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ACROSS The Great Divide

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Foreword

The title "Across the Great Divide" evokes visions of the great epic western movies and mental images of olden day settlers; the pioneers traveling by wagon train over raw unforgiving land seeking a fresh start and better life. Often times there was the maverick whom traveled alone, traveling light to make himself a smaller target for renegade attacks but with the same dream.

Fast forward two hundred years and notwithstanding the technology, instant everything, whimsical makeovers of various physical attributes by young and old, but the need is still the same. In today's world, plentiful with superficial offerings there is emptiness and one can easily feel alone in a crowd, yet there are those who have adapted to the point of it being acceptable. But (*you knew there was a "but" coming*) there remains a lack of fulfillment that must be dealt with and certainly can be, if the choice is made to do so. This is where the leap of faith comes in to conquer the "great divide", however it must be fueled by desire and this is often the point that callings are missed and missions fail. Why should one give up *temporal* warm and fuzzies completely? I'll pay my tithe and attend the chicken dinner fundraisers and have the best of both worlds. This person may fool others for a time but soon the fence post will become uncomfortable seating and the witness will show, because although you can fool some people some of the time (*as the saying goes*), one cannot fool God any of the time.

This publication is another of those short yet powerfully well written teachings that opens a complete new understanding of your relationship to the "cross". The truth found here will not only set the reader free but separate the men from the boys or in this case B.C. from A.D. Oh by the way, when finally climbing off the fence post you may have to pluck a few pesky splinters out of your derriere, butt it will be worth it in the end.

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We have thousands of years of time divided in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, seasons, and centuries yet only two periods of time, which we refer to as BC and AD. From "*In the Beginning*" to the birth of Christ we say is BC or **B**efore **C**hrist. The time spanning from AD to now is **A**fter **D**eath specifically Christ's death to the present [A.D.= Anno Domini Latin for "In the year of our Lord"].

Each of us has a personal trip in time to come **B**efore **C**hrist or the front side of the cross of decision. Before the cross of Christ is our sin, on the cross sin's self dies and beyond the cross is life in Christ. The first and second part is given more attention by clergy, who continually try to get their congregation saved. Once everyone is saved we can start into the many programs available for Christian social activity. Yet the only thing that saves one is after the death of the old man and the resurrection to new life. If the old man does not die there can be no new birth.

Just getting to the cross is not exactly the deal we struck with God (called covenant) but going beyond the cross living for Him. When we come to the cross of Christ we take off the old man with the old habits and exchange it for eternal life. Once on the other side of the cross many think to drag our old stuff across this great divide, but alas it cannot cross over. People who think they have crossed over into Christ and have kept the old man are still on the BC side of the cross continually dealing with a sinful nature. You can never get to the AD side until you have surrendered yourself, since this is the cost you must pay.

Eph 4:22-24 *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Rom 6:6-7 *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

Rom 6:11-12 *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

Rom 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

I think the churches' mistake is in telling people that salvation is free when it is anything but free. Salvation is simply offered to everyone *freely*, but it will cost you your life to gain salvation. I said gain it not earn it. No one can earn salvation. Salvation is something we put on. We wear it and grow daily. Jesus paid for sin with His earthly life at the cross. Baptism shows a death and resurrection.

Rom 6:3-8 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*

I went to a church whose youth continually went forward to received forgiveness and salvation. I am not talking about different

children but the same ones over and over. Why? These children came to the cross but continued living their lives **BC** (Before Christ).

There is a great divide going from BC to AD and many do not make the trip. Just as pilgrims to a new land so is the journey across the great divide. What makes the journey so difficult is you must leave *yourself* behind.

Luke 9:3

Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

- Staves ῥάβδος rod, sceptre, staff (royalty) [scepter of authority, rod of the ruler, flesh no longer rules]
- Scrip πήρα wallet or purse [of self identity]
- Bread ἄρτος bread [old thought, religion, old body]
- Money ἀργύριον silver currency, [dependence only on God]
- Coats χιτῶν garments [one garment of salvation is all that is needed. We put off the old man.]

Everything having to do with the identity of the old man, cannot go on this journey. We leave the old man at the cross where he dies and we become new as if born all over again. Jesus was the first example of what we must do at the cross. While Christ's body went through torture for us, ours is a decision. We look the same, but we do not think, sound or respond in the same ways. While the outside looks the same the inside is turned and going a different way. On the other side of the cross the spirit takes the reigns and the flesh must comply being only the clothing for the spirit. When we put clothes on we wear the clothes they do not wear us. It is the same on the other side of the cross: we wear flesh it does not wear us...out. Constant is the reminder that our flesh is merely clothing and not the authority.

