

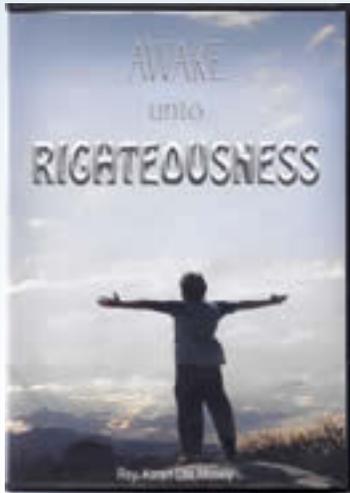
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I Cor. 15:42

“Now it is high time to awake out of sleep. . .”

The night is far spent, the day is at hand, . . . the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for our salvation is nearer than when we believed. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the amour of light. Let us **“Awake to Righteousness”** and sin not. (Rom.13:11-12; Jer.8:20; 1 Cor. 15:34)

From the urgent tone of these selected scriptures there seems to be a call for immediate action. My word search study surprised me to confirm that very thing. I say surprised because when I searched the word “Awake” I never found the word “sleep” Eknepho, the Greek word for Awake. It means to rouse (oneself) out of stupor. It’s a compound word having two parts,

“ek: and “nepro.” EK being, the point whence motion or action proceeds; from, out, (of place, time, or cause; literally or figuratively; direct or remote.) Nepho being, of uncertain affinity, relationship, attraction or sympathy

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Its primary word is “Nephos” meaning “a cloud”.

So what is the voice behind this scripture saying? Is it saying that it is high time that we moved away from that place of uncertainty about our relationship, our attraction and where our sympathies lie concerning God and His Kingdom? Do we move out from that place, that time, that ungodly cause we have been living for and in? Do we hear that same voice when the “Sun of Righteousness” says “come unto Me”? Move away from your cloudy vague condition of completely suspended apathy and move toward Me.

“Awake”: to rouse oneself out of stupor. I like that definition! I can relate. I don’t know about you, but I can look back at my life and see a “stupor” that lasted about 27 years. I had to get honest with myself and confess that, Yes, for 27 years my mind and life and my whole existence revolved around drugs, crime, vanity, and the “hopeless pursuits of the world.” Not only those, but there were other stupors or problems and situations that seemingly had reoccurring effects on my life. They just seemed to never go away. It’s kinda like I got use to them; and that my friend, is a stupor and a very dangerous place to be in life. Why? Because “Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2) Many people believe that they can wait until later in life and accept Christ as their personal Savior. But none of us know the time of our death. Many do not then have the luxury of time to ponder our relationship with God. And most people, who refuse the Gospel when they are young and healthy, reject it when it is time to die. The older we get, our hearts are either drawn to Christ or we move away from Him. We find ourselves saying, “The night is far

spent, the day (day of death) is at hand. . . the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

In scripture John 5:5 talks about a man which had an infirmity 38 years; and Jesus knew that He had been a long time “in that case”. . . Mark 5:25, a certain woman, which had an issue of blood for 12 years. She had done everything she could and had spent all that she had; and wasn’t getting any better, but was getting worse. Can you imagine how tired this woman must have been? When you’ve done all that you can, for as long as you can, and things are getting worse, it seems to take all of your strength. But she heard about Jesus! She made her mind up and she made her move to the “Sun of righteousness.”

Many of us today are in the same dilemma as countless others have been, and many still are, in a long-time stupor with an “issue of sin.” How long has it been? Five, ten, twenty years and still that same “issue” seems to hang around? Awake to Righteousness and sin not. . . Give up crime, not only crime but give up sin. Sin is what deprives people of the best quality of the possible. Sin destroys quality of life and sin shall not have dominion over you. God loves you and is waiting and willing to forgive you of your sins. But know this, “the way of the transgressor is hard.” (Prov. 13:15) Sin is its own punishment. If you are living a life of sin, you are going to have some very hard and perilous times. God wants us to experience the benefits of being righteous. Search the Scriptures, Old Testament and New, and you will find promise and security with the righteous. The word of God makes it abundantly clear that the righteous will be blessed and many times, in contrast, stating the condition of the unrighteous, saying, “The wicked are not so. . .”

The Apostle Paul makes sure that we have a clear understanding of the righteousness we are to move (awake) toward. . . “Not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” (Phil.3:9) Because nobody wants to be a “wrong doer”. Everybody, deep down inside, wants to do what is right. But the question is . . . has my own righteousness really been working? Does “my own righteousness” have the benefit of a good conscience toward God? Does “my own righteousness” make my prayers effective?

It is God’s desire that we turn to Him with our whole heart and whole soul. So to Awake to Righteousness is to move toward God with all of our being. Not just in word or deed but with every facet of our existence; then stand; hold fast the profession of our faith. (Heb.10:23) Our Savior expressed one of the greatest benefits of moving our entire existence toward Him in saying, “Come to me. . . and I will give you rest . . . rest unto your souls.” (Matt.11:28-29)

Peace is priceless. It’s what you’re really looking for. But maybe, we’ve been looking in the wrong place? Christ said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.” (John 14:27) Righteousness is the scepter of His Kingdom. And of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. The world promises peace, “but the way of peace they know not; . . . whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.” (Isa. 59:8) For God will not help evil doers and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nothing. (Job 8: 20,22) For the world’s help is in vain, and to no purpose.

Awake to Righteousness, cont.

People today are looking here and there for answers to the problems of society; when their strength is to be still, many have moved away from godly counsel and will not hear the law of the Lord. Still God is calling them. Even while they despise this Word, and trust in the worlds system of oppression and perverseness and stay (stupor) thereon God is saying, "In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. . ." Be still and know that He is God. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Return unto Me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord. For the day cometh that shall burn them up. But unto you that fear my name shall the "Son of Righteousness" arise with healing in His wings. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you.

