

Overcomers for Christ

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*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and
where the Spirit of
the Lord is,
there is freedom.*

2 Corinthians 3:17

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Perfect/Complete/Accepted

By D.S.L

So then, my beloved, we have come to understand the meaning of the word 'perfect' as being flawless, without mistake or one that does no wrong. It seems, however, that when the word was translated into English from the other languages, which the Old and the New Testaments were written in, that they were incorrect in their assumption. In Greek the word 'perfect', when written in Scripture, is put into the context of describing or explaining to be complete and/or accepted or even approved by God the Father, because of Jesus Christ.

An example of this is ... My sister Terry, has a child given to her and she immediately falls deeply in love with the child. However, this precious child has only three toes on one foot and cannot do much for herself. She will need assistance with her walk in life. This precious child is surely not without flaws. So society says to my sister, "Hold up Mrs. Wallace, we're going to exchange that child for you for another child that is flawless. This new child will never need help, has five toes on each foot and will in no way ever stumble." My sister replies, "No way buddy! I love my precious child. And with all her flaws and shortcomings, through Christ Jesus, to me she is perfect, complete, accepted, approved of and unconditionally loved."

Now then beloved, I took to studying the word 'perfect' from the following Scriptures, and concluded with this in **Psalm 18:32**, **"It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect."** This Psalm is from David, in Hebrew, when God delivered him from his enemies. It seems that David was overwhelmed with a dilemma that consisted of an enemy stronger than him. But young David did not fear, but trusted God to deliver him from this hopeless ordeal. David prayed and relied on his overwhelming God. He did as God had instructed him and fought back honorably. Thus, David's way was made 'perfect'. He recognized his need for God. Through God's instruction, David's reactions to his ordeal were considered faultless in this matter.

In **Genesis 6:9** we read, **"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations."** Here, Noah, with his flaws and human origin of sin, was set aside holy and blameless. Noah was the ideal person for God's plan/purpose to save mankind from the flood.

Then in **John 17:23** Jesus says this, **"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, ..."** From the Greek context in this passage the writer quotes our Lord, that love brings unity. Cross referenced with, **"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection"** (**Colossians 3:14**), this is described as, love brings our church together and this love **"is the bond of perfection"**. This love is the love of Christ and is accepted by God. To be one/complete; the body of Christ, with this love, operates like a well-oiled machine.

Now in **Colossians 1:28**, **"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."** Cross referenced with **Ephesians 5:27**, **"That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish"**, carries with it that we may present every man 'perfect' in Christ Jesus. Here, because of Jesus we're presented like a virgin bride, without spot or blemish, an undefiled (unspotted) sheep; accepted by God because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are the righteousness of God, through Christ Jesus. (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)

And last, in **James 1:4**, **"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."** Here, James describes a refined and purified faith that makes us properly and completely equipped to deal with life's challenges and circumstances.

I often ponder the wisdom of God's truth, and I have found that my misunderstandings of His Word can cause me confusion and then weaken my faith. So it's important for me in my walk Jesus to pray and study diligently, and to obtain a clear, wholesome and accurate understanding of what our Father is exactly telling me in His Word. It is futile to my faith that I not use my interpretation of His Truth OR anybody's philosophy OR ideology, but always the Lord's Truth.

Beloved, we are not without flaws, and the Lord knows that we have sinned in our pasts. We were born into sin and **1 John 1:8** says this, **"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."** But God came to us in the form of a human being, to live among us, to be an example to us, to die for our sins. Jesus defeated sin and death as He was resurrected from the grave on the third day. Now, He sits at the right hand of the Father and sticks up for us against the accuser of the brethren. Because of Jesus' finished work, God now sees us perfect, complete and we are accepted by Him. We are NOW God's children.

Beloved, we need to quit thinking of ourselves as less than perfect and unable to face life's challenges. We need to quit worrying how we are viewed in the eyes of the world. We need to know that through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we ARE made perfect in the eyes of God.

