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“TIME AND ETERNITY”

Dear Partner,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Heaven is generally thought to be somewhere up in the sky, but this becomes a problem when two Christians on opposite sides of the earth look up. Which way is really up? Well, the truth is, when this passage mentions “heaven” it is referring to heaven as dimensional. Just as we understand something in “3-D,” meaning its length, width and height, heaven is a part of the “4-D” or the fourth dimension.

When scripture says, “reserved in heaven” it is not speaking about when we leave this Earth and go to be with the Lord and being “rewarded” for things done while on Earth. No. This passage is speaking of what is now reserved in the invisible world that the Bible refers to as the “eternal,” the spirit world, a dimension that exists just outside and alongside this physical three-dimensional world that we naturally live in. It’s where all the supplies you’ll ever need or want are already set aside in a heavenly warehouse. In heaven everything is finished! Accepting and understanding this opens the door to the supernatural in your life.

Everything God is going to do for us He’s already done. Period! No exceptions. Let’s say it another way. As far as God is concerned, every one of your needs has been met. This “eternal” dimension is something that was always there, and now we see why God had to create “the beginning.” Scripture tells us that God is **“the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity”** (Isaiah 57:15). A thousand years (to Him) is the same as one day (2 Peter 3:8).

The Apostle Paul writes,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...(Ephesians 1:3-4).

You and I, as kingdom ambassadors, and children of the Eternal God were born from this superior dimension called “eternity” where there is no space or time as we know it. Time and space, along with matter, were all a part of God’s creation when He first made the universe and placed mankind over it. No wonder man is trying to conquer space. (Read Psalm 8:3-6)

The Bible teaches that all of us, as descendants of Adam and Eve and spiritual heirs of their sinfulness, were born in the earth as children of darkness, which means we all *were born ignorant* and without God. We couldn’t find our way back to the Father if you paid us. Even as we would grow and get all kinds of titles and secular knowledge, the ignorance remains—until we come to know God through our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. When we get “born again,” the veil of ignorance is lifted. Scripture says we were “delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son” (Colossians 1:13 paraphrased).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, a highly educated and respected Jewish Pharisee in the synagogue, “You must be born again” (I’m paraphrasing) when he asked Him about the miracles He did. The *Amplified Bible* puts it this way...“*Unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God*” (John 3:3).

Faith is Now

Every Christian, through the New Birth, receives the measure of faith, we call it the God-kind of faith. Now OUR FAITH will dictate when and how things will happen, not time or our circumstances. We no longer have to “conform to this world.” Now we can again exercise man’s God-given dominion over it and manipulate time (space and matter) as Adam did before the fall. No longer do we have to remain enslaved by material insufficiency and the dictates of this seen world. Now, as ambassadors from another planet, we can, by faith, manifest from what is set aside in the “heavenly warehouse” whatever we need right at the time and place that we need it. Jesus manifested wine at the wedding of Cana and fed 5,000 with two fish and five loaves in a desert place.

Before our New Birth, when the doctor said it would take six months for our healing, we agreed with him and were forced to wait for the date the doctor set. Or when the banker wrote down 30 years on a mortgage note for our new home, we’d fix our minds on 30 years of payments, ending up paying three times the original value of the house—all because of how we had been programmed by the world to think what is possible in a given amount of time. Time became our “mediator and master.” But after our New Birth, what time declares a situation to be is no longer the issue. Faith takes us above the limitations of time.

Understand, I’m not criticizing the doctor or the mortgage lender, they have both been trained “in time,” but we can now operate “out of time.” If one has faith, they can manipulate the law of time and reach into the future and take their portion right now. No matter how intellectual or educated, if a person is not born again, he or she is subject to this world age and imprisoned by time limitations, and has no access to eternity. Thus, most of what the Lord has provided for their lives they will likely never experience.

I remember years ago when I was attending seminary full-time, my wife was seeking employment. We touched and agreed, according to Matthew 18:19-20, that

she would have the specific type of employment that she had written down on a 3x5 index card, praying and confessing it daily. One day a friend and fellow classmate came over to our apartment to visit, and my wife was out on the front lawn. As he approached I heard him ask, "Sister Veronica is Bill here?" She answered, "Yes, he's in the house."

