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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!* *Let's Discuss - The Focal Point of Spiritual Power!

Galatians 6:14 ...But far be it from me to glory [in anything or anyone] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) through Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world! (Amp) Amen!

I want to share with you some very powerful words from our departed, but dearly beloved brother, Oswald Chambers. Listen to what he has to say about a very important topic... The Focal Point of Spiritual Power! (Emphasis is mine).

"If you want to know the POWER of God (that is, the resurrection life of Jesus) in your human flesh, you MUST DWELL on the TRAGEDY of God. Break away from your personal concern over your own spiritual condition, and with a completely open spirit consider the TRAGEDY of God. Instantly the POWER of God will be IN you. "Look to Me..." (Isaiah 45:22).

Pay attention to the external Source and the INTERNAL POWER will be there. We LOSE POWER because we DON'T FOCUS on the RIGHT thing.

The EFFECT of the Cross is - salvation, sanctification, healing, etc., but we ARE NOT to preach any of these. We ARE to preach "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). The PROCLAIMING of Jesus will do its OWN work!

CONCENTRATE on God's FOCAL POINT in your preaching, and EVEN IF your listeners seem to pay it NO attention, they will NEVER be the same again. If I share MY OWN words, they are of NO MORE importance, than your words are to me.

But IF WE SHARE the TRUTH of GOD with ONE ANOTHER, we WILL encounter it again and again.

We have to FOCUS on the GREAT POINT of SPIRITUAL POWER — the CROSS. If we STAY in CONTACT WITH that CENTRE of POWER, its energy is RELEASED in our lives. In HOLINESS movements and SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE meetings, the FOCUS tends to be put - NOT on





the Cross of Christ, BUT on the EFFECTS of the Cross.
(Remember what the EFFECTS are – salvation; sanctification;
healing etc....)

The FEEBLENESS of the CHURCH is being criticized today,
and the criticism is JUSTIFIED. One reason for the
feebleness is - that there has NOT been this FOCUS on the TRUE
CENTRE of SPIRITUAL POWER. We have NOT dwelt enough
on the TRAGEDY of Calvary, or on the MEANING of
REDEMPTION."

Further Wisdom - From Oswald Chambers...

"The VITAL RELATIONSHIP which the Christian has to the Bible - is NOT that he worships
the LETTER, but that the Holy Spirit makes the words of the Bible - SPIRIT and LIFE
to him."

And so – with much gratitude to our Lord for sharing of Himself with me, as I have spent time
in His awesome Presence; **and in lieu of another year ended**, and an uncertain road ahead,
for so many - still with FEEBLENESS defining them, and FEAR and UNBELIEF, and
DISOBEDIENCE, focussing them - on all of the WRONG things; I believe the Lord would
want for you to TAKE INVENTORY - of just what it is you believe - the TRAGEDY of the
CROSS and the MEANING of REDEMPTION, really means; to you personally!

Is your FOCUS on THE CROSS? And the two things The CROSS represents; the
TRAGEDY of Calvary, and the Meaning of REDEMPTION – Thanks to the man,
Jesus, who took the blame, and the shame, for you and for me?

This year has ended. Christmas 2015 has come! But what if this was the last Christmas
for the Church on this planet, as we now know it? **What if the Lord prepares to COME and**
GATHER His Bride unto Himself, before another Christmas comes around?

How would that alter your thinking? How would that change the way you live; speak; love?
How would that alter your family relationships, and your preparation to **NOT be LEFT**
BEHIND when He calls? Does that even matter to you? And, **IF NOT – WHY NOT?** The
scripture is very clear when it says...

Php 2:10 That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth,

Php 2:11 And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Take note that **TWICE** in this verse the Lord refers to ALL of US as - (every)...!

So - **LIKE** it or **NOT** – you will **BOW**, and you will **CONFESS**, that **Jesus Christ is**
Lord, and that God has ordained all of this to take place, for His glory, and for His
honour and praise. **EVERY** knee shall bow – and **EVERY** tongue
shall confess! Yep – that means you, and me! Amen!

He is coming on the clouds of glory, for His Bride. A "remnant"
Church; without blot or wrinkle; spot or stain. He will **BEHOLD** her,
and she will be **GLORIOUSLY RADIANT!** She will make His heart
skip a beat. She will **REFLECT** His likeness – and be **INSTANTLY**





recognizable. And - LIKE it or NOT – you will be LEFT BEHIND, to face the horrors of the Tribulation period, that He has so graciously warned us about, and told us to prepare to AVOID - at ALL COST – IF - you have NOT OBEYED His commands!!!

As a professing child of the living God – **you have NO RIGHT going through the Tribulation period.** If your FOCUS has not been - FOCUSED on the GREAT POINT of SPIRITUAL POWER — the CROSS... then you may find yourself LEFT BEHIND; LOCKED out of the Marriage Supper; just as the five foolish virgins were, in that parable He told you. Why do you even think He made mention of that parable?