The whole world today lies in wickedness; but we are in the world, not of it. We are the righteous. Not because of anything we've done' but because of the faith of Jesus. In Christ Jesus we can stand before God blameless and above reproach. (Col.1:22)

This same Voice has been heard over and over from the foundations of the world. It is the same message, for it is the Voice of God saying, "I place before you life and death, blessing and curses. . . choose life". . ."All ye who are tired and heavy laden, come unto me and I will give you rest. . ." Why sit we here until we die? . . . For I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn ye, turn from your evil ways; for why will ye die? Awake to Righteousness, sin not and live, live the abundant life; forevermore!

Two Perspectives of Grace

One time Jesus was in a town where a very sick man lived. This man was covered with leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed before Jesus and begged him, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want." Jesus said, "I want to heal you. Be healed!" Then Jesus touched the man. Immediately the leprosy disappeared. -- Luke 5:12-13 (ERV)

KEY THOUGHT:

We see two powerful perspectives on grace in this simple, yet astounding, story. First, we see an awesome faith in Jesus. The man believed Jesus could cure the incurable. He believed Jesus could give him back his life. That awesome faith brought him to Jesus -- face down in the dust, to honor Jesus and to ask for his help. Second, we see the tenderness of Jesus. While the man is cured at the spoken word of Jesus (Remember one of the key themes that runs through several of the recent stories about Jesus is the power and authority of his words!), here the focus is on the touch of Jesus. This touch is not about healing; healing occurs through Jesus' spoken word, but grace comes through the touch of Jesus! Jesus touches a man who was ritually unclean and lets that man know that he is loved even in his diseased and unclean condition. The message for us is clear: we come to Jesus claiming noth-

ing and knowing he is everything. As we offer ourselves to him, we find that he not only gives us what we want, but he also blesses us with what we most need -- personal love and acceptance from our Creator and Lord!

TODAY'S PRAYER:

O wonderfully gracious God Almighty, how can I fully fathom your love? You are majestic and limitless and I am finite and fallen. Thank you for reaching out to me with your hand of grace in Jesus and choosing to include me in your grace. In Jesus' name I praise you and thank you. Amen.

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OUT OF THE THICKEST OF DESPERATION, THE ORPHANED CHILD CRIES

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" HELP ME PLEASE....."

Hello everybody, Howdy is Texas' way of saying hi.. allow me salute you in my nations language "Olytya" meaning, how are you? You respond by saying, Gyendi,,, "smile " I hope you don't bite your tongue as you struggle to speak .. Gyendi " laughter"... As I write to you know I am profoundly happy for the mutual and Brethren relationship that God has created between us. there are times when I just think of you and how God brought us together in relationship, and do you know what ... I smile and laugh, many times I lift up my arms not even minding were I am and the people next to me. I say "thank you Jesus. My life has never remained the same, it's a joyful thing knowing and being confident that there is someone out there LOVING YOU. It's in this context that I am also from the heart of love making it principal in my life to be there for other people, mostly the ones seen as the "chaff of the world " For I was also like one of them at one time , undesired, looking helpless. But by the grace, love and favor of God, He has used you to be an encouragement, lifter and comforter to my life, for this I am humbly grateful.

This day, I feel inspired to bring to you a documented life style of an orphaned African child in ink. As a person who has not only personally gone thru a desolate childhood upbringing, but also has and is still care taking children that fall in the orphan category, I am solely sure, that I have a message to pass on to you, my readers and every one with the heart and concern for children, the fact is that everyone of us has at one time gone thru a childhood experience, some you have even given birth, others you have grannie children, so you know how fragile this stage is and the disastrous that can be if this stage in life is not handled with maximum care

Every child on earth must have right to basics of life i.e. food , medication, shelter, love, education, etc. but unfortunately to many Africa's orphaned child, such basics of life, are just "wishes" or castles in the air. Some even when still with their parents life is exactly the same as if there is no parents, and when the parents die then the worse comes to worse. The orphaned child has lived a crippled life style by engaging in hard labor which include, house maid, were they are mistreated and man handled as if they desired to be orphans, some because there is no God person to come to their rescue, the bad people come along, promising them a good life but eventually end up training them in to bad habits of prostitution and other evils that are ungodly. Think of this for a moment ...how would you feel if you came back to life after dying and found your very innocent child facing starvation, neglected from other children and mocked every day by statements like, you are useless..., beaten and tossed around with no one to speak on their behalf ..your child does not go to school yet other children go to school. If it were, I would surely FEEL VERY UPSET AND BAD ... oh, I know even how it feels to call a small child an orphan even when he is one, they feel separated and isolated that's why the ones I keep I always call them "our children" we have to act as mothers and fathers to these children, helping them forget the trauma they have had from starvation and isolation.

LIVE TESTIMONY about Muwanguzi

One of the orphaned kids I keep, narrated to us how he and his siblings would go out hiring them selves to do garden work in people's gardens in order to get a livelihood . yes his is right to the African child. The 13 year old was giving this testimony of how he went with his 3 siblings the youngest being 6 years, to dig people's gardens, he goes on to say "when we got a garden where to dig, we would always be appalled and alarmed at the wage that was to be given us "...we would put the hoes down and think of

the misery we were in " the young boy ended with tears, as the rest of his siblings stood by his side looking traumatized. The children looked physically malnourished and depression engulfed their faces. Because they have lost their parents, no one cares, not even the living relatives, here its every parent with his child, and this answers the questions why even such children suffer severely even in the hands of their relatives. they are always backed (yelled) at and repeatedly told of the death of their parents, "Am I the one who killed your parents?" any of such statements are fired back to the desperate child. With no love around, these love desperate children unfortunately resort to going on streets, a hub of all bad habits, so a child who would become a rightful citizen suddenly turns out to be the bad one.

