



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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Is Your Faith on Life Support?

(Part One)

With the pandemic that the world has been dealing with over the past year we are far more aware of the term, being on life support. Individuals who have contracted the COVID-19 virus and suffered the worst affects have ended up on life support. Some have recovered, and unfortunately, some have not.

External measures have been used to either sustain or replace the function of the internal organs designed to keep us alive and functioning normally. Those who have contracted this virus have been isolated while the uninfected take measures not to become infected. As we have witnessed, the whole world has been affected by this virus in one way or another. Most likely one man (I use this noun in the gender neutral) initiated the spread of this deadly virus to all of mankind. Although many vaccines have been, and will be, produced things will never be the same again.

Some six to seven thousand years ago something similar but far more deadly happened. In the Garden of Eden, where life began for mankind, perfection and harmony existed. Then Satan lured Eve to a fruitful tree and misrepresented God's commands and warnings. Eve fell for it and shared it with Adam and the greatest most powerful virus (I will use this word "virus" in the colloquial sense throughout this article when referring to sin) entered the world and infected every human being and the world we live in. (Read Genesis chapter three)

As "so called" experts rush to find and vaccine to protect human beings from this deadly COVID-19 virus odds are that they will never find a cure that will completely eradicate this, or any other virus. It is believed that only two infectious diseases have been completely eradicated "to date", smallpox, and rinderpest. Even though scientists thought smallpox had been eradicated earlier, in 1978 a 40-year-old woman contracted it and died. So much for the boasting of man.

As the Apostle Paul wrote, *"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."* (Romans 5:12) So what has mankind done to try and combat this deadly virus? We have not tried to resolve the issue but compounded it, we have become inventors of evil!

In Romans Chapter 1:28-32, Paul writes, *"²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled*

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*with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, **inventors of evil**, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”*

Mankind inherently knew that something was wrong within them. They made futile attempts to fix the problem by inventing gods and making sacrifices, even human sacrifices, to try and get some sort of appeasement and be rid of their internal peril. Our next solution was to concoct religious rites, rituals, and practices that might protect and free us from our doomed state. It appears as though man has now abandoned its collective effort to seek a cure.

Finally, we have moved beyond creating gods, offering futile sacrifices, and concocting man-made acts of worship to something that just might work to finally solve the issue of sin. We will legalize it! Surely that will eradicate the problem by reidentifying it, calling it something other than it really is. Oh, aren't we a smart bunch of people, maybe we should build some sort of tower in commemoration of our achievement? (Hope you got the rhetorical humor in that last sentence.)

The real problem that mankind faces is sin, and it is always fatal. Romans 6:23, *“the wages of sin is death.”* So, by legalizing sinful behavior we do not eliminate the problem but in fact we end up exacerbating it. And God's word does not limit the consequences only to those who commit sinful acts but also to those who approve of such things (vote for or turn a blind eye to). Scripture says, *“and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”* (Romans 1:32) I believe the clearer understanding of this verse tells us that even though we might not commit one sin that we disapprove of, but by committing a different sin we condone sinning. So, by committing our self-approved of sin it ends up condoning the sin others commit that we might not approve of. Live and let live is the mantra of this religion but in reality, it is die and let die. Sad but true.

So, what is the solution to the problem, or should I say crisis, we all face? It should be more than obvious that the problem cannot be the solution. No more than water can save a drowning man, or more altitude can save someone who is falling to their death, sin cannot cure sin. What we do is a direct symptom of who we are. Sinning does not make us sinful, being sinful makes us sin. James points this out very clearly when he wrote, *“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by **his own lust**.”* (James 1:14) Man cannot cure man, plain and simple. It is scientifically, historically, and biblically impossible both in thought and in deed. If it were so, then it would have already happened.

So, what is the solution?

There is no vaccine, no salve, no pill, no ideology, no treatment, no psychology, no law, no science, no government, no politician, no doctor, no immunologist, no man nor any group of men, or any other thing man can, has, or will put his hand to. But be ye not dismayed there is a solution to our problem, the person of Jesus Christ. The shedding of His blood has given man the solution to the internal and fatal problem we all are infected with, being a sinful human being.

We were helpless but our help has come, not from man but from God through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ our Savior. Not an antidote or immunization but an atonement, a justification, a sanctification, and eventually a glorification. What we have suffered with and from will be removed once and for all and we can never be infected again. Hallelujah and praise God!

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:6-11)

While the world waits for a vaccine that “might” protect them from the possibility of getting sick and dying from COVID-19 it does not have to wait to receive Jesus Christ and be saved from sure and eternal death from being what we are from birth, sinners. Many people across the world will refuse to take a vaccine for COVID-19 out of fear, trepidation, pride, political bias, resentment, ideology, or many other reasons. I have no real stance on this right now as it is all new and in a state of constant flux. Will I take it or not, I do not know? Will I receive an injection on the “possibility” that I might get COVID-19 is yet to be seen?

