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JOY IN TODAY'S WORLD?

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Is there any hope of having real security – and even joy – with the horrible condition the world is in today? Ominous war clouds. Worldwide open military preparations. Hidden arsenals of debilitating chemical and biological agents. Nations desperately needing to be rescued from cruel dictators. Renewed potential terrorist attacks. Nuclear bombs capable of reaching our own shores. Is there any source of security that will get us through all this – with joy?

As much as we want to put our trust in human endeavors, there is only one source that unequivocally can give us inner peace and security while this all presses in on us. I put my trust completely in that source when just nine years old. From a World War II bride with my husband a bomber pilot all through family crises and deaths, that source has never failed me. There has been an incredible, unshakable inner peace, security and even joy while enduring the hardships of life on this Planet. But that source was not human. **It was Jesus!**

As I have experienced the JOY of sharing my Jesus through books, tapes, videos, radio, the curriculum for AD2000 and ultimately in person in every state and on every continent of the world, I have watched multitudes accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord. And they received this same inner peace, security and joy. So I know it works!

But just now, the most thrilling potential for joy of my entire life-long ministry has just opened up: being able to give FREE the joy, peace and security of Jesus to a huge percentage of the people in the whole world.

FREE? How? By putting the simple gospel of Jesus FREE on our new websites. Our “A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying” book will be able to be downloaded and printed FREE in its entirety first in English and then Spanish and about sixty of our other languages worldwide.

What is the secret of JOY in that “Study Guide?” It contains how to personally know Jesus and then pray for and share the gospel of Jesus with others. This “Study Guide” teaches why everybody worldwide needs Jesus and is eligible to receive that new life found only in Him – for right now and for all eternity. It is the complete basics needed in a simple, user-friendly format of questions and Biblical answers to accept and share Jesus. It also includes for Christians the personal spiritual preparation needed, ways to pray for each other, and the Triplet Prayer Program around the world.

Although I've longed for and prayed for this website potential to happen for years, it was our son Kurt who felt the urgency from the Lord to get it going now and is actually setting it all up. But also my son and “daughter-in-love” Margie are personally financing the original costs. My heart is exploding with the JOY of the **potential** of fulfilling my calling to not only reach every unreached person in the world with Jesus, but to teach them how to pray for and then share their new-found Savior with those around them.

But who has a computer? Virtually every university or college student on earth is trained and uses a computer. Basically students worldwide have access to
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them. Most people working in a business have a computer they can use. Then there is the soaring number of individuals and homes where computers continuously become a way of life. Our question today is: “What percentage of people who use the internet regularly, or even occasionally, have never heard of Jesus?”

When we first started broadcasting in India over Trans World Radio twenty years ago, they supplied a small radio for the use of a whole village – sometimes up to 200,000 people. The villagers would work all day and gather around that little radio at night to hear the precious gospel of Jesus. While that method is still needed in many places, the modern communicating by computer can now bring Jesus to them individually.

The excitement of the potential of the “Study Guide” had first come while writing it in 1992. On August 15th God had personally and powerfully said to me in the Bible:

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no mercy come, buy and eat. Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost.”

Isaiah 55:1-2

Immediately I promised God what I already had told the AD2000 Women’s Track – **I will give it free.** I will not take any royalties – a promise I have kept to this day, eleven years later.

It was written as curriculum for those women internationally for the decade of the ‘90s as part of the worldwide program to reach everyone with this wonderful new life in Jesus. They have used it successfully in our sixty languages in every continent of the world. JOY for them and me!

But there was more. As I just now read again Isaiah 55:1-2 about giving it free, I discovered in the 8/18/92 penciled margin note in my Bible the surprising word JOY. It said: “My heart for curriculum for AD2000 — JOY.” It was to be one more way to share the Jesus I loved so deeply – in an organized international network.

Before it was even finished being written, I had discovered the privilege of the JOY of doing the work for free and freely giving it. The privilege of turning the “Study Guide” over to the International AD2000 Women’s Track to print for all our overseas regional chairpersons to distribute free (or charging what their culture could handle and keeping all profits for their

local expenses in sharing Jesus) has produced a JOY unparalleled in my life.

