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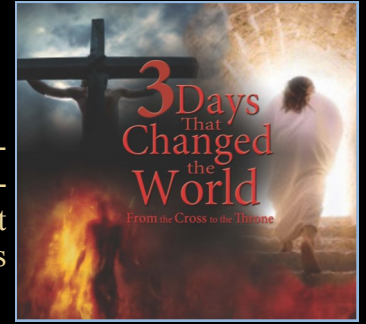
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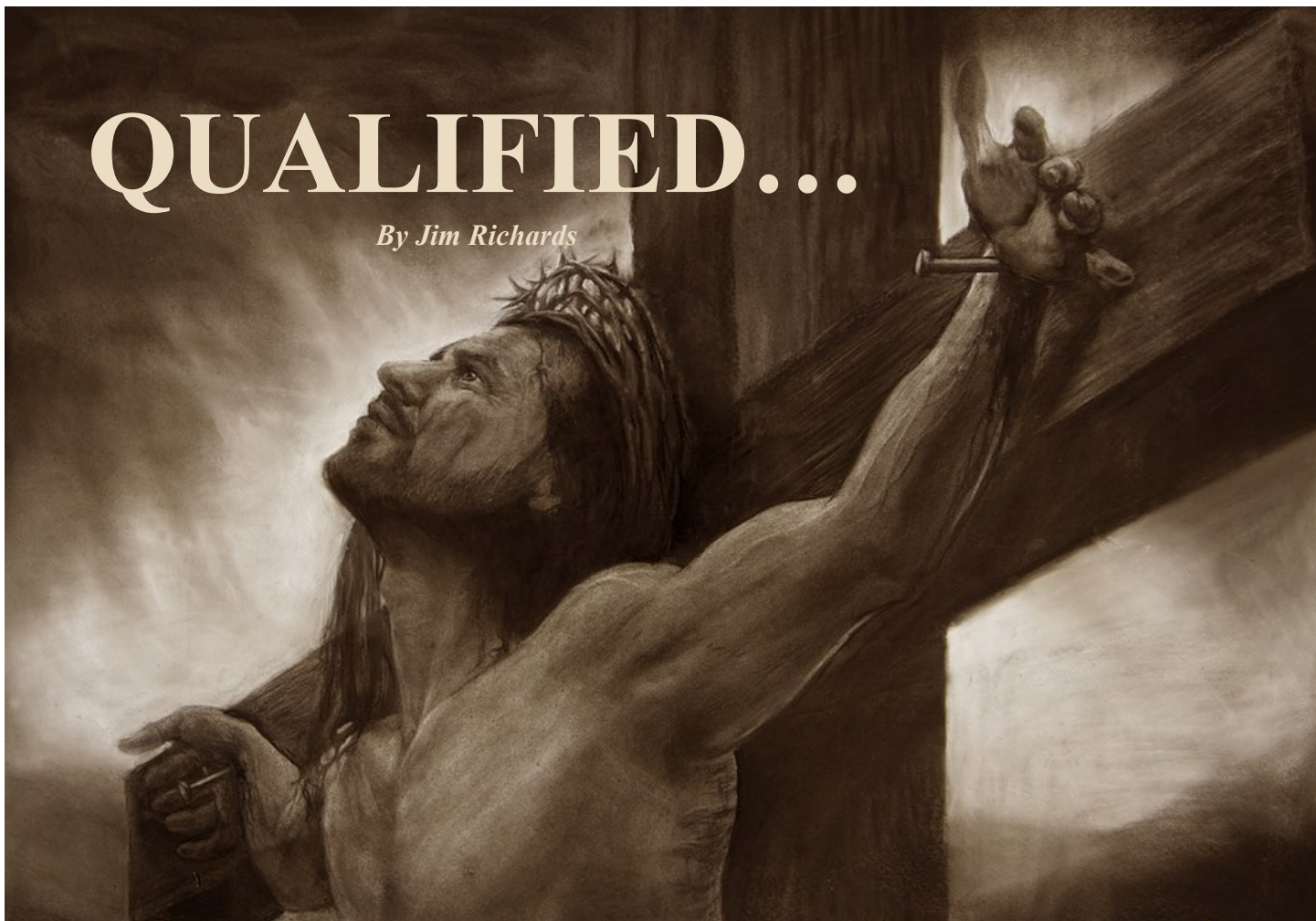
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By Jim Richards



