

# Overcomers for Christ

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John 3:16

# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ

**"You should love God with all your heart and soul with every ounce of your strength."**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**



**"... love calms all rebellions."**

**Proverbs 10:12**



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## Doomsday for Mayans! We're Still Here ...

By C.E.

To the saints who are in the *Overcomers for Christ* and faithful in Christ Jesus, ***“Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 1:7, Ephesians 1:2, Colossians 1:2)*** Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory forever and ever. AMEN.

Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love. Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom and of joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature. Think of their marvelous adaption to the needs and happiness, not only to man, but of all living creatures including the sunshine and the rains, which gladden and refresh the earth. The hills and seas and plains, all speak to us of the Creator's love. It is God Who supplies the daily needs of all His creatures.

In the beautiful words of the Psalmist, ***“The eyes of all who wait upon Thee; And Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.” (Psalm 145:15-16)***

God made man and woman perfectly holy and happy; and the fair earth, as it came from the Creator's hand, bore no blight of decay or shadow of the curse. It is transgression of God's law – the law of love – that has brought woe and death. Yet even amid the suffering that results from sin, God's love is revealed. It is written that God cursed the ground for man's sake. (***Genesis 3:17***) The thorn and the thistle – the difficulties and trials that make his life one of toil and care – were appointed for his good as a part of the training needed in God's plan for his/her uplifting from the ruin and degradation that sin has wrought. The world, though fallen, is not all sorrow and misery. In nature itself there are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon the thistles, and the thorns are covered with roses.

“God is Love” is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass. The lovely birds making the air vocal with their happy songs; the buds delicately tinted in their perfection perfuming the air; the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foliage of living green – all testify to the tender, Fatherly care of our God and to His desire to make His children happy.

The Word of God reveals His character. He Himself has declared His infinite love and pity. When Moses prayed, ***“Show me Thy glory”*** the Lord answered, ***“I will make all My goodness pass before thee.” (Exodus 33:18-19)*** This is His glory. The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed, ***“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.” (Exodus 34:6-7)*** He is ... ***“Slow to anger, and of great kindness” (Jonah 4:2)*** ... ***“Because He delighteth in mercy.” (Micah 7:18)***

God has bound our hearts to Him by unnumbered tokens in heaven and in earth. Through the things of nature, and the deepest and most tender earthly ties that human hearts can know, He has sought to reveal Himself to us. Yet these but imperfectly represent His love. Though all these evidences have been given, the enemy of good has blinded the minds of men and women so that they looked upon God with fear; they thought of Him as severe and unforgiving. The liar, satan, led men and women to conceive of God as a being whose chief attribute is stern justice, One Who is a severe judge, a harsh exacting creditor. The liar has pictured the Creator as a being Who is watching with a jealous eye to discern the errors and mistakes of men and women, that He may visit judgments upon them. It was to remove this dark shadow, by revealing to the world the infinite love of God that Jesus came to live among men and women.

The Son of God came from heaven to make manifest the father. ***“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.” (John 1:18)*** ***“Neither knowest any man the Father, save the Son, and to he whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.” (Matthew 11:27)*** When one of the disciples made the request, ***“Show us the Father,”*** Jesus answered, ***“Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, show us the father?” (John 14:8-9)***

In describing His earthly mission Jesus said, ***“The Lord hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.” (Luke 4:18)*** This was His work. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by satan. There were whole villages where there was not a moan of sickness in any house, for He has passed through them and healed all their sick. His work gave evidence of His divine anointing. Love, mercy and compassion were revealed in every act of His life; His heart went out in tender sympathy to the children of men. He took man's nature, that He might reach man's wants. The poorest and humblest were not afraid to approach Him. Even little children were attracted to Him. They loved to climb upon His knees and gaze into His pensive face, benignant with love.

