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A New Attitude

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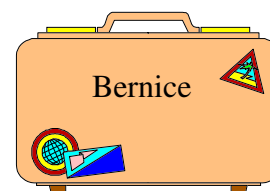
The year 2006 will be remembered by a number of people as one of the toughest. Soaring fuel prices, threatening utility hikes, financial challenges, roofs caving in, tragedies on our streets and in our schools - set the tone for the whole year. Just when you thought it couldn't get worse, it did!

Yes, it was a year to really test the Scripture "Count it all Joy". Yes, it was a year to really define your walk as a born-again Believer. How did you measure up? Are you a survivor or a thriver?

Regardless of how you made it, YOU MADE IT. Between hurricanes, tsunami's and just plain bad choices,

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Packing for Heaven



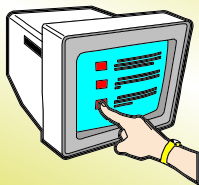
As Christians we all look forward to the second coming of Jesus, and being creatures of habit, we have packed our spiritual suitcases.

In the natural, when we pack, we include everything we think we might need. We tend to pull out things we haven't used with the idea that this will be the perfect time to use them. Perhaps we buy new things, just in case... We will take one suitcase and stuff it to the point where we have to sit on it to close it.

Arriving at our destination, we unpack. All kinds of things pop out and we wonder why we didn't leave some of this stuff at home.

It's the same with our lives. In our spiritual suitcases, we have all these things, old and new that we have packed, thinking that we will deal with them..some day. The reality is

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that Jesus wants us to deal with them NOW. So He sends the Holy Spirit, not to sit on our spiritual suitcase, but to open it up and examine each thing separately.

First, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to us as we unpack (Heb. 1:1-4). In your suitcase there will be things you thought you had dealt with in the past, but the Holy Spirit will bring out each item, and as you deal with each item, your over-packed suitcase becomes lighter and lighter until, finally...it's empty.

Your suitcase gets lighter, your praise and thanksgiving to God becomes more joyous and your heart begins to soar with true worship (it's easier to sing and praise God when you are not struggling with a heavy load). Now that your spiritual suitcase is empty of all the natural junk you were going to carry, you and the Holy Spirit can repack with love, joy, peace, happiness, wisdom, and all the things you will need to please God. As you wait for Christ's return, you now realize that you didn't need a suitcase after all, because when Jesus returns, you will have a new body, a new robe, everything will be new (Rev. 21:1-7).

I don't what others like, but I love long flowing robes, even at home when I relax. I like to put on a robe and feel free. Imagine wearing a robe from God in heaven. As we look forward to Jesus' [soon] return - with great joy - we should eagerly seek to get rid of the items in our natural suitcase and welcome Christ with arms wide open and praise on our lips. As we empty our natural suitcase, we practice the praises we will give God throughout eternity.

Submitted by Bernice Ford, December 5, 2006

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some who started 2006 no longer have an opportunity to change their attitudes.

But here we are in 2007 with a new attitude - an attitude of gratitude, an attitude of true Worship. John 4:24 reminds us "God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." There are no other options for true worshippers. I like the way Paul put it in Phil. 4:12 *"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."* And again he writes in 1 Th 5:18: *"in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

Dr. R. C. Sproul, in his latest book - "A Taste of Heaven" notes the following: *"...In our time we have experienced a radical eclipse of God. The shadow has fallen over the face of God. It hides the real character of God from His people. It has brought a profound loss of the sense of the holy and any sense of the gravity and seriousness of godly worship."*

He goes on to state *"We're living in a time when there is a manifest crisis of worship in the church."* Dr. Sproul writes this epilogue: *"How then shall we worship? To honor God as God, we must worship Him as He and He alone decrees...We must work, and work hard, to remove the shadows we have placed over the glory of God, that God's people may be renewed by basking in His divine splendor and refulgent glory. Nothing else will do."*

How will the year 2007 define you - as a survivor or a thriver? How about a true Believer with an attitude of gratitude, an attitude of a true Worship, an attitude of Holiness, created in the image of a Holy God!

Submitted by Rev. Pat Carroll

Course Descriptions - Spring Semester 2007

CSN 203 Frankly Speaking ~ This module provides a detailed study on effective communications in the home, church, workplace and in counseling. Is the message you're sending the same as the message that is received?

HCH 205 Survey of Church History ~ The course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to the development of the Christian church from its founding at Pentecost to the present day.

OTS110 In Pursuit of Wisdom ~ Proverbs is a textbook of wisdom. Throughout, the Bible contrasts archetypes, the fool and the wise person. From these archetypes we learn what God expects from us. At least five major themes emerge: obtaining wisdom through knowledge and understanding, striving for holiness, avoiding anger and strife, keeping our own counsel and valuing hard work. The person that can apply these values achieves wisdom. . .

THE XXX Understanding Cults ~ This course will define what a cult is and offer some characteristics of cults. This is then contrasted with historical, biblical Christianity. Included will be detailed background information about numerous cults affecting our society today, including: Hare Krishna, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Transcendental Meditation, and others.

BLE 203 Transforming the Inner Man ~ This study provides a detailed study of bringing inner healing and wholeness through the Word of God to those that have been hurt by life.