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**Just Released:  
TIME IS SLIPPING!**

**Even Garney is singing these songs!  
Music gone to the dogs!**

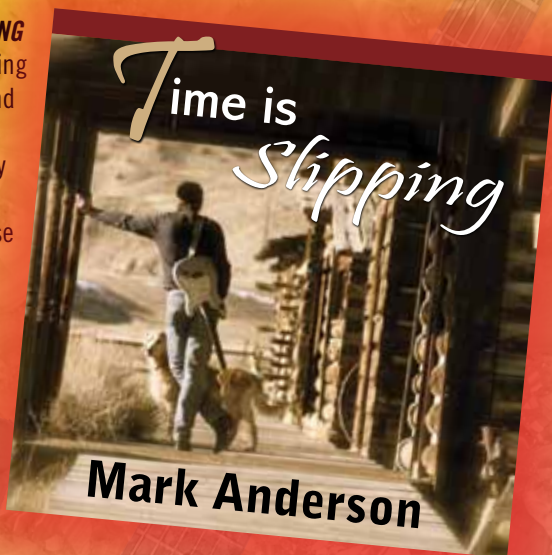
# Just Released...

Mark's first album **TIME IS SLIPPING** 12 Original Songs by Mark! Featuring lead guitarist **Dan Scott** from Grand Junction, Colorado! Musical styles include: 80's Classic Rock, Country Rock, Love Song, Contemporary Instrumentals, Contemporary Praise and Worship.

**TIME IS SLIPPING** is available on [www.indieheaven.com](http://www.indieheaven.com). Visit our website homepage on the right-side column to be directed to where you can hear 2 minute samples of each song and download one song a month for free off our website. You can purchase the entire album or individual songs. You can also go directly to the link by typing in: [www.indieheaven.com/artist\\_main.php?id=80736](http://www.indieheaven.com/artist_main.php?id=80736). Each month one of our songs is featured on Indieheaven/fan faves. Check it out and vote for the featured song if you like it, to help give the album more exposure. For large orders contact us directly to obtain a special discount.

## Hear what others are saying about this album:

*"Hi Mark, thank you very much for the gift of your new album. You did a great job and I sure do appreciate all the hard work that you and everyone put into it. I really enjoyed the musical*



*style and I definitely hear the Eagles influence. I'm glad you made this album and I'm sure it will be a great blessing to many people. It's already been a blessing to us. May God prosper and bless this music as you share it around the globe." - Stephen Marshall Producer/ Recording Artist- Nashville, TN*

*"Hey Mark, I so enjoyed your CD!! You can feel the life in it. May it really empower people with God's goodness and presence! With love." - PamThum- Recording Artist/ Nashville, TN*

*"Thank you so much for sending your new CD. We all loved it!" - Jean Redekas, Tariffville, CT*



# The Gospel and Politics II

By Mark R. Anderson

**F**or I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.... (Romans 1:16). What is the Gospel? IT IS THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST! The good news of Jesus Christ is the POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION. In the Greek the word salvation means forgiveness, physical healing, deliverance, protection, to be made whole, and prosperity.

As mentioned in Part I many believers focus on the negative in our country and base where

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they see our nation going by what happens in Washington DC, thereby not allowing the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to go forth and produce positive results. From my travels all over the world I have come to the conclusion that at times the greatest obstacle standing in the way of the Church of Jesus Christ reaching the lost in this world is the Church itself. Hindus, Muslims, Satanists, the New Age movement are not our greatest hindrance. It is the religious spirit!

Jesus faced the most opposition from the religious leaders of His day. It is no different today! He addresses that obstacle in Mark 7:1-15. My book **“The Progression of the Religious Spirit”** deals with this as well.

Lately things are spinning out of control in the USA as well as the rest of the world. It is leading to increased

hopelessness, despair and fear. President Obama recently chose not to host the National Day of Prayer. As far as the government is concerned there is less dependence on God.

