

## Let's Get Back to The Message

*"And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

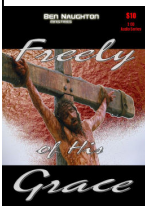
I've come to the place where all I desire in every message I preach is to lift up Christ and the finished work of the cross. It's amazing how the message, which is really the message of the whole bible, God's redemption through the atoning sacrifice of His son and His grace, so resonates within the spirits of those who believe. It's the message which calls to the deep within us and lifts us higher into His grace to become all that God destined for us. It's the message which sets us free from guilt, condemnation, the weight of the Law, and the penalty of our sin. It's the message that brings to us the revelation of our adoption as sons and daughters of God and that we are totally accepted by our Father, not by any works we have done, but by His unmerited favor towards us made possible by Christ's death on the cross. I believe people are just waiting to hear the news, the good news. I believe that for too long we've been held down by guilt, shame, and feelings of inadequacy before God. I believe that this message strikes a deep truth within our hearts and sets us free to walk with God as His friends and children. I believe this is the message of the gospel. It's the message that you can rest from all your toil and labor, all your religious works and striving, and enter into His rest, the rest of faith, because the work has already been done to put you into right standing with the Father. It's the message that you can be an overcomer, you can be used mightily of God, live and operate in His power daily, see signs and wonders, miracles and healings, and access His glory because the way has been made by the shed blood of Jesus. It's the finished work of the cross, removing all our sins away, with God now declaring, "Your sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Now you can receive and be filled with

the Holy Spirit and walk in divine power and fellowship with God, not because you have done good enough, or followed all the "rules", but completely because of Christ's sacrificial death and His blood that was shed for your forgiveness which puts you in right standing with the Father. You are the righteousness of God in Christ, not because of your works but because of His unmerited favor and grace that He has towards you.

This is the message of the cross; this is the message of the gospel. This is what resonates within the hearts of believers. Almost any church you go to will say that they preach the cross, and I'm sure to some extent they do, but what ends up usually happening is after some time, when people are no longer "new believers", we move them on to other teachings of the Word and begin to neglect the ultimate message of the Word. Somehow we begin to think that the message of the cross is elementary and we must move on to "deeper" revelation. Though, I believe there is an inexhaustible depth to the revelation of the cross. There is no greater teaching or message than this, just as there is no greater love that a man should lay down his life for his friends. Too many times though we in the church move on to teaching that gives believers more steps to follow, more rules to live up to, and more concepts to grasp, rather than setting them free with the truth. If we are not careful it begins to be a message that we're saved by grace, but now we have to follow all these rules and man made laws to continue being saved. We end up putting false standards and regulations on people, and when they don't live up to them they feel condemned and without faith to really believe that they have access to the Father and answers to their prayers. It causes them to shrink back in fear rather than rise up to higher heights by faith. It begins to put a burden on their shoulders that Christ already took to the cross. My friends it's time to preach the gospel, the good news, the gospel of grace.

We want to see power in the church again, well let's start preaching the message that God's power confirms. When the Apostle Paul came to the city of Corinth and began

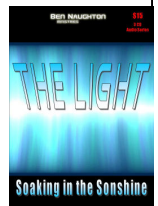
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## **- - REVIVAL RESOURCE - -**

This month's revival resource is a message preached by Ben entitled "Take Your Position." We pray that this message will be a blessing to your life and cause you to believe God for all He has promised for your life. May this word create boldness in your heart to enter in to the holy of holies and experience times of intimacy with the Father and also confidence that you can walk blessed and in the power of God.

# Ministry Reports

## BNM Itinerary

**Farmingville, NY** - On a Wednesday night, just after flying into LaGuardia Airport and driving through, or should I say sitting in, New York rush hour traffic, I made it to Seeking God's Face Ministries at the home of the Aliquo's. That night I spoke on the forgiveness and righteousness we now have in Christ and how we are now set free from the Law. The truth of God's Word was declared and the truth set all those who were there free. We ministered again here for our last meeting in New York on Sunday night for the "Blood & Cross, Love & Healing Service." The Word of the Lord was to now boldly enter the fellowship we had in the garden and let perfect love cast out all fear.