The JOY of traveling to every continent in the world to teach the “Study Guide” extensively and watch hundreds of thousands eagerly embrace Jesus would come in the following decade of the ‘90s. And now in this new century to watch it being reprinted and audio radio tapes being prepared for several continents and its Triplet Prayer Program expanding worldwide has multiplied the JOY of sharing the Jesus I love.

So a website giving “A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying” FREE is another giant step in telling the fabulous news of new life in Jesus and the simple instructions of how to pray for and share Jesus with all who need Him. Every Biblical truth has been given **freely** to me by the Lord; so it was not mine to possess or profit from financially – but to freely give with JOY in Jesus’ name.

You will find “A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying” by the end of March, 2003 FREE at:
www.unitedprayerministry.org

But somebody always has to pay for what somebody else gives free. Who paid for our privilege of giving free the gift of a life of security, peace and JOY to everybody? Jesus!

It was not just the time and energy we humans spent in the last ten years’ “Study Guide” project or the generous donations of precious friends to finance it overseas that required sacrificial giving. No, the real price was paid by Jesus himself.

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Does this ministry touch your heart?

If so, you are invited to join United Prayer Ministry in the joy of spreading the gospel of Jesus worldwide through the continued printing of “A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying,” recording radio tapes, and broadcasting over Trans World Radio internationally. Would you consider making a financial gift today? Please make your check payable to:

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Thank you for sharing your resources in order that others may come to new life in Jesus.

Jesus, the Son of God, resided as a member of the divine Trinity in the perfect environment of heaven. The earth to which He was to come was made by Him. Even the body into which He would entrust Himself for nine months was one of His female creations, Mary. He willingly became flesh and came down and dwelt among us – with all our sin, war, anger, lying, lusts, diseases, filth, and even demonic activity.

He, the sinless Son of God, endured rejection, ridicule and humiliation as humans betrayed Him, accused Him, spit upon Him, flogged Him and made Him carry His own cross – to be crucified. He shed His blood on the cross, not for His own sins, but for ours. He paid the price that He alone was worthy to pay – as the propitiation for the sins of the whole world! So that everyone could come **freely** to Him for **free** forgiveness and **free** salvation. So that everyone on earth could be eligible to spend all eternity in heaven with Him. That is the only reason the Bible tells us Jesus came to Planet Earth.

Another surprise was Jesus' JOY on the way to that onefor-all sacrifice! As He and His disciples trudged toward Gethsemene where He would be arrested and taken away to be crucified, He surprisingly told them that He was leaving His JOY to be in them.

“These things have I spoken to you that My joy might be in you...” John 15:11a

What expression on His face at that agonizing moment, what body language exuded JOY? What JOY was there in Him as He was about to be betrayed, denied and sacrificed that they could possibly want Jesus to leave in them?

The Bible in Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us why Jesus had JOY worth giving to all His followers:

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the JOY set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Because of the two-fold results of His sacrifice, that which humans regard as sacrifice was counted as JOY to Jesus. How? First, by paying for the sins of all mankind by His own blood so they could accept Jesus' forgiveness, must have brought incredible JOY to His loving heart. But, second, He knew He would then return to heaven to sit victoriously at the right hand of the Father's throne – watching the JOY in heaven that His sacrifice had made possible.

Jesus had already told His disciples that:

“I tell you, in the same way, there will be more JOY in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Right now Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father, exploding with JOY with the angels every time someone new believes in Him through the price He so willingly paid.

The last part of Jesus' imparting His JOY to His disciples in John 15:11 on the way to the cross was:

“And that your joy might be full.”

The Bible tells us, His followers, that we should fix our eyes on Jesus as our example of how to have JOY while the world is crumbling around us.

