



The Lord's Mountain Mover's **NEWSLETTER**

"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

(Matt. 17:20)

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Paul's letter to the Galatians

As the good news about Jesus began to be preached and welcomed among people who were not Jews (Gentiles), the question arose as to whether a person must obey the law of Moses in order to be a true Christian. Paul had argued that this was not necessary - that in fact, the only sound basis for life in Christ was by faith alone, by which all are put right with God.

Among the churches of Galatia, a Roman province in Asia Minor, there had come people who opposed Paul and claimed that one must also observe the law of Moses in order to be right with God. In other words, Gentiles must be circumcised! Paul's letter to the Galatians was written in order to bring back to true faith and practice those people who were being misled by this false teaching. Paul begins by defending his right to be called an apostle of Jesus Christ. He insists that his call to be an apostle came from God, not from any human authority, and that his mission was especially to the non-Jews (Gentiles). He then develops the argument that it is by faith alone that people are put right with God. In the concluding chapters, Paul shows that Christian conduct flows naturally from the love that results from faith in Christ.

Outline of contents:

The book of Acts chapter 15 records the events of the Great Council held in Jerusalem. The men there discuss whether Gentiles could be saved without the law. Both Peter and Paul took part, and Peter said *"Why tempt ye god, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they."* Acts 15:10-11

James, the head of the Jerusalem church, spoke after the discussion was over, pointing out that, according to "Simeon" (Simon Peter), God was taking out from the Gentiles a people for His name (VV.13-14). The leaders were all in agreement: they all preached the same GOSPEL (VV. 8-9).

Further proof of the authenticity of Paul's message was indicated by Peter's failure to defend his inconsistent actions when rebuked by Paul. See Galatians 2:11-18

Peter knew that men were not saved or kept saved by obeying the law, yet he stopped meeting with Gentile believers when he was in Antioch because they had not conformed to Jewish institutions. At first, Peter ate with Gentile believers there; but when Jewish Christians came from Jerusalem he ate only with them and by example, Peter was saying that Gentile believers

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must obey Jewish ceremonial customs. Peter's defection was only temporary, but others, including Barnabas, followed his hypocritical action. See also Matt. 15:7-9 & 23:25-29; Rom. 12:9; 1 John 3:16-18

Christians know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ (V. 16). The works of the law offer no hope of salvation. For a justified Jew or Gentile to place himself under the obligations of the law is for him to act like an unsaved sinner, trying to become righteous by obeying the law. (VV. 17-18)

The gospel of God's grace was settled over 1,900 years ago. False teachers still trouble Church's with the same corrupting doctrine, frustrating the grace of God and placing themselves under the curse of God (see Gal. 3:10-13). We must maintain that *liberty* we have in Christ and not be led astray by an imitation gospel. (see Gal. 1:6-12)

(V. 16) Justified – *in the Greek DIKAIOS* is defined as follows: *to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: free, righteous*. This basic forensics of the Greek word describes a judge declaring an accused person not guilty and therefore innocent before the law (a complete acquittal). Throughout scripture, God declares a guilty sinner not guilty, and thus righteous before Him by imputing to Him the divine righteousness of Christ, and imputing the sinners sin to His sinless Savior for punishment. (see also 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:21-31; 5:1; 1 Pet. 3:18; Acts 13:38-39)

Law - is in reference to circumcision and the Ten Commandments (Law of Moses). To be under the law is to be under a system of trying to earn salvation in our own strength by obeying the law, but to be under grace is to be justified and to live by the indwelling resurrection of Christ. (see John 1:17; Rom. 7:14; Gal.3:10)

Now, what was, and still is the purpose of the law? For the answer, we need to go to Scripture: Rom. 3:19-20 & 28-31; 1 John 3:4; 1 Tim. 1:1-11; Gal. 3:24; Rom. 10:1-4.