As I sit down to write this article it is challenging to find the proper starting place. Every person who reads it will be in a different place and understanding of the truth about our position in Jesus and what that means. For many, however, there is no basic understanding of our position in Christ and what that means to us as New Covenant believers.

So often we hear people talk about being “in Christ,” but sadly those are simply Christian buzz words that have very little meaning to how we operate in faith. When we were born again we were baptized into the body of Christ. We entered into an eternal realm that has no past or present. It was as if we were hanging on the cross with Jesus at that very moment. All that we were, all that we thought we were, and all that we had been taught we were died with Jesus on the cross that day. That's why the Apostle Paul says *I am* (present tense) *crucified with Christ*. It is a present tense reality that defies all logic of the finite mind.

Had we been taught to renew our minds as should have happened immediately after our conversions, this would have become our new reality... our new sense of self! When we were baptized in water it would have been explained to us, “As you are placed down into the water in your heart believe that you have died with Christ and you have been

buried with Him.” We would have also been told, “When you're raised up out of the water in your heart believe that you are raised up in newness of life with the Lord Jesus. Believe that all you were outside Jesus died and was left in the grave.” Unfortunately, few of us were taught to renew our minds based on who we are in Jesus.

However, this is a New Covenant reality. In fact, us in Jesus and Christ in us is the ministry of the New Covenant (Col. 1:20). The Book of Colossians was written to refute the false teachings that said you were not complete in Jesus. They were being told a form of works righteousness that said, “Yes, Jesus saves you but you become righteous by your works.” They were also taught that if they failed in many areas they gave the devil authority to attack. The Apostle Paul refutes all of this as unscriptural and explains the New Covenant teaching. He starts by revealing the exalted position Jesus has over all principality and power. He settles the issue of our righteousness by making this incredibly bold statement. *Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light* (Col. 1:12).

This one sentence should diffuse almost all the religious teaching that has been done for the last 1800 years. But it is impossible for a person to grasp the power of this New

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Physical Health in a Physical World

By Jim Richards



One of the most revealing and perplexing comments I regularly hear people make about life is “Life didn’t come with an owner’s manual!” I always want to scream, “YES, IT DID!” This type of statement is so revealing about the prevailing ignorance and unbelief of God’s Word. God’s Word gives us everything we need for life and godliness through the (experiential) knowledge of the Lord Jesus. However, as we are growing in our willingness and capacity to hear God’s voice we have His written Word.

The first five books of the Bible are the foundation of everything else in the entire Old and New Testaments. The confusion in the Church and the world today is ignorance or rejection of what was written in those first five books. Sadly, in what many people falsely call the Grace Movement, God’s wisdom in those first five books is not just totally ignored, the believer is made to feel he is doing something wrong by trusting what is said in those books. Keep in mind the first five books of the Bible were dictated to Moses. They came straight from the mouth of God. All the other books were inspired by the Holy Spirit through men. Of all the books of the Bible we should know these five are the basic essentials for understanding every other book.

Maybe it’s best that we first help you understand how to relate to the Old Testament. Keep in mind the Old Testament is the testimony or record of things that happened with God and His people. That is not the same as the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant is the part of the law whereby man related to God. While the Old Covenant is obsolete and done away, The Old Testament is still as viable as ever. *In that He says, A new covenant, He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away* (Heb. 8:3). All of God’s commands should still be our standard of values, morals, conduct, and fairness!