Jesus did not suppress one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact and thoughtful kind attention in His relationships with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, and never gave needless pain to the sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He spoke the truth, but always in love. He denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity; but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, which refused to receive Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They had rejected Him, the Savior, but He regarded them with pitying tenderness. His life was one of self-denial and thoughtful care for others. Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He ever bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with the tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men and women He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save.

Such is the character of Christ as revealed in His life. This is the character of God. It is from the Father's heart that the streams of divine compassion, manifest in Christ and flow out to the children of men. Jesus, the tender, pitying Savior was manifest in the flesh. (**1 Timothy 3:16**)

It was to redeem us that Jesus lived and suffered and died. He became "A Man of sorrows" that we might be made partakers of everlasting joy. God permitted his beloved Son, full of grace and truth, to come from a world of indescribable glory, to a world marred and blighted with sin, darkened with the shadow of death and the curse. He permitted Him to leave the bosom of His love and the adoration of the angels to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. **"The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."** (**Isaiah 53:5**) Behold Him in the wilderness in Gethsemane, upon the cross! The spotless Son of God took upon Himself the burden of sin. He had been One with God, felt His soul the awful separation that sin makes between God and man. These words wrung from His lips in anguish as He cried out, **"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"** (**Matthew 27:46**) It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity, of its separation of soul from God – it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God.

But this great sacrifice was not made in order to create in the Father's heart a love for man, not to make Him willing to save. NO! NO! **"God so loved the world that he gave His only-begotten Son."** (**John 3:16**) The Father loves us, not because of the great population, but He provided the propitiation because He loves us. Christ was the medium through which He could pour out His infinite love upon the fallen world. **"God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself."** (**2 Corinthians 5:14**) God suffered with His Son. In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of infinite love paid the price of our redemption.

Jesus said, **"Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again."** (**John 10:17**) That is, "My Father hath so loved you that He even loves Me more for giving My life to redeem you. In becoming your substitute and surety, by surrendering My life, by taking your liabilities, your transgressions, I am endeared to My Father; for by My sacrifice, God can be just, and yet the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus."

None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption; for only He Who was in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He Who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to the lost humanity.

**"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son ..."** (**John 3:16**) He gave Him not only to live among men, to bear their sins, and die their sacrifice; He gave Him to the fallen race. Christ was to identify Himself with the interests and needs of humanity. He Who was One with God has linked Himself with children of men by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is ... **"Not ashamed to call them brethren."** (**Hebrews 2:11**) He is our Sacrifice, our Advocate, our Brother, bearing our human form before the Father's throne. And through eternal ages one with the race He has redeemed – the Son of Man. And in all of this that man might be uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin that He might reflect the love of God and share the joy of holiness.

The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired Apostle John beheld the height, the depth and the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he was filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love, he called upon the world to behold it. **"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."** (**1 John 3:1**) What a value this places on man! Through transgressions the sons of Man become subjects of satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through the connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name, "sons of God".

Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! The theme for the most profound meditation! The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the Cross, the more

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Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done **Philippians 4:6 (NLT)**

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for my sister and our relationship to get better and that the change I've made is clear that God is #1 and my love and faith are planted on the rock of Jesus. He is my foundation, my chief cornerstone and my new life won't be ruined by satan ever again in Jesus' mighty name. Get thee behind me satan and prevail no more in Jesus' mighty and all powerful name ... Amen ... **C.H.**

I'll ask all of you to please pray for my daughters and grandchildren and great-grandchildren for them to do the right things and stay out of trouble ... **M.G.**

I am a born-again believer, I've been saved for about 15 years, although, I have wavered in my faith. Ever since I became saved I struggled to live a Christian life. My life has been a life of pain and suffering. I believe God has a purpose for my life, I only wish that the pain would stop. Because of my life of sin and the powers that be, I was sentenced to 22 years in prison on January 25, 2011. Since that day, I have only seen pain and discouragement. My family has pretty much abandoned me, and now the woman that I love dearly has left me. I honestly don't understand God's ways. I pray every day for God to bring my wife back, but every day I suffer with thoughts of her with other men. It kills me, and every day I pray for God to take it away, but He don't! I'm in prison for a property theft; I lost my life for a burglary and dealing in stolen property. I don't know why I am telling you this. I read one of your publications and one quote stuck with me. It hurt a lot but I believe it was of God. "At some point you realize that some people can stay in your heart, but not in your life." I don't exactly know why God won't help my broken heart. Will you please pray for me? ... **D.R.**

