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Galatians 6:9  
*Autumn Blessings*

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ

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## God's Word is Seed!! – Part II

By Wade Anderson

Let's pray: "Lord, I thank You for Your Grace and Your mercy in my own life. I thank you that Grace is not just an expression, Grace is the Person, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ! I love You Jesus! I thank You Father for giving Your Son, and with His own life on this earth He has shown us how to live for You! I thank You that Your Word is the only truth that helps guide, shape and direct me to be the man that You created me to be. Help me to continue walking in the Spirit and not by my emotions so that You will always be glorified with the very life that You have given me. It's in Jesus' name I believe and pray. AMEN! AMEN!"

You may not realize it, but you ARE a walking bag of 'seed'. It's true. Your words, thoughts, emotions, etc. are all seeds that produce a harvest, whether positive or negative, in your life. We all know that words are powerful and can either cut people to the quick or build them up. In our pasts, many of us never truly gave a rip what damage our spoken words created. But today, with His Spirit in us our words and actions should tell a much different story. Let's consider just a few of the **Proverbs** Solomon wrote to guide his son, David. And like I've said earlier, if it's in the Bible it's in there for us as well.

Let's begin in **Proverbs 4:1**, we read, "**Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.**"

**Proverbs 4:10**, "**Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.**"

**Proverbs 4:23-24**, "**Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.**"

**Proverbs 10:6**, "**... violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.**"

**Proverbs 10:8**, "**... a chattering fool comes to ruin.**"

**Proverbs 10:11**, "**The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.**"

**Proverbs 10:13**, "**Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning ...**"

**Proverbs 10:18**, "**Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.**"

**Proverbs 10:20-21**, "**The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. The lips of the righteous nourish many ...**"

We can see here that many of these Scriptures are related to our heart and our words. Here's what Jesus said about the connection. "**A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**" (**Luke 6:45**)

These next Scriptures, in context, the Pharisees went to Jesus asking, "**Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?**" (**Mark 7:5**) I love Jesus' response and how He again ties the heart to the words, "**Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; 'These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'**" (**Mark 7:6-7**) As soon as Jesus spoke these things, He immediately called the crowd to gather around. With the Pharisees present He shared this parable, "**Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.**" (**Mark 7:14-15**)

Up until now the people lived under the law of Moses. The law was so ingrained in them that even the disciples were, once again, confused with this parable. Many of us were, and sometimes still are, confused and unsure as we are being taught about God. For myself, I was incredibly confused because one minute 'they' were telling me that God was a good God and in the next breath telling me I would go to hell for something I'd just said or done. Brothers and sisters, just like the disciples then, we too now, can ask Jesus to help us better understand the things in His Word. Jesus responded, "**Are you so dull? Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.**" In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean. He went on, "**What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.**" (**Mark 7:18-23**)

Are you allowing the 'seed' of God's Word to get inside of your heart yet? I guarantee you that when the Word gets in your heart your speech will begin to change because a heart change will occur. True change comes from the inside out. It won't



happen overnight, but with perseverance you will see the fruit of your lips change. I confess this Scripture, more than I would like to admit, **"Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips."** (Psalm 141:3) As I've reminded God of His promise, He has been faithful and taken a whole lot of stupidity out of my mouth. I won't sit here and try to make you believe that all of the ugly is washed away. No. Remember, this clean-up process started in me shortly after I turned 51 years old, so there are still things in deep crevasses that are always surfacing. Let me assure you, our attitude and commitment towards the Word of God WILL determine whether we succeed or fail. I honestly believe this. If satan can attack our minds and get us to question the accuracy or truths of God's written Word, then he can get us to doubt God.

I feel moved to speak, for just a quick moment, to those of you that are seemingly having an issue with peace. In **Galatians 5:22-23**, Paul shares what's already in our born-again spirits, listen. **"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"** In order to stay in context, because **Verse 22** starts with a 'But', we have to look to the verses before this for the full understanding. In **Verses 19-21** Paul lists not only physical acts but emotions as well before he continues with, **"Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God."** (Galatians 5:21b) Notice Paul says, "Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit, not these kinds of fruits." We have ONE born-again spirit and in that ONE Spirit contains all of this fruit. Folks, you don't have to continually pray asking God to give you more peace. NO! Your born-again spirit is wall to wall Holy Ghost! All the peace you will ever need for your entire journey with God is ALREADY on the inside of you! Amen?