Rom 8:1-4 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

This Scripture always falls short of its punctuation. You will only hear the first part up to the comma. Also notice that it says that ***we are in Christ?*** Jesus Christ is now come in the flesh. At least that is the way it was intended, however Christendom treats it differently. It is treated like Jesus is now in ***our*** lives and we just cart Him around wherever ***we*** choose to go, but it is we that are now in His life and He is directing where we go and what we do. Have you ever thought about it in the true reality of what most do: We ask Jesus to come into our lives. We give Him the spare room and set down the rules of how we do things. We let Him take part but not get in the way. Jesus just needs to stick around in case we need fixing or aid otherwise we are off and running. Who is following whom? We have taken His yoke upon us. We are yoked to Him. Christ is not yoked to our lifestyles.

You can generally tell someone living BC because of their constant dealing with ongoing sin and needing healing often. Their prayers are always from defensive wounds. Victory is not for those living BC because what little accomplishments are made will be swept away by the next trauma. The only place for lasting victory is AD [after the death of the old man], but few reach the other side. What people do not realize is that the strait and narrow road is the one crossing this great divide.

The people who live at the cross yet never go beyond are a "suffering lot" and never can grasp why they suffer so. Jesus suffered at the cross but did not stay there. He made it to the other side and rose into new life. These sufferers live BC, even though they have confessed Christ. They go in a circle from sin to cross, sin to cross and continue living in much the same way, as before, so they revisit the cross over and over. How many times does Jesus have to die for our sins?

Heb 6:4-6 *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

Walking in the spirit happens beyond the cross...that same spirit that raised Christ from the dead will quicken our mortal bodies!

Rom 8:11-14 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

The Lord showed me a good way of testing the things whether they be of God or not, from God or not:

1 John 4:2-3 *Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

- **Confesseth/ὁμολογέω:** to be covenanted with Christ, professes Christ words, acknowledge Christ's words.

This is not a magic confession with key magic words that cannot be uttered by the spirit of antichrist. In other words this is not the garlic to ward off Dracula. Judge rightly when you face yourself in the mirror. Who stands before you claiming to be a Christian? Is Jesus come in the flesh? Do you recognize the words of Jesus coming from your mouth? Do your deeds agree with Jesus? Jesus is not divided against Himself. The only way you may judge this is to know Jesus' words. Too many people claim a Christianity they know nothing about. They live outside of God's Word and have no clue that they are of a spirit of anti-Christ being **BC** rather than **AD**. There is no such thing as belonging to Christ yet living outside of Him. You are either in Him or not. In BC is primal man, a man time has forgotten. Once we live on the other side of the cross all barriers and limitations that the flesh fettered are now broken.

Gal 3:26-29 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye*

are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Look at the benefits of life IN Christ AD, having PUT ON Christ:

1. We break the cultural barriers of nationality
2. We break the societal barriers of class rank
3. We break the sexually modified barriers that limit
4. We are embraced as ONE in Christ
5. We are Abraham's seed and heirs to all that is promised

Notice that the opposite will be true in those living BC:

1. Culture barriers and prejudice
2. Exclusiveness
3. Man vs. woman
4. Disjointed body, rejection, dysfunctional
5. Factions of God's chosen in dispute: Islam, Judaism, Christianity

In Christ all differences come into unity and oneness. There were twelve very different disciples yet when they walked with Christ there was unity. This will need a closer look in the next chapter.

ABUNDANTLY ONE

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Here is a great divide whether in the individuals, homes, or the church. People are constructed differently to be different yet part of the same human race and experience. All cultures and sexes take their sins to the cross of Christ and all are to put off the old man and walk in the spirit. A spirit is weightless, colorless and without sex but **one** in Christ.

- **One** εἷς abundantly one

Abundantly one sounds like an oxy moron. My friend Bev gave us a good illustration of this definition during prayer: Picture the old milkman delivering dairy products. I remember the milkman when I was a kid. You would see him holding a carrier that could hold milk, cottage cheese, orange juice, or chocolate milk all in one carrier. That is abundantly one. One carrier with many varied products. This is how we are in Christ. We are varied in our gifts and backgrounds yet in the same carrier of the Holy Spirit...abundantly one! The milkman did not deliver girl milk or boy milk; it was just milk. Whether you were born a male or female, rich or poor, chosen or grafted in we are all to be in Christ and "abundantly one". Where the church has division is in sawing "abundantly one" into segments or divisions.

