



# The Dove



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## *The Pastor's Pen*

### ***Behold I Make All Things New***

What if you were offered the opportunity to start life anew with what you already know? What if you could erase the hurt and pain from the past? What if you could truly let go of the things that you have done wrong and start fresh? What if you could start fresh with people and situations around you?

I love the book of Isaiah, besides predicting the coming of the Messiah; it is filled with lots of promises of God. Isaiah 43:19 in the NIV tells us "See, I am doing a new thing! Now is springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." The desert by definition is a very dry place. Depending on the elevation and precipitation most deserts have very little vegetation and they most certainly don't have streams of water, except during the occasional flash floods. God is telling us that He is making all things new. Some translations describe it as living water. Can you imagine living water being poured over you and over your life? If we allow Him, He will pour renewing, life-giving water over our lives.

How does it happen? It all depends upon us. God wants to heal us and to heal our past. He wants to raise us up and transform our lives. It begins with us accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior and believing that He has washed away our sins. Then we need to let Him get down deep into us to heal our brokenness. If we

allow Him, we can go back with Him to those times and places in our lives of pain, and He can help us see the situation from new eyes and to allow us to forgive those who have wronged us. Jesus forgives us just when we truly turn to Him with a repentant heart, but many of us hold onto the guilt of our sins for years, sometimes for all of our lives. Who do we think we are? If God can forgive us, why can't we forgive ourselves? Let Him take us forward, forgiven and more mature. Then we have those people who have treated us wrongly. Our human tendency is to seek revenge, or at the very least to harden our hearts toward them. It would sure be a sad thing if we got to heaven and then found out that because we haven't forgiven them, we aren't truly forgiven. Even now on earth, if we haven't truly and completely forgiven someone, that hurt and anger separates us from God. In many ways we chose to forgive not just for God, but for ourselves. When we have truly allowed God to work in our lives, then He begins to transform us day to day and He can truly do a new thing in our lives.

God is doing a new thing at Chapel of Peace. This month we begin our services in our new church home. It has taken many hours of work to prepare our new home. Just like God has to work with us to transform us, we have spent many hours washing, sanding, priming, and painting. Our new home is an old Christian education building that has been vacant for over twenty years only occupied by the bugs, the spiders, and things that were stored there. In many ways it was like the dry, desert in our scripture. God has used us to create a new thing, a chapel to worship Him in. Come and join us and watch what God is doing and let Him do a new thing in your life.

May God richly bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Linda

## The Joy-Stealer

He was a professional thief. His name stirred fear as the desert wind stirs tumbleweeds. He terrorized the Wells Fargo stage line for thirteen years, roaring like a tornado in and out of the Sierra Nevadas, spooking the most rugged frontiersmen. In journals from San Francisco to New York, his name became synonymous with the danger of the frontier.

During his reign of terror between 1875 and 1883, he is credited with stealing the bags and the breath away from twenty-nine different stagecoach crews. And he did it all without firing a shot.

His weapon was his reputation. His ammunition was intimidation. His presence was enough to paralyze.

Black Bart. A hooded bandit armed with a deadly weapon.

He reminds me of another thief—one who's still around. You know him. Oh you've never seen his face, either. You couldn't describe his voice or sketch his profile. But when he's near, you know it in a heartbeat.

It was this thief who left your palms sweaty as you went for the job interview.

It was this con man who convinced you to swap your integrity for popularity.

And it was this scoundrel who whispered in your ear as you left the cemetery, "You may be next."

He's the Black Bart of the soul. He doesn't want your money. He doesn't want your diamonds. He won't go after your car. He wants something far more precious. He wants your peace of mind—your joy.

His name?

### Fear.

His task is to take your courage and leave you timid and trembling. His *modus operandi* is to manipulate you with the mysterious, to taunt you with the unknown. Fear of death, fear of failure, fear of God, fear of tomorrow—his arsenal is vast. His goal? To create cowardly, joyless souls.

He doesn't want you to make the journey to the mountain. He figures if he can rattle you enough, you will

take your eyes off the peaks and settle for a dull existence in the flatlands.

Courage is an outgrowth of who we are. Exterior supports may temporarily sustain, but only inward character creates courage.

And it is those inward convictions that Jesus is building in the Beatitudes. Remember, Matthew 5 is not a list of proverbs or a compilation of independent sayings, but rather a step-by-step description of how God rebuilds the believer's heart.

The first step is to ask for help—to become "poor in spirit" and admit our need for a Savior.

