

# FREE LIFE NEWS

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Pointing the way to  
new life in **Christ**.  
The **hope** of glory  
Col 1:27

## Bless the Name of Jesus

### SEE

March on soldier through  
the winter of life, seeking  
the way back to what was  
once dear. Flowing as one  
with the vast multitude  
yet separate from them,  
this much is clear.

Family mourns a broken  
grounded bird wishing  
once again the eagle would  
fly. The rest watch a  
small hideous monster  
their glaring eyes to see it  
die.

Which is false and which  
is true? I'm not sure. The  
only mark to be held to?

Living Pure.

By Robert Baxter

## Where Is Christ To be Born?

*“And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.” Matthew 2: 4 KJV*

Has your heart ever become a Bethlehem in which Christ is born in you? Surely something so wonderful and noble as a King cannot be born in someone as lowly as me! I have such stench in the stable of my heart and my life has not much honor. Such is an accurate as-

essment. All humans are stables. The moment we begin to imagine we are good enough a birthing place for Christ, he immediately seeks to be born elsewhere.

You may seem to be a stable, but despair not and even rejoice; you are to become a King's Chamber! Never believe Christ would refuse to be born in you. Christ comes to the simple and dwells in the lowly (2 Chronicles 34:27; Matt. 5:3; 18:4; James 4:6)

Man always seeks the extravagant to dwell in. Not so with Christ. He finds no place in the Inn. Man would seek to have Christ born in the highest estate of the mind, making an intellectual counterfeit of His birthing place. Christ desires and can only be born in the lowest, most humble stable of the heart. And yes, there is stench in the **stable!** Are we to dress the stable before the King comes? Come as you are and He'll see to the stench.

## Because of the Blood

There were 10 plagues which God brought upon Pharaoh and Egypt before the release of God's people, the Israelites. While all 10 plagues were horrible and showed the greatness & power of God, the 10th

plague was by far the most horrific and devastating to Pharaoh and all Egyptians who lived in disobedience to & unbelief in the One True God.

Exodus 11: 5 – “... and all the firstborn in the land of

Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh,... even to the firstborn of the maidservant... and all the firstborn of the beasts.”

Exodus 11: 7 – “...that you may know that the Lord you imagine the relief

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No manner of human pursuit can perfume the stench of a darkened soul - such perfume only adds to the stench. Consider the person having never bathed applying perfume to the skin; no amount of external application, no matter how heavily applied, can conceal the stench. The heart must be internally bathed in the Presence of the Son. If the Son be not birthed in you, then you have never been bathed. To borrow words from Samuel Rutherford, only the Fragrance of Fairest rose from the Father's Garden can perfume the soul. Ah, hut we must allow ourselves to be bathed!

Even amidst the stench of a stable Christ's Nobility must be recognized, and everything present must bow to Him. That which is unclean when confronted by Christ the King always bows before Him. (Matt.8:28-34) Are you allowing that which is unclean in you to be confronted by Christ? The unclean must go when the Light of Him shines through. But if the stench is to go then Christ must rule: everything within the stable must bow. Quickly run to Him that he may send away that which is unclean. Worship Christ through the stench - do not allow the stench to steal your focus and delay your worship of Him. The Revelation of Who he is will stand in stark contrast when He becomes the focus and devotion of the heart.

If Christ be born in you, can others see His Star shining over the stable of your heart? Let us inquire of ourselves what time his Star shall appear. Shall it appear tomorrow? Why tarry? Begin to search diligently for the Child and when you have found Him, offer to Him your finest treasures as you worship Him. Allow the Star of His Presence to outshine your own star, so that others are drawn to Him - allow no one to be drawn to you or to bow before you.

The stable is never to shroud the King's Glory. No one has ever said, "Oh, What a lovely stable., what a wonderful fragrance.' But it has been said, "Oh, what a Child, what A Savior, what a King!" The darkness of the stable is to be awash with the Light of the Son, with His Star leading always to Him and pointing eternally Heavenward. "We have seen His star and have come to worship Him." It is the Divine Purpose of the stable.

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Where The Way Is Good.

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The Lord is My  
Shepherd,

## Because of the Blood

does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel." (emphasis mine)

Exodus 12: 4 & 5 – God instructs the Israelites to take a perfect lamb, according to the number of their households, & prepare to use that lamb, according to God's instructions, as a sacrificial offering to the Almighty, so that each household would escape death and be "passed over".

Exodus 12: 7 – They were instructed to "take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses...."

