

April — June 1992 Word

“MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD” (John 18:36)

We are living in an awesome time in the history of mankind. One world (age) is passing away — literally being swallowed up by a new age. Try as we may to keep the status quo, it will not work. The Holy Spirit is beseeching God’s people to repent and turn from our old life and seek His face. These are the best of times for those of us who have sought to do our Father’s will; however, for those who are hellbent on doing their own thing — well, they are fighting a losing battle and will reap the whirlwind.

Remember, Jesus Christ is not a revivalist or a reformer. He will not revive the church or reform it. He has come to destroy it. He doesn’t put old wine in new wineskins, nor does He put new patches on old wineskins. **He is a revolutionist.** He has come with a new world with His governments, and is forming a new creation to dwell in this world. This world is known as God’s Kingdom, for He is the King — the ruler. That means that all we’ve known in the old world is a thing of the past. I’m talking about man’s governments. They are going to disintegrate. The way communism has fallen, so shall capitalism fall. The church as we know it is history. The family as we know it is history.

Oh, how we all hate to die. How we hang onto all we hold dear even if it is burdensome. The “Christian world” is clinging to Christianity like Russians cling to communism. All is passing away. God has something new and wonderful for you. He has healing for the brokenhearted and forgiveness for those who mourn.

In this new world there is no religion. Sadness and sorrow have fled away, for Christ is the light of His world. God’s new creation has died out to all he or she was in the old world. We, the people of His Kingdom, are not self-centered but rather God centered, thinking more of others than of self. Money is not the motivation for work, for we do all things as unto the Lord. Community living — having all things in common — is a way of life. Pride of life, the family, pride in genealogy, pride in one’s works and accomplishments are all part

of the old world. For God’s people are cloaked in humility. They have a treasure in earthen vessels, always carrying about the dying of the Lord Jesus that others might live (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Recently a young man came into the store. He was consumed with the desire for a ministry. His heart panted after a ministry rather than panting after Christ. Because nothing else opened up, he was trying to help the homeless. Now blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be satisfied. Jesus said, “The poor will be with us always” (Matthew 26:11). Getting to know Him will ultimately help the homeless either through your life or someone else’s. **We must make our way back to God and get established in His Kingdom before we can help others.**

I would rather clean latrines in His house, having His righteousness, His life flowing through my veins than have the most anointed ministry in the old world. For in Him are all the treasures that satisfy; in Him we are a new creation with jealousy, greed, envy and lust as unknown commodities. In the old church world where man loves to rule, all men who had a touch of the Holy Spirit looked for a ministry and that was their foremost desire. They sought a ministry and He gave them their heart’s desire, and He anointed them and they started another church with man ruling. God’s sons seek Him — seek to be born of their Father — seek a city not built with hands, where God is their all in all.

Now I want to ask you, are you obsessed with seeking the face of God? I pray your very life is being shaken — I mean the very foundation being taken from you! Call out today to the only one who can save you, the same one Jesus called out to, our heavenly Father. **And when He beckons you, leave all the old and follow the Holy Spirit back to your roots in Him.** I promise you, dear sojourners that total dedication to Him, totally relinquishing your will and your life will reap for you treasures of peace, joy and abundance — this abiding place called Heaven.

Marie Kolasinski

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Dearest Friends,

Once again I appreciate this time each three months to send our personal greeting and give you a little of the news from the Piecemakers.

As we shake off the garbs of winter and put on the fresh, new garments of spring, new ideas start springing forth — old crafts are being renewed and Piecemakers is vibrant with activity.

We got a call yesterday from Baumholder, Germany. She said, “I’ve started quilting and can’t stop. When the Piecemakers come to Germany, can they visit our army base?” Then she went on to say that the word gets out through the “Stars and Stripes” and television and radio and the good old human grape vine that the Piecemakers are coming soon and excitement fills the air.

Joanna, Diane, Jean and Doug will spend a little more than a month in Holland and Germany teaching and making friends. We always learn a lot from our visits to other countries. Surely we Americans will be shortchanged if we fail to see that we can learn much from our brothers and sisters in other lands. We have found the most cooperative, efficient people who make our trips to Europe most fruitful.

News on the homefront is always exciting. Our teachers are a wellspring of creativity. We not only have the best from this country but also have teachers from other lands who come and share their expertise.

Do you want your dormant talents tapped? Would you like to come forth with your very own creations? Well, we have over 300 classes to choose from to help stimulate your creative juices. Walk through our front doors into the world of creativity. Also, mark your calendar for April 11 and 12, our Spring Festival.

Here’s news for the women large and small who love individuality in dress! We are getting an extensive line of Woolrich clothing for men and women. Ties are back in for ladies and men. The Woolrich look lends itself to the country, the trendy and the mix-and-match look. Surely you will have fun creating your own “look”. Also coming in soon are the latest Out of Control and Australian Outback lines of clothing. Our hats, most of which are decorated right here at Piecemakers, add that “sealed” final touch to your own individual look. Be sure and sign up early for our Fashion Show on May 16th.

Just another word of thanks to all who uphold us in prayer. For you, literally thousands, who are praying for the tea room to open...we are still in litigation. America is in sad shape and the bureaucrats seem to be the only ones who fail to see it. They are the ones who get their livelihood from us, the taxpayers. Our government workers are so arrogant and ignorant they don’t seem to realize they are biting off the hand that feeds them. We, the people of America, have made our government God. We keep turning to our government for help instead of turning to God. Remember folks, our states are united because of God, not because of our federal government. We could do away with our federal government and take a leach off the people.

I believe we are all waking up to the fact that man’s governments, be they communism or capitalism, all end up wielding their authority over the people who work 12 hours a day just to keep the bureaucracy alive. As the old world passes away like an old worn out wineskin, let us gird our loins, pull up our boot straps and follow our Savior to a new world.

As man’s governments topple and the recession grows into a depression, the words of our Savior are most comforting: “Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I shall give you rest”. “He has a new “life-style” for all of us. Let us find our sustenance and peace in Him. Though welfare fails, though social security passes away, though all religion fails, let us seek Him who will never pass away and place our trust in Him. He is the abundant life, the green pastures and the still water. ‘Til next time, see you at the store. May God bless you and keep you and yours through these transitional times.

Marie