The word “commandment” could have and would have been more accurately translated as “a divine prescription!” The commandments were preemptive directives that showed us how to avoid the pitfalls of life. There is nothing bad or destructive in the commandments unless we attempt to use them unlawfully. *Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sin-*

cere faith (1 Tim. 1:5). If the commandments had been applied the way God intended this is what they would have produced. That’s why the Scripture says Jesus bought grace and truth. Jesus showed us what the commandments would have looked like if they had been applied the way God intended. The commandments only work as they should when they are applied from the perspective of love! Anything else is an unlawful use.

The “law” is a term that can mean many different things and should be interpreted based on the context. When looking at the law as a whole there were ceremonies, sacrifices, holy days, and feasts. All of these were the means whereby man approached God and made himself ceremonially clean. All of these were fulfilled in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Thus, Romans 10:4 says, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes*. It does not say Christ is the end of the law, it says He is the end of the law for righteousness!

Then there are the curses of the law. These were the penalties man would have to face for violating God’s Word. Col. 2:13-14 gives us incredible insight into our freedom from the curses. *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross*. Jesus didn’t nail all the law on the cross, just the part that was against us. Galatians 3:13 says it this way: *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us...* So when we read the Old Testament and see any of those curses or penalties we should turn our thanks to God for the price paid by the Lord Jesus.

All the promises offered to us in the New Covenant are in the law. Under that Covenant you earned the promises by your obedience to all the requirements, but under this New Covenant you abide in Jesus. The promises were given to Him as part of His inheritance. Since we are in Him we share in His inheritance. Romans 8:16-17 says it like this: *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together*. Sharing in His suffering

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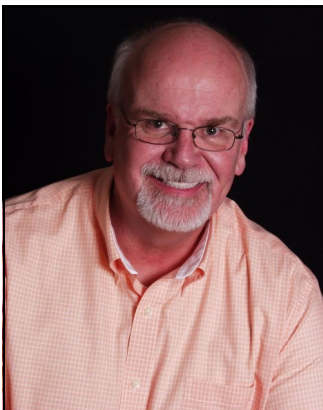
World Changers Weekend

The Most Important Things!

There are so many struggles facing us all at one time. The economy is unstable, the cost of living is constantly rising, we have no reason to trust any political leaders in any party, and the Church has gone from one extreme to another. Teachers are preaching things that sound like freedom but end in bondage. Lawlessness abounds without and within the Church! It would be easy to lose hope or get swallowed up in confusion!

That's why it's crucial for you to be reminded of ***The Most Important Things!*** If we aren't absolute in the most important issues of our faith we will be tossed to and fro with the rest of the world! But I have better things planned for you. I've reach out to the people I know who are walking the walk; they live what they preach! In other words, what they preach is the way they live and it's working for them!

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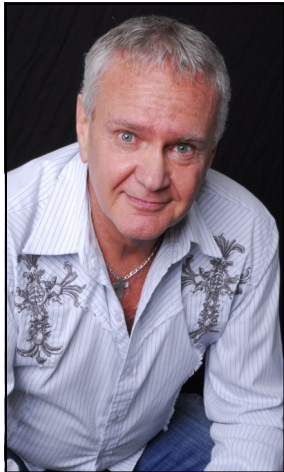


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Dr. Richards,

I wanted to thank you and your wife along with all of your friends and staff for all of the kindness and hospitality you all have shown my husband and me during our short visit to World Changers Weekend.

My husband and I were able to experience something refreshingly real and different from what we are used to during that weekend. You all offered simple honesty in what you have learned and experienced. For one of the first times my husband and I did not feel pushed, pulled, looked at, judged, or "pointed out" like most meetings we have attended. We both felt comfortable and at home. Even though we had some rough points, we gained some great tools that we are extremely grateful for! We loved the raw talk and enjoyed every part. My husband and I are thankful for what we left with. ~BZT~

It was good meeting everyone at World Changers Weekend!