And God said (Exodus 12:12) "For I will pass through the Land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I AM THE LORD." (emphasis mine)  
Verse 13 – "... when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

Can you imagine the panic & feeling of uncertainty that must have been running through the Israelites' minds? After all, they were human, just like you and me. Yet, those with true faith followed God's instructions. And they sat. And they prayed. I imagine they sang songs of deliverance. And they waited.

AND GOD SHOWED HIMSELF FAITHFUL AND TRUE TO HIS WORD! "BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD"...

Can you imagine the devastation and anguish all around God's people as they heard Pharaoh's kingdom inhabitants dying? Can

## Because of the Blood, *cont*

when the Israelites realized, at dawn's first light, that God had protected, or "passed over" them, just as He promised?!

I am an animal lover and thankful that God does not require that of me – to kill an innocent lamb. But THINK – He eventually substituted the blood of His own Son to be OUR Passover! He did that for ME! He did that for YOU! Does that not pierce your heart and fill it with thankfulness and gratitude?! Well, it should!

Have you embraced that offering God made for you? It's what He wants, and it's no mystery that cannot be unraveled. Simple faith is all that's required. It's as easy as ABC to become a Christian:

A – Admit that you're a sinner. The Bible says, "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

That would be me. That would be you. Go ahead, admit it. I did. So can you.

B – Believe that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to take away the sin of the world; that He died on the cross, and was raised again from the dead. (Romans 5:8; 1 Cor. 15: 3-4)

C - Confess with your mouth that you have done the two things above. (Romans 10: 9-10) This is an important step in your faith. By testifying to others, you are showing with an outward sign that there has been an inward change in you. It also frees you to grow in the Lord, unashamedly.

It's Because of the Blood. We've always known blood is important to life. But HIS blood is important to ETERNAL Life! Thank You, Jesus, that You willingly shed Yours for us.

Love,  
Heather

## What Do You Do?

By Sheila Sellinger FMC Carswell, TX

Lord, What do You do everyday?

*What do I do?*

Yes, What do You do?

I make the heart beat, lungs breathe, eyes blink, and tears fall. I direct the ocean waves to foam and crest over living coral reefs that I move in time with the music of the wind. I call the golden sun to rise and set, then I tell the silvery moon to shine over the earth as I sing to billions of glittering stars to in the sky. I oversee the terrifying roar of the hurricane and the gentle whisper of air on a butterfly's wings as it flutters from flower to flower. I set dew drops on the grass in the morning and blanket the ground with fog. I give the hop to the grasshopper, the wiggle to the worm and silk for the spider's web. I slash the dark night with bright flashes of lightening and rend the silence with deafening peels of thunder that shakes the firmament. I guide meandering streams to their home in the sea, and crown majestic peaks with frozen crystal snow. I polish giant ice-caps until they're as smooth as glass, then groom mighty polar bears with arctic blasts. I tenderly cradle the budding infant in the womb, forming the child with infinite care. I listen attentively to the lonely, walk faithfully with the weary, compassionately comfort the wounded and hurting, and lovingly forgive the repentant sinner, but not everyday== every second of everyday, and that's just the beginning. . . .

*What do you do?*

### I'll Live for Him

**My life, my love, I give to Thee, Thou Lord of God who died for me,  
Oh, may I ever faithful be. My Savior and my God.**

**I now believe Thou dost receive, For Thou hast died that I might live,  
And now henceforth I'll trust in Thee. My Savior and my God.**

**O Thou who died on Calvary, To save my soul and make me free,  
I'll consecrate my life to Thee. My Savior and my God.**

**I'll live for Him who died for me, How happy then my life shall be,  
I'll live for Him who died for me, My Savior and my God**

## What does life mean to you?

I don't know if you have ever encountered this, but am sure many people have fallen prey to this fact. Before I got born again, and also during my early years of conversion the always big question that lingered in my mind was "why was I born? What is the essence of life?". The fact is that the more I thought of this my mind just ended up in total puzzlement. Whenever I thought of this I would envelop my life with a lot of fear ..., I always asked myself the meaning of life.. Whenever I saw what people go thru in this life, the suffering, the betrayal they face , the struggles, all this multiplied my questions concerning what really life meant. I looked at the way people worked hard , immersed themselves with wealth, yet at the end of it all, they depart , living everything behind , their wealth has no power to liberate them from death. On the other hand you see people who live their earthly life in a lot of struggles, born in tears, they live their lives in tears, and unfortunately many of them die unsatisfied. In this life the same things seem to happen each day that comes, you eat today, tomorrow and you keep on eating till you die. Everything seems to go on as usual. At this moment I would love to share with you some of the revelations that the Lord helped me understand concerning the meaning of life,