For example let us look at the sexes. God with man's rib made woman and God with woman made redemption...abundantly ONE. The Son of God came from the spiritual sperm of God united in the flesh egg of a woman, in other words the birth of Jesus was void of man's

part unless we remember that Eve came from Adam. So we see that for procreation man and woman are equal partners of importance. The world BC has never been an equal opportunities benefactor. The church in most cases is not equal in the balance of men and women. Men have always ruled as the stronger sex and in most cases by pushing their brawn rather than brain. Likewise, when women vaunt themselves, as matriarch's of power the balance is off-kilter again. Men and women are of equal value but valued for different qualities. In Christ there is no recognition for either male or female. The recognition is in the work of the Lord in obedience. Both work equally in the spirit.

In many traditional churches the men are the government, ground's keepers and plumbers, while the women are intercessors, teach Sunday School, prepare the banquets etc. The Charismatic Movement changed some of the non-denominational gatherings to allowing women positions only held by men. Later some of the denominations allowed this more from the stance of progressiveness rather than correctness. If I were to give my own opinion in the matter I will tell you that I believe that neither a single man nor a single woman should pastor a church. I believe the successful pastor is both husband and wife of equal commitment to Christ. If either partner is not fully committed, they will not survive it. I believe this for the elders and deacons as well. When Jesus sent them out by twos He knew what He was doing. Today we need strong couples of integrity to minister to the body equally. So here is a question:

Q. Who is the head the man or the woman?

A. Neither. Christ is the head and the man and woman are in Christ. In the home the job qualification of husband and wife reads differently:

Eph 5:22

*Wives, **submit** yourselves unto your **own husbands**, as unto the Lord.*

- **Submit** ὑποτάσσω honour, be subdued, submit self unto
- **Own** ἴδιος private, separate

This is not a submission unto all the men in the church but to the privacy of a home and to ones own husband. **IF** that husband is not separated from his wife:

1 Cor 7:14-15 *For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.*

A man who has left his wife has left his position in the home and cannot dictate it from the bed of another woman.

The job qualification for the husband is, as a general rule, key to whether the wife will in turn keep hers.

Eph 5:25-29 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:*

When the husband is in his rightful position he will never have to remind the wife to submit. As a matter of fact the wife who is being served the dish of: loving, nourishing, cherishing, sacrificing, from her mate never thinks of the word submission, yet it is the deed of her heart.

Even though Mrs. Adam took the first bite of the forbidden fruit, it was Mr. Adam that lost the Garden. Mr. Adam is still losing it today, being too busy to see that weeds are growing everywhere, while the serpent whispers to both, *"You deserve better."* Statistics show that more women have heart problems within a bad marriage than they do when the marriage is dissolved. It is just the reverse for men. Psychologists scratch their heads in wonder, but this is no mystery. Many women are bullied by the stronger sex and feel the stress relieved when they are free of the oppression. Of course there are different situations, however generally men are lords and masters. I have even seen more widows who go through a freeing life change and do things they never got the chance to do when stifled in marriage.

I believe that in the church there is no male or female position. I believe if the pastor is not holding the control button of forced

submission but instead loving, nourishing, cherishing and sacrificing for the body then submission is the deed to the congregation's heart as well. Whenever a husband or pastor has to hold the reigns of controlling submission against the women or congregation, rebellion is born and will separate and divide. The great divide BC is of flesh and not the one-ship in Christ AD.

If you are a woman who is commissioned by God I can tell you from experience that He will never send you to a locked door. That is not to say that there are not many locked doors within churches, but you will never have to push upon a door that will not open. If you are, then you are fighting a battle of flesh, which is not why we are called. Look what Jesus instructed:

***Matt 10:40-41** He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

Men and women in Christ have much reward in gifts to benefit the body as a whole. Only the complaisant or fearful reject these gifts. The complaisant are BC because they do not see that they have a need and the fearful because they are afraid to let go and let God. Death of self should be a relief...release from bondage, and yet there is a fear of losing control.

For those in counseling I believe committed couples counsel best, however I do not believe a woman should counsel a man nor a man counsel a woman separately. Witnessing is one thing but to counsel is delving into the heart of a person and the enemy will be a third party most every opportunity available. Men and women, having no intention of becoming entangled in wrong relationships, find themselves knee deep without wisdom.

I charge both men and women to pray for our pastors that they have an ear to hear and obey. Criticism is not intercessory and will not change a fault but pronounce it. Prayer is the changer and the change is always made first in the faultfinder. The most faulted person I know is me, myself, and I. Even when I see faults in others they usually point back to myself and make me wonder, "Do I do that?" You remember the saying of children, "It takes one to know one!" This is good advice that I am giving you when I say that seeing the fault in others means it is time to check out the mirror.

Men and women need not be in competition for rights or freedoms, for the other part of the Scripture in Gal 3:28 says: *"there is neither bond nor free"*.

