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## Should Women Wear Pants?

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are an abomination unto the LORD thy God." **Deuteronomy 22:5.**

In recent years it was the custom for only men to wear trousers (pants, slacks), and women to wear dresses. Some used **Deuteronomy 22:5** to dogmatically state that women must never wear pants. This verse does NOT support this concept. **Deuteronomy 22:5** refers specifically to CULTIC transvestism. Men dressed as women, and vice versa, in worshipping heathen gods. The word for "man" here is not adam or ish, but geber (Strong's #1397, meaning valiant man or warrior, soldier). In the worship of Venus, it was a custom for women to appear before the goddess in armor. Women are not to be soldiers like men. These practices are forbidden by **Deuteronomy 22:5**. However, the basic principle is true that men and women should wear different clothes.

There may be more difference in men's and women's clothing today (even with slacks as part of women's apparel) than in ancient times when all wore robe-like garments. The word "skirt" appears 12 times in the KJV Bible, and each time refers to the skirt of a man! For example, **Zechariah 8:23**, "the skirt of him that is a Jew." The clothing of the High Priest was a beautiful dress. The Bible does not support the concept that "pants are only for men and dresses are only for women."

However, the Bible does say that "women adorn themselves in modest apparel" **I Timothy 2:9-10**. Tight-fitting slacks, revealing tight sweaters, low necklines, button in front blouses, and miniskirts revealing the thighs are NOT modest apparel, because they draw attention to the thighs, hips and breasts which are sexually arousing to most men.

There are two types of women which should never wear such things: (1) those who have a nice or beautiful figure, because in so doing they provoke men, and (2) those who do not have a good figure, because they are more unappealing when they expose what they do not have. Nothing is more disgusting than an obese woman who shamelessly exposes herself in public by tight or scant clothing. These two types of women cover ALL women! God will punish the "daughter of Babylon" for promiscuously making bare the leg and uncovering the thigh, **Isaiah 47:1-6**.

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### A morning prayer

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Lord, in the quiet of this morning hour  
I come to thee for wisdom, peace, power  
To view the world through love-filled eyes,  
Finding your image in every human guise.  
Silence my tongue to all that is unkind;  
Let only thoughts that bless be in mind.  
Let me so kindly be, so full of cheer  
That those I meet may feel thy presence near.  
So clothe me in thy beauty, Lord, I pray,  
That my life may reveal thee all this day.

—Zella Shaper

## THE GIFT GOES ON

By Rebecca Anne Allison

The Lord God has given me an instructed tongue,  
 To know the word that sustains the weary.  
 He wakens me morning by morning,  
 Wakens my ear to listen with understanding.

-- Isaiah 50: 4

How do you answer the "why" question? Even if no one has asked you why you crossdress, the day will come when you must find answers for yourself. "Why ask why?" may be a good excuse to have a beer, but it is inadequate as an explanation for the uniqueness of our lives.

I will not list all the suggested environmental and biologic causes for transgendered behavior. No scientific proof supports any of these suggestions. Environmental causes are all inadequate. For any given suggestion, there are too many "false negatives" (persons who are crossdressers but were never exposed to the environmental factor) and "false positives" (persons who were exposed to the factor but never became crossdressers). Furthermore, environmental conditioning produces learned behavior patterns, and learned behavior can be "unlearned" through techniques such as aversion therapy. Do you know of anyone cured by aversion therapy? I thought not.

A biologic explanation may yet be found through genetic research. The difficulty here lies in the lack of any demonstrable inheritance pattern. Dominant, recessive, X-linked, Y-linked, or variable penetrance patterns have not been found. Perhaps other biologic, not necessarily genetic, causes will be discovered. Such a biologic cause would help to explain the marked similarities in the life pattern of so many of us.

With this discovery, if it occurs, some of us may find our curiosity is satisfied. A biologic cause -- very well. "I crossdress because I am a crossdresser." Enough said. I'm special; I'm one of the few four-leaf clovers in the field. Even some of our community's leading writers will say, "Some things just ARE," and be content.

