Salem Family Ministries

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Here is a brief excerpt of what the article in this newsletter contains:
This is a new season for all of us.
This is the year of new beginning, new birth, new creation, of divine completeness, of the outpouring of God's Glorious Presence upon you. We invite you to "quiet your life" for a few moments and read these revelations that the Lord has placed in our hearts. He placed them there not only for us, but for you, too. He longs to know you - invite Him in and enjoy His Presence!

We love you,

Harry & Cheryl and Family

Be Still! Rest! Stop Fidgeting!

Hebrews 4:1-12

1God's promise of entering his place of rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to get there. 2 For this Good News - that God has prepared a place of rest - has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't believe what God told them. 3For only we who believe can enter his place of rest. As for those who didn't believe, God said,

"In my anger I made a vow:
'They will never enter my place of rest,' "

even though his place of rest has been ready since he made the world. 4 We know it is ready because the Scriptures mention the seventh day, saying, "On the seventh day God rested from all his work." 5 But in the other passage God said, "They will never enter my place of rest." 6 So God's rest is there for people to enter. But those who formerly heard the Good News failed to enter because they disobeyed God. 7So God set another time for entering his place of rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David a long time later in the words already quoted:

"Today you must listen to his voice.
Don't harden your hearts against him."

8 This new place of rest was not the land of Canaan, where Joshua led them. If it had been, God would not have spoken later about another day of rest. 9 So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. 10 For all who enter into God's rest will find rest from their labors, just as God rested after creating the world. 11 Let us do our best to enter that place of rest. For anyone who disobeys God, as the people of Israel did, will fall.

12 For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.
NLT

God's rest has been ordained for us, and that promise is still available today for you and me. The real point then is not whether we can have rest or not, but whether we will do what it takes to enter in God's ordained rest! Are you willing to trust the Lord enough to 'be still, stop fidgeting and rest?'

This is a new season for all of us. This rest time is not just slowing down and taking a nap, or sitting quietly for a while each day. In fact, this ordained rest the Lord has supplied for us really has very little to do with 'works' of the flesh. It is about 'being' rather than 'doing.' I know I have said this before, but are you getting what the Holy Spirit is saying to each of us? It has taken me too long to get this through my thick skull, but I am beginning to catch a glimmer of the truth about rest, the whole promise of God's ordained positioning of His Rest.

It is not a spot I can find each day, but more of a royal positioning of authority that has been set aside for God's people. It is still set aside for each of us, and that is why there is such a severe warning of missing this position, of ignoring the still small voice, of having to 'pay for our disobedience' with physical, emotional, and spiritual dysfunctions within, and without. I am not saying that God will put bad things on you, nor will He cause bad things to happen. I am saying that when we refuse to 'be in the right place at the right time' concerning spiritual things, that it is very possible to miss the ultimate blessings the Father has set aside for each of us.

So what am I really saying? I am talking about intimacy. In-To-Me-See. I am expressing the ultimate positioning of intimate trust and love between God and mankind. I trust You so much, Lord, that I trust You to look at me with all my frailties and problems, and mistakes, and stupidity. I trust You, in spite of who I really am, to love me because **You are love.**

You see, when we don't understand that God does not just 'give love' HE IS LOVE, we fail to see the importance of understanding WHO HE IS. God does not give us healing, HE IS HEALING. God does not give us salvation, HE IS SALVATION. God does not give us love, HE IS LOVE. God does not give us rest, HE IS REST. It is not receiving a package of what I need from the Lord, it is in truly receiving the Lord, and WHO he is, into my life, to the point that my life and HIS LIFE, (HE IS LIFE!), become so completely blended, that it is impossible to tell where my life quits and His life begins. We have become so 'one' that there is no longer 'two,' but finally 'one' for eternity.

This does not have to happen once I get to Heaven, but it needs to happen today, right now, this very moment! Let Him, the very Lover of your soul, take you over, as you completely and totally trust Him in everything, every area, every place - with nothing hidden from HIS PRESENCE.

We have previously discussed the numbers concerning last year, 2007, what each individual number means, and how they combine to be a part of prophesy, many of us can identify with what actually happened or didn't happen in 2007. This year, 2008, can be easily seen as the year of the preparation of the Bride of Christ within each individual cell of HIS DIVINE BODY.