Many are looking to the government to bail them out of the difficulties they find themselves in. This leads to more government control and less dependence on God as our source. This will lead to laziness and apathy. I have seen this firsthand in my travels to former communist countries. This can lead to many difficulties in our nation. We as believers need to keep our focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ and God as our source as many around us have become fearful of the future and have no hope. In the days to come many will be searching for answers. Our government is driving them towards it.

My question is; will we

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the followers of Christ present the answers to the world's dilemmas or will we add to the problems with messages of doom and gloom? During these extremely difficult times will this nation or the world even glance our way for answers if we are not presenting THE FULL GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) OF JESUS CHRIST and walking in victory ourselves?

## **WHERE IS THE FOCUS?**

Focus! This is crucial, if we desire to see a lasting move of God and reap the end-time harvest of souls. The early church had their focus on a BIG RESURRECTED JESUS. Even after being beaten and threatened their focus never shifted.

*And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they **commanded** that they should **not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did***

***not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ*** (Acts 5:40-42).

They focused on Jesus, His words and actions. Today, somehow that focus has shifted for many Christians. Many focus on what God has not done, or their problems or what the enemy (Satan or demons) is doing more than what Christ has done. When our focus is centered on what He has not done then the fruit of that focus becomes very obvious. It breeds unbelief and offense within the church that literally can

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stop the move of God (see Mark 6:1-6). Many problems develop in an

environment like this.

Jesus talks about these last days in Luke 21:26 **men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** As believers in Christ we need to keep our focus on Christ and place our expectations in Him (see Hebrews 12:2-3).

In John 5:1-16 Jesus healed a man who had been crippled for 38 years. He was the only one healed by the pool of Bethesda among all the sick and crippled who were laid there. Also in Luke 5:17, **“and the power of the Lord was present to heal THEM.”** Them always implies more than one. Yet only one crippled man was healed in Luke 5:17-26. As we read on, one can see that the religious leaders reasoned and were offended with Jesus (vs. 21). Could that have hindered Christ’s miracle power?

When similar miracles occur today you can be sure that the media and many Christians as well will zero in on those who were not healed as opposed to rejoicing over the ones who were healed. There were those

in the gospel accounts who were not healed. But the gospel accounts zero in on those who received their healings more than ones who did not. Why? Because when we get GOOD AT THE GOSPEL, sharing the good news or testimonies of our GREAT BIG GOD it becomes the seed that reproduces miracles time and time again.

Many Christians permit the media or negative circumstances to be the lens through which they perceive God. Later when they require a miracle from God they wonder why they don't receive their miracle. They have lost track of what God has done and focus on what He has not done. Some get offended with God or His ministers (Greek-servants).

Many years ago the Lord showed me that if I was offended or critical with a ministry or a certain emphasis in the Body of Christ then I would not be able to receive from them or the anointing on them unless I repented. I have seen the media and believers get easily offended with people like Benny Hinn for example. They zero in on a small flaw in his life or someone not healed under his ministry,

ignoring the many who were.

The enemy knows that if we keep our mouths shut about what God has done then there will be no reproduction of those miracles. Isaiah 62:6 says *You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent.* The enemy loves to silence believers and keep them from sharing the testimonies of our great God. He wants us to focus on what he and his demons do more than what God does so he has an environment to keep working his destructive power. Sad to say many believers fall prey to these tactics.

When our focus is on what God has done Romans 10:17 says, *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* Faith and the power to act come into our hearts when we hear what God has done or is doing. It activates faith!

It is sad that in many Christian circles there is no mention of the miracles Christ is doing, or pressing in for these miracles He longs to do in our midst. It breeds unbelief and reliance on natural abilities instead of faith in God which can activate His miracle

working power.

If we act according to the Bible and focus on what God has done and is continuing to do it will get the momentum going for what He desires to do in the future.

If we focus on the good things God is doing then that becomes the lens through which we see; or one could say it becomes our belief system. It becomes the way we perceive God and what He can and will do continually.