I can't be content. I'm like the little child who drives Daddy to distraction by asking "why?" to Daddy's repeated explanations of this world's phenomena.

If there is a biologic cause for crossdressing -- why?? and why ME???

I am a Christian, as I discussed in my previous article, and I approach life's questions from a Christian viewpoint. If you disagree -- read on anyway! It's unlikely you will be offended, and you may find some provocative thoughts. Some of these thoughts were inspired by a marvelous article in Tapestry #52, "The Gift," by Janice Van Cleve. For the many whose reading does not extend so far into the past, these points are worth repeating.

Our God is all powerful, the creator and sustainer of the universe; yet he is also the creator and sustainer of each individual person, and his attitude toward us is one of infinite love. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness." (Jeremiah 31:3)

Out of love, God made each of us unique and gave us attributes which differ greatly from person to person. My gifts are not identical to yours, so by complementing one another, we can work efficiently for the common good.

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Paul, in 1 Corinthians 12, likened the differing gifts to the functions of the different body parts such as the hand, foot, eye, and ear.

What gifts do we mean? The list begins in 1 Corinthians 12 with teaching, preaching, healing, helping others, and administrative abilities, among others. Certainly artistic and musical talent are God's gifts, as are a keen intellect and communication ability (Isaiah 50:4).

But the list of gifts goes far beyond special talents. Look at Paul's description of his gift in 2 Corinthians 12:7: "To keep me from becoming conceited..., there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." What is he saying? Paul's "thorn" was some sort of physical defect which was a constant discomfort to him. The point is, even though such a defect might be seen as a torment from Satan, Paul regarded it as a gift from God!

How can a good, loving God give his beloved child such a gift? This seems to contradict Jesus's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount: "If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11)

But as we look more closely, we gain insight into God's reasons for bestowing these gifts: Every gift is given for a purpose. When a gift is used for right purpose, everyone benefits: both the recipient of the gift and other persons who are influenced by the recipient. Ultimately, the gift honors God and brings the recipient into closer harmony with God. Our gifts are to be used, not rejected or hidden. When we use our gifts, God will bless our actions in ways which may or may not be apparent to us.

Now we are finally ready to give an answer to the "why" question:  
Why do we crossdress?

We crossdress because it is an integral part of our nature, created in us by God. It is one of his good gifts to us, and is to be used for its intended purpose.

It should be obvious that crossdressing is an integral part of our nature. We did not choose it, no more than we chose to be brown eyed or right handed. We cannot successfully reject it. Its basic and permanent quality is not difficult to acknowledge.

But is it God's gift to a few special persons -- or is it, as some would have us believe, "a sinful perversion"? If it were sinful, many of us would have experienced deliverance from it over the years. A great many sincere prayers for such deliverance have been offered. The desire for feminine expression remains within us as intense as ever despite these prayers. As I discussed in my last article, we can therefore conclude that crossdressing is not sinful and is part of God's plan for our lives. God gives only good gifts to his children. What joy and reassurance we gain from that knowledge!

So what should we do with our special gift? In the parable of the differing gifts (Luke 19:11-27) Jesus plainly stated we are to make use of our gifts, to be productive in the service of the Lord. We are not to hide our gift or suppress it by denying its existence. This means that full self-acceptance is not only possible, it is essential for our continued growth.

We can learn much from our gift. We can be especially sensitive to women's concerns in our male dominated society. We can even work as our male selves toward relieving injustices toward women, professionally and personally, wherever they occur. Beyond gender inequity, we can overcome all kinds of prejudice and discrimination in our own lives. We will be sensitive to bigotry in any form.

In the religious realm, being transgendered is a dreadful state in the view of many persons. Our gift enables us to see the hypocrisy evident in those who would deny us access to God, while showing a rigid lack of compassion or love for those they cannot understand. We will let our lives be guided by love, and we will not be defeated by the condemnation of the modern day Pharisee.

One of the most important uses of our gift is to help others who are similarly gifted. ("To know the word that sustains the weary," Isaiah 50:4.) So many, like me such a short time ago, need to hear the message: you are not sick, you are not perverted, and you are not alone. We have no idea how many lonely sisters still have not heard.

