

# I'm married to an alien

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## Neighbors attest to strange behavior She says, "They'll be coming back for me any day now"

A while back some friends and myself were talking about funny tabloid newspaper headings we had seen in check out lines. The many sightings of Elvis, (especially the one on the spaceship), the one about having Bigfoots baby, and the one I thought was the best, (because I thought my wife could relate) was the one that said, "I'm married to an outer space alien". We all had a good chuckle. At about the same time I had been flipping channels on the t.v. and saw a tabloid show (the kind that expose all sorts of problems without ever coming to a conclusion) where a man was saying he was from another planet. Seated next to him was his wife, who was convinced as well, that he was from another planet. You could tell the talk show host was thinking, fumbling for words because of the unmovableness that the couple showed. Very convincing. He must have thought, "I've had some characters on

this show before, but where did they find these two?" Maybe he was from Mars and she was from Venus, I don't know. The most astounding thing about the whole thing was how convinced they were about actually being from another planet. I thought, "what deception". Although it might be funny, the capability of being able to be convinced of something is staggering. As I began to reflect on this I began to see that many times as Christians we fail to have that same type of tenacity regarding the faith. In Timothy, Paul exhorts us to "Fight the fight of faith", and faith is believing, so the "fight" is maintaining the believing of all that God says about Himself, us, and His kingdom, and regarding it as true. It's where the battle lies. This man has decided to believe a deception with all his heart and now is convincing others of it. Even the talk show host asked the people, "Is it possible"? The more I began to think about it the more I

understood that it's not him that is from another planet (or world) it's me. For the Bible says that my citizenship is in heaven. Phil.3:20. It's a fact that I need to become as convinced about as that man was, thinking he was an alien. I think Paul was so convinced of his citizenship being in heaven that he knew heaven would respond to him in a moment. Once I had a trailer here in Mexico that was stolen. I couldn't get any support from the police. All they wanted was money. When they saw that I wouldn't conform, they said too bad for me. So I went to the American consulate and reported it and the consulate sent a complaint on behalf of the United States of America to the head of the police district. I was in the office when the call to the local police station came in from the man who received the complaint from the U. S. It wasn't a pretty sight for the man who insisted that I give them money. He was summoned to the main office in the capital. The next time I went to the police, (a few days later) there was a new officer in his place. When I appealed to my home



country, where I had citizenship by birth, they went to work on my behalf and got results. Now, my citizenship is in heaven by birth as well and **all heaven will respond, the same way, on my behalf, to get the job done.** May this truth be burned into my heart so that I would actually know without a doubt that I'm truly an alien on this earth because my citizenship is in heaven. I actually need the same tenacity of belief towards God and the promises in His word as that man who was deceived had. May we understand our position here as one of being an alien, not one of being at home. Our behavior seems strange because this world cannot understand why we would praise God in tribulation or distress. Why we're not blaming God when calamity befalls us.

Jobs' wife thought she was married to an alien when he would not sin with his lips or throw away his integrity because of hardship. He stayed his heart on the Almighty.

The people in Daniel's time must have thought "this man is a strange one", he insists on

praying to God at the potential loss of his life. Can you imagine the look on his accusers faces when they looked down in the lions den and there's Daniel patting the kitten they were about to meet?



**"...His facial skin glowed... and they were afraid to approach him."**



The whole congregation of Israel must have thought Moses was an alien when he came down from the mountain with his face shining from the presence of God, and the tablets in his hands. Actually, that's how you can tell if someone is a true alien or not. They have a strange countenance from being in the presence of God and they have the tablets of the Word of God, not only in their hands but on their hearts as well. An invisible power walks with them. Moses climbed the mountain of God to see the "strange sight" when he went up to see the

not burnt out. God wants you and I to be just like that bush; something simple but radiating the glory of God. The marvel about the burning bush was not the bush, but the fact that it could contain the fire of God and not be burned up.

Paul's thoughts were toward the homeland of his birth, the new birth, not the natural one. He understood his work was one of an ambassador, and not one of setting up shop. An ambassador is a representative of a certain country, living in another one, functioning as a voice for his homeland. That's what we are for heaven. If God has made us ambassadors, how can we not





when he went up to see the burning bush. A bush that was on fire but not consumed. He began to talk with the bush that was on fire. When he came down from the mountain he was just like the bush, for he was on fire for God after that, but was not consumed, or better yet was consumed, but

know he will respond to us? An ambassador knows his country is never inaccessible to him. It's always accessible. God will not be outdone by any nation.

