

# Overcomers for Christ

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# Becoming a Member of God's Family ... An Overcomer for Christ

By M.D.

So, I was sitting here this morning finishing up with my regular studies when the Lord brought you to my mind. So, I began to pray and meditate on what God would have me write for the newsletter. That's when the Lord said to me, "Write something for the man that doesn't know Me and picks up the newsletter for the first time." That's what I did and here it is.

In the Old Testament, God promised to send a Messiah, or Savior, to His people. The Messiah would save God's people from their sins, from the wrong things everyone has done. The people in the Old Testament times knew about the promise of a Savior and looked for Him.

In the New Testament, God's promise came true! The Savior was born in Bethlehem, and exactly where God had promised. Listen, "***But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.***" (***Micah 5:2***) Jesus Christ was born, grew up and died for our sins.

God's Word always comes true. You can trust God's faithfulness, for He made it possible for you to become a member of His family - an Overcomer. Here are five easy steps to read through and follow.

## Step one: God loves you

The Bible says in ***1 John 4:8*** that "***God is love.***" He loves you very much. He loves you because He made you and He is concerned about you and your life today.

## Step two: You have sinned

The Bible clearly says that you and ALL other people have sinned. In ***Romans 3:23*** we read, "***... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...***"

We have all done wrong, and our sins keep us from being friends with God. As you read the Old Testament sin always leads to trouble. Because you are a sinner, your sin will cause much trouble in your life. ***Romans 6:23*** tells us how bad this trouble will ultimately be, "***The wages of sin is death.***" God doesn't kill you for your sins but eventually you will destroy yourself by continually sinning.

God does not want you to ruin your life with sin. It makes Him sad when you sin and spoil your happiness, and the happiness of other people in your life. Because of sin, you cannot enjoy God's loving presence in your life, AND you cannot live with God in heaven. Not one of us by even our best efforts is able to remove sin from our lives or earn God's forgiveness.

In the beginning of the Bible is the story of Adam and Eve, the first two people God created. (See ***Genesis 1:26-31***) Adam and Eve lived happily with God until they disobeyed Him. (See ***Genesis Chapter 3***) That was the first sin. One of the results of that sin was that Adam and Eve were separated from God, thereby robbing them of lives greatest joy and ultimately bringing the penalty of death on themselves. (Also ***Genesis Chapter 3***) All of us sin and someday each of us will die too.

However, the Bible is clear that there is another life after we die. The Bible is also clear that sin will continue to separate people from God's love forever. Because everybody has sinned, how does anybody get to go to heaven?

## Step three: God paid the price

The Bible continues, in ***Romans 6:23-24*** and says, "***For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.***" The result of sin is death. However, because God loves you so much, He offers eternal life as His free gift. You cannot work hard enough to earn eternal life. All you can do is accept it as a gift. God gave His one and only Son to die for you on the Cross. (See ***John 3:16***)

The Bible tells us in ***1 Corinthians 15:3***, "***Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.***" Because Jesus was the perfect Man (without sin) He accepted the results of sin and death in your place. ***1 John 4:14*** says, "***... the Father sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.***"

## Step four: God will forgive you

If you will admit to God that you have sinned and believe in your heart (See ***Romans 10:9-10***) that God gave His only Son to die in your place, God will forgive you and make you clean from all sin. In fact the Bible says, in ***1 John 1:9***, "***But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.***"

Tell God that you know you have been a sinner. Tell God that you believe Jesus Christ is the only way to have your sins

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forgiven. Tell God that you want to learn to love and follow Christ in every area of your life. Then when you believe it, tell God how great and wonderful He is! It is easy to talk to God. Jesus taught us to talk to Him as we would a loving Father. He is always ready to listen. What you are going to tell Him He has been waiting to hear from you.

If you believe and have told God you believe, you are now a child of God! Again, **Romans 10:9-10** promises, **"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."** From that moment, God has forgiven ALL of your sins ... past, present and future sins. But, just because He has forgiven even your present and future sins this does not mean that you make a mockery of His grace and use it as 'a license to sin'.

You are NOW a Christian. That makes you a member of God's family and an **Overcomer for Christ**. God has made everything right between you and Him. **Romans 3:22** tells us, **"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."** **2 Corinthians 5:21** says, **"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."** He has forgiven you and looks on you as if you had never sinned!