We found Muwanguzi of 6 yrs. and 3 of his siblings living in unbelievable condition. Muwanguzi, was severely sick, and there was no sign that he was getting any special treatment to help him recover, like every other destitute orphan, we found him sleeping on rags in a ready to collapse dilapidated house, He suffered the pain of both sickness and hunger. Desperation was everywhere, their house was at the back of the village, isolated from the rest of the village people, even the needy of the village confessed " I am far better than them". We thank God who led us there. Without hesitation, it was very evident that God wanted us to do something about the children situation that we had encountered. Dressed in rags, without shoes on their feet, I led the children from the area of desperation to our home. As we walked from their place, one boy narrated to us how every morning, they had prayed asking God to bring to them a sponsor and care taker who would carter for their needs. I was so blessed to hear this, a confirmation that I was in the exact will of God. When we reached our residence, I took the 6 yr. old boy to hospital, I was so astonished to realize the diagnosis made, the desperate child had multiple diseases all brought by

starvation and hard conditions of life, just to mention a few, he had great fever, the mouth had wounds, with a rotten smell and blood oozing out. So alarming was that even getting a blood sample from his finger tip, the doctor had to squeeze hard the finger tip for it to bring out a small drop of blood. The doctor suggested a drip, we were given much medicine and was told to feed him heavily as he was malnourished.

ORPHAN CRY

Mwanguzi is just a few of the multitudes of the orphans suffering here in Uganda, and it's my humble cry on behalf of the orphaned children community, that every one concerned and called to do something of this wide spread epidemic that faces the orphaned African child to come join hands to offer opportunity for a better life to these suffering children. As I write now, two days back I was called to pick up 2 desperate orphans who have been left to the claws of suffering. Right now we are grateful to God that we have a school started that can help educate such children as the Lord provides the school fees and other school necessities, due to the new orphan entries we are getting, we have need for a spacious house and other basics of life that can help them live happy and joyful live as we teach them God's word. It's time we hear and continue to do good to the orphaned children of this World, for true religion according to James, is to look after orphans and widows in their time of need "Let's put a smile on JESUS FACE " as the orphaned child smiles after attaining the basics of life, so will Jesus smile thanking you for the great work you are doing.

GOD BLESS YOU JESUS TIMES

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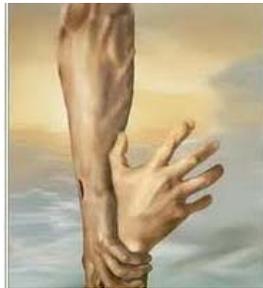
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God's Garage Sale

My name is Glenn Carnley, currently in the Rudd Unit, in Brownfield, TX. I received the Winter Edition of this Newsletter from a friend. I truly committed my life to God a year ago, and I feel God had a massive garage sale in my heart. He started cleaning out garbage in my life I had suppressed for years. Throwing away everything that didn't belong. I began to feel clean inside and to come alive inside. There were days I cried day after day, I began to feel emotions I had never felt in years, as I hid so much pain over the years with drugs and alcohol. Thank God I am free of the desires to hide behind the evils of the world. I get stronger everyday & I have a peace and contentment I have never had in my life. I want to thank you and others who reach out to people like me & give us hope and know we are loved when we felt hopeless. Matt. 16: 23-25

And we all say, "Praise the Lord."



REACH OUT TO JESUS

Is your burden heavy as you bear it all alone? Does the road you travel harbor dangers yet unknown? Are you growing weary in the struggle of it all? Jesus will help you when on His name you call.

He is always there, hearing every prayer. Faithful and true; walking by our side, in His love we hide all the day through. When you get discouraged just remember what to do, Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you.

Is the life you're living filled with sorrow and despair? Does the future press you with its worry and its care? Are you tired and friendless, have you almost lost your way? Jesus will help you, just come to Him today.

He is always there, hearing every prayer, faithful and true; Walking by our side, in His love we hide all the day through. When you get discouraged just remember what to do Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you.

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TODAY'S VERSE

VERSE:

[Jesus said,] **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."**

-- John 14:1-3

THOUGHT:

He's coming back! As much as the world likes to remember Jesus' first coming during the Christmas season, we need to remind them that his Second Coming will be even greater. We want to be prepared -- lives dedicated to his glory and hearts full of expectation at his coming.

PRAYER:

Loving God, I know Jesus will come again. May I be found faithful and expectant when he returns. Thank you for sending him the first time to live in my world and take away my sin. Thank you even more for his next coming to take me to live in your world and share in your victory over sin.

In the name of Jesus my Lord, I pray.
Amen

And of his fullness have all we received."

-- John 1:16

These words tell us that there is a fullness in Christ. There is a fullness of essential Deity, for "in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead." There is a fullness of perfect manhood, for in him, bodily, that Godhead was revealed. There is a fullness of atoning efficacy in his blood, for "the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." There is a fullness of justifying righteousness in his life, for "there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." There is a fullness of divine prevalence in his plea, for "He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him; seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." There is a fullness of victory in his death, for through death he destroyed him that had the power of death, that is the devil. There is a fullness of efficacy in his resurrection from the dead, for by it "we are begotten again unto a lively hope." There is a fullness of triumph in his ascension, for "when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and received gifts for men." There is a fullness of blessings of every sort and shape; a fullness of grace to pardon, of grace to regenerate, of grace to sanctify, of grace to preserve, and of grace to perfect. There is a fullness at all times; a fullness of comfort in affliction; a fullness of guidance in prosperity. A fullness of every divine attribute, of wisdom, of power, of love; a fullness which it were impossible to survey, much less to explore. "It pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell." Oh, what a fullness must this be of which all receive! Fullness, indeed, must there be when the stream is always flowing, and yet the well springs up as free, as rich, as full as ever. Come, believer, and get all thy need supplied; ask largely, and thou shalt receive largely, for this "fullness" is inexhaustible, and is treasured up where all the needy may reach it, even in Jesus, Immanuel-God with us.

Charles Spurgeon

Dear Pastor Robert Sisye & FLM Team Members,

"I am still weeping tears of joy having read your article and the whole newsletter. Article after article spoke life into my soul and I especially wanted to address Pastor Sisye for his ministry from the heart. I tell you, I had in mind to write something entirely more, something else, but my heart is just so filled with praise and thanksgiving tears still roll down my cheeks. As I read the Free Life News I became more and more encouraged. I decided my stamp would be well worth spending, so I could be associated with your ministry of love."

Seth Buffington, Brisco Unit, TX



"Strong in faith."

