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## DEDICATION

Of this book is written and dedicated personally to you, the reader.....

This is my story of how the Holy Spirit answered my quest to know and directed me to have, not a theology, but what I feel is a look into the Heart of God; His Persona and my position in and with Him!!

*Truly Supernaturally Wonderful!*

## FORWARD

"Who am I; where did I come from?" waltzes through our minds from time to time. Does that have anything to do with God? Does our identity influence our lives?

The *Supernatural* does not fit well with the civilized, educated mind; it does not fit perceived reality. Can we believe something that does not fit in our reality? Or can we be convinced if we deny and refuse to accept the spirit realm?

Well, we might because sometimes we feel, sense or see something in the *Supernatural* and then we believe. Like my friend Jim, driving through the desert of Arizona, pulled over to rest a few minutes. When he awoke, out of no where, was a small Bible his mother gave him as a child. He opened it to the Book of John, began to read, and in minutes accepted the spiritual reality of God and invited Jesus into his heart--filling his soul, not to mention the awesome emotion he felt--his life was forever changed.

As a radio talk show host, I have interviewed several who have died physically, gone to heaven and come back to tell their story--an astounding example of the reality of God. I hope my life's journey of

seeking God and the reality of His Person will help to answer some questions and fill in some revelation to bless your life.

## PREFACE

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!*  
(John 3:16)

This is an adventure.....you must '**think**' as you read through this journey to the *Supernatural* and make decisions along the way, as we discuss:

Fact  
Fiction and  
Faith!

Leading to the *Supernatural*....*the spirit realm*....*the unseen life*....we will use some keys for the voyage into the unknown....so that we may:

Spiritually Comprehend  
Mentally Understand  
Personally Experience  
To Apprehend  
All That God Has For Us!

## **BUSTED! YIKES!**

I fell to my knees sobbing, tears drowning my night-gown, feeling so convicted....and yet, I also felt a soft love over my being I had not experienced before.

Wanting to be a 'super-saint' (all in a very humble way of course) I set out to fast for 40 days...a couple of days on juices, then just water....cut off from the world...no cooking, no phones....just me and the Lord.

The first few days were wonderful....stimulating....studies exciting....and surprisingly enough, hunger was not a problem. As I approached the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> days I was restless, looking for the discipline I thought I should have, to carry on. Day 8 I gave up...."Lord I am sorry, I just can't do this, You can have Your halo back, I quit." And, with that I went to bed dejected, feeling a colossal failure.

The next morning I woke with a start, sat up in bed and then bolted out the room to our guest room so as not to wake my husband. Falling to my knees a gentle voice said to me, "You have never loved Me, you love what is right!" As I said earlier, I sobbed with tears of sorrow.

Conviction brings change; guilt brings shame and remorse. God is never a part of guilt or shame. Jesus was telling me I did not know Him....that I was using my knowledge of the Bible to eat out of the *Tree of Good and Evil* with judgment of right and wrong....setting a standard for myself and others no one could keep. This painful/loving chastisement of the Lord changed the course of my life and the following understanding of who God is, Jesus and the Holy Spirit....significantly who I am with them. I hope you enjoy my journey—that it starts one of your own or adds to who you know you are! (Hebrews 12:5-8)

## DISCOVERY

The Spirit of God hovered upon the face of the waters....deep and dark, while the Angels shouted for joy. The Father spoke, and through the Son, light broke forth and the world and all things, as we know them, were created. (Eph 3:9)

That is a **fact** and certainly is super *Supernatural*!!

This book is about the '*Supernatural*' not the practical, logical, scientific experience of man—although all those elements are there. Rather it is a *spiritual* account of where the Holy Spirit has taken me, to know and understand who I am....who we are.

The only way to understand, then comprehend, and finally apprehend the truth of who we are, is to start at the beginning....the very beginning.

When I was told about the *Garden of Eden*, it seemed more like the story of creation was '*Greek mythology*'--**fiction**, not a beautiful *analogy*, that we might sort through and find the mystery hidden in it, for our well-being. (Genesis 1-2)

In all our history, in the Holy Spirit inspired written book, the Bible, is the outpouring and Heart of God--our God, Creator of a Universe full of untold and revealed manifestations of power and beauty. God can obviously do anything. To understand, even in part, we will have to accept, in **faith**, the *Supernatural Realm* to be real, as it truly is!

The Bible is not a '*commentary*,' but rather a documentary on the past—both good and bad—relationships of people to Him and each other--and instructions from the Creator for our lives, our future and who we are to HIM.

This is a **decision** we must make, to believe and to receive! Very little is automatic with God; the Holy Spirit invites, moves, instructs and we accept or delete the prompting; our acceptance (our faith) opens the door to *understanding*.

Let us start with a concept of God (that some find difficult)—the *Trinity*. God the Father, Christ Jesus (the Son) and the Holy Spirit are One even though they are also three persons. I want to use a couple of very simple examples, that we might—in part, understand how this can be:

- In a fireplace there are coals of the burning wood radiating heat (God); there are flames that can be seen (Jesus); and heat that can be felt (Holy Spirit), and yet all are one.
- As a person I am a wife, attending to my husband; a mother, caring nurturing and teaching my children; and I have a job where I am very different than in those other two offices....yet I am still just one person.

Unlike God I do not move in three persons but recognize how we might understand Him by the analogy.

God--Who is very complex, infinitely more than what is expressed above, both in our reality and in the *Supernatural Realm*.

At times I will refer just to God, please be aware, all *Three* of the *Godhead* are represented.

God chose to create man and woman in His image. The *spirit* part of men and women is the *Supernatural* connection to God. (Gen 1:26)

It took six days for creation, we are told, and the seventh day was a day of rest as there was ample provision for all that had been created. God was not tired, just pleased and content! (Reference: Genesis, Chapters One to Three.)

The sovereign unseen God of the Universe—a Universe vastly beyond our knowledge or comprehension.—chose to create a world and a people for His pleasure—to love, building a relationship, outside of the physical realm for eternity. (Rev 4:11)

That is *Super-Phenomenal!*

Many years I sought answers for my turbulent life—of failure and pain, to no avail. Self-help books, 'experts' of all kinds, religion and so much more...I tried. Some interesting, some exciting, and although they promised hope or promise for the future, nothing changed.

I had attended church off and on, most of my adult life—yet, no one ever told me I could have a personal relationship with Jesus—with God.

My son, Patrick, was the first in our family to know Jesus personally. He met Jesus by inviting Him into his heart and his life changed. He introduced Jesus to me, I received Him into my heart and WOW my life changed. (Aren't kids wonderful!) I began a passionate search to know all I could about Jesus, which of course led to a desire to know about God and the Holy Ghost.

I had done 'positive affirmations and declarations' in the past, but with this new life, I now needed to learn how to pray, how to talk with God, myself. Joining with a group of women, who knew Jesus well, I was told to take a tablet and pen when I prayed because God would talk to me and writing it down I would not forget what He said. Having no reason to question what they said, in **faith** I did, He did (speak to me) and still does. (John 10:3,4)

Reading and studying the Bible, I had so many questions. I would take them to the Holy Spirit in prayer, happily found He loves to answer those questions, even though some answers took years. Sometimes it

comes in revelation (directly from Him); sometimes out of the Bible; and many times from others who study and know Jesus well.

