



FREEDOM'S GATE

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I was born and raised in a Christian home in Liberia. By 1986 I gave my life to Christ. I came from an old Pentecostal denominational background. All we were taught was to take time in life, be afraid of the devil, Christians are not to be prosperous because riches will make you forget about God's will or you may lose your salvation, etc. I grew up knowing Chris-

tians to be poor, always wore used clothing and shoes. Most often, there was no food to eat so there was fasting often in the home and churches. One thing I never ever wanted to be was a Pastor. I knew my Pastor to be a beggar. Whenever he was coming to our home, I knew we were to share our little or limited food with him and his family.

Being a Pastor was something I never thought to be. Pastors never wore any good clothes; their children always were the worst amongst other kids in terms of physical appearance, etc. So for me a life of a Christian was boring. I became Christian because I was afraid to go to Hell. We were told how Heaven is a beautiful place and Hell is where fire is burning forever and the devil will torment people in hell.

In my nation, Liberia, we went through a terrible civil war which lasted from 1989-2003. This war claimed the lives of over 250,000 people of our total population of 3.5 million people. We are left with orphans, street and abandon children, breakdown of infrastructure, morals, etc. I became active in ministry in 1991 in the heat of the crisis. In 1994, I got a call of God to start a new ministry which was going to "Reach the Un-reached" people with the Gospel of Jesus and radically change our old Pentecostal denominational way of doing things. But throughout, reaching the un-reached has been our main focus and we were still carrying some of what we learned.

I met Joe and Anne Pranger of A New and Living Way through Paul and Marsha Metzger of Michigan in 2007. They imparted into my life the teaching on who I am in Christ. This was not just a teaching, but a revelation. This was something God has been preparing me to get in my sixteen years of ministry. I thought I was doing just what I was suppose to do, but later realized that I was not enjoying the privileges of being a king and prince in His Kingdom.

You can imagine living in a third world country, walking in the fullness of Christ is like a dream. I thought it was something I could never have. Since I got the revelation of who I was in Christ, my mind set changed, my direction changed, in fact everything about my life and ministry has changed.

In my bit of getting deeper revelation of who I was in Christ, I decided to come back to the States in 2008. Meanwhile, I have possessed three U.S. Visas, two multiple entries and one single entry and I have been in the U.S. four times and obeyed all of the immigration laws. I went to the U.S. Embassy on September 3, 2008 for a Visa interview in order to visit the U.S. in October 2008 and get more revelation of who I am in Christ. The Visa officer said, "You do not qualify for a Visa." At that hour, the enemy came and said, "You are

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finished. You always travel to the U.S. and these are the same documents you have been presenting to get your Visa. Now you have been told, you do not qualify for a Visa. There is nothing you can do about it." Those were the words the devil rang in my mind. That was my carnal mind, the mind of the enemy, the old man.

In the wake of the struggle I was going through, a friend of mine encouraged me and said, "The Visa people cannot determine whether you come to the States or not." At that hour, I put on the mind of Christ. Not myself, but Him. I became the manifesta-

tion of the son of God.

I went to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs (what you call your State Department) and decided to meet the minister (what you call your Secretary of State). I met the minister and said, "I have come for you to write a letter that I can take to the U.S. Embassy for my Visa."

The Minister said, "We do not issue Visas here, in fact who are you? Are you a government official? Do you hold an official or diplomatic Passport?"

I said, "No."

Then he said, "Well, we do not write for someone who holds an ordinary passport."

That was the opportunity I had to manifest myself a son of God. I said to him, "I may hold an ordinary passport, but I am Extra-ordinary."

The Minister took a deep breath and said, "What do you mean that you are extra-ordinary?"

Meanwhile, we were standing talking and then he gave me a seat in his office and wanted to know and understand what I meant that I was extra-ordinary. I explained my position in Christ and the contribution I am making to the growth and development in our war torn country.

He then called for the Assistant Minister for American Affairs and ordered him to write a letter for this extraordinary man. The man said, "Sir, you know this is not our policy."

The Minister said, "I say go ahead and write, it is on my order."

I received the letter and went to the U.S. Embassy and I was granted another one year multiple entry into the United States. I came back to the States and received more revelation of who I am in Christ. My life and ministry has changed since.

Brethren, you are indeed extraordinary. Never allow the enemy to lower your self esteem. You are a VIP. You are an heir with Christ. You are a royal priesthood. You are set apart and destined for greatness. There should be no wall that you can't break through. No victory that you can't attain. No situation that you cannot overcome. You are a winner and not a loser. You are the first and not the last.

