

*Peace within Our Walls*

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## INTRODUCTION

Every one of us is born with an old sin nature. As a result, we are born with walls. In fact, when the baby cries in the middle of the night, if he is not hungry and doesn't need to be changed, walls of manipulation go up against his parents. Those walls can be very effective, and the best of parents can become weary and tired.

Walls can serve as hindrances or fortifications. When we are operating outside of God's will for our lives, the walls of rebellion go up. Therefore, the first thing Jesus Christ must do in our lives is to break down all of our walls that are not of God. Until He is allowed to do that, He stands behind those walls. Notice, however, that Jesus will show Himself through the windows in our walls (Song of Solomon 2:9-10). If there is an opening in the doorway, He stands there.

Jesus seeks out a place where He can make Himself visible to us. He is always looking for a

way to communicate and to contact us through our windows, even though He remains on the other side of our walls. Having their foundation in the old sin nature established by Adam, Jesus stands behind those walls until we let Him in so He can break them down.

When a person invites Jesus into his heart, the Holy Spirit begins to demolish the walls that obstruct the believer's vision. He clears a way for God to establish love, mercy, and grace in the midst of the heart. The Word of God expressed in categorical doctrine produces a detailed structure—godly walls that keep back the enemies of the soul.

This booklet shows us how God's walls provide a place of peace—a place where we can grow and experience the reality of Resurrection life in any detail, in any situation.

*Chapter One*

OPENING UP TO  
ABUNDANT LIFE

“Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces” (Psalm 122:7).

“He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (Proverbs 25:28).

“In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks” (Isaiah 26:1).

Since Adam and Eve fell into sin in the Garden of Eden, each of us inherits a number of walls that were passed down through the generations of humanity. Ezekiel 13:9-14 speaks of the lies and vanity found in the midst of the people of Israel. False prophets cried “Peace!” when there was no peace, and proceeded to build up walls. These walls preserve the self, hiding it from the light of Christ. In the shadows of those

walls, bitterness, envy, and jealousy take root, creating division and defeat.

After tearing down the old walls, the Lord begins to build spiritual walls within us. Salvation is the wall that establishes us in positional truth. It is a wall of forgiveness, a wall of salvation, a wall of cleansing, a wall of purging, a wall that can bring down the walls of accusation.

The process is so creative. Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth (John 1:14), and He has placed us under the government of grace (Romans 6:14). He stands behind our old walls when we don't understand how to personally receive His grace. When this happens, we put up a wall and ignore the sixty-eight things God gave to us freely the moment we were saved, such as a place in the beloved and the protection that comes from being a child of God. We deserved none of these things, yet He gave them to us.

One of the great things He does for every new believer is to tear down the walls that separated us from His love. That is the essence of grace: God giving us things that we could never deserve. Mercy is when He holds back what we really deserve as sinners, which is judgment and condemnation.

## *Divine Affections*

“If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

“I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour” (Song of Solomon 8:9-10).

You would be amazed at how many people have walls that are not of God. A wife puts up a wall when she defrauds her husband in sex. Then, the husband immediately throws up a wall to counteract it. His wall is bitterness. He stops talking; he never communicates. Between them are a wall of defrauding and a wall of bitterness. And even if those people come to church three times a week, their marriage becomes established in those two walls.

But Song of Solomon 8 paints a beautiful picture of what God intends for His people. The “wall,” in verses 9 and 10, speaks of the life of the Word of God and the life of the Holy Spirit, functioning together in the believer. Having “breasts like towers” refers to the bride’s godly affection and the character of divine love, which produces a fountain of life. It is a beautiful thing to have the abundant life of Jesus Christ as the

line of demarcation for our thoughts, our emotions, and our confessions: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

According to Song of Solomon, if the bride has doctrine through the Holy Spirit within her, then a palace will be built upon her. A palace is a place where royalty lives. It is a place decked with gold, silver, and ivory. Every believer has the privilege and possibility of becoming a palace for God on earth.

God is saying to the bride, "If you have the doctrine of the Finished Work, I will build upon you a palace. If you have a door, I will build upon you boards of cedar (referring to the believer's refined humanity through the Holy Spirit)."

The bride responds, "I am a wall—I do have doctrine. Furthermore, my divine affection comes out like a tower. I am filled with love, and I can express tremendous affections."

## *Chapter Two*

# WALLS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

“He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls” (2 Chronicles 3:7).

Our spiritual walls must be “overlaid” with gold. We can’t just carry around knowledge and tack it up on the wall as a display. We can’t just have religion. Our walls of doctrine must be overlaid—covered by application—with gold, speaking of the inspiration, manifestation, and divine demonstration of Deity. Our lives manifest these godly walls as we redeem the time with silver. Our walls of life, of grace, and of love must always be overlaid through God’s processes so that we do not live in the letter of the law or in the letter of knowledge.

The Word of God makes it clear that we have tremendous protection when the walls of

love and grace are in us.

The former NFL quarterback Jim Kelly, who led the Buffalo Bills to four Super Bowls, was recently inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His son, Hunter, suffers from a terminal disease and Jim Kelly used his induction ceremony as a chance to share his heart.

“My hero, my soldier, my son—he is the greatest person next to Jesus Christ on earth,” Jim Kelly said. “Hunter, you are my hero forever.”