#### **Step five: NOW, you can live as God's child, an Overcomer!**

The Bible tells us in **John 1:12**, **"But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God."** As a child of God, you receive God's gift of everlasting life. You do not have to wait to get to heaven to experience this great life, it begins the very second you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior. God is with you now and forever. Now that you are a member of God's family and an Overcomer for Christ, God desires that you live as His child.

#### **You CAN talk to God**

Because God is your heavenly Father, He wants you to talk to Him through prayer. Don't be afraid, you can talk to God about how you feel or any issue in your life. Always remember to thank Him for His gifts to you and ask Him to help you obey and follow Him. **John 10:27-28** promises, **"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from Me ..."**

You can also talk with God when you sin. Repentance means to turn away from the wrong you know you've done and then confess it to Him and He is faithful to forgive you. (Again, see **1 John 1:9**) God will not only forgive you but He will also help you to do what He asks of you in His Word.

#### **You can (MUST) read God's Word**

God has given us His Word, the Bible, so that everyone can read about Him and His great love for us. You can only find out more about God by reading about Him in your Bible. As you read God's Word, you will stay close to Him. And the more you read the more you'll get to know Him better and better. His Holy Spirit in you will always help you to do what is right, when you listen and obey. **Psalms 119:11** states, **"I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You."**

#### **You CAN obey God**

First of all, your heavenly Father wants you to obey Him so in His Word He tells you how you should live. Jesus summed up God's law with just these two commandments in **Matthew 22:37-39**, **"You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."** God wants you to be an expression of His love in and to the world.

#### **You CAN tell others about Jesus**

Jesus speaking here in **Acts 1:8**, says this, **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** Yes this was Jesus speaking to His disciples before He returned back to His Father in heaven. Even though Jesus was speaking to His disciples, He has included you as His new disciple and so, these same words apply to you/us too. It's really easy. You can be a witness for Jesus by telling others about Him and how His love has helped you. You can ask God to give you opportunities each day to tell about Him, and to show His love! Welcome to the Family!

**THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)**

## Prayer Requests

I need some help to restart my life, I have nothing and no family, my parents are deceased and my grandma is 87 and can't help me. I need to get my license fixed and clothes and all, so I can go to work. I am a Christian and have been since I was a kid, my grandma instilled a love for Jesus in me and I wouldn't have made it in life if not for Jesus in the world and in prison. I pray and thank God every day for all things. As I said, I've written numerous churches and organizations over this past year and not even received a response and I honestly had given up, but I pray and ask for help and guidance daily, knowing God will answer. Then this guy next to me sent your December 2019 newsletter and told me to write you after talking to him at length about my situation. I got \$32 left to my name. I ask to please pray for me and my kids and my grandma, also my cellmate and his family. I thank you for your newsletters and all you do for fellow Christians, you are all in my prayers as well ... **A.O.**

If y'all could please pray for my wife. She struggles with anxiety, like really bad, but she refuses to take medicine for it. She's stressed out and living alone. I'm praying that she seeks God more and reaches out to people online to ask for prayer/fellowship. God would keep her viral free and heal her of this burden and lastly that my kids would be in her life more ... **B.M.**

I have been reading my Bible and praying for **Overcomers for Christ**. I really, really like the letter you sent me, it was good to get it from you. God is good all the time. I know that I am in the will of God to do God's will. Please pray for me and my family. I ask that you pray please pray for me that I will do what God wants me to do in my life. So, that I can do the will of God. I continue to enjoy your newsletters. The letters you send me, the love you gave me, it is from God. It is good to do the work of God, so we can do what we know is from God. Knowing that God has a purpose for me, serving the Lord is what He likes us to do ... **L.F.**

Please pray for me **DS&S** family. I pray to God nearly every day and I ask Him to please give me the strength to move on with my life and stop thinking about my past so much. I'm sure it's the enemy that keeps me locked in that state of mind. So I find it hard for me to do because I don't have support from my own family, except for my mother. Could you all agree with me that I be able to grasp the strength the Lord has already given to me and stop focusing so much on my past and instead focus on what lies ahead of me, my future? I'm also asking for His guidance down the path that He has set before me, that He send me someone that I could write back and forth, someone with a good heart that won't judge me for my past. Also pray that I am transferred to a different prison this summer. Thanks in advance to all you prayer warriors ... **A.H.**