I read that you take prayer requests, and well, I have one for you, if you don't mind. In the past three years, all of my family and friends have pretty much given up on me and it hurts so badly. I ask that you please pray for my wife, sons, brother and family to write me because I am really down and out and could use some mail from them. I pray for them to be in good health and everything to be alright and bless them always. Please pray for me to keep strong in the Word and try and help everyone that comes my way. Please pray for me to always show love, hope, peace, joy, grace, and kindness ... **M.B.**

Please pray for my kids, family, friends and my roommate's kids ... **I.R.**

Both my daughters are walking the wrong path in life. I guess most of my family is a mess that I can blame myself for making. I have an ex-wife and an estranged wife that are running in the cess-pool of life. Please include me and my family into your prayers and I pray that God can spark a friendship here ... **R.S.**

### Praise Reports

I am doing much better thanks be to our Father God and good friends like you. How blessed am I that God is in my heart and my life to get me through my loss. He took my anger and filled my heart with peace. He took my tears and cleansed my soul. He took my pain and gave me beautiful memories. He took a wonderful woman and gave me His greatest gift, my mother. You have helped me get through so much. You are proof that God sends His best angels when a soul feels lost ... **T.G.**

Just a one-time thing of help has been prayed about day and night for 60 days and I've asked God to send some help and on 10/16/2013, I got your card that reads "Grace" and it made tears run down my cheeks, because God sent *Overcomers for Christ* to be my first letter I've had. See, He answered my prayers and all praise and glory be to God always. Thank you so much for the beautiful card I am still choked up and tears in my eyes because you didn't forget about me and that means the world to me and I want to thank you all at *Overcomers for Christ* for being family when I have none now, but God blessed my heart and soul with brothers and sisters who love me for me ... a child of God ... **C.H.**

Let me thank you for being friends and your prayers. I know it sounds weird but I can feel them working in my life. My fiancée wrote me and is saying she wants to work it out with me and still wants to marry me ... **J.M.**

Michelle in your prayer request, is Uncle Jim a born-again believer? The reason I ask is because I was diagnosed in 2007 with Hep-C and I know that ain't nothing to cancer, but I am a witness of Jesus' healing. I got out of prison in 2007 shooting dope and drinking every day I could, all day not caring about life because I was sick already, and I believed the lie, I was dead already. Well in 2009, when I shot at the police because I wasn't coming back to prison for the 4th time, well when I shot I knew I wasn't ready to die and was scared. Well, they didn't kill me and I gave my life to Christ in May 2009. I was and am a new creature in Christ, the old is gone. And Jesus took all my sin, sickness and rebellion on Himself and nailed it to the Cross. I believe that. I got to this prison to start the Hep-C treatment and when they done the test they can't find Hep-C anywhere ... that's God. The doc told me, "All I can say is you dodged a bullet." I said, "No, it's the Lord." She said, "Amen!!" Amen is right. I believe the prayers of the righteous can accomplish much. (**James 5:16**) So, you keep praying and we will too. My daddy was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer in 2007; doctors gave him six months without chemo and a year with it. Today is his 55th birthday and he has 13 tumors in him. Jesus said, "*This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.*" ... **J.W.**

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## From the Inside

**Insight**  
By S.L.

I guess that if there would be any reason for the delay in my writing this it would be because I've pretty much busied myself with work, school and giving a lot of time to my boyfriend. I would say that I've kind of slipped away from keeping instep with the Spirit (**Galatians 5:25**). I've not slipped away completely; I read from the Word daily, I share the Word with others and do my best to keep a positive outlook on every situation.