Let me clarify that. When I use the word 'know,' it is not in the sense of intellectual understanding, but experientially knowing. That same 'knowing' is available to all of us. (Know= Greek word ginosko= speaks of knowledge gained by experience) as in John 8:32, "You shall know the truth and truth shall make you free." This 'knowing' is an intimacy with the Trinity of God that Adam and Eve had in the Garden—now available to us, because of Jesus, by spending time loving and talking with Him.

Adam, the first man and Eve, were given the ability to procreate children for the family of God. They had perfect genes, perfect blueprint with a promise that the Holy Spirit would breathe in the breath of life to each conceived. This precious majestic privilege given man and woman also culminates in unspeakable joy! (Gen 2:7)

Note: I have learned from others that Eve was made out of a rib of Adam; that they might be one in relation to each other; the rib chosen as the ribs protect the organs especially the heart. Sounds good to me!

"I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:" Psalms 139:14a My note: we were all fearfully and wonderfully made in the beginning—sin, lifestyle, etc. has affected God's perfect plan.

Adam and Eve had great beauty; keen minds, perfect health and very important....the gift of 'free will.' *Free will*, the ability to choose, make decisions--to declare and build their own destiny.

Adam and Eve had personal, one on one relationship with God. They were given authority, **dominion**, all power in and over the things in the Garden of Eden where they lived. There was one contingency on this

arrangement....that they follow and rely upon God. All they had been given (beautiful garden, animals, birds etc.) should have been totally sufficient, had there not been another player in the mix.

Let's talk about this wonderful God. God is sovereign—the final word on all matters! The word sovereign is not in the Old King James Version of the Bible, but 'Almighty' comes close. Knowing God, His ethical character and loving nature is critical to knowing who we are, and the *supernatural power* that is ours. *God Is always positively, absolutely, completely Good! (Luke 18:19)*

God is Omnipresent: The attribute of God by which He fills the universe in all its parts God being present everywhere at once. This is true of all three members of the Trinity. They are so closely related that where one is the others can be said to be, also.

Note: We are taught that God is on the throne in Heaven, Jesus sitting at His right Hand, and the Holy Spirit dwells in us who follow Jesus. This understanding of them in different places gives us insight to their purpose and intention. We will not be able to trust God unless we understand that purpose and intention. Keeping in mind what I shared above, *omnipresence* is also true. ( Mark 16:19; John 14:3; John 16:7,8; Rev 3:21)

God is Omniscient: The attribute of God by which God perfectly and eternally *knows all things*, can be known, past, present, and future. God knows how best to attain His desired ends. Time exists only on earth, there is no time in Eternity, the *Supernatural Realm*.

Because of the above the following is a stumbling block to many, so you may want to read this statement several times, and reflect on it:

Foreknowledge is not necessarily causation!

Because God knows the future does not mean He causes it. Because of His own rules, life must play out through man's free will. God does interact with us throughout history, respecting the free will He gave us.

Even though God knows what we will do, He must let us make those decisions—His rules, not ours. We can only trust God if we understand His Character and Nature (what He will do in our lives, and what He cannot do because of His own limitations).

God is Omnipotent: This attribute of God describes his ability to do whatever He wills. God's will is limited by His nature, and He therefore cannot do anything contrary to His nature as God, such as to ignore sin, commit sin, or to do something absurd or self-contradictory. God is not controlled by His power, but has complete control over it; otherwise He would not be a free being. (Again) To a certain extent, He has *voluntarily* limited Himself by the free will of His rational creatures.

This is **fiction** to many, not **fact**, because it takes **faith** to reach and apprehend the things of God...a faith that He is, and a rewarder of those who seek Him. This is the reason **God does not automatically answer 'need.'** (Heb 11:6)

It is like trying to listen to a radio program or finding a website on the Internet....we must tune into the right frequency, or type in the complete and accurate address to achieve our goal. In other words, the *frequency of God is love and Grace* (Grace is the undeserved favor of God) through Jesus. Jesus is reached through faith--trust in Him—and who He is.

God created multitudes of Angels (with free will)—spiritual beings with a variety of gifts and talents (also to be used and enjoyed for eternity.) (Psalms 103:20; 104:4; Rev 12:4, 9)

One, most marvelous angel (Lucifer) watched God create the world, then the Garden of Eden, giving man (Adam) authority and dominion over it. Being created with great beauty, talent and power, Lucifer watched as envy and pride grew in him. Knowing he could not create what God had done, he desired to have what was already created. (Gen. 1; Ezek 28; Isaiah 14)

God has given the angels and mankind a full range of emotions—jealousy, pride, love, joy, anger, disgust, etc. to be used for good. Satan made the choice to use his for evil. God has tons of 'choices' for us to make....as He put it, "*I set before you life and death, choose life.*" (Deut 30:19)

God gave us those options, so that we would choose to be with Him for eternity, that we would choose to love Him as He loves us.....God does not want a forced relationship.....otherwise He could have made robots or clones.

Lucifer (Satan, the devil) strolled into the Garden of Eden, looking his beautiful angelic-self, and using his best sales pitch. Adam and Eve, being in a perfect place, having relationship with God, the source of all goodness, knew nothing of the negative (evil) side of life.

Lucifer struck quickly, and enticed Eve, who then asked her husband to join the discussion about all the things they did not know, so that they might be like God, and make their own decisions apart from God—the 'knowledge of good and evil.' In the Genesis story, it is referred to as the '*tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*' (Gen 3)

God had warned them not to listen or eat of the knowledge (the fruit) of good and evil or they would surely (spiritually) die. Didn't they hear Him? Yes, because Eve quoted Him (incorrectly, but did quote God. Did they think it would not really happen to them? Did they think, like Lucifer, that it would be great to be on their own, without God? Or

maybe they thought they could have both. Or maybe they didn't think. We can only conjecture according to what we are like today.

Just as:

- Dark is the absence of light.
- Cold is the absence of heat.
- Evil is the absence of *Grace* (goodness, love, attributes of God).

Why did God *allow* Lucifer in the Garden? First, it was up to Adam to command the enemy out of the Garden as God had given Adam **dominion** (authority and control) over it.

Second, let's look at the word *allow*. Allow means to withhold restraint, to give permission with full agreement. We hear many ask why God allowed something, because after all He is all powerful. We have to go back to our understanding of His character and nature as we have defined and His rules. God did not want it, but accepted their *free will decision*. And, the results of our thoughts, decisions and actions bring their own results—good or evil. It is repugnant to God because He is love.....God created us to love -that we might love in return.

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Gal 6:7)*

Lucifer rebelled against God's love and authority....it was not enough for him, and he convinced one-third of the angels (who we now refer to as demons—evil spirits) to follow him in this terrible deception. He was and is a *silver tongued fox*, the master of deception. (John 8:44; Rev 12)

Many do not believe Satan—the devil--is real or that there are demons (devils or evil spirits)...I have to ask, "What Bible are they reading?" and "Did the enemy of mankind just go away or disappear some time in history?" Doesn't look that way, the world is full of 'evil.' The devil

promotes this deception that he does not exist, especially to the church.

The demonic ability (though the supernatural) can and does affect us in thought and often action when we are in agreement with him, i.e. drugs, and addictive behavior, anger, violence, serial killers, etc.