I began reading Jimmie Bratcher's book *Don't Take Your Dreams to the Grave* on the plane ride home and in the process rediscovered my girlhood dreams of healing and travel. God in His divine wisdom seated me next to a young man who was also reading. When I asked what he was reading he told me it was about a boxing coach who successfully catapulted several well known and respected boxers to the top of their careers. I asked him what was the secret of his success and he replied he loved those whom he trained. He also told me of his dream to follow in this coach's footsteps which gave me the perfect opportunity to share Jimmie's book and my own dreams. We talked at some length about the way the world sees God and who God really is. He was intrigued and I gave him Dr. Richards' name and website and he gave me his email address. We left encouraging one another in our dreams and hoped to meet again when our dreams become reality.

I've come away with a renewed excitement for changing the way the world sees God as I pursue my dreams. Thank you for a weekend that changed my world!

Love, ~MM~

Thank you again for the warm welcome at World Changers Weekend! I really appreciated it and I felt right at home.

I want to share with you how aware I am of things really taking hold of my heart during the weekend. I actually realized this on the plane home and I'm quite encouraged.

I am so thankful for everyone at Impact! Your dedication and sincerity are so evident: You are precious and it is a privilege to be part of Impact's World Changers!
Love, ~SK~

Qualified...

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Covenant reality without an understanding of the fact that we are *in Jesus*. Because we are in Him we do not receive from God what we deserve, we receive from God what He deserved. What He deserved is an inheritance that includes all of the promises that God has ever made to anyone. What He deserved is absolute acceptance and approval.

In the Book of Ephesians Paul says this: *He made us accepted in the Beloved* (Eph. 1:6). When we read Scriptures like this we have to remind ourselves, "I am in the Beloved; therefore, I have what He has." We forget that every promise God has ever made to anyone anywhere in the Bible is ours (2 Cor. 1:20). It is not ours because we earned it; it is ours because Jesus obtained it for us by living a perfectly righteous life and then used His faith to be raised up from the dead to the glory of God.

Nearly every religious denomination believes in God's promises but what they all disagree on is what it takes to earn or qualify for those promises. This is what's called "works righteousness" or more specifically, "dead works!" Dead works are those acts we do attempting to earn from God what has already been freely given to us through the Lord Jesus and because we are in the Lord Jesus. The New Covenant reality is this: "Based on my works I deserve death and eternal Hell. But I do not stand before God based on my works. I stand before the Father based on the finished works of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is qualified! I am in Him! Because I am in Him I receive what He receives!"

As Paul continues in the Book of Colossians he makes what I think is one of the most disbelieved statements in the entire Bible: *you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power* (Col 2:10). In the Lord Jesus we are as righteous as we can ever be. There's not one thing we can do to add to our righteousness and there's not one thing we can do to take away from our righteousness. *In our spirit, we have been made perfect! And in our spirit we have everything that pertains to life and godliness* (2 Pet. 1:3).

This must be our starting place when seeking to experience physical healing or any other promise of God. We must begin by finding ourselves qualified. In 1 Cor. 11:28, when teaching about communion the Apostle Paul says we must *examine ourselves* before we participate in communion. Unfortunately, religion has turned this into a negative, fault-finding, self-condemning experience. The word "examine" means "examine to find yourself qualified." That's what it means to discern the blood and the body of Christ. We look at what we have through His finished work

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light (Col. 1:12).

on the cross. We find ourselves righteous in Him because of the cross!

The person who doesn't find themselves qualified because of the Lord Jesus will always default to religion and self-judgment. Self-judgment always leads to condemnation because of focusing on our faults, or it leads to self-righteousness by deceiving ourselves about our faults. After all, the Bible does say that *if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves*.

Condemnation is a powerful weapon. It isn't a weapon that the devil uses against us; it's a weapon we use against ourselves. The word "condemnation" comes from a root word that can ultimately be expressed three different ways. It can be used to speak of judging, it can be a judgment that finds you innocent, or it can be a judgment that finds you guilty. There is another derivative of the word "condemnation" that always means "to be found guilty." But "condemnation" can also mean "to have an expectation of punishment." It is this condemnation that we experience when we give ourselves to false feelings and behaviors that are not in harmony with our new righteous nature.

