Hello Stephanie,

## Impact Mentoring Program

Last week I received a letter from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary -- Boston Center for Urban Ministerial Education stating that I am being given an award on April 26 at the JFK Presidential Library and Museum for my "behind the scenes" work in an urban setting. It is called the *Making a Difference in Christian Service Award*. I didn't know that such an award existed, let alone think that I might be nominated for this award.



In light of this amazing honor I want to thank you and the team at Impact for your support and guidance over the past 4 years. Not only did I learn about grace and peace and all of the implications of that, I also learned a great deal about myself as I pondered, prayed, and responded to the assignments and the material presented.

The letter that I received from the seminary stated, "While we take pride and pleasure in equipping people for community service in our Master of Arts Urban Ministry degree programs, it is a double honor to acknowledge those who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to serve others."

So, thank you. I am not the same as a result of completing my degree at Impact. For that growth and development and for the trust and joy in God that I feel on a regular basis, I am grateful. Thank you for your part in making that happen.

I look forward to seeing you in July at the Impact World Changers Weekend.

Blessings of grace and peace -- ~ABL~

## THANKS, DR. RICHARDS!

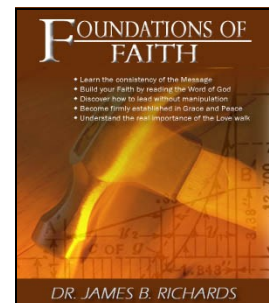


I still say that Dr. Jim Richards has been the most helpful teacher/minister that I have encountered. He makes the information applicable and real, and it works. Thank you so very much! ~JJ~

## FREE ONLINE—FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH!

Thank you so much for making this teaching accessible to all. For me reading these truths over and over helps to undo the years of childhood abuse and the lies that get attached with such experiences. There is probably nothing worse to overcome than when the people who were suppose to love and protect do the opposite and that gets transferred over unto God. Your straight forward writing is so easy to grasp, thank you again. ~EC~

I'm teaching this to a group in our church and we're really seeing new strength in some of the most fearful and weak in the group. We love the joy and new hope this is bringing to us and I have seen the lights come on in peoples eyes! And we are only on the 3rd lesson! The faith righteous lesson was such revelation! I am going over that again before we do another. Thank you, Dr. Richards for giving us this study! We are looking forward to seeing you in Edmonton at the Doxa Canada Conference! ~LM~





Hi, Jim and Co,



I would like to let you know about the positive impact your teaching has had on me and my church. I am the pastor of a small church in a country town on the edge of Brisbane in Australia. I have been planting a church there and working as an electrician for 6 years. We have had our ups and downs over that time and in 2012 I had the worst year of my life. It was the closest I had come to quitting. However, after talking to God about it I recommitted myself to the task He had given me.

Last year was a great healing year for me and discovering your teaching has helped me greatly. Basically you have helped me in several ways. Your teaching has helped remove confusion by showing me about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. I now understand that Jesus took away the wrath of God and now there are no obstacles between us and God. This has helped me reconnect to God on an emotional level.

People have noticed how my preaching has changed. My congregation is being more edified. I have always leaned this way but couldn't fully commit because of mixed messages. Now the love and power of God is rampant in our church. Thanks! ~MB~

Dear Dr. Jim,

My husband and I left Bermuda after 50 years of residency to study for the Presbyterian Church. I gained a B.A. in theology, and a P.H.T.(putting hubby thru). In 1989 my husband died suddenly after 8yrs in ministry.

I attended the Conference at Sydney and received the gift of New Covenant identity. My neighbor and I shared this great revelation and we meet regularly to study. Then we bought **Heart Physics**®! After she finished it she brought it to me! WOW! We confer, we talk, we encourage each other and just glory in the freedom we now have! After years of asking "where is God?" I am answering that question IN ME! I have been a Christian all my life and He is LIFEING me! I'm even waxing lyrical! In my sorrow and my grief, nothing seemed to bring relief, I was oppressed, I was depressed, Oh, BOY was I a mess. NOW I feel thin, I feel slim since I gave my heart to HIM. I can skip, I can soar, my heart is longing for some more. My Father's arm keeps me calm; He is my safe High Tower. HE is in me, now I'm free, HE gave me AWESOME POWER.

Thank you! Thank you for obeying the Call. We love you! This is the first email I have ever sent...so please forgive! I'm 87 this month and I'm going from strength to strength!

P.S. What's next? Love in Him, ~NO~

### Thank You !

I've been walking around with this knowledge in my head for 14-15 yrs and I went through Heart Physics® in 2010 and obtained more great information. As I've labored to enter into His rest the past few years and have been going through Heart Physics® again the past few months... I see it! I finally get it at a heart level (through much time in meditation and writing new beliefs on my heart). Thank You!

I have been writing the truth of God's view and opinion on my heart and praying that He would help me to get my reality in sync with His heart reality. I am dead - and more than ever...excited and looking forward to Jesus in me being the origin of my activity.

He is the divine inheritance and He's in me. "Of course" I'm totally deserving --- He's in me! I don't need to get anything; God has already done EVERYTHING possible to meet all my needs! Thank You!

