

## Computer Glitches by Paula Green

Ok, for all you non-techy folks, let me preface this with some explanation. We all know our computers need to stay clean from viruses and this is usually accomplished using a type of antivirus called Norton or McAfee that is running all the time in the background. But when your computer begins to lock up and act REALLY strange and you take it to someone in desperation, one of the first things they will do is run a program like Malware. Malware goes DEEP and looks for problems usually stemming from "suspicious websites" that we visit, then it quarantines (sets aside) the problem so we can delete it for good and we are back in business. Ok, I am sitting here running Malware scan on my computer because it's acting VERY goofy, (and yes I went to a suspicious website because I REALLY needed some chords and lyrics to a Christian song...even "good lookin' websites can have bad stuff....). Had I heeded the little McAfee antivirus warning, I could have avoided this little problem, but instead I opened the door!

All of this reminds me of this Word in Psalm 139:23-24,

*“Search me thoroughly, O God, and know my heart;  
Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if  
there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, And lead  
me in the everlasting way.”*

WOW!! This means we have access to an amazing 'malware feature' with God. The McAfee antivirus that should be running all the time (which represents our renewed mind) should be catching this stuff but the enemy is sneaky, sneaky. This world is fallen and sometimes we just 'go there' anyway and open doors. So, when things start getting goofy and you are just not right, call on Holy Spirit to search you! He will find the bitterness, jealousy, lies, and anything that opposes the Kingdom of God!! He will quarantine it because He is such a gentleman! Then we get to say, "YES LORD, remove it for good!!" YAY!! Then we can move on, back in business so to speak, walking in victory, continuing to renew our mind by the reading of His Word and by listening to the gentle voice of His very Spirit within us...and ALL of this is made possible by the Blood of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection Power!