2 = union, division from flesh, being set apart for His ultimate purpose and plan
0 = nothing
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8 = new beginnings, new birth, new creation.

This is a year of everything new - old things are passed away, all things have become new, don't look back. There is nothing behind you but things that have died, no more life in them, no more existence. DON'T LOOK BACK, PLEASE!

This is the divine multiplication of 1000 years x 1000 years!

Let's go back and rehearse some definitions of numbers from last week.

Many times when I start taking numbers apart, particularly when they are dates such as 2007 and 2008, I find that meanings can be found in several different directions, and when it is the Spirit of God at work in this research, every direction will agree with every other direction. Everything in God's Kingdom rightly fits together and nothing conflicts within itself, MUCH LIKE A VERTICAL PUZZLE.

The number 2007 is actually 1000 + 1000 + 7 = 2007.
The number 1000 means, 'Divine Completeness and the Glory of God'. There was no Ancient Hebrew word higher than 1000, so the Bible would use the multiplication table of 1000's (Daniel 7:10, and Revelation 5:11) to describe numbers larger than 1000. For example, in describing huge numbers, the Bible would use the terms, 10,000 x 10,000's, or 1000's x 1000's.

With this information, let's take a quick look at 2008.
1000 means 'Divine Completeness and the Glory of God'
Multiplied by
2 which means 'Union, Unity, Witnessing, and the Separation of Righteousness from Unrighteousness, Holiness from Unholiness'
(II Corinthians 6:17, 18) *"So come out from among them and be separate…"*

So the years of 2000's are the multiplied greatness of God's manifested Glory upon HIS people that brings about and accomplishes God's divine completeness within us! But we can not stop there. There is so much more!

As I said earlier, the number 8 means 'New Beginning, New Birth, New Creation'

Once we see the whole and completed number of this year, we must be encouraged and enlightened as to God's purpose for us in these coming months. At the very least, it is a year to begin again - to put the past in the past. Stop trying to recreate or even repair the past. Stop looking back with longing to return behind you. Did you know that these are all definitions of repent? To repent means to turn from the past, and start again, forgiven, and set free from the ropes (memories) holding you and keeping you from moving forward. DON'T LOOK BACK!

2008 is your year to run forward and never look back again, to get over it and stop trying to figure it all out, to stop asking 'why' and move on!

2008 is a fresh start, a renewed, and a right spirit within you, if you so choose. God has not only made a way for you, but He has appointed a time for you, this time, for such a time as this!

From an addition standpoint, we see 2 + 0 + 0 + 8 = 10.
10 is the Hebrew number for Testimony, Responsibility, Restoration, Recovery, Law.

It is time for you to move to this place ordained by the Lord as your anointed placed of HIS REST, and overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, and the WORD OF YOUR TESTIMONY, and to turn lose of this earth's grip on you and understand that you are not a citizen of Earth, but a citizen of Heaven!

You do not love this earth life to the point that you are not willing to die for Heaven! Whoa, there pardner! (Too many John Wayne movies over the Christmas break! Ha!) Now you've gone to meddling! What in the world are you talking about willing to die for Heaven!

I am not saying that it will come to that for you, that you must literally die for Christ. There was only one human who could pay the price for our sins, and that is the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus. But I am talking about dying to yourself, your selfish will, dying to what you think, to receive what HE KNOWS. Just praying a prayer or repeating words after someone is not what being a true born again, new beginning, citizen of the Kingdom of God is all about. Jesus died for us, so that we might live for Him. There are many people in the American church, that say they love Jesus, and confess that He is their Savior. They will gladly tell you they are born again, but are still living for themselves. They are not living for HIM. Knowing the terms of a deal, and entering into agreement with the terms of a deal are two different things.

We can be willing to listen to the Gospel and maybe even be moved by the Gospel, (both of these are steps to becoming born again - having a new beginning), but the bottom line comes when we stop living for ourselves, and our existence becomes about living for Him. Until that happens, I rather doubt whether there has been a 'true born again experience' but rather a mental assent to the reading of the will. I don't want to have simply heard the will read, I want to enter into the terms of the deal, accept them as my own, and begin living out in my every day life, the terms that are provided for me!

The multiplication of this year's numbers makes the most out of this year for me.

When we multiply 2 x 8 = 16.
(You may remember from a few weeks ago, we determined that when we multiply

anything x 0 the answer is 0. Therefore, to actually multiply these numbers with any accuracy for prophetic interpretation, we must first remove the value of 0.)