## Praise Reports

It's nice hearing from you. Thank you for your words of encouragement. This coronavirus stuff has a lot of people freaked out. In fact, before it hits us in here, GEO has decided to make administrative moves within our yard to group us people who have similar jobs assignments. I am excited to see what God has for us. I look at it like when God scattered the believers from the Jerusalem church and they were encouraged to better spread the Word outside among the nations. I am 74 days away from my release. I do have a real peace about living with my mom. I am a pre-planner and a list maker, but I'm keeping my expectations in check because normal life might be shifting quite a bit for quite a lot of the world. I've had more opportunities lately to share about Christ than ever. I've let people know about my peace. I'm hoping this peace can spread even faster through my people here than any virus could. I tell them, "Yeah, I'm ready to leave here and go home, but I'm also prepared to go home, home with a capital 'H', heaven. Leading worship these last five years has grown me a lot. Thanks to prison, I was able to find the time to return to school and I got my seminary degree ... **B.M.**

Shalom through our Yeshua! What a wonderful card you sent me and by your own hand. During this very interesting time, I can tell you that we are taking it all in stride. As you heard by now, Hickman's have laid off men for about six weeks. We who work at Swift are full steam ahead. The trucks and trailers need to be able to roll. The mood of us who are still working are grateful and knowingly responsible. There are many believers on this yard. I have witnessed many whom have come to the faith and whom returned, too. What a time to live in ... **R.H.**

It was great hearing from you. I'm glad all is well with you and your family. A lot of chaos lately with the world, but these types of things will always happen as long as humanity exists. Everything here is pretty much the same as always, except for visits being cancelled. We are feeling the anxiety due to the changes in the world. But I do believe things happen for a reason, and sometimes it might be for us to take a closer look at our lives and surroundings. I really do appreciate my life even the hard times. God gave us such a great gift. Hope all stays well with you and your family ... **S.B.**

Brother, I thank you as I really needed someone through this remaining 2 1/2 years to go and I really want to be a part of your church when I get out of here. The church here at Red Rock is amazing and the glory of Christ's Word is powerful. I come back from church glowing, Praise God! It was great that I landed here and that you were able to baptize me. Love and glory be to Christ our Lord! By the way, the **DS&S** is one of the best newsletters I've ever read. Glory to Christ our Lord. Thanks for everything ... **R.C.**

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## From the Inside

### A Good Conscience

By M.D.

I felt compelled to write you a little letter and send in an article for consideration for the newsletter. I hope this gets to you in the midst of all God's blessings. I often think of you and I ask the Lord to not only richly bless you, but to keep us connected in our fellowship and allow our friendships to grow over these years.

God gave us all the capacity to discern right from wrong. For each person this inner compass known as a conscience is programmed with a distinct belief set and therefore functions differently from everyone else's. From the moment we begin processing instructions and warnings our conscience is developing a code of conduct by which we live.

Whether the authority figures in your life offered sound life principles and fair consequences, or provided little guidance of real value, your conscience collected the data. As children grow into adulthood, they pay attention to the words and actions of others. Both positive and negative results are added to the data. People who disappoint us teach just as much as those who impress.

The programming continues throughout life, so every situation we encounter has the capacity to affect our decisions and actions. The conscience is a flexible tool; it can absorb new data and adjust a person's values and perspective. That's good news for those who begin with poor programming but find valuable biblical guidance later on.

Yet flexibility is potentially bad news for those who expose themselves repeatedly to falsehood and vain philosophies. If they ignore wisdom and truth, they will assimilate the deceptive viewpoints of modern culture. The consequence itself isn't a wholly reliable resource, but it's a tool of the one who is completely trustworthy. The Holy Spirit works in conjunction with our inborn moral compass, giving direction when the conscience blares a warning, and interpreting God's Word when a course direction or correction is needed.

### Question to Overcomers

By M.G.

Sorry it took so long to write, I have been having trouble with this prison and getting my envelopes every month. If it wasn't for my celly and God, I wouldn't have been able to write you at all. Please keep me on the mailing list of *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter please. I love reading it. It helps me, and your words do, too.

Well, not much going on with me. Just waiting to go to the yard, and get to work, and be able to be around other Christians. I am trying to stay upbeat but sometimes this place can put you into a funk. I turn to Jesus, I read your letters and I pray. Not to sound emotional, but you are the only one who writes me, and you put your words into action. I love you Christian brother and I thank you for showing this man other people do care and that God loves me, and I can do better. Your words, your actions and your love mean the world to me.