Yes, the Triune God knew before the foundation of the earth what would give us real JOY. Not worldly power, possessions and money, but eagerly looking forward to what our sacrificing for Jesus will produce – redeemed people. People living in today's horrible uncertainty with incredible inner peace and joy. People now ready for their King of Kings and Lord of Lords returning for them. Triumphant! In clouds of the air! With His angels! For all of us to reign together with Jesus forever and ever and ever!

Today as people, and even nations, almost seem to be taking sides in the global battle between good and evil – **have you learned Jesus' secret of real JOY yet?**

WEBSITES IN PROGRESS

It won't be long now! In late March, please visit the website for United Prayer Ministry. You will soon have access to not one, but TWO new websites.

1. www.unitedprayerministry.org to download **FREE** the complete “A Study Guide for Evangelism Praying” by Evelyn Christenson. To get this in book form, please send \$6.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping/handling to Christian Women United, P.O. Box 480151, Minneapolis, MN 55448.

2. www.christianwomenunited.org to download in the future the “Study Guide” in English and multiple international languages. You may also send inquiries to this address. This website will keep you up-to-date on exciting events, information, other books and resources of Christian Women United, the women's arm of Mission America including its nation-wide Lighthouse Movement, a network of over 80 Christian denominations and over 400 parachurch organizations.

SUPPORTING EVELYN IN PRAYER

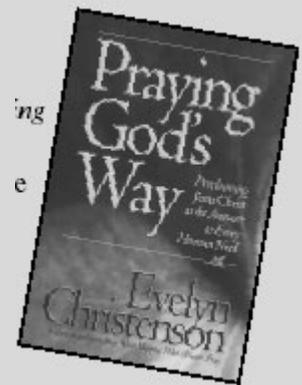
God has accomplished miracles recently through your prayers! Thanks! After months of God bringing Evelyn through getting a dual chamber pacemaker with resulting surgery to complete it and synchronizing problems, she is able to work almost full-time. Also during this time, God has been opening incredible door after door with multiplied responsibilities. Pray for God's priorities and power in the following:

- ❖ Pray for Evelyn, her son Kurt and Michael Shurter as they set up the new United Prayer Ministry website.
- ❖ Pray for Janet Hintz and Evelyn to complete printer ready revised *Study Guide* for immediate use on website and requested distribution.
- ❖ Pray for God's will for an international *Study Guide* director for Christian Women United.
- ❖ Pray for \$15,000 needed for Trans World Radio to complete the 125 Spanish *Study Guide* training tapes and those recording it in Uruguay.
- ❖ Pray for Mission America conference call organizing ethnic groups in U.S.A.
- ❖ Meeting in Atlanta April 6-9 preparing for full board meeting in May.
- ❖ Pray for Mission America meeting April 30 in D.C.
- ❖ Pray for National Day of Prayer on Capitol Hill and evening internationally televised prayer meeting from Washington, D.C. on May 1.
- ❖ Pray for National Prayer Committee meeting in D.C. on May 2-3.
- ❖ Pray for Christian Women United full board meeting on May 3-4 in D.C. reorganizing with new president Elaine Helms and Evelyn still as board chairman.
- ❖ Pray for time and strength for Evelyn to complete her new book, *What Have We Done With Jesus*, and other important writing assignments and websites.

Did you know that *Praying God's Way* and *A Study Guide for Evangelism* are companion books?

The *Study Guide* is in simple outline form and *Praying God's Way* is the enlarged narrative version of the *Study Guide's* basic points.

Here's what you will find in both revised and updated books:



(Formerly titled
A Time to Pray God's Way)

THE TRIPLET PRAYER PROGRAM – the complete yet simple approach for reaching those without Jesus, including...

- understanding why God needs you for this important task
- doing the personal preparation necessary to be effective
- starting your triplet prayer group for those needing Jesus
- praying for each other in this spiritual battle
- sharing Jesus with those for whom you are praying

This *Praying God's Way* book gives you more complete hands-on advice and suggestions for starting this powerful prayer program that is sweeping the world. It will help you become a vibrant witness in sharing the gospel of Jesus.