**Bayshore, NY** - For two nights April and I minis-

to preach the gospel he knew his shortcomings, he knew his imperfections, he knew how he used to put others to death for their faith in Christ, and he knew mistakes even after he was a believer himself. He no longer put confidence in any of his great religious accomplishments of the Law to cause his life to be significant, and knew that without the message of the cross and God's power and grace that even his ministry would be of no effect. What I believe was the key to the power of His ministry was that He knew that His life and ministry wasn't based on his performance or "religion". He had tried that, been the most zealous Pharisee as a Jew and missed God and was even fighting against those who followed God thinking he was serving the Lord. He fully realized that if it wasn't for the grace of God and the kindness the Lord showed to him, grace and kindness that was made possible to him because the judgment and wrath meant for Paul was placed on Christ, that he would have nothing. He realized that all his religious works and striving meant nothing and all he could do was rest in the grace of God and the finished work of the cross. He knew he couldn't even make miracles and God's power take place in his own efforts, but that he operated in supernatural power and gifts of the Holy Spirit because they were just that, free gifts given by God to all those who believe empowering them to testify of the gospel. If Paul realized that his

tered at Heart of Worship Fellowship in Bayshore, NY. We revealed how the fire of God is really His burning, passionate love for us which burns out every other desire in hearts and consumes us with a love for Him. He loved us so much He did whatever it took to bring us back to Himself which involved sacrificing His only Son for our lives. Many were touched with a fresh impartation of the Holy Spirit and fire and many were revived with fresh passion for Jesus.

**Flushing, NY** - April and I ministered here on a Sunday Morning. This is the church where I preached the message "Take Your Position." During the altar time we saw God move in healing and we had a wonderful experience here.

striving and toiling was needless how much more you and I? Do you desire to walk in the blessing of the Lord? Do you need your sins and iniquities forgiven and to be in right standing with God? Do you desire to operate and signs, wonders, and miracles reaching people for Kingdom of God? Then receive the revelation it's yours by grace, because you have believed in His Son and the work he accomplished on the cross. Fix your eyes upon Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Do not look at your shortcomings, mess ups, and sins, but look at Jesus on the cross and the blood He has shed for you to be forgiven and walk in all that God has for your life. Then you, like Paul, will be able to say "I might not have used excellent speech or wisdom when I declared the testimony of what God has done for you but I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was nervous, a bit afraid, and even trembling, and my speech and preaching wasn't with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

<i>Word of Life Church</i> <b>Ft. Myers, FL</b> 7:30pm	1/19
<i>River of Life Worship Center</i> - 10 am <b>Punta Gorda, FL</b>	2/11
<b>Youth Revival</b> <i>Abundant Life</i> - 7pm <b>Holbrook, NY</b>	2/20
<i>Abundant Life</i> <b>Holbrook, NY</b> 10am & 6pm	2/22
<i>Centro de Avivamiento</i> <i>Rehobot</i> <b>Easton, PA</b>	3/21 - 22
<i>Nueva Jerusalem</i> <b>Parsipanny, NJ</b>	3/26 - 29
<i>Check our website for recent itinerary additions</i>	



**Ministry Needs:**  
MiniDV Camcorder—\$350  
Laptop Computer—\$800  
Firewire Card & Cable—\$100

## Prayer Points

- Anointing and Open Heavens for Signs, Wonders, and Miracles
- For the Fires of Revival to be released in each church we minister
- Necessary finances to come in to do all God is calling us to do
- Hedge of Protection around Ben & April
- Ben & April to have greater intimacy with the Lord

**Send us your prayer requests & Testimonies!**

**April and I would love to pray for you and to hear of the testimonies of what God has done in your life through our ministry.**

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