Yet the devil reveals himself (again with thought) to Hollywood so they can make evil, violent movies, to de-sensitize the world to his wickedness. These movies, TV shows and games all seem to be make-believe, unreal—the ideas behind them are very real. All of that makes his job easier—to kill, rob and destroy. (John 10:10)

Note: How often do we today, fall into addictions, fears, physical temptations, etc. because we are not content, are unaware of God's love or ignorant of His ways. And we do whatever 'feels' good or just is available. God's love is enough. Sin (evil) always sounds good, has a pleasure connected to it, or we wouldn't be enticed to do it.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Awareness of the spirit realm should not bring fear into our lives. It is hard to fight an enemy when we deny they exist. The book of James tells us to 'submit to God (knowing the authority you have in Jesus), resist the devil and he will flee. This book is all about having the confidence to do that! (Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17; Eph 6:10-18; James 4:7)

Another Scripture that gives us foundation for faith is 2 Timothy 1:7: *"For God has not given us the spirit (small s, meaning spirit, not Holy Spirit) of fear; but of power (the Holy Spirit), and of love (God's unconditional love) and of a sound (firm, disciplined, confident) mind."*

Note: The deceptions today are in addictions, vices, poor health, ruined relationships, and loss of possessions... started in the Garden of Eden and hasn't stopped.

If God truly wanted a family for eternity, why did this happen? This is my understanding:

- God created us with *free will* to choose to love and abide with Him. (Gen 2; Deut 30:19)
- God does not force us into that situation....He could have made clones.
- God gives us *free will* that we will have choice. (Josh 24:15)
- God does not take back His gifts, talents, and power from rebellious angels, i.e. Lucifer, or human beings, i.e. men or women who use their position with evil motive for money, power, or fame. (Num 23:19; Rom 11:29)
- God was grieved (He has real emotions) when Adam and Eve were deceived. (Gen 6:6; Ps 7:11)
- Even though God does not take back gifts, talents, etc., there is a conditional response (we call them 'curses' or penalties) to our mistakes, errors, and sin. I say conditional because God will alter those consequences with repentance, heart felt response to Him and a change in the way we think. (Gen 2:17; Rom 6:23)
- Because Adam and Eve did not repent; rather defended themselves, God was required to declare and invoke the punishment as He had warned He would do. (Gen 3:8-20)
- We inherit in our DNA **ORIGINAL SIN** or what we call a fallen nature, as a result of Adam and Eve's voluntary separation from God.

The results were earth shaking (literally). The animals, all creatures changed, the earth changed, the atmosphere became another kingdom, with Lucifer, now referred to as Satan (the accuser) in charge. Called 'prince of the air' Satan, also called the devil, and his fallen angels, now called evil spirits or demons, prowl the world looking for whom they can rob, kill or destroy. (John 10:10; 12:31; 14:30; Eph 2:2)

Lucifer retained his gifts but lost the 'goodness' of God in his rebellion transforming him to the *king of pride*, working out of a psyche of evil. The physical was separated from the spiritual realm (the goodness of God) with one act of pride and defiance. (leviathan—Satan—the devil—Job 41: 34; Isaiah 27:1)

The result for Adam and Eve and all their family to be, is a 'fallen nature.' The spiritual connection to the Father was broken and their DNA was changed to what we call '*the fallen or sin nature* of man, and we all have inherited:

- Self-righteousness—a striving to feel good about ourselves on our own works and merit.
- Self-pity that shows up in fear, worry, anxiety, anger—any negative emotion we have because we can't control the circumstances.
- A propensity for bad, the negative, the easy way, 'my way.'
- A passion to be 'right' at any cost.
- They traded the inner confidence of knowing they were accepted, approved and loved, for fear, guilt and shame.
- And they lost **dominion and authority**, and ever since death has held mankind in fear and bondage. (Heb 2:15)

It has been said the nature of the sin of Adam was a careless, indifferent attitude towards the commands of God. Ouch! That hits home!

Also, there was a '*tree of life*' in the Garden representing the teachings, love and life of Jesus. Being a part of all God is, that truth was maintained and kept to give 'light, life and truth' to us, and to renew (after choosing Jesus) our *Supernatural* spiritual relationship with God Himself. (Gen 1-3; John 5: 24,25; Rev 2;7)

God did not give up on mankind but continued to follow the family into the world. Also, very fortunate for us, in spite of our sin nature, we were created in the image of God with a capacity for good, and we have an ability to seek it out and choose to live in the Grace of God.

Without choosing Jesus, without asking Him into our heart to bond with Him *spiritually* through the Holy Spirit, our mind (fallen nature) tells us the Bible is ridiculous, full of contradictions, and certainly a 'mystery,' not to be understood, but ignored. (I Cor 1:27; Eph 1:9)

The Man Jesus is the key to understanding through **faith** in Him, and an open willingness to *renew* our mind with the things of God. Through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we then can begin to understand the Bible. (John 14:26)

Two of the great losses (from Adam and Eve) we inherited were, One, the **constant communication** with God—an intimacy such as we have with loved ones. God speaking to His people is the most valuable part of life.

And, Two, they lost **dominion** (kingship, authority) over their lives and their world to Lucifer, the devil, with their agreement and lack of repentance to God. Very important to knowing who we are.

#### THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE....

When Adam and Eve chose their own ability to discern '*good and evil*', they chose 'law.' Living by *good and evil* requires rules...i.e. law. And, as the family grew, men began to make their own laws apart from God. When there is law there must be judgment of that law, and punishment when the law is broken. All of which brings *guilt* and *shame*, as Adam and Eve felt, and the devil is behind all of it and revels in it.

The Old Testament of the Bible is the history of people's relationship or lack of it, with God. As they cried out in their misery, God interceded on their behalf for those who sought Him. There are great

stories such as Noah and the flood, Moses and deliverance of the people from Egypt, David and the giant, Goliath....the Bible is more exciting than any book or movie ever written. Their stories sound like *science fiction* to some, but they are **fact**, because all things are possible with God. (Mt 19:26)

God does not sit on a mountain top in heaven and judge man's every move, deciding what punishment he or she should have. Quite the contrary, God's **wrath** (a powerful word in English that should send shivers down our spine) is *God's settled opposition to sin*, determined before the foundations of the world. Only repentance and forgiveness can change, alter Heavenly wrath. God is fair, just and grounded in Holiness (righteous justice) and Grace (unmerited-undeserved favor.) (Ex 22:24; John 17:24; Eph 1:4; Heb 4:3)

As we read and study the many stories of God's blessing, we can see the victories came through prayer; God's love for man and man's love of God. We have lots of opportunities to decide if what we will believe is **fact** or **fiction**.

I used to think that everything in the Bible was God's will....because it is the inspired word of God through many men. Then as I knew God better, I understood it to be the history or a 'documentary' report, inspired by God, with both good and evil recorded—a '*mystery*' for us to seek out and understand with full dependence on the Holy Spirit to help us do that. (2 Tim 3:16; Eph 1:9)

Many call the Bible God's love letters to man—that we might see our weakness and recognize His love.

We can decide to *believe* the 'unbelievable,' accepting the *Supernatural* at work, or doubt it and deny the very essence of life itself. We can take the Bible and make it another '*tree of the knowledge of good and evil*', using it to judge others and ourselves.

