

# Overcomers for Christ

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HE HAS RISEN,  
JUST AS HE SAID.

MATTHEW 28:6

# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ

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***"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ." - Colossians 3:23-24***

***"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10***



***"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:18***

## The Best Life Possible (*John 3:1-6*) - You Must Be "Born Again"

By The Preacher

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (*John 3:3*)

But what does "Born Again" mean?

A religious man named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night saying he was convinced that Jesus must be from God because of the miracles that He had performed. I assume that conversation was more than the few moments that it takes to read this whole passage. But Scripture mentions only the most important aspect of this meeting.

The Lord told Nicodemus that he must be "Born Again," no matter how religious or how good he was. Then this man of the Pharisees asked Jesus how he could enter back in to his mother's womb and be born again. Jesus then explains that there are two births:

- 1) The first is a physical birth when one is born of a parent's seed, making him a flesh and blood child of his parents.
- 2) The second is a spiritual birth when one is born of God's Seed, the Holy Spirit, making him a child of God.

In the Gospel of *John 1:12-13*, Jesus explains it further, **"But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: Who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD."** And in *1 Peter 1:23*, Peter expands upon this with these enlightening words, **"Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever."**

There comes a time in a person's life when he or she MUST be real with Almighty God, their eternal Creator. Then repent of his or her sins and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. At that EXACT moment in time, God sends His Seed, the promised Holy Spirit, to fill that hole in our soul which NOTHING else we've ever tried has ever nor will ever work. That's when we are "Born Again" into the family of God and become new creations in Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:17*). Because that man or woman is now a member of God's eternal family, he or she now gets the inheritance of eternal life WITH our Father, in heaven!

But why must I be "Born Again?"

Listen closely...

**"For we MUST ALL appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good OR bad."** (*2 Corinthians 5:10*)

**"As it has been appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."** (*Hebrews 9:27*)

**"The wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is eternal life IN CHRIST JESUS our Lord."** (*Romans 6:23*)

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should NOT perish but have eternal life."** (*John 3:16*)

**"For God did NOT send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED."** (*John 3:17*)

**"For by grace you have been saved THROUGH FAITH, and that NOT of yourselves; it is the GIFT of God, not by works, lest anyone should boast."** (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

*John 3:16* IS the Gospel of Christ in a nutshell and probably the verse memorized more than any other. In a few words it tells the story of Salvation and why we need to be "Born Again"; God's Love for the world; God's Gift of His Son; the opportunity for ANYONE who believes in Jesus to be saved from judgment AND to receive eternal life. This IS the Grace of God! (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Now, let's dissect this Scripture.

**"For by grace ..."** Grace is the unmerited favor and undeserved kindness of God. God has given us the greatest Gift in history, His beloved Son, Jesus. And God gives us the gift of loving kindness and tender mercy IF we put our trust in His Son Jesus. **"... you have been saved..."** We have been saved from sin AND it's penalty, which is eternal separation from God. **"... through faith ..."** Let's read these 3 verses.

- 1) **"A man is justified by faith APART from the deeds of the law."** (*Romans 3:28*)
- 2) **"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ."** (*Romans 5:1*)

3) **"For you are all sons of God THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS."** (Galatians 3:26)

**"...and that NOT of yourselves ..."** A sinner CANNOT save him or herself from sin, AND we ALL have sinned! So we ALL need a Savior! All of our 'good works' and 'achievements' are not enough to exchange for eternal life in heaven. **Mark 8:36-37** tells us, **"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"**

**"...it is the gift of God ..."** God's gift of Salvation is FREE to us BY FAITH, because Jesus paid for this gift on the Cross. Jesus IS THE GIFT! (Remember, a gift is not a gift if we have to pay for it!)