The Apostle John warned that failure to walk in love will cause our hearts to condemn ourselves. He said that once that happens we lose our confidence before God and we are unable to receive from God. This is where most believers live. *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God* (1 John 3:18-22).

We all fall short in the department of walking in love. We all do things that are regrettable. But John tells us this is where we have to realize God is greater than our heart. When my heart condemns me I have to realize God is not condemning me. That's what Paul meant when he said, "If God is for us who can be against us?" And then he asked the question, "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? Isn't it God who justifies?" Obviously the answer is no, the God who justifies us will not then turn and bring a charge against us! Then he asks, "Is it Christ who condemns us?" Followed by the reminder, Christ died for us and redeemed us. So, obviously it is not Him who is condemning us. Then he makes this powerful statement, *Nothing can separate us from the love of God* (Rom. 8:31-36). In other words, those feelings of condemnation are delusional, vain imaginations based on religious thinking that must be cast down and brought in line with the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

In Hebrews 10:26-28 we have one of the strongest warnings about condemnation and willful sin. Willful sin has a much more derogatory effect on us than those sins that occur because of ignorance, shortsightedness, or other weaknesses. The writer of Hebrew says, *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a* Con't on pg 14

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Jim Richards



MAY TESTIMONIES



Thank you so much for the video you posted on *Sharing the Resurrection!* Now I get it. I died with Him, was buried, overcame it all and now am seated with him on the right hand of God! I have everything He has! Wow. Could it be that's the first time I've taken communion 'worthily'?! Whew. Amazing.

It was 32 years ago that on Easter weekend I rededicated myself to living for God. I made a decision as a teenager but when I got to University and saw the diversity among the beliefs of Christians I became an agnostic. Slowly I allowed the Lord to bring me through my very own experiences of Him that I could not deny and I was able to return to full-fledged commitment to Him and His way. Easter weekend is very significant to me for these reasons and now this full experience of communion is added to that. I am grateful to you for being His instrument in this for me. I ask for great blessings on your continued ministry. I wouldn't be here without you. ~CP~

Essential Heart Physics® is awesome! I haven't had a panic attack since the first week of *Heart Physics*.®

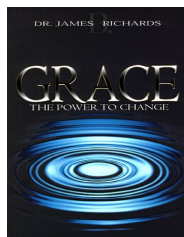
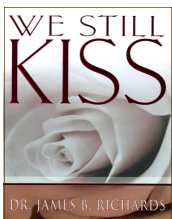
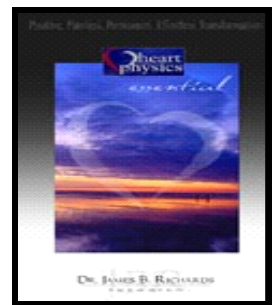
I am doing it over again and plan to do the *Advanced* module as well. I feel so much better. I don't need valium anymore and the doctor has dropped my anti-depressant intake as well.

It's so exciting! My dad even rang me for the first time in a long time. There are so many positive things happening. I'm motivated for the better, everything is changing and I can hardly believe it.

I get to do my exercises at least three times a day, sometimes more. The greatest thing is I don't feel so afraid and I'm not tormented by fear. I feel like "above" things.

There are so many great things happening and I know greater things are going to happen as my beliefs change so I have committed myself to do this for my entire life.

I used to spend so much time chasing the Holy Spirit. I believed the lie that there was "more." I believed in the "more!" Now everyone is trying to get more, but not me. I got all of the presence in and with me. I have all the anointing, power, love, presence, Spirit, Jesus, and the Father and there is no aspect of Him that I don't have! This has been a major change in my life! Amazing! ~CA~



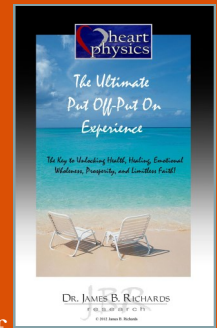
So many amazing things have happened in our lives due to this ministry! I was healed of Multiple Sclerosis in January 2007 - a direct result of *Heart Physics*®. Our journey has been a "doozie," but we have felt the favor and goodness of God all along the way.