Or we can benefit from the mistakes and sins of those recorded, with 'discernment' to guide and bless our lives. Judging from right and wrong, good and evil to judge ourselves or others is a disastrous path of condemnation that steals our joy and locks up our ability to apprehend the *Supernatural* victories in life that God wants us to have. (Rom 2:4; Rom 8:1)

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit helps us to understand (discern) 'good and evil' from the standard of Heaven...from the *Tree of Life*...the teachings of Jesus to give us direction for our life, with love, forgiveness, mercy and compassion. (Gen 2:9; Matt 7; Luke 6:43, 44; Rev 2:7)

God gave man His law, through Moses—knowing they could not live up to what it required—certainly better than what the laws that man came up with on their own. God always had another plan. God's plan to have mankind with Him for eternity does not change, especially not because of man's free will, and ignorance of His Love. (Exodus 20:12)

No matter where you are on the planet, you are descended from Adam and Eve. That is **fact!**

The '*right of passage*' so to speak came, after men of God spoke for Him—giving prophetic declarations of a Savior who would change the world forever. This '*right of passage*' to have relationship with God eternally came as men and women prayed, cried out for help, and looked to the future for the coming of a Messiah. This '*right of passage*' we now have, was built on a foundation of many who loved God and God's love for all of us.

### Grace Moving Into Glory....

The plan of God to save His own plan, and thank goodness all of us, was to send Jesus to our rescue. Jesus (forever God) came as Savior, not

in a royal palace or in a carriage with great thundering horses, surrounded with important, influential men and women.

No, He came through the *Supernatural act of the Holy Spirit* with a woman in a most humble way, in a very un-pretentious place, being worshipped by the simplest of men—Shepherds—who in their uncomplicated lifestyle could hear the Angels rejoicing, at His birth. This is **fact**, not fiction and *truly supernatural*. (Luke 2:8-14)

Jesus lived a sinless life as a man with the whole range of emotions we have. To accomplish this Jesus gave up His *Deity, His Godly attributes*, while on earth as a man—following the Holy Spirit just as we are privileged to do. Jesus gave us great direction for life, and then chose to suffer and die a gruesome death to pay (atone for our sins, mistakes, etc.) completing the change we need for reconciliation and **dominion**. This book is not about what Jesus did, but about *who we are* because of what He did. (Matt 11:12; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 10:19; 18:1-8; John 14; 15; 16; 17; Phil 1:6-8)

The extravagant gift of Jesus giving His life for ours (taking responsibility for our faults, mistakes and sins, and paying the penalty for them) was an act of *Grace* from Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Grace* being unmerited, undeserved, unearned favor; *Grace* is the empowering presence of God; the bridge from His wrath (settled opposition to sin) to His unconditional love. (Rom 2:4, 11; 5:2, 9)

All, very *Supernatural* .....now to the real (physical) world.

My personal family genealogy is pretty grim....lots of divorce, a grandmother on my father's side who talked to the dead—conducting séances—raising tables off the floor, and other ancestors involved in witchcraft (negative forces—evil things that are not good for us.) If anyone, in my family, knew the Lord, worshipped God, it was certainly a secret. I have never spent much time on this as it didn't do much for my feeling of well-being.

Many seek knowledge of their past, and I hope that will bring them gratification....it is a big issue today. However, who we are in the spiritual realm, for eternity is crucial and should be foremost in our mind.

We are told by the Scientists that we only use 10% of our conscious mind. Even if it were 20% or 30%, that wouldn't be much. Everything we have heard or experienced is captured in our sub-conscious mind, and can trigger responses in us today that we do not even understand. (WHO SWITCHED OFF MY BRAIN by Dr. Carolyn Leaf)

The sub-conscious mind is likened unto the 'heart' in the Bible. The Bible tells us the heart is evil above all things....however.....it also tells us God will give us a new heart, and all things can be new—renewed to have *Supernatural power, love and a sound mind*. When we have this spiritual awaking (born again experience,) are saved (in the sense of being reconciled to God, the Father) by accepting Jesus as Lord (which means owner) in our life. (Jere 17:9; 31:33; Ezek 36: 26, 27; 2 Tim 1:7; Rom 8:15)

When I accepted the invitation to know Jesus personally by inviting Him into my heart, everything began to change. In studying the Bible, in spending quality time with the Lord in fellowship, we renew the mind and change its' influence on our lives. An 'intimacy' developed for me that is so precious and wonderful, I value it far above any other relationship I have ever had. Helping, guiding us, is some of what the Holy Spirit does in and through us in helping us to *renew* our mind, and transform our lives. (Luke 12:12; John 14: 26; Acts 10:38; Rom 12:2)

God likes order in all things, but God does not do all things in order. There are 'utilities' like the 'law of gravity' that run the world and all that is in it. There are principles of prayer that give basis to our needs in prayer. There are steps in repentance and forgiveness that will alter and change our life, but are not 'in the order' as we sometimes assume they will be.

And there are rules in the *Supernatural* we need to know, just like the laws of nature in the physical realm. Satan, the devil did not leave, give up or disappear because most civilized people disbelieve or ignore him; he is not fiction. He has a spiritual army set out to *kill, rob and destroy* just as he did in the beginning. That is a **fact!** To know who you are, you must know who he is, or his demons will steal your confidence and your identity. (John 8:44, 10:10, 12:31)

It is my fervent belief that most do not know '*who they truly are*' because of the lack of knowledge of God and His ways, because they have been deceived into thinking that they should be humble which is weak and timid. Meek in the sermon on the mount, would be better understood as meaning '*teachable.*' (Matt 5:5; Hosea 4:6)

This is the part where we really have to think, and see the *supernatural* side of our present life, because that is the key to the Kingdom of God on earth that is within us and around us. (Luke 17:21)

We must die to live.....die to self (change some attitudes with the help of the Holy Spirit) to live in, with, and for, Jesus! We do not lose our personality, gifts or attributes even though we are in Jesus; He is in us.....Wow! We are called the Bride of Christ Jesus, just as a worldly marriage brings people together, bonded in spirit as one flesh, we have that opportunity with Jesus by the Holy Spirit. (Rev 21:2)

The Holy Spirit is in us, and can come in stronger levels of power around us where we are gathered in group meetings, and welcoming more of Him. How can there be more of Him? How can we be in Jesus? Waves of power and authority increase with prayer and invitation. That is the *supernatural* part. (Matt 18: 19,20; John 17)

As each of us accept the Holy Spirit's offer of salvation (new life) through Grace (free gift to us) by Jesus, we become spiritually a cell in His spiritual body, just as we have a zillion cells in our body. The

difference is, Jesus knows and loves us, (His 'cells') personally, each and every one. (Rom 12:4; I Cor 12:12,13)

Once we accept Jesus as our Savior we are:

- An important part of the Body of Christ—just as each cell in our body has a precious function--that is **Fact!** (Rom 12:4,5)
- Man or woman, we are the Bride of Christ—just as in a worldly wedding man and woman become one flesh spiritually (retaining our individually)—the Holy Spirit makes us one with Jesus! **Fact!** (Is 61:10,11; Rev 21:2)
- And have opportunity daily to increase the 'intimacy' we have with Him.
- We are in Jesus and He is in us; in the physical that is impossible--in the spirit that is not only possible but **Fact!** (John 14:17; 15:5,7; 17: 22,23)
- We are part of the Kingdom of God on earth, with Jesus as King; that Kingdom is within us, and we take both wherever we go. **Fact!** (Matt 27:37; Luke 17:20,21)
- We are part of the army of God, in a battle to take dominion, to take back what the devil has stolen, and to bring others into the Kingdom of God. **Fact!** (Matt 28:19. 20; Eph 6:10-18)
- Together we can testify, witness, and live a life that will change nations, change the world, as we love others as Jesus loves us. **Fact with Faith!** (John 15:5,7,14,16)
- We have the ability to enjoy the *Presence of God*, to carry the Presence of God where ever we go (once we have learned to recognize 'the Presence' and choose to be "as Jesus was in the world so are we." That can take time but well worth the effort and the adventure of our Christian Walk with Him!.) (I John 4:17)

That is a partial list of all we are in the *Supernatural* realm with Jesus. Is it automatic when you are 'born again'? Once we are saved, our spirits are open to 'change.' Studying the Greek words in the book of

Hebrews I found it tells us that Jesus paid for our salvation, our born again experience, as a man buys a slave at a slave market. Once purchased He owns us forever. However, our 'free will' is still there and determines how much we allow the Holy Spirit to change us here on earth.