Many scientists and ideologists have come up with lots of theories, and therapies with intension of answering the many of the questions that linger people's minds but all in vain. Many people in their quest for answers concerning the questions of life have ended up conceding to myths, and ideologies which have eventually led them astray, like king Saul of the Bible they run to places they ought not in order to learn what life awaits them 1samuel,28;8-.its very important for us to realize that the life we are living

was started by God this will then mean that if we are to get any answers concerning life we can only get it from God's word Genesis 1;26. we should act like King Nabuchadnezer on realizing that not even his magicians could interpreted the dreadful Dream he had, he sent for The man of God, Joseph, who in turn sought the face of God to get the revelation Actually the truth is that we can never really understand what life is all about unless we connect with God who is its author.

My testimony "the alarming vehicle"

One day as I washed the head teacher's car at the nursery school were I worked as a toilet cleaner; I mistakenly pressed a button that caused the car to make alarm. , As I tried to fidget around trying to press more buttons to cease the alarm. The more the sound went high. At this I became more afraid, I didn't know what to do, because by then I didn't have any knowledge concerning motor vehicles. The head teacher seated in a nearby class room, Watched me fidgeting thru the windows that were open , she vividly watched me as I fidgeted yet she didn't come to help me . On realizing that I had failed to put the alarm off, I weakly walked to the head teacher and requested her to come and assist me put off the alarm. At this request, she looked at me and said "That's what I was waiting for you to do .." you know nothing about that car, its me who knows it better because its mine " she ended. From Genesis to Revelation we come to realize that there is no any other architect of life apart from God. "Then God said "let us create man in our own image..."Gen1;26, the psalmist says "for you created my inmost being ; you knit me together in my mother's womb .."Psalm 139; 13., all these scriptures plus more affirm that human life was started by God. He is the only one that can answer any question concerning its foundation, present and future status. If you try searching for the meaning of life from a wrong way then be

ready to get wrong answers that will leave your life badly torn apart. Like it happened to me in the incidence of the vehicle, many people try to sort out life's questions by their own knowledge and strength ending up causing more harm to their life. Now below are some of the Biblical truths that have helped me and am sure they can help you get to know and answer some of the perturbing questions that pertain to the meaning of life.

· First and foremost life shouldn't been seen from the perspective of having or not having , true life is not based on the multitude of wealthy we possess , or the magnitude of Lack we face , but its the ability of finding satisfaction and delight in what you have or do , I will explain something here ,there are lots of people in the world who have much but yet they are ever in despair of getting more , they just feel not satisfied with what they have , and again there are people who don't have what they need , and then they think that maybe when they get what they need that's when they will have a meaningful life . such a perception is wrong ,the truth is No wealthy is enough and no lack is strange , if we are to live a meaningful life we need to reach a level of seeing life in the perspective of Paul philp;4;12"I know what it is to be in need and I know what it is to have plenty. Paul goes on to say " I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation ...

· Meaningful life can only be lived in Christ, Jesus says "am the way truth and life "John 14;6. The bible says you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free, Christ is the truth. In the book of Timothy2;3 its written "this is good and pleases God our savior who wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" with this scriptural quotation from Timothy we come to realize that unless one first becomes born again , one will never know the truth concerning this life .

## HOPE Joe Cushman -Mt Olive, WV

Everyone needs hope. Real hope can only be given by the indwelling Holy Spirit through the Person of Jesus Christ.

Hope does not disappoint us, it's always encouraging us to take the next step, to put one foot in front of the next, to keep moving forward in the grace of God that is ours in Christ.

Hope enters when we accept Jesus Christ. Now we can walk

by faith. Hope is what encourages this Christian life.

All that we long for, all that we are looking for has been met in Christ Jesus.

FAITH Antonio Enrique Ramirez— CA. Prison

*I am in a Federal Prison .  
Even with 10-life at stake, I  
have never in my life felt so*

*much freedom.*

*Bless all that have anything  
to do with your Free Life  
News, You have been personally  
used by Jesus to bring  
me to my knees.*

*God promises that his Word  
will not return to him void. His  
word, Jesus, saw Antonio's heart  
and found a resting place.  
Praise the Lord.*

## TRUST JD Hancock Fannin County Jail, Bonham, TX

Update on my last testimony; Well it's been close to five long months here in Fannin County Jail. God has really opened my eyes and has taught me many things his word says. *"I am giving you good guidance, don't turn away from my instruction."* (Pro. 4:2)

