



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

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Issue 0070

Is Your Faith on Life Support?

(Part Two)

In our last issue I used the current pandemic and many of its correlations to the issue of sin. We looked at the all-out efforts that have been taken so far to protect, cure, and eradicate mankind from this viral ill. We then looked at man's effort to try and deal with the issue of sin that plagues all of mankind. While we have failed miserably for thousands of years to deal with the issue, God had the problem solved even before it was played out in His creation. The problem is sin, the solution is God through the sacrifice of His Son.

With so much focus being directed on a cure, doctors have also had to use life support to try and keep people alive who are suffering the worst of the symptoms. Their organs, especially the respiratory system, have had to have external help to keep them alive. It ends up being a wait and see situation.

I want to transition our thought now to our faith. As born-again believers we are given a measure of faith to viably operate within the body of Christ. While I believe the two are tied together and inseparable, this is not the initial saving faith we received in order to believe, but a faith that keeps us moving forward and upward in our faithfulness to Him and His kingdom. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, ³ *For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.* (Romans 12:3)

While we, as believers, still possess that saving faith, the question now arises; what has happened to the evidence of that faith? Where is it, or better yet, what happened to that faith that makes evident to others the reality of our salvation? We are called to be good stewards of anything God bestows upon us. How many of the parables taught by Jesus dealt with stewardship? (In your search to answer that question for yourself you will be blessed, guaranteed!) It does not matter the type of God-given gift we have been given. That gift does not make one person better or less-than the other person. Every gift that God gives us is to help others, build the kingdom, and glorify God. It is not the possession of the gift but the use of that gift that is significant. It is never for the self-exaltation of the possessor but what it can do in its godly application for others.

I have witnessed over the years many of my fellow Christians selflessly use their God-given faithfulness to bless others both in big ways and small ways. It is a learning process that we all go through and should continue to grow in. We grow in faithfulness as we minister out these gifts. We begin to trust God more, rely on His gifts, and believe His promises. I want you to know that God's gifts have no ceiling. The volume, magnitude, or availability of these gifts only depends on our willingness and follow-through in utilizing them in the right way. Be a good steward and you will be trusted with more, be a bad one and what you have will be stripped away.

Unfortunately, I have also seen other Christians who have been blessed with God-given gifts only to let them sit on the shelf collecting dust like that huge Bible you see sitting on so many coffee tables. Others will use their gift only when it benefits them in some way or another. In either case it is as though their faith or faithfulness is on life support.

James brings this issue to the forefront and deals with it very clearly. James starts out addressing this issue in Chapter 2 by saying to these believers whose faith seems to be life on support.

14 What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. (James 2:14-17)

As I mentioned earlier that I believe saving faith and faithfulness are tied together and are inseparable. Verse 14 is one of those verses that makes me believe that. James isn't saying that works generate faith that saves but that faith that saves, naturally should produce works. Obviously, James knew what someone's argument might be to what he just wrote so he went on to say.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that faith without works is useless? (James 2:18-20)

Once again, we see the inseparable link between faith and faithfulness. One might argue that hey, you have your works, that is fine. I have my faith and that is also fine. So, he points out that his works (Faithfulness) point to his having faith while their claim of faith has no evidence through works to back it up. James then hits home hard with verse 19. He compares their claim to the fact that both they and the demons believe that God is one, yet the demons seem to respond in a stronger sense than they did.

James then closes out his argument with some Old Testament examples that they would be awfully familiar with.

21 Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and ^[a]as a result of the works, faith was ^[b]perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and

not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works also when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (James 2:21-26)

Both Abraham and Rahab were not justified by their faith alone but by faithfulness and the actions it produced. Both actions were selfless in nature and served something bigger than themselves. It is interesting to me that Abraham's call was to take the life of someone, and Rahab's was to spare the life of someone. In both cases it was part of God's plan for the salvation of many. Their faith was not on life support but beating loud and clear for God to see and future generations to acknowledge and reap the benefits from.

My brothers and sisters, there is no small act of kindness. Everything we do in His name, utilizing our God-given faith, is an integral part of His plan. Never think that what you can do is limited by your capabilities. It is only limited by your willingness and obedience. You and I have the Creator of the world supplying and backing up everything we do in His name and in His will. If it seems as though your faith is on life support, then pray and ask God for the motivation and I promise you He will supply every opportunity for you to exercise your faith into the healthy vibrant faith it is designed to be.