Question to other Overcomers ... I was reading *Psalms 40*, which I love. **Verse 2** says, "**He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock.**" I think that He was Jesus, and He was the Rock, because in **Verse 3**, "**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in Him.**" It seems to me to be talking of two people. What do you think?

Well, I have been studying and reading. I can't wait to be around other brothers that I can learn from or teach. I can't wait to be able to go to church. In this prison, we are not allowed to move around, trapped in my cell. But God will put me where He wants me and I will praise Him for all He does for me.

### Family In Christ

By B.A.

Praise God for the scars! Count it all joy! I actually understand this idea a little bit now.

Thank you *Overcomers for Christ*, brothers and sisters in Christ, for being there to read this letter, to hear me. I am just another one of God's children who could not get it right. I am on this ride now for eight flat and have three years left. It's

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## From the Inside

my fourth go around and I'll end up with just over thirteen years in once I walk away. Praise God, I will walk away with my head held high and let it be known that my relationship with Christ is the reason why I made it through.

I just went through a long season of loss. It first started with my freedom. But it took this loss to get the rest rolling, I guess. I lost who I thought I was in the process of spending the rest of my seasons with, I lost my ole lady (kind of expected that though). I lost my bio dad. Then I lost my brother, he was my closest friend. The deaths of my dad and my brother, while I was in here, made me learn how to grieve and accept God's plan without getting high to get through it. The ole lady moving on taught me that the only relationship I need to focus on is my relationship with Christ. I still have my mom, my step dad, sons and a couple of friends that are still pulling for me. I love them dearly but the focus or priority has to be the Lord!

The loss of who I thought I was, was a great loss because it has allowed me to let the Holy Spirit search my heart and teach me, little by little, just who God intends me to be. I have actually started to like who I am and love my new self, Praise God!

I don't know if this season is over yet, my mom and my step dad are both in not so great health. I hope and pray they are going to make it through this last term with me. But if not, I've learned well that this is okay too. I serve a God with a plan and even if I don't understand it, I know it's best for His purpose.

Through this season I have gained so much. I have been blessed and I am so very grateful. I finally get the opportunity to repay a little of my debt to society through service to the community. I made it on to a wild fire crew and look forward to that. We will see if that is what the Lord has intended for the next three years. I think it may be, I have had the desire to do this for a long time and it is finally happening.

Anyways ... thank you all for being who you are and doing what you do! I hope to maybe get a chance to meet some of you in the future and maybe get in the wind together. That's one of my hearts desires and one of the things I pray about, to be able to ride with brothers and sisters in Christ one day.

### Glory To God

**B.E.**

I lost my dad. It really rocked me and the pain I felt was really something I thought I was ready for, something 'I' could handle. He died in his home. My mother and my brother went to check on him and he had fallen and broken his hip and they found him upside down in a pool of blood. He passed a sad horrible way. All of that got my mind racing to 'foul play' due to the fact that a family friend was there with him most of the time. It seems that he and pops had words and now he won't come around anymore. This is so unlike him so my mom also doesn't understand it and has questions.

As you know satan is trying to hurt me more than I already am. **BUT**, I rebuke him and his trickery ways! I let him know that I am a son of the King of kings, I know of his trials and I refuse to fold or budge! I continue to pray even harder and stand in faith. I do hurt for my mom and my brother, I hurt that I am not there and this pain is real. I've thought and thought and I know that he has accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior a few months before his passing.

I remain very strong in my faith. When I was last released from prison, the next day my son was in a terrible car accident. I thought then that that struggle and pain would be the worst ever. I don't want to sound selfish or even seem as I'm complaining to you, it's just that I know we've shared the similar pain as we've both came from similar pasts before we woke up and realized Jesus died for ALL our sins and He paid in full and now it all makes sense. You know, it's amazing and awesome! WOW!

For once, through this pen and paper I do feel better and connected. I know that my dad loved me as I loved him. It was great to hear him tell me that he loved me before he passed and that he was preparing to come visit me but it's still hard because I am away from my family and mourning by myself. You know it's difficult to mourn in here so I keep my feelings and memories to myself. Thanks for the shoulder and wiping these few tears I shed.

**Isaiah 47:1-50:11**

Babylon got caught up in their own greatness to the point of Nebuchadnezzar claiming himself as a 'God' but God himself taught Nebuchadnezzar a lesson by taking everything away from him.