Christ Jesus fulfilled the law completely (Matt. 5:17). The law could not curse Him, for He did not break it. By dying, He took our curse on Himself (Gal. 3:13). What the law could not do, God did through "*Sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh*" (Rom. 8:3). Because of our death to the law, we can now live to God. The Apostle Paul said, "*I am circumcised with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me*" Gal. 2:20

We are to rely on the fact that we died to sin through our union with Christ in His crucifixion, and we now live to please Him because we are united with Him in His resurrection life. Christ came to fulfill the law, not destroy it. Our only hope of salvation is in Him, and not by law-keeping or any other human effort on our part - salvation is by faith alone, in Christ alone! He is our righteousness (see also Is. 64:6; Matt. 5:20; 2 Cor. 5:21).

May you rest in the assurance of the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Gabriel Silva

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BE A BARNABAS

How many times?

A real close brother of mine was telling me the other day that he has been struggling with forgiveness. On the receiving side that is. You see, he is still in the flesh and has made some mistakes in his past. Even though he is a Christian, he is still capable of messing up from time to time. Some believers around him are having a hard time extending grace. Have you ever felt that way? Ever given up on someone because they are not meeting your expectations or maturity in Christ? I am glad God didn't do that to me.

“Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”” Matthew 18:21

I think some of us would like it if we could even get that far (I am still talking about being on the receiving end). It really hurts when people take so long, if at all, to forgive us. I wonder why? So I had to think about whether or not I have been that way to others. One thing I felt the Lord point out to me a long time ago, and I try to keep it fresh, if the Holy Spirit hasn't already. That is, when I notice people around me doing something, all the time, and it is starting to bug me. If I were to do a personal inventory, I would notice that I am doing that same very thing, only maybe in different ways.

“Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves....” Matthew 18:22-23

(I really wanted to continue on with Jesus' teaching here, but was hoping to encourage you to take a moment to open your Bible to Matthew 18 to finish the story on your own. Of course, that would be after you finish reading this newsletter and praying for all the people on our prayer list.)

Jesus said seventy times seven. Wow, that is a lot. I sure hope I wouldn't have to go through someone sinning against me that many times in my life. That would hurt.

I think I am being short-sighted here, don't you? Maybe I am missing the grace of God again? Maybe we are? How much pain and suffering did Christ go through for you and I? How much pain is He still going through watching us make mistakes and hurting ourselves and others? Yet we are forgiven.

My prayer for us: Thank you sweet Jesus for being so patient with us and forgiving us of so much. Lord please help us to see those we are losing our patience with, those who we are having a hard time forgiving, and help us to remember how much You have gone through for us. To forgive those who have been short with us when we make mistakes. Build us up, oh Lord, to be Your dwelling place. Glorify Yourself within Your people, in Jesus' name, amen.

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

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We want you!

That's right; the Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry wants you to be a bigger part of what we are doing in God's kingdom. We have received several contributions for your newsletter and thank those of you who have taken the time to send your submissions. We hope that more of you will share some of the talents God has given to you through writing, drawing, etc. Keep them coming. If you send something you need to have back, we will be glad to return it to you, just let us know.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. Due to financial constraints, we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over the world can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. What a privilege we have to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let us keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Previous prayer requests are still there on the website for people to read. We are wondering if your prayer has been answered yet? We want to know and share it with everyone else who reads the newsletter, so keep us updated. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior.

October – November 2015 Prayer List

Sandra M.....Pray that she does well in hip replacement surgery and gets back on her feet in recovery without any complications.

George W.Pray for his recovery from a serious car accident. Pray for the family members during this trying time. He is in an Ohio hospital. He is on feeding and breathing tubes. Better news today 10-06-15, he is responding to external requests (wiggle toes, squeeze hand. follow finger with eyes, etc.) with a lot of prompting.

Roger CPrayer for him in his current situation that it will be resolved soon.

