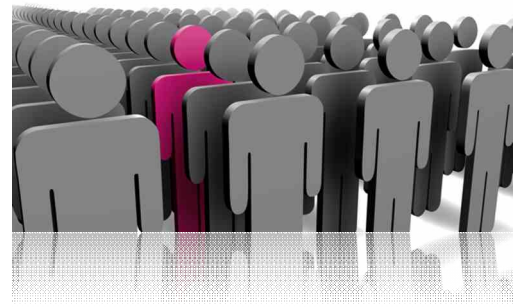


*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, -Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." **Romans 10:9-13 KJV***



There is no such thing as a closet believer. When faith washes the grime of sin from the windows of your soul, it is a Truth-affirming, Life-affirming, epiphany. It comes as a realization and certain knowledge that God is and that He is Truth and Love. It brings sight to blinded eyes, strength to crippled limbs, and glorious light to darkest night. It will pour from your lips in an overflow of bubbling joy. The Truth will be a spring of Living Water welling up from an unlimited source deep within your soul and will flow outward to any who choose to partake. *ōJesus stood and cried, saying, ōIf any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (emotions/passion) shall flow rivers of Living Water (Truth).ö* But whether there be partakers or not, does not quell the fountain. It is an artesian spring that eternally flows. Any man who humbly admits his sin and cries to God for forgiveness is immediately healed and given sight. The touch of the Master's hand upon the Spirit of man resurrects him to new life eternal in Christ. You will not humbly cry unless you believe, and you will not believe unless you hear Truth proclaimed. *ōIt pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.ö* Once a soul knows the liberating power of Truth, it cannot but desire to see the souls of others free as well. A true believer is unafraid and bold to proclaim liberty. Once fear of death is removed, there is no obstacle to prevent the liberated from unabashedly revealing Truth. Satan tries to keep believers under the lie that the flesh is who they are, but *ōif any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; behold, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.ö* Either you believe your carnal senses or you believe the Truth. Once faith and love complete your repertoire of senses, they must become predominate and ruling over all others. Faith and love must replace sight and hearing as the ruling senses. The spirit must rule the soul, not the body. It's like a man born blind who is suddenly given sight. He will still trust the other sense to guide him even with the new sense of sight. The soul chooses the sense to which it responds; either faith and love to righteousness or the physical senses to sin. Truth must rule the soul. The only two senses that can perceive Truth are faith and love, so they of necessity must dominate if we are to remain faithful and pleasing to God. *ōBut without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God].ö* Like obstacles in a new room to the blind given new sight, trials exercise our spiritual senses so they may become strong. He may still bump into the table, but with experience soon learns to walk around it. Patience hones senses to a keen edge and grinds away the doubts that dull perception. The power to see and know is available to *ōwhosoever shall call.ö*

Confessing Truth to all who hear,
Will bring the God of heaven near,
Let faith and love command supreme,
And Truth and Joy will brightly gleam. -CGP

There is no such thing as a silent believer. If you truly believe, you cannot be silenced!

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:14-15 KJV