As a society, we've become addicted to pleasure but this can all quickly vanish. As a people, we need to look inward and figure out how we can be better with the gifts God has given to us. Using our lives to honor God instead of ourselves. (47:8-9)

Here we see that God tests us, rather than complain of the circumstances, we should turn to God for what we need to endure the testing. (48:10)

As we read of the captives leaving from Babylon, as free people, think of what may be holding you captive and ask God to free you from your captivity. (48:20)

Christ makes it possible for every nation to recognize salvation. It was His apostles who began the mission of spreading the Gospel to every nation. Today's missionaries continue the Great Commission of taking the light of God's Word to all nations. (49:1-7)

If we feel as though God has forsaken us, we need to ask if it is us who have forgotten or forsaken God. (49:14-15)

When we put confidence in our own accomplishments, instead of in God, we risk the chance of torment later, when our own abilities begin to falter or fade. (50:10-11)

**Ephesians 6:1-24**

As you do battle against the mighty powers of darkness, fight in the strength of the church, whose power comes from the Holy Spirit. (6:10-17)

**Psalms 70:1-5**

Praise is important because it helps us remember who God is. Often our prayers are filled with requests for ourselves and others and we forget to thank God for what He has done and to worship Him for who He is. Don't take God for granted and treat Him as a vending machine. Even when David was afraid, he praised God. (70:4)

**Proverbs 24:15-16**

Don't mess with the godly, don't rob them for they may fall seven times, but every time they will rise again. Yet one calamity is enough to keep the wicked down. (24:15-16)

**“Foot” Notes**

Hey brothers and sisters. I know there's times, especially to those of us on the inside, may question how significant our role in the body of Christ may be and even tend to devalue our role in the body of Christ. Well, trust in knowing that God uses us with our, shall we say ... unique skill sets or lifestyles to reach others like us. How many times has a regular Joe/Jane tried to bring us to Christ and we pull back because we think, "There's no way these regular people have a clue to what our lives entail."

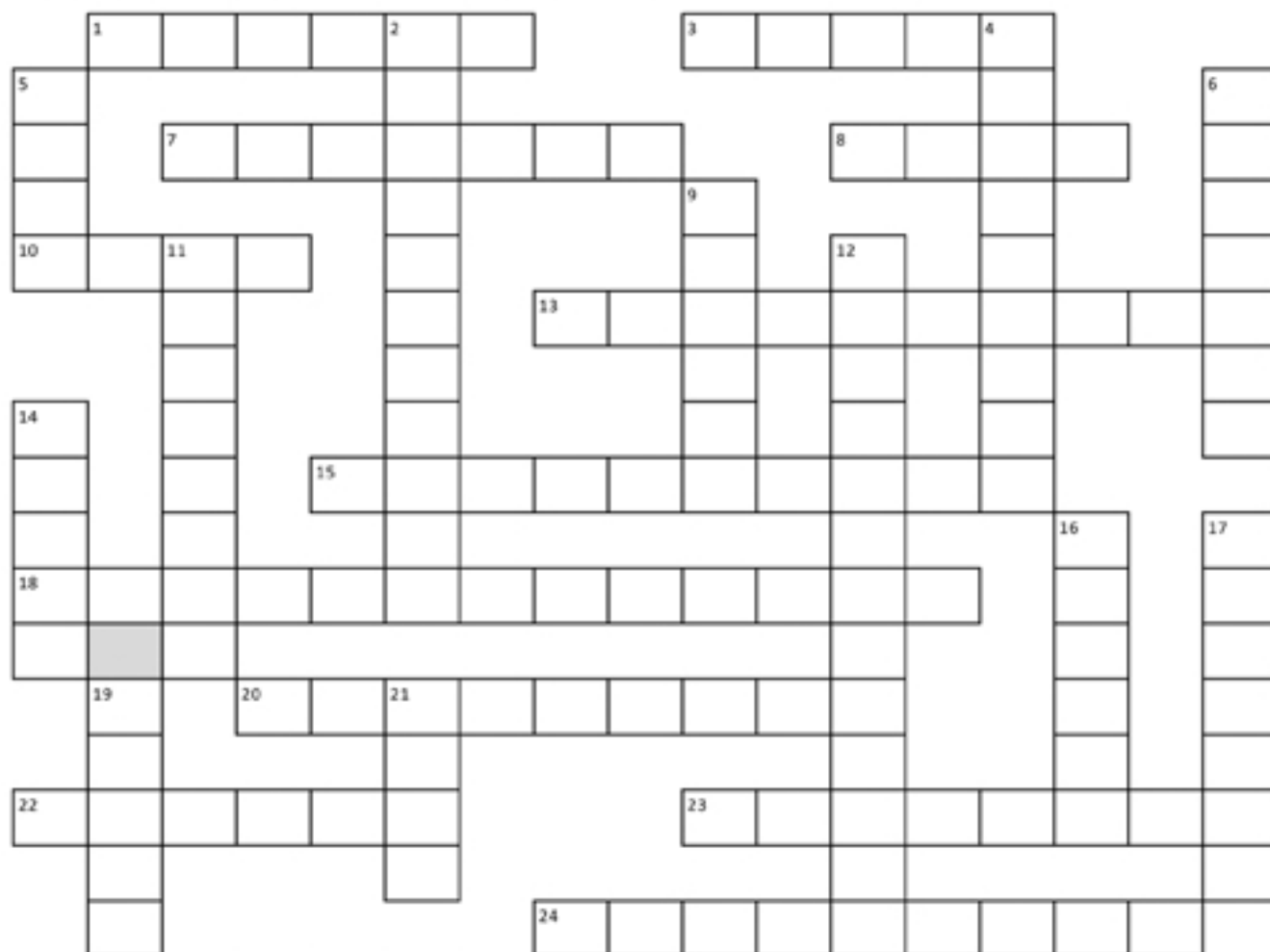
For me, it took one of my brothers serving God for me to welcome God for myself. So just the fact that we walk in faith in 'this' environment can bring others into the body of Christ. So don't underestimate the need for your role in the work of God.