**"... not by works ..."** Salvation is something that happens to us on the inside, NOT by some outward acts of 'good works.' **"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."** (Titus 3:5)

**"...lest anyone should boast."** No one can brag that they made it to heaven because of something that 'they' have done - Not Billy Graham, not Pastor Walt, NOBODY!! We can only boast in Jesus and what He did for us ALL on the Cross over 2,000 years ago. **"Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith APART from the deeds of the law."** (Romans 3:27-28) **"But God forbid that I should boast EXCEPT in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."** (Galatians 6:14)

The only question remaining to be answered is: ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?? ... Pastor Jack Flash ... **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

### Bible Quiz: Crucifixion & Resurrection

1) Early Friday morning, Jesus was brought before Pilate for trial. Why did Pilate condemn Jesus to death?  
a. Jesus had claimed to be king of the Jews.  
b. Jesus had spoken out against paying taxes to Caesar.  
c. The chief priests had persuaded the crowd to demand His execution.  
d. The chief priests had accused Him of blasphemy.

2) After the trial, Pilate turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers who whipped Him, taunted Him and forced Him to carry His own cross to the place of execution. Where was Jesus crucified?  
a. The Mount of Olives                      c. Jerusalem  
b. Golgotha                                      d. The Hinnom Valley

3) Jesus died on the cross about three o'clock on Friday afternoon. Which of these momentous events did not occur as Jesus was crucified?  
a. Darkness came over the land.  
b. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.  
c. The walls of the temple crashed down to the earth.  
d. An earthquake occurred.

4) Who claimed Jesus' body and placed it in a tomb?  
a. Mary Magdalene                      c. Peter, Jesus disciple  
b. Mary, Jesus' mother                      d. Joseph of Arimathea

5) By Sunday morning, Jesus had risen from the dead and an angel had rolled back the stone that sealed the entrance to the tomb. Who was the first person to see Jesus alive again?  
a. Mary Magdalene                      c. Peter, Jesus disciple  
b. Mary, Jesus' mother                      d. Joseph of Arimathea

6) Where did the risen Jesus first appear to two of His disciples?  
a. On the road to Emmaus  
c. At the temple in Jerusalem  
b. On the Mount of Olives  
d. At Gethsemane

7) Which disciple said he would not believe Jesus had risen "unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side"?  
a. Andrew                                      c. Peter  
b. James                                         d. Thomas

8) After His resurrection, how long did Jesus remain on Earth before being taken up to heaven?  
a. 12 days                                      c. 40 days  
b. 3 weeks                                      d. 3 months

9) What were Jesus' final instructions to His disciples before He was taken up to heaven?  
a. "Do not be afraid; go and tell the others I have risen."  
b. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."  
c. "You must be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect Him."  
d. "Take up your cross and follow me."

10) Jesus had promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen His disciples after he was gone. What visible sign of the Holy Spirit did the disciples see on the day of Pentecost?  
a. A dove descending from heaven  
b. A lightning bolt  
c. Tongues of fire  
d. A vision of Jesus

Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done **Philippians 4:6 (NLT)**

### Prayer Requests

I ask you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to pray for me. For at this time, I am in a hard situation and I need a divine intervention, right about now ... **J.R.**

I want to ask you to please pray for my mom, my kids and my grandmother. I'm sure you may already know there is some heartbreaking situations going on. My mom's blood pressure is up, so please pray ... **S.V.**

I have been struggling a bit with missing my family (my son) and several guys have gone home recently that I was close to. I'm very happy for them but I wish I was going home now. I would love to spend time with my mom and friends on the outside. I keep telling myself that someday we'll be together again. It just seems to be taking forever. Sounds like I could use some prayer in this area, if you won't mind? ... **R.W.**

I pray that my prayers have blessed you all there at **OS+S**. I ask that ya'll keep me in your prayers. For there's power in prayer. Our Lord knows I need all the prayers I can get ... **A.A.**