Through His Word, God instructs us how to deal with every and all challenges in life. The Holy Spirit gives us His wisdom,

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His comfort and His courage. We need not to fear that we are less than adequate to do God's bidding here on this earth. We ARE complete and in knowing this we must strive every day and night, with every breath we take and with every beat of our heart to be better people because God loves us and accepts us. Even with all of our flaws, errors and shortcomings, in God's eyes we ARE made perfect through Jesus Christ. Yes, all man has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God that's why we need Jesus. Accept Salvation through Jesus and thus we, even now, are made perfect.

So, if you have NOT truly accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior; if you see yourself as inadequate or unacceptable to God, come to Christ now and be made perfect, complete and acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. The sacrifice and resurrection Christ made for us on the Cross was/is more than enough to defeat all of our sin AND the spiritual death we face without Him. Jesus conquered sin and death and through His victory we are made whole, lacking nothing for Salvation. This same victory is here for you also. God has made me a new creation through His beloved Son (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). Now, I am born again, washed by the blood of the Lamb, made 'perfect' in His eyes. I am a child of the Most High, blessed and highly favored. You are in NO WAY less acceptable than I was, believe me. You can ask my sister Terry.

If you feel inadequate to do God's bidding within yourself and/or outside yourself - STOP IT! You too ARE a child of the Most High! Now serve Jesus who has created the entire universe. He has placed in each of us the courage, wisdom and ability to change the world for the better; to prepare the fallen for perfection and a heavenly habitation.

Letting Go of Hatred

By Steve Arterburn

***"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. . . If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: whoever loves God must also love his brother."* - 1 John 4:18-21**

It's easy to say you love God. But it's not always so easy to love other people, is it? And what is it that God wants from us? He wants us to love Him and love others. And, God has so intertwined your love for Him with love for others that when you really start loving others with His love, you'll give up your hatred and prejudice.

If you truly love God and you truly love others, you'll find that you don't have the option of hating our brothers and sisters. In fact, He doesn't even give you the option of hating your enemies. Jesus said, ***"But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Pray for the happiness of those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you."* (Luke 6:27-28)**

The bottom line is this, surrendering to God means surrendering your hatred as well. Loving people you like is easy. But God calls us to exhibit His love—which was a love that drove Jesus to the cross. That means loving people you don't necessarily like. That means loving your enemy. You can't do it on your own. You need to draw from God's endless supply of His love. Draw from His well, and drink.

FUN FACTS

Like Mozart, Frederic Chopin (born on February 22, 1810 according to his baptismal register) was considered a musical prodigy in childhood. By age seven, he had composed two simple marches.

Quote Worthy

"There is only one way of not hating those who do us wrong, and that is by doing them good."
- Henri Amiel (1821 – 1881) a Swiss moral philosopher and poet

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

Praise Reports

Encouraging one another with Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, fervent in prayers, in our most holy faith, let us continue to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ and be NOT conformed to this world. Let us continue to be transformed by the renewing of our mind by the Word. The devil has tried to kill my wife twice with cancer. But the Word is faithful, He will not fail us, nor forsake us. To God be the glory, may He continue to open our mouths boldly to speak His Word by stretching forth His Hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of His Holy Child, Jesus ... Amen ... **R.V.**

I'm getting out in less than 60 days and it's been a long eight years. Looking back and forward writing all of you there at the Overcomers for Christ headquarters has been the most rewarding Christ filled thing that I've done. For me, I want Christ to continue uncovering all of the strongholds in my life so that I can continue to live a positive victorious life on the outside. It's Christ and His unending love that make all of us whole ... **S.M.**

Dearest greetings. I am staying strong on my journey as Father God is blessing me in so many ways. He has given me the peace and the strength after my grandmother's passing. She had Parkinson's and Dementia. I am saddened of course. However, her last words as a God-fearing woman was that she wanted and was ready to go be at home with Father God. I prayed very heavily that if it was God's will and He was ready for her to come home, let it be done. Through all of this I'm also learning how to recognize my faults so that I can become a better husband and father ... **R.F.**