## PREACHING ONLY A "HEARD GOSPEL"

The Great Commission was never meant to only be preached but to also be demonstrated with miracles, signs and wonders (see Mark 16:15-20). Words may draw some to Christ but unless many see the actual manifestation or visible power of God apathy can set in. Some may even turn from the faith. We need God's manifest presence in our midst and not excuses why His presence isn't manifesting in our midst.

In these last days much of Christianity has become content with just a heard Gospel. In the days of the early

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church the preaching was always followed by miracles, signs and wonders, a HEARD AND SEEN GOSPEL. The early church when being persecuted said *For we cannot but **speak the things which we have seen and heard*** (Acts 4:20). They kept the testimonies of what Jesus was doing fresh in their hearts and minds and shared them over and over. *Only **take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren*** (Deut. 4:9).

Look at Phillip in Acts 8:4-8 *Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, **hearing and SEEING the miracles** which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of***

*many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was **great joy in that city.***

Notice the words *hearing and SEEING the miracles!* The early church was not just talk! I frequently share Acts 8 in our India campaigns and share testimonies from previous campaigns to let Hindus and Moslems know what happens when Jesus Christ comes to their city. I also share what He did in the Bible. I tell them He will be doing the same in their city. Sure enough the same miracles flow strongly from the first night onward and great joy comes to these cities.



**Pyari** - 23 years blind! Able to see after Christ opens her eyes! Miracles like this are drawing many thousands to Christ in our India campaigns as well as causing many others to put faith in Jesus for miracles - **Ambala, Harayana, INDIA**

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 says *And my speech and*

*my preaching were not with **persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the **wisdom of men** but in the power of God.*** Paul said he came demonstrating the gospel. His emphasis was God confirming the word he preached. The **emphasis** was more on **seeing God move** rather than eloquent words. Notice his mention of *words of human wisdom* and *wisdom of men*. Much emphasis today in the Body of Christ has been on what comes naturally to us. If our walk with Christ has become that way (predictable) we

need to cry out to God and learn to depend upon Him even more to accomplish things way beyond our natural abilities. Jesus said *I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without*

***Me you can do nothing*** (John 15:5). If our dependence is on Him

we will be brought out of our comfort zone and see a move of God that will attract the unsaved.

The scriptures below show us it is not based

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on abilities with God as much as it is based on availability. Jesus is looking for available mud. *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world*

*to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence* (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

If we want to see an awakening that will shake this nation then we need to understand it has to be all Him! It is not about us. **It is all in the power that comes from remembering, sharing and living the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ.**

2 Timothy 3:5 says *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!* Have we learned to rely too much on natural ability and that is keeping us from seeing God's manifest presence in our midst?

The early church preached the gospel of Jesus Christ that truly was good news to those living in hopelessness and despair. Was it politically correct? No! Many died as martyrs for their belief in and testimony of Jesus Christ. It did not prevent the early church from moving forward. They

kept their focus on the GOSPEL (good news) of Jesus Christ. In spite of great opposition they turned their world upside down with a gospel message that was not only preached or heard but was seen as well. Acts 17:6 says... ***These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.***

Irrespective of what goes on in our nation's capital we will see a move of God if we keep our focus centered on Jesus Christ and His gospel. Don't be influenced or blinded by the liberal media, or the bad things going on in Washington DC, or by cold dead religion. Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ, His gospel, and what He is doing. Keep the testimony of our great God before you so that will be the lens you see through and the seed to reproduce the miracles of Jesus Christ in your corner of the world.

If you would like to know more about how to deal with the religious spirit in the Church and stay free from it order **THE PROGRESSION OF THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT. Available for \$8usd/ \$10cdn** includes shipping. Just request it by name. ●

# India Outreaches and Upcoming Trip

By *Sharmila Anderson*



**W**e are continually being able to reach out to under privileged women and girls through several outreaches to them in **Agra, India.**

Currently seven beautiful girls are housed at **Karishma Girl's Home** and by the end of July we will have twelve girls. That is the most we can house on the lower floor we have at present. We started construction on the top level in 2006. We will be making plans to complete construction of the top floor in God's timing.

