

Words of Life

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“AND THE LORD SHALL CAUSE HIS GLORIOUS VOICE TO BE HEARD.” Isaiah 30:30

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:28)

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is here when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.” (John 5:25)

In the late 60's, God began shaking the tomb of Christendom with His glorious voice. Many people were stirred from their sleep — some were His sheep and followed him back to the Father, but most went back to sleep. Today as the decade of the 90's gets underway, we find His voice going across the human race stirring our hearts even as His Spirit moved upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2). Then the Spirit was creating a new world, and even now the Spirit is once again creating a new world. Christendom is sound asleep. Now when one is asleep or dead, he doesn't know it. It's only as he begins to awaken does he know he has been asleep. Are you aware of the fact that we are all dead in trespasses and in sins? (Ephesians 2:1)

Reconciliation to God is Heaven. Jesus comes into our life to lead us to heaven (back to our Father). How do we get reconciled back to God? Jesus said, “No man cometh to the Father, but by me” (John 14:6)... Not by physically dying! — not by going to church or being good, but by using Christ as our sacrifice as we die out to our old life. All man's problems originate from our spiritual man, which is cursed and must die. What a heyday the enemy of our salvation has had with the belief that if we physically die, we go to Heaven. That would make death a very dear friend, but the Bible calls death an enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26) — the last enemy we overcome before we enter the Kingdom of God (Romans 6:9).

A new heaven and a new earth await those who hear His voice and follow Him... a new world wherein righteousness dwells, where sorrow and suffering have

fled away. Only a new creation can dwell in this new world called the Kingdom of Heaven. And that a new creation is formed as we cling to Christ and follow and obey His voice.

The OLD WORLD is called Christendom, and Jesus had much to say about this world. He is not of this world (John 8:23). This world will hate His people (John 15:18-19). We must overcome this world (1 John 5:4-5). The devil is the prince of this world (John 14:30)... very disruptive scriptures if you can really hear what they say. Are you a part of this world? In this world (or grave of Christendom) dwells corruption, AIDS, religion, lust, greed, suffering, communism and democracy and envy, and the devil is the ruler of them all. And all of the people abiding in Christendom are dead in trespasses and sins and are living in this world. Remember when Christ said, “Let the dead bury the dead?” He was talking about one laid out on a slab and one walking around like you or me, but He put both in the same “box.”

Repentance is the door out of this old world. Any person who has truly met Christ will never really recover from the sorrow for their sinful nature. Most “converted” people do not have a true repentance because they hear the gospel from pastors who have not repented themselves. Therefore, their “new birth” originates from the will of the flesh instead of originating from God (John 1:12-13).

I ask you, are you hearing His voice? Are you one of His sheep who will follow Him? Are you willing to give up your possessions, home, family, friends, yea, even your life, and make that trek into a new world by a complete change of heart, mind, soul and spirit? Or will you be one of those “unwise virgins” (Matthew 25:1-13) who chooses this dying world with all its greed and lust and pain?

Moses chose to suffer with those who heard His voice rather than inherit the fleeting pleasures of the sins of the old world (Hebrews 11:24-26). Paul heard His voice and it shook him right out of the tomb of Judaism (Acts 9:4-6). Christ's sheep recognize the voice of a false teacher or prophet (stranger) and him they will not follow. Wake up, America!! Awaken from your sleep. Make sure the voice you are following is His voice and not one of the multitude of false Christs, teachers and prophets.

“See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth — much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, ‘Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven’” (Hebrews 12:25-26).

Is your life being shaken so you know not where to turn? I pray you turn to Him, for He is only shaking you to bring you out of an evil generation back to Him who is our peace.

I pray that as He continues to speed up the shaking of America and begins to remove all of our idols and props, that we draw close to Him and acknowledge Him in everything. Let us lean not on our understanding (Proverbs 3:5), for His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). God's love is toward those who are being severely chastised and are allowing the Holy Spirit to mold and change us into the image of His Son (Hebrews 12:5-8).

May the God of Peace dwell richly in our hearts even as we go through this great tribulation as we enter His glorious Kingdom.



Marie Kolasinski

July — September 1990 Letter

My Dear Friends,

We never cease to be amazed at the ever unending new things men and women are creating. It reminds me of years ago when things were more precious and scarce, and therefore more dear to our hearts and we cherished them and handed them down from one generation to another. Just when I think I've seen everything, someone will come in with a beautiful new wonder. And so the exciting world of quilts and crafts goes on and the family seems to be drawn closer together by the apostles (those teachers who go from store to store) teaching and creating good will.

Kathy and Joanna left last week to visit our dear friends, Jill and Dave Wyman, at the Icehouse in Michigan. They will have classes, a trunk show, and just a good time with all the little clan in Grayling, Michigan. And what's wonderful, they are staying with Jill and Dave. We always get excited when people come visit us from all parts of the world. And the most fun is having them live with us. We always feel like it's a blessing sent by God. Surely God is in the business world like never before. Don't look back to all that He has done, for He is doing a new thing where He has entered into the affairs of men.

Doug, Janet and Donna are leaving the first week in July to go to Japan to a quilt show and visit that wonderful family God has given us in the Orient. It reminds me of that scripture in Romans — “If their (Israel's) falling away is for the reconciliation of the world — what will their grafting in be but resurrection from the dead.”

*Things are ever stirring at Piecemakers. The big news is the beginning of **DAILY DEMOS**. Each day something new will be demonstrated. Some will be hands-on and some just demonstrations. We will have hands-on demos for kids and adults, so keep your ear attuned to what's happening and join in the peace and tranquility of the craft world.*

For the past two years we have been promising you our new cookbook. Now this fall it looks like we will finally get it to you... Lord willing.

*Our **FOURTH OF JULY** gathering will be filled with much **activity for children and adults**. We have a fife and drum, stunt show, square dancing, food, a talent show, and much more. Anyone can be in the talent show, from age 0 to 80.*

*Once again — help! School is out, and after the first week the kids are bored and mom is crazy. Let them fill their time and release their creative juices with classes at Piecemakers. Speaking of kids — that precious element of our society — we are hoping to get the elementary schools of Costa Mesa involved in a **quilt contest for kids**. The theme will be “America Through My eyes”. Feels like the olden days when the young and old were involved in making things for the families.*

Well, the letters are beginning to come in from all over the world... women entering our quilt contest. Some are beginner quilters, some experienced. Be a part of what is happening throughout the world — enter your quilt depicting the glorious “Freedom of the Nations”.

I don't know the significance of Noah's Ark being the most in-demand collector's item at the present time. We have the most unique Noah's Ark!!! This time may never come around again, so buy now. Next year you may not be able to get one. In Genesis, God prepared the ark as a sign of the destruction of all evil flesh. Today he is doing it again by the rain of the Spirit.

July 27, 28 and 29 we will have a pre-Christmas sale. Do your Christmas shopping early. Nothing is better than having a Christmas roll around and your gifts all bought and wrapped.

My pen is running out of ink and I if I don't stop, Jim won't be able to read this to type it, so I'll just say good-bye and God bless you all.

'Til next time,

Marie **and the Piecemakers family**