I will leave you with this saying I heard many years ago; "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

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March - April 2021 Prayer List

Monica HWe ask for prayer here at The Lords Mountain Movers as we morn the loss of a dear friend Monica. She recently died from cancer and is in the hands of the Lord. She was one of the most selfless persons I have ever known. Always a smile on her face as she sported a bald head from hair loss during chemo. Pray for her husband and family. She will be dearly missed.

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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 SChrist 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 WPray for Brad who is fighting for life, with the challenges of cancer.

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

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Greetings to my family and friends,

What is the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear someone say, Merry Christmas? What fond memories do you have, or expect to create during this holiday season?

Can you recollect ringing a doorbell and being welcomed into a warm home that was filled with joy? Or do you think about the knock on the inn's door that creaked open just enough to say, Sorry there's no room for you here?

Does the smell of fresh baked cookies, pies, and honey baked ham stir up and tantalize your senses? Or do you imagine the smell of sheep, goats, and oxen standing close by?

Do you remember ornate decorations and brightly flashing lights covering the inside and outside of your house, and the homes around you? Or do you envision the cold bare walls of a dimly lit livestock shelter?

Are you reminded of excited children in their pajamas, all tucked into warm beds? Or do you recall a newborn baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying on cold stalks of straw?

There is quite a contrast between Merry Christmas and Mary's Christmas, isn't there.

It seems like every year the store shelves become stocked with Christmas decorations earlier and earlier. Advertisers start hammering away at your senses before our summer clothing gets put up for the winter. It has become a relentless attack on your pocketbook, time, energy, and most importantly, your focus on what the celebration is all about.

"Hark the herald angels sing..." What were they singing about again? Oh yeah, something about a newborn king. Wasn't He born on Black Friday, no no, I think it was Cyber-Monday? "Si - lent night, Ho - ly night...all is calm, all is..." Yeah, who are you trying to kid? Those have to be two different nights, right? When was the last time you had even *one* of those?

I'm trying to imagine God watching all this from heaven. Here we are frantically buying, wrapping and stuffing gifts under a decorated tree. All the while we're forgetting that the greatest "free" gift was unwrapped and hung on a tree. We buy things to make people happy, God purchased people to make them whole. We buy things and go into debt; God paid the debt so we could be free. I wonder if Jesus is still saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I think things need to change. We don't have to throw the baby out with the bathwater, but maybe it's time to drain the tub and see if the baby is still there! Let's take a little effort this year to set aside all the rhetoric that is the Christmas of today, and reflect on Mary's Christmas. A Christmas far removed from what we know or celebrate. Let's begin to celebrate the birth of our Savior, not once a year in stress and chaos, but everyday of the year in solemn reverence for the greatest gift only God could give.

One last thought.

On this Christmas, I can't help but think about those who have, for whatever reason, found themselves locked up in prisons and jails for many years. Yes, they may have broken the law and are receiving the penalty for their sin against society and God. And yes, part of the penalty is being separated from family, friends, and the freedoms they had so lightly regarded. But the paradox of the situation just might be that they are in a better place than most of us are, this Christmas.

Before you color me crazy, or think that I have lost my mind, let me explain. You see, those who have spent many years in these places have lived without all the glitter, glamour and gluttony of Christmas as it's celebrated today. The first couple of years were hard as the memories lingered from past Christmas' spent at home with family and friends. Then the memories began fading away. Christmas cards and letters became less frequent. Phone calls were harder to make and sometimes not even accepted. Christmas as they knew it no longer existed.

These men and women are far removed from the world's idea of Christmas. The truth is that they may be closer to Mary's Christmas than some of us have ever been. There are no decorations hanging around, no laughter or joy filling their bare cells or dorms. The air isn't swimming with the smell of fresh baked goods, nor are their tables overflowing with delicious food. No, they are like Mary and Joseph, alone, far from home, family and friends.

Their blessing is this. They are not alone; they have their Savior there with them. Everything that has hidden the meaning of Christmas from the world has been removed from their lives. The bathwater has been drained and baby Jesus is there! They have the best gift of all, One that fits perfectly into their hearts. A gift that can't be lost, but One that came to save the lost. A gift that won't be returned but will one day return.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, please take a few moments to pray for the men and women in jails and prisons. Pray for their families too. Thank God that He has spared you this cup in your life. Lastly, trust and believe this; that they are praying for you, that you have a Mary Christmas this year. How do I know this? I was there my friend.

May God bless you all this year with the bare-bones reality of what Christmas is about.

Your brothers in Christ from,

The Lord's Mountain Movers Staff

May you have a Mary Christmas!