**Shira Evans** (daughter of Mike Evans) stayed a month in India during March, working at the Girl's Home. Her ministry (Computer labs for kids) provided laptops to every girl

and she taught them computer skills. I think the girls have been e-mailing her. Her plan is to provide computers to all the girls there.

I hope you can understand what this means to the girls and us. These are girls who were deprived of proper food, clothing and education, unwanted and disregarded. Today they are housed in a beautiful home that you helped build and have their own laptops.

The average child (of prosperous parents) in India does not have his/her own computer at such a young age. The Lord is truly extravagant in His love. I learned a valuable lesson through this.

The slum school is a source of blessing to the children. Shira Evans plans on returning early next year not only to work once again in Karishma Girl's Home, but also plans on providing laptops to the children at the

Karishma Slum School. God Bless you Shira!

The Sewing School is a tremendous source of blessing to women. Our workers in India are able to find work for a number of the ladies who graduate from this school. They now earn anywhere from \$20-\$30 usd a month. Since they financially contribute in their homes they are treated with greater respect and have security of life.

## MAY/JUNE OUTREACHES IN INDIA

Mark is leaving on May 21st for India for a period of three weeks of intensive ministry. I will join him in the end of May. He is conducting a healing service with the New Life Churches of **Delhi** on Sunday morning May 24th. In the evening he is doing a mini youth concert/healing service in **Gurgoan**. Thereafter





On our first outreach to **North India**, during the first night, **Anil** was healed by Christ and able to walk for the first time in his life. We are believing that Jesus will do nothing less but so much more as we return to **Barielly** 20 years later.

he travels with a team to **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**. The state of Himachal Pradesh has one Christian for every 1,100 people. He is conducting a

leadership-training seminar May 26-28, 2009 for ministers from that area. A number of ministers are attending from very remote areas like **Dharam Shala** where **the Dali Lama resides**. We are excited to be able to train them, as many are pastors and leaders who have recently converted from Hinduism and are in desperate need of training. From June 1-6, 2009 we will be conducting an open-air campaign in **Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh**. We have learned from our campaign coordinator that Christians in this

area are constantly persecuted by militant Hindus.

Mark started his ministry to North India 20 years ago in Barielly by conducting an open-air campaign and leadership conference. Despite great opposition from the militant Hindus at that time 8,500 people came to Christ and a church was planted. We are excited to return to Barielly!

Please agree with us for a huge harvest of souls, a tremendous impartation to the leaders and miracle signs and wonders.

**We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support to help make all this possible. We definitely need your prayers and support at this time.** 🌍

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# Asking Us to Return to Nepal



Dear Mark and Sharmila:

*It is always a joy to communicate with you. I appreciate the years of friendship and relationship we've had with you in the Gospel. Thank you for your relentless effort to bring the Gospel to people who have never heard the name of Jesus. That's why you're my heroes!*

*I just got back from a trip to Nepal and I have some real exciting news for you. Due to the recent political changes, Nepal has become a democratic republic that allows freedom of religion. It is no more the only Hindu kingdom that it once used to boast of.*

*I would love for you to return to Nepal and hold an evangelistic crusade for us. It is now possible to conduct mass meetings without interruption from the authorities. If you and your partners are interested, we can organize a 3-5 days evangelistic outreach involving dozens of churches to present the Gospel to the hidden people of the Himalayas.*

*Please let us know at your earliest so we can plan to put this thing together. As you know everything takes longer time in Nepal to do. We need you brother and we need to let people know that Jesus is alive today.*

*For the Cause of World Missions,*

*Sandy Anderson*

## From Rejection Comes New Direction

By Sandy Anderson

**A**t one point or another we've all experienced some kind of rejection in our lives. If you're in sales, you have dealt with rejection from your customers. If you are a young person, you've probably had some rejection by someone you loved. Rejection may have come from your own parents or family members. Rejection is a continuous and universal problem. That is why it is extremely important for us to handle rejection in the right way.

