



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Destined to be Holy

.....it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" 1 Peter 1:16

Below is an excerpt from Oswald Chamber's

"My Utmost for His Highest"

We must continually remind ourselves of the purpose of life.

We are not destined to happiness, nor to health, but to holiness. Today we have far too many desires and interests, and our lives are being consumed and wasted by them. Many of them may be right, noble, and good, and may later be fulfilled, but in the meantime God must cause their importance to us to decrease. The only thing that truly matters is whether a person will accept the God who will make him holy. At all costs, a person must have the right relationship with God.

Do I believe I need to be holy? Do I believe that God can come into me and make me holy? If through your preaching you convince me that I am unholy, I then resent your preaching. The preaching of the gospel awakens an intense resentment because it is designed to reveal my unholiness, but it also awakens an intense yearning and desire within me. God has only one intended destiny for mankind-holiness. His only goal is to produce saints. God is not some eternal blessing-machine for people to use, and He did not come to save us out of pity-He came to save us because He created us to be holy. Atonement through the Cross of Christ means that God can put me back into perfect oneness with Himself through the death of Jesus Christ, without a trace of anything coming between us any longer.

Never tolerate, because of sympathy for yourself or for others, any practice that is not in keeping with a holy God. Holiness means absolute purity of your walk before God, the words coming from your mouth, and every thought in your mind-placing every detail of your life under the scrutiny of God Himself. Holiness is not simply what God gives me, but what God has given me that is being exhibited in my life.

Living a holy life is an act of determined will. If anyone has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, they are immediately endowed with everything that is needed to be holy. Where we so often fail is we choose our worldly life over a sanctified life lived in complete dedication to Jesus. How many of us have done exactly what Oswald has stated and resented the Holy Spirit's prompting to repent of anything that is not glorifying to our Savior?



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While we were in the U.S. a few months ago, we purchased a queen size waterbed mattress and liner. After the team left we were able to purchase the needed lumber to build the pedestal and bed frame. With no electricity and no heater the bed maintains a very chilled temperature. It is fantastic! No more laying in bed with sweat dripping off our bodies. In fact it is quite the opposite. We sleep with blankets now. What a blessing it is to finally get a good nights sleep.

Thank you for the donation.

Time Warp.....Africa 2003



Looking at these pictures of Zambia, seems like many lifetimes ago. So much has happened in all of our lives. We served two years in Zambia and six months in South Africa. They are, from left to right; Bill & Cindy cooking up some rabbits for a student bar-b-que. Josh & Curtis putting up rafters for a girls dormitory at the "Matrons" unit. It was supposed to be a family installation but Bill got a severe case of malaria and had to stay in the tent for several days. The boys did a great job by themselves. Cindy with some Doberman puppies in S.A. Curtis playing with Nathan, (a student's son) in Zambia.

When God called us into overseas missions in 2001 we had absolutely no idea what life would be like or where He would eventually take us in ministry. We were willing to give our complete dedication to Him, and we have never regretted that decision. There are some things we would have done differently but once we heard the call in our lives, serving the Lord was never questioned.

As the martyr Polycarp so clearly stated... "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and He has never done me wrong; how then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me? You threaten the fire that burns for an hour and then is quenched; but you know not of the judgement to come, and the fire of the eternal punishment. Bring what you will."