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Tis the Season

This is the time of year where Christians remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For Orthodox Jews it is the time of year where they celebrate the Old Testament Passover celebration. For others it is the anticipation of gifts, parties, big meals, and fancy sweets. And for some it has no meaning whatsoever.

Whatever category you may fall into the last two Christmas seasons have been different throughout the world. This Christmas is different for me in a most profound way.

I sit here trying to find some joy, some hope, some reason just to smile. Everything within me is trying to hang on and push forward. Last week my brother and I started feeling ill, so I went out and bought a COVID-19 home test kit. I tested myself first and the test came back positive. Next, I tested my brother and he tested negative. I immediately was relieved for his sake as he is overweight, has COPD, hypertension, diabetes, and heart disease. He is also on 2+ liters of oxygen, 24 hours a day. I went into isolation and began dealing with my symptoms of this virus.

Two days ago, at 7:30 am, I called out to my brother who was in the shower that he was not to go into work while he was feeling ill. He acknowledged that and I went back home. Later that day after several attempts to call my brother with no answer I went over to check on him. Peeking through his front door I found him sitting on the edge of the couch, bath towel around him, passed out. I was finally able to wake him up by yelling and beating on the door. I asked him if he was okay and he said, "yeah, I just got out of the shower." I told him that it was after 12 noon, and he couldn't believe it.

I immediately called the paramedics, and they took him to a local hospital. The next morning, he was transferred to a larger hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. My youngest brother is now in a medically induced coma, on a ventilator, fighting for his life. He has COVID-19 pneumonia, and a bacterial pneumonia, sepsis, compounded with his already existing medical issues. The doctors are doing everything they can, but the best-case scenario for his recovery is below 50%. My heart is heavier than it has ever been in my life. I cannot talk to or see my little brother and I feel bound to this grief for an ending I do not know.

Please feel free to contact us on our website, www.TheLordsMountainMovers.org. You can sign up to get the monthly newsletter free of charge. You can also place your prayer request on our website and join us in praying for our other brothers and sisters in the Lord. You can also contact us at The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311. We look forward to hearing from you. ☩

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For over the past year the world has been dealing with a pandemic outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and its mutations. We have listened to all kinds of statistics dealing with the number of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. In the beginning for most people, it was something afar off, something others were dealing with. As time went on the pandemic started getting closer, more personal. A friend or relative of someone you knew, someone from your workplace, an elderly person from your church. Now for me, like millions of others, it's personal, real personal.

What is my biggest concern right now? It's not if my brother will survive or not, but that if he doesn't survive his current situation, where will he spend eternity? My not being able to communicate with him has reminded me that we have no communication with those who have already passed on. It doesn't matter if they are in heaven or hell, there is no communication between the living and the dead and only the living have an opportunity to change their destination.

I have talked with my brother in the past about his beliefs and he assured me that he has accepted Christ as his Savior. I however have had my doubts at times whether that is true or not. The problem is that I did not pursue the issue further with him and now I may have lost that opportunity forever. It is a double-sided issue. One side is that if he passes away, I will have to deal with the failure on my part to press further into his salvation confession. The other, and more important side is that if he doesn't make it his destiny is sealed forever. What I might hate to live with is nothing compared to what he may or may not have to deal with.

TIS THE SEASON!

Some two thousand plus years ago mankind was given a gift. This gift was a miracle beyond man's comprehension. A child born of a virgin. God coming in the form of man. The Creator of the world speaking to His creation face-to-face and flesh-to-flesh. From the very beginning through the present day the intellectuals have argued against it, the religious fought against it, and the so-called wise explain it away. It is those whom God has touched or enlightened that accept this miracle. The key is we don't have to understand or comprehend the 'ins' or 'outs' of how God did this, only the 'why'. We can spend so much time trying to figure it out and end up missing the whole purpose of the 'why'.

The 'why' is simple. Because God has explained it to us through His Word. We are sinners in need of a Savior and that is the gift that God sent to us through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. While we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we cannot disconnect it from the mission He was sent to accomplish.

The current pandemic has spread to many people, but sin has spread to everyone, past, present, and future. The pandemic can be mitigated or avoided through different man-made means and measures, but this is not so with sin. God has the only cure! Some are dealing with the issue of someone they love that is sick and may be dying from COVID. While this can be deadly or life altering it is still a temporal issue. The greater issue is the eternal prospect, what happens in the next life when this one is over.

