

The Infilling Word

Brief History of The Infilling Word

In August of 1992, a new ministry was founded by my husband, David Stuckey. God gave him specific instructions with a very clear mandate: teach and preach the word of faith. The name of the ministry, Fulness of God Ministries, was given to us out of Ephesians 3:19, "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"; and, our focus of ministry at that time was based upon Mark 4:3-20. The assignment was to work at bringing wayside, stony, and thorny ground to be rich, fertile, good ground. In verse 14, God declares that the seed that the sower sowed was the word.

Shortly after the formation of the ministry, God called me to join my husband as a minister of the Word. What a joy and a delight! Soon after that, God told us to begin a newsletter and to call it, **The Infilling Word**. Why **The Infilling Word**, you might ask? We asked God the same thing and He called our attention to two things. First, we were assigned the parable of the sower with "the word" being the seed. Next, our attention was directed to Matthew 12:34-37 and the reality that from "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Stay with me, because the next scriptures we were given are very familiar ones. Romans 10:8-13 talks about the "word of faith" and then goes on to declare that "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." God kept underlying the need for believers to be "filled" with the Word of God in order that they might bring forth a fruitful harvest in their lives. Hence, the name of **The Infilling Word**!

The Infilling Word went out for a number of years – even after God turned our ministry into a church in 1994, the Church of the Fulness of God. However, at a certain point we stopped mailing it out and just handed it out at our church services. And, I'm sure you know the rest of the story. We got busy and **The Infilling Word** ceased to be produced.

A few months ago, God told us it was time to re-start the newsletter and add it to our new website. So... here is our first edition of the new **The Infilling Word**. We thought this would be a good time – Thanksgiving. Pastor David and I are so thankful for the call of God on our lives. We are thankful for the health, the prosperity, the manifold blessings that He has so graciously bestowed upon us these 28 years of ministry. We are delighted with the congregation that He has sent our way and so thankful for their support and love. Truly we are blessed! We pray that you also will be blessed with the messages God has for you in this newsletter.

Now unto him that is able to do
exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that worketh in us,
Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,
world without end. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20



Pastors David and Kathryn Stuckey

Be Thankful!

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,
to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
Colossians 3:15

I have something spectacularly awesome to tell you. Are you ready to hear it? Here goes – Election Day 2020 is over!!!

I don't know who won the Presidential Election in this year of 2020, but I am thrilled it is over. Why? Because now we can turn our attention to the one thing that will bring us peace and prosperity in our entire life. What is that one thing that we can turn our attention to – thankfulness.

You heard me correctly; thankfulness is the one thing that can shift our attitudes, our moods, and our experience of living. Why? Because it stems from a state of being. A state of being is not dependent on circumstances or situations. It originates from something that comes from within and dictates our attitudes, moods, and behaviors.

By the time you read this article, the outcome of the election will probably have been announced. The individual that won – won. However, if you want to be a winner (regardless of the outcome of the election) you will have to return to the knowledge of the true source of our joy and success. That knowledge is the knowledge that Almighty God is our God.

Our nation has been going through a very difficult time: Covid-19, violence in the streets, divisive political races, and financial troubles, just to name a few. Very few people have been untouched by the calamities of our time. However, God has provided guidance and direction for just such times.

Colossians 3:12-17 is a powerful set of scriptures that God led me to this morning. Please read and study it at your leisure, but I want to point out some things found in these words written by the Apostle Paul. First, we are to put on some attitudes and behaviors: mercy, kindness, patience, forgiveness, and most of all, love. Second, we are to let the peace of God rule in our hearts. We are to come against fear, anger, frustration, despair, glee, arrogance, delight in the upset of others, and pride. These attitudes and behaviors must not be allowed to rule in our heart. Only the peace of God has that right if we are truly going to be known as sons of God.

The Word of God is what directs our response to the circumstances that we address on a daily basis. It is necessary for the Word to guide our actions; for, if we are Christians, then we are representatives of Christ Himself. We must "do all" in His name. And, if we are to do that, it begins with being thankful.

A guiding scripture in my life, one that I have to work at every day, is found in Deuteronomy 28:47. It was a judgment against the Israelites and I use it as a warning to myself often. This is what it states, "Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee."

Somehow that scripture found its way into my heart many years ago and I became aware of the need to be joyful and glad of heart. We must realize that, through Jesus our Savior, we have been given a reason to be "brightly cheerful" in the midst of difficulties. That reason resides in the fact that we serve a mighty God and He will always cause us to come out on top.