When we pay close attention to what David was saying here, in **Psalm 43:5**, he reveals to us that he was not speaking to his spirit man, but his soul. **"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?"** And then look at his next statement or better yet, the solution. **"Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."** Our soul is made up of our mind, will and emotions. And in that I've learned to also factor in our natural senses like, smell, taste, hear, feel, and sight, along with my conscience. When you put all of those things together, fighting against the Spirit, the soul could become a runaway train trying to steal our peace. If we allow what we smell, taste, feel, hear, or see to rise above what the Word of God says we are or what we already have in Christ Jesus our new spirit will not impose God's will above ours! Amen? Jesus stated, in **John 14:27**, **"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."** So where is this peace Jesus speaks about here? We've covered some of this in previous newsletters, but I'm going to put it in neutral for a minute and talk a little about spirit, soul, and body.

Most people believe that we are made up of a body and a soul and confuse soul and spirit to be the same thing. In this scenario they're only acknowledging a physical part and emotional, mental part or personality. However, the Bible makes very distinct differences between spirit and soul. The body seems to be pretty obvious. I can touch my body and if I need more proof, I can look in a mirror and see my physical body. But even at that, your eyes only see the outer shell not who you truly are in Christ. If you were to stand in front of me and talk to me you would be seeing my body, but you would be speaking to my soul which is the mental and emotional part of me. With this being said, it would also indicate that we can feel both our body and our soul. Let me show you.

If I were behind you and I reached out and touched you, the physical part of you would know you'd been touched, right? Now, how many of us have been touched by someone and they were nowhere around? For example, you may get a piece of mail or make a phone call to someone, and it causes you to feel sad or happy? They are not touching you physically but touching your soul. In spite of the old nursery rhyme, "Sticks and stones can break your bones, but names can never hurt you" words do hurt and cut deeply. Without even touching our bodies, words can tear us apart on the inside. Wouldn't you agree?

By taking a mental inventory, your body can instantly tell you how it feels. It can tell you if it's sore, pumped up, healthy or fighting some sort of bug. As soon as your body steps into the shower it lets you know whether the water is too cold or too hot. You don't even have to think about it because your body is constantly feeding you information. On the same token, you can check your soul to know how you're doing. Pretty quickly you can tell if you're happy, sad, mentally worn out or raging mad. You can even detect fear or depression because you're always in touch with your soul.

However, none of this is true about your spirit. Your spirit cannot be accessed in any natural way. Jesus, speaking to Nicodemus, in **John 3:6** says, **"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."** What Jesus was telling him/us is there is no direct connection between the two. Even though they may be related, the spirit is spirit and flesh is flesh. We cannot contact our spirit through our emotions or physical body. This very well could be one of the reasons it's so hard for some of us to understand who we are in Christ.

Paul describes this new process like this, **"What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies**

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**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

My two sisters are in bad shape with what the doctors are claiming to be, incurable cancer. But we know our God is in the miracle working business. I would love it if we could get the 'whole' Overcomers for Christ family to pray for my sisters. They are suffering and we know that is not God's will for them. Their names are Linda and Verma Mae. Thank you all for agreeing with God's Word and praying with me ... **B.T.**

I could really use some powerful prayer for my mother's health. She is having heart AND kidney failure. Also pray that I will be able to get out and spend some time with her before she goes home to be with the Lord ... **P.K.**

I have a prayer request. Would you all please join me in praying for my grandson. He is 6 years old, and his name is Miles. He has diabetes and some autism. Would you all also lift my little brother, who's actually 52 years old, in your prayers. His name is Kevin and I'm trying my best to overcome evil and join us with the church. These two prayer requests are very important to me. I mention them both in my own prayers, so I know God knows how badly they both need His help, care, and love ... **R.S.**

