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## From Darkness to Light, by Stephalyn Cherry

Fellow Christians, do you remember that glorious day when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior--brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)?

The crazy part about being in darkness is that no one realizes there is anything wrong. It seems fun! Partying, drinking, drugging, and more. A fun time is being had by all. Right? Wrong!

Then comes the crash; this downward spiral: to DARKNESS.

For me: I looked up, I looked down, I looked back, I looked forward. I looked all around! There was nothing! It was pitch black! I could hear the fun, but I could not see it anymore. I had the overwhelming feeling of not belonging there anymore. So, I said to myself, "How do I get out of here?" Then that still, soft voice said, "Remember, 'you are not of this world' (John 15:19). We've got to get

out of here; let us go back to the light by following Jesus (John 8:12). We have been here too long! We have been gone too long!"

Therefore, from Darkness to Light, is a profound change. This is a change we need to accept with a resounding "YES" because we serve a God full of mercy, grace, forgiveness, compassion and most importantly LOVE!



**EPIC MIRACLE UPDATE:** The Comcast installation—a \$50,000 project at NO COST to EPIC--that increases our phone and internet capabilities is complete. Please keep the building renovation and permit process in your prayers. Also pray for the mechanical engineer and construction engineer. We are getting closer all the time to completing needed renovations.

## Things Forgotten Can Be Found Again, by Sonia Kotko

I've got that awful feeling again. You know the one where you know you have forgotten something but just can't remember it. I know it's important, but what is it? Wham! I just slammed into a wall. There it was; how horrible of me to have forgotten such an important thing like this.

How did I forget something like that? I wouldn't have forgotten a doctor's appointment, a dinner date or a meeting with a friend. However, I did forget. Shame on me! Oh, may it not be too late to ask for forgiveness. I'm not sure how something as special as "*this*" slipped my mind or that I even had forgotten about it.

I know how it happened. I began to allow other things to take over my mornings and I didn't even notice. It was such a slow change that it was unnoticeable. I had lost the most important aspect to my mornings by allowing the things of this world to slowly creep in. I began to put the demands of other things first, rather than putting God first. Here He had been speaking to me daily, trying to get my attention; but, because I was so focused on everything else, I didn't even notice.

Things have to change! Since I cannot get up any earlier, I will then have to change my daily meetings with God. No one has ever told me that my time with Him must be at a particular hour of the day, only that I need to have that time. So, I will have it before I go to bed, and I will spend a few minutes in the morning with Him before beginning my day.

Are you spending time with God? Or, have you allowed the things of this world to interfere with that special time? What's your next move? Try scheduling time with God, today.

## A Dream Come True for Whom? by Cassandra Friday

What is our country coming to? It's a question a lot of people are asking. America used to be known as the land of opportunity. People still come here to make a better life for themselves. Those who truly succeed, do so through hard work and making America their home. In other words, it includes becoming a citizen. However, that doesn't seem to be the case anymore.

On September 2, 2011, the California Assembly voted in favor of providing public college financial aid for illegal immigrants. This bill (Assembly Bill 131) is the second part to the California Dream Act. The first part of this Act, which was signed by Jerry Brown in July of this year, authorizes illegal immigrants access to private financial aid. Now, undocumented immigrants can receive money, from the government, to go to school: money of hard-working, American taxpayers. These people are citizens of another country. They are not allowed to legally work in this country—even after graduation. Frankly, this doesn't make any logical sense; it's completely backwards.

The economy of this country is failing as it is; and this state in particular is one of the worst examples of that. So, why in the world are we giving money away to those who may never enter the tax-paying workforce? This type of policy will only encourage more illegal immigrants to migrate to this state. Why

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are these non-citizens being allowed to take advantage of the system; especially when the entire state is having money problems, and cutting back on needed services?

The values of this country have declined into an attitude of “the government will take care of us.” Yes, it seems they will, along with everyone else on **your** dime. Just keep in mind that someday the government might want something in return; and, they aren’t going to be calling on the undocumented, illegal persons of this country.

## Love a Goth: a response,

by R.J. Young      *[Refer to the September 12, 2011 issue of the Campus Chronicles]*

*Dear Traditionalist,*

I understand your point. “Christians represent ‘light’ and Goths represent ‘dark.’” Right? If that was all there was to it, then I would have to agree with you. Unfortunately, that is not all there is to the idea of Christian Goths. This attitude completely leaves out ministry. Would you minister on the streets of south Central Los Angeles wearing a suit and tie? Of course not. The great commission tells us to go into the *whole* world. Just as you can’t go into the ghettos in a suit and tie, you can’t go into the Goth club wearing a white *I Love Jesus* t-shirt. If you do, no one will listen to you, and the hazing may get rather rough.

This explains dressing that way while you’re ministering, but it doesn’t mean you have to dress that way at church, or anywhere else. Right? Imagine this. A Christian Goth goes to a nightclub to minister and has a discussion with a young woman. This young woman has been through a lifetime of trouble in just a few years. She grew up in a home where everything was “My way or the highway.” At long last, she finds a group of people who will accept her for who she is and not try to change her. Unfortunately, those same people are the ones who led her into drugs and promiscuity. Imagine that her conversation with the Christian plants a seed of desire for something more. The young woman feels like this Christian Goth “gets” her and understands where she’s coming from. She’s not being judged for her choices, or being told she’s going to hell if she doesn’t change. So, she agrees to visit the church of the Christian Goth. When she gets to the church the next Sunday, a person greets her with a smile. This person may be dressed up, or perhaps casual, but certainly looks nothing like the same Christian Goth who ministered to her at the club. Now, this young woman, who had thought she had found someone genuine, who accepted her for who she was, sees a fake. The Christian may not be fake and may truly have a heart for the Goths, but has not truly become “all things to all men.”

Now imagine that the Christian Goth is wearing similar garb to what was worn at the club. The genuine Christian has been truly shown to be someone that she can relate to. The young woman feels welcomed, and her worries of being the only Goth like her have vanished.

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Should everyone attempt to dress like a Goth, or some other people group that needs ministering to? Absolutely not. God made you who you are for a reason. If you enjoy wearing a suit and tie, then by all means dress up. Do not, however, demonize those who are being whom God made them. God is likely using their personality and style preferences to further His kingdom.

*In Christ,*

*Ruthie Young*

## JOB OPENINGS

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