Can we go even farther? Can we use our gift to enlighten society -- to destroy the rigid and artificial barriers of gender? Such an outcome was forecast by Virginia Prince in "The Death of Gender" but it is still a future hope. For now we depend on our boldest leaders to carry through the media our message that we are also persons of worth and dignity. I wonder if one day I too may find the freedom to say, "You have worked and lived alongside me. You have seen my life and appreciate the results of my efforts. Now know there is even more to my life. Understand these traits that have shaped me into a caring and sensitive friend. Learn from me -- and never again feel the same way about us."

Is it too much to dream?

"With God, all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

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I was regretting the past  
and fearing the future.  
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:

## My Name is I AM

He paused.  
I waited. He continued,  
"When you live in the past  
with its mistakes and regrets,  
it is hard. I am not there.  
My name is not *I WAS*."

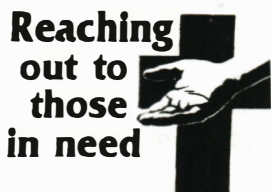
When you live in the future,  
with its problems and fears,  
it is hard. I am not there.  
My name is not *I WILL BE*."

When you live in this moment  
it is not hard. I am here  
My name is *I AM*."

—Anonymous

Over the years we have developed the idea that being present to people in all their needs is our greatest and primary vocation. The Bible does not seem to support this. Jesus' primary concern was to be obedient to His Father, to live constantly in His presence. Only then did it become clear to Him what His task was in His relationships with people.

—Henri Nouwen



# Before trading in your old equipment go for a test drive first.

You wouldn't buy an expensive car without looking under the hood, would you? Without starting the engine? Without taking it out on the road? Without having it checked by a mechanic? Of course not. Well, neither should you rush into an irreversible procedure like sex reassignment surgery without a period of at least one year in which you will work and live 24 hours a day in your chosen gender.

This period of crossliving (called the real-life test) is part of the Standards of Care of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, and is required by all reputable surgeons and gender clinics, for it has been found that a period of crossliving minimizes the chance of surgical regrets.

Sex reassignment surgery does not turn men into women, or women into men; it merely confirms what already is. Few people see your genitalia, but your gender is evident to everyone. Rushing into surgery before establishing yourself in your new role is taking a needless risk.

The period of crossliving is like a test drive. It enables you to establish yourself in your new role, to experience your new life before making permanent changes to your body.

Think about it: would you rather pay for that new car before you take the test drive or after you have taken it around the block?

## Don't be sorry... Be sure.

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## SLAVERY? FREEDOM? FAITH?

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The clear blue Alaskan sky was cold. The "horn" had blown, jangling nerves and sending all of us scrambling out of our cozy warm quarters, into the Ford Station wagons, painted Air Force Blue, which with tires screaming, one after another leapt from the back wall of a huge hanger and roared through the opening doors onto the aircraft parking ramp. "Just another practice alert", we thought. SAC bomber crews on "Alert" knew well the soul searing rasp of the klaxon horns, constantly practiced and drilled in getting the big fuel and thermonuclear loaded bombers parked outside off the ground in less than the magic (required) 15 minutes.

This time it was no "drill", not a practice alert... in moments, radios were crackling... each aircraft commander was checking in, reporting ready to start engines.... We were puzzled... in a practice, we weren't told to hold off on engine start... normal procedure was to start engines and begin taxiing immediately. This time we were told to hold and not start... to wait... to sit with our finger poised literally over the starter button.

From my perch, high above the ground in the plexiglass cockpit of the sleek jet bomber, I could see across the whole airdrome. Fighter aircraft from an air defense unit were taking off, their afterburners blasting a deafening roar. Far to the northeast, I could see the first of multiple convoys already formed and beginning to pull out into the hills, to deploy away from the Army post next to the base. Soon the fighters all were gone.... blasting on a column of noise and flames into the cold Alaskan skies. We sat with external power units running... listening to the radios... panic was just under the point of control in the voices we were hearing.