This boyfriend of mine has been by my side through this whole time here and I fell for the romance of it. What I mean is, he has faith but he is not seeking Him (Jesus). It has been tough on me because I cannot share much of my spirituality with him. The more this goes on the more I do recognize this relationship isn't getting anywhere. I pray that God will work things out to where no one gets hurt. I'm ready to end it between us, yet I don't know how; so God willing it will work itself out.

It seems I've always been in some sort of relationship, mostly bad ones, but for some reason I'd stay in them, horrible (wasted time I know).

I do pray God's will for every person that reads this and I pray our Savior blesses you with the desires of your heart. Keep trusting God and believing. But don't forget that this world has nothing to offer, all the joy, love and every answer is IN CHRIST! IN HIS GRACE!

**Prayer is Confessing God's Word**  
By M.S.

Christmas is a special time of year and should be held precious. Even here I found it to be special as my son and his family came to visit yesterday and we all had a great time. I only have two more Christmas' in here away from all those that I love. I can hardly wait to be there with all of them.

In my own life I've found that I've received more prayers being answered when I've used the Word of God in my prayers. Enclosed is something that was sent in to me and has helped me to better understand. I hope you all will like it as much as I do and perhaps you'll share it with the rest of our brothers and sisters through the newsletter. I pray you all will take these words and personalize them to fit your own lives.

Lord, please forgive my sins. I pray that You would anoint my husband from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, that You would open his spiritual eyes and ears, anoint his mind to have the mind of Christ, anoint his eyes to see You more clearly, anoint his ears to hear Your voice and anoint his nose to smell, You, his sweet Savior. Anoint his mouth to speak Your Words and place the helmet of Salvation upon his head, circumcise and anoint his heart to receive Your Word and give him a teachable spirit. Anoint his belly to flow out living waters, place the breastplate of righteousness upon him and gird his loins with the belt of truth. Anoint his hands to handle Your Word, which is the Sword of the Spirit, and in the other hand place the shield of faith so that he will withstand the fiery darts of the enemy. Anoint his feet, for the steps of a good man are ordered by You and in doing so his feet are shod with the Gospel of Peace.

Now Lord, I pray that You would go before him and make the crooked places straight. Remove all of the hindering spirits and put a ring of protection around him. Place upon him a banner of love, grace, mercy and favor over him. Give him all the tools and wisdom that he will need for this day, open and close the doors You want him to go through that no man can shut and close the ones You have ordered for him. 'No weapon that is formed against him shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against him in judgment You shall condemn because this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.'

Now Father, all of this that I have prayed over my husband I pray over myself and our children. Wash us all in Your Blood and seal us with Your Holy Spirit in Jesus' name, AMEN.

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## From the Inside

### Boundaries and Your Children

By M.D.

My fellow Overcomers, greetings to all in the name of Jesus. Those of you who have been with us for awhile may recognize my appeal to us parents that are incarcerated. It's still our responsibility to parent our children while we are incarcerated in the ways of the Lord. Following up on all the other articles that I've shared with you has brought me to this one.

God at His deepest level is a lover (**1 John 4:8**). He is relationally orientated and driven. He desires connection with us from womb to tomb. **"I have loved you with an everlasting love."** (**Jeremiah 31:3**) God's loving nature is active. Love multiplies itself.

God is also the aggressive Creator; He wants to fill up His universe with beings who care for Him – and for each other. The family is the social unit God invented to fill up the world with representatives of His loving character. It's a place for nurturing our children until they are mature enough to go out of the family as adults and to multiply His image in other surroundings.