Philippians 4:4-9 are supporting scriptures that even tell us "how" to stay in peace. Here are a few pointers: don't be anxious about anything, pray, ask God about the situation, be thankful, think about good things and good reports. Above all, remember all the things which the Holy Spirit has taught us from the Word of God and from anointed ministers of the gospel.

Don't get me wrong, I know the difficult times are not over. We are still faced with challenges. The enemy is still out to steal, kill and destroy. Take a stand and don't allow him to steal your faith in God and His word. Don't allow him to kill your hope – your earnest expectation of good. And, above all, don't allow him to destroy your love walk.

Another scripture that brings me comfort is found in Luke 22:31-32. The Lord Jesus tells Peter that Satan has set his sights on having Peter, to test him. Then Jesus states, "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." I am confident that if Jesus "prayed" for Peter, then He is just as committed to our success when the enemy tests us. Just think – Jesus has prayed for us. He has our back!

The bottom line is – be thankful. We have God on our side and "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

I know that you probably know all these scriptures, but I also know how important it is to be reminded that these truths apply to any and all situations. God is still on the throne and it is not over until He says it is over. And, when He does say it is over, we get to go home!!!

So, "be ye thankful." Remember the life you came from before you knew Jesus. Think about everything that you escaped by serving the Lord. Then, look at the future that you have been promised in Christ and rejoice. Let your heart be glad and let the peace of God reign.

If you have made Jesus the Lord of your life, then the fulness of God is available to you in every circumstance, situation, or challenge that the enemy sends your way. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for victory is yours today.

Happy Thanksgiving

The Infilling Word

Peace on Earth

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:10-11, 13-14

One of the Christmas traditions that we observed in our house when I was growing up was the reading of the Christmas story. I remember my father bringing out a "family" Bible that we never used except on rare occasions. One of the rare occasions occurred during the evening on Christmas Eve. When this Bible came out, it was a signal – get quiet and get serious. Even the youngest soon learned that Christmas Eve would always end in prayer – but first, the reading of the Christmas story from that "family" Bible. I remember being excited because the next morning would be Christmas morning with gifts and a family dinner, but I also remember having feelings of delightful anticipation of hearing my Daddy read the story that meant so much to our family.

One of the portions that Daddy read that just made me tingle all over was the part where the heavenly host broke out in praise. Of course, as a kid, when I heard "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" I thought it was talking about there being peace on earth: you know, good relationships between mankind. With that in mind, I remember being confused and wondering when that "peace" was going to show up. Even though I lived a fairly protected life, I was aware of the various conflicts between people. My question was, "when will the peace show up?"

When I grew older and discovered that punctuation in the King James Version of the Bible was added by the translators, I discovered a truth in the scripture that helped me see that "peace" had already shown up. I re-arranged the punctuation and this is what I read, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth . . . peace, good will toward men." Then I understood. The angels were praising God – the God of heaven and earth. The peace and good will was between God and mankind, not mankind and mankind.

Jesus came to earth as God incarnate, God with us – on earth. He came to establish the opportunity for all mankind to be reconciled unto God through the work He was going to accomplish on the cross. The peace and good will that the angels were declaring was that God was ending the separation of Himself and His creation, mankind, by providing the final sacrifice under the Old Covenant and instituting a New Covenant that provided the possibility of sonship through the blood of Jesus Christ. God was not only in the "highest", but had arrived on planet earth and all glory was due Him for His wonderful works – glory in both places, heaven and earth.

Not long after making this discovery and rejoicing in the reality that God "wasn't mad at mankind anymore", I made the connection of this verse with one found in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Then, I added 2 Thessalonians 3:16, "Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

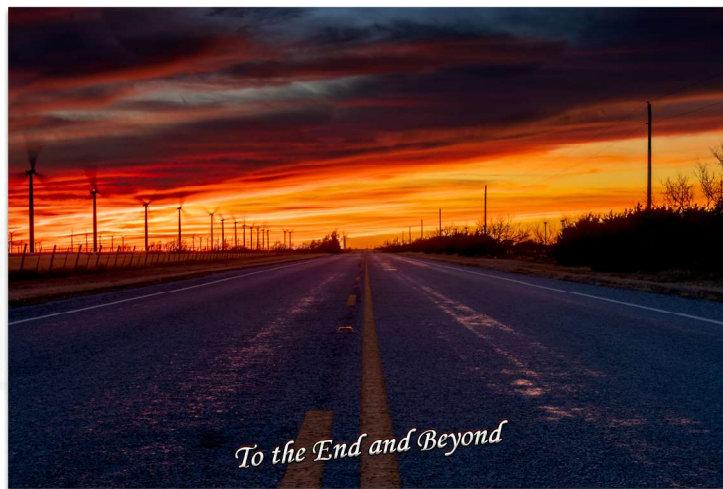
Wow! The baby that was born that glorious day and celebrated that awesome night, was Himself – the very bringer of peace. He brought peace from God to mankind: He left peace for mankind in the One Jesus Himself called the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