I ask that you please pray for me since I am in a bit of a situation right now, and I don't have the slightest idea what the outcome may be, but I do ask the Lord to favor me in the impending decision that could completely alter my life as I know it. I guess this is another story of one's dark past coming back to haunt him. Yes, I've done more than my fair share of dirty deeds and I have learned to accept consequences as they come. I just recently repented and asked God to forgive me for my not so good willed ways and to also take the anger and pain that I've caused myself and others away. I also ask that **OS+S** pray for my family; my mother Sandra, sister Heather, brother Joshua and grandma Jean. Even though I don't ever hear from them, they are always the first and last thing on my mind each day and I wish them good health and for God to keep a protective hand over all of them. God bless you all ... **A.A.**

Please pray for my daughters, April and Christina, my sons, David and Ronnie and all fifteen of my grandkids. Lord willing I'll be 62 on February 18th. God bless every one of you, and I enjoy getting your newsletter each month. Thank you again. He Lives! He Saves! He Reigns! Jesus loves you. God Bless you with all my love and prayers ... **E.C.**

Can you please pray for my wife and kids? I have not talked to them since 2013. I haven't even met my twin boys. My wife filed for divorce. When I requested a copy of the papers the lady there told me she couldn't even make out what had happened. She said she couldn't see where the judge had made a ruling or signed off on it but the case appeared to be closed. Please pray that I get an early release and that my wife, kids and myself get back together and live for Christ ... **J.T.**

### Praise Reports

I hope and pray you are all well and in great health! When I got the May 2016 Overcomers for Christ newsletter, I must tell you all something, that was and is such a true gift from God. On the morning of May 6 at around 6:45, I went to the pill call window and when I got there it was not good. I was having real bad chest pains. The nurse who saw me came and took me to the Medical Room where they found out that I was having a heart attack. I was rushed to the hospital. Laying there locked up, I began praying to God. As I lay there praying to God and was finished I noticed that the C.O. was praying also. Once at the hospital they began running tests and found that I had a 60% blockage. The doctor asked me what I thought, "Should they do a bypass surgery or stints?" I told him that I would like to pray on it, so we did. All this time I thought about family, loved ones lost, my grandchildren and you all at **Overcomers for Christ**. I must tell you the feeling that came over me was so beautiful. The doctor put the stints in and I was back in my hospital room. The doctor came in to see me; he told me the Lord must have big plans for my life after 9 heart attacks, a stroke and so much more. I used to not believe, I had no faith and no strength in prayer.

I can tell you, after getting my first **Overcomers for Christ** newsletter, my world has become livable. I have faith in our Father's healing hand and Word. Most of all, thank you all for waking me up to lay my life in His hands. So many blessed changes. Most people have no real thought of what we go through behind these walls. Trust me, a lot of good men don't see their families ever again. I have tried to stand up for a lot of men here. Sitting back and seeing the works of God here is the biggest gift. God bless you all ... **G.B.B.**

Thank God that he sent me an angel in my time of need ... **M.S.**

I'm fighting the good fight, our Lord and Savior gives me the strength daily to resist the liar, satan! Daily, he tempts me to just give up that God's not listening to me and I tell him to get thee hence, God does love me and has forgiven me. Faith! I Stand strong on it. I arrived here and still no Bible, then God answered my prayer. One day, I went to the washroom and there on top of the water fountain was a brand new in the box Scofield Cross Reference Study Bible black leather in a box it came in. I asked everyone whose is it? Someone in the dorm said, "You can have it." Praise God!!! God answered my prayers, Amen!!! ... **P.O.**

My mom and I were blessed this year as visitation landed on Christmas Day. First time since I've been locked up. It was very nice to spend time with mom on Christmas Day ... **R.W.**

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## From the Inside

### Response to C.S. Prayer Request By T.D.

Hope all is well with you, I want to thank you and all the staff at Overcomers for Christ for all you do for us followers whom are in prison, thanks guys.