How does this life work? FINALLY - I see, Settle into THE finished work of Jesus and stop struggling to get it (like I did for 14 - 15 yrs, Brother Jim!), and start living it! PRAISE Him - Halleluiah!

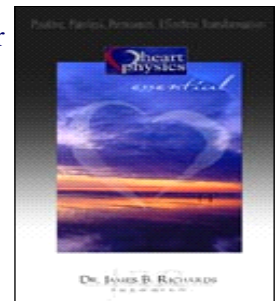
I am who He says I am. I have what He says I have. I can do what He says I can do. He wants me to live life to its fullest, while making my life count. I am a new person with a new power and new ability.

As Ian Thomas said, "Push that old clunker over the cliff and get in the Cadillac " - believing in my heart.

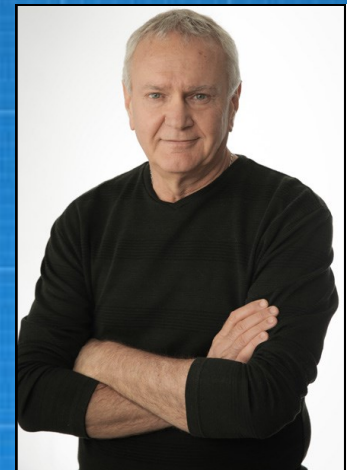
I am SO, SO THANKFUL for you, Jim along with others for being so creative, enthusiastic, and relentless in sharing the Truth of who we are in Christ and who He is in us / Me! ~HH~

**PS:** I have learned that meditating is so, so important and vital in changing the heart—especially my heart!

**PPS:** I am committed to pursuing the study of being a Heart Physics® Coach. How can you not want to share this?







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# Facilitate Your Own iGroups

*I* am continually bombarded with requests for the location of iGroups. Unfortunately, our thousands of participants are so spread out around the world that we need a thousand new iGroups right now just to meet the need! My usual response is, “Why don’t you start an iGroup for your community?”

Anyone who has a passion can start an iGroup. This is a way for you to reach your family and friends with this message of God’s incredible love. I believe iGroups are a God-inspired idea that is right on target for the days in which we live. I believe it will put us in touch with our community in an incredibly effective way.

One of the keys to effective ministry is timing: knowing what to do and when to do it! This was one of King David’s secrets to his amazing success. When describing the men who surrounded David and helped him prepare for battle the Bible says the sons of Issachar had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do (1 Chronicles 12:32).

In the 1950’s and part of the 60’s church revival meetings were the place to go to touch people’s lives. In the late 60’s and early 70’s there were coffee houses that became the gathering place for young people to know Jesus. In the late 70’s and throughout the 80’s there were large conventions and conferences. People filled the halls and arenas to attend these types of meetings. In each of these times it was essential to utilize the methods that people sought out.

However, there is one type of meeting that has existed since the first days of the Church and all the way through each movement; it is the “home meeting.” Home meetings, whether formal or casual, are probably the most powerful, consistently effective form of developing people into fully committed followers of Jesus that has ever existed. They meet all the deepest needs of people. They are always culturally relevant because homes change to fit every culture. People always long to have personal relationships and be part of a group. Homes are a safe environment conducive to conversations, questions, personal prayer, and intimate friendship.

The greatest lack in home meetings has always been finding someone who was an effective communicator of truth. People will openly discuss a message. Conversation and discussion is seldom lacking. But the need for a group leader has usually been the demise of home groups. Today that problem is solved!

With the advancement of digital recordings, online broadcasts, computers, and smart phones every week I can step into your home and share a message that will be relevant for your group. You can now have weekly groups in your home, church, business, or anywhere that you can bring people together. Your desire to reach your community and my passion to touch the world can now become a synergistic effort that grows beyond what either of us could ever do alone.

iGroups are the fulfillment of more than 30 years of my experience in small group ministry and the specific fulfillment of a plan that God unfolded for me over the past several years. For years the number one complaint among people who received this word of grace would ask, “Now where will I go to church to hear this message?” If you don’t have a church, or if you want to supplement what you are receiving in your church, or if you want to use these broadcasts in your church you have a solution: iGroups!

It doesn’t matter if it’s just two people or a large group. You can have worship or not have worship. You can tailor these to the interests and desires of the people who participate. You can go here to get a free download of my book *Small Group Ministry*. Although most of it will not apply to you as an iGroup Leader you can still learn the basics of how to plan and conduct a small group. You can click here to watch a short video about iGroups.

Let’s work together to multiply this message to everyone we know. iGroups are a vital part of Operation One Billion. Together we can change the way the world sees God!





## The Faith of Jesus

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Scripture. When Jesus died on the cross He didn't just die a physical death. He became our sin. This means that He died a spiritual death. There's a lot of confusion about what it means to die a spiritual death. Essentially, it means that having become our sins He was alienated from God. That's why hanging on the cross He said, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" He wasn't merely quoting Scripture; He was experiencing exactly what we would have to experience if He had not done it in our place.

