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THE EXPRESSION OF HIS MAGNIFICENT GLORY

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things, which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule. Let us be of the same mind.

Recently in a vision, God revealed a penmanship paper that looked like a grid for learning cursive writing. The first letter was 'a' and each attempt to duplicate the precise line and form of the letter was also visible. The next letter was 't' and again, it revealed every deliberate effort made to copy the straight line, not a loop and the bar above the centerline and not below, etc. Attention seemed to be drawn to the many practice lines or attempts necessary for reaching perfection. Practicing cursive writing was simply retracing the letters step by step until they reached the excellence of the original script.

Children naturally have a desire to learn. Life is full of opportunities as they eagerly press towards future possibility. Many of us actually enjoyed our practice times, considering it as a challenge to *put away childish things*—at the time we considered cursive writing the ultimate in grown-up communication. We did not sense failure when the line was not just right and delighted to try again because we had a definite goal of duplicating the grid to achieve the same form as the original.

The clarification of our goal belongs at the beginning because it determines the outcome of our learning—in this case, cursive writing. Without a clear-cut positive goal set at the beginning, the practice times (trials of life) just seem to happen to us because we lack understanding of their divine purpose. We cannot read anything into what is happening because there is no grid available of what should be. The value of having a framework in advance for what we want to achieve means we will reach a higher level of awareness in our practice sessions. By taking personal responsibility to search out why and how to achieve our goals we also recognize an invitation to recourse with God.

We practiced letter by letter. Each letter had its own trials and testings until we reached precision. As we press towards the perfection of the excellence of Christ we learn to improve our perception of what is written. Spiritual insight requires a determination to focus on what God has written and use it as a framework or grid for future growth. Consequently we understand our function and purpose more clearly because we see if we are within the lines that have come to us. And as we press towards attaining a greater degree and level of precision, we utilize what we learn. We communicate the same thing that was written and wholeheartedly conform our tracing and recreations to match what was already determined.

And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

It is the desire of duplicating and reproducing His character that subjects us to the pressure of staying in the lines. God desires to express His distinct purpose in and through us. If we are never conformed by His pressure, we will never manifest His purpose. We must endure the practice sessions for the trials to have their perfect work in us—allowing the express image of His purpose to be gloriously revealed as we are conformed into the likeness of His Son.

A transition must occur for the written word to become flesh in us. God has filled us with His presences so that what is written may be accomplished. Our determination to fulfill the plan that He wrote activates the transformation process. If we can agree with and become one with the reenactment of His word written in us, then we are dwelling in a progressive line of transforming truth that brings full and complete union with Him.

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, upholding all things by the word of Power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

God changes our character to be the faithful rendition of His own—one letter at a time. *When that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.* God is training us by leaving the imprint of His perfect Word sealed in our heart as an encoded grid that conforms us to His likeness. Our practice or trials recreate His character in us—expressing the words, understanding and thoughts of the mature man.

In this particular vision God gave the understanding that He was concerned with perfecting the ‘expression’ of His Word in us. It was never a question of our failure but of reaching towards our goal—expressing or manifesting what has already been written in us. We understood that better intelligibility of His character came through practice.

On the paper was written ‘at one ment.’ God wrote it in syllables as a framework for our relationship with Him. The empty space between the syllables is as unsubstantial as

the gap of nothingness in separation. Fear may have caused a space of separation between being one with God but His love bridged every gap in ‘atonement.’

How often do we go through life looking at the separate and individual letters and never see its greater meaning in the purpose of God? There is a lesson we learn when we are willing to use all our ability to express the spiritual understanding of what is written. Our conforming to His word brings a transformation and we become one with Him in purpose—overlooking the errors to better comprehend what is righteous. In other words, we do not perceive our errors in reaching a perfect ‘a’ or even the separateness of each letter, but rather we are consciously aware of the wholeness of His ‘atonement.’ Together what is written transcends the sum of its parts. Sharing in the atonement means that we have accepted wholeness by filling the gap with His love.

Fear causes us to feel separate from God—that He rejects us because of our imperfections. Fearfulness causes us to dwell on what is wrong and how we fell short. It creates a feeling of guilt and shame for missing the mark and failing in our attempts to grow-up in Christ. We are distorting the truth when we deviate from expressing the word as it is written and intended for us. No one should fail the course. This is not about fragmentation, not splitting words and dealing with them separately but rather once we perceive wholeness, we are determined to manifest it completely.

Our focus should be on being mature because His Spirit resides in us. We are never condemned. God identifies us as Christ—already atoned for and one in Him. God beholds the manifestation of His Son in the earth. His Word written in our hearts and minds is the word becoming flesh—the exact duplication of His Son. Once we recognize our atonement, we extend it to others—knowing *they without us could not be made perfect.*

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Each of us is an epistle of Christ with His word written on our hearts. God is working out the clarity of expression in each of us. He is determined that what is written in us should be legible. We are His workmanship—the written poetic expression of God Himself to be read of all men!

God’s Spirit dwells within us and we cannot separate ourselves from Him. Nothing is lost to us in the entire universe; nothing that He created has failed to reach us. God works everything out together so that it spells out His purpose and our unity in Him. His word is written in one verse—universe, and in one glorious and continuous line of power towards us—atonement.

God is concerned with the completion of all things. Therefore we must line up according to the divine plan written in the heavens to manifest His word by filling the gaps with His love. Atonement was a divine act of love towards us—acceptance of His

love establishes the atonement in us. Therefore we are in fearless pursuit *as we press towards the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*—feeling the powerful surge of not only being one in Christ but also the literal expression of His magnificent glory.

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