

# Women in the Church Newsletter

*Transformed to pursue the glory of God in our daily lives*

*-Becoming What We Behold-*



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## Missionary Focus

The Persecuted  
Church

Frank & Cindy S-  
WARM

Rostislav & Irene  
Bilosevitch-  
Gideons, Ukraine

Harold & Sarah  
Schepian-  
SERGE, England

## Transformed Chapter 1

This month our Circle Bible study takes us to 1 Peter. If you're unfamiliar with this portion of Scripture, the author reminds suffering Believers that their hardship and persecution has a purpose; coupled with that is holiness. Because of the way the Spirit conforms us to the image of Christ, Peter not only sees holiness as necessary for enduring hardship; he sees *hardship as a way the Spirit makes us holy*. Part of our transformation is through trusting and obeying God during the hardships.

In addition, this chapter brings out our position as children of God while making us think a little deeper about what that means practically.

The devotional sections all point us back to our Hope: the Hope Mary and Sarah had, the Hope the women of the early church had, and the Hope that we busy, scattered, 2019 women have. Ours is a *living* hope that is rooted in a relationship with a *living* Savior. Women need other women to encourage and equip them to trust and obey, even in hard places and relationships. We must remind one another that no matter how chaotic life seems at eye level, nothing is random- God uses everything to lovingly transform us into the likeness of Jesus.

Pray for one another

"Lord, we should be bearing fruit, reproducing Christians. This is the way you are glorified. Give \_\_\_\_\_ the desire to bear much fruit for Your honor and glory, and then provide them with the ability to do so." John 15:2,5,8



## Testimony Corner: Susan Morgan

My great-great grandmother's tombstone gives the typical information: name, birth date, and date of death; however, in addition, the granite is inscribed with, "She hath done what she could". What exactly, I've wondered, was it that inspired her children to include that particular epitaph? For an earthly life that ended over 120 years ago, it's difficult to put together the puzzle that was her life, but a few pieces can still be found:

- She reared a family of nine children.
- She was a helpmate to her husband, who went to Burke's Garden as a "dependent" of a wealthy family and hauled grain, flour, and salt until he could afford his own farm.
- She lived with a genetic condition which made her fingers stiff.
- She was likely part of a church family of Presbyterians. The church didn't have a full time minister or a church building. The Presbyterians shared a building with the Lutheran and Methodist congregations during this woman's lifetime.
- She was a widow for 31 years.

"She hath done what she could". The puzzle pieces indicate that her days were long and her ministry was deep in life's trenches; such service is often messy and unappealing in our world, but it mirrors the earthly ministry of Jesus. It requires a great deal of hard work, patience, perseverance, flexibility, and trusting in Him. Sound familiar to what is happening in your life? Carry on ladies, keep your focus on Jesus and spread the gospel in whatever circle of influence you have been placed; with Him directing your path, you are doing what you can!

*"She has done what she could: she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."* Mark 14:8-9 ESV