*"Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go, guard them, for they are the KEY to life"*. ( Pro. 4:13) It has been very hard on me here, I've noticed the fear I "had" was straight from Satan. I wasn't fully trusting in God to guide me, we all fall short, but thanks to God's mercy and grace we can come boldly before Him and ask him to strengthen us. Some of us are in bad places, but so was Paul! I noticed when I gave all my fears to him, he gave me the peace that passes all understanding. When you start reading your Bible and praising God, where there is light the darkness will flee. The devil will try to attack you anyway he can, we are in a Spiritual battle and we are in the midst of evil, but

God in us is much greater and more powerful than he who is in the world!! God is light, there is no darkness in him at all. When I stopped worrying my self half to death and gave it all to God, he gave me peace and in looking at a stiff long sentence the enemy will use anything he can to keep you from getting what God has in store for you! God has a plan to prosper us and not to harm us. We have to TRUST in Him 100% and he will deliver us from our fears and worries. Faith of a mustard seed can move mountains, Nothing is to big or hard for God! We may get discouraged at times, but God can and will carry us through these times of despair and troubles. He will hold us when we lean on him, then you will find out just how peaceful it is holding on the Jesus. Psalms 34: 4-6 says, *"I prayed to the Lord and he answered me, He freed me from all my fears, those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy no shadow will darken their faces. In*

*my desperation I prayed and the Lord listened he saved me from my troubles."*

Trust in him, he is our fortress, our strong tower. He took my worries and fears and replaced them with his joy and peace and his love. He can and will do the same for you!! He says he will guide you along the best pathway for your life. He will advise you and watch over you. The word of the Lord holds true, we can trust in everything he does. Commit everything to him, trust him and he will help you. Psalms 37:6 *"He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn and the justice of your cause ( case) will shine like the noon-day sun."* We are the head not the tail, No weapon formed against us will prosper. I pray and hope this letter has spoken to your heart. Just completely trust in Jesus, you will find the joy and see his unfailing love He has for you.

He is carrying me through my troubles, he will do the same for you.

## What Does Life Mean to You?

Cont.

so the first step to living a meaningful life is to confess Jesus as personal Lord and Savior.

Knowledge of God's word is another vital aspect that will aid you realize the value, purpose and essence of life, its one thing to believe in Christ and another thing to know what Christ wants of you. The Bible frankly says to the Jews that had believed in Him Jesus said, "if you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." the more we learn, understand and start doing God's word in our life, the more we break off ourselves some of the emotional, spiritual bounds that bind us in slavery, the more we understand God's will which can only be got thru reading His word the more we appreciate and understand the beauty of life, we start to see ourselves in the perspective of positivity not negativity. We start to appreciate every minute we live.

God created us to be like flowers to him [Isaiah 43:7], Flowers are pleasing to the eye of every one, and the scent that comes out of them are pleasant, one of the reason why God created Man is to please him. Like flowers we ought to live a life that gives a sweet aroma to God. its indeed very important for us to realize that God has put everything we need for life , food , water oxygen etc, so that we may live a life that brings joy to him

After Man sinned and was separated from God, God sent His one Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross, in order to bring us back to God, Jesus' heart was on making disciples who would carry on His mission even when he is gone. So another reason why you are in this life is to act as an heaven ambassador. No matter what you are or what you do, you can serve

God, thru your acts of charity to the needy.. If we are to live a meaningful life on earth we should endeavor to live a life that impacts other people. You are now Jesus' feet, mouth, eyes, hands, etc. [1Cor.10:33]

### What next

We are no longer worried anymore of this physical death, knowing that its thru it that we shall be able to attain the eternal promises of God. The Bible says blessed are those who die in the Lord, it goes on to say that we who are in Christ have crossed from death to life by faith in Christ Jesus John 11:25. We already have eternal life [1John5:4-14] we have Jesus who has overcome death and so we are more than victors . . The bible says "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [Romans.8:18] Paul said "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain." [ Philippians 1:21] to Paul, his being on earth was to do God's will, and he did not see dying as something dreadful, he saw it as a gain, but remember it all starts from here. My prayer is that we let God help us live a meaningful life here on earth serving Him and also at the right time be willing to accept His call back home thru death as gain. Jesus said he has gone to prepare for us a place and He will return to take us where He is. **Are you ready to meet Him if He called you today?**

Be Blessed Jesus time  
PASTOR ROBERT SISYE BOGERE  
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## SPOKEN BY THE LORD

by: Bret shatters, Tecumseh, NE

I felt this coldness in my heart, a morose feeling I couldn't identify. I was scared, I felt hopeless. When I was shot . I'd shut God out of my heart. I'd become indecisive, and

selfish. Out of my unit, 5 were wounded and 2 died in Felutia, Iraq.