It can never be too soon, but it can always be too late. We need to be sharing the Gospel Message with others so that they have an opportunity to receive the antidote to sin that God is offering. Without this antidote every person is eternally doomed to suffering. The current situation in this country and throughout the world

has reminded us that life is short and fragile. We never know when the end will come so why waste time on frivolous things and leave the most important thing to chance? It is always the season to share the Gospel.

My prayer is that as we celebrate the birth of Christ into the world, we also take the time everyday forward to celebrate the birth of Christ in the lost as we share the Gospel. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Merry Christmas

Pastor Pete

UPDATE

On Saturday December 11th, at 3:45 pm my brother passed on from this life. Even though he had COVID-19 I was allowed to drive to Phoenix and be with him. I spent 30 minutes in his room holding his hand, patting his back, and talking to him. I do not know if he heard me, but I watched his heartbeat increase a little. After the 30 minutes was up, they asked me to leave the room while they prepared him to be liberated (I love that term they used) from life support. When I went back in, they asked if I was ready, and I told them yes. They disconnected all his medications and I watched as his vitals slowly dropped. Once his blood pressure dropped to 40/33, they disconnected the ventilator and within 2-3 minutes his heart stopped. He was gone and would suffer no more. I held his hand through this whole process, I wanted to let him know he was not alone and that I loved him dearly.

While I was there, God gave me this inner peace that my youngest brother Marty was with Him. I am so thankful that the hospital let me be there as my brother passed on. While I am still hurting, I also have joy in my heart. Being a child of God can be complex at times but as we deal with the issues of this life and its end, we can know that wherever we are in this life or the next we can rest assured that we are in the hands of God headed towards His bosom.

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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!

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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

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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.

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To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

I want to thank two members of the body of Christ for contributing to this month's newsletter. I am always encouraged and blessed by how the Lord speaks through, and uses, His children to further the truth of His word. We can all use words of encouragement and correction to help keep us focused on the prize that lies ahead of those who are saved. May God continue to guide you in thought and deed this coming year. May He inspire you through study, prayer, and fellowship. God bless you all!

In His service,

Pastor Pete

*"I will extol you, oh Lord, for you have lifted me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me."*

Psalm 30:1

Dear Christian, as you read this verse, are you thinking, "But my enemies are rejoicing over me in my trials. When will the Lord lift me up?"

Who are your enemies? Are they truly rejoicing over you? Your enemies were death, Satan, sin, the world, and evil people. God has dealt the crushing blow upon them at the cross. You are no longer the devil's child, but Christ's. Satan has no power over you. Sin is not your master anymore and the world of evil people can do nothing to you apart from the permission of God. *"Who can bring a charge against the Lords elect? (Romans 8:33) "The Lord is my Helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6)*

God has *lifted* you out of death because you have already passed out of death into life. (John 5:24) Your physical death will only bring you into the presence of your Lord. God has lifted you out of the devil's kingdom of darkness and placed you into the kingdom of His dear Son.

He has lifted you from death to life, from condemnation to pardon, from slavery to sin to being a bondservant of Christ, from hell to heaven, from hopelessness to hope, and from despair to joy.

If your enemies rejoice now, it is only for a moment; their rejoicing will soon turn to weeping and gnashing of teeth. Do not forget: whatever victories your enemies think they have over you, God is working for your good and for His glory! His power is perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9), and God causes all things to work together for your good. (Romans 8:28)

Dear Saint, have you been wrongly thrown into prison? Have you been falsely accused? If you are not released in this life, you will surely someday be released into the Kingdom of Heaven, but your accusers will enter an eternal prison of torment. God will vindicate you but will righteously judge them. Has your life been destroyed? Your life is hidden with Christ in God, but they will receive everlasting destruction.

So do not despair, dear Christian; God has *already* lifted you up. Your enemies cannot truly rejoice over you. They will soon be set in slippery places and cast down to destruction: "*how suddenly are they destroyed in a moment.*" (Psalm 73:18-19)

Therefore, stop wallowing in your trials. Lift up your head and your feeble arms, thank God for what He has already done for you, and get busy serving Him. "*I will extol you, oh Lord for you have lifted me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.*" (Psalm 30:1)

Pastor David Gray

Quit the Job that pays in death.

R Psalm 30:1 tells us that the wages (payment) of sin is death and that wage never changes. It never gets better. Like so many of you, I have had my fair share of jobs, some good, some bad. If any of my jobs did not pay, but took something from me, I would quit! Wouldn't you? Most of you, like me, have accepted Christ as your Savior and repented of your sins. In essence, we have quit the devil's business of sin and moved on to the free gift of God, which is Salvation.