-- Romans 4:20

O, Christian, take good care of thy faith; for recollect faith is the only way whereby thou canst obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven-on which God's messages of love fly so fast, that before we call he answers, and while we are yet speaking he hears us. But if that telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble?-I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten about by the enemy?-my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away-in vain I call to God. There is no road betwixt my soul and heaven. In the deepest wintertime faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel-aye, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King? Faith links me with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jehovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defense. It helps me to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that wavereth-who is like a wave of the Sea-expect that he will receive anything of God!

Charles Spurgeon—from Heartlight magazine

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store." As I got a little closer the door came open wide, and when I came to myself I was standing inside. I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere. One handed me a blanket and said, "My child shop with care." Everything a Christian needs is in that grocery store, and all you can't carry, come back the next day for more.

First, I got some Patience, Love was in the same row. Further down was Understanding, needed everywhere you go. I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith, I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, it was all over the place. I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this race, but then my blanket was getting full, and I remembered I needed Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, which like the others was free, so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer and had to put it in, for I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin. Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. Song and Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "How much do owe"? The Angel smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go." Again, I politely asked "How much do I really owe?" The Angel smiled again and said,

"My Child, Jesus Paid Your Bill A Long Time Ago."

Ron DeMarco

& Friend

“We love Him, because He first loved us”

Dear Friend,

Greatly blessed, highly favored and deeply loved. . . .

It’s a favorite phrase of mine that I often speak over my family, my church and the body of Christ.

Those words are very significant to me for one simple reason: I believe they best describe God’s heart for everyone. . Especially you.

But over the years I have preached about God’s blessings, favor and love, I have found that many people tend to focus more on two of those three things—God’s blessings and favor—rather than His love. That’s because they don’t fully grasp the true nature and power of God’s love.

Now, I believe that God wants us blessed and favored. This is biblical. It is God’s heart for His people, and we do not need to shy away from or apologize for it. God does want you to have His favor and blessings!

In fact, it is by first receiving God’s abundant love for us that we receive His abundant blessings and favor.

So many times, we try to achieve God’s blessings and favor through our own efforts to love Him more. We erroneously believe that we need to do everything right and demonstrate our love for Him first in order to ever taste His goodness.

But this is not what the love is all about.

1 John 4:19 says that. “We love Him because He first loved us”.

Today, I want to help you see some thing you might be missing.

It’s not about you showing God how much you love Him. . . . It’s about you experiencing **His** overwhelming, abundant and unconditional love for you on a daily basis! When you know and experience how much God loves you, your natural response will be to love Him!

And when you live with the perspective that God so loves you, you can’t help but see a

greater measure of His blessings and favor manifesting in your life.

Many believers today tend to focus on their own love for God, rather than God’s love for them. I remember a time in my life when I felt bad because I didn’t think I loved God enough. I wondered, *How could He approve of me?*

Praise God for the truth! God showed me through His word that we don’t have to try harder to love Him, we only have to receive His love for us.

Are you ready to enjoy being greatly blessed, highly favored and deeply loved?

If you are, simply walk conscious that you are deeply loved by God. You don’t have to stress yourself out by focusing on your love for Him. . . you only need to rest in His perfect love for you!

The disciple John was someone who had a deep understanding of the love of God. In John’s gospel, he is often referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved”. Year’s ago, I read that and thought to myself, “Well, Jesus clearly loved John more than the other disciples”

But then I realized something that has fundamentally changed the way I view God’s love. I realized that since John wrote the gospel of John, he was writing those words about himself!

Jesus loves everyone equally, but John grasped the revelation of the love of God for himself personally. He chose to be conscious of God’s love for him, which gave him the confidence to boldly call himself “the disciple whom Jesus loved”.

John saw how the love of God was exemplified in the finished work of Jesus at the cross (1 John 4:10). He had a revelation that God’s love cannot be earned because He has freely given it to us. All you have to do is receive it!

A while back, I started to preach at my church that the secret of John’s favor lay in his receiving and personalizing God’s love for him. Some people changed the wallpapers on their cell phones to read “the disciple whom Jesus loves”, while others signed off their text messages and emails with the phrase.

As they kept reminding themselves of His love for them, they began to grow in the conscious-

ness of His love for them. They also began to step into a new dimension of God’s unmerited favor! I received praise report after praise report of how congregation members encountered manifestations of God’s favor in their lives. Beloved, you can also step into a new dimension of God’s unmerited favor as you begin to personalize God’s immeasurable love for you!

Today is YOUR DAY to be greatly blessed, highly favored and deeply loved!

Don’t let any amount of condemnation or fear hold you back. So many people do not realize the power of God’s love because they live in fear. . . Fear of what man thinks, fear that God doesn’t love them, fear that they aren’t good enough, and fear of many other things.

John wrote in 1 John 4:18 that “perfect love casts out fear”, I know my love is never perfect, and your love isn’t either, but beloved, God’s love is absolutely perfect. God is perfect and He is love. His love for you is perfect. It never fails or runs out. He always loves you, no matter what, and He wants you free from every fear!

I challenge you today to rest in His love for you. Remember that God so loved you that He sent Jesus to die for you so that you will never be separated from Him or His love.

Jesus’ finished work made a way for you to rest in God’s love. His perfect love can cast away any fear you will ever experience.

I believe that you can experience that love today. You will walk in His blessings and favor as you are conscious that God loves you. **Remember that you are the disciple whom Jesus loves!**

His love has changed my life and I’ve seen it positively transform the lives of others. I know it can revolutionize your life today.

Remember, the more conscious you are of how precious you are to Jesus, the more you will find yourself walking in a greater measure of His blessings and favor.

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"I will accept you with your sweet savour."