The Bible says we are new creatures in Christ....yet, we do not change if we do not follow Him, know Him and let the Holy Spirit guide and direct us in renewing our sub-conscious mind. Body of Christ, Bride, Kingdom, Army of God are all metaphors to see the bigger *Supernatural* picture of how we fit together. (Rom 12:2)

Also, even though we are born again and we change, the world does not...it is still under the knowledge of good and evil controlled by 'law' and it is full of evil, and demons. We change so that we can change the world. Jesus said He had overcome the world (world system) and as he was, so are we on this earth. (Matt 28:19,20; John 15; John 16:33)

I dabbled in what the world calls "New Age." I tried hard to make it work, but nothing in my life changed....oh, yes....I was more positive and took a brighter outlook on life, but nothing changed especially in my heart. I did not like the idea of anyone going to hell....a very good reason for rejecting the Bible.

What a relief to find that God does not send people to hell; they determine their own destiny in rejecting His loving offer for reconciliation with God through Jesus. Since all goodness comes from God....note, I said all, to be separated from Him would certainly be hell.

"That is not fair." Shout those who want to do it 'their way'. Let me say it this way, "If a father took his young son to the stove in their house. And the father told the son not to ever touch the stove because it was hot and would burn him. But the son chose to touch the stove and got burned....would the father be guilty for having a stove?"

Is God unfair? Adam and Eve agreed with the words of Lucifer (Satan) (out of the tree of good and evil) and chose to follow him. God told them what would happen if they disobeyed. As a righteous God, He was required to render the punishment because of their choice. Was He unhappy at their choice? Yes! Was He prepared to forgive and offer another choice? Yes! From the beginning!

**Religion is all about what man must do for a god;**

**but Christianity is about what God has done for man!**

When we work, struggle, pray to 'please' God we are in self-righteousness (eating out of the tree of good and evil—judging ourselves, striving for merits to make us feel accepted and loved). As we know and accept who we are in the *body of Christ* we will operate out of a love for Jesus, and His righteousness, not our own (the Tree of Life). 'Knowing' builds love and faith within us—assurance of total acceptance. (I Cor 12:12-25; John 15:7-10)

If we think being a child of God has to be humble and meek (weak and timid) we will make a wimpy soldier in the army of God. The enemy will run all over those who accept that position and many think they are suffering for God. (meek=teachable Matt 5:5)

A powerful man of God once taught, "Be humble before God, and confident before men." And I would like to add, we must be extremely passionate against evil and the forces of darkness. (Pro 1:7; Eph 6:19)

The demons attack with deception, with illness, with poverty, with gossip, and with insults and words (fiery darts into the mind) that steal our joy and our confidence. (Matt 4:1-3; John 8:44; John 14:30; Eph 6:16)

Good chance we might suffer for God, Jesus did say we would. The devil works through men to accomplish his goals. The battle is never fighting against men, but the *supernatural spirits* that control them;

whether we are in a mental or physical battle. Many times we are confronted and forced to take action in the physical realm—then we really need the Holy Spirit for guidance, and to remember Jesus said He had overcome the world (world system). Jesus gives us the power to do the same. (Luke 10:19; 22:36; John 16:33; Eph 6: 10-18)

As we use the teachings of Jesus (the Tree of Life), when we know who we are in Jesus, we will have the power and authority to overcome, having joy in all circumstances. As Jesus overcame the devil in the 'wilderness' He simply used the 'Word of God—Scripture) and we can do the same. Here is the critical '**key**'...it is a decision we make, to believe! (Luke 10:19; 18:1-10; 2 Cor 10:3-5)

*"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev 12:11)*

To accept Jesus into our hearts is a *Supernatural Spiritual Experience* giving opportunity to an intimate relationship with the Creator of the Universe. This is the plan of God, inviting and receiving us. (I John 4:19)

*"This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise." (Isaiah 43:21)*

I just love to tell my story....how did I give up 'self-confidence' for 'God-confidence'? Mental understanding, personal experience, comprehension of the *Supernatural*, and apprehension of the truth came step by step, one on one, as I made decision after decision to seek all that God had for me.

I studied with some dedicated women of God who taught me to have a pad and pen when I was praying as God would talk to me and I should write it down so I would not forget. I believed them and I did, He did

talk with me, and still does. Some get 'thoughts or impressions'—God speaks in many ways.

When we receive Jesus, we are accepted in the Heavenly realm and the old feelings of rejection can leave. Mine left in baptism, as I was lowered into the water the Pastor said, "As you come out all guilt and shame will be gone." (I had lots, I mean lots of both of those, and heavy sins—I related greatly to Paul, of the Bible, before his conversion.) And, guilt and shame were removed; I never again felt the heaviness of what my soul carried to that point. I didn't know yet, who I was in Jesus, but the *Truth* spoken over me set me free. That is not the only way to be free, but a good one.

Then several years after, I suffered from a condition called Epstein - Barr virus. It brought physical discomfort, but most of all heavy fatigue, and mental disorientation. I sought doctors, but to no avail. I went to Mexico (a very good experience) to a clinic for three weeks—came home in better shape than when I left, but all the symptoms returned when I came home.

On a Sunday morning attending church, I asked for prayer from an Elder I did not know—Bob Grondzik. He prayed and then asked me if he could come to my house and pray with me further. My husband and I sat with him for a couple of hours as he read healing stories and scripture out of the Bible. Then he said to me, "You can walk in your five physical senses of how you feel, or you can walk in the spirit where your healing is paid for by Jesus....it is your choice." And he went on talking.

In my mind I said, "I choose to walk in the spirit." And I was immediately healed....I knew it; I felt it and I was so excited. When I explained what had happened we all three thanked God.

As my friend Bob left, he said to me, "Now, here is your homework." I laughed and thought, "Homework, you are kidding, I am healed." He

went on, "I want you to look up scriptures in the New Testament that tell you who you are. You have to know who you are in Christ Jesus!" And he left.

That was an awesome turning point in my life. I started right away, to make a list. And, Pastor Bob and wife, MaryAnn, have been mentors and inspiring me (and untold others) over twenty years.