But I am not going to talk about the sin that separates us from God eternally. I want to talk about confessing our faults one to another. James 5:16 tells us to confess our sins to each other, but why? Why do I have to admit my wrongs to another human being? Because many of us have been keeping secrets most of our lives. Every day these secrets take a toll on us! Loss of self-respect and energy and the bondage of our past, I think, is the worst! By our admitting out loud to someone whom we trust and is a like-minded believer, exactly what our secret sins are, we strip the past of its power over us. And, when we start talking to someone that we trust, we build strong Christ-centered relationships which will help us to overcome our weaknesses. Then we will:

- *Lose the sense of isolation.*
- *Lose our denial.*
- *Gain Freedom.*
- Lose our unwillingness to forgive.
- Gain Healing.
- Gain Support.

For God to rebuild our lives we must admit our sins, allow Our Heavenly Father to tear us down and begin the rebuilding process. He does this through our willingness to work together and quit our “*sin job*” and accept the free gift of God...eternal life through what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did for us on Calvary's cross! Let it be done according to His will for our lives.

- *Trust God – the past is forgiven!*
- *Trust God – the present is manageable!*
- *Trust God – the future is secure!*

Brother Kenny Johnson

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

Out with the Old in with the New

2020 could not have ended fast enough. I didn't even want to set my clock back because I didn't want that extra hour in this year!

Why do we think that life is going to change drastically in a new year?
Is it a bad idea to make New Year resolutions?

The dawning of a new calendar year has often caused people to strive to do better, to better themselves or be better to others. Change of diet and change of habits are very common. But why wait for a new year or for the calendar to change to make a change in our lives? We are creatures of habit, and some of those habits are not healthy physically or mentally and we resist change. I wish I knew why we get more stubborn about change as we get older, but I don't have the answers. I only have recommendations.

When Christ, through the Holy Spirit, reveals something about us that needs to be addressed, it is important that we are sensitive to the prompting and obedient in following the proper guidance. Our natural man fights the change and/or sometimes leads us back into an old sin, even though we may have been successful at resisting it for an extended time. Each of us has our own issues to deal with. Our struggles are not the same. I find it fascinating how easy it is to resolve the issues of others and so difficult to work on our own.

It takes discipline. Discipline is why we have discipleship. No one can change on their own. We need outside help and perspective. Yes, the Holy Spirit is the one who does the work, but He will use others in our lives because we were not meant to be alone or grow up on our own (physically and spiritually). We belong to the body and the body belongs to us. Discipleship helps us to be accountable, but we can also get that accountability by having fellowship and transparency. However, I believe that discipleship with a mature Christian is better than sharing your worst issues with young believers. Therefore, I recommend that we exercise discernment. While sharing your troublesome past can be helpful to others and help build better bonds it can also cause a wedge and division, even backsliding in younger believers.

All in all, the new year is a great time to redouble our efforts in becoming more Christ-like. But really, any day is a good time to start, if that is when it has been revealed that change is needed. We can wait till a new year, but there is no better time than the present to work hard against sin and practice love in action. Studying the word and having regular fellowship will help us have victory. When we do this, we will be blessed, and we can share this blessing with others and glorify our Heavenly Father!

Brother Daniel Rodney

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The Hard things

There are many things in God's written word that are easy to swallow because we agree wholeheartedly with them or have not had to deal with those issues in a personal way. But what happens when God's word takes a direct hit on the way we think, the way we act, or the way we speak? How do we respond to the teachings of God and His desire for our holiness? Many will try and say that the Bible must morph its teachings to what is acceptable in society today. After all is not man becoming wiser and more knowledgeable in so many ways! And wasn't the Bible penned by human beings who based their writings on the times they lived in? And maybe, just maybe, that might be what God said but it's not what He really meant. I say NO to all of these. God's word is just as valid, applicable, relevant today as it was when it was written. Oh, and man's apparent wisdom is only elevated through the eyes of man and not God's.

Jesus never shied away from saying what needed to be said. He never beat around the bush but was direct and clear in what He was teaching. I saw a bumper sticker many years ago that said, "Jesus wants to offend the hell out of you so He can put more of heaven in you." At first that sounds very cruel and unloving, but it is just the exact opposite. God loves us so much He is willing to say the hard things, those things we do not want to hear but need to. Where would I be in God's quest for my holiness if I were fully on board with Him?

Romans 3:23 tells us that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. No human being has lived a sinless life, and no one ever will here on this earth. This scripture is a twofold statement in that it keeps us humble when dealing with other's sin and it does not isolate us when dealing with our own sin. I am no different because I need help and I need help because I am no different. Now that should level the playing field!