One of the greatest examples of rejection is found in the life of **Joseph** (ref. Gen. 37-45). He was the favorite of his father

and it created jealousy among his brothers. They rejected Joseph and sold him to a bunch of businessmen. Falsely accused, in the prison, Joseph was forgotten and rejected by the butler whom he helped to get back his job as the king's cup bearer. Years later when Joseph met up with the butler again, he didn't have a chip on his shoulder. He didn't say, "How could you forget me and leave me to die in that dungeon?"

**Joseph understood that from rejection comes a new direction. Joseph**

**established in his heart that God would never reject him. Instead, he recognized God's Hand in the midst of the rejections he faced. Joseph learned to accept rejection in the right way. He didn't seek revenge or get angry but he kept hoping in God's mercy. That's what put Joseph second in command to the king.**

If we don't handle rejection properly, it can lead to loneliness, self-pity, depression, and even suicide. How we deal with

rejection will determine where we will end up in life. Some of the most famous people in history started their journey with severe rejection by their closest friends and relatives.

**Beethoven's** music teacher declared him hopeless at composing. When you consider Beethoven was deaf, you'd probably agree with his teacher that he had no future in music. But you see, **man looks on the outside but God looks on the inside (ref.1 Sam. 16:7)**. He has deposited extraordinary gifts and talents in you. Rejection from his teacher became the biggest motivator in Beethoven's life that eventually made him to be one of the greatest composers in the history of music.

**Friend, no matter who rejected you, don't lose hope in your future.**

Your mistakes (by choice and by ignorance) that have kept you bound, in fear and even made you suicidal at times, have no power over your life.

**When we turn from our wrong ways, He not only covers our sins; but also eradicates their very existence from our lives (ref Isa. 43:25).**

Don't fear rejection! Look at it from a different perspective. Because out of your rejection will come

the greatest victory you've ever known.

God knows we'll not volunteer to put ourselves through pain, rejection and reproach in order to get to His best for our lives. It is human to enjoy comfort, predictability, and safety. **A seed, until it is planted in the ground and covered with heavy soil, it cannot germinate and blossom. Likewise, God allows some betrayal, rejection and problems that stretches us, quicker than we want, to discover our ultimate destiny.** It is in these trying times, we grow the most. God doesn't send hard bondage on us but He uses it to define and direct our path to greatness.

A missionary's daughter sat in the church pew while **Billy Graham** was preaching. Ruth, who later became his wife, told how she felt the urge to run out of the building. It wasn't because of any conviction from the preaching; but she thought to herself, "This is the worst preaching I've ever heard in my life!" Billy Graham's preaching! **Do you see how the rejection of others bears no weight in what God has called you to be? Your value in the Hand of the Creator is priceless (ref John 3:16).**

So how do we cope with rejection? Most people perceive rejection as the ending. But in reality it is the beginning of your true destiny. **Friend if you allow your rejection to find a new direction in the Hands of God, one day, the same people who rejected you may bow before you as did Joseph's brothers. If you're feeling rejected, down and depressed today, your best days are right ahead of you. Shake off your rejection and put on a fresh attitude of faith, joy and service; and you'll see what your life can become.**

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# Mark & Sharmila's Upcoming Schedule

**May 24**

New Life Church **New Delhi, INDIA**

**May 24**

New Life Church **Gurgoan, INDIA**

**May 26-28**

Leadership conference

**Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, INDIA**

**June 1-6**

Open Air Campaign & conference

**Barielly, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA**

**June**

Sharing on the Christian Channel (Canada's largest Christian TV station) Just purchased by World Impact Ministries (Peter Youngren)

**July 5**

Open Bible Ministries **Thermopolis, WY** 10:15 am

**August 9-16**

Music and Healing outreaches **Lima, Peru**

**October 4**

River of Life Ministries **Casper, WY** (307) 267-1566 10 am

**October 22-24**

Youth concerts **Agra, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA**

**October 26-31**

Open Air Campaign & Conference **Agra, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA**



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