The next step is sorrow: "Blessed are those who mourn . . ." Those who mourn are those who know they are wrong and say they are sorry. No excuses. No justification. Just tears.

The first two steps are admittance of inadequacy and repentance for pride. The next step is the one of renewal: "Blessed are the meek . . ." Realization of weakness leads to the source of strength—God. And renewal comes when we become meek—when we give our lives to God to be his tool.

The first two beatitudes pass us through the fire of purification; the third places us in the hands of the Master.

The result of this process? Courage: ". . . they shall inherit the earth." No longer shall the earth and its fears dominate us, for we follow the one who dominates the earth.

Could you use some courage? Are you backing down more than you are standing up? If so, let the Master lead you up the mountain again. Let him remind you why you should "fear not."

by Max Lucado

"There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever"

Mahatma Gandhi

**TAKE IT PERSONALLY!**

*By Rev. Marcy Williams*

**“BELIEVING IS ONE THING. ACTING ON THAT BELIEF IS ANOTHER”**

*“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 20) But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was Working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? James 2:19-22 NKJV*

We all have been guilty of saying we believe on something and when it gets right down to proving what we believe, we just back off. You see there is a big difference in being a born again believing Christian, and one who just says they are a Christian. There is the one that believes and is standing on the outside looking at what God is doing and has done, and one knows and trembles at the power that God that gave His people.

Yes, we have the power to put Satan in his place. However, why is it that we do not act upon it? You are called by God the Father, Himself, whom shall you fear? Fear is the enemy. Fear can make you miss precious time with the Lord learning and growing in the Spirit as well as in the natural. In God, there is a balance to life and to His plans for us.

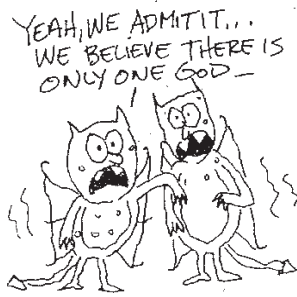
Every day we should be out doing our daily routine of touching people, as we go, being a blessing. Loving everyone, we meet. Greet everyone with a smile; and with a good positive word from the Lord. Some may not receive the love of God, but that is all right. You just do your part and God will do the rest. Do you have faith in your church family, to invite everyone you meet to a service any time? Are you sure that the people you invite will be treated as Jesus would treat others with no partiality? I have wondered why it is that we do not have new faces in service each Sunday. What is holding us back? Is it fear again? If we have total belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and in all of His promises, we should never fear doing His will; and becoming all He wants for us. Peter believed it was Jesus walking on the water, and by his faith wanted to be with Jesus on the

water, and Jesus said “come”. However, the storm produced fear, and Peter began to sink. He cried out, “Lord save me!” and the hand of Jesus saved Peter. Matthew 14:22 -32; NKJV

Therefore, is your belief from an in-your-face personal relationship with Jesus or is it that you know of Him and believed and are afraid of the changes that might be required of you. (You can be in the church but not of the church.) If this is your plight, remember Jesus said: “Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? Then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!” Matthew 7:22-23 NKJV Put your faith into action and act on what you believe.

Respectfully submitted by Rev Elder Marcy Williams

*“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.” James 2:19 NIV*



**TAKE IT PERSONALLY:**  
Lord, help me to help others see that it isn't enough to believe You exist. We must have You in our hearts.

Prophecy is  
History written in advance  
History is  
“HIS STORY”

**Upcoming Events**

**Weekend Bible Study**  
**Sunday Sept. 5th**

**9:30am at the church**

**Weekday Bible Study**

**Wednesday**

**7:00pm at the Church**

*Happy Birthday*



**Rick - Aug 5th**

**Barbara Arnaud - Aug 9th**

**Phyllis Harrold-Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapel of Peace websight**



**[www.chapelofpeacechurch.org](http://www.chapelofpeacechurch.org)**

**909-908-8405**

**Chapel of Peace Church**

**New Address**

**536 North Euclid Ave.**

**Ontario, CA. 91761**

**In the Annex**

**Service Time: 10:30 am**

**New church announcements to follow**

*A Laugh for You*

**THEOLOGY AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN**

The first book of the Bible is Guinessis, in which Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark

.Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Unleavened bread is bread made without ingredients

.Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments

.The 7th commandment is 'Thou shalt not admit adultery.'

Joshua let the Hebrew in the battle of Geritol.

David fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

The people who followed Jesus were called the 13 decibels.

The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew.Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

A Godly person should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

**CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.