I want to give a shout out to all my other Christian brothers who are also incarcerated and write and share stuff in the monthly newsletter especially 'C.S.' whoever he or she is I would like to share this with you. I read what you shared in the January 2017 newsletter. I went through the same situation, lots of family health issues. My baby's momma took our three boys and split and on August 5, 2016 I was sentenced to 10.5 years flat time.

On June 10, 2015, the day I got arrested, I surrendered my life to our Lord Jesus Christ, this time for good. I finally realized my way won't work and never will work. I've never been happier in my life. People ask how can you be so happy knowing you have to do that many years and I just smile and say, "Very easy, I got our Lord Jesus Christ with me." Also, 'C.S.' please read Psalms 51 and 61, they are my favorite in my down times. Also, pray every day and remember there is so much power in prayer. I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

### Another Response to C.S. Prayer Request By D.C.

Dear C.S., Praise God, you're a believer and welcome to the family. All we can do for people is pray and evangelize to people, and God will give the increase. Stay strong through your trials, and you will come through strong, remember Job. Read the Book of Job, he lost all his family and property, but he stayed strong through the devil's trials. He refused to curse God and as **Job 42:10** states, **"When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!"**

Stay strong and never forget we (God's family/☪☪ family) love you and are praying for you. The Lord will never allow you to go through what you can't handle. Lean on your brothers and sisters to help you through, as well as Jesus. Your brethren are commanded in **Galatians 6:2**, **"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."**

Through prayers you can always do **Psalm 55:22**, **"Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall."** Prayers and love go out to you and your family.

### The Word of God has All the Answers By T.M.

If I could have only one wish for God's people, it would be that all of us would return to the Word of God, that we would realize once and for all that His Book has the answers. The Bible is the authority, the final resting place of our cares, our worries, our grief, our tragedies, our sorrows, and our surprises. It is the final answer to our questions, our search. Turning back to the Scriptures will provide something that nothing else on the entire earth will provide.

**Psalm 73:26** - **"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever."**

**Psalm 84:2** - **"I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God."**

**Psalm 119:74** - **"May all who fear you find in me a cause for joy, for I have put my hope in your word."**

**Psalm 119:81** - **"I am worn out waiting for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word."**

**Psalm 119:92** - **"If your instructions hadn't sustained me with joy, I would have died in my misery."**

**Psalm 119:114** - **"You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope."**

Love each other, and let there be peace. Peace ... let there be peace.

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## From the Inside

**Redeemed**  
By P.O.

I keep my radio (I was blessed with) on K-Love and I listen to it for hours and hours. There is a song that I heard this morning called *Redeemed*. I cried as the words were being spoken to me through the song that God our Lord and Savior has forgiven me and redeemed me. I pray daily and talk to Jesus and ask for His mercy and to restore Sarah, me, and our daughter back as a family.

I'm not giving up on my faith that Jesus will restore us and give us the love we once shared. Daily I fight and at times I feel weak, but I pick myself back up and dust off the doubt and pray to Jesus for strength.

Here are the lyrics to *Redeemed* by Big Daddy Weave:

*Seems like all I could see was the struggle  
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past  
Bound up in shackles of all my failures  
Wondering how long is this gonna last  
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son  
Stop fighting a fight it's already been won"*

*I am redeemed, You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be  
I am redeemed, I'm redeemed*

*All my life I have been called unworthy  
Named by the voice of my shame and regret  
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"  
I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet*

*I am redeemed, You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be*

*Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me  
'Cause his day is long dead and gone  
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same  
And a hope that will carry me home*

*I am redeemed, You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be*

*I am redeemed, You set me free  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be  
Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be  
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be  
'Cause I am redeemed  
Thank God, redeemed*

## **2 Chronicles 8:11-13:22**

Although Solomon carefully followed God's instructions for building the temple and offering sacrifices (8:13), he paid no attention to what God said about marrying pagan women. His sin in marrying a foreign wife (8:11) began his slide away from God. No matter how good or spiritual we are in most areas of life, one un-surrendered area can begin a downfall. Guard carefully every area of your life, especially, your relationships. Don't give sin any foothold. (8:15)