I was then to learn another very important *supernatural lesson*. The next day symptoms began to return to my body. I was already beginning to understand my position and power in Jesus and I rebuked them just as though they were people in front of me and commanded them to leave. They did, but returned over and over for a couple of weeks. Sometimes so strong I had to ask my husband to command them gone. He did and they left. Finally it was over and I had the victory! (James 4:7)

Healing was not new to me...I had been a Christian for some time and prayed for others and saw them healed. However, all of this was a great **power** point in my life. The list of who I am (and there are many available) is my constant book mark, to refer and read often, as it quickens (makes alive) my spirit and keeps me on track. My list is at the end of this book. (John 6:63)

Jesus' arrival and His life and departure are all **fact**, laced with the *supernatural*. I pray you know the story, if not, read (as was suggested to me and helped me soooo much) the first four books of the New Testament three times in a row. Using your imagination (the *supernatural* God has gifted us with) to picture Jesus and all that He said and did, asking the Holy Spirit to make it real, not just to your mind but to your spirit.

Let's talk about the pit falls of **not** knowing who you are....

Without Jesus, we are easily offended, feel rejected and constantly seeking acceptance in groups, gangs, clubs, church, work, or family. Even those who serve and love God may continue to feel shame, guilt and a feeling of not being worthy of the blessings of God.

If a person gives his or her heart to God, and are 'born again' but never renew their subconscious mind with the things of God, they may never change. Their sin-nature may still be in control and in the physical, they may become worse.

Thank God for His goodness and grace (undeserved favor). There are two things we can cling to.....Once we have Jesus, God sees us as a part of Him and our position in Heaven is secure. However, our condition on earth depends on the thoughts, decisions and actions we make. The spirit of the person is reconciled to God, but our sin nature may still control our soul—it is a battle and the evil spirits are always there to encourage, entice and show us the wrong way. (Eph 6:10-18; John 14:30)

Also, the person that renews the mind with the Bible but never seeks a personal relationship with the Author (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit). Many people know about God but do not personally experientially know Him, to enjoy the position and authority available to them in the Kingdom of God. (Mark 16:15-20; Luke 10:19)

Some even memorize the Scriptures, but have never personally interacted with Jesus or the Holy Spirit. Understanding who we are in the Kingdom of God helps us to know that intimacy with God and all He Is!

It is critical to know we are filled (in our spirit) with the Holy Spirit. Another thing we simply ask for, and receive so that the Holy Spirit can fulfill all Jesus said He would do. We must rely on the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide and teach us. If we rely totally on knowledge of Scripture, become dogmatic about it's meaning, or use it to judge

others, we may go astray with good intentions. The Holy Spirit's Presence in our life will help us to 'understand, know and follow' His path for us. (Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 14:17, 26)

We are all working out our salvation....I do not mean we must do something for it, Jesus did it all. I mean we are all in a different place in the Kingdom working out the kinks in our metal--the places in our sub-conscious that needs healing or restoration. (Phil 2:12)

Some people work very hard to be 'good'; serve in church, read the Bible, help their neighbors, struggle to be 'Holy', good enough (wanting to be worthy of all God has for them). The righteousness (right standing with God) and holiness (love, mercy and grace) that comes through us in any way, comes from Jesus, not through what we do. (Matt 11:30; I Cor 4:20)

*None are good but God....Mark 10:18*

Some times we work for fame, fortune or to be recognized and rewarded as a good worker, good mother, father, friend, etc. When that doesn't come we get disheartened and may lose interest or desire to continue.

When we know who we are in Jesus...that we are accepted in the Kingdom of God no matter who rejects us here...we can take the attitude that it is all for Jesus, not people (at home, on a job, at church) and our rewards will come. When we know who we are in Jesus, we know we are approved by God because of Jesus....no matter our station in life, in the place we work, or even in our family...when we truly know that, we can rest in it and enjoy any honest position or job in life (like the lowly Shepherd at Jesus birth). (Heb 11:6)

A good friend that I like to refer to as one of my 'heroes' (because she has lived through so much and kept a great attitude and love for God) called recently sharing that her boss does not appreciate her. She

said no matter how much she does there is never a 'thank you' or any appreciation shown. My friend is very good at thanking others and appreciating all they do, even the smallest things, and goes the extra mile on any job she has.

So I suggested she ask God why she even needed that approval. Even though she answers to her Boss she works for Jesus, and she could trust Jesus for her rewards. I also suggested she forgive and pray for her boss.

Later she found she first had to admit she did want that appreciation and needed that approval. Then she asked God to forgive her and change her heart. She reviewed her list of who she is (I am list at end of this book.) She forgave her Boss and prayed for her.

The very next day her Boss changed the work schedule to my friend's advantage, and in leaving the room, said, "Thank you." WOW! My friend truly got the *Divine Favor* of God because she did it His way, and she does know who she is and enjoys Heavenly fellowship often. And, the rest of the story is, in a matter of weeks, another reward came. She was offered a job that she likes even more and is very much appreciated. (Heb 11:6)

When we are saved....did you ever wonder why we call it 'saved'? I did, and my husband sure did. Because Jesus paid for all our mistakes, sins against God and man, and reconciled us once again to our Heavenly Father. There is a heavy penalty for sin (Adam and Eve lost the Garden). We reap what we sow...even the world says 'garbage in, garbage out.' So through the love of Jesus we are set aside from the punishment of sin and ...'saved'! Not just for today but covered by Jesus sacrifice until we leave this earth to be with Him for eternity. (John 3:16; Gal 6:7)

God loves, accepts and approves of us because we are in Jesus (spiritually), whether we do anything or not. Jesus said "If you love Me

you will keep my commandments." Yes, if we love Him, not just the Book about Him, we will abide in Him and His commandments because we want to, not because we have to.....could it be easier? (John 14:15)

The world is not easy or simple....the world is still in a 'fallen state'. The reasons people struggle, suffer and endure tragedies are:

- The decisions we make, and others make (school, government, etc.) that affect our lives. (Gal 6:7)
- The evil in the world because of the change at the time of the fall. (Gen 3)
- The devil and his demons are at war with the *Children of the world, especially those reconciled to God*, for supremacy of the planet. (Eph 6:10-18; Rev 12:10,11,12)
- That mankind (Adam and Eve at the time) gave up what they had through submission to Satan, and gave him **power with their agreement** to his deception and lies. We, all too often do the same. (Matt 12:37; John 8:44; Pro 18:21)

Now mankind can **give our agreement** to God, empowered with what Jesus came to give, died and was resurrected to fulfill, that we may take **dominion** (declaring freedom from all bondage and curses) from Satan and give our full love and allegiance to our Jesus! (Lev 26:8; Deut 32:30; Matt 18:18,19)

How can we do that if we don't know who we are? Some of the world's richest men and women have achieved much success. They may be very giving (and blessed for it) but they can't rule the Universe, change it spiritually, or offer eternal security. Only Jesus can do that. And the poorest, most simple man or woman on the planet who know Jesus have more power than a handful of un-saved billionaires....whether they know it or not.

Most Americans put their faith in who they are and what they do. When tragedy strikes....loss of job, loss of loved one, etc....they not

only have to deal with the problem but they are devastated because they no longer know who they are.....their identity was in a person, or their job, or whatever.

How many celebrities with great success and wealth drown themselves in drugs or alcohol? Or even commit suicide? Their worldly achievements and identity mean nothing. Or the business man or woman, who is never satisfied, always needs more!

When we don't know who we are in Jesus.....understand that we have a Divine Partner in all things.....we will strive for perfection. A spirit of perfection is a tough task master as it never has enough, nothing is ever quite right, and there is no end or peace-filled satisfaction in what is done.

