



Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries

Monthly Letter December 2019

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

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Dear Partners and Friends,

In December, we will be on the road in Indiana, Illinois and Kansas. Teaching and ministering in churches, bible colleges and, a healing seminar. Returning to Colorado in time to enjoy the Christmas holiday.

Overseas Ministry:

We are moving forward with preparations for the 2020 January and February overseas ministry in Scotland, Ireland, England and Hungary at the Healing is Here conferences, churches and Bible colleges.

It is such a blessing for us when we go and minister. Seeing people of all ages and nationalities experience the presence of God, with His love and faithfulness in each of their lives.

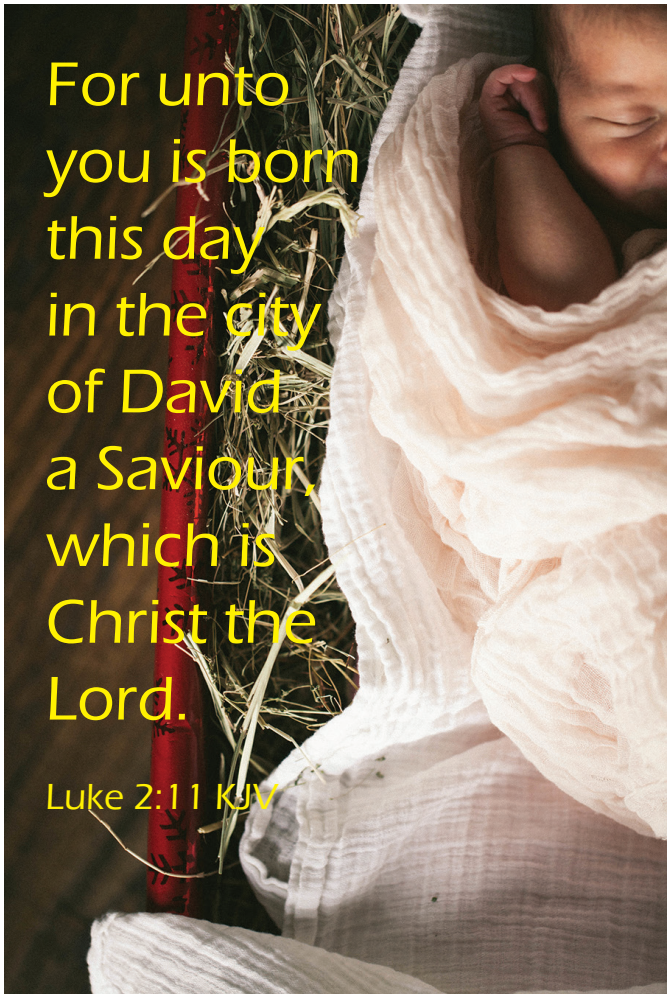
We have been in England, Ireland, Scotland and Europe many times and have many friends there. Now we will be going into Hungary for the first time. We are excited to be able to share the love of God with them too!

For those who would like to sow into the ministry, we are believing for the finances necessary for all ministry expenses here in the US while we are traveling overseas plus all extra expenses while traveling overseas.

New Book: Issues of the Heart

I am very excited about our new book. We have just received our first draft of this book even as this newsletter is being written and hope to see our first physical copies in December or at the beginning of January 2020.

I believe this book will minister life in bringing freedom to many people who have experienced



For unto
you is born
this day
in the city
of David
a Saviour,
which is
Christ the
Lord.

Luke 2:11 KJV

the kind of issues that have held them in bondage. The kind of issues that feel like they would never go away as if they have some kind of power over them.

I also believe that this book will bring more believers into the peace of God as these truths are established within their heart bringing them a new way of relating to life.

I would like to give you a preview of the first chapter of our new book, “Issues of the Heart.”

Chapter One

As long as you live on Earth, there’s a potential for relational issues. Just the fact that there are other people alive on this planet, means you’ll be challenged!

Take for example driving, and the multitude of other drivers you encounter on a daily basis! Whether you’re in the peaceful country or the stressful city, there’s always the potential for an offense to happen, and for it to influence you in different ways. How you relate to those offenses determines the freedom you are able to walk in.