It's so easy to see the sin in others yet turn a blind eye to our own sin. Let us remind ourselves that sin is not just what we do but also the way we think. Every act is preceded by a thought. One of the craziest responses to sin is, "I didn't mean to do that" or "I couldn't help it." The last one may be true if you are not born again but it does not make anyone any less culpable in the eyes of God.

If you are reading God's word, listening to a sermon, or in prayer and something offends you do not become offended but take a deep breath and ask yourself this one question. Why am I offended? Don't slam the Bible shut and say that God does not understand me or my struggles because He does. That's why He is saying what He is saying. Don't leave the church because you think the pastor doesn't know

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If we are truly born-again, God fearing, sin hating, holiness seeking, heaven bound Christians then we will accept the things that point out our sinfulness and accept the help that God is offering us. There is a cause, condition, and a cure. The cause is the fall of man, the condition is the sinfulness of every human being, and the cure is the death, burial, and resurrection of one man/God, the person of Jesus Christ.

I want to share a writing from someone whom I have the utmost respect for. Someone who helped guide and mentor me to where I am today. I man who loves the Lord and believes that God wrote what He wrote and meant what He meant.

May God: guide, strengthen, and encourage us all on the path to holiness.

In His Service

Pastor Pete

***** "Born this Way" *****

If homosexuality was a naturally inherent trait, then natural selection should've weeded it out at least a millennium ago - if we're playing by the current "acceptable" models. Homosexuality does NOTHING to propagate any species and the fittest (those who mate with the opposite sex and have offspring) would have completely taken over the ones who had this crippling disposition (i.e., a preference for the same sex) over time. Yes, there are still many examples of homosexual behavior in the animal kingdom, as there are still mutations and traits negative to all species still appearing today, but these are nothing healthy and certainly not ideal towards anything approaching ideal traits that benefit any species' survival. They are constantly being weeded out for the simple fact that propagation does not favor the continuation of these traits. Play that out over hundreds of thousands of generations. You would think this would resonate with those who want to claim they're all about "science," and "Darwinian Evolutionary Theory?" Are they listening to the science here? There is no gay gene, homosexual brains are exactly the same as the rest of ours, and though it's been looked at "scientifically" (driven by a socially politicized agenda) it has not EVER been established, only refuted by the scientific community. I spent a considerable amount of time researching and writing about this in 2003. My summation on this research was this...

I asked the question, "What if we were able to establish that homosexuals were "hardwired" that way? We haven't, but what if we did? Would that make it right?" My conclusion: no. Here's why... It seems there's some sort of an assumption that, "if God made me this way, then it must be okay." How can God fault you, or anyone, for being who you were made to be? Right? WRONG! Unlike homosexuality, there is some evidence that certain behavioral traits do get passed on by nature that are unacceptable to God and society as a whole (i.e., substance abuse, a propensity toward violence, molestation, and on the

list goes). Is this excusable because our parents passed these horrible behavioral traits on to us? No. In fact, the bible is pretty clear that we are ALL born with an inherent sinful nature and EVERY sin is equally inexcusable to Him. There is no difference between any of our sins with His perfect standard. God didn't make us this way, but He certainly wants to remake us into His likeness. Jesus Christ makes this possible. Through Him, His work on the cross, and His resurrection, we can be born again! May we find Him now. He is just a prayer away. Talk to Him and you'll find out! Hope your week is a blessed one.

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Nov 2021

Issue 0073

He Has Made Me Glad!

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
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I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!

He has made me glad! He has made me glad!
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This is a song which has been sung in many churches throughout this country. Here is the story behind that song.

The author of this song was no stranger to difficulty. Leona Bruce Von Brethorst (1924-2010) was a child of Appalachia, born in Stinking Creek, Tennessee. She was 1 of 11 children, and she often went to school without shoes.

After high school, she moved to Detroit, Michigan, to work in a defense plant during World War 2. After the war, she relocated to California, where she got married and had 2 children. But her husband left her before her oldest child was 3 years old.

Leona was crushed. She battled depression and worked odd jobs so she and her children could have food to eat.

Her church was a stabilizing force in her life, and she was asked to be a worship leader. At first, she laughed at the idea, but she eventually agreed, even though she said, "I don't know a note of music or how to play an instrument."

She wrote personal poems and songs to help her through lonely times. She organized an outreach that fed the homeless. She loved to sew and made clothes for herself and her girls, and also made quilts for anyone in need.