16 could very well be one of the most glorious numbers in the entire Ancient Hebrew language; as it means 'love.' Whether you speak English or Spanish, or any other language, the number 16 always represent 'love.'

2008 is the year for God's Glory to be poured out over HIS people, for divine completeness to take over our hearts, minds, and every day lives, for new beginning to truly take root in our hearts, growing up and out of us with every breath we take, springing forth with the fruit of love SHOWING on our individual trees of life!

God is love. Love is God. To truly love is impossible without first experiencing the real forgiveness of the cross, for how can we 'love' when we don't know What or Who it is?

God is Love. Jesus is the manifestation of God's love toward humanity.
God is Love.
Love is patient,
Love is kind,
Love does not envy,
Love is not puffed up and does not parade itself,
Love does not behave rudely,
Love does not seek its own way,
Love is not provoked,
Love thinks no evil,
Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but Love rejoices in the truth,
Love bears all things,
Love believes all things,
Love hopes all things,
Love endures all things,
Love never fails.

Love is not just for show. Love is not just for when people are watching me. Love is humbling myself when no one is watching and I want to go off mumbling to myself, or grumbling to myself. Love is treating those closest to me with the same respect as I do to those who only know me publicly. If you want to know about a person, don't ask those who watch them, ask those who live with them. Only those in close relationship with you, truly know you.

Does Jesus know you? Does the Love of God identify you? You may have been religious all your life. You may have been in church all your life. You may have 'worked for the Kingdom of God' all your life, but God is love, are you? If you belong to Him, and are identified with Him, then His Nature has become your nature. No more pretending, no more lying even to yourself. This is the year of new beginning, new birth, new creation, of divine completeness, of the outpouring of God's Glorious Presence upon you. This is the year of unity with God, and division from the sinful nature that only seeks its own -destruction is what that path will find.

God's path will bring you into HIS Presence, HIS glory, HIS new beginning, HIS divine completeness. Are you ready? He is waiting. Be still, and know that HE IS GOD.

We love you,

Cheryl & Harry

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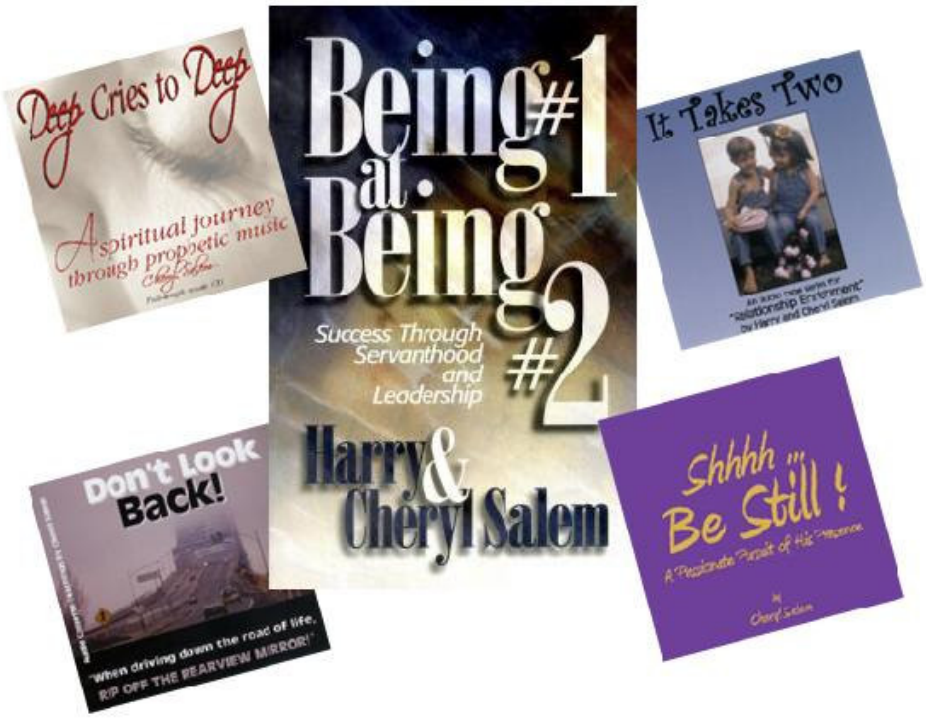

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