-- Ezekiel 20:41

The merits of our great Redeemer are as sweet savour to the Most High. Whether we speak of the active or passive righteousness of Christ, there is an equal fragrance. There was a sweet savour in his active life by which he honoured the law of God, and made every precept to glitter like a precious jewel in the pure setting of his own person. Such, too, was his passive obedience, when he endured with un murmuring submission, hunger and thirst, old and nakedness, and at length sweat great drops of blood in Gethsemane, gave his back to the smiters, and his cheeks to them that plucked out the hair, and was fastened to the cruel wood, that he might suffer the wrath of God in our behalf. These two things are sweet before the Most High; and for the sake of his doing and his dying, his substitutionary sufferings and his vicarious obedience, the Lord our God accepts us. What a preciousness must there be in him to overcome our want of preciousness! What a sweet savour to put away our ill savour! What a cleansing power in his blood to take away sin such as ours! and what glory in his righteousness to make such unacceptable creatures to be accepted in the Beloved! Mark, believer, how sure and unchanging must be our acceptance, since it is in him! Take care that you never doubt your acceptance in Jesus. You cannot be accepted without Christ; but, when you have received his merit, you cannot be unaccepted. Notwithstanding all

your doubts, and fears, and sins, Jehovah's gracious eye never looks upon you in anger; though he sees sin in you, in yourself, yet when he looks at you through Christ, he sees no sin. You are always accepted in Christ, are always blessed and dear to the Father's heart. Therefore lift up a song, and as you see the smoking incense of the merit of the Saviour coming up, this evening, before the sapphire throne, let the incense of your praise go up also.

Charles Spurgeon—from Heartlight Magazine

**Jesus is the Way, the Truth
and the Life**

"Romans 6:4"

"From Death to Life"

My name is Ernesto Almaguer, I am 32 years old and have found Jesus. I am really happy that He has given me this strength to share this testimony with you.

Before I came to Christ, I was a slave to sin. I was the devil's puppet. He pulled my strings and controlled my life. He told me lies and used me.

I've been in and out of Prison all my life, even in my youth. I was 12 years old when I first got locked up. I was involved in gangs, sold drugs, and started doing drugs. I was hooked on heroin at the age of 18, and thought it was cool. I didn't care about my life or anyone else's. So I continued my drug life that got me deeper in the hole. I lost my family and committed crimes that led me to Prison twice. At that time I was still thinking I was a loser. I was filled with hate, hate and anger and didn't care about the people I was hurting, but I never knew it was the devil that was telling me those lies, blinding me from the love of Jesus.

Until one day I heard someone

speaking of Jesus in my cell. Saying how much Jesus loves me no matter what I did in life. That if I would just let Him in my heart and ask for forgiveness I would be a new person. I thought, "Yea right! "How can I become new? And why would Jesus love me after all the things I have done, and the people I hurt"? I tried to ignore Jesus, but something in my heart kept telling me to give in. I tried to fight it, but I started feeling funny, started to tear up, and out of nowhere I fell on my knees and cried like a baby. I told God I was sorry and if it's true, I accept Jesus into my heart as my Lord and Savior. I felt His love upon me as I cried my heart out.

That night I slept like a baby, and when I awakened everything felt better. I even felt 100 pounds lighter. It was a miracle! A blessing! I never knew how much love Jesus had for me. And now since I've given Him my life it's been amazing. He broke those chains the devil had on me. He showed me that the devil tries to blind us so that we can't experience Jesus' love.

My life is now complete, I am no longer part of a gang, a junkie, or a slave to sin. Jesus paid for my sins. I am a child of God and He wants you to be His child too.

Now I trust Jesus to control my life so I can do God's will and tell someone else about this precious love. Don't you fall for satan's lies. All the fast money, the glamorous life isn't worth it. It all goes away. But Jesus' love is everlasting and I hope you will give Him a chance so you can experience this wonderful love.

May God bless you and know He is the only way through anything that you are going through.

AMAZING GRACE

JESUS CHRIST: THE FULFILLMENT OF EVERY GOOD THING

Colossians 1:15-21 says, *"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."*

When Jesus came to earth, he not only came as the willing servant of God to do the will of his father, but he also fulfilled countless prophecies in the process. For me, these fulfillments are never more visible than when displayed for us in the book of Hebrews. If you read through the 9th chapter of Hebrews it begins by reminding the readers (most of them Hebrews when the book was initially written, hence the name) of the old testament sacrifices and the ordinances that took place. Everything has a meaning and everything points to Jesus. In the first part of Hebrews 9 (verses 1-10) the writer tells of the set up of the early tabernacles and the duties of the priests on a daily basis. Then

he begins to speak of the role of the high priest who once a year (day of atonement) would enter the inner most room which is called the Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies (depending on your translation). He would offer the sacrifices for himself and the people in the Most Holy Place through the blood. Verse 8 tells us that the Holy Spirit was showing this to show that the way into the Most Holy Place had not been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.

What does this mean? Jesus came as many names but one of these names is High Priest (Heb.4:14-16). As Jesus was going to the cross he was fulfilling the picture that was shown year after year by priests throughout the nation of Israel when they practiced the day of atonement. Jesus, when he reached the place of Calvary, also reached the altar for sacrifice. He entered this most holy place by his own blood. He offered the sacrifice of his own body and blood for the sins of the people as he cried out "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He didn't have to offer a sacrifice for himself because he was without sin as 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." After the sacrifice was complete Jesus cried out "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus said this to declare that the old covenant was fulfilled. The old sacrifices done year after year have been replaced by a perfect sacrifice that has obtained eternal redemption (Heb. 9:11-12). When this sacrifice was

finished Jesus entered heaven itself providing purifications for sins once for all (Heb. 10:11-18). Hebrews 10:12 says that Jesus sat down at the right hand of God and waits for his enemies to be his footstool. This is significant because a priest was not allowed to sit down in the Most Holy Place because sitting down represented an accomplished act. Jesus, however, has made a perfect and complete sacrifice satisfying God once for all.

This is just one of many ways in which Jesus has fulfilled the scriptures. As you search the scriptures you will find countless number of times where Jesus has fulfilled prophecies of himself. Jesus continues to fulfill all things as it relates to His goodness. He is the fulfillment of forgiveness when we were lost in sin. He is the fulfillment of redemption when he bought us from the grips of Satan. He is the fulfillment of life when we were dead. He is the fulfillment of joy when we are sad and despaired. He is the fulfillment of peace when we are easily angered. He is the fulfillment of strength when we are weak. He is the fulfillment of love when we experience hatred and strife. He is the fulfillment of hope when we feel hopeless. Jesus has fulfilled all things God has given us. (Col. 1:15-20)

May His Spirit bring us closer to the knowledge of the depth at which our Savior loves us!
God Bless!