The good times show God's love and faithfulness, but hard times come to believers, too. Our perseverance and steadfast hope during those times will demonstrate our love and faithfulness to God. (9:8)

As Christians we should never rationalize away God's teachings in order to gain earthly reward. (11:16)

How ironic that the pure gold of Solomon's temple was replaced by cheaper bronze. Rehoboam tried to maintain the trappings and appearance of former glory, but he couldn't measure up. When God is no longer central in our lives, maintaining the appearance of a Christian life becomes superficial. Outer beauty must come from inner strength. (12:10-11)

Consider carefully the things you cherish. If you value anything more than God, it becomes your golden calf and will one day drag you down. Let go of anything that interferes with your relationship with God. (13:8)

## **Romans 8:9-39**

The Holy Spirit is God's promise or guarantee of eternal life for those who believe in Him. The Spirit is within us now by faith, and by faith we are certain to live with Christ forever. (8:11)

Sin has caused all creation to fall from the perfect state in which God created it. The world is in bondage to death and decay so that it cannot fulfill its intended purpose. One day all creation will be liberated and transformed. Until that time it waits in eager expectation for the resurrection of God's children. (8:19-22)

As a believer, you are not left to your own resources to cope with problems. Even when you don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for you, and God answers. With God helping you pray, you don't need to be afraid to come before Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to intercede for you in harmony with God's own will. Then, when you bring your requests to God, trust that He will always do what is best. (8:26-27)

## **Psalms 18:16-36**

Some people think that belief in God is a crutch for weak people who cannot make it on their own. God is indeed a shield to protect us when we are too weak to face certain trials by ourselves, but He does not want us to remain weak. He strengthens, protects, and guides us in order to send us back into an evil world to fight for Him. And then He continues to work with us because the strongest person on earth is infinitely weaker than God and needs His help. David was not a coward, he was a mighty warrior who, even with all his armies and weapons, knew that only God could ultimately protect and save him. (18:30)

## **Proverbs 19:26**

As an abusive son is shameful, so an obedient son is faithful and successful. (19:26)



## **"Foot" Notes**

Blessings to you all, I would like you all to remember that no matter what is happening, even in the worst of circumstances, it is you who decides what becomes of you mentally and spiritually. It is in this inner achievement that your spiritual freedom cannot be taken away. It is this freedom that allows for life to be meaningful and purposeful regardless of your circumstances.

The ability to choose one's own attitude in any given set of circumstances cannot be taken from you. There are always choices to make as to how you will respond to any situation or circumstance.

Again, this is one freedom that can never be taken. Love to ya'll short and tall. Vaya con Dios!!! Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!!!



## Introduction to Rodger

By Wade Anderson

Before we get into this next article, I would like to give just a brief introduction to the new brother in Christ behind the pen. I first met Rodger at a Saturday evening service at Living Word Bible Church. Brother Cory (Cory's Corner) and I decided to ride our motorcycles to service that evening. We had just pulled up to park next to the front doors and barely off our bikes when a husband and wife came up and asked us, "Does Living Word have a motorcycle ministry?" Then within five minutes another gentleman and his adult daughter came up to us and asked the very same question, "Does Living Word have a motorcycle ministry?" You want to know what's crazy? Riding next to Cory on the way there that night this thought crossed my mind, "Maybe it's time to start a ride group (not a club) at the church." So, when these brothers came over and asked the same question I smiled real big and said, "That sounds great to me! I imagine we can start one right now." Both families were fairly new to our church. We exchanged numbers and the weekend before Thanksgiving we met at the church and took our first short ride for breakfast and fellowship.