Mr. Duck, the last time we spoke you showed up the day before I was to leave county jail headed out to prison. I wanted to see you before I left and to my amazement, you showed up to visit! I hold that memory so close to the heart. You helped me through a hard time and to see that life had so much more in store for me. I have been thinking about you a lot and just wanted to reach out to you. I pray believing that you are doing well out there ... **A.V.**

God bless you all! You have been such a blessing, especially during this 'global chaos'. Your cards, notes and newsletters bring a smile to my face every time I receive them. In spite of the lockdowns and general disruption of daily life that I have faced this past year, I believe that it has been an excellent year! I also believe that there are times that God needs to shake up our worlds so that we can understand that He - not we - is in control. I have dearly missed the gatherings together of the brothers here, but at the same time I have spent more quality time with God. This has been a year of great growth, which would not have happened without the Pandemic occurring ... **R.A.**

I received your last newsletter and they always inspire me to know the Lord better, learning all that I can through His Word. I gave my life to the Lord several years ago and it hasn't been easy for me. Especially when I lost my mother in 2018, we were close. The most important thing that I have learned through this time is, getting to know the Lord. Getting to know the Lord has helped me through it all. There's not that many people in my dorm that follow the Lord, but the ones that do like reading your newsletters, too. I let them read mine when I'm finished ... **S.M.**

Praise God! I have hit my absolute discharge on a ten year sentence! God knew everything I would need so I was sentenced to ten years with three years of probation. A lot has changed for me since my sentencing. My mom and my best friend went home to be with our Father in heaven. As well, the first pastor of the church I was raised in has gone home. I count my blessings no matter how big or small they may be. From now on I will not take them for granted. I have no idea what to expect, where I will go to live or anything else. But God does and He will let me know when I get there ... **S.F.**

Praise God! The church here is moving strong. The God ordained 'No Walls Ministry' meet on Sunday nights and continue to have great Holy Ghost filled services. We also meet for Bible studies on Saturday nights. In one of our recent Sunday night services we had seven men give their lives to Christ. Praise God ... **J.M.**

Praise the Lord! I am so thankful that you all have shown me the right path to walk on. The Lord Jesus Christ has been so good to me, I have everything now, in Him! I had to go without for years. Now I'm sober and drug free AND my family has been good to me. I tell them about the O=C family. They are very proud of me and all of you there ... **R.V.**

Shalom and blessings! Praise Jesus! I resigned from working at Swift. This last year of my sentence, I wish to concentrate on my last semester of college. This will be the completion of my certification for Substance abuse Level 1. The new ADW wishes to bring more programs to this yard, so I was recently trained to come on as a Peer Educator. As always, thank you for your steadfast work that you all do for us inmates ... **R.H.**

I thank God that He has redeemed me from my sins, healed my damaged emotions and has taken away my warped mind with His Word ... **A.J.**

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From the Inside

I'll Never Be the Same

By H.M.

Here at the prison where I am at they have a COVID-19 poem contest. As I became extremely ill from this virus I wrote this poem enclosed as a testimony. I was hospitalized from September 15th thru the 27th. I then was moved to a 390 bed infirmary where I recuperated for the next 22 days. This is one experience I will never forget. Like so many, my flesh rationalized giving up. Especially after 17 years of being locked up. Here's my poem.

I'll Never Be the Same

*In this paralyzed worldwide limbo, Corona's pandemic is profoundly feared,
Isaiah 53:5 was a proven solace, for my path Christ has cleared.*

*In dark seasons like these, true love can, and does abound.
At Bakersfield Adventist Health Hospital, God's Shalom there I found*

*Death's door was wide open, but by grace I was spared.
Circling the drain arriving, then blessed by those who cared.*

*At first symptoms were sporadic, then my heart and oxygen rate dropped low.
At A.S.P., Dr. Kevin Farris suggested resuscitation, by my reply was, "To Jesus I'd rather go"*

*In one accord, he and others prayed, with agreement in Christ's name.
Now I've been healed, Praise God! I'll never be the same.*

I Was Healed

By C.S.

At first glance one might say that the month of December has not been good to me. On December the 7th my cellie tested positive for COVID and two days later I got it. In it I had lost my smell and taste but although this had formed I kept confessing that it would NOT prosper because I have the blood of Jesus in and over me! Within five days I was healed! Amen!