I'm writing to submit a prayer request. Before this I'd never been in trouble with the law and due to my current situation, my son has become angry and has up and disappeared seven months ago. His birthday is in September, and I've been asking God for His divine intervention to bring him and I back together and talking. For 18 years it has always been just him and I, and now that I am gone, he is alone and lost. Please join me in prayer to find him and have contact again ... **T.M.**

Just a quick note to update my address and to ask you all to join us in prayer. The 'Row' was mostly moved out of Central Unit, to an old CDU in another area of the prison. Please lift us all up as we now have to set our services AND we are locked down with cell-mates now. Regardless, God is always in control ... **P.B.**

I have been struggling here in prison, more than anything else with seizures. Back in 2021, from these seizures, I had died for close to nine minutes. Please have everyone pray that I don't die in prison again. Regardless, I'm alive in Christ ... **A.N.**

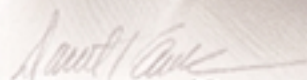
## Praise Reports

First, I would like to thank everyone involved in sending these newsletters to us. After almost two years of receiving these newsletters, I was looking at the pictures and realized that all of you, including those youth, are personally sending them. Everyone looks so happy, and you all are looking out for other people. I guess no matter how hard I've tried I don't seem to have that kind of happiness inside of me. I do in some ways, but when I see those inside cover pictures, they brought tears to my eyes. Maybe it's something I truly want but haven't reached yet, I'm not quite sure. One more thing, during these two years I have to tell you that when times are tough, as they are now, I get my name called for mail call. I can always count on the monthly newsletters from you all and you have helped me through the rough times for sure ... **J.J.**

So, part of the blessing is that I'm on a set 40-hour schedule and I can send my tithe through December. I should make about \$40 every two weeks through November so I'm looking at about 9 paychecks, maybe 10 before I leave here. I'm sending this tithe a little heavy to make sure I'm on the high end and if I get any unexpected blessings or help from the street, I'll either send it or gift it through filling a need here on the yard. It's easy to detect that I am in God's will, and I continually praise Him for using me to teach His Word each day. I'd rather be in here and in His will than out there out of His will. I also want to Praise the Lord for healing the prostate cancer I had ... **R.A.**

I love to tithe and know that it makes me happy to do so. When I first got to prison, I made 10 cents an hour. I truly believe it's a direct reflection of tithing that I now have a retention job, with which I've been able to pay my court fines off. Tithing has been a blessing and so many blessings have come my way because of it ... **T.L.**

Well, I finally made it to a level 2 yard which I had been dreading for years. I even got three overrides to postpone this transfer. Being here has taken some getting used to because I am no longer in a cell block, but instead this is dormitory style housing units. So far, I love it though. Although the food seems the same it tastes 10 times better. Most cubicles are 10 men, but some have 12 men. Programs (dayroom, yard, telephones) are all day long. Even though I've only been here a couple of months now, I'm already filling up my schedule with groups, chapel, and recreation yard. It's a little weird being in these all-open areas and around so many people all day after spending 10 years locked up in a cell. The vibe here is chill, most everyone minds their own business for the most part, focused on going home. In spite of my first reservations to come here, this is the place to be and what I needed to prepare myself for the parole board ... **M.S.**



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# Overcomers for Christ

## From the Inside

### God's Love is Beyond Amazing

By V.F.

I thank you all there for your cards and the monthly newsletters. I am doing well and every day the Lord Jesus Christ sees me through. The last few weeks it seems like the enemy is attacking me in several different ways. But my Father God continues to pull me through! AMEN!

Every day I lean on His strength, and even though I get homesick, miss my parents and my children, I still wake up every morning thanking Jesus for His love, His joy and His strength. My life is full now ... Full of love, a love that I never knew. Praise God I am saved! Every day I wake up and say, thank You Jesus for every battle You have won for me and will always win!