What I do have a stance on is what we all suffer from, being sinners by nature.

Those who have realized their doomed state as sinners. Not because of what they have done but because of what they are. If they have reached out to the only solution to this inherent problem. If they have placed their faith in Jesus Christ and accepted atonement through His shed blood. Then they have received the permanent solution to the internal and eternal problem.

Just like many will not take the COVID-19 vaccine for whatever reason, many will not accept, believe in, receive, or place their faith in Jesus Christ. Many are blaming others for not getting the COVID-19 vaccine out quickly enough to those who are at high risk and finally to everyone else. Everyone has a “bigger and better” plan than the other person. Who is to blame for not getting the Gospel Message out to everyone, as everyone is “high risk?” God has the only plan that will work but others will argue that point and end up dying an eternal death. Did those who died from COVID-19 or any other cause ever hear about the certain fate they were facing of dying in their sin and facing an eternal consequence for which there is no solution, vaccine, or cure?

Who is to blame for not sharing and professing the shed blood of Jesus Christ through the Gospel Message? Everyone who has received it and turned a blind and heartless heart towards those who are perishing. In both cases it is everyone who has received it and not strived to live it out in their daily lives. The Gospel Message will only be as effective in its perception to others as it has been lived out in our lives. If the COVID-19 vaccine proves out to be only partially effective, then many will not receive it based solely on that fact. That could be fatal. If our profession of Jesus Christ proves out to be only

partially effective through our life and our choices, then many will not receive the Gospel Message. That will be fatal!

We will continue this message in the next issue. God bless us all and may we pause to thank and pray for God's guidance in all things.

Pastor Pete

How would you like to bless and encourage someone?

We would love to receive your testimony of how God has impacted your life in the past or present. God does things in our lives not only to bless us, but to be an inspiration to others who may be facing some of the same circumstances we have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God's working in your life. 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. 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.

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. Send us your praise reports! 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 we are standing in the gap as prayer warriors.

Please note: We ask that you try to keep your prayer requests short when using the prayer request form. We have limited print space so multiple pages of hand-written requests (or Bible tracts, lengthy stories, and Bible scripture) we are unable to publish.

January - February 2021 Prayer List

EveryoneWe would like everybody to pray for the all those who are being impacted in one way or another by covid-19. Especially pray for those families who have lost loved ones.

- Tom OPrayer for me to be reunited with my family after years in prison, and to help me financially.
- Don H.....Prayer for his family as he passed from Covid-19 while serving a life sentence in prison.
- Dave GPrayer that the L.A. D.A. wins court battle to reduce sentences for all LA counties. Which will spread to all other counties so we can all get reduced sentences. May the Lord help me to continue to trust him for deliverance from this illegal sentence.
- Set Free
Ministry.....Prayer that God continues to provide for this ministry Spiritually, financially, emotionally, and physically.
- General.....Prayer for all those who are struggling with the COVID-19 virus and its wide-reaching affects.
- PattyPatty and her family need prayer for those who were involved in a roll-over car accident.
- Larry K.....Prayer that the Lord would open and close doors per His will for an out-of-state transfer of parole. Several family members want me to live with them in in two different states. I ask the Lord to guide me to the one he wants. I feel overwhelmed that my family wants me. Thank you, Lord.
- Marla WPrayer for safe gallbladder surgery and fast recovery.
Praise Report: Recovering well almost back to normal.
- Sandy D.....Prayer for her as she lost her husband Bill.
- Pete C.....Prayer to reunite with his daughter and her family.
- Carmen &
Darrell R.....Prayer for help with health and finances.
- George B.....Prayer to reunite with his daughter and her family absent in his life for 14 years.
- Frank B.....Prayer for my family – faith, hope, love – righteousness, godliness, holiness. Wife’s relationship with daughters, Son staying with grandmother, alcohol issues, son who is a good husband-father.
- Tammi H.....Prayer for healing from auto accident.
- Joey APrayer for father who is not in good health, I ask God to bless my father Robert with a long life so I can be with him upon my release from prison. May God bring us together. May my father be blessed with prosperity to help pay his bills.

Juan S.....Christ our Lord I am declaring my faith in him. Jesus Christ I am believing in a miracle. Come forth, cure my loneliness, my finances, my liberty, and all my works. Bless me a miracle to be blessed prosperous, turn all opposition into Christ Jesus to come forward for filling all my needs, God's goodness to come forth.

Charles E.....Prayer for my mental health and a smooth transition as I have entered a new institution.

Lee K.....Prayer for all Incarcerated brothers and sisters. Ask the Lord to keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide shelter in His grace. I also ask the Lord for a companion who would share and value each other's emotional needs.

Brad W.....Pray for Brad who is fighting for life, with the challenges of cancer.

Monica HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. **Praise report: She is doing well and going back to work the first week of Jan. 2021**

Rogelio CPrayer to reconcile with his daughter who has been absent from his life for 13 years.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

Place request in Newsletter Yes No

(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

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