During that time I did have to go through the process of quarantine. In that I was moved to a different yard. However, both yards were full of positive inmates, and they both hold 200 people. They have tents up everywhere because there are just too many. Some are worse than others so every day people are being moved around. The CO's here are wearing gowns, face masks and shields, it looks like something out of a sci-fi movie, but it's real. We all have to make sacrifices and at times that's a hard thing to do in a place like this. The prison is doing all that it can to keep it under control, and I understand that it can be challenging. I understand that we should be getting the vaccine soon.

After 20 days of quarantine, I finally was cleared by my doctor and they moved me back to a building where I was, just a different cell. Two days later I went to the yard. After 20 days locked in a small cell, it sure felt good to feel the sun on my face and breath in some fresh air. It's just amazing to me how we can take the simplest things in life for granted.

You know, even though right now our lives are filled with difficulties and uncertainties, I've learned that Jesus is the only One whom we can go to in times of trouble, because He is the only One who hears and understands us. If we abandon Jesus in our times of suffering, to whom else are we going to turn to? What then are we going to grab hold of to see us through? I can tell you, when I was overwhelmed by guilt, shame and drowning in heartache and sorrow, I chose to look to Jesus. I know it is very important to believe and have faith. Faith is not perfection, but direction. Faith does not mean we will not stumble here and there. It does not mean that we won't have a few doubts. It means that we are not going to abandon our faith, and that we are going to persevere until the very end.

The suffering that I have been experiencing these past 11 years, just like all of you, is real. It's been painful mentally, physically and emotionally, but it is also temporary. It will not last forever. If we want to know what God's plan for us is, then look at what He did for His Son, Jesus Christ. He allowed Jesus to suffer. But His suffering was not without purpose. So whenever we are tempted to say, "God, if You love me, why would You allow me to go through this?" If suffering was part of God's plan for Jesus, why should we be surprised when we suffer?

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From the Inside

God uses suffering in our lives to complete His plan in and with us. **James 1:2-4** tells us, "**Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**" We must keep in mind that God tests us to strengthen our faith, while satan tempts us to destroy our faith. We must continue to put our trust in the Lord, and always put Him first in all we say, think and do. After all, it is only because of Him that we are able to endure our hardships.

No one knows what 2021 holds for us individually, but we CAN be certain that God is working it out for our good!

God IS Faithful to His Word

By W.R.

Yes, God blesses our obedience and He has blessed me 100 fold throughout the years. I've been paying my tithes for the past 22 years. Over the years I've had brothers here come to me sharing some of the things they're going through and in some of these instances the first thing I ask them is, "Are you paying your tithes?" And if they tell me no I encourage them with, "Read **Malachi 3**. That's where God's Word says you are robbing Him and when you do you are under a curse." Now that doesn't mean that God is doing things to you but rather, you are stopping the hand of God from blessing you because God is faithful to His Word. I think of it like this ...

It would be no different than if you saw Jesus walking down the street with a bag of money and you threw down on Him with a sawed off shotgun and took the money that He was taking to the poor. Instead of stopping, at that point you also robbed the Lord of His sandals and His cloak. You just left Him barefoot in the middle of the street!

I know what that looks like because when I was on the streets I robbed just about everybody and everything, but Jesus! I didn't fear man and still today I don't fear man, but I do have a reverent fear for God. And I don't pay my tithe out of fear that God will do something to me. Nor do I pay my tithe to get any reward or blessing. I've paid my tithe for the past 22 years for one reason, **God IS faithful to His Word**. In **2 Samuel 7:5-29** God told David that if he would build His house God would build David's. God's house is the storehouse and the storehouse is the church or organization that feeds you spiritually and other times, literally. This principle was designed and put in place by God, to help all of His people in need.

For me, it's heartbreaking to see and know what so many brothers and sisters have been going through over this past year. Again, God's house is the storehouse and the storehouse was designed and put in place by God, to help His people in need. In fact, with a little humor, I tell people all the time, "God instituted the first welfare program." God did this to help the poor, the widows and the orphans. It's God's plan and He needs us to help in this plan.