One of these new brothers was going through some very tough and personal things at the time so before we left the restaurant we all came into agreement, prayed with him and then saddled up to head back to town. Fast forwarding four months ... this introduction is also the second brother, and now great friend, AND one of the three men that the Lord had assured me He was sending to help hold up my arms. We've continued to stay in touch and in doing so he informed me that after our prayers there had been a major breakthrough in the situation we spoke to months before. Hallelujah! One evening we spoke on the phone and prayed together and a few days later Rodger called me back and told me, "I've received a word from the Lord to write and send some articles for the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter. Can I be of some help?" My response was quick and to the point, "YOU BETCHA!" Church, give Rodger a great big welcome...

## My Heart Speaks

By Rodger Whisman

I thought on everything that had happened to me in the past 1 1/2 years, but more so the past four months. I was assured to step out under the worse of conditions. Nothing to lose and much to share. Nothing like starting from the beginning. Lots of new beginnings in this.

I've locked in Old with New Testament and put my experience in the center, with my views and a few thoughts to match Scripture. Each article will be built on the same principles. 1) Old Testament Word, 2) New Testament parallel Word, 3) Explanation that blends the two with a life experience, 4) End with a promise of God, and 5) All with Scriptural reference to stay on inspired eve.

***"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," (Genesis 1:1)***

***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ALL things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:1-3)***

I personally look upon and read all these Words. My first directive in all my studies and reading (of books) is to search the Scriptures whether they be so and must be support or align WITH the inspired Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Look at ***Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."***

It seems to me that I have put a lifetime trying and failing, in so much that I've learned more by failure and some by strife. So many times I was asked and or belittled by these words, "What does God have to do with it?" My reply remains, "EVERYTHING!" The fact is, as Jesus has said in ***2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*** And with that I can say, His grace has always been sufficient for me!

I continued to hope that there would be a better way to serve God and really live life. But strife remained inside my heart and in my life as well as 'learning by error.' With no doubt, I hoped for and I believed in a breakthrough. A new beginning that actually worked that ended strife AND learning by error.

When I asked God for His help I was assured He WOULD be there for me. But, at times I forgot there remained a time element. A time to move things and a time to correct things. Time is a big factor in God's plan in our lives. ALL time is done in His time, I call that a process.

As I thought much on my requests and prayers for help I realized ALL things have a beginning. So I started in His Word, at the beginning. With that I was lead to ***2 Corinthians 5:17*** where I found, ***"Therefore if any man be IN CHRIST, he IS a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, ALL things ARE become new."*** I seen that I WAS and AM a creature with a new beginning.

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The One true God, our Lord, had created EVERYTHING that was in the very beginning of His Word. In **Colossians 2:9-10** it tells me, **"For IN CHRIST all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and IN CHRIST you have been brought to fullness. He IS the head over EVERY power and authority."** That same Lord is at work in our lives, to create and build in us a finished perfect work. This is where I seen that if I put EVERYTHING in His trustworthy hands it is a small thing for Him to create a new perfected work in me, without any strife. And in my patience with Him, far less error with far more growth and learning.

So when we find ourselves asking or even demanding; 'What does God have to do with it?' Well this is what we find about that question, in **John 15:5** Jesus tells us, **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."** Therefore, I've learned to trust God and trust IN God for everything! Why not? I have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

In **Hebrews 13:5** God has given us His promise, **"I will NEVER leave thee, nor forsake thee."** I can honestly say, 'He has NEVER let me down. He has NEVER left me nor has He forsaken me!' Now, I'm suggesting and encouraging all of you to 'Give God a chance. You have a whole new world to gain and an eternity of joy to look forward too, with Him!' Amen!