I'll admit, some days here in prison can be hard. Witnessing how people can be so cruel, mean, and hurtful. Regardless, I stand on God's Word, to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you as Jesus instructs us here in **Matthew 5:44-45a**, *"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."* My heart breaks seeing how people are mean to others. It's amazing how God has turned my heart of stone to a heart full of love for others. When I sit here and look all around me, I see all of God's children, some who are still lost and in much need of His love. These prisons are full of so many hurting people, like I once was. When I am released, I will always remember those I left behind that need God's love and with His help I WILL do what I can to help the lost!

Oh, if only everyone knew how amazing our Father God is! His love is beyond amazing, and my heart is full of His love. I Praise God for everything He has brought me through. Every part of me that was broken has now been restored. When I look back and remember all of those painful memories from my past I fall to my knees and thank Jesus and praise Him for who He has become to me. Those memories no longer haunt or hurt me like they once did. Jesus was the only One who was able to do this for me. Only God could restore all that was broken inside of me. Praise God!

The story that I have will be told everywhere so that others can see that the God I serve is mighty and able to do what no one or nothing else could do! I am so in love with Jesus. Today, I know what real love is. Praise God! Thank You Jesus! I could go on and on about this amazing love, the amazing love that only God can provide and fill us with! Let me encourage someone to try God, give God a chance to love you like no one or nothing else can. I promise you that when you experience His love you will never turn back. God's love is real, and His love is ready and available to ALL those who call on Him. He stands with wide open arms and no condemnation. So, open your heart, run to Him and trust that all will be well, in Him. From my own experience I witness that all of your hurts will be healed. Praise God! I pray, right now, for all those searching for love. I pray that you run to Jesus to find the love I have found in Him.

### Message of Hope

By L.S.

I wanted to send out a message of hope for all of those out there who need to know that they are not alone on this journey towards freedom, whatever that may be for each of us. As long as we have Christ in our lives and know that He loves us unconditionally, we CAN have love, joy, and peace of mind while we're here waiting for His return.

The Lord God said, *"I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you."* He also said, *"Do Not be terrified, do NOT be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* These are just a couple of the thousands of promises He has given us to rely upon. Be blessed!!!

### Dreams of the Open Road

By G.P.

I can't wait to get out of here and go on a road trip to meet the O&C family in person. When I get out, I'm headed to the Harley dealership where I'm going to buy a new Dyno Glide with a trailer. I'm going to spend a few weeks riding local to break it in and off I go! When I hit the open roads, I have one goal to fulfill. Every time I stop for food or gas, I will find someone to share the Word of God with. All the way to Maine!!! I have no attachments holding me back, so I'm taking my



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discipleship on the road with me.

Could you see me now, walking up to someone and saying, "Hey, do you have Jesus in your life?"

That's my plan and I'm sticking to it!

### **Crown of Truth Ministries**

By K.H.

Grace and peace to all the D&C family. I would like to share with you what has transpired in my life since my last letter. I continue to develop with the Lord daily. I've had my share of backslides, but I continue in faith and fight the good fight. God has given me abundant mercy and grace and continues to bless me. I have been testing God's power through the Spirit however, I know I still need much practice. I do want to inform you that I am establishing my own ministry.

My new "inreach" ministry is called Crown of Truth Ministries. I am currently organizing and framing this ministry to officially be recognized by the government. The reason I started my ministry is to reach the lost in such a chaotic environment (ABC15 news / Unlocked and Safe). Now we don't even get our "religious services" because either the volunteers don't want to come to this place or the C.O. won't let us out to go. We battle on the frontlines daily. That is why I call my ministry "inreach" as opposed to outreach. I ask you to pray for this ministry in here to receive the financial necessities to help this ministry get activated. I am currently on indigent and working with the bare minimum and also seeking for a sponsor and/or sponsors to help develop my ministry from inside this prison. I truly believe that God and his people will help erect and contribute financially for the materials much needed for this ministry and God's servants behind these fences.

It has been and will continue to be a battle mission, however I've set myself to do this. Mostly it's in God's hands and I believe it is His will and shall continue to be done. I've been in prison not only for my mistakes and erroneous actions, but my incorrigible behavior as well. I'm also here to show and help lost souls know that they do have a purpose in life here on this earth. I am still learning God's walk and will for my life nevertheless, I continue to do what Jesus taught through God's truth and do my best to love, serve and forgive. I do my best to help others with what I have, not for personal satisfaction but for God's glory and His glory alone. I'm here as God's vessel and look to complete His work as an obedient servant. I also believe I am here for His benefit and for His glory to be manifested through me.