The person you reach out to help today could possibly be the very hand that reaches out to you in your time of need. You may be thinking, "Well, no one has reached out to help me." Listen closely how this works. The Word tells us the order that things happen for God's people, "**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**" (**James 4:8**) The order here is, first help God in His plan's and He will help you in yours. As Christians, no one should have to tell us that we need to help those in need. So, if we have to be reminded in this area then we may need to examine our faith - our heart. We ARE vessels of God, we ARE His arms and legs here on this earth and His Word encourages us to move on His behalf. The Great Commission not only calls us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, but as well, to imitate the things Jesus did while He was here on this earth! Jesus helped everyone He found in lack or need.

I guess the question I should ask right here is, "Will you help those around you when you see they are in a need?"

Foot's Bible Study

Jeremiah 26:1-29:32

Uriah is an otherwise unknown prophet who was executed for faithfully proclaiming God's Word. This shows us that God has had other prophets whose words are not included in the Bible. (26:20-23)

Jeremiah wrote to the captives in Babylon instructing them to move ahead with their lives and to pray for the pagan nation that enslaved them. Life cannot grind us to a halt during troubled times. In an unpleasant or distressing situation, we must adjust and keep moving. You may find it difficult to pray for those in authority if they are evil, but that is when your prayers are most needed. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) When you enter times of trouble or sudden change, pray diligently and move ahead, doing whatever you can rather than giving up because of fears or uncertainty. (29:4-7)

We're all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task He has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and His plans for us are good and full of hope. As long as God, who knows the future, provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill His mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean that we will be spared pain, suffering, or hardship, but that God will see us through to a glorious conclusion. (29:11)

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Beneath the surface of the routine of daily life, a fierce struggle among invisible spiritual powers is being waged. Our main defense is prayer that God will protect us from the evil one and that He will strengthen us. The following guidance can help you prepare and survive satan's attacks:

1. Take the threat of spiritual attacks seriously
2. Pray for strength and help from God
3. Study the Bible to recognize satan's style and tactics
4. Memorize Scripture so it will be a source of help no matter where you are
5. Associate with those who speak the truth
6. Practice what you are taught by spiritual leaders (3:1-3)

Psalms 85:1-13

God is capable of reviving both churches and individuals. He can pour out His love on us, renewing our love for Him. If you need revival in your church, family or spiritual life, ask God to give you a fresh touch of His love. (85:6-7)

Proverbs 25:16

Another common sense Proverb - too much of anything, even a good thing, is bad for you. (25:16)

"Foot" Notes

Independence Day, hmm ... what would our founding fathers think of what's become of their hard fought freedoms? What exactly are we celebrating anymore? All the leaders that WE THE PEOPLE have voted into office time and again are destroying what this country was founded on. We sit by watching as our religious freedoms are slowly being squeezed out. Religious freedom was one of the main reasons our founding fathers left England in the first place.

What's happening to us being able to have our own opinions without being targeted by this "cancel culture"? Christianity is also in the cross hairs of cancel culture. This is a cancer that has started on both coasts and is moving inward exponentially. Greg Laurie, an evangelist in California caught a lot of flack because his worship event billboards showed him holding a Bible. Yet nobody has a problem with scantily clad females being exploited in some advertisement. Our grandchildren already cannot enjoy the same freedoms we OG's had as kids without having to have some kind of permit, permission, license or reservation, if at all.

Is this Christianity's road to Damascus moment? Are we truly blind to what's happening before our eyes? What happen to our America being the greatest nation in the world? It's being parted out and sold to foreign entities. Our religious freedoms are under attack. Have we already passed the point of no return? Bingo! We as a nation need to turn back to the Word of God, all we need to fix our society is within those pages. Remove the scales from our eyes Lord, I ask this in your precious name Amen!

Love to y'all short and tall! Vaya Con Dios!!

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Overcomer's Testimonies

My prayer first is that this bit of my testimony finds the *Overcomers for Christ* everywhere, in good health, high spirits, in the Lord's hands and COVID-19 free!

