

**Standing in the Glory**  
Ephesians Part 25

*But everything exposed to the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. That is why it is said, "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

Ephesians 5: 13-14

Our adversary is into covering up. Our God is into revelation. Recently I had a parent meltdown. Dad was not being listened to. Instead of getting cooperation I was getting an argument from a nine year old who seemed to know more than me. Intolerant of all the talking back, I lashed out and said some things that I later regretted. Has your mouth every gotten you into trouble? To make things worse, I found out later, my child was right. It was I who was not listening.

Listening can be a hard thing when emotions are in the way. Emotions talk. Sometimes when Mary Lou and I get into it, I find that my angst is fueled by how I feel rather than truth. Of course, feelings are important and I want to be heard, even if my feelings are wrong. If I am feeling painful over how I am being treated, I want to be heard, but what is really important is coming to the truth. And sometimes, the truth hurts. It hurts the ego. It takes humility to change.

When the light of truth penetrates the darkness of my mood, revelation takes place. Revelation will move you. There is a rising of the soul.

Commentators do not quite know where Paul got the phrase above. Some think he is taking liberty with a passage in Isaiah. Others think he is quoting a hymn that was sung at the time. But the truth is, it is now scripture. "Wake up, O sleeper..." The Lord does not want you dozing in the battle for honesty. Honesty starts with awareness. We must wake up and listen to what we are saying to ourselves. I love what Paul says to the Corinthians, "You are looking only on the surface of things (II Cor 10:7)." Honesty listens for the truth in the inner being. When you listen to the arguments waged in your soul you are doing the work of the Lord. When you admit that you are wrong in how you are seeing things, how you are feeling or how you have responded, you are bringing the light of revelation to the inner temple of the Lord.

"Rise from the dead." All revelation leads to life. There is a rising up that occurs in you when you received the standards of God. Talk about taking it to a new level! When you receive the whole truth over shaded half-truths, you become a risen being and the light of Christ will shine on you. Have you ever been around someone who seems to shine? When I get the dirt off my car at a good car wash and have it waxed and polished, it shines. In the same way, a believer who decides to be honest and repentant shines.

What does it take for you to be open and honest with yourself? How can you push through the pain of shame into the glory of revelation? Real life awaits. Wake up and listen. The truth will move you to new levels of hope and faith. Rise up. You were meant for greater glory than the fickle recognition of man. Let Christ's glory shine on you. Standing in the glory means standing in the truth. May He be revealed to you today!