So this teaching will help many people. It will bring you freedom, especially if you haven’t realized how you relate to life’s challenges. Maybe you’ve been walking in judgments, where you’ve reached out and taken hold of a problem according to what you believe about it. This teaching will bring you freedom.

As we begin, let me lay a foundation. I’m going to focus on freedom from the harmful kind of judging, but there is a good judging. The good kind of judging involves the Word of God and the Holy Spirit and enables us to gain God’s perspective. We are told to judge in many places in Scripture, but not the harmful kind of judging. Jesus said, “Judge not, lest you be judged.” (See Matthew 7:1)

There is a right kind of judging and there is a wrong kind of judging. The right kind always

meets the standard of the Word of God. It’s not a human judgment based upon our opinion, and our speculation of what we think is right. The right kind of judging is based on God’s Word, and the Holy Spirit, our teacher, bringing freedom into every situation.

Guarding our heart

Jesus gave His disciples this warning, “It is impossible but that offenses will come, but woe unto him through whom they come! (Luke 17:1 KJV)

As we begin to look at the relational areas of life, we notice that when Jesus instructed His disciples about forgiveness, He told them, “It’s just impossible; offenses will come.”

Sometimes people mean to offend us, sometimes they don’t. Sometimes they have issues in their heart which makes them critical and judgmental, where they do and say things that offend. Sometimes offense is simply a fact of life on Earth, where people don’t really mean to offend, but it happens just because we have to live with other people on this planet! Sometimes, it’s just our perspective on what someone has done, when they haven’t done anything wrong at all!

Things will happen! Jesus simply says, “Offenses will come.”

In this instance, Jesus is talking about the offense that comes when someone is purposely causing offense with an intent against another. You have to realize that Jesus was talking, while still under the law, to people who grew up under the law. But Jesus was also bringing them freedom, because He was showing them how to live free of offense. He taught them, saying, “Take heed to yourselves.” (Luke 17:3 KJV).

Now the New American Standard Bible translates those words “take heed” like this, “Be on your guard!”

This was the first warning Jesus gave concerning relational issues and shows the priority guarding our heart should have. It's of first importance for us to protect our hearts. When something happens, many times we think, "Hold it, what those people did was wrong! They deserve punishment! They deserve to be corrected; they need to change. They're just wrong!"

When we have that type of perspective, deep within our hearts, we end up becoming part of the problem. That's why the first thing Jesus said was, "Be on guard, take heed to yourself."

You might think that the people who offended you were wrong, and for your world to be perfect, they need to change. But no, that's not what Jesus said. His instruction was clear, "Be on guard, you protect yourself, you guard your heart."

As it says in the Book of Proverbs, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)

You see, we live out of our heart. The condition of our heart determines the quality of life that we live. The first warning Jesus gave was to guard and protect our heart, because offenses are just simply going to happen, but He wants our hearts to be free of them.

Jesus went on to say, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:3-5 HCSB)

Increase our faith

Nowhere else in Scripture do you see the disciples asking for more faith. Here you do, and it's in the relational area of life. The idea of forgiving a repeat offender challenged their heart! The reality is this: they didn't really need

more faith. They didn't need any more ability to trust God. No, under adverse circumstances, they simply needed a new perspective. They needed God's perspective on how to relate to life.

Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering spirit, soul and body as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

Cecil + Lisa

End of Year Giving:

Through your generous support this year, we have been able to go and touch many lives in the United States and around the world.

Thank You!

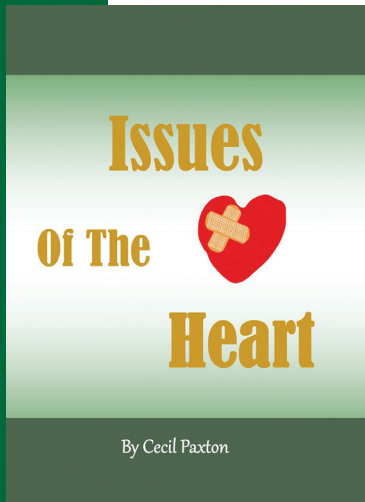
For those of you who would like to give a 2019 end of the year donation, your envelope needs to be postmarked or given through our website by

December 31, 2019.