I guess I'll tell you all a little bit about myself. In August of this year, I will turn 60 years old. I'm originally from Abilene, Texas. I'm here for a DWI where I had an open container in the back of my truck, and in Texas, that constitutes a DWI.

This isn't my first time down, but I pray it is my last. The first time I came to prison was back in the early 80's. I took the fall for my brother for Possession with intent to distribute Marijuana and LSD. My brother got me a lawyer who guaranteed me probation, but instead I got five years TDC time. It seems since then it's been a revolving door. I've been down for Possession and Controlled Substance twice, felony theft of a motor vehicle and transporting U.S. goods into Mexico. Even though this is my second DWI, the first one I WAS intoxicated, but not this one.

After I was released the first time my parents had started a Spanish congregation at Abilene Christian College. They talked me into going to church with them which I attended for a while. At that time, I started noticing members of the church looking at me weird and moving out of my way whenever they saw me coming. Come to find out this elder there, from Mexico, had been going around telling the other church members that I had been to prison, I was no good and all kinds of other stuff. So I just stopped going to church.

A few weeks later me and my brother had gone to a Spanish bar and walking in the front door, who do I see? That same elder that was talking about me in the church. I told my brother what had happened and when we started walking towards where he was he saw us and ran out the side door. This was on a Saturday. So Sunday I went to church and sat up front next to him to confront him but instead, this time he went out the side door of the church. I followed and caught him in the parking lot. I told him that I thought he was wrong for saying those things about me and I thought elders were supposed to be better than that. About that time his daughter came out to the parking lot and asked what was going on. I just told her to ask her dad. It was probably a good thing she came out there because I think if she didn't I would have hurt him. I left and never went back. Since then I've been in and out of prison.

The last time I got out in 2012, I tried to go to church with my then wife. Shortly after this she stopped going with me and for me, it didn't feel right going by myself so I too stopped going. Anyways, I'm back here again and it's no one's fault except my own. I should not have been out at 12:30 am. I was on my way home from my brother's house when I was pulled over, and the rest is history.

Since I've come back this time, I've rededicated my life to God and I'm even going to college for a Business Management Degree. I've lost both my mother and my brother since I've been here this time, along with a few relatives and a few friends due to COVID-19. I thank God that I haven't gotten it.

Upon this next release, I'm really going to try to do better. On a regular basis I pray what David prayed in ***Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*** And also add, "Heavenly Father, I pray for a fresh new perspective." Sometimes it seems my worship becomes routine and I lose the fire of my convictions. So I tell God, "Breathe new life into my faith, Help me open myself to Your Word once again so that I can follow You and honor You with a renewed and deeper love. I ask this in Jesus' name, AMEN." I confess this every morning and He helps me make it through my day.

My life hasn't always been easy, I left home at 14 and I've been on my own since. I do communicate with my oldest sister from time to time and she encourages me to do right. I'm not perfect, I've made my share of mistakes, paid for them AND still paying. But as long as I have God by my side, I'm good. - **S.M.**

Bible Quiz

- Where will the believers reign from in the Kingdom of God?
a) Earth b) Heaven c) Purgatory d) Hell
- Which New Testament writer talks of the "patience of Job"?
a) Peter b) John c) Matthew d) James
- Fill in the missing name - Consider the lilies how they grow, they toil not, they spin not, and yet I say unto you, that _____ in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- Fill in the missing number - In the parable of the talents, the master gave one servant _____ talents, another two talents and a third one talent.
- How did Ben-hadad die?
a) Drowned in a well b) Suffocated by a blanket c) Burned in a fire d) Shot with an arrow
- Elisha is mentioned in the New Testament. True or False?
a) True b) False
- Who said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away the childish things" ?
a) Paul b) Peter c) John d) Jesus
- What was the name of a man who was given the Spirit of God, to enable him to become a good craftsman, and assist with the building of the tabernacle?
a) Buz b) Bezaleel c) Uri d) Caleb
- Who came into Galilee preaching the Kingdom of God?
a) Peter b) John the Baptist c) James and John d) Jesus
- Who named a stone "Ebenezer"?
a) Abraham b) Isaac c) Jacob d) Samuel
- Fill in the missing word(s) - The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy _____.
- How old was Anna the prophetess when she saw Jesus?
a) 101 b) 99 c) 84 d) 100
- At the opening of the third seal in Revelation, what was the rider of the black horse holding in his hand?
a) Scroll b) Shield c) Scarlet thread d) Pair of scales
- How many priests were chosen to carry the rams' horns as they marched round Jericho?
a) 14 b) 70 c) 7 d) 3
- Which Book ...comes after Philipians?
a) Ephesians b) Galatians c) Colossians d) 1 Thessalonians
- Three unclean spirits came out of the dragon's mouth in Revelation, but what did they look like?
a) Silver coins b) Tongues of fire c) Frogs d) Serpents