Our transformation began we read *Grace: The Power to Change*. My husband came along a lot faster than I did, but we knew we were in the right place at the right time when we were on the *We Still Kiss* cruise. From that point in our lives until now we could sense being on a beautiful path to health and healing for our whole family in spirit, soul, and body! Yay, God! Yay, us! ~DB~

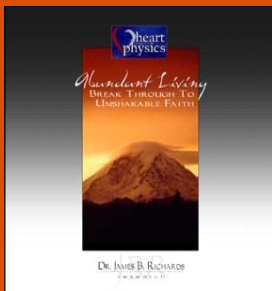
Hi Pat,

I wanted to share a testimony with you. I purchased and studied *The Ultimate Put Off - Put On Experience Heart Physics*[®] module last year. Since that time I have consistently studied and applied the process of rooting out and sending away trapped emotions using the chart that was included.

I had some routine lab work last week and met with my doctor this week to discuss the results. My cholesterol levels were lower than they have ever been. My doctor was astonished and asked if I had made any lifestyle changes. I said, "No, I haven't been eating that well and I haven't been exercising very much." He looked a little puzzled and I said that I believed it was the result of eliminating some emotional issues. He said that those things could definitely be related.



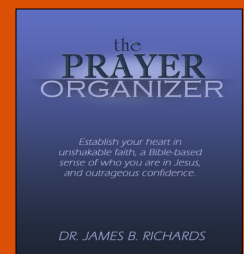
I was very encouraged by these results. There are probably many other benefits from using this program that I haven't become aware of at this time. I thought you might enjoy hearing about this victory. ~SF~



The *Abundant Living Heart Physics*[®] module is, in my mind, the most powerful and life-changing thing I have ever experienced. For many months – maybe a year – My husband and I have listened to this as we go to sleep at night, if we wake up in the middle of the night, and even sometimes when I am just working in my craft room. Every day, and in every way, I am getting stronger and more creative and better and healthier and more peaceful, more loving, just MORE!! Each time I tune in to a different aspect I realize how true the words have become and how little effort it has taken on my part (no force necessary) to acquire this abundant lifestyle.

I suppose the most incredible result is the renewed youth I have experienced. I am sure that losing 100 lbs. makes a big difference in one's appearance, but there are many people who have lost a lot of weight and they don't look younger, they look older. I have had dozens of friends first not recognize me then comment on how young I look. Not only has my appearance changed, but my outlook as well. The energy, stamina, and mental alertness are all remarkable, and at an age when many of my friends are declining in health I am experiencing the best health I have ever known. ~TM~

I have been a Spirit-filled Christian for 23 yrs. I am an Auxiliary Chaplain at a women's prison here in Missouri. I first heard of Dr. Richards on Sid Roth's show, *It's Supernatural*. Anyway, I began purchasing his materials. I purchased *The Prayer Organizer* and *The Anatomy of a Miracle*.

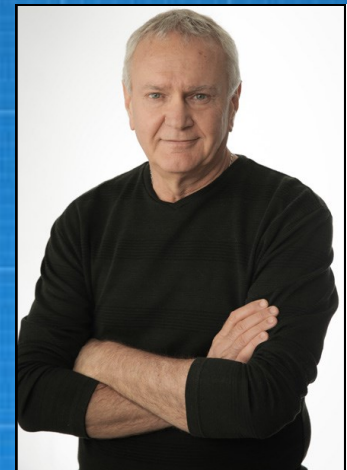


While meditating on Scriptures of righteousness in *The Prayer Organizer*, I began to realize that because I am righteous I have ALL things that Jesus has. I then began reading *The Anatomy of a Miracle* and applying what Dr. Richards taught me. As a result, I have 20/20 vision again. I am about 70% there. I'm now able to read Dr. Richards' books without the aid of glasses and my vision is clearer and clearer every hour. I was so excited I could not wait until the entire manifestation arrived to share it!