I believe that I am finally at peace with God and His mercy and love for me is beyond words I can't explain. I will continue to battle and fight until I am released from this place. Then I will be able to take care of God's work on the streets and worship and praise God with my D&C family.

I ask that you keep me and my ministry in your prayers to obtain the Lord's Spirit of wisdom and revelation and also strength with God's favor. God bless you all and your ministry/church in all that you do as well. Thank you and I will hear from you soon and I love you all as well.

### **I've Never Felt Love**

By T.R.J.

The reason why I am writing to you all, is to see if I could please be a part of the family you all have. I have had a very, very bad life. I was molested by my father and uncle from about 5 until I was 14 years old – that is when I left home, I have not been back since. I have been in prison in two different states, the time equals up to about 24 years of my life. I have been a hateful and violent man towards all other males ever since I left home. I've shot, beaten, and robbed. I've lied, cheated, stolen from all other males who I've ever been around.

But about a month ago, my mother-in-law brought one of your magazines up and told me about it. I've never felt the love you all have for each other, to be truthful to you, it showed me so much love that you have for each other it makes me cry. I've never had love like that for no one nor did I ever have anybody have that kind of love for me. I never had anybody love me at all. Let alone that much love from your magazine.

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# Foot's Bible Study

## **Ezekiel 4:1-17**

Often, we ignore or disregard the smaller details of God's Word, thinking God probably doesn't care. Like Ezekiel, we should want to obey God completely, even in the details. **(4:1)**

The 'iron plate' or pan was a utensil Ezekiel possessed as a priest it was for baking grain for the cereal offerings. See Scriptures in Leviticus that reference this.

**Leviticus 2:5, "If your grain offering is prepared on a griddle, it is to be made of the finest flour mixed with oil, and without yeast."**

**Leviticus 6:21, "It must be prepared with oil on a griddle; bring it well-mixed and present the grain offering broken in pieces as an aroma pleasing to the Lord."**

**Leviticus 7:9, it states, "Every grain offering baked in an oven or cooked in a pan or on a griddle belongs to the priest who offers it ..."**

Here its purpose was to represent a wall between Ezekiel and the city. **(4:3)**

## **Hebrews 5:1-14**

Jesus was in great agony as He prepared to face death. See **Luke 22:41-44, "He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."**

Although Jesus cried out to God, asking to be relieved, He was prepared to suffer humiliation, separation from His Father and death in order to do God's will. At times, we will undergo trials, not because we want to suffer, but because we want to obey God. Let Jesus' obedience sustain and encourage you in times of trial. You will be able to face anything if you know that Jesus is with you. **(5:7)**

## **Psalms 105:37-45**

God's purpose for saving the Israelites was that they would follow His principles and obey His laws. Too often we use our lives and freedom to please ourselves, but we should honor God. That is God's purpose for our lives and why He gave us His Word. **(105:45)**

## **Proverbs 27:7-9**

Those who are full or have everything do not appreciate what they have, while those who are hungry or have nothing, anything is good. **(27:7)**

## **"Foot" Notes**

Hello everybody!

It's my belief that people who put out nothing but negative garbage always end up with all kinds of negative issues personally (i.e. health, relationships, etc.)

They don't realize that at the end of the day ... it's all in God's hands and you just need to roll on in total unknowing faith, meaning you don't need to know it all, you just trust completely in God and all His promises, and when you do that what you end up with is a life well lived. Totally "chillin' and cruis'n" no matter what obstacles you need to overcome.

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



**cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever ... For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.**" (1 Corinthians 15:50,53) What Paul is saying is, our spirit is brand new. Our bodies have been purchased by the blood of Jesus but not yet been redeemed. Simple explanation, if you were fat, ugly, and bald when you got saved, and directly after you looked in the mirror, you would still be fat, ugly and bald. Our spirits are new, our mind, will, emotions and bodies continually need work.