God, the good Parent, wants to help us (His children) grow up. He wants to see us **"... become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."** (**Ephesians 4:13**) Part of this maturing process is helping us know how to take responsibility for our lives. It's the same with our own flesh and blood kids and second only to learning how to bond, forming strong attachments. The most important thing parents can give children is a sense of responsibility – knowing what they are responsible for and what they aren't, knowing how to say no, and how to accept no. Responsibility is a gift of enormous value. Our children will either fear or learn to hate boundaries. Boundary development in children is the work of learning responsibility. As we teach them the merits and limits of responsibility, we teach them autonomy – we prepare them to take on the tasks of adulthood.

The Scriptures have much to say about the role of boundary setting in child rearing. We call it discipline. Hebrew and Greek words for discipline translate to teaching. Fathers are to raise children **"... in the training and instruction of the Lord,"** (**Ephesians 6:4**) ... **"stern disciple awaits him who leaves the path."** (**Proverbs 15:10**)

A good child rearing involves both preventative training and practice, and correctional consequences. For example, you set a 10:00 P.M. bedtime for your 14 year old. "It's there so you'll get enough sleep for school" you tell her. You've just disciplined positively. Then your teen stays up until midnight, so the next day you say, "Because you stayed up all night, you lose your phone for today." Now you've disciplined negatively. "Why are both the carrot and the whip necessary in good boundary development" you may ask? Well, it's because God uses practice – trial and error – to help us grow up. We learn maturity by getting information, applying it poorly, making mistakes, learning from our mistakes and doing better the next time.

Practice is necessary in all areas of our life; in learning anything from riding a bike to operating a vehicle. We need practice in learning a deep love relationship with God and in learning to study the Bible. I recommend the new inductive study method. It's awesome! It's just as true for our spiritual and emotional growth. **"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."** (**Hebrews 5:14**) Practice is important in learning boundaries and responsibility. Our mistakes are our teachers. I could go on and on to the importance of boundaries. I implore you to look to the Scriptures yourselves and see the boundary needs of your children so that they may know when to say yes, how to say no and take control of their lives so that they don't repeat the mistakes of us incarcerated parents. Take responsibility NOW, and reap the rewards in your children as they grow up as Overcomers for Christ "on the outside" themselves. God bless you and your children.

# Foot's Bible Study Notes

## **1 Samuel 10:1-12:25**

Israel's true King was God, but the nation demanded another. Imagine wanting a human being instead of God as your guide and leader! Throughout history, men and women have rejected God, and they continue to do it today. Are you rejecting God by pushing Him aside and acknowledging someone or something else as your 'king' or top priority? Learn from these stories of Israel's kings and don't push God aside! (**10:19**)

When injustice or sin makes you angry, ask God how you can channel that anger in constructive ways to help bring about a positive change. (**11:6**)

No person is ever exempt from God's laws; no human action is outside His jurisdiction. God is the true King of every area of life. We must recognize His Kingship and pattern our relationships, work life, and home life according to His principles. (**12:12-15**)

## **John 6:43-71**

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual life. Without the work of the Holy Spirit, we cannot even see our need for new life. All spiritual renewal begins and ends with God. He reveals truth to us, lives within us, and then enables us to respond to that truth. (**6:63-65**)

Though there are many philosophies and self-style authorities, Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. People look everywhere for eternal life and miss Christ, the only source, stay with Him, especially when you are confused and feel alone. (**6:67-68**)

## **Psalms 107:1-108:13**

No matter how extreme our calamity, God is able to help us. He is loving and kind to those who are distressed. (**107:1**)

Those who have never truly suffered may not appreciate God as much as those who have matured under hardship. Those who have seen God work in times of distress have a deeper insight into his loving-kindness. If you have experienced trials, you have potential for great praise. (**107:32**)

Do our prayers end with requests for help to make it through stressful situations? David prayed not merely for rescue, but for victory. With God's help we can claim more than mere survival, we can claim victory! Look for ways God can use your distress as an opportunity to show His mighty power. (**108:13**)

## **Proverbs 15:1-3**

Have you ever tried to argue in a whisper? It is equally hard to argue with someone who insists on answering gently. On the other hand, a rising voice and harsh words almost always trigger an angry response. To turn away wrath and seek peace, choose gentle words. (**15:1**)

## **“Foot” Notes**

Hello Overcomers, just wanted to share an observation with you all. If you stop and take time to notice God supplies us with countless free blessings every day. Like for instance, you wake up, flowers, beautiful weather, sunrise, sunset, and the list goes on ... fuzzy puppies, kittens ... you get the gist of it.