In Christ,

Lon Allen

ORPHAN CRY REPORT

As we moved long distances to pick the two orphaned children, we just couldn't fail noticing, or recognizing the impoverished state, the inhabitants of this destitute community were in. This village, together with its inhabitants are a clear portrait, of the early man life history that was taught to me by my teachers while still at school. Though, so many things and life styles of mankind have greatly changed since the early man age, and many people now live in a bit of modernized atmosphere, its so striking that, for this village and her inhabitants, life seems to be still millions of miles behind of what the contemporary world is in today. In the history life study of the evolution of man, my teachers taught us how the early people lived. Their lives, for example, they had trees and caves as their sleeping houses, they used leaves as clothes then as time went by they started building grass thatched huts and houses, to them at that time such houses looked a "MIRACLE" and a large step forward. When we reached this village after walking for miles on foot, I realized that though many people worldwide were now living in a "computer Era" there is still a people and community that is not only living in the early man era but are also living very far from the cheapest basic life's basics. In this village spotting a house with iron sheets is far beyond someone's anticipation, and if by luck you found one, then be sure to find that house in rubbles with the iron sheets on it in a dilapidated, worn out status, yet to the people of this community such a person is the one considered well off. Everywhere we reached grass thatched huts and mud made houses are the inhabit-

ant's houses

Due to the dry weather and climatic conditions that we are currently undergoing, you just can't fail asking how these people get some thing to eat, because as we moved, we clearly noticed that even the gardens, being the source of livelihood for this community were dried up, unable to yield any food crops. even the Banana plantations that can thrive for long in dry seasons can be seen desperately dry. OH..... WHEN IT COMES TO WATER, its unbelievable. the saying that water is life. I don't know if you one time went to this community and a cup of water was given to you especially after seeing were its fetched, I just don't know if you will make such a statement there. to me after seeing the wells were these people got water from, covered with a green vegetation, having thick bushes around them I concluded that "water in that community is death if you dare take it". When you reach this village many questions pass your mind, you imagine how a God created person, can survive in such environment. An answer inside of me responds vividly to my mind "With God all things are possible" "God's grace is sufficient", to everyone, no matter who they are, where they are.

ORPHAN CHILDREN CRYING OUT

Everywhere we reached we noticed desperate orphans, crying for a savior with many even lacking what to put on their bodies. Many of the young ones move half clothed with pot bellied tummies fronting their bodies. when you see them you automatically realize they are malnutrition and they lack proteins and vitamins in their bodies.

Oh these little young ones have noth-

ing to do, they found themselves in such environment b, and they have to bear with the conditions around them. As you see several of them half clothed in rags, very dirty, with no foot wear, you realize that as children they have humbly admitted to the conditions around them, they are used to hunger, starvation, coldness, torture. Like children born in captivity they have gotten accustomed to living in desperate captivity because even when they wouldn't want there is no one can help them out of such a condition,

LEAH and RACHEL

The orphan outcry was so severe, but we just couldn't bring every child with us, but we thank GOD WHO gave us the grace to come with us to our children's home with two orphans i.e. Leah and Rachel, Leah is about 6yrs, and Rachel is about 3yrs, both of these young girls are of one mother and father both Deceased. Here we have a proverb "Problems don't know a bad home" this proverb is true, and came very evident to these two orphaned children. From the information that was given to me by the village inhabitants, I was told that the parents to these two orphans were Rwandese, refugees from Rwanda, Uganda's neighbor in the south. so I was told that this man came to this village and got a small piece of land built a grass thatched house, and that's where they were staying, with no known relative of theirs, this man and wife used to hire themselves out to get a livelihood in people's gardens. To cut a long story short, the woman was the first to die, by the time the woman died the man had gotten blind. . . .

In fact in this village these children were called "Blind orphans" Because their father died blind. After a short time the man also followed the already gone woman, I mean he too died, though the situation had been severe even while their parents were still alive, but the worst of all approached when both parents died, there was none of the relatives around . None of the villagers knew anything about the grassroots of this desperate family. What the village people knew was that the man and his wife had come from Rwanda. The village people were the one's who buried the man, and everyone went back to their home not bothering to ask or know of the status of the bereaved children . after everyone had returned to their homes, the desperate kids stayed inside the desolate gloomy looking worn-out grass thatched house, they were now parents to themselves, young as they were no one seemed to show sympathy to them, and they had no where to run to . The Bible says that: God knew us ... even before we were created .. Yes, that's very true. After some days of starvation without anyone to care, suddenly God led some person to come a long to get these children out of agony. Allow me briefly tell you what this man told us, this man told us that after learning that the father to these kids had died he asked himself how these kids were surviving, and where they were, as he was still thinking of these children, an old woman who had taken these children and had lived with them for sometime came to him requesting him to take responsibility of these orphaned kids saying that she couldn't manage to continue taking responsibility due to the severe needs she is having, though this man already has a lot of orphans from dead relatives, he decided to take on the responsibility of these kids, though he is also in despair, he did not chase away these two or-

phans, and this is where we met the two orphans. When we told him of our plan to take the two orphans he was greatly happy. So we returned to Kampala with these kids, and right now we are doing all that is necessary to see that they get a God pleasing life style. The number at our children's home is now 22 children, pray that God provides a suitable residence for these children and that every life's basics for the children's life is maximally satisfied . We greatly appreciate all of you who are doing all that is possible to give the orphaned kids here an opportunity or both a good life now and also a hope for tomorrow

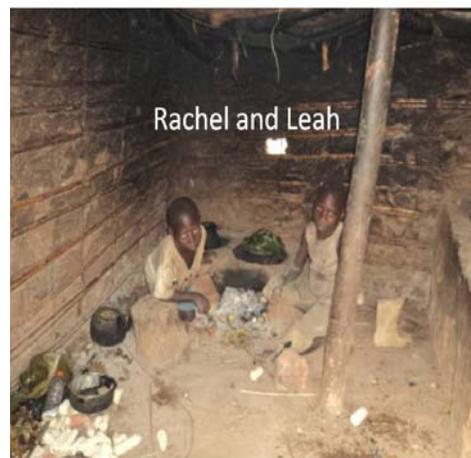
THANKS INDEED VERY MUCH FOR HARKENING AND YOUR TIRELESS GENEROSITY TOWARD THE "orphan Cry Voice here in Uganda East Africa "

MAY GOD BLESS YOU "hills and Mountains " in Jesus's Name Amen.....