I know that we have all been going through tough and unsettling times this year. I know that there is a tendency to question whether "this" will ever end, will we ever have peace again – in our nation, in our health, in our financial situation, in our community, etc. The answer is "Yes." In fact, peace is available right now in the midst of the "this" that you may be experiencing. Jesus Himself stated in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer (or take courage); I have overcome the world." We just need to remember that God is with us; and, if He is with us, then He will take care of us and find a way to provide whatever we need if we ask Him in faith.

Peace between or among mankind will not really be on earth until the Prince of Peace returns and the enemy of mankind, Satan, is put away. Even then, the devil will just be put away for a time and then released for a season. The best part happens after that. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, never to bother mankind again. And, a new heaven and a new earth will come – a new earth that will never know the devil or the conflict that he brought. Peace will reign forever!

So this Christmas, when you hear that beloved story of the angelic host singing and praising God, rejoice that Peace came and brought peace to stay. Join the angels and declare,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth . . . peace, good will toward men."



Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always. . . For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: But the land, whither ye go to possess it,

is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deuteronomy 11:1, 10-12

What a year this has been! Even though I am standing at the threshold of a new year, I am filled with awe at the way God has provided and made a way for my families - church and personal – to make it through these difficult times. In fact, as strange as it may seem, we have moved forward with new endeavors and stepped into new opportunities – even in the midst of a pandemic!

I remember vividly when God directed me to these verses a number of years ago and I decided to believe God for the fulfillment of them in my life. What really got my attention is that the Word said He "careth" for the land. If you look the word "careth" up in the Strong's Concordance, you will find that it has the definition of "frequent." God "frequents" the land, or He visits or searches out the land. God declares that His eyes are upon it, always.

It doesn't matter if it is the end of the year or the beginning of the year. If God is involved, nothing is impossible – even if it is the end of the year.

We live in a world where there is an emphasis on time. We live by calendars: years, months, weeks, and days. We live by clocks: hours, minutes, and even seconds. "Our" eyes are on the calendar and the clock. We make appointments, schedule events, and often complain that "there just aren't enough hours in the day or days in the year" to get everything done. Yet all our schedule and appointment making cannot achieve very much if we do not have the Lord "caring" for us all the time.

What I want to tell you today is this: Your dream coming true is still possible. There are still days in this year and possibilities abound in the realm of God. You may not be able to make things happen, but God can. On top of that, just because January 1 comes around does not make it impossible for God to accomplish miracles on your behalf.

There is a story in the life of Jesus that clearly illustrates the power of God to make the impossible possible. You can find it in John Chapter 11. It goes something like this. Lazarus was a friend of Jesus who was very ill. His two sisters sent for Jesus and believed that if he showed up, then their brother would not die. Unfortunately, Jesus delayed and he died. By the time Jesus came, Lazarus had been dead four days and had been buried. One might say that Lazarus' day was over and his year had ended. But . . . Jesus. Yes, Jesus came and soon after, Lazarus came walking out of the tomb.

Most people, if not everyone, would say that that it was impossible for Lazarus to live again. Most people, if not everyone, might say that what you are believing God for is impossible. But, this is not about what other people say. This is about what God says in His word that you can have, what you have asked Him for, what you are believing Him for, and what **you** say about it. Do you say the year is over or are you willing to continue to believe God for your dream even if it looks impossible?

God does not and will not give up on you. The question is, are you going to give up on God? He has been "frequenting" your life – past, present, and future – "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him". (2 Chronicles 16:9) The impossible becomes possible when you reach out by faith and trust Him. He has been "caring" for you for your entire life.

I'm not saying it is easy to believe the impossible. There will be those who think you have lost your mind to believe God will do the impossible for you. There are those who may think you are asking too much. There may be those that think you don't deserve what you are believing God to give you. There are those that say it is just too late for you to have your dream. You get the picture? The important thing is what you think and what you say about it.

Remember that God has had an interest in you forever. You can trust Him with the end of the year; you can trust Him with the beginning of the year. He has an "expected end" in mind for you. Jeremiah 29:11 declares, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God has a beautiful tomorrow just waiting for you. Trust Him and see. You will not be disappointed.

May you have a blessed and joyous holiday season, a powerful end to this year, and a glorious new year in 2021.

Happy New Year