Now on the flip side, God also gives us blessings that we specifically ask for, but these come at a cost and you need to consider if you're willing to pay the price. For instance, you pray for a significant other in your life but how often do you think of the cost of such a blessing because ya'll know everybody has quirks, flaws and baggage!! This is just one humorous example.

Maintaining these types of blessings takes hard work in one form or another whether physical, mental, or financial. So friends take heed in the warning of "Be careful what you ask for." Love to ya'll short and tall.

Be the change you want to see in the world.



we see mercy, tenderness and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places with Christ. Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the beloved.

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**POWER!**

By K.G.



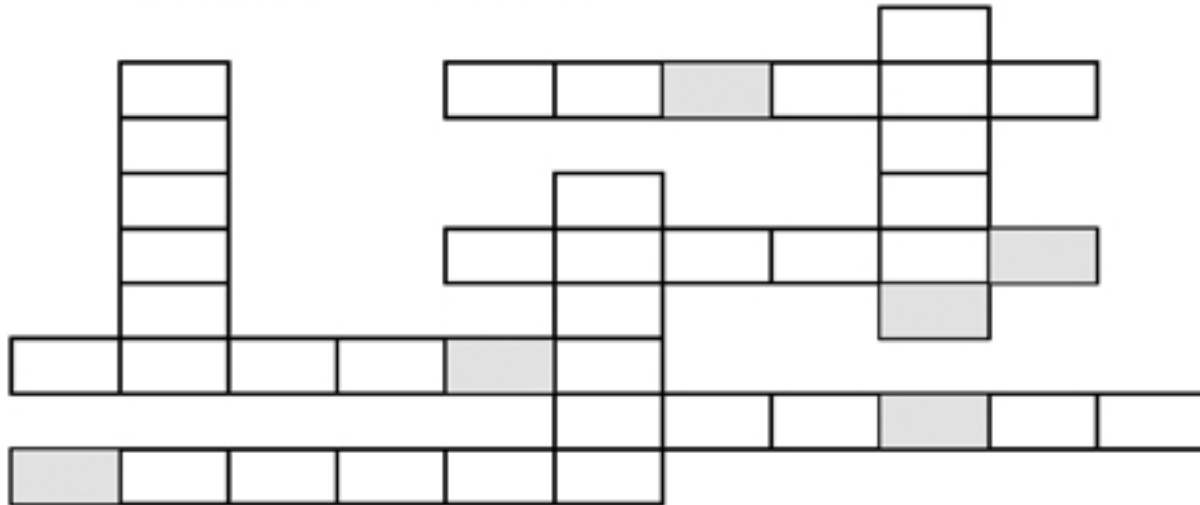
Yes, I do believe that this newest move was by divine appointment and I am beginning to see God's hand at work. I find my rest in the knowledge that there is only One Power, God! And we are good friends. Not understanding everything that goes on frustrates me. But it also causes me to trust in my Father's loving nature. Everything that He allows is for my good and for my spiritual growth. God is so Good!

I believe that 2014 is going to be the year for deliverance. The church has been operating in and out of knowledge. But this is the year that the understanding of that knowledge will begin to change God's people and they will start to move in Power! God's ministry to the world is to set men free from bondage. We will see men and women of God stepping into the Power of God in 2014 and with the Power given it will begin to clean out some vessels for God to live in.

