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A Frontier that has Yet to be Exhausted.

Dear Friend,

What an opportune time to be alive. The great days of exploration have not past but are in full operation. In the days of our forefathers the frontier was in exploration of uncharted countries, continents and expanses of water. Men made great names for themselves in history. Like Christopher Columbus one of the first to sail to America. Men like Lewis and Clarke charted a map all the way across America to the Pacific Ocean when only our Eastern seaboard was settled. Other men like Henry Stanley and David Livingstone made great discoveries while being the first to explore the continent of Africa.

The frontiers today are no longer in undiscovered lands, territories or nations but rather in the unfolding of knowledge. Technology is the most widely embraced frontier in the global society that we live in today. Technology has not only launched us into outer space but more importantly it has made changes in our common lives almost on a daily basis through the continual improvement of computers, cell phones and mp3 players. The world is ever increasing as one global society of knowledge.

Men are using technology to monitor and increase their ability to conquer in whatever frontier they have chosen for themselves. Men who have taken on the financial frontier use whatever available means of technology there is to keep them ahead of the next guy while discovering how to make each dollar yield its maximum return.

Still other men use the technology of the hour to increase their physical ability in sports and in various outdoor adventures. Men are always pushing themselves beyond the limit in the sports world in search of the answer to the question, How far can we go? How far can we run and how fast? How much can we lift and what can the human body attain?

I was watching a special the other day on the climb to the top of the world. The report was on the tallest mountain on earth, Mount Everest. It is just over 29,000 feet high, making it the highest elevation on planet Earth. Thus it is referred to as the roof of the world. Satellite imagery allows for the mountain to be measured within a quarter of an inch. Surprisingly the mountain is growing about that much each year. The most amazing thing in the whole report was the people that came from all over the world to climb this mountain. Despite the fact that scores of people have died endeavoring to do so, still an average of 390 people a day attempt this journey. The altitude is so high that at some point the oxygen level becomes so low that moving at a pace of only 1000 feet per day becomes necessary. Still people constantly challenge and conquer this great mountain.

The point to all of this is that God put something in man that desires to search out and discover it loves a challenge. This God thing loves a frontier that has yet to be exhausted. Friend you and I have been given a new nature in Christ which is a born-again spirit. This enables us to embark on an adventure that is beyond anything the world has ever discovered. This frontier is none other than discovering God,

discovering the outer limits of someone who is limitless, discovering the depths of His love that few people have ever ventured far into.

The sad thing is even though so many millions have received Christ as their savior so few have ventured past the cross. The cross was not supposed to be our end but our beginning. It was only the starting point which launched us into this great adventure of discovering God. For us to stop and camp at the cross of salvation would be like an exploration team poised to go into the jungles of South America sitting on the docks at the mouth of the Amazon River. Having everything they need in provision to explore yet just sitting year after year at the dock talking about what great things might be about 100 miles up river.

Friend there is a portion of scripture I like to call the discovery scripture. These verses are so filled with adventure that they could have their own discovery channel if they were to be viewed on T.V.

Paul prayed this prayer for us in **(Ephesians 3:14-21)** *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

If you will notice Paul's desire for us is that a number of things happen. **1)** According to the riches of His glory we might be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man. **2)** That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith and **3)** that we may be rooted and grounded in love.

When He mentions rooted and grounded He is telling us the very root or foundation of which this whole prayer hinges. That root or ground level of all God would do for us is love. Thus we see that the heart theme of Paul's prayer was love. **4)** That we be able to comprehend with the whole body of Christ what is (the breadth, length, height and depth.)

Doesn't this sound like a great expanse? How great is our God? How great is His love? How large is this continent to be discovered which is His love? **5)** To know the love of God which passes knowledge? Again he confirms this whole subject matter of discovery is His love, its breadth is wider than we have ever imagined and the length of it longer than what we thought. The depth of His love is so much deeper and its height much higher than we have conceived. **6)** That we might be filled with the fullness. Imagine that, Paul is saying that God's love is His fullness and when we are full of His love we have all and get all that God is.

If God were to be interviewed on the news and the news anchor were to say, God, in all due respect we only have a brief second so could you tell the world in one brief statement who you are? Of all the attributes that make up who God is He would still condense His statement down to, "I am Love."

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. (I John 4:16)

Notice back to the prayer that Paul prayed. If we were to be filled with the fullness of love then this would empower God to do something for us. He can go exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or

think. Is God really saying that He can give us things that we were not even asking for which would mean things we were not believing for or things we were not even thinking about?

I thought to receive from God we first had to ask and after that it was necessary to believe and certainly you had to be thinking about it even to ask. What kind of scripture is this? It's the discovery scripture, trying to comprehend something that Paul says passes knowledge. Meaning we will never exhaust it or even go to its limits.

Certainly God was not doing away with asking by faith. He was showing us what the empowerment of it was, what fulfills our asking and believing to the outer limits.

How can you and I ever know the residual effect of a life being won through our witness? How can we ever know the emotions and blessings of a mother receiving her drug addict son home through our prayers? How can we ever know all that goes on exceedingly, abundantly above and beyond inside the family of the first Down syndrome baby healed in the revival? We could not even ask for this because there is no way to imagine it all. Hallelujah!

All of this is possible through the power that worketh in us. What power? *The power of Love*. This whole new frontier is available to be discovered through the power of His Love.

The question is how do we embark on this discovery? Our tongues are the oars that paddle our canoes upstream in His love. Every hour we spend praying in other tongues we are paddling towards the head waters of this source which is God.

Every hour that we spend meditating the word of God we are looking right into a treasure map which leads us into the hidden riches of His Love.

Every hour of private worship places Jesus as the chief navigator in our canoe directing us straight to the Father, never getting lost in the cheap substitution and imitation of religion.

Our course is set. We are looking into a frontier that to the modern church must again be recovered or rediscovered. Right now it's really the last great frontier and it is a wide open field. My thought is, what names will be mentioned in eternities to come along with the other great discoverer's that will earmark this spiritual frontier.

Friend I believe that your name and mine will carry the legacy of His glory into the ages to come.
Love,

Pastor Bronc

P.S. - The word says that we are to exhort one another daily while it is called today and that if two shall agree as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of our Father which is in heaven. If you have a prayer request or a praise report to share please let us hear from you. You can contact us through the web site at www.broncflint.org or email us at fpc@broncflint.org and/or feel free to write us at:

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