By: Emmanuel Lloyd - Liberia

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Covenant Partnership

What do we mean by covenant partnership? First we need to define what each word means before we can understand the term. A covenant is a binding agreement, a promise or a pledge according to Webster's dictionary. In Hebrew (OT), the word means: in the sense of cutting, a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh). In Greek (NT) it means a contract, a compact. The word partnership is not in the Bible, but the word partner is. Webster defines partner as one who shares with another. The word partner in the Greek has a much broader meaning: a sharer, companion, fellowship, a partaker. A root word gives us even deeper meaning: denoting union with or together by association, companionship; it also means completeness.

Covenant partnership is, simply put, a partnership based on covenant. We see many types of partnership today in the world, but they are not all based on covenant. A New and Living Way is a ministry founded on covenant. What covenant? The covenant talked about in Galatians 3:17a: "And this I say, **that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ.**" Galatians 3:19 explains more: "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, **till the Seed should come to Whom the promise was made;**"

We can see from these two verses that there was a covenant made between God and Christ and promises were made to the Seed. Who was that Seed? None other than Jesus Christ! (Galatians 3:16). God and Jesus walked a covenant (passing between pieces of flesh) talked about in Genesis 15:17. The smoking furnace is God and the burning lamp is Jesus. For the sake of space, we will go into greater detail about this covenant in another article. But suffice it to say that there was a covenant made by God Himself that had nothing to do with man – you will notice that Abram slept while this was going on (Genesis 15:12).

Why is this so important? Because this covenant is the basis of our salvation and we cannot truly partner with each other in Christ's Body without understanding this. God made promises to the Seed, not to us individually. 2 Corinthians 1:20 says all the promises of God are yes **in Him**. The way we partake of those promises is to be **in Him**. It is important for us to have revelation of our position in Christ to benefit from our salvation. John 15:4, 5 clearly shows us that there are two positions – Christ in us and us in Christ. If you are born again, then from God's perspective you are **in His Son**. But if all you "know" is Christ in you, then you will walk in the flesh and not partake of the promises.

Our partnership with each other is based first on our covenant with our Savior. Our covenant partnership is an overflow of our relationship with Him. When we understand our position in Christ then our partnering with each other will bear more fruit. Using the definitions at the beginning of this

article, we can see that partnership is about being involved in each other's lives. But we want you to notice that it also means **completeness**. Colossians 2:10 says we are complete in Him.

The Word says that Christ is the head of His Body and we are members in particular of His Body. Members of Christ's Body are complete in Him and they are the workmanship of God created in Christ Jesus. Partnership is not about changing people (although people's lives are changed as a result) or their function in the Body, but it is about enhancing their calling and making them more effective.

Yes, fellowshiping with each other is very important. How will we affect each other and truly partner with them if we don't spend time with one another? But we must remember that God has a purpose in our union and sharing together. He actually set the pattern for us and then told us to do likewise (Ephesians 5:1). He didn't just send Jesus to save us and then leave us on our own to figure the rest out. No, He gets personally involved with us. He speaks with us, He loves on us, He answers our prayers, etc. He is **very** interested in having relationship with us! But He also has another goal in mind – **conforming us to the image** of His Son, Jesus. God is after sons and daughters – all of creation is **waiting** for the manifestation of the sons of God.

This is what covenant partnership is about. It is understanding our covenant we have with God and then extending that covenant to men and women, boys and girls of all walks in life. If we do not know about our covenant and its fullness of Jesus and His life, our partnering with others will be less than what God intended. Most of us in America have had a limited view of partnership. We thought if we gave our money and prayed for people, that was enough. Certainly that is good and necessary and sometimes that is all you can do. The Lord may direct you to give to a certain ministry or missionary, etc. and you are not able to be involved with them physically, but you can extend your covenant to them in prayer. By praying **from your position in Christ**, you can mightily affect other's lives.

In many countries people are used to spending a lot of time together. Christians are excited to see one another and share the goodness of their Savior. Americans tend to like their space. We understand – we are one of them. But true partnership requires at times that we be a living sacrifice, let Jesus live through us and give people our time.

Covenant partnership is first, understanding we are a living, breathing, moving, new and living way (Acts 17:28) and second that we need each other. Just like in your natural body, all the parts were designed to work together, so it is with Christ's physical flesh Body on the earth, which we are (1 Corinthians 12:27). It is coming alongside each person, no matter what their holy calling is and helping them grow up into the head (Ephesians 4:15) and be all that God purposed them to be. 2 Timothy 1:9 says, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

We are in covenant partnership with you. We are here for you, we pray for all of you often. Our greatest desire for you is the Father's desire – that you would "Know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19)." That fullness is God's Son, Jesus Christ! (Colossians 2:9).

~ Joe and Anne Pranger

Home Fellowship

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