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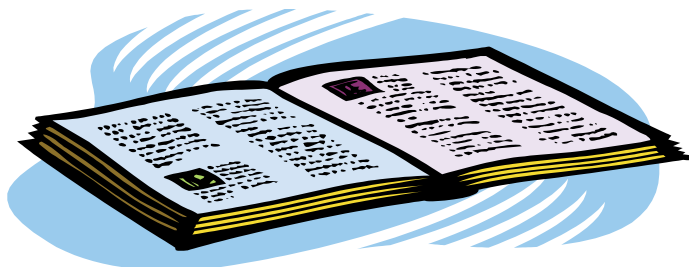
'HAS THE LINE BETWEEN THE HOLY AND THE PROFANE BECOME BLURRED?'

Is it because the generation that grew under the teachings of holiness and sanctification have wearily laid down the mantle in defeat against the powerful tsunami of politically correct, prosperity goaled, number conscious, mega church corporations? Does it grieve the heart of a pure, holy, loving God to see his people come together service after service, burdened down in sin, riddled with doubt and fear, then leave with the same burdens? How many more [Sunday mornings](#) will the houses of God crowd out the agenda of the Most High God? When can God be excited about coming to service? When can He anticipate being in an atmosphere of holy adoration? A place of prepared holiness, a place where every offering is closely scrutinized and given with 'Able' like quality? My prayers to The Lord today for our churches are; 'Lord, just like [King Josiah](#) in the [Old Testament](#), we will go back to your word and it will cause us to repent and restore your houses to places of holiness and worship which will release billows of sweet smelling savor before you. That you will find us hungry for your presence, thirsty for your glory! Houses where there are no blurred lines of clean or unclean, of holy or profane, or of the church and the world.' Remember saints, God made us, chose us, called us and separated us! We are His [peculiar people](#), with His peculiar ways, aren't we? Read the word daily, see what God has to say about the things that are pleasing to Him and do them! It may cost you, your popularity in the church world but then it cost the Savior His life! Live this life to live again!

Love Minister Gretchen Harris

Special points of interest:

- Cover
- The Measure of a Man
- Poetry in Motion
- Birthday Shout Out To.....
- Congratulations
- Revelation 24



God Measures Our Lives By How Much We Love

What spirit does your Gift operate with?

If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.....because He has given us His Spirit. I John 4: 12 and 13b

We say we want to be like Jesus, we want to be used by the Lord, we want to serve Him so that our lives will have purpose and meaning. And God's response is, we can only be His disciples if we **LOVE**.

The longer I walk with God, the more I understand why he made Love the basis for all we do and say. We live in a world that is virtually devoid of empathy or compassion of any kind. We walk amongst the hopeless and the helpless. We are victimized by those with a spiritually seared conscious. We are asked to serve those who will never show gratitude for what we do or give up. We are commanded to love those who will never love us back. We are asked to love our very enemies, those that willfully misuse us. We are asked to turn the other cheek and not to weary in "well doing".

Only God can show us how to really love through such adversity. We must love Him first before we can truly love others or even ourselves.

Agape Love (*love that is selfless and spiritual, the very nature of God*) is the real deal and we have to allow the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to change our hearts so that we can operate in it. We really can learn to love the way God wants us to love. We **must** love the way God wants us to love. Agape Love is such an awesome work of the spirit. It is the love that transforms lives. It is the love that causes us to see the soul of a man and pray effectively and fervently. It takes the focus **off of us** and places it where it really belongs, on Christ and then on others. It is then and only then that our spiritual gifts can flow with **integrity** and **Godly character**. This walk is not about us or the gifts that God has given us. The walk is about how we use the gifts and most importantly, our reasons for using them. That is what really matters to God.

When our motives are "**right**", we won't be so easily discouraged if we don't get the accolades we desire when God uses us. When we say "to God be the glory", we must really mean it. When we say "I love you", "I want you to be blessed", "You can count on me", or "I'm praying for you", it must be real in our hearts.

Be not deceived, the enemy hears everything you say. He sees all the human emotions you exhibit and all of the human frailties you struggle with. He waits patiently for an opportunity to take the testimony of love out of your mouth and out of your heart.

However, because God has given us His spirit, we can obey His great and life changing commandment. **To Love**.

"For this message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should Love one another".

I John 3:11

Minister Anita Dooley

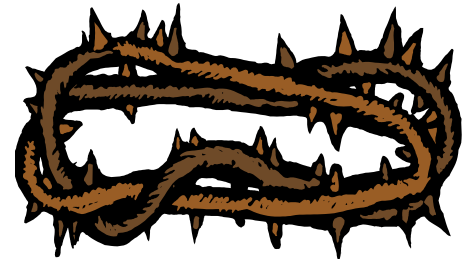
Justification

*As I conclude today's events
Hands are clasped, knees firmly bent
Pious look upon my face
Eyes are moist, tears just a trace*

*I begin my tale of Woe
Hold on! Dear Lord You are ready know
How I was persecuted, judged and tried
Satan's children, how they lied!
Salvation sorely put to the test
But wait! Dear Lord, you know the rest*

*And oh yes Lord this should make you proud
Not one time did I get loud
As I draw a breath to further vent
The Holy Ghost spoke, YOU MUST REPENT!
I? REPENT? Please tell me why
You've grieved me so I want to cry*

*Then He began to tell me how
I had broken my sacred vow
To give my love as I was loved
By Jesus Christ the one above
Not to murmur or complain
Not to use this time in vain
Prayer is time to uplift God!
Not upon someone to trod
When you present yourself to the Lord
Remember He's already been on BOARD!*



Minister Gretchen Harris

A Birthday Shout out to....