Meditating and Being in Relationship

By J.L.

First, thank you, gracious, for the newsletter I received yesterday and finished reading today. As you see, that's pretty fast and that's because I look forward to the "sermon", seeing the photos of you all and the prayer requests!! What a full package of love, which I greatly appreciate.

In Part 1 of - *Oh How Precious is His Word* by Vern Deadmond ... I was able to actually understand what he expressed and the prayer at the start of his lesson sermon, as I call it, helped a lot. "Father, open my ears to hear what You want for me to hear from Your Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see what You want me to see and I will not harden my heart. I receive the seed of Your Word willingly and I ask for an abundance of fruit to be produced in me from Your Word, in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!"

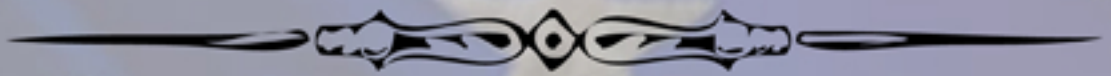
You see, this was confirmation from God to open myself up for the Spirit of God, ears, eyes and heart. How can I give, seek or search with all my heart the words of God when everything is shut? So, yesterday I was actually watching a service on my tablet and I heard the very same message. So much so that I pressed stop - and on the back of one of the cards I received from Wade 'Duck' Anderson that had water and a pretty sunset it read, "Whatever our hearts need, the Lord knows."

I wrote the Scripture **2 Kings 6:17** down where it is speaking of God opening the eyes of the servant so that he could see God's true provision already there. But because he couldn't see it enough on his own, Elisha's prayer to God allowed the servant to see hills full of horses and chariots all around Elisha. So, I just wanted to thank Vern Deadmond for being a part of a God "aah ha" moment for me. Another part of the "sermon" I enjoyed, down at the bottom of page 4 this verse is written out, "The blessed man or woman of God takes great pleasure in meditating on God's Word. And it is this man or woman that is the tree planted by the rivers of water."

In **Isaiah 43:2**, which I'm sure you are familiar with, says, "**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.**" How beautiful ... meditating and being in relationship with Jesus is the foundation, not the supplement or 3rd choice. But mustard seed effort that becomes the biggest, strongest tree, that began with the tiniest of seed ... maybe it even began on rocky ground by an upbringing of pain and abuse and let down etc ... but the tiniest of seed the bird thieves couldn't see became, a believer in Jesus Christ and is the tree planted by the rivers of water! Planted by trauma, hard times, loss, cancer, etc. Yet we are assured by God that "when" we go through it, we stand. Amen?!


Today, I choose to get in the spirit of prayer and quiet and get into the prayer requests written in the newsletter! So, after lunch, "It's on!" I thank you for loving me, family and I just wanted to share with everyone, the "when" of **Isaiah 43:2** is NOW!!