It's time, as sons and daughters, that we receive the authority given to us by God and **TURN THE CHURCH WORLD UPSIDE DOWN** for Jesus!! Power to live holy, Power to please God and Power to do whatever God has called us to! **POWER!!!**

**U.S. Presidents Fill-In Grid**

Fill in the grid with the last names of eight of the nine U.S. presidents listed – each with six letters in his last name. One letter is given to get you started. At the end, the shaded letters – one each from six different presidents – can be anagrammed into the one president whose name you didn't use.



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| <b>Wilson</b> |               |



**Quoteworthy**

**"If we have the true love of God in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do."**

- D.L. Moody (February 5, 1837 - December 22, 1899) - An American evangelist and publisher who founded the Moody Church, Northfield School and Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts, the Moody Bible Institute and Moody Publishers

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## What Others Are Saying...

"Two of my fellow disciples in Christ have shared prior copies of your newsletter with me and I'd like to request my own copy, please. I find the testimonies in the newsletter quite genuine and I also love the pieces written by Foot." – **C.G.**

"I was recently showed a few of your newsletters and I must say, I've never seen anything like it, as far as the way it is put together. And Mr. Dobbins and his designs are great. I read the May 2011 issue and the angels of the Lord has always been sort of fuzzy to me ...meaning unclear. And that article has shed a little light on the situation." – **M.M.**

"I enjoy your newsletter so much; it is hope of positive-ness in this negative world in which I live in. Thank you for the work you do in Christ's service. I wish I had a million dollars to give you, you deserve it for all the work you do. Keeping to the commission of Jesus Christ. (**Matthew 25:35-36**)." – **A.M.**

"Just want to start by saying thank you for doing what you guys do. You brothers and sisters are a God-send to people like me that are just coming to Christ." – **D.B.**

"I just wanted to say thank you all very much for the birthday wish. It was great to hear from you all. Your pamphlets are an inspiration and give me the strength to go on." – **B.M.**

"Your encouragement is having a real affect on me. I'm very grateful that Jesus has brought us together with a common cause. Please let all the **OC** family know how much I appreciate all their prayers, plus all that they do. I love looking at the family pictures each month. I can definitely see real people working hard to live a life that will please our Lord. I am on the same page for sure." – **E.D.**

"The newsletter is great, I love the Foot Bible study and I love all the great art throughout the newsletter. There is a lot of great encouragement, may the Lord continue to bless **OC** ministry. I look forward to being involved and receiving the monthly newsletter. I plan on sharing it with fellow brothers and others to help in drawing them near our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." – **P.G.**

"Thank you once again for the magazine ... May 2012. What a flawless picture of Mary, very beautiful. Yes, we all need a deeper revelation of leadership. Speaking for myself, simply reading Wade's thoughts on the truth brought deeper revelation to my life. In so many ways, I will be working on my character everyday for the rest of my days here on earth. To be more like Jesus and to love my neighbor as myself and more." – **J.M.**

"I enjoy the monthly **Overcomers for Christ** newsletter and I do relate to the testimonies and I follow along the scriptures. Well, thank you for letting me share. My faith grows stronger and I know this is a lifetime commitment with God. Thank you for letting me be a part of your church." – **L.S.**

"I pray God will cater and customize a special blessing for each person involved with your magazine in anyway. Your magazine is a blessing to me and all the others who I share it with each month. As a matter of fact in a joking manner my friends like to argue who gets the cover. My hat is off to each and every one of you, so take a long bow because my friends relate to the material in your magazine on their different levels." – **C.O.**

## Overcomer's Testimonies

I am new in my walk with Christ; I started my new life, new outlook and new beginning in January 2013. I'm from Mesa and have lived in the valley from the age of 8 months. At 7 years old, I relocated with my parents up to Show Low until I was 14, then back to the valley from then on. My mom always tried to get us boys to pray and walk in the light of God, but we all took our own ways. I have always believed and have walked through life believing that was enough. Boy have I missed out on all the good that God has put in my path, because my eyes were closed. I've been in and out of jail since I was 19, and went to prison in 2000 for the first time.