Vaya con Dios ... Love to you all short and tall ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!



## Bible Crossword - The Sermon on the Mount

The crossword uses the King James Version of the Bible



### Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel
- 3 Let yours shine before men
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store
- 8 If you do this, you will find
- 10 These should not be done in view of men
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of His sermon
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this
- 20 They were with Jesus when He gave the sermon
- 22 You can't serve God and this
- 23 Fellow believers
- 24 The earth is this to God

### Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as an example of how to communicate with God
- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door
- 11 Where the sermon was given
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends
- 16 They which do this shall be filled
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this

## Brainwashed

By S.B.

As we all know some people have a certain opinion about Christians and their beliefs. One of those opinions is that we are "**Brainwashed**". I have to admit that at one time I was one of those people that thought like that. I used to think and even say, "Man those guys are brainwashed. They just want something to believe, and the story's in the Bible have them believing anything." In the Webster's Dictionary the definition of the word 'brainwashed' is; *To indoctrinate so thoroughly as to affect a radical change of beliefs and attitudes.* This is an interesting thought to me mostly because the term brainwashed has been used in such a negative way when describing Christians.

As I thought more about the dictionary's meaning, and then thinking about my own belief before I became a Christian, we have been brainwashed from the time we were born. This comes from what we learned as a child from T.V., music, movies, friends, other people as well as the things we've seen around us. All those things have formed our attitudes and a belief system. Think about that for a minute. For me, it's been from birth to age 45, when I REALLY turned my life over to Christ that I have had those **beliefs** and **attitudes** pounded into my belief system. And that was a thorough brainwashing for sure!

I've come to realize that all the beliefs and attitudes I've picked up through all these years has affected my life, AND my ability to manage my life in a BIG WAY! It's been a real mess! Since I've clearly not done a very good job with this gift of life from God, and since the definition of 'brainwashed' means to thoroughly indoctrinate an effect of radical change of my beliefs and attitudes, then, YES, please sign me up to 'wash my brain'! Clearly I need it!


I've told Him, "Thank You, Jesus! And Jesus You might want to bring the POWER WASHER because it's pretty dirty in there." Isn't it awesome that God's Word promises that He's here for us? I pray every day that God will brainwash me, and get all the stuff out that have been lies from the devil. I pray that God will renew my mind. In **Ephesians 4:21-23**, the Word tells us, **"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes."**

By asking God in, and allowing His Spirit to change our minds and begin the effect of change, then our beliefs and attitudes begin to change also. In **Philippians 2:5** the Word says this, **"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."** So, to adopt the same attitude as Christ Jesus had, we need to get into the Word of God to find out what kind of man He was. For me, I needed to make some decisions about my own life. "Do I keep Steve's same ole attitude that has gotten me nowhere, but misery? Or, do I learn about the Man I call my God?" NO BRAINER THERE!