To the Ephesus Family

Members who celebrated

A Birthday In.....

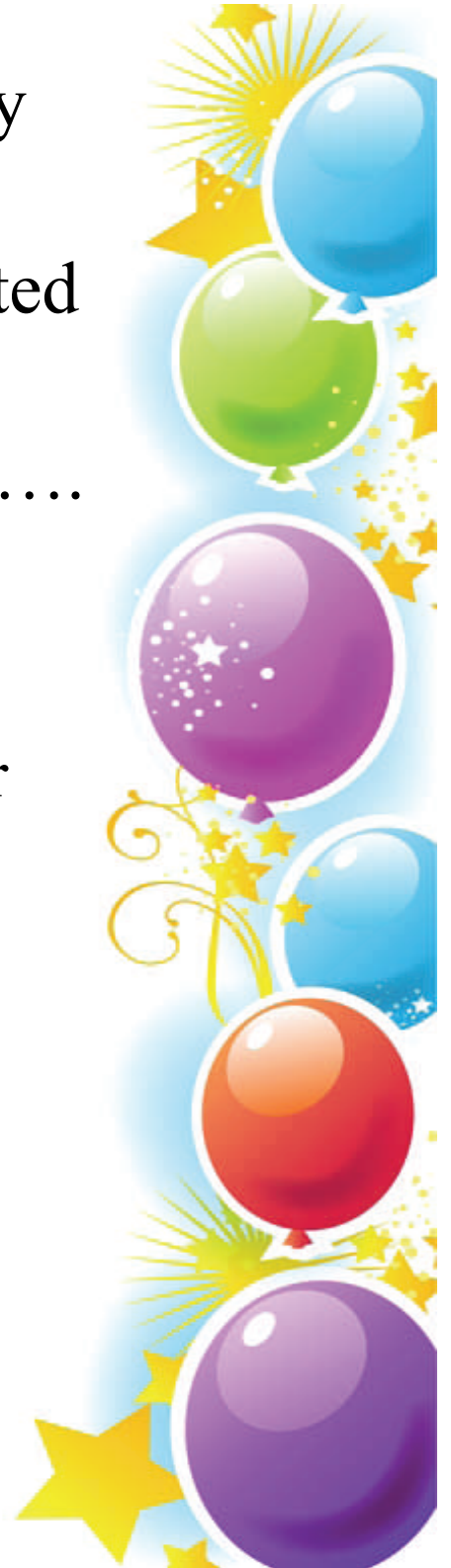
JUNE !

Pastor Deborah Carter

JULY!

and

AUGUST!



It is not enough to just pray. It is not enough to pray for a season. But, we must pray until **we hear** from heaven. We must pray until **we believe** that God will answer. We must pray until **God does** answer. We must **continue in** prayer until all heaven and earth moves, until the sick raise from their bed of affliction, until the blind receive sight, until the deaf can hear, until the lame walk, until those possessed with demons are set free.

Fervent, effectual prayer in **FAITH** brings answers from God.

Jesus Is The Center Of All We Do

**Please Join Pastors Jeff & Deborah Carter
And the Ephesus Ministries Family**

Touching Lives with the Love of Jesus Christ

**Ephesus Ministries
341—345 Grider Street
Buffalo, New York 14215**

A Celebration Of Love



Congratulations to Serena Buie and Robert Harris

Together in Holy Matrimony

Saturday, August 14, 2010

@ 1:00PM

Ephesus Ministries Cathedral

341-345 Grider

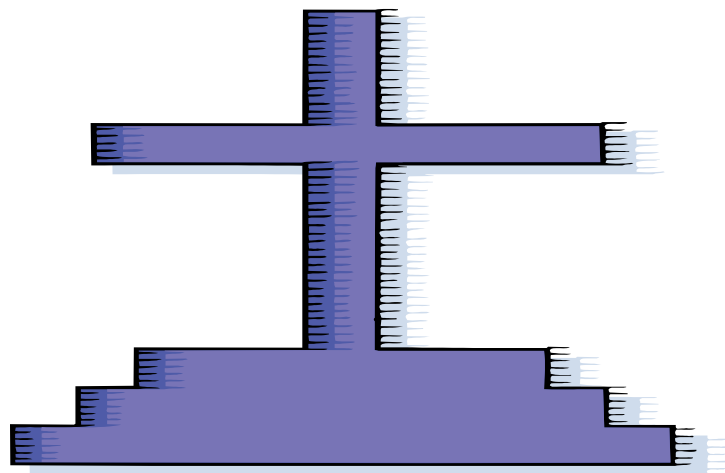
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Adult Reception

@ 3:00PM

“AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH”





Follow Him Ministries

Presents

An Original Production

“Revelation 24”

Written By Gretchen Harris

Saturday, October 16, 2010

6:00PM ` Doors open at 5:00PM

Tickets \$10 (Adults and Children)