



Who am I?

Our ongoing search for genuine love

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Welcome back to our ongoing search for genuine love in this existence and a future hope for eternal peace in the presence of God. Thus far we have found that human love is self-centered and history has proven this type of love does not bring peace with our fellow human beings. As we learned about our creation, our purpose of creation and our destiny after physical death, we found that all the answers focused on God. With that we altered our search for genuine love from a worldly focus (natural view) to a spiritual focus (supernatural view). God became our source of love to investigate and we found a wonderful truth by logically revealing his personality. Upon further investigation of God's personality we affirmed that all his attributes are centered on love. Viewing God's love, we proved it is sacrificial because of the way he interacts with his human creation.

God proved that genuine love places others needs before ours invoking a desire to help while putting our desires aside. How did God prove it? By what God did for his created humans. Because human pride and focus on oneself (sin) separates humans from God; humans are destined to an eternity separated from God (hell) unless reconciliation with God is made. God understands our shortcoming so through his mercy and love He provided the means of reconciliation. God manifested himself as a man and in the name of Jesus Christ walked among his creation. Reconciliation comes through Jesus Christ who took our sins that separated us from God upon himself and died, thus paying the penalty of spiritual death (eternal separation from God) that we were to pay. God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus now lives to mediate between humans and God. Is that not genuine love? God will share his genuine love with those who truly believe that Jesus took the sin of the world

upon himself and paid the sin debt we owed. When we sincerely believe this and desire to be changed of our old sinful nature by asking God to forgive us and to transform us into the person he wants us to be, we can live this life of genuine love while we share with it others.

The world today is screaming for peace and safety. This series has proven that peace and safety can only be found spiritually and cannot originate in humans. It can only be generated by the Holy Spirit of God living in those who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of their existence. When we give our heart and life to God through belief in the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, we are indwelt with God's Holy Spirit who transforms our self-centered emotions, desires and will into godly emotions, desires and will. You can actually become a new person through a regenerated soul!

Let's compare a natural soul with a regenerated godly soul to give us a better idea of the magnitude of this transformation. Here is how God sees us in our sinful state:

"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Wow! Did you ever see yourself as being that depraved? God says in his word, the Holy Bible, that this is the way we are. Notice that God ends this passage by affirming that those who continue to live this way can not come into the kingdom of God. That is the eternal separation from God our soul will have to endure. When we admit we are this way and are willing to allow God to change us and we genuinely ask him to do so; through his Holy Spirit this is what he will do in us:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gen-

teness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Now, there's peace we can live with individually and peace that we can share with others.

Many people believe this fruit of the Spirit can be self-achieved, but again history and current events proves them wrong. God tells us we cannot achieve this goodness without his intervention. The fruit is a picture of the holiness of God and unless we accept the sacrifice he made for us, we will continue producing the sinful fruit which only leads to destruction in this life and an eternal hell in the next.

Obtaining and living this life of genuine love can only be accomplished through faith in Jesus Christ who will make the transformation in us if we will only admit who we are and ask him to change us:

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Imagine a world of Spirit filled humans living in peace with God and sharing love and concern for each other! Why not try it? In doing so you have everything to gain and everything to lose – Gain a godly nature and lose your sinful nature while following the Spirit to an everlasting relationship with God.

It appears that God has enlightened us as to our search for love. Now that you see the source of the love we have been looking for; Aren't you interested in knowing more about this living and active God? In future articles we will investigate God in order to not just know about him, but to get to know him personally. That is God's desire for his people. I am praying for God to open your heart to understand and receive the truth we have proven through this investigation. If you missed any of the articles in this series and would like copies, contact me through the Drum office.

Membership memories



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The winner of the "Name the Buffalo" contest was Mr. Randy Baker Jr. Randy has named the baby buffalo "Rolling Thunder" or in Ute translation 'úu-nú-pagáy'. Randy won an award of \$100. The Elders Committee selected the name during a meeting Dec. 24, 1984.