- **Bond** δούλος a *slave* (literally or figuratively, involuntarily or voluntarily; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*): - bond (-man), servant.
- **Free** ἐλεύθερος *unrestrained* (to go at pleasure), that is, (as a citizen) *not a slave* (whether *freeborn* or *manumitted*), or (generally) *exempt* (from obligation or liability): - free (man, woman), at liberty.

In Christ, is neither forced submission nor wild abandon for in being **abundantly one** leaves one in fullness with a healthy appetite for the things of God. After all we, whether male or female, have the same goal with the same prize:

Heb 12:1-4 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. **Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.***

Dare to put self to death and go beyond the cross.

NOT ALL WHO CRY LORD, LORD

I have to now tell you something that may be considered radical and extreme. If you are living BC, you need to be saved. Remember that confession is more than speaking. It is a professing covenant that one lives. You may think that I am being radical, but listen to God's radical Words and answer the questions for yourself:

Matt 7:21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

1. Are these all people who used the name of the Lord?
2. Are these people who did some mighty works in the church?

Matt 7:24-27 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. **And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.***

1. Were all of these people hearers of the Word, who possibly never missed church?
2. Did all of these hearers live beyond the cross?

Matt 25:1-13 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

*But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, **Lord, Lord, open to us.** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

1. Were five called adulterers or were all ten called virgins?
2. Did all ten know the Lord would come eventually?
3. Did all ten have lamps?
4. Could any of these virgins take the oil of another?
5. Did all ten virgins go with the bridegroom?

These are radical Scriptures and God is not pulling any punches, but trying to prepare the body for coming attractions. The virgins are hearing it; they just are not living it.

"But I don't want to think about it."

"Don't tell me I have no faith."

"Don't tell me that I don't love the Lord!"

Okay, I will not say it. I will let Jesus say it:

John 14:23-24 *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

- **Keep** τηρέω hold fast, keep (-er), (ob-, pre-, re) serve, watch.

These hearing virgins who do not live beyond the cross may be praying for their families, may be very nice people, may participate in worthy causes, and may cry tears of inspiration but if they are not living beyond the cross will not make it in bad times or after them. This is one time when you do not want to hear that the clothes of flesh become you. There was condemnation and shame at the cross. To live beyond that one must die there and go beyond it just as Jesus did. There is a song in which the chorus progresses like this:

"From the earth to the cross

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky"

We follow the example from the earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave and from the grave to the sky. Beyond the cross the sky is the limit. The church has always killed the radical message for the warm fuzzy feelings and a church with a great instrumentally talented praise team. People do not live saved lives except beyond the cross. Otherwise they are living at the place of condemnation from the earth to the cross, from the earth to the cross and from the earth to the cross. You have to kill the old man before he kills you.

You can dicker with me over the semantics of the word "**saved**", but 5 virgins did not make it and some of the hearers did not make it and many who cried Lord, Lord perished and not only that...look at the description:

Luke 13:28 *There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.*

Matt 25:31-33 *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, **as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats**: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

Matt 25:44 *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

The sheep and the goats are both four footed animals that say "Baaaaaaaaaaa". Being in the same pasture saying the same thing does not make you a sheep nor does it fool the shepherd. The difference is in the butt. Sheep follow and goats butt.

If we go to the cross and nothing in our lives changes then from what have we been saved? As long as you are still in the old man you are still needing to make a decision at the cross. You see I do not believe in "then salvation", I believe in NOW salvation. From the time a person makes a covenant with God and is born into God's kingdom it

is now salvation. If it is Tuesday NOW is salvation, if it is midnight NOW is salvation. Whatever the day, month or year salvation is NOW. It is not one eventful happening in time, but continuously non-ending.

Romans 13:11-14 *And that, knowing the time, that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now [is] our salvation nearer **THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED**. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].*

- **Now** νῦν henceforth, + hereafter, of late, soon, present, this (time).

Greek translation Romans 13:11 *And that knowing the time, that from the sun's rising until it goes down we need to be stirred up out of our sleep: for the time is always present for walking in salvation, which is safety, deliverance, health, benefit, and redemption from the ills of this earth, is nearer than when we first committed to the faith in Christ Jesus as believers.*

Matt 9:16-17 *No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.*

There must be a death before there can be a resurrection into salvation. Salvation is not the death but being raised into new life...a walking, talking living salvation. The death of the old man is the beginning of a new life, a new birth just beyond the cross.

Jesus lives in me

*Jesus goes where I
go*

Flesh wears man

Flesh reigns

*Man works to live
[job]*

Frustrated

Old thought

Lack

Death

I live in Christ

*I go where Jesus
goes*

Spirit wears man

Spirit reigns

*Man lives to work
[destiny]*

Fruitful

Fresh manna

Pro-vision

Resurrection life

The Great Divide * Old man cannot cross over

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