We waited, for hours... we waited. We never did start engines. We didn't taxi. We didn't take off. We'd wanted to launch, in the worst way... we knew the "balloon" had gone up, and didn't want to be caught on the ground by a Soviet ICBM... We waited.

Later we learned a U-2 Pilot had been shot down over the USSR... Frances Gary Powers... spy pilot... the world hung within the barest of threads from thermonuclear destruction and we waited... we wanted to launch... we honestly wanted to get off the ground so we'd have a chance to get in our "licks" before our one way missions ended our lives in flames somewhere over the distant lands controlled by the Soviet Empire...

We were committed. We had no freedom in the matter. We did exactly what we were told to do. We would have done the unthinkable because being prepared for and doing the unthinkable was our job... we were slaves, in the truest sense of the word.

We are told in the Holy Word of God a knowledge of the Truth will set us free. We at the time considered ourselves to be custodians of the Truth. Whether or not we were is not the issue in this writing. What is at issue is the reality of Spiritual Freedom which in deed is available ONLY when one has accepted the Truth offered to us by Jesus Christ, who offers us what we cannot earn, offers to give it to us as a free gift, unmerited, unearned, and without condition so long as we will accept what is given on God's terms.

A career military officer, I found the idea of being "sold out, given over, surrendered" completely outside my ability to consider. After the military, while serving a local church as the head elder, the pastor's pastor as it were, I began to be confronted with more than I was learning in graduate school. I began to be confronted with this urge for feminine expression which I'd "stuffed" or kept totally hidden from all others denying it even to myself all these years.

Tragic events entered my life bringing me emotionally to the point of surrender. A surrender I could not previously contemplate became my only path to continued existence. Surrender to what, you might ask. Surrender to the God who made me to be who, what, and how HE chose to make me to be, not what I thought I had to be because society said so....

How was I to know inner peace would be denied me continually as

long as I "stuffed" my feminine interests and denied myself their expression? How was I to know I could never know peace and could never know happiness so long as I sat in judgment on what it was I was supposed to be? How was I to know when I wasn't consulting the God I professed to worship? How was I to know when I was ignoring the only real authority capable of clearing the issue, The Holy Spirit of God? Indeed, how was I to know?

The day, I don't remember when it was... just what it was, is burned in my memory. My secretary had scheduled no patients, I had time for some "paper work". I found myself standing in my office. I saw what appeared to be random piles of rubble.. broken bits and pieces of something, I knew not what. Then the scene cleared a bit and I realized I was looking at myself... broken and torn into bits and pieces.. scattered all about. Then came the realization I was being given a unique opportunity... an opportunity to sort through the parts of myself... to discard the unworthy parts and to begin with God's guidance, to construct from the broken pieces remaining, someone I could love, someone I could respect, someone I could hold in positive regard... someone God wanted me to be.

We are told in the scripture of the "rich young ruler" who when confronted with giving up the thing dearest to himself to follow Jesus, how he'd declined, unwilling to take Christ on face value and make Christ first in his life... his earthly possessions owned him. He didn't own them. He was a slave to his material wealth.

Over the intervening years, the rebuilding process which began so long ago in an office now no longer in service has moved progressively onward. Each new day, it seems, something new, something meaningful is revealed in just how minutely the Lord cares for us and will provide for us IF WE WILL GET OURSELVES OUT OF THE WAY; if we will LET GO, LET GOD!

When we let go and let God handle the details of life... when we surrender... we then learn the Truth which indeed does set us FREE. Only when God is first are we FREE! -30-

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# Twelve Promises

(A Crossdresser's Contract With Self)

I will know new freedom and new happiness

I will not regret the past nor deny its existence in my life

I will come to know serenity

I will come to know peace

I will seek to help others no matter how badly I have failed myself,

I will discard feelings of uselessness and self pity

I will shift my interests from serving myself to serving others like me

I will discard self-seeking as a way of life

I will allow my whole attitude and outlook on life to change

I will no longer fear what people think nor will I fear economic insecurity any-

more

I will handle formerly baffling situations intuitively and well

I will come to understand God is doing for me what I could never do for myself.