Maybe some of you ole timers can explain to the youngsters what I'm about to share. When I was a kid, my mother would go grocery shopping and in accordance with the amount of money she spent at the store the cashier would give her S&H Green Stamps. Then she would put those little stamps in a book. She'd collect lots and lots of those books of stamps until one day she would take them all into an S&H Green Stamp Redemption Center. This store had all kinds of household and everyday items. She could then redeem the stamps for just about anything she could imagine. In other words, the stamps were already purchased with the groceries, but they weren't redeemed until she turned them in at the store.

Even though our spirits are brand new, **"Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges!"** (2 Corinthians 5:17 Message) It's our body and soul that need to be continually worked on. Paul tells us in **Romans 12:2**, **"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will."** We cannot renew our minds while continually feeding it the things of the world. I'm sure you all have heard the analogy of the black dog and the white dog. The one that rises above and overtakes the other boils down to this, the one you feed the most often rises above the other. This has nothing to do with one dog being evil and the other good. It's simply which dog we feed more often. From my own personal experience, I can promise you, as you continually read and meditate on the Word of God, the quicker your mind, will and emotions (soul) will begin to line up with what's already in your born-again spirit.

Paul, in **Ephesians 1:13-14**, assures us, **"In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory."** Now listen as Peter tells us, in **1 Peter 1:23**, about our born-again spirit, **"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God."** We read in **Romans 10:17** (NIV), how we are to renew our minds, **"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ."** The King James renders it, **"Hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."** We've got to understand that the Word of God is the Word about Christ!

Let me encourage you to read **Matthew 4:1-11**, where Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit of God to be tempted by the devil. Years ago, when I first read this, I was baffled. Just reading **Matthew 3:13-16** where John had just baptized Jesus, **Verse 17** states, **"A voice from heaven said, 'This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."** Puzzled, I then asked God, "Sir, You just stated that You were well pleased with Jesus. So why did He have to go into the wilderness like this?" That was when I was prompted to read and reread those Scriptures again. So, I did. Now let's all read it together. **"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'" (Matthew 4:1-3)** The devil just heard God say Jesus was His Son and that He was well pleased with Him, right? Scripture also told us that Jesus had just finished a fast of forty days and forty nights. **"Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)** In this statement Jesus' referenced **Deuteronomy 8:3**, **"He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."**

**"Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (Matthew 4:5-6)** The devil knew Jesus was the Son of God (**Matthew 3:17**) but went on to quote to Jesus, **Psalm 91:11-12**, **"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."** Jesus answered him, in **Matthew 4:7** with, **"It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Jesus' response to him was also in the written Word of God, from Deuteronomy 6:16, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah."**

**"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. All this I will give You," he said, "if You will bow down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)** Let's look at Luke's account of this and the devil's response there in **Luke 4:5-7**, **"The devil led Him up to a high place and showed**



**Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be Yours.'**" Brothers and sisters, when Adam chose to eat the fruit in the Garden of Eden, he gave his authority over to the devil. So, the devil did have the earthly authority to offer this to Jesus. In **1 John 5:19**, John verifies, **"We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one."**

**"Jesus said to him, 'Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"** Again, Jesus reminded the devil of **Deuteronomy 6:13**, **"Fear the Lord your God, serve Him only and take your oaths in His name."**

In this process Holy Spirit showed me not only the importance of me knowing what the written Word of God says and planting it in my own heart, but that the devil knows God's Word as well. And **IF** I choose to listen to the lies of the devil, he will always twist it around just like he did with Adam and Eve! Then Holy Spirit showed me the first temptation Jesus went up against was the *'lust of the flesh'*. The second temptation was *'the lust of the eyes'*. The third time it was the *'pride of life'*. Holy Spirit then showed me that Jesus was finishing these last three obstacles knowing we too would have to overcome these areas in our own lives. Jesus easily overcame these three things as our example, with the written Word of God, to show us how we too can overcome the lies of our enemy, the devil! Someone say, "HALLELUJAY! AMEN!"