PASTOR ROBERT SISYE
FREELIFE -UGANDA,



Before rescue

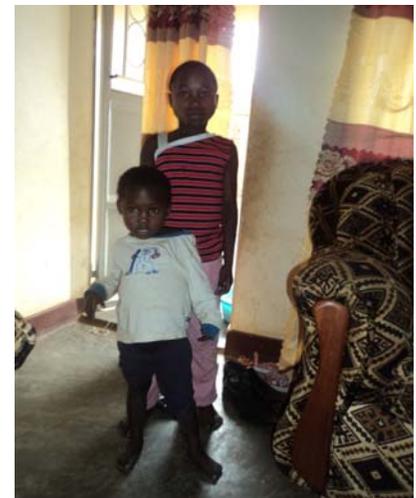


Update

Pastor Robert reports Rachel & Leah have adjusted to living with he and his wife. They had a hard time at first, waking up and screaming during the night, grabbing at the food as it was being served, but after a few weeks of nurturing and parental love, the girls are now doing very well, interacting with the other children, and are enrolled in school. As of May 1st, the children will be living in a new 6 room house, with new beds, tables & chairs. Thanks to the supporters of the UFLMF. Any support you can send is appreciated.

The photos below were taken about 3 weeks apart. You can see the striking difference in the lives of these children. Only God, through a loving heart of one of His servants could accomplish this miraculous change. God heard the Orphan cry, and sent Robert and all of us to rescue them. Please pray for these and the other children. Let's bring a smile to their faces.

After rescue



“The truth shall set you free”

“My name is Kissy Stiger and I’m serving time on the Lane Murray Unit. I found your newsletter on the wall in my dorm and I really enjoyed reading the articles and the testimonies were awesome.

I’ve been incarcerated for seven years and I’m more free inside than I was outside. I didn’t grow up in a Christian home and I didn’t know much about God or Jesus, but I would always hear talk about the truth shall set you free. So when I committed my crime that was the first thing that popped into my head, “the truth shall set you free”.

So I told the Detectives everything I knew and ended up with a 20 year aggravated sentence. Wow! I was furious, whoever said the truth shall set you free, straight up lied!

I went back to my cell telling everyone ‘*the truth will not set you free, but send you to Prison, so what ever you decide to do, do not tell the truth*’.

I turned myself in Nov. 2003 and accepted Jesus Christ as My Lord and Savior in October 2004 and instantly I knew what “**the Truth shall set you free**” meant for the first time in my life. I was free from the guilt, shame and all the strongholds the devil had me bound with for so many years in my life. I was free to live and let God take control of my life and have His way to do as He pleased.

I say all this because to some, Pris-

on had become a burden, but to me, it’s been a blessing. I’m involved in the Faith Based Program here on my Unit, an 18 month program, and by the grace of God and the favor I have for living for Him, I was one of the six chosen to continue in the program as mentor to help others and encourage them in the Lord.

I have been on this journey with the Faith Based program since 2007. I’ve given interviews with Mike Barber Ministries and given my testimony for news channels in San Antonio, TX. God is good.

I would love to receive your Free Life News newsletter. Thank you , may God continue to bless your ministry so you can continue to reach out to all”.

Your name is on the list Kissy, and thanks for your kind thoughts toward us. Mitzi

THERE IS HOPE

Arriving in the Prison system, I felt so distant from any future and from God. How could I possibly ignore the One Who loved me and gave me a new life in Christ 30 years ago in a small cell?

In 1988, I was released from Prison. I was paroled to a ministry who helped me to adjust in society and life after 8 years in Prison. After about 10 months, I decided to leave to be with family and friends. I thought, I made the right decision leaving this ministry.

Later in life , I found out the hard way. Backsliding is a word we don’t

like. For some, it’s a way to say, “no one is perfect”. To me it was a lack of spiritual growth leading to a downfall. For about 18 years, I literally turned my back on God. The more I ignored Him, the more my heart hardened. I was in the pig pen wondering if there was any hope for me to come back to Him. But my drunkenness and the use of drugs denied that hope until I landed in Jail on a DWI charge. I hated myself, ashamed of being locked-up again, how could I be so ignorant. I was sentenced to 3 years, but God sentenced me to 3 years of restoration! We can ignore Jesus, but He will never disown us!

I am 53 years old and I pray that this brief testimony will help someone who once loved Him and now find yourselves with a cold heart. I didn’t have the courage to stop backsliding. Humble yourself. I did. A future and a hope is a promise to all of us. (Jer. 29:11)

May His peace come upon you.

Your brother in Christ,

Martin Martinez, Cleveland Unit

*“The more I ignored Him,
the more my heart was
hardened”*

Don’t let this happen to
you,

Today, if you hear His
voice, don’t harden your
heart. Invite Jesus to
change your life.



God's Plan is Bigger and Better than the world's limitations!

I wasn't going to write anything for this quarter knowing how filled your newsletter was with inmate testimonies but when you offered me some space I couldn't pass up the chance to encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ staying on the inside.

Today was tough, as some days are when we have to deal with mistakes we made today and from the past. I misunderstood when my new phone plan would start; thinking it was automatically switched I used the data services on my new phone and for one month I accumulated over \$500 in extra charges. Do you think that the phone company called me to let me know what I was doing? No! Do you think that they want me to pay the bill? Yes! So, I decided I'll just get a job then and earn the money needed to pay the bill; instead of my husband having to work more overtime.