## What Others Are Saying...

"Hello to everyone at **Overcomers for Christ!!** I pray this brief notation finds all of you doing well, as it leaves me doing just fine, of sound mind and body. I happen to remember that I had a copy of your newsletter. It's the one about the Vets. I got to reading it and I realized what a great newsletter it is. I want to know if I may please be added to your mailing list. In the future, I will definitely be writing in and contributing. As I am always writing to someone sharing my story of drugs and alcohol addictions, and where I stand with Christ today." - **R.G.**

"Greetings in the name of our Lord Christ. I received my December issue and all praises be to our Lord, and it was a true blessing to find that my letters to you were published inside. It truly uplifted me, what a great Christmas gift. The newsletter never fails to move my Spirit and I've found it to always help me in my walk with our Lord Christ Jesus, Amen!! Thanks a lot." - **A.A.**

"Dear **Overcomers**, I am writing to thank each and every one of you for accepting me into the **OC&C** family. That means a lot to me, so thank you all. I'd like to send a special thanks to Michelle for taking the time out of her day to sit down and write me in the card that I received from **OC&C** for Thanksgiving. That meant so much to me, as it was the very first piece of mail I've received in over three years. It brought tears to my eyes, it was so unexpected. Thank you Michelle that gesture made all the time without a single word from the outside, worth it." - **A.A.**

"Dear **Overcomers for Christ**, currently I am doing thirteen years, I have been here almost a year now. I got one of your newsletters from a lady here and it was like I found my home, then I told someone else and they gave me a few more of your newsletters, they are wonderful. I would really enjoy receiving your newsletters, if possible please. I have read them all from front to back. Some are old (2010) a Christmas one where you are wearing a t-shirt that says Jesus and loud pipes save lives, I love it. I grew up with bikers in New York (I'm from Brooklyn) so I fit right in. I've been searching for a church to call home and I think I found it, if you'll have me. I'm just a baby in Christ but I'm growing each day." - **J.M.**

"Thank you so much for the card that you sent and the words that you wrote in it. They were just what I needed to hear. I thank the Lord too because I know that he put those exact words on your heart to write what you did. How cool is that?" - **J.Q.**

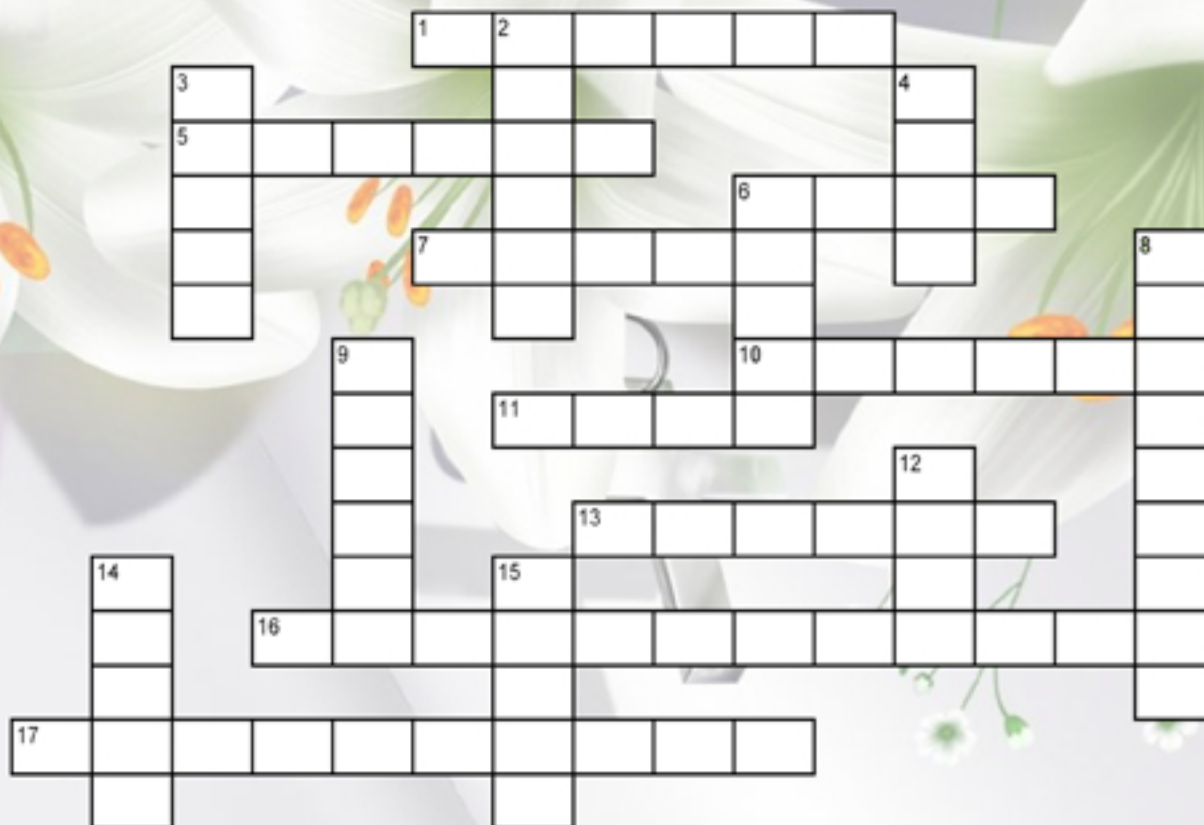
"Thank you for the newsletters each month. I look forward to reading them and sharing them with others here on the run. I especially love Wade's teachings and testimony. Can't wait for next month. I also love the pictures on the inside cover. It would be nice to know who's who. I guess I'll know all that one of these days. It sure will be nice to hang out with you all someday. Maybe even stuff some envelopes and even take a ride. At any rate thank you for all you do for all of us on the inside." - **R.W.**