We now have the written Word of God to guide us into a greater life **HERE ON EARTH** than we ever experienced before we knew Jesus! Look what happened in **Matthew 4:11**, **"Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him."** **James 4:7** shows us the order of this process, **"(1) So humble yourselves before God. (2) Resist the devil, and (3) he will flee from you."**

Jesus, showing His humanity, in **Mark 14:36**, cries out, **"Abba, Father, everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine."** In the progression of Jesus accepting the Father's will, He said, in **Luke 22:69**, **"But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand."**

Jesus didn't leave us here on our own to figure out how to maneuver through life on earth! **NO!** Instead, He went on to tell us, in **John 14:26** (AMP), **"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name (in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf), He will teach you all things."**

I will stop here and continue this in next month's issue. I pray this same prayer Paul prayed over every single person that reads these pages, **"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe."** (Ephesians 1:17-18)

## *Quote Worthy*

*"I think when you're very dedicated to something and you're engaged fully, you become a giver."*

- Russell Simmons (1957-) - an American entrepreneur and record executive. He co-founded the hip-hop label Def Jam Recordings, and created the clothing fashion lines Phat Farm, Argyleculture, and Tantris.

## Christian Comedy

The rotation of the Earth really makes my day.



### From the Inside I've Never Felt Love By T.R.J.

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I've read this at least ten times since I've gotten it from my mom, and I would love to get your magazine. I want so much to just have contact with someone who will actually try to help me and someday maybe come to be a part of the family who has you'all's love that you have for each other.

Usually, I cannot go two hours without getting into a fight or assaulting an officer, but I have not had one altercation since I got your magazine from my mother-in-law. So, please write back to me.

All of my life I've been full of hate and greed, but I've seen the love that I did not think was here in this world. I thought all of this I love you; you love me and Jesus stuff was just a bunch of bull, but the magazine has shown me – I do not know a thing about life or the world. I have seen a little bit of this light you all have as much as you all can give. If All of you are willing to give me this one-time loser a chance. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and thank you all for helping the people in here like me.

## FUN FACTS

October 12th – In 1492, explorer Christopher Columbus' expedition made landfall in the Bahamas.

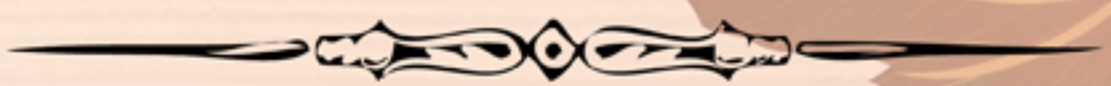
October 12th – In 1892, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by students in American public schools for the first time, in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

October 12th – In 1945, the Allied Control Council in Germany decreed that the Nazi political party be dissolved.

October 12th – In 2000, a suicide bomb attack on the USS Cole in Yemen killed seventeen sailors and wounded thirty-nine.


October 12th – In 2007, former U.S. Vice President Al Gore was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to increase public knowledge about climate change.

October 16th – In 1986, Italian mountaineer Reinhold Messner reached the summit of Lhoste in Nepal, becoming the first climber to ascend all fourteen of the world's "eight-thousanders" - mountain peaks more than 8,000 meters (26,000 feet) above sea level.



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## I Used to be a Criminal

By B.W.T.

I was wanted by the law, I was cast out like a dog  
I used and abused drugs, I hurt my family, loved ones and commu-  
nity.

I have no friends.

I ran like an animal from the law, I lied, tricked, stole, and cheated

I was on the path of destruction; I was on the wanted poster

I got busted, I got sent to prison

I lost my family and loved ones; I lost my freedom.

I am owned by the State; I have a State number

I am lonely and forgotten; I am on my own

I am lost and confused; I am delusional

I can't escape my thoughts; I can't find my way

I couldn't believe the terrible things I've done.

I heard a voice, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

I have been found by Jesus, I have been forgiven, I have been set  
free

I used to be so blind, but now I see

I am a child of God, I am born again

I am loved, I have been saved by Grace!

Hallelujah! Amen.

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