

The Spirit Of Truth



By Rev. Madeline Montez Duffany

Dear Reverend:
It's that time of year again when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! I am so happy! I went forward in church a few Sundays ago and gave my whole life to Jesus. No more New Year's Resolutions that I can't keep! This time, I have such hope and peace deep

in my heart. All those wasted years, trying to fix myself and my problems. I want to ask you if you would tell your readers how to find what I found.
Peace on Earth
Dear Peace,
Some faith-filled Christians have matured to

a point where they really God promises us a Peace that passes all understanding. Phil. 4:7. Without Jesus, there is no peace, no hope, no joy. Christmas is a special time where Christ is calling us to come home. "Come home to Him, all who are weary and heavy laden."

Matt. 12: 28- 30.
Jesus is our Gift from God, come to save us, born in a manger, now reigning on high. King of Kings!
Just say, "Come in to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart today."
Now, you can find Peace on Earth today!
Have a Merry, Blessed Christmas, everyone!

This is God's Truth!
Rev. MMD

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You are God's Masterpiece

By Chris Vercelli

(Bradenton, FL- Dec 1, 2018) Several weeks ago, my son Christian and I went to Siesta Key Beach to see the annual sandcastle competition. While there, we saw some of the most incredible works of art that I could ever imagine someone making out of sand. When I thought about the time, energy and attention to detail that it took to produce these incredible masterpieces, I marveled. As incredible as those works of art are though, as I think about them I can't help but be reminded of an even more amazing masterpiece. One that was put together with even more time, energy and attention to detail. One that was put together by God Himself. The masterpiece that is YOU.
I know it might seem strange to think of yourself as a masterpiece of God, but it's the truth. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) says that "we are God's masterpiece." That's worth meditating on for a while, isn't it? What I am also fascinated by is what it says in Psalm 139:13 (NASB). This is where God tells us how He began this masterpiece. It says that "He wove me together in my mother's womb." Wow!

Being woven together might seem like a strange concept, but according to scientific study, we know that there was a time when you were made up of only two cells. One was too small to see and the other was about the size of a grain of sand. Those two cells joined together and carried out the preprogrammed plan they had within them (via DNA) to make you exactly the way you are. It was like God sat down and wrote a software program that told those two cells exactly how to weave you together in your mother's womb. Once they got together, they carried out God's divine plan, with His hand directing it all. In fact, do you realize that there was only about a 1/60,000,000 chance that you would be exactly the way that you are? When you were just a single sperm, you were swimming in a race against 60,000,000 others and YOU are the one who won that race. Because you did, you are who you are. It was like God reached His hand down, picked you out of all 60,000,000 and then placed His supernatural grace upon you so you could win. How amazing is our God to do some-

thing like that!? And how amazing are you- The Champion Swimmer!? If you ever doubt your worth or your value as a person, just remember how much God did to ensure that you would be exactly who you are. You are not an accident. You are nothing short of a masterpiece of the same God that made the heavens and the earth. He programmed your DNA to make you the way you are because He has an assignment that only a person exactly like you could fulfill. That sentence is worth re-reading. Not only were you formed and shaped by the mighty hand of God, but God deposited in you a piece of Him the day you came out of the womb. It was His breath.
In Genesis 2:7 (NASB) it says, "God formed man out of the dust of the ground and He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being." The word "naphach" and it means the breath that gives life. That is the same breath that was placed in you the moment you came out of your mother's womb. Prior to that moment, you lived in

a ball of amniotic fluid that surrounded you the entire time that God was weaving you together. You never took a normal breath while you were in there. When He determined that you were complete, you came out and immediately received the breath of life. His breath has been in you ever since. Imagine that all this time you were inhaling and exhaling God's own breath. Wow!
Not only that, but if you are a born-again believer, then you can also be filled with His Holy breath which is His Ruach (Hebrew for Spirit). The bible says that His Ruach brings supernatural gifts, spiritual fruits, the ability to communicate with God and a 24/7 all access pass to His presence. That's more than Daniel, Moses, Isaiah and all the other Old Testament prophets had, and get this- He CHOSE you to have it. Ephesians 1:6 says "For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless in His presence. In love God predestined us to adoption as sons (and daughters) according to the good pleasure of His will"
Wow! If that doesn't make you want to get on your feet and praise Him, I don't know what will! Can you imagine being chosen to be holy and blameless in His presence before the foundation of the world? That means that God's plan for your salvation was written .. Continuation on Page: 5

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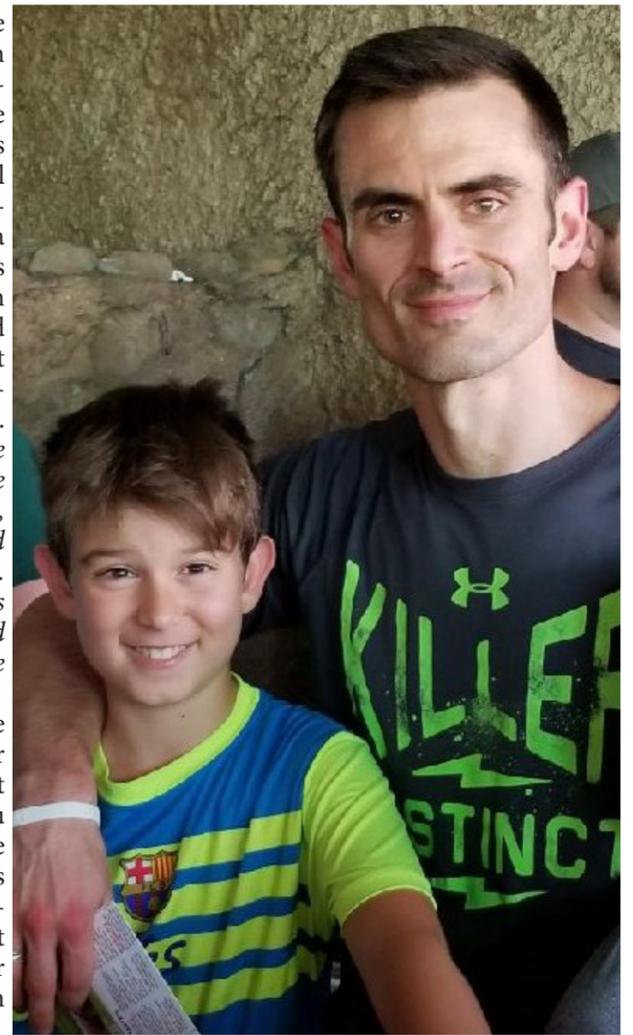
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