Depression struck Leona again when her children left home, and she was devastated by loneliness. She began to spend more time in prayer and Bible study. One day after reading in Chronicles about the dedication of the temple, and how the glory of the Lord filled the place, and after reading Psalm 100 about entering God's

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courts with thanksgiving in one's heart, she realized thanksgiving is the key to knowing the joy of the Lord. That's when she wrote this song, "He Has Made Me Glad".

She sang this song for the first time publicly the following Sunday for her Sunday School class, and people have been singing it ever since.

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Over one hundred times in the Bible, from 2 Samuel through Revelation, we find the idea of being thankful and/or giving thanks, most often to God.

In 2 Samuel 22:50 we find these words of King David, " *Therefore I will give thanks to You, LORD, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name.*" King David was motivated to give thanks to the Lord for being delivered from his enemies, including King Saul. King David acknowledged his hardships and the gravity of them, but he also made it a point to acknowledge that God was bigger and mightier than anything that life could throw at him. He could lean on God; he could trust Him in times of trouble and peril.

The Apostle Paul quoted this Old Testament passage in his letter to the church in Rome. (See Romans 15:9) Paul had been exhorting his readers to bear one another's burdens, that the strong should step in and help those who were suffering in some form or fashion. This should include, but not limited to, struggles with finances, physical, spiritual, and mental health. If there is a need, there is a supply. God has created His church, His body of believers, His sheep to be self-sufficient in Him and in each other.

There seems to be a common thread throughout the Bible when it comes to giving thanks and that is, life is not easy. There were trials in the life of Leona Bruce von Brethorst. There are also accounts of many individuals throughout Scripture dealing with trials. The fact is that we all have, or will face, tough times in this life. But this should never create despair. As children of God, we can count on Him to protect what He has saved. God does nothing in futility. "*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 1:6) What He has started, He will finish.

The point I want to make is this, thankfulness should never be limited to the things we have in life, those blessings from God. I think back to the many Thanksgiving dinners we had growing up. After we had prayed for the abundance before us, we went around the table and gave thanks for something in our life. All too often it was focused on family, friendships, our homes, jobs, and the many other things we were thankful for. While these truly are things to be thankful for, how about the struggles we have gone through, those trials and tribulations that take us to the end of our rope, that wear us to a frazzle? The things that made us cry out to God and ask for help. It is those things that bring us closer to God and in the end make us more like Him.

We are refined through fire, not through rain. Today it seems that there is the mentality that what we have defines who we are. The more we have the better we are. Even in some denominations wealth is evidence of God's love for you and that ends up translating into the idea that if you are poor your relationship with God is in trouble. My life's experience has taught me something different. Often my possessions can be a hinderance to my relationship with God. I must remind myself that cannot allow my possessions to possess me. Anything and everything I have is from Him in some form or fashion. I must use those things to glorify Him.

The other thing I have found is that my struggles in life have been of more value to Him and His kingdom than anything else in life. My past struggle with drugs, incarcerations, a failed marriage, cancer, failures as a father, a friend, and so much more has given me many opportunities to help others and glorify Him. I love and can identify with what the Apostle Paul said to the believers in Corinth.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are partners in our sufferings, so also you are in our comfort.” (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

What I have been through is far more valuable than any material things I have ever possessed. Remember that God is more interested in giving us a hand up rather than a handout. The Apostle Peter demonstrated this when he encountered a lame man outside the temple.

“Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, in order for him to beg for charitable gifts from those entering the temple grounds. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple grounds, he began asking to receive a charitable gift. But Peter, along with John, looked at him intently and said, “Look at us!” And he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!” And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.” (Acts 3:1-7) A hand up instead of a handout!

I heard a saying many years ago, God will not bring you to anything He will not bring you through. Reading through Scripture and looking in the rear-view mirror of our life should help us don a different attitude about the tough times we face in life. Instead of focusing on the negative aspect of things, which are there, try steering your mind and heart into the idea of, how will God use this to help someone else? Don't let the “poor me” attitude permeate your thinking. Don't wait until its over and things are better before you give thanks and praise to the Lord. Try doing it in the midst of your struggle and see if that doesn't help elevate you above your circumstances and bring you closer to God. After all that's His purpose in it all. Get excited about how He will use you and your experience to glorify Him, help others, and grow His kingdom.

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Issue 0072

Would you go there?

How many times have you ever heard someone say, "Now the shoe is on the other foot?" Most often it has come after someone has looked down on another person with contempt, indignation, or disgust. They had such an attitude of satisfaction for the person's current struggles that they even refused to help them out of it or aid them in any way whatsoever.

