

## July — September 1986 Word

**“The NATURAL MAN receiveth not the things of the SPIRIT OF GOD: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)**

The Bible tells us to study the word (not just read it) to show ourselves approved of God. (2 Timothy 2:15) So let us delve into the scriptures and see what God is telling us. Two key phrases in the above scripture — the natural man, and the Spirit of God. What or who is our natural man???

It is our inheritance from Adam. Every person on earth — you, me, the Pope, your pastor, Khaddafi, Hitler, the Indians, the Chinese — we are all born a natural man. Now the scripture says this natural man cannot know the things of the Spirit of God. If this is true, we are in big trouble, unless God has a way of reconciling us back to Him. It doesn't say this man cannot receive the Spirit of Christ. In Romans 8, Paul differentiates between the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ. So our first step back to God is to receive the Spirit of Christ.

Christ always comes into our life with a sword — not to bring peace nor to make the natural man better; His mission is to crucify the natural man with its lusts and natural affections. Most of the people who call themselves Christians have not received the Spirit of Christ, to say nothing of the Spirit of God. They have merely had the “baptism of John”, and a good share of Christendom has not even received the “baptism of John”. Their Christianity is no different than any Eastern religion, for it is void of the life of Christ.

When the scripture says that to come to know the power of the resurrection, to know Jesus as the Father, the natural man must be planted in death. 1 Corinthians 15:44 says that we, as natural man, are corrupted; we are weak, we are dishonorable, and we must die (spiritually). Physical death does not, I say, does not, reconcile us

back to God. The natural family and all its extremities — all we have known as “our life” — is being plowed under by the mighty hand of God so that we may come into that rest — peace with God, relinquishing the natural family to become a part of the family of God.

Oh, how we cling to old traditions, our old ways, not having the faith to know our Father has something better for us. It is time for God's people to awake from their sleep — to come out of the grave of the natural man — time to rise and shine, for the light of the Father has come.

This end of the world of the natural man and resurrection of the new creation is known in Christian circles as the Second Coming of Christ. In Judaism, it is the coming of the Messiah. Don't expect the Second Coming to come the way you think. I pray we all have the ability to humble ourselves and flow with the new tidal wave of change.

**EXPECT** sorrow, disruption and pain. Growth and change are painful — many times to the point of despair. Remember always that God, who loves us, is working for our good to bring forth that eternity He has hidden in our hearts.

**EXPECT** our Father to visit this country and put away our childish things.

**EXPECT** Him to open prison doors — prisons built by our own doing because of our being the offspring of Adam.

**EXPECT** the false shepherds, the false apostles, false priests and prophets and teachers to be put to shame.

**EXPECT** correct justice and truth to return to our courts.

EXPECT God's children to come together in peace — not bound by doctrines, but united by His Spirit in love.

EXPECT the false church to fall and the pride of our religion to be put to shame.

EXPECT our government to fall and HIS government to take over our land.

EXPECT this country to be a light in this world and lead the nations "not by power or by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord".

EXPECT to be part of this great movement instrumental in bringing God's kingdom on earth.

EXPECT AND PRAY — Listen to His voice and obey, even if it means losing family, friends, job and home. This is the type of people God needs as harvesters or leaders; the Gideons of America.

Oh, Father, thank you for a courageous America — brave in spiritual battle, weak in power and might — a country dependent on You, the mighty and wonderful Creator. Create in us a new heart and clean hands so that we may be counted worthy to be numbered among those faithful even unto death.



Marie Kolasinski

## CITY SET ON A HILL

*Out of the drone of guns and war,  
I see arising a gem so rare.*

*The glimmer of beauty and heavenly grace  
Will cause the world to fall on its face.*

*Oh Body of Redeemed, how lovely you are —  
Breathtaking beauty as bright as a star —*

*No trace of age, no spot or wrinkle,  
You've done it, dear Savior — all in a twinkle —*

*A twinkle that seemed to take eons of time  
But now that we are all Your nursery rhyme —*

*It was only yesteryear You beckoned — said, "Come,"  
And, today, a people — a new race You've won.*

*These people — like a city set on a hill —  
All innocent — comely — have become Your will*

*And a new testa ment here on the earth,  
To bless those who will humble themselves and get birthed.*

*Oh World — how He loves you to send for your sakes  
A people — cleansed — redeemed — for all to embrace.*

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*— 1986 —*

## July — September 1986 Letter

*Dear Friends,*

*Is it just because I'm getting old, or is time speeded up to such a degree that it seems it soon will give way to eternity? Summer — cookouts, beaches, vacations — they're all here again after a much too short winter season. And by the time a new schedule comes out, fall will be here. So let's cover what is going on now and later this summer at Piecemakers.*

*On the Fourth of July, we'll have our annual barbeque with music, cloggers and just simple fun for all. What a good time we all had last year! Don't miss this event!!*

*Piecemakers' books and patterns are well "on their way". To date, we have four books and seventeen patterns being distributed throughout the United States and some going to New Zealand and Australia.*

*Ladies, have you had trouble with sewing needles? By the end of July, we will carry our own top quality needles under the Piecemakers name. Watch for them to be carried here at the store and then across the country.*

*We also have top quality ribbon coming in an array of colors which will sell for 20¢ a yard. And wreaths — evergreen and grape stake — will be the cheapest in town at good quality. As we start wholesaling, we hope to pass our lower prices on to you.*

*Recently we had a tour go through the store. What a bustle of excitement! What fun to meet our friends! And they all enjoyed it so much. Are any of you interested in bringing some friends or clubs through our store? We have vans to pick you up and can provide a picnic lunch outside under our trees. We could have demonstrations also. Think about it for those summer guests coming to visit from the East. The tour will be something different and the fee will be nominal...*

*...And don't forget, we have rooms for rent for club meetings. Thirty-five dollars for two hours includes coffee or tea and a demonstration of some kind.*

*Oh, yes, Piecemakers tries to keep abreast with the latest in fine fabrics. The world seems to be getting smaller and smaller as God's people (through much shaking) are coming together. Our latest shipment of fabric is from Japan. How technology has improved in that country! Come see the prints. They are beautiful for quilts, rugs and clothing.*

*Seems I've chatted long enough. Before I close, one more thought — Labor Day we will be open and we hope to have homemade ice cream if we can get enough freezers. If you have a freezer we could borrow, let us know.*

*Until next time, again we pray God's precious Spirit cleanse us and heal us of all our set ways. "Sorrow endureth for the night but joy cometh in the morning", and I see the rays of morning on the horizon as the Son is coming with healing in His wings.*

*Goodbye dear friends,*

*Marie*

***"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8***