Well, as I was viewing jobs available in my small town I quickly remembered they don't hire ex-inmates in this town and my spirit fell into prayer and sadness. I am a stay at home Mom not because I have no skills, but because my past matters to these people more than my job skills. I may never be a nurse or cosmetologist; but I am not a failure in God's book. He knows my heart and He sees my value; just

like He sees yours.

I read Galatians 6:1-10 and I realized that I'm trying to do it my way and that's the wrong way. I am so blessed to have a family, freedom and a prison ministry. What I need more than anything is to rest in His presence and in the assurance He has a bigger and better plan for me and for you!

God doesn't limit what I can do now by my past failures and mistakes. His word says that I am a new man, a new creation made in His image!! Hallelujah! Praise God!

So don't let the world tell you who you are or what you can do. Listen to your heart

where God is listening to you and fulfilling His plans for you!! We love ya'll so much and know matter what, I will always, for the rest of my life on earth minister Words of Encouragement to those on the inside in hopes that they will walk by faith in God's will and plan.

He has given me all the desires of my heart and He's not done with me or you!! Let us pray for our heart's to be on fire for God's word and to serve Him all the days of our life.

Thank you Jesus for our freedom and Salvation and New Life in You!! Amen

Kim— JKF Ministry

The Attributes of God

Sovereign— God personally with the kind of history and creation that come to pass. *"The Lord works out everything for His own ends—even the wicked for disaster"*. (Prov. 16:4)

Righteous: God's moral character is the standard in all the cosmos for what is right and wrong. *"The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His work."* (Psalm 145:17)

Omniscient: God has total knowledge of all things actual and possible for all time in all locations—including the "what ifs" of history. *"Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising. Thou knowest my thoughts afar off."* (Psalm 139:2)

Omnipresent: God is completely present at every point in space. *"for He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."* (Heb. 13:5)

Omnipotent: God can do anything compatible with His character. *"And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* (Matt. 28:18)

Just: God's attitude of judgment upon evil is uncompromising regardless of who might be involved. This is God's holiness and is a quality of God. *"For God does not show favorites."* (Rom. 1:11)

Loving: God gives Himself to those whom He loves. The quality of love of a

quality of God. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in His should not perish but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16)

Truth: God is truth. *"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by Me."* (John 14:6)

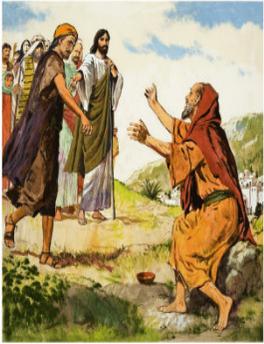
Immutable: God's character is forever stable. *"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."* (Heb. 13:8)

Eternal: God always existed. *"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting wings."* (Deut. 33:27)

Sent in by Horacio Dohnal—Rudd Unit, TX



**“Lord, I want to see”. A life application of Luke 18:35-43 by
Eric Turk—Ft Stockton, TX Written August 2003**



... A blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”
LK. 18:35-37

How many times have we found ourselves on the roadside begging for relief? How many times have we fell into such despair that even personal dignity left as we searched for a glimmer of hope? My dear friends, we’ve all been in the shoes of the blind man, especially those who are in Christ. And it’s that condition of the heart that our Lord looks for.

Hopelessness, heart-aches, its in that condition we come closest to God, for that is when, through tear filled eyes and sob wrenched bodies, the walls of pride

come down. That is when we are truly ready to deny ourselves and become completely abandoned to the Lord. Its at that point we fully realize our need, for a Savior.

Jesus is ever present, watching, waiting. He’s waiting for that moment that we finally answer the knock on our hearts door, when we at last cry out , “Jesus. . .have mercy on me!” Once that plea for help is made we enter a realm of decision . It is there that Jesus Himself asks, **“What do you want Me to do for you?”**

His question is not a condescending inquiry, but an invitation. It must be asked and we must answer, if we’re to receive what is being offered. Its at the posing of His question that the choice must be made, If we’re not ready, we will simply continue searching, but we’ll remain blind.

Those who have all but given up perceive the significance of Jesus’ question. They realize the importance of the situation, but what’s more, they realize who is asking. . . a Savior.

There is only one response

to be made at that moment of revelation, the one Jesus waits for all our lives. The most profound life-changing utterance we can make while our hearts condition is as the blind beggers, are the very words he spoke himself, “Lord, I want to see.”

If only I could convey what happens once that request is made, the whole world would stop in its tracks, and every life possessing soul would run with reckless abandonment to the house of God to receive this glorious gift.

Jesus said to him, **“ Receive your sight, your faith has healed you.”**

Jesus’ words in verse forty two are written for our benefit. They are the most wonderful life changing words that can possibly be spoken to one who is blind, but those who were knelt down before Him as he said those words, simple words cannot even begin to describe what had happened.

Immediately *we received* our sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. Luke 18:43 (emphasis & *paraphrase mine)

That my friends is what happens when we give our hearts to Jesus. Our whole lives revolve around that single moment in time. The number of opportunities we have to stand before the Cross is unknown. But, we have only one lifetime to decide, and it’s length is also unknown.

If you are at that point of despair where you’re ready to give up, please believe me when I say God is closer than you can possible imagine. He’s waited your whole life for that very moment and He’s ready to take your grief. He stands at her door and knocks, all you need to do is open it. Once you do that, He will come in, and you will see.

May the eyes of your heart be enlightened that you may know the hope to which he has called you.

‘I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.’

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“Strong In Faith” Romans 4:20

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.....

Christian, take good care of thy faith; for recollect faith is the only way whereby thou canst obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven-on which God's messages of love fly so fast, that before we call he answers, and while we are yet speaking he hears us.

But if that telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble? I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten

about by the enemy?-my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away-in vain I call to God. There is no road betwixt my soul and heaven. In the deepest wintertime faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel-aye, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King?

Faith links me with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jehovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defence. It helps me to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that wavereth-who is like a wave of the Sea-expect that he will receive anything of God!

O, then, Christian, watch well thy faith; for with it thou canst win all things, however poor thou art, but without it thou canst obtain nothing. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

***Faith is the
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