The Kelly family has established walls of abundant life in their circumstances. These walls keep back the devil and his demons, and they keep back jealousy, bitterness, resentment, hatred, and unforgiving spirits.

### *Reactions of Love*

A wonderful man, Pastor Bob White, and his church in Maine have done so much to support the work of God in India. An orphanage and many churches have been planted in and around Guntur, where many missionaries have been so faithful.

Once when Pastor White was visiting there, he took a train through several areas where these churches have been established. There

were folks lining the tracks—some that had walked two hours in the middle of the night—*just to wave to him*. The train couldn't be stopped, so the only thing these people could do was to stand there and wave for a few moments as Pastor White traveled by. These people love him so deeply and are so thankful for his life. And all he could do was weep.

Later, another crowd came to where Pastor White was staying. He was looking forward to catching up on his sleep after the long journey. But, like those who stood waiting to wave as his train went by, these folks had walked miles and miles to greet him.

"I just started hugging each of them, one after another," Pastor White said. "I just kept doing it over and over again as I was sobbing over these precious people. I embraced them all, they all embraced me. We went through the line, and did it all over again. Then, we did it again! I still cannot get over what precious Christians they are."

Just a few dollars a month is all those people earn over there. Yet, look how rich they are because of the walls of love and thankfulness and peace and joy they have established in their lives.

### *Chapter Three*

## WALLS ETCHED BY MERCY

“And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without” (1 Kings 6:29).

The walls of Solomon’s temple were covered with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. Golden cherubim were also placed upon the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies (Exodus 25:22)—angels of protection and holiness. Their presence in the Holy place speaks of mercy rejoicing against judgment; it speaks of the glorious Gospel of grace, which the angels do not fully comprehend but which they “desire to look into” (1 Peter 1:10-12).

As Christians today, mercy rejoices against judgment inside of us. Jesus does not need to stand behind any walls. There is no condemnation in our lives. The walls of Adam have been broken down. In their place are now walls of

eternal security, walls of forgiveness, walls of imputed righteousness. We have been cleansed and purged as children of God. We now sit securely behind walls of covering and protection.

### *Healing, Shade, and Cords*

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

“Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God” (Psalm 92:12-13).

The palm tree, which grows for years and years, was put to many uses. Medicine and ropes were made from its leaves. Its fruit supplied food, and the tree provided shade to the hot and weary travelers in Palestine. Again, we see a picture of mercy rejoicing against judgment. In the shade of mercy, we flourish with God’s righteousness. Medicine is provided for my soul as an unction from heaven. God also binds us to Himself with the cords of His love, and He feeds us by leading us in green pastures. The beautiful palm tree typifies all of these things.

The flowers of the field on the temple walls point to the Resurrection. They speak of Jesus Christ blooming in the details of life. The field is

the world (Matthew 13:38) and flowers bloom everywhere in the details of this world. This is part of the wall God builds in us.

### *Signs of Resurrection*

“The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

“My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

“The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

“The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away” (Song of Solomon 2:8-13).

The Beloved One, Jesus Christ, leaps on the mountains and skips on the hills, and He asks us to rise up and come away with Him. What follows are seven signs of the Resurrection: the

winter passes, the rains come to an end, the flowers appear, the birds sing, the turtledove is heard, the tree brings out its figs, and the vines are ripe with tender grapes.

Resurrection life builds a wall in us. We have been raised from the dead, and now, Christ is calling us on to obedience. Obedience is God's training ground for us. Obedience guides us. Obedience edifies us. Obedience builds us up. Obedience purifies us. Obedience is what will keep old walls from going back up.

### *The Fruit of Obedience*

I watched a woman say good-bye to her husband as he prepared for a missionary trip to a foreign field. Of course, there were many tears.

"I won't go if you don't want me to go," the husband said.

"I am crying because I am married to a phenomenal man of God," she said. "In obedience, you are willing to leave me and our family for this season. That is why I am crying."

The wall of obedience enables us to do the will of God.

When it comes to walls, let's allow God to tear down the walls that prevent us from growing in grace. At the same time, let's allow God

to build walls that He can dwell within. There, even though storms may be raging on the outside, we will have peace within our walls.

## CONCLUSION

“Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me” (Isaiah 49:16).

The walls of bitterness, resentment, and hatred have been broken down. They are not there any more. Instead, we have walls of love and peace for each other.

I cannot remember any negative thing another person has done to me because that wall is no longer in my life. Jesus Christ broke down that wall. He came right through and tore it away. He is our peace, and He is the only thing between us.

What a beautiful thing it is when a husband and wife, a mother and a father, parents and children have no walls between them. Our new walls are always before God.

“The doctrine of love is a wall that protects you,” The Lord says to us. “It is before Me all the time. The doctrine of grace, the doctrine of for-

givenness, the doctrine of joy, the doctrine of laughter, the doctrine of brokenness, the doctrine of compassion. Those walls of doctrine through the Spirit are always before Me.”

God knows what you are like. For you to live is Christ; therefore by choosing to build His way, you will have the divine walls of truth surrounding your humanity, covered in the gold of His divinity. So no matter how frustrating or frightening the circumstance seems to be, you can always have peace within your walls.