



Rick & Sue McCoy

# *The Love Letter*

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## **SPECIAL EVENT-- OCTOBER 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Rick and Sue McCoy will be sharing on the "*Glorious Freedom of Sons and Daughters*" the third weekend of October! There will also be a special speaker, Pat Speerstra, who will be sharing a powerful message on returning to *Joy and Belonging*.

- Would you like to experience the freedom that comes from being childlike and celebrated by your Heavenly Father?
- Do you believe that Father is glad to be with you all the time, even in your negative emotions or when you mess up?
- Do you feel like there is no joy, peace, or rest in your life?

**Then come and join us!**

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142 Gill St.  
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October 14<sup>th</sup> - 7 -9 PM (registration starts at 6:30 PM)  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (doors open at 8:30 AM for fellowship)  
Cost \$20.00

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## **Living Now as His Glorious Sons!**

For some time now I've been hearing the word, **GLORY**. I have heard some godly people say glory is heavy with everything good. Glory in Hebrew means weight in a good sense, splendor, copiousness, glory and honor. Do we see our God as glorious and the Father of glory? Do we have images of the brightness and splendor of Heaven? And can we see ourselves living in the **reality of being His glorious sons and daughters!**? He wants us to let His Word change the image we have of ourselves on the inside in our hearts, to match how He sees us. The world we live in is giving us many dark negative images of life and the future. Our Father lives in light and glory and He desires that we live from above with Him! Too often I still view myself from this natural world and what I do, not by His Kingdom and how He sees me. May this article stir your hearts to hunger and thirst for more of Him and may He increase your ability to see as He sees!

**Colossians 3:2, 4** in the Passion Translation tells us how to live, **"Yes, feast on all the treasures of the Heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with Heavenly realities and not with the distractions of the natural realm...And every time Christ Himself is seen for who He really is, who you really are will also be revealed, for you are now one with Him in His glory!"** These verses are meant to be a reality in our lives, not just words on paper! But it is easy to become so focused on this world and our daily routines that we fail to develop the images of who He is and who we are in Him. Paul tells us **"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within..."** (Rom. 12:2 Phillips) Today the world is full of images and voices all trying to tell us who we are and how to live our lives. My heart's desire now is to see and experience all that my Heavenly Abba is and to let Him change the images in my heart so I see who I am in Christ. I want to see myself living in His Kingdom and family as well as Him living in me.

My heart has always hungered to have a real personal relationship with my God. Looking at the Hebrew words has opened my eyes to see Him and His ways more clearly. The Hebrew word, **dabar**, means **a reality or essence or a thing itself**. It is **a reality to be experienced with our senses**. It is not just an intellectual concept, a definition or a label. There is a big difference between my writing the words "a glass of water" on a piece of paper and having a real glass of cold water sitting on a table. If you are hot and thirsty, a piece of paper with words will never satisfy you. You want to taste and feel the cold water going down your throat! Father wants each of His children to experience the reality of **dabar** in our relationship with Him so that our hearts and senses are touched. In the beginning God spoke **dabar**, tangible realities, that created every living thing! Jesus said, **"The words that I speak to you are spirit and life."** All of life's experiences have placed images on our hearts whether good or bad.

Each experience was recorded by our senses which make them real to our hearts. Today will you choose to let Him paint some images of glory for you to experience so they become your reality?

We get to choose what images/realities our hearts develop. Knowing Abba Father as a real person, not just a concept of Him is what I'm pursuing. It is the single most important thing we can pursue. In **Jeremiah 9:23-24** we are told not to glory in anything except knowing Him! The Bible records the lives of many people who knew God personally. Moses prayed **"...if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way that I may know You...please show me Your glory."** (Ex. 33:13, 18) Moses saw all God's goodness, but he could only see the back of His glory, not God's face. When Jesus came to the earth, men **"beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father..."** (John 1:14) Jesus came as a Son to fully reveal the only true God. He is Love; He is the Source of all; and He is Father! His disciples encountered Father's nature as Jesus touched, healed and changed people and their situations. When Philip asked to see the Father, Jesus said if you have seen Me you have seen the Father. (John 14:8-9) Each time we experience Him touching our lives in a tangible way or we listen to stories that others share of how Abba impacted their life, the reality of Him being involved in our lives grows in our hearts. I am thankful for who He has been for me in the past, but I am also getting better at asking who He wants to be in the situations I face today! Recently when dealing with an issue in my body, Abba told me He wanted to carry me and be my strength!