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- Anthony S.Pray that my brothers in Christ; get blessed, have a speedy trial and go home soon.
- Steve T.Pray for God's favor over trial- strength in fasting prayer, soften his wife's heart and not divorce him.
- Winifred W. ...Pray that the attacks on chapel, pastor get resolved and evening services are restored.
- Maurice A.Request urgent prayer for his young niece not to be tried as an adult and for his warrant to be dismissed.
- Todd S.Prayer for Theresa, that God would hold her tight and take care of His child while I am gone. Pray for her health issues too. Prayer for himself: protect and guide him through his incarceration and recovery from addiction issues. Prayer for Pastor Pete to never give up on me. Pray that God will use his time in prison to build him up and help him to submit to God once and for all.
Brother Todd has gone on to be with the Lord. Pray for his family.
- Richard L.Please pray that he gets right with the Lord before he gets a life sentence, he is messing up bad.
- J. JacksonRequest prayer for Soledad Prison and its staff. Prayer for the Jackson and Packer family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again. Prayer that I will be a good person and husband and we will have a good life together.
- Greg.....Prayer for clear vision on what God wants to do with "The Cure" Ministry. Maintain ministry's focus on God only. Also prayer for his marriage to Shelia as he gets ready to go home. Also prayer for Shelia as she recovers from a work injury. Update on previous prayer requests; Aaron passed SD Sheriff's test, Stephen is working at a Christian Camp, Justin has a job at Toyota Dealership and is working for EMT position.
- Sonhai H.....Requesting prayer for her and the family so she could talk to her brother Jonathan.
- Brian D.....Prayer for his relationship with his father and as he strives to give up drinking.
- DouglasPrayer for God to help him become the man that He desires and change his old ways.
- Steven W.....Prayer for himself and his mother as his father passed away and the family is going through the grief process.
- R. WhiteThat the Lord will open doors for suitable housing upon his being paroled. **Praise report: He has found a place to welcome him and is doing well, reconnecting with brothers. And family**

Alice S.....Chesapeake VA – prayer for personal issues.

Sheila.....Prayer for her health issues, finances and God’s direction for personal decisions.

Greg.....**Praise report:** God is in control, using me, and I am being blessed by Him. Woo Hoo!

Helen &
Hazel C.....Prayer for their dialysis treatments and recovery from health issues.

Kenny J.Requests prayer for steady employment.

Gabriel SHis mom, Rosie, his Uncle and brother who need prayer for recovery from health issues.

Stephen.....Prayer for change in career course.

Justin**Praise report;** finished EMT school and looking for work.

Joshua.....Continued prayer for personal issues.

The C.U.R.E...Prayer for God’s guidance and provision.

Greg FPrayer for answered prayer in his period of fasting.

BenjaminGuatemala, Praise report for Bibles that their church has received. Asking for prayer for his family, the church that they might finish the floor, the windows and doors.

Barbara MPray for her marriage and family.

Jamie PFavor with the Parole Board and upcoming hearing.

Linda DContinued recovery from health issues.

Rich H.....Living situation and employment. Prayer for his sister Darlene who was just diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for the family also.

Sandy (Bill
A’s Sister)Pray for her continued recovery from health issues.

Robert BPray for God’s direction and provision in his life.

George &
Amy.....Lift them both up in prayer.

TJ L.....Pray for his health issues.

Bob P.....Needs prayer, was just diagnosed with stage two and four cancer in lymphatic system.

Joanne R.....Her and the rest of the family need your prayers as they continue to deal with the loss of a child to cancer.

Jose

Rodriguez.....Pray for his ex-wife as she deals with an abusive relationship. Also prayer for his parents (dad's recovery from surgery and mom's health issues).

Larry K.....Asks for prayer for Lisa and her daughter. They need your prayer for God in their lives and peace in their home. He also has a praise report that God is setting the church in order where he is at and that the spirit is moving in the hearts of fellow believers.

Pray for.....Christians who are facing the loss of their lives for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Darrell R.....Prayer for his health and life issues.

G. GortonPrayer for housing and work upon his release.

Pastor Gray.....Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen him as he brings the light of the gospel to those who are still trapped in darkness of sin and false gospels. Prayer for all those who are following in his faithful footsteps.

Thomas M.....Pray for his upcoming review by the board and release back where he belongs. Also pray for his dear friend George that his health holds up.

Sebastian M....Prayer for his continual growth in Christ. Prayer for his children's salvation and wellbeing.

Peter APray that he gets the needed help battling the worldly challenges and gets steady employment.

Randy CHe was in a car accident and needs prayer for healing and replacement of his vehicle.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

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