Bible Quiz Answer:
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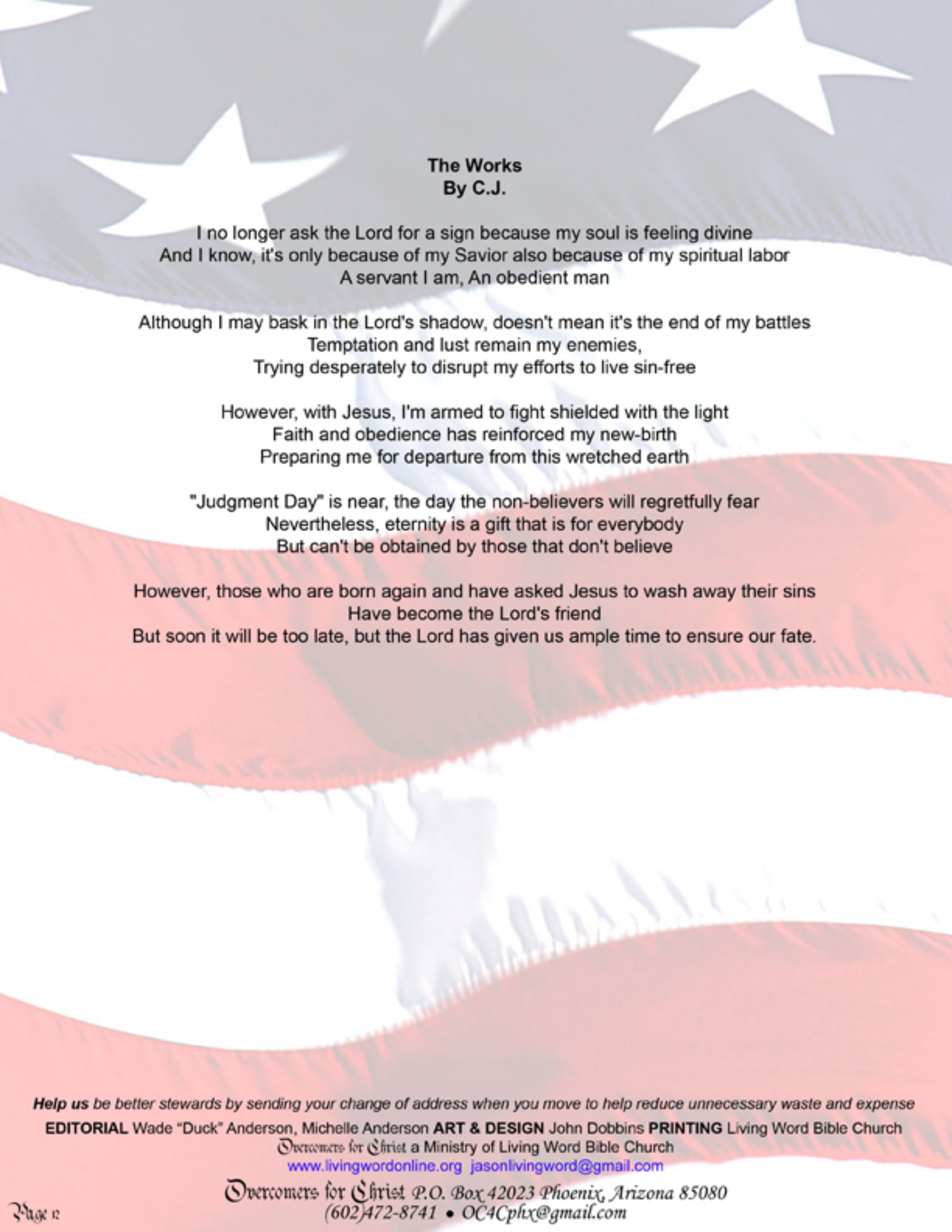
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The Works
By C.J.

I no longer ask the Lord for a sign because my soul is feeling divine
And I know, it's only because of my Savior also because of my spiritual labor
A servant I am, An obedient man

Although I may bask in the Lord's shadow, doesn't mean it's the end of my battles
Temptation and lust remain my enemies,
Trying desperately to disrupt my efforts to live sin-free

However, with Jesus, I'm armed to fight shielded with the light
Faith and obedience has reinforced my new-birth
Preparing me for departure from this wretched earth

"Judgment Day" is near, the day the non-believers will regretfully fear
Nevertheless, eternity is a gift that is for everybody
But can't be obtained by those that don't believe

However, those who are born again and have asked Jesus to wash away their sins
Have become the Lord's friend
But soon it will be too late, but the Lord has given us ample time to ensure our fate.

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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