I realize that this is just the beginning; I have so much more to meditate on and receive.

Thank you Dr. Richards; you are amazing! ~RR~





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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!



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certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Based on teachings of the Apostle John and the writer of Hebrews we know that sin of any kind has the capacity to condemn us. That is why it is essential that we keep our conscience clear. The two ways we keep our conscience clear are by continually walking in the truth, i.e., walking in love toward one another, and when we fail we immediately experience the forgiveness that has been freely given through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The irony that most people can never sort out is this: even though we don't deserve it we are in Jesus and we are still qualified for what He has obtained through His faith.

I'm by no means endorsing or encouraging a compromised life. Paul warned believers in Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin are still death even if you're a believer. Personally, I believe this is talking about the death that occurs in your soul, and ultimately in your heart - the death that makes you feel separated from God and causes you to expect judgment and wrath. Even though that is only an illusion it will still destroy your health. And when it becomes a belief of the heart your heart will cause it to come to pass in your life. Then, just as Proverbs says, the foolishness of a man perverts his way and in his heart he blames God. So when trouble and wrath come condemnation convinces you that God's judgment on you.



This righteousness that we have in Jesus is by faith from first to last. Jesus obtained it by faith and we walk in it by faith. We must continually remind ourselves how we are in Him. He is our all in all! He is our righteousness! Because we are in Him we are qualified for all the promises of God! Because we are in Him we have been translated from the kingdom of darkness and we have received the inheritance of the kingdom of light! Always allow yourself to experience and accept the forgiveness of God for any of your failings. Never think that any of those failings have disqualified you. For you to become disqualified for healing Jesus would have to be disqualified for healing!

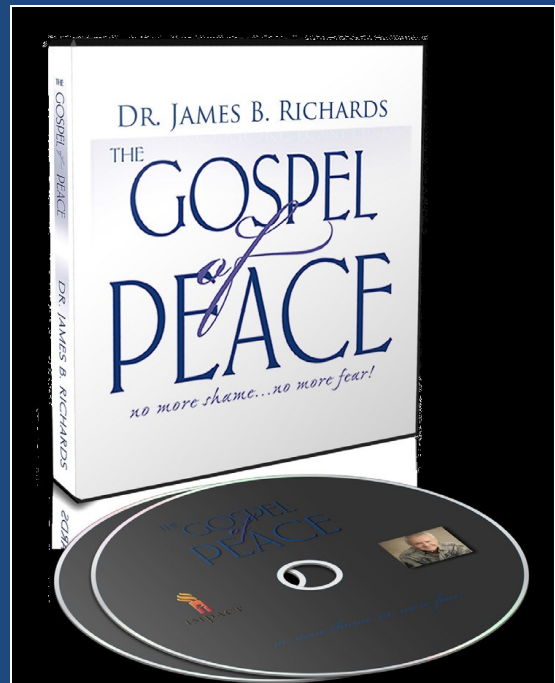
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Physical Health in a Physical World

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isn't talking about us going out and suffering; it's about us sharing in His suffering in the cross by faith. If we can't share in our death with Him on the cross, we can't share in the inheritance obtained through the resurrection. This is the heart of the "in Him" realities of this resurrected life. That's why 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, *No matter how many promises God has made they are all yes and amen IN HIM!*

If Jesus fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law, delivered us from the curses of the law, and obtained all the promises of the law, all that's left of the law is how we treat one another and ourselves. Jesus told us the most important of all that God commanded was to love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves. Obviously, He isn't talking about a selfish, self-centered love. He's talking about loving ourselves based on God's Word and treating ourselves and others according to God's Word. This is why believing on Jesus as Lord and walking in love will fulfill all of God's commandments because *Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law* (Rom. 13:10).