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DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS,

MY HOPE AND PRAYER IS THAT YOU WILL HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS AND THE WHOLE HOLIDAY SEASON. JAYE, REBECCA AND MICHELLE K. JOIN ME IN IN THESE GREETINGS. . . .WE WISH YOU WELL ALL YEAR LONG..

MICHELLE K. IS THE LATEST ONE TO CONTRIBUTE HER TALENTS TO HELP MAKE G&L AN EVEN MORE PRESENTABLE LETTER. SHE IS GOING TO TEACH ME HOW TO USE HER COMPUTER SO WE CAN HAVE 2 COLUMNS ON EACH PAGE AND THE TYPE UNIFORM. EVERYTHING I RECEIVE NOW WILL HAVE TO BE PUT IN THE COMPUTER. MY PRAYER IS THAT I CAN LEARN TO DO IT. I I'M COMPUTER ILLITERATE AND MY BRAIN HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN FOR QUITE AWHILE NOW. THE LORD WILL OVERCOME ALL OF THAT.

WOULD YOU SIT DOWN AND WRITE OUT YOUR VIEWS ON <sup>what</sup> BIBLICAL SALVATION MEANS. I WANT TO <sup>to you</sup> DO A WHOLE ISSUE ON THE SUBJECT OF SALVATION FOR OUR MAY 15 ISSUE. SOME<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE FEEL THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL SALVATION FOR US. I FEEL STRONGLY THERE IS AND NOT ONLY FOR US BUT TRANSGENDERED, SECONDARY TRANSSEXUALS AND PRIMARY TS AS WELL. NO ONE IS EXCLUDED. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE YOUR THOUGHTS ON GOD'S SALVATION FOR ALL OF U

I WANT TO MAKE AN APOLOGY. IN THE LAST ISSUE I LET SOMETHING SLIP BY. IN TELLING YOU OF MY PHYSICAL CONDITION AT THE TIME I REMARKED. "I HAVE AN IRREGULAR HEART BEAT AND PLEASE SPARE ME ABOUT YOUR COUSIN OR GRAN'NA WHO HAS LIVED WITH ONE FOR 25 YEARS". PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I CAN THINK UP ALL KINDS OF REASONS WHY I SAID THAT BUT THE TRUTH IS, I WAS SIMPLY BEING A CANTANKEROUS OLD WOMAN. WITH NO REASON TO BE SO. GOD IS BLESSING ME MORE THAN HE EVER HAS IN MY LIFE TODAY. HE BLESSES ME RIGHT OUT OF MY SIZE JJ-WW BOOTIES!!

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ANY LIFE WITHOUT CONTACT WITH GOD IS EMPTY AND MEANINGLESS. WE ALL NEED A GOD GIVEN SPIRITUAL LIFE. OUR TEMPORAL LIFE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR INNER NEEDS. THE LIFE WE (CD, TG, TS) HAVE HAS A DEGREE OF CONFUSION AS TO WHO WE ARE, HOW DID WE GET THIS WAY AND WHERE ARE WE GOING. THE FACADE OF CONFIDENCE WE WEAR HIDES THESE THINGS FROM EVERYONE BUT US AND GOD. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE CROSSED THE GENDER LINE AND ARE VENTURING INTO WHAT CAN BE A LAND OF UNKNOWING NEED GOD'S HAND IN OURS. WE NEED HIS PROTECTION AND GUIDANCE. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE THE ECCLESIASTICAL CONDEMNATION OF OUR SITUATION UNLESS WE CHANGE WE ARE SLIDING DOWN A GREASED POLE INTO A BLAZING INFERNO OF HELL. THEY NEED TO GO BACK TO THEIR BIBLE AND LEARN GOD LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN OR PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

GOD'S LOVE? NO MAN CAN FATHOM IT. LOOK AT THIS EXAMPLE. "HE WHO IS WOUNDED IN THE STONES (TESTICLES) OR HATH HIS PRIVY MEMBER CUT OFF, SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE COMPLETION OF THE LORD. DEU. 23:1) NO EUNUCHS ALLOWED. PRETTY FINAL ISN'T IT.