Paul also had the capacity to believe the Word of God as true in respect to himself. For example he wrote that he was a new creation and that the old had passed away. Regardless of what he saw, he always believed these truths about himself in Christ. If anybody had baggage they could have carried around, it would have been Paul. He had a bad history toward the church before he got saved. Yet he chose to forget what was behind and press on to the mark. The only way I know for anyone to be

able to do that,  
is to become  
convinced of  
what the Bible  
says in regard to  
forgiveness and  
our position in



Christ. Like the old Christian bumper sticker used to say, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." To be so convinced about God's Word would open up an open heaven for the believer. In John 11:41 & 42 Jesus says, "Father I thank Thee that Thou hearest me. And I know that Thou hearest me always". How many Christians have this confidence with God? Yet, this is just the basics of the faith. The fight is to maintain these basics. I believe this was Jesus' success in the many signs and wonders which He performed. He had confidence with God knowing He was attentive to Him and who He was, the Son. When the devil tried to tempt

me, (because I had somewhat slanted eyes) that I was left on the doorstep by a Chinese family. Or they would say, "When Dad was in the Korean war, he saw you all alone and brought you home". They were just joking but needless to say I was never sure of the truth for a while.

When Jesus walked the earth He maintained that He was from another world, a heavenly one. The Pharisees said to Him, "When the messiah comes no one will know where he is from, but we know where you're from," (John 7:27) meaning Nazareth. However they really **didn't** know where He was from. He was from another planet, Heaven. Jesus said that we are "not of this world"(John 17:14) and that we're just to "occupy", till He comes again(Luke 19:13). The word, "occupy" means to negotiate or do business, trade. We're to be about the Lord's business, but have our heart on another home, in heaven.

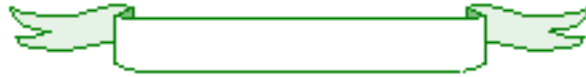


**He answered  
and said, "My  
kingdom is not**

be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews". (John 18:36). He was very perplexed by Jesus, and couldn't understand His language. Pilate said, "Don't you know I have authority to set you free or to crucify you?" Jesus said, "You wouldn't have it if it wasn't given to you from above". Can you imagine Pilate thinking he had authority over Jesus. It actually shows how surrendered Jesus was to the Father. To know that nothing can happen to you without the Father knowing it. Caleb, one of the spies that went into the promised land, was so much considered an alien that the people wanted to stone him for the strange things that he said. For he, along with Joshua, took their stand among all the

Jesus in the wilderness, two of his three temptations started out by saying, "If you're the son of man.."  
 The devil was trying to get Jesus to question his position as a Son. Praise God, Jesus stood firm in his faith and overcame the devil. We overcome the same way, by knowing what the Word of God says concerning our position in Christ, our sonship, and by standing firm. My name is Greg Winslow. I can't be convinced otherwise. I know who my parents are and it doesn't matter what anybody says, I know who I am naturally. Even if somebody fabricated papers that said differently, I wouldn't believe them. Now I must be convinced of the same, spiritually.

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Can you imagine Pilate's face when Jesus said to him, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would

unbelieving believers and exclaimed that God is able to take us into this land. Their faith so irritated the people who were focused entirely on their flesh and outward circumstances, that they picked up stones to finish them off. Can you imagine, in the whole congregation, there were 4 (Moses Aaron, Caleb & Joshua) who had the faith, and the people were always looking to stone them. Yet those are the ones in God's gallery of faith. They are the ones God boasts about. Eph. 2:10 says that we are God's workmanship created for good works in Christ. Again in verse 7, "to show forth His great love with which He loved us to all the genera

When I was a  
child my brothers  
and sisters would  
tease



tions". God's intention for us was to show forth His goodness to all generations by His abounding grace towards us.

Down here in Zihuatanejo, there are various art galleries that show forth the art of the painter or the sculptor. As you browse through them, you see the handiwork of the artist and how he spent time on each piece to make it a work of art. So it is with God. We're in God's gallery. All generations look in God's gallery and stand amazed at the handiwork of grace He has brought forth in such a lost mankind. Look at Jacob in His gallery. Once a swindler and a cheat; he stooped so low as to steal his own brother's birthright. Yet he was changed by

his own skin, then changed by God's grace so much that they laid people on his shadow so that healing could flow from it.

We should note that the devil has a gallery too, and he takes great pride in his as well. There's Judas his prize, who once walked with Jesus and was in the ministry, but sold out for a few pieces of silver. King Saul is there. Once anointed as a mighty man of God; prophesying in the middle of the prophets, he had too much pride to repent. Instead, he ended up consulting a medium for God's counsel.



**“His eyes were  
like a flame of  
fire”**



Korah is there, who wanted to be more than he was and opposed Moses until the ground opened up and swallowed him alive. We're on display for the generations. Paul said that our lives are open books for

people to read; living epistles. God wants to display His goodness to all generations in your life as well. Will you let Him?

Our prayer and desire is that you would cut off everything that would prevent you from doing so, and make God your one true desire. The world may look at you strange, like you're some sort of alien, but if God's smile is on you, what does it matter? Go for being in God's gallery. None of His workmanship is done without careful work on all the details, and God is a perfectionist. Are you an alien, or are you just plain normal?

the grace of God  
into a work of art.  
Look at Paul the  
apostle in God's  
gallery. Once  
stoning Christians  
thinking he was  
doing God a favor,  
then changed by  
His grace to  
become a dynamo  
for Him, who could  
only bring forth  
such a change.  
Peter stands as  
one of God's best  
works of art. Once  
full of pride and  
fear, even denying  
Jesus to save



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