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December's Monthly Offer

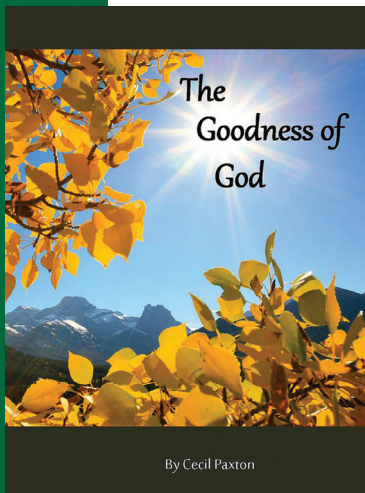
For the month of December we would like to offer the following CD albums *Issues of the Heart*, *The Goodness of God*, or *You Are What You Believe*, please make your selection on the enclosed response form. Or give us a call **(719) 243-4100** to place your order. We are always happy to hear from you.



Issues of the Heart 4-CD Album \$28.00

The issues of our heart that are formed from judgments is what allows our problems to have power over us. A judgment is when we go beyond the facts of the problem. In the imagination of our heart, we begin to establish deep beliefs contrary to the truth of God's Word, but are truth to us. Unbelief is always about us and the relationship we establish with life's problems. Jesus said to "take no thought" as taking thought is part of the process of empowering life's problems.

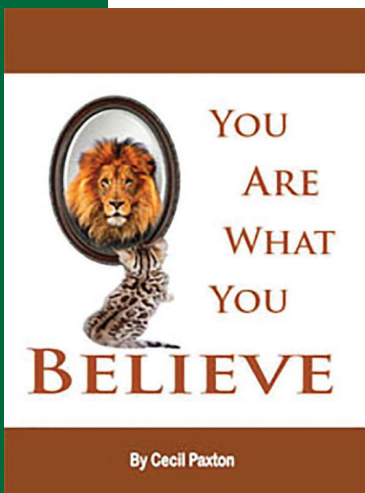
It was for living in freedom as a way of life that Jesus set us free. I believe this teaching will help people with deep hurts within their heart be made whole. People who it seems have problems that have power over them can live free and learn a new way of relating to life in Christ that will enable them to walk in freedom. Once you experience this, I believe you will never want to go back, as you will love the ways of life in Christ!



The Goodness of God 4-CD Album \$28.00

Some people want good, but have trouble believing in good because of all the bad they have experienced in life. This teaching will help you go from wanting good to owning good and into the place where good belongs to you because of Jesus. Bad is not supposed to be ours! We should never identify with bad in life even if we experience bad. God is good, even as God is love. Because of the goodness of God, given through Jesus Christ, we should identify with good. To identify with something means we become identical to it as we are united to it in spirit, outlook, and principle. We have become the same as it is.

Does good in life seem temporary and bad permanent? Does it seem like bad comes easier than good? Then establishing the goodness of God, a fruit of the Holy Spirit within our heart, is beneficial in receiving all the good that our heavenly Father has given us through Jesus Christ.



You Are What You Believe 3-CD Album \$21.00

Many believers do not realize that the beliefs that dominate their heart have caused them to become something — both to the good or the bad. For example, a person who is fearful has a heart that is full of fear. They live a fearful life where fear is reflected in their thoughts, emotions, and decisions. This person does not just have a problem with fear, but they have become the problem. When you take on the identity of a problem you become the problem. This produces an image that others come to know you by. Whether you realize it or not, what is in your heart will come out. This is why you may continually receive encouragement, but remain unchanged.

Real change is an internal heart change that comes through the Word of God and by the Spirit of the Lord. This kind of change is a process where the anointing destroys the yoke, allowing you, by the Spirit of the Lord, to continually experience heart belief change. You receive your new identity, becoming who you always were in Christ. This teaching will help those who are living with issues of the heart that seem to dominate them and will help to bring freedom in Christ through establishing new heart beliefs.