Then the script is flipped, and they end up in the same, or similar, situation. It is always unpleasant and humiliating, and usually unexpected. Jacob had deceived his brother Esau into surrendering his God given birthright for a bowl of stew. For many years, he must have felt like his deception had gone unnoticed by his father and his God. Then God stepped into level the consequences for his actions. Not as an act of revenge, but to teach Jacob that, not only had his God seen it, but wanted to teach Jacob that it was wrong on every level.

Jacob had worked seven years for the hand of Rachel, his desired bride. A deal had been struck with her father Laban for his daughter's hand. The labor was completed, and his reward was due him. Jacob entered his tent that night expecting that Rachel would be delivered to him as promised. However, when he woke up, he found out that he had slept with Leah, Rachel's older sister, and she was now his wife. Upset, Jacob went to Laban to find out why he had been deceived like this. Laban explained that it was their custom that the older daughter should be married first. Jacob ended up working many more years to receive Rachel. He had also learned a valuable lesson; it hurts to be deceived.

God is in the business of teaching us life lessons. He may wait days or years to bring this lesson to us but believe me it will always come. His patience does not equate to ignorance my brothers and sisters, it does however always equate to His justice and love for us and others. We need only remember the following example to keep our heart and mind in sync with God.

God looked down on mankind and could have felt contempt, indignation, and disgust, but He didn't. He felt compassion, empathy, and love. He hurt for us before He even hung for us. He willingly put the shoe on the other foot and accepted humiliation from others and yet anguished in His heart that they couldn't see they were worse off than He was.

Life will present us with opportunities to "go there." The question is will we be willing to put the shoe on the other foot, or will God have to do it for us? I pray that we will... before He does.

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THE WORD IN MOTION MESSAGE

Get out of Jerusalem!

Acts 1:6-8 “ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

As Christians, there are things we are not to know or be concerned with in this life. However, there are things we have all been commanded to do and that is to spread the Gospel message. “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Emphasis mine)

I am always baffled when churches have a service where they honor those missionaries they support through tithes and offerings collected on Sunday morning. I am eternally thankful for those who have felt the call and responded accordingly to spread the Gospel to the lost. I am however, concerned with those who feel they have fulfilled Jesus’s commandment to spread the good news by merely dropping a few dollars into the offering plate once a week. We are to support each other, but not pay someone else to do the work that each of has been called to do.

The Apostle Paul tells Timothy to; “*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.*” (2 Timothy 4:2) We are all to be walking, talking, examples of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we cannot skirt around our duty by having someone else do it for us. We go to church to be fed so we can mature as Christians and take this wonderful message to others. Yes, I also know that Paul also said in Ephesians 4:11, “*And He gave **some** as apostles, and **some** as prophets, and **some** as evangelists, and **some** as pastors and teachers.*” But this is not a loophole to negate the inherent calling of every Christian to share what God has done for them.

I heard a story once about an optometrist who felt his calling to spread the Good News but couldn’t find the time or opportunity to satisfy his God given responsibility. He was not satisfied with just supporting others and knew he needed to do his part but didn’t know how. So, he prayed, imagine that! Through heartfelt conviction and prayer God gave him the answer. The optometrist went to the printer and had new eyecharts made up for his examination rooms that read as follows:

**“For
God so loved
the world, that
He gave His only
begotten Son, that
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Him shall not perish,
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He would then ask his patients to start at the top and read as far as they could. He would finish it if they could not. It was not always met with positivity, but neither is the Gospel Message when shared in other countries and sadly even our own. Jesus, when sending out His disciples told them, *“Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.”* (Matthew 10:14) We should not evaluate our obligation to share the gospel with others by their response... but by our responsibility. God afforded this optometrist with a way to fulfill his obligation and lead others to Christ by this simple method.

Get out of yourself!

That’s the key, we must get out of ourselves, our own inhibitions. We must remember that it is not us, but the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Remember what our Scripture in Acts said, **“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”** God even told Moses, *“Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.”* If we serve an unchanging God, and I mean that rhetorically, then will He not give us the means to fulfill what He has called us to do?

I am not writing this message to bash anyone, but to motivate us all into getting out of ourselves, out of our churches and spread the Gospel to the lost and dying. You don’t have to go any further than your workplace, your school, or your social groups to start. Pray how God would have you do it, then trust Him and His Spirit to guide you. Accept your responsibility to obey and let the response of others be His responsibility. You will find great satisfaction in obedience, and you just might help change someone’s eternal destiny.

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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)

Mail to: The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311