LET ME JUST CASUALLY MENTION THAT EUNUCHS GAINED STATURE AS THE OLD TESTAMENT UNFOLDED. THEY BECAME TRUSTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

NOW, LET'S COME INTO THE BOOK OF ACTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR A REVELATION OF GOD'S LOVE AND PURPOSE TOWARDS US IN JESUS CHRIST.

PHILIP HAD BEEN ON A PREACHING MISSION AND HAD JUST RETURNED TO JERUSALEM. "AND AN AN ANGEL OF THE LORD SPOKE UNTO PHILIP, SAYING ARISE AND GO UNTO TOWARD THE SOUTH UNTO THE WAY THAT GOETH DOWN FROM JERUSALEM UNTO GAZA, WHICH IS DESERT. AND HE AROSE AND WENT; AND BEHOLD, A MAN OF ETHIOPIA, AN EUNUCH OF GREAT AUTHORITY UNDER CANDACE, QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS, WHO HAD THE CHARGE OF ALL THIER TREASURE AND HAD COME TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP." (ACTS 8:26-27) AND NOW THE EUNUCH IS RETURNING HOME FROM JERUSALEM AND AS HE WAS RIDING ALONG READING FROM ISIAH PHILIP HAPPENED ALONG (UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT) AND ASKED HIM IF HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE WAS READING AND THE ETHIOPIAN ASKED PETER HOW COULD HE AS HE HAD NO ONE TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM. HE HAD BEEN READING ISAIAH 53:7-8 WHICH SPOKE PROPHETICALLY OF JESUS CHRIST SO PHILIP EXPLAINED IT TO HIM. AS THE KJV BIBLE SAYS, ". . . HE (PHILIP) PREACHED UNTO HIM JESUS." THEY CAME TO A BODY OF WATER AND THE EUNUCH ASKED HIM WHY HE COULDN'T BE BAPTIZED. "AND PHILIP SAID, IF THOU BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART, THOU MAYEST. AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID, I BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. (ACTS 8:37) PHILIP BAPTIZED HIM.

WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TIME GOD SAID NO EUNUCH COULD EVER ENTER THE CONGREGATION OF GOD AND HIS BAPTISM. THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THE TIME GOD FORBID CROSSDRESSING AND TODAY. JESUS CHRIST HAPPENED. GOD MADE FLESH AND THE VERY ENBODIMENT OF LOVE. IN OTHER WORDS JESUS WAS GOD'S LOVE FLESHED OUT.

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE DOESN'T COME FROM WHO OR WHAT WE ARE. IT COMES FROM WHO AND WHAT JESUS IS. OUR SAVIOUR. DON'T EVER LET YOUR LIFESTYLE OR ORIENTATION STAND BETWEEN YOU AND GOD BE CAUSE HE DOESN'T CARE. HE CARES FOR YOUR SOUL. WE AT G&L CARE ENOUGH FOR YOUR SOUL TO WRITE TO YOU EVERY THREE MONTHS ABOUT IT. IF US PALTRY GENDER PEOPLE CARE WITH OUR IMPERFECT HUMAN CARING, HOW MUCH MORE IS OUR SAVIOUR'S CARE FOR YOU. "CASTING ALL OF YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU." (1 PETER 5:7)

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE YOURS AND YOUR FAMILY'S THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND EVERY DAY THIS COMING YEAR.

BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE,  
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### We meet God in the Bible

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The literary and cultural significance of the Bible is secondary. Indeed, it is almost incidental. The purpose of the Bible is not literary pleasure and cultural broadening, but food and insight for the journey of life. The ghetto woman who spells out the words as she reads is therefore closer to the lifestream of the Bible than the university professor who approaches the Book as simply part of our cultural heritage. The Bible comes out of human experience, and it is best understood there. It is God's reach to our human souls, and it fulfills its ultimate purpose when the human and the divine meet in its reading.

-J. Ellsworth Kalas

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