After 3 years of wallowing in my self pity, a knock came at my door at 7:35 am on Saturday. I opened the door and saw Pastor Greg, who was standing in the rain on my front porch, shivering. I let him in and then waited for his usual preaching to me about "God being with me" and "It wasn't your fault". But instead he stood there staring at me completely soaked. Surprised, I asked him, "How did you get so wet, Sir?" He smiled at me and said something that shocked me. He said, "I got up at 4:00 am and drove here. Then I stayed on your porch until I just knocked, and unfortunately it's been raining the whole time." He went on to explain that he wanted to show me a little about faith. I asked him how standing in the rain on my porch taught me about faith. He said it was a huge lesson. Just like him standing in the rain waiting patiently, God is also waiting patiently. He stayed at my house all day, I gave him some dry clothing. At 10:30 he asked me to take a walk with him, it had stopped raining and we could see our shadows. Pastor Greg stopped and asked if I could see the 2 shadows following me, the shadows your body casts off? He said the one shadow was me, the other. the Lord walking with me, as He was a part of me.

As he was leaving, he told me he'd see me in church the next day. I had no intention of going to Church. That night I tossed and turned, and couldn't get the Pastor's words out of my head. God spoke the words, Rev, 3:20 and I woke up startled. I went to church to talk to the Pastor, but

had to sit through the service and the ice began to break away from my heart. I asked the meaning of the Scripture, and was told, "I am at your door knocking, if anyone hears me and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

That did it! I cried and cried hard. Pastor gave me a shoulder to lean on and I did. All the guilt, self-pity and ice left me with just that one verse out of the Bible. I walk the Christian life now. I have given my whole life to the Lord and do missionary work. And all the goodness in my heart, all the faith and spiritual growth, all the confidence was achieved and brought on by one sentence spoken in my dreams. Revelations 3:20. Thank you Lord! Even now with this mistake I have made that put me in prison, I still have the Lord. He put me in a "time out" in a sense, I believe. So I let Him take the wheel. I love you,  
Lord!

FOCUS by Donti Santiago. PCI, NC

I often think about things I want to do when I get out. Places I want to go, things I'd like to accomplish; marriage, own businesses I would like to run. Sometimes I can spend my time "day dreaming" for hours about things for myself.

Being in the Penitentiary, we often think back to the things we didn't have growing up; and wish for many things for our future.

But Matthew 6:33 says, 'but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.' At times we can focus on "our life" so much (be it good or bad) that we neglect to see the things Christ may have for us. Our wants often take first precedence when really we should ask, "What does God want?" Despite being in the penitentiary there are things God still "wants and has for us" (Circumstances can often bring them out).

We have to seek Him to find out what they are, Because all things are Gods and all things are subject to Him (I Peter 3:22) There are things that He has for us we wouldn't believe if He told us Himself! But we have to seek Him! Forget about where you are "and seek Him". When our attention is focused on us (our self); it's much more difficult to see that, (You can't look at "two things" at one time!)

I challenge you to go to the Lord and see what He has for your life. I guarantee it's already in line with what you want but even better!



## Free Life News is Encouraging to Ugandan Inmate

Dear Pastor Robert / Free Life Ministries,

"Thanks very much for the work you are doing, thanks very much for sending the FLN to us. There is much we have been able to learn. Through the Free Life News I have come to realize that being in Prison is not the last thing that can ever happen to a person, but it's an opportunity God has given me to discover more of Him and also be transformed so that by the time my two years of sentence are finished, I can be a better person in society.

Pastor Robert, when will the next edition be out? I want to get every edition that comes out.

Send my greetings to your partners. We appreciate the good work they do."

May God bless you

Mukasa Deo — Uganda

*Words can't express the gratitude we feel for the expansion to the Prisons in Uganda.*

*Twelve years ago when we printed our first edition, we never thought it would reach as far as Uganda East Africa.*

*Thank you God for using your children, sharing their faith and testimonies to reach across the miles. Thank you to our many writers who have a helping hand in this endeavor. To God be the Glory, great things He has done. Love you all, Mitzi*

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### *Three things GOD has never seen:*

1. A person that has not sinned      Romans 3:23
2. A sinner He does not love      John 3:16
3. A sinner He cannot save      Romans 10:13

### ***JESUS LOVES YOU***

For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:16-18

We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1John 5:9-12      GET LIFE — IT'S FREE — BELIEVE—CONFESS—RECEIVE.