Birth Certificate information:

Name: Rolling Thunder

Sex: Male

Place of Birth: Sky Ute Downs

Date of Birth: Nov. 10, 1984

Name of Father: Father Fruita Buffalo

Name of Mother: Mother Fruita Buffalo

Signed this 27th day of Dec. 1984

Clement J. Frost (vice), Southern Ute Tribal Chairman

Did You Know....

- Native Americans are 10 times more likely to be incarcerated than whites.
- 6 of 10 juveniles in federal custody are Native American.
- 60% of children with a parent in jail will be locked up sometime in their lifetimes.

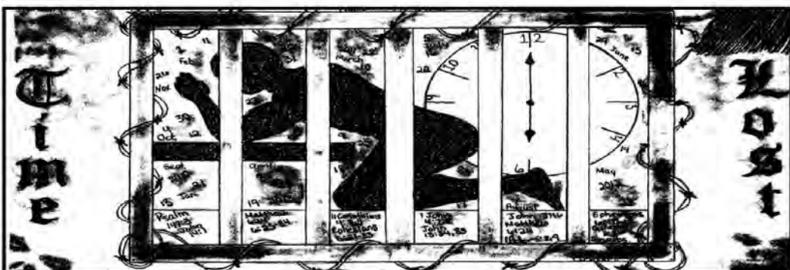
What can we as former inmates, friends and family of inmates, community activists & others do to keep our people out of prison and jail? What can we build for ourselves that makes us stronger collectively and keeps families, Tribe and community safe?

BREAK THE CHAINS! DISMANTLING THE PIPELINE TO PRISON

A community dialogue for former inmates, friends & family of inmates & others impacted by incarceration.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (9:00 – 10:00
REGISTRATION)

SOUTHERN UTE MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY
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Artwork by Calvin Levato, 2011

We will be joined by LENNY FOSTER, Native American human rights activist; Director of the Navajo Nation Corrections Project; co-author of legislation in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado allowing Native American spiritual practice in prison resulting in significant reductions in prison returns; American Indian Movement activist; recipient of city of Phoenix Dr. Martin Luther King Human Rights Award.

This community dialogue is sponsored by See It. Stop It. on Native Lands Parent & Youth Leadership Projects, the SUIT Multi-Purpose Facility, the Violence Prevention Coalition of SW Colorado and lots of freedom-loving people seeking long lasting solutions to violence in our communities. Funding provided by the Ms. Foundation and a gift from the El Pomar Foundation. For more information call 563-0100 x 2641 or 247-2935.



SunUte Swim Club



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Train With Our Swim Club!

SunUte is fortunate to have coach Lin Eskridge back! She is coaching youth swimming for ages 8-18 every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 pm. This program is open to the public, however, we are looking for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and Descendants (ages 8-18) to participate in the games being held in July. The Tri-Ute Games are designed for all Utes to get to know their brothers and sisters through friendly competition. If you can



Tri-Ute Swimmers from 2009

swim one length in the pool we welcome you to come and learn to swim competitively. As the kids progress Lin will be teaching proper technique, flip turns and the rules and regulations involved in racing. Our goal is to train swimmers to be competitive in the Tri-Ute games and future NAIG games. Swimmers can also train to compete as independents in the Western Slope League.

SunUte Pool



Special points of interest:
See schedule for details.

- Use swimming as a way of cross training for your other sports.
- We offer free swim lessons for Tribal Members.
- We offer water aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- We offer private swim lessons for \$15 per half hour for non-Tribal Members.
- We will make more swim club training times available for Tribal Members upon request.



Swim for Fitness, Swim for Life!

Swimming doesn't have to be about competing. It is an excellent form of exercise that can be used throughout your entire life. If you've tried swimming laps, you know it's not easy in the beginning! With proper training and perseverance anyone can learn to become a good recreational swimmer. By learning a variety of strokes and changing the work out you can get a full-body workout that is less stressful for your back, knees and hips.

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