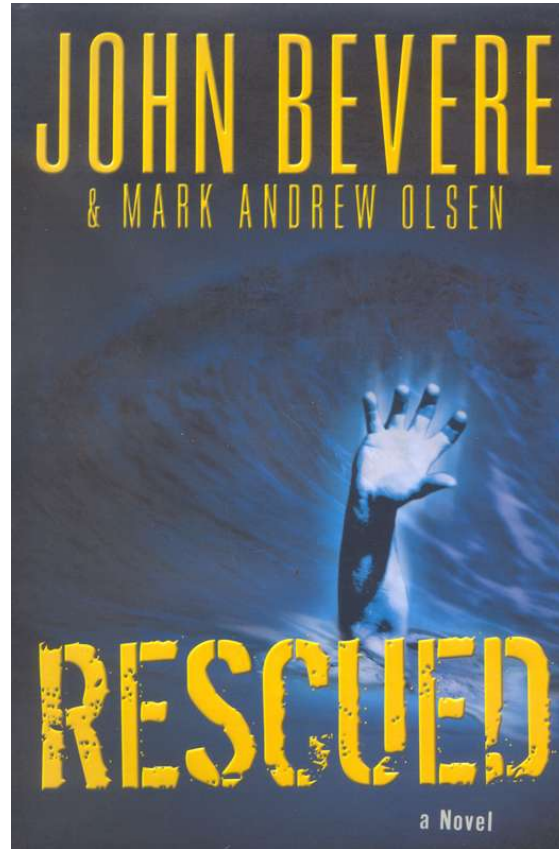


“Rescued”

2

Follow Up pt.



ASSURANCE of Heaven

Covenant

My
**Life Purpose,
consuming passion,
single goal is to**

**Bring
People
to
Jesus**

(Col. 3:3-4, John 15:1-8)

Col 3:3-4

For you **died**, and your **life** is
now hidden with Christ in
God. When Christ, who is **your**
life, appears, then you also will
appear with him in glory.

John 15:1-7

I am the true vine and my
Father is the Gardener. He

cuts off every branch in me that bears no **FRUIT**, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more **FRUITFUL**.

3You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear **FRUIT** by itself; it must

remain in the vine. Neither can you bear **FRUIT** unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much **FRUIT**; apart from me you can do nothing.

6If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

8 This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much **FRUIT**,
showing yourselves
to be
my disciples.

4 ?'s

~ If that **GROWS** every year---
then Jesus is my **LORD**

~ If that is **NOT** my consuming desire – then
Jesus is **NOT** my Lord!

~ If I have **COMPETING Passions** then I
have not yet seen the lie.

*I do not yet understand that nothing
of Self apart from God satisfies.*

~ If I have **Other Benefits**— they are:

- **un-necessary** extras and
- their purpose is make me **more effective** in my primary focus.



3 Clear Poisons in God's Word

One Month Old as a Christian
Millions & Millions of Christians

1. Living for Self vs.
being a Loving Servant

II Cor. 5:15,20
Phil. 2:3



15 And he died for all, that those who live should **no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again.

20 We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Phil. 2:3

Phil. 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility **consider others better than yourselves.**

a. First Priority – **Spiritual and Natural Family** *Gal. 6:10*

b. Second Priority – the **Lost** *Mt. 18:11*





2. Anything against any person



*Mt. 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is **angry** with his brother will be subject to **judgment**. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You **fool!**' will be in danger of the **fire of hell.***

Satan

5 things I have to do to be offended

1. Ignore **their** emotional perspective
2. **Maximize** their **wrongs**
3. Ignore **MY Wrongs** against **God**
4. Minimize **MY Wrongs** against **this person**
5. Ignore the **GREAT things** God wants to **teach me** through this.

HOW

VS.

WHY



3. The Idol of Money / Things

*Mt. 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will **HATE** the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and **DESPISE** the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*

Bottom Line

a. Bottom Line Protection ---
the Tithe

Mt. 23:23, Heb. 7:8

b. Long Term Goal---- much
higher percentage!

**Millions & Millions of
Christians**