However, when we reside with the Spirit of Christ—the Holy Spirit, we find He is the *Spirit of Excellence* where we are encouraged to do our best and rest in, and enjoy the results.

I mentioned my work on this book to a friend and she said, "Oh, hurry and finish that, I need it." I was shocked! She works in ministry, she gets *words of wisdom and knowledge*, she has divine visions and dreams....how could she need this? (I Cor 12)

I prayed and talked with the Holy Spirit about it because it troubled me, I love this friend, she is special. I called and ask her if she was doing what I mentioned above, and she said yes. Then I laughed and said, "You are doing all the things a daughter of God would do, and you don't know who you are?" I was not laughing at her but with her, knowing we could change her awareness to her real identity.

As a child, she had been so verbally abused; she still believed what she had been told. She could easily see what I was sharing with her and repented (repent means to change the way we think) for harboring

those negative thoughts, and started immediately rehearsing (renewing her mind) with the truth about herself in Jesus. (John 17:26)

Just a note: It helps to declare, speak out what you are changing; thought and voice are powerful! (Proverbs 15:4)

Many are rejected, ill-treated, put down, mocked or ignored in childhood, and those painful memories can be in the subconscious telling us who we are today, until we make the decision to accept, believe and walk in our true identity in Christ Jesus, and renew (kick out) those old thoughts and memories with the healing power of Jesus available to us. (2 Cor 10:5)

Many have learned to stuff their emotions and their pain. Many reject guilt and shame in pride of self, while others try to hide their guilt and shame, even from themselves.

Time plays a big part in *who we are*. Every day 'change' comes. A few hours can change our life....as we get older we get better or bitter. Do circumstances dictate our self-worth or our belief in who Jesus is, and that we are an important part of Him?

Having realized and accepted our place in the Body of Christ does not guarantee a pain free life. Quite the contrary....it may bring some pain or discomfort into our life, as others find our victory annoying or offensive, and the *spirit of rejection* is always working. (John 17:14)

In Christ we don't lose 'self.' We retain our individuality and special persona of our individual being. And, our well being is secure. Our physical condition at times may be terrible, but our spirit will be strong, resilient, and we may even be full of joy in the worst of times.

I asked another friend--thinking it would be nice to have a man's perspective, saying, "If I asked you who you are, what would you say?"

He thought for a moment and said, "I am a husband, a father, a grandfather and a Christian." This was such a joy to hear because this is an intelligent man who has an engineering degree, and was successful in business, and still does consulting work—but doesn't see himself from the view of his business success. He is a strong man of God who clearly knows his spiritual identity.

If you have never had a Divine encounter with Jesus, now is the time. It is a 'come as you are party'....warts and all. Our job is to accept the privilege of being part of His eternal spiritual world, and the Holy Spirit will help, guide, comfort and direct us to the many but marvelous changes we need. Don't hesitate....nothing in the Kingdom of Jesus is automatic.

Even though Jesus has done it all--we will want to receive what the Holy Spirit offers. So invite Jesus in, now....use your words....right from your heart and out of your mouth. Desire it, declare it and receive it! Here is my prayer:

*Father God, I am willing to give you my life. I thank Jesus for paying for my sins, my mistakes-- to bring me into the Supernatural eternal life, with reconciliation to you, Father, and I invite Jesus into my heart, forgive me and change my heart and mind to your will—the desires of your heart for me. I ask to be spiritually filled with the Holy Spirit and that He will be part of all I do. I ask the Holy Spirit to teach, comfort and deliver me from evil of any kind. In the precious Name of Jesus! Amen!*

When we are part of Jesus, accepted and loved by God, we can be part of all He is doing on earth to build His Kingdom here. We decide to do that out of love for Him, not obligation. It is our decision. The great thing is that He is a rewarder of those who obey His direction and serve others. Favor with Him grows like a muscle exercised and the rewards are great. (Matt 5:12; 16:27; Heb 11:6)

I learned through a ministry called Sozo, to repent (confess and change my way of thinking for what I did not have.) That was certainly new and different to me. We all know to repent of what we have done but to repent for not having what God has made available was new to me. I knew that when we repent or forgive, *God supernaturally changes our brain—taking out the negative and replacing it with His attributes of peace, joy and love.* So it made *spiritual sense* to do that.

Note: Bethel Church in Redding, California, is a mighty *Fortress of knowledge* of our Lord and ministry to the world. Pastor Bill Johnson's books are excellent, and *WHEN HEAVEN INVADES EARTH*, is a must! Pastor Kris Vallotton's books are first-rate also, especially, *PURITY, THE NEW MORAL REVOLUTION*. One of the many ministries, *SOZO*, is life changing, being taught around the world, and led by Dawna De Silva and Teresa Liebscher. Bethel has a full time staff member to record miracles, they have so many. For information go to [www.ibethel.org](http://www.ibethel.org).

If you are not 'hearing' from God; If you have questioned His reality ("God, I just don't understand this." instead of "God help me to understand this."); If you still feel weak, unworthy, guilty, or have shame, simply talk to Him like this:

*"Father God, I still feel so guilty (etc.) that I am having trouble accepting who I am in Jesus, So, I repent for those feelings of ..... Jesus I ask you to forgive me for not using the faith you have given me. I ask you, Jesus, to heal me of those harmful feelings; heal the DNA memories that trigger those feelings and replace them with your peace, your love and your joy. Thank you, Thank you for all you do and for Who you are. Help me to use your unconditional love for all mankind. Amen! (Gal 5:22)*

Do not let the world discourage you with negative thoughts. It takes some effort on our part to really 'know' the Lord. Even though my quiet time was just as sweet when I started as it is now. So we need to

seek God, (knowing who we are in Him) be patient and know He will never leave or forsake us as we pursue our dreams to be all we can be, on earth. (James 1:12; Ps 37:3,4; Heb 13:5)

The most difficult thing to do, I think, is to love people the way they are not the way we want them. Even when we are well meaning, we want to 'fix' them with Scripture, with knowledge, etc. That is the job of the Holy Spirit and we should only do what He leads us to do, in their behalf....and really, I mean really, trust Him to do His job. He does it soooooo well! (John 16:7-12)

I was taught to submit to Jesus or the Holy Spirit before reading a book or receiving a teaching, in Church, or on Television. The Holy Spirit will teach us all things, so if we submit to Him and then receive a teaching He will confirm it to our spirit, or cause us to check out what is being taught. I have only a small piece of knowing the Father's heart, and I must share what I have been given. No one has everything 'right;' that is why we need to abide in Jesus and rely on the Holy Spirit. (John 14:26; 2 Cor 8:5)

We need each other, as there is *supernatural* power in agreement. There is also power in disagreement. When we use our thoughts and words contrary to the plans of God, the desires of His heart, we give the enemy (evil spirits) power in our lives with our agreement, and that is a *Supernatural fact!* (Prov 18:21; Matt 12:37)

Miracles are evidence of the Truth we have discussed, and with them we can give Glory (reverence, respect and honor) to God, and testimony to the world that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever. There are many miracles in the Bible and if you would like to hear testimonies of miracles today, you will find around two hundred recorded in the MIRACLE ARCHIVE at the top our website, 5MinuteMiracle.com (Heb 13:8)

This is a path I have found seeking God, consistent in Scripture, of how we, individually move from one relationship with Jesus to another, never leaving, just progressing:

1. Once we are 'born again' we are spiritual beings with a body, already in 'eternity', not just a body with a spirit.
2. We are servants of Jesus, choosing to follow in obedience, some times not understanding why, being blessed as we go. (Rom 1:1)
3. After spending time with Him (as the Disciples grew to know Jesus), we become friends and begin to understand what He is doing and why, and more miracles and favor is seen in our lives. (John 15:15)
4. Becoming more intimate with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, realizing we are reconciled to our Heavenly Father, we know we are His children, His son or daughter, with all the privileges that implies. (Matt 5:9, 45; John 21:5)

Again, that was my walk and privilege to see through the years, yours could be quite different. It takes intimacy to be intimate! Now, that is really profound...time to chuckle...but, it is so true! Intimacy seals relationship, just as the Holy Spirit seals us, when we accept Jesus! (Eph 1:13)

What has knowing *who I am* done for me?