I am now 41 years old and am locked up doing a ten-year sentence in the Feds. It could have been so much worse but I know now that God has a purpose for me. I'm not sure what it is but my eyes, ears, and heart are opened now! It's a tough walk, I make mistakes all of the time. Nothing too drastic, I've not touched drugs since I've taken my salvation prayer. I know that it has brought me and my mom closer. We were already close but she is so happy to know that I walk with our Savior. Now it is me who is pushing her to start going to church once again. She is going through a lot at this time in her life and I believe it would do her good to be fellowshiping with other Christians. She is my rock, never has she ever given up on me, even when I've given up on myself.

I do not ever want to step back into the cess-pool ... I want to build a network with fellow believers; I would like to get stronger and deeper in my faith. – **R.S.**

## From the Outside In By Jackie McLaughlin

I graduated from Church on the Street and went on to second phase until parole gave me the green light. Here I am in Kansas, there really is no place like home. Since prison, I've lived at the Dream Center and now I'm living a dream come true. What a testimony!!!

All I have to give is my testimony, so by golly, I'm gonna make it count with the help of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. I hope to edify grace, love, peace, and understanding to the hearer.

Dad's church is beautiful, in a loving, holy kind of way. Church is way out in the country, very few people, right now, yet I make one more ... Praise God! Dad and I travel to churches in Wichita, Hutchinson, and Oklahoma City when parole lets me travel. It's fun and rewarding and I love to learn more about Jesus and others. Great thing is that we never stop learning. How cool is that?

Coming home, it was like a dream, nothing has changed except everyone is older and wiser.

Dad always talks about *Overcomers for Christ* and Church on the Street. He is teaching me that you all are a very big part of my testimony. We are all the Body of Christ and we love you all so much. *The Best Poem in the World* is Dad's favorite ever! He tells it everywhere he goes and I'm talking it's part of his sermon. I love it, too.

### THE BEST POEM IN THE WORLD!

Author Unknown - (Though possibly written by either the worst sinner or the most thankful person in heaven, or both!)

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
as I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
by the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
who made me sputter and gasp--  
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
was rotting away in hell,  
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet,  
so somber? Give me a clue."

"Hush, child," said He "They're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

Judge NOT.

### Ministry Tithes & Offerings

It takes the body of Christ working together to create, print, assemble, and mail this newsletter every month. We thank each and every one of you who have sown a seed into this ministry. None of this would be possible without the generous financial support from people who believe in this ministry. By sowing your financial seed into this ministry, you are helping us reach out to those incarcerated by offering them hope, love, and encouragement. You are investing in reaching lost souls, encouraging new believers, and spreading the

Word of God. **"A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows."** – *Galatians 6:7*

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## Wisdom

By Ron H.

Lady of wisdom, book of knowledge  
Where mightest thou be found,  
The mystery is plain.

Oh, foolish man can not thy tell  
You seek valuable treasures,  
He hath shew thee good and what is required  
Walk humbly with God.

Forbidden fruit, Eve was naught  
Wisdom is not bought, ask God.

One has the knowledge  
Lead me Lord to the place  
Jesus has the keys  
In the light it must be right.

Man seeks wisdom, try Jesus  
Put on Christ, He is Lord and Savior  
Knowledge to the upright  
Wisdom to the righteous.

Words of Christ in you is your wisdom.

## Expression of My Essence

By A.R.

Feel the essence of My Spirit thru my penship  
Spill the guts of this pen, an aggressive expression.

He cried today so we can laugh tomorrow  
Long lasting love that will never be sorrow.

Speaks thru me, so be it, a living legend  
Precious documents, the truth is His Word, and my  
religion.

Changed my madness, overcame false sayings  
Impossible to lie, that's what keeps me praying.

He gives wisdom, call it decorations for the mind  
A gift for the soul, and peace in eternal life.

*Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense*

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