

## **GOD IS MY CO-PILOT**

Shortly after World War Two a fighter pilot, named Robert Scott, wrote a book about his experiences in the war as a pilot and entitled it “God is My Co-pilot”. Some have said, He should have said, “God is My Pilot”, but the truth is God CHOOSES to be our co-pilot. He does not sovereignly rule or over-rule our every decision. God guarantees us the right to choose our own way and destinations during our life here on earth.

One of the glorious difficulties of the Christian life is this freedom to choose our own way. Obviously, as Christians, we should always be sensitive and obedient to the voice of God, but in actual experience, we often choose to pilot our own plane without, or in spite of, input and direction from the Co-pilot.

Sometimes we want to go to Reno or the Bahamas while He wants to go to Anchorage where our divine destiny waits for our arrival. This results in a rather circuitous route and I guess we could actually run out of fuel before agreeing to His flight plan or arriving at His chosen destiny.

Of course when we allow Him to take the controls, He sets things into motion according to a flight plan which will bring us to the place which was designated from before our birth. That ride may be bumpy, cloudy, and even scary, but the Co-pilot is perfectly competent to fill out the necessary flight plan and to fly our plane. But, the choice is always ours.

We can fly to the Bahamas and land there and He will patiently wait there until we are ready to move on again according to His will and ways. The Bahamas may be fun for a while, but our destiny and fulfillment will never be ours until we allow Him to pilot our ship into the place of His choosing. Our place in eternity will contain the things we allowed Him to lead us into while here on earth. According to Scripture, ***“Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”*** [1Co 3:13-15]

As we enter the New Year, it is essential to see if our plane is on course according to His flight plan, or if we are flying in circles driven by various spiritual winds, blinding clouds, and other influences. As we noted Sunday, we need to, by the Spirit, be groping toward Him to discover His flight-plans [Acts/17:27 NASB] in order that we may live the abundant life He has planned for both our time and our eternity.

As you lay out your flight-plan for 2014, be sure to check in with your Copilot to see where the HE wants to go.

BTW... there IS a Co-pilot on board your plane, isn't there?

Is He flying the plane or are you?

He won't fight you for the controls; **as the pilot, it really is your choice.**

Have a good flight!

Love

*George*