- I have the inner confidence to step out in talking about my faith (with discretion—being led by the Holy Spirit.)
- I have confidence to rebuke evil spirits (because I know who I am; the demons do too. Sometimes they understand more than we do, but they still have to submit (leave) to the Name of Jesus.) (James 4:7)
- I have taken authority over weather conditions and stood with others to turn the tide of bad events. (Mark 4:39)
- There are many miracles and victories in my life. (There were also losses; in all wars there are casualties we can't always

explain; but in our war we win, no matter what takes place here on earth, as this is a temporary residence and the ultimate victory is ours with Jesus.) (Luke 10:19)

- I getting old....my body is changing, but the Holy Spirit in me never does.
- And most important is that my relationship with Him; feeling His Presence, hearing His voice, and receiving comfort, revelation and peace in the worst of times. Even in the last few years I have lost loved ones, endured pain and illness, financially lived by faith from month to month, and He is always with me....to see me through or out of each and every challenge. When I seem to lose Him, He always finds me.

All God has done for me, He will do for you and more. I feel as though I could have made this book one page that says,

God really loves you!

Jesus has done it all, be part of Him,

Love God, receive His awesome love and you have it made!

Because this is truly all about the love of God.....His love is un-selfish and honorable. God's love wants the best for us, for everyone. God's desire is to have relationship with us, *intimate* relationship, where we can tell each other everything.

I gave four steps at the beginning of this book that we all may have:

1. Comprehension or a spiritual grasp of the supernatural!
2. Personal experience with all three persons of God!
3. Mental knowledge and understanding of the things of God!
4. An ability to apprehend the *spiritual* blessing of God!

Those steps will help you to know fully *who you truly are*. As you accept and walk in that identity you will have spiritual adventures, and an awareness of the *supernatural!* God always has 'order' but God does not always do thing in the same order.

Note: For help in the *supernatural* area, *THE SCHOOL OF THE SEERS*, by Jonathon Welton is an excellent book; and Sid Roth's program, *IT'S SUPERNATURAL* at [www sidroth.org](http://www.sidroth.org) very inspiring.

Some people (especially in foreign countries) get saved and move into step two and then right into step four, because they had some knowledge of the *Supernatural*. Some have step four in their lives and then move into step one. Such as the Chinese Christians who know Jesus and the Holy Spirit and don't even have a Bible. Jesus makes Himself known to those who are seeking Him.

In America we have an abundance of churches, and Bibles and we are oh, so civilized and educated. We never want to miss the Persons of God. If we want to check out, in our daily life, who is winning in us, our spirit or our fallen nature, we just need to ask ourselves: "What tree am I eating of....the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*....or the *tree of life*? What is reflected in my life—legalism, law, and judgment or **mercy, love and joy?**

When I speak of knowing who we are, I am not talking about gifts or offices listed in neither the Bible, nor the anointing (power to accomplish) that God gives to man in special circumstances. I am talking of the character, righteousness (right actions), and nature of Jesus that we can all be one with Him and still be our selves.

I love the idea that not only does Jesus have me for eternity, I have Him forever also....I am 'already' in eternity....what delightful thoughts those are!

*"Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." (Rev 4:11)*

The pleasurable part of knowing the Character and Nature of God gives such confidence, but we can never assume or take for granted (because it says so, right here in the Bible) how He will react or move in any situation. We must always be, with the Holy Spirit, open and flexible....ready to change our doctrines, habits or thoughts at any time. There is nothing boring about being in the family of God!

When we leave this life, our sin nature dies with our body. We take our unique personality, soul and spirit to meet with Jesus, and we are bonded *spiritually* for eternity. Will we be just like Jesus? Only in the divine nature that thrives on goodness, mercy and love. We will be 'us' with our special gifts and talents--otherwise God would have made clones or robots. And if you don't know your 'talents' ask Him, He will show you....because they are there.

We are told in the book of Revelation that we are kings and priests in the Kingdom of God....*Supernatural Royalty*. Some of us live in Republics and Democratic countries and know little of Kings, Queens, Princes and royal protocol. As we seek more of God He will open up that area of understanding as well. (Rev 1:6)

God is indescribably awesome! No matter who you are, you are very unique and necessary in the Kingdom of God! A Royal Son or Daughter of the Almighty!

Understanding, receiving and accepting 'who we are' in the Kingdom of God—that we abide in Him and Jesus in us, (John 15) is just the beginning; God's presence, Grace, Forgiveness and Mercy are never ending and always exciting as we never stop learning and growing....experiencing the *SUPERNATURAL!*

And last but not least is a partial list of scriptures, the blessings and/or attributes of God that we can claim because of *who we are*. I personalized them for myself; please feel free to research your own.

As you read and study Scripture, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit will quicken them--make alive in your spirit, as they are Spirit and Life!  
(John 6:63)

Thanks for joining me; may your journey be laced with miracles, and most of all with the precious love of God in every way, thanking Him and rejoicing in *who you are* !

**Personal "I am" Scriptures; not to be confused with God, the Great**  
**I AM!**

Because I am a child of God I am a joint-heir with Jesus. (Rom. 8:16,17)

I am a new creature in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17)

I am the righteousness of God in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:21)

I have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16)

Jesus Christ lives in me this very day. (Gal. 2:20)

I serve the law of God with my mind. (Rom. 7:25)

I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me & gave Himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)

I rest in (lean on) the Lord, I wait patiently for Him. (Psalms 37:7)

I shall inherit the earth I am teachable in Christ. I delight in the abundance of peace. (Psalms 37:11)

I am not at labor, I am not heavy laden, Jesus gives me rest. (Matt. 11:28)

In Him I live, move, and have my being. (Acts 17:28)

I am delivered from the dominion of darkness; I am in the Kingdom of God. (Col. 1:13)

I have been forgiven, I have been redeemed. (Col. 1:14)

I can be cleansed from all sin and unrighteousness. (John 1:7-10)

I have been set apart for holy use. (2 Tim. 2:21)

I walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Cor. 5:7)

I love God with all my mind, heart and body and I love my neighbor as myself. (Matt. 22:37)

When my ways please the Lord He gives me peace even with my enemies. (Proverbs 16:7)

I am getting all my needs met in Jesus. (Phil. 4:19)

I am heir to eternal life. (1 John 5:11,12)

And we overcome him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the words of our testimony; and we love not our lives unto death. (Rev 12:11)

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