Five were WISE – PREPARED – with OIL in their lamps! They had LIGHT (vision), and WISDOM, (understanding) learned from what INTIMATE OBEDIENCE had taught them. They had learned ALL they needed to know, to be found READY when He called them to the banquet table. They were ushered IN and He locked the door! NOT so - the five foolish virgins! Their lamps were empty, which made them totally unprepared and LATE for His banquet.

OIL represents the Holy Spirit in Scripture, so is it any wonder, these five foolish virgins were found seriously wanting, when it came time for the rubber to hit the road. They had NO OIL!!! NO Holy Spirit!!! SO they had NO INTIMATE Holy Spirit relationship; which equals DISOBEDIENCE; which equals LEFT BEHIND! Yep! They were LOCKED OUT. And one of the funniest things I found about this story, is the fact that the five foolish and unprepared virgins, then wanted for the WISE virgins to share their OIL - with them. How convenient! Just live the life of "Reilly" so to speak, and then expect that someone else will help you into glory, grabbed by your coat tails, just in the nick of time. A-ah!

That's NOT how God's Gathering of His Church – His Bride - will work! That parable ends by Jesus saying – **"I do NOT KNOW you (I am NOT acquainted with you)."** Go read it in Matthew 25:1–13 for yourself. Sad but TRUE, that is exactly how it will be when the Lord comes to call us home to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! Are you READY???. Or will you be numbered amongst the FOOLISH virgins; the LEFT BEHIND ones?

It is Christmas 2015! I have shared with you many times over this past year or so, some of the warnings of our Lord; and there is none more poignant than this one...

Luke 21:28 ...Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.

The world is a CRAZY place just now. Again – Jesus warned us of ALL the things to look for – called the state of LAWLESSNESS – as in the days of Noah! And - the calamity that would occur; earthquakes, war, lawless behaviour, and the catastrophic evidential result! Are we NOT seeing all of these things unfold on our nightly news channels? And so I ask the question again? Are you READY? These are the THINGS He mentions in Luke 21:28, and tells you to look for.

That brings us full circle – right back to the great CENTRAL POINT of SPIRITUAL POWER – The CROSS! That is your most VITAL, and pivotal POINT around which your INTIMATE Relationship with the Holy Spirit (your OIL of preparation), revolves. Learn what these





two things mean... the TRAGEDY of Calvary, and the MEANING of REDEMPTION.

The TRAGEDY of Calvary - represents these three things for ALL of us! Unbelievable

TORMENT!

Unspeakable TRAGEDY!

Yet – Unequalled TRIUMPH! BUT – to share in that TRIUMPH – requires of you, a REPENTANT spirit, which is YIELDED in INTIMATE OBEDIENCE to Holy Spirit instructions... DAILY; hour by hour.

While the Meaning of REDEMPTION – is DELIVERANCE; PURCHASED; RANSOMED; put in RIGHT standing with God; BOUGHT with a PRICE... etc. REDEMPTION provides several benefits for the believer: - eternal life; forgiveness of sin; a right relationship with God; peace with God; the Holy Spirit to live within; and adoption into God's family. Titus 2:13-14 says - Jesus "gave himself for us to REDEEM us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession."

*When we are REDEEMED, we become different people. When God redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt, He made them a NEW nation and gave them a NEW land. Likewise, the Christian has a NEW IDENTITY in Christ. NO longer is the Christian a captive to sin and death. Instead, he has become a CITIZEN of God's KINGDOM. Christians NOW live in ANTICIPATION of our eternal home with our heavenly Father. **God wants us to see Him - as the One who REDEEMS. Jesus PAID a HIGH PRICE for our REDEMPTION; the ULTIMATE sacrifice of His OWN LIFE to FREE US from sin.***

So – how is this CHRISTMAS looking for you? BRIGHT – with the anticipation of your Lord and Saviour represented all around you in this Festive Seasons decorations and celebrations, of PEACE and GOODWILL? OR will it be a source of conflict, and turmoil, and uncertainty; should He call at any moment??? How is your OBEDIENCE monitor? Does He KNOW you? Or will you be numbered amongst those who were foolish – and LOCKED OUT of the Kingdom? Back at the beginning of this letter Oswald Chambers asked you to... Break away from your personal concern over your own spiritual condition, and with a completely open spirit consider the TRAGEDY of God... and - Instantly the POWER of God will be IN you. "Look to Me..."

Have you done that? OR is YOUR OWN agenda still rating HIGH on your personal HEART (Obedience) monitor? God is NOT mocked, and NEVER will be mocked. Are you focussing more on the EFFECTS of your LIFE and MINISTRY than on your personal instructions to "COME to Me" in INTIMATE OBEDIENCE – and leave with - The KEYS to the KINGDOM - in your hands? That would be the BEST Christmas GIFT of all!

The KEYS to the KINGDOM! A reward of Intimate Obedience and a life of Holiness!

Merry Christmas and an Awesomely Obedient and Blessed New Year!

Till next year,

From my house to yours,

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