Paul says it like this: *the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit* (Rom. 8:4-6). Lawbreakers are people who are not walking in love. We are delivered from the curses if we violate the law but there is still a law called "sowing and reaping." When we use harsh language we stir up wrath and anger in others. When we lie people do not trust us. If we steal we go to jail. God's social laws provide the basis of a peaceful, just, and free society. When we violate them we have chaos and anarchy!

In the area of health we violate God's commands toward us and we reap the results in our body. The Word of God teaches us how to manage our emotions, live in peace, and manage our physical body! Somehow we have created a mystical concept of faith and healing that says if I do anything to manage my health I am in unbelief. So our only concept of faith and healing is to live foolishly, ignore God's Word, and then stand at an altar begging God to heal us. And if that doesn't happen we blame and distrust God!

We are spiritual beings, not spirit beings. We have a physical body that was designed to live in a physical world and we received a handbook on how to avoid illness and enjoy optimal health. For those times that things happen beyond our control we have the laws of faith and healing.

The Word of God tells us to rest one day a week. Everything in our society attempts to defy that. My major illnesses have most often been the result of pushing myself too hard for too long. Our bodies are designed to heal themselves but we have to provide the right environment for that to happen. There are many things we need to stay healthy and one of them is rest. Having a Sabbath day is not a day that you observe for some spiritual reason but to rest because you trust (have faith) in God's Word and apply it preventively instead of waiting until there is a crisis.

Likewise, God's Word gives us dietary wisdom. The unclean foods of the Bible are foods that carry disease. Many people have rationalized eating unclean foods primarily from the logic that we now cook with higher heat and therefore it is

not as dangerous. But the negative effects of unclean foods are much more extensive than parasites and cholesterol. We now know the body functions primarily on electromagnetic energy. Therefore, continuity is essential to cellular communication, a healthy nervous system, and the coordination and function of all of our organs. We now know that pork, which is unclean, causes a problem with conductivity; therefore, it disrupts cellular communication. While I have not yet seen studies, I'm sure the same is true of other unclean foods. The Bible provides a list of things not to eat and then it gives general guidelines for water creatures and land animals. If it is in water it must have both scales and fins to be clean. If it is a land animal it must part the hoof and chew the cud to be considered clean. Again, don't make this an issue of righteousness or spirituality. This is about trusting God!

Since our bodies were made to live in this physical world it only stands to reason that we must keep them in harmony with the world and we must primarily use those healthcare and dietary guidelines that are also in harmony with this physical world and the way God created it! We need clean, chemical-free water and organic fruits and vegetables daily. God even warned about hybrid foods.

One of the most interesting things I have discovered in recent years is a new value for coming in contact with Planet Earth. Most people are suffering from pain somewhere in their body. Where pain is located there is an almost absolute certainty inflammation is present. Inflammation is the result of positive electrons in the body. When we come in contact with the earth we actually ground ourselves when negative ions from the earth go into our body, attract the positive electrons and take them out of our body. By eliminating inflammation many life-threatening diseases can be eliminated. Walk or exercise barefoot outside for about thirty minutes a day and in a few months you'll be surprised at your decrease in pain!

The children of Israel walked daily so they got plenty of exercise. They wore sandals with natural soles so they were always in contact with the earth. Plus, when they slept they were grounded. They also experienced the earth's electromagnetic pulse. They ate clean foods, drank clean water, and observed God's wisdom for sanitation. When they entered the Promise Land there was not one sick among them.

Man was not made for the law; the law was made for man. Because we try to turn everything in the Bible into some mystical, religious concept we lose the incredible wisdom of the One who created us. We have even made praying over our meal something that is not even what God said to do. We attempt to get God to bless something that can't be blessed. He told us to receive our food with thanksgiving and gladness of heart. Why? This creates the optimal environment for metabolism, digestion, and health! If you turn this into legalism you miss the point and add to your struggle. But if you turn this into faith, trusting God's loving wisdom you may find yourself enjoying more health, vitality, and energy.

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