Having been alienated from God Jesus died the death that we should die. He went to Hades, the abode of the wicked. He was held in the grave by our sins. In order for Him to be raised from the dead He had to believe what God said about Him. In other words, He had to use His faith. There in the grave, alienated from God, Jesus was nearly overcome by grief, by emotions, and by the abandonment of the Father. Several of the Psalms as well as the Book of Jonah describe Jesus' experience in Hades; yet, He continued to believe God.

He believed every promise God ever made about Him concerning His resurrection, His Lordship, and His ultimate reign over all things. According to the Book of Jonah and other books He will continue to worship God and continue to acknowledge God's truth as His reality. Romans 6:4 says that Jesus was *raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*. He was not raised by His righteousness. He had to trust God!

The word "glory" is an interesting Greek word. It speaks of the "brightness, greatness, splendor, and majesty of God." If you look at a Greek lexicon it takes several pages to express the many meanings of the word "glory." But "glory" also has to do with the "view, the opinion, and the reality." You see, God always has a reality that is based on His Word and literally based on His reputation. Therefore, after Jesus became sin He used His faith to trust God and to be raised up according to God's view and opinion of Him. That view and opinion had been spoken through the Scriptures and prophecy for thousands of years.

Everything that pertains to our salvation is based on what Jesus suffered and experienced through the death, burial, resurrection, and seating on the throne! We can only operate faith in that which we believe Jesus obtained through His faith. So what did He obtain? He took upon Himself all of our sin so that we would no longer live in sin. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *God made him who knew no sin to become sin that we might become the righteousness of God... IN HIM!*

After being taken to death by our sins and the curse of the law He believed God and was raised from the dead. The fact that we were in Him when He was raised from the dead means that we share in this victory over death, Hades, the grave, sin, and the curse of the law! The Bible tells us that He then ascended into Heaven. When He entered Heaven He stripped Satan of all principality and power and

cast him forever out of Heaven. Because we were in Him when He won this victory we share in this victory.

Then Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father. It is my assumption that this was the time that He received His inheritance. His inheritance was the covenant of peace whereby all the promises God ever made to anyone became His. Because we are in Him we are what the Bible calls *joint heirs*. In other words, we share in everything that He obtained.

By faith, Jesus went to the cross, suffered so that we don't have to suffer, died so that we don't have to taste death, conquered sin so that we never have to fight that battle, defeated the devil so we would never have to struggle with him, and received an inheritance that He shares with us so we would never have to use our faith to obtain an inheritance. Our faith is in His faith. We don't have to seek God to give us anything that Jesus has already obtained. We are in Him. He did it all by His faith. The question for us is, "Do we have faith in His faith?"

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## Are You Ready for the Church of the Future?

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You can only answer that question based on how you define "church!" If you're talking about the organization, then they'll either give in or be closed down. But if you're talking about the body of Christ, we will thrive! It just won't look like it does today! The greatest revival in the world right now is happening in China. It isn't happening in the public church, it's happening in the underground church! There was a recent leaders meeting in Hawaii with a group that represented over eighty million believers in the underground church. They have been thriving in a hostile environment for decades! Why? They meet secretly in homes. The greatest and most long-lasting revivals in the world were started and sustained in home meetings.



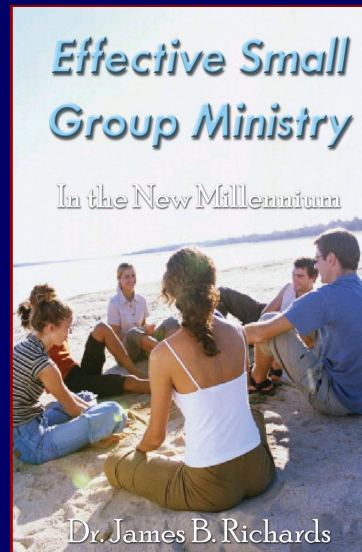
If you are a pastor I urge you to support your public meeting with home meetings. Build a network of ministry that can thrive no matter what happens. The early Church met publicly and from house to house (Acts 20:20). The late, great soul winner, T.L. Osborne called that "20/20 vision!" Whether it's a *natural* disaster or a *national* disaster, when there is a network of small groups you can always sustain your people and provide help for the body when it is in need. To help you in this area you can receive my book, [\*Effective Small Group Ministry in the New Millennium\*](#) as a free download.

All over the world people are using our weekly broadcast, books, CDs, and DVDs for their small group meetings. In fact, some churches are using them for Wednesday or Sunday night meetings. This is an excellent way to get this message into your community. You can use it to supplement what you are doing in your local church. If you aren't part of a church you can use this to build a local body of believers who are making the same journey you're making!

There will always be an institutional church that functions more like an organization than a living organism. And there will always be carnal-minded, shallow people who think God only moves at the altar of a carpeted building when the organ is playing softly in the background and a man speaking Christian-eze is standing behind a pulpit. But there are those who know **THEY ARE THE BODY** of Christ, the "called out ones" as the Greek New Testament says. They are taking God into their real world and allowing Him to touch their daily life. They will always meet anywhere and make any place holy because of what is hap-

pening in their own heart. The Church of the future will be people connected to people, not people connected to organizations.

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