### Quote Worthy

**"Although God causes all things to work together for good for His children, He still holds us accountable for our behavior."**

**- Kay Arthur - an international Bible teacher, four-time ECPA Christian Book Award winning author, and co-CEO of Precept Ministries International.**

## Easter Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Doubting \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Jesus rode a \_\_\_\_\_ into Jerusalem
  7. Disciple who denied knowing Jesus
  10. Easter season
  11. Colored Easter \_\_\_\_\_
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ of Gethsemane
  16. Easter celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
  17. Sunday before Easter

- DOWN**
2. After 40 days, Jesus ascended to \_\_\_\_\_
  3. An angel rolled away the \_\_\_\_\_ covering the tomb
  4. People greeted Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_ branches
  6. Where Jesus died
  8. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ discovered Jesus had risen
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ sentenced Jesus to die
  12. Season before Easter
  14. \_\_\_\_\_ betrayed Jesus
  15. Easter animal

Answers in next months newsletter!



## Ministry Tithes & Offerings

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**Our Father In Heaven**  
by S.F.

**Dear heavenly Father,  
I thank You for this day Lord.  
I thank You for me being able to see and hear today Lord.  
I'm blessed because You are a forgiving bounder, standing heavenly Father.  
You have done so much for me and You keep blessing me Lord.  
Please forgive me this day for everything I have done, said and thought that  
was not pleasing to You Lord.  
I ask now for Your forgiveness Lord.  
Please keep me safe from all danger and harm Lord God.  
Help me to start each day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude Lord  
God.  
Let me make the best of each and every day Lord.  
Please clear my mind so that I can hear from You and accept those things  
Lord.  
Let me not whine or whimper over things I  
have no control over,  
And give me the best response when I am pushed beyond my limits Lord.  
I know that when I can't or don't pray Lord You listen to my heart Lord.  
Please continue to use me to do Your will Lord God.  
Continue to bless me always so that I may be a blessing to others always  
Lord.  
Keep me strong so I may help the weak Lord.  
Keep me uplifted so I may have the words of encouragement for others Lord.  
I pray for all those that are lost, that can't or won't find their way Lord.  
I pray for those that are misjudged or misunderstood Lord.  
I pray for those that don't know You intimately Lord.  
I pray for those that don't believe in You Lord God.  
But I thank You God that I do believe in You Lord.**

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