He then proceeded to ask her, "By the way, you got your job yet?" She answered, "I sure do." He quickly asked with excitement, "Where is it?" She smartly answered, "I don't know where it is right now, but I have it." I could tell by his sigh that what she said was "Greek" to him and he couldn't understand what she was talking about. He wasn't used to someone speaking like the Creator...the language of faith, "calling things that be not as though they were."

Waiting on the Move of the Water

This has been the condition of many of God's children. They are born-again citizens of heaven, but not operating based on where they came from. Instead, they have "conformed to this world," and are subject to the dictates and limitations of time mercilessly ruling without even being challenged.

Think about it...**"If God meant for us to live by time, He never would have given us faith."** Because faith is always NOW! How many of us have been living, waiting for healing, waiting for the weather to get better, waiting for a raise from our employer, waiting on a mate (Yes! I said it) or "waiting for the moving of the water?" Well, your wait is over. Through this letter I decree you will develop the faith to take your portion NOW, in Jesus' Name!

In the Gospel of John chapter five, Jesus asked the man who had been trying to get healed for 38 years, *"...Do you want to become well?" [Are you really in earnest about getting well?] The invalid answered, Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool; but while I am trying to come [into it] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me. Jesus said to him, Get up! Pick up your bed [sleeping pad] and walk! Instantly the man became well..."* (John 5:6-9 Amplified Bible).

Notice, time was ruling this certain man's life mercilessly. Interestingly, the pool was called *Bethesda*. In the Hebrew it means "house of mercy" and thirty-eight years had passed since he first started trying to get his healing (see verses 5-6). Again, notice how time stood between him and his immediate destiny, and it will do the same for any child of God who submits to it.

Faith Takes You Beyond Time

Jesus said to the man, *"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked..."* (John 5:8-9). You see, real faith says or declares when something will happen and time bows to that decree. Time like money is meant to be our servant, not our master.

Remember this, time tries to conform everything and everyone to its natural progression, but again the Bible tells us, in more than one place, **"The just shall live by faith"** not by time. Also faith is no respecter of time. Once faith declares when something will be, time is suspended.

Let me give you one more illustration of operating outside the dictates of time. Years ago, when God placed in my heart to start the Joseph Business School, I chose a husband and wife team, who were members of our church, highly educated and experienced in business, to help me get it started. I gave them the requirements and asked them to do some research and come back and tell me how long it will take to get it started. They took the information and in a few days came back and said, "It will take about one to two years." I took their report and prayed on it, and God said, "Tell them it will not take two years but two months." They took the man of God's word and went to work. Today, this one of a kind Christian business school of entrepreneurship that was started in two months is fully accredited and opening up locations all over the world...in no time at all.

The devil is still the god of this world "system," and with unseen spiritual forces, he attempts to enforce his world order upon unsuspecting humanity, inflicting deception and demonic delays. Sometimes causing things that should take two years to stretch into four years or even, in the case of this man, "38 years."

How do we prevent this? Get out of time and the dictates of a fallen world and get over into faith. Faith guarantees your destiny. I decree your days of delays are over! Delays of God's promises, your prayers, and projects are stopped NOW. And whatever plan God has for you that the enemy has been holding back, you are breaking forth today, in Jesus' Name!

Veronica and I are thanking God for your partnership. We started this journey in Chicago with only two hundred dollars and no place of our own to stay, but look what the Lord has done. And you helped us do it. The scriptures tell us, "***A faithful man shall abound in blessings***" (Proverbs 28:20).

As we have been faithful in serving the Lord, and as you have been faithful in your prayers and financial support to Bill Winston Ministries, expect 2017 to be the most BLESSED year ever.

We love you and pray for you every day and keep doing the same for us. Have a Happy New Year!

"Remember, keep walking by faith."

Your Partner and Friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a cursive "ill".

William S. Winston