The world we live in seems to be getting darker. Many are living in darkness or shadows as they have no revelation of who our Father is or His Son. But the Bible promises us that the earth will be Filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14) Can our eyes see the reality, **dabar**, that He is the Father of lights and the Father of glory? Can we see Jesus as our glorified High Priest and King? May He open our eyes to see Heaven is more real than earth! Allow these words to paint Jesus is now: **"The son is the radiance and only expression of the glory of our (awesome God) reflecting [God's Shekinah glory, the Light-being, the brilliant light of the divine], and the exact representation and perfect imprint of His [[Father's] essence..."** (Heb. 1:3 Amp.) From reading the descriptions of Him in Revelation 1 and 19 I see a brilliant, majestic King worthy of honor as He died in my place but now He is alive forevermore! Abba also pointed out that He wants us to also get the reality that Jesus is **bringing many sons to glory** and that we **are all from one Father, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren."** (Heb. 2:10-11 NIV) It can be difficult to see ourselves glorious, free from shame, guilt or condemnation, and being like Jesus now. But that is how He sees us! Our enemy is the one who accuses us and wants us to focus on what we do wrong. Can we begin to see ourselves like He sees us "in Christ" and His glory? We are all from one Father and family. No matter how dark the earth gets we are to shine for our light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!" (Isa. 60:1-3, 19)



Can we see that our true identity and image of ourselves is meant to come from our Heavenly DNA in Christ? Father has been showing me how self-conscious I can be and focused on what I need to do to become more Christ-like. He began to show me verses that say **"no flesh should glory in His presence"** and that **"it is Christ in you, the hope of glory."** (1 Cor. 1:29, Col. 1:27) It is all about us yielding and letting Him work in our hearts so that we are conscious of the glorious Christ within. He is the One who will transform us into the identical likeness of His glorified body. (Phil. 3:21Passion) We were always meant to be glorious and to glorify our true Father who is in Heaven!

In Stephen Hill's article on John 17, he offers a good understanding of "glorify." He says, **"To glorify means to fully express, to fully display who a person is. A son cannot express fully who the Father is, until the Father creates a capacity to do so. Only the Father's love can glorify a person, can bring out the full expression of who they really are. That full expression of a person loved by the Father will in turn show who the Father really is."** The more we look into our Father's eyes and receive His love, the easier it will be to live loved as His son/daughter. Jesus said, "I am glorified in them" which means the Son is fully expressed when we as human beings show forth the glory of sonship. Sonship is glorious when we receive the love of the Father and then give that love back to Him and others. To become like Jesus and our Father it is not about us trying harder, but us seeing Him more clearly and simply living in Him. **Acts 17:28** says, **"In Him we live and move and have our being."** It is time to learn how to return to and rest in Him, confident that He will complete the work in each of us.

For centuries, God's people were not able to look on His face or have a close relationship easily, but Jesus made the way for us to come home to our true Father and see Him. We read, **"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."** (2 Cor. 3:18) There is no veil or anything stopping us from seeing all that He is. As the verse speaks of beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, we can get the image of looking first at Jesus who truly reflected all that our Father is and then seeing Father too! It is a comfort to know that we are being transformed from glory to glory! The Greek word, *transformed* is where we get the word, metamorphosis, which is the process that a caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly. We can be just like a caterpillar – we can eat His words and then find a secure place to anchor ourselves with our heads in the lowest position knowing we're unable to change ourselves. Next a chrysalis forms around the caterpillar which is a place of rest and waiting while Abba transforms each of us into a beautiful butterfly! As we are transformed, we will reflect Him from one degree of glory to another. Others will be drawn to the light in us! Recently a couple people I hadn't seen in many years crossed my path and both of them asked what happened to me. They saw and sensed peace and a difference in me. Father did the work, I simply let Him!

My challenge to each of you is that you develop images of the glorious love relationship you were always meant to freely enjoy as a son/daughter with our Father! All of creation is eagerly waiting for the revealing of the sons of God! (Rom. 8:18-19) I pray that Abba will open the eyes of your heart to see more of our glorious Father and yourself in Christ. May you shine with His glory and be like a mirror reflecting Him wherever you go!



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## **A Blessing to Transform You Into His Image**

I bless you to become better receivers of all the love, goodness and blessings that your true Father has for you! May the eyes of your heart be opened to behold our glorious Father and His Resurrected Son seated at His right hand! I bless you to experience with all of your being the Heavenly realities and the splendor of His Kingdom. May you learn to trust Him and rest in His ability to be your big, good Father. I pray that you learn to simply yield to Him and let Him transform you into His glorious sons and daughters. May His Word help your heart develop images that become realities in your life! I bless you to live freely flowing in His love and glory! Amen!