I followed what the Holy Spirit was telling me and I made the decision to get baptized. Being baptized, for me, was a symbol of a cleansing or washing to leave my old selfish sinful ways behind. Being baptized by the Holy Spirit and cleansing from the inside was the first steps. I am so thankful for God's grace and the mercy that He has shown to me. I'm thankful for being given the chance to wash away my old attitudes and beliefs, and having a new life in Christ Jesus.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, in **Romans 6:4**, **"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."** Thank You Jesus for starting the brainwashing process in me, Your son! I LOVE YOU JESUS!

## Overcomer's Testimonies

Speaking of feeling good here's a little testimony that shows the power of the  newsletter.

So, I called my stepmother on Mother's Day. I haven't spoken to her once since I've been back in prison, but the Lord put it on my heart to reach out to her. So I did and it was a real nice call. She was happy to hear from me on Mother's Day and I was thrilled to speak with her.

Then out of left field she says to me, "Matthew I read that article about obedience last month in *Overcomers for Christ* and how you are finding restoration through your obedience to Christ with your sons." I was shocked and asked her, "How did you manage that?" That's when she told me, "We've been getting the newsletter for years." I'd forgotten that we'd put my dad and her on the mailing list years ago. She said she read the article and saw M.D. and knew it was my writing skills AND it was also apparent that they can see into my life and who I am in Christ today. Because of that article God has used it causing us to grow closer and begin to restore our own relationships.

It was great Duck and really filled my love tank where my dad and step mother are concerned! Actually, it was amazing! - M.D.

## What Others Are Saying...

"I hope this finds you and everyone at **OC** doing well and with the peace of our Lord Jesus resting upon your hearts and households. I'm doing well - in a lot of pain due to some back problems, but I'm just trusting in the Lord to heal me. I've been up since 2:30 this morning, but that's not unusual for me, for I get up around 3:00 o'clock every morning anyway. I like to spend "that quiet time" with the Lord and I treasure that time. When I got up this morning I was thinking about Wade and Michelle, and you starting your ministry; and the vision that you have in relation to reaching out to the brothers and sisters that are in prison, as well as others. And I just wanted to say thank you, and to show my appreciation. The bible tells us to honor those who are worthy of honor, and Wade and Michelle you deserve that for all that you've done for us. You've given these men and women behind the walls the greatest gift that one could receive - The Word of God. And you've given a lot of them hope for a better life, and those gifts come from God. Your love and devotion to/for the ministry that God called you in to, stands as a witness unto itself." - **W.R.**

"I just want to say thank you for the birthday card I received from you. Please tell everyone who signed the card I said thank you very much, and I appreciate it very, very much, and for the newsletter as well I receive from you each month. God bless all of you and your ministry and I pray for all of you day and night." - **E.C.**

"I pray that this letter finds all of you and those around you safe and healthy. It seems like it's been a long time since I last heard from you and in the light of this pandemic I wanted to let you all know, we're praying for all of you there. Everything is slammed down here even the chapel. But our small C-yard chapel is growing. We meet twice a day for prayer and worship. At first there were just six of us meeting but today there were thirty-eight gathered together. Praise God!" - **J.C.**

### Bible Crossword - The Sermon on the Mount Page 10 Answer:



### Quote Worthy

**"There is nothing nobler or more admirable than when two people who see eye to eye keep house as man and wife, confounding their enemies and delighting their friends."**  
- **Homer (8th century) - a semi-legendary author of the Iliad and the Odyssey, two epic poems that are the central works of ancient Greek literature.**

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# Be By H.A.M.

No, I don't want to be nobody.  
No, I don't want to be no one.

The things once thought impossible, define hopes faith within  
When you're going through hell keep going, you'll be delivered in the end.

No weapons formed against us, shall prosper in anyway  
God's ears reach out in love, as we bend our knees to pray.

So don't forget in the darkness, what's known true in the light  
Testify His love boundless, cause we're beautiful in God's eyes.

No, I don't want to be nobody.  
No, I don't want to be no one.

We all can learn the most, and recover our losses too  
Repentance is the answer, the Lord is always true.

And when we pray in one accord, waves of His essence billow too  
One finger can't lift a pebble, but look what God can do.

Our wills must be lost in God's will, rejecting worldliness  
Working humbly gladly, professing Christ's faithfulness.

No, I don't want to be nobody.  
No, I don't want to be no one.

Because when we live a life service  
Love's purposefulness has won!

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