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**Brothers In Christ (BIC)** members, Earl Teemer, Darren Perry and Ivan Jackson are like brothers. They have known each other since their pre-teens, singing with and/or playing for gospel groups who traveled in the same circles. Over the past 20+ years they have shared triumphant and challenging times, both in their personal lives and as **BIC**, i.e., the roller coaster ride of their careers, and the loss of love ones. The group has weathered the storm and through it all and because of it all, they have also shared their strengthened walk with Christ. They can testify that what God brings you to, he will bring you through! The theme for **BIC**'s previous releases, "**From The Heart**" was "Discipleship," and "**Spreading the Message**," was "Praise." Their new release entitled, "**It's In The Word**," is about going through!

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Each member's experiences have contributed to **BIC**'s "Quartemporary" sound and ministry. **BIC** has ministered to multi-generational and multi-cultural audiences, in coffee houses, concert halls, The Museum of Natural History, NYC and at churches around the country. They look forward to ministering with new and old audiences, sharing their journey in song via their new CD, "**Its In the Word**."

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*... At A Glance*

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