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## Is Not My Blood Enough? Part 2

By P.G.

Let's read *Matthew 26:26-28*, ***"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat this is My body.' And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'"*** Many disciples walked away from Jesus when He made this statement in the book of *John 6:53-60*. In verse 54, Jesus states, ***"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life."*** The drinking of the blood of Christ, is in this sense, receiving eternal life through His death (Vines Dictionary).

Wine is symbolic for blood and in Jewish wedding ceremonies, the bridegroom and his father would go to the future bride and her father, where the bridegroom's father would propose that his son and the other man's daughter should be married. If the father of the daughter agreed they would make it official with the drinking of wine, this will be the sealing of the covenant. Sounds like something Jesus said in *Matthew 26:28*, ***"This is My blood of the New Testament or covenant."*** But there was more to the Jewish ceremony, the bridegroom and his father would then return home and the son would prepare an extra room, an add on to the family's house, when finished they would return unexpected for his bride. Sounds familiar to something Jesus said, in *John 14:2-3*, ***"In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there ye may be also."*** Blood was used in the Old Testament to make a covenant (*Exodus 24:1-8*) as well as in the New Testament where we went over it in *Matthew 26:27-28*.

Listen here to what it says in *Hebrew 9:11-28*, ***"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."*** Notice here, how verse 22 states, ***"That there can be no remission without the blood."*** *Leviticus 17:11*, shares that it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul as the Spirit spoke earlier the shedding of the blood was an indicator to what must take place in the future, for the remission of sins. ***"Is Not My Blood Enough?"***

Look again at *John 6:53-56*, ***"Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For My flesh is real food and My blood is real drink. Whoever eats My***

*flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in them.”* Now, **Acts 20:28**, **“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.”** God purchased the church with His Blood.

**Romans 5:8-11** states, **“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”**

**1 Peter 1:18-19** - **“Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with the precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”**

**Ephesians 1:7** - **“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”**

We were at enmity with God through the fall in the Garden, but God, made us right. Here’s **Ephesians 2:13**, **“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”** In **1 John 1:7**, John says, **“And the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”** And **Revelation 1:5-6** shows us that He freed us from ‘our’ sins by His blood.

And in **Revelation 5:9**, **“And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.’”** Then, **Revelation 12:11** says this, **“And they overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”** Many times, as I hear this Scripture being quoted, people leave out everything after **“testimony.”** The last part of that Scripture seems to be more than ‘some’ people would be prepared to do, **“And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.”** (NLT) The AMPC version shows this, **“For they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].”** Just something we all should consider.

**Hebrews 10:29**, **“How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the Blood of the Covenant that sanctified them and who has insulted the Spirit of Grace.”**

When Jesus said it was finished, He meant it. The plan of redemption was completed. The next stages the burial, the resurrection (defeated death), and the ascension, sent the seal, the guarantee, the Holy Spirit. Amen Is His Blood enough?

## The Ten Commandments Trivia

1. On the Sabbath, the head of the household may rest, but everyone else should work. (True or False)
2. Jesus said that necessary work may be done on the Sabbath. (True or False)
3. Why did God say He wanted us to rest every seventh day?
4. Did you know that the Ten Commandments are divided into two sections? The first four tell us how to show love to God. The rest tell us how to show love to other people.

Look for the answers next month

## STAND-UP and SUIT-UP

Even though, in context, God was speaking these things over Joshua, I've found that while actively seeking God through His Word, many times these same words (logos) leap off the pages and become (rhema) into my own heart, making God's Word Alive and Active! HALLELUJAH!

***"No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is My command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*** (Joshua 1:5-9)

As God laid these Scriptures on my heart, my focus first went to His promises of *'I will'*. Then immediately His comfort and peace fell over me as several times here He told me/us, ***"Be strong and courageous ... be strong and very courageous ... Do not be afraid or discouraged."***

Maybe you're someone that doesn't feel like this is available for your life. If so, then listen to what Paul has to say about this, in *Romans 2:9-11* in the Message Bible translation, ***"If you go against the grain, you get splinters, regardless of which neighborhood you're from, what your parents taught you, what schools you attended. But if you embrace the way God does things, there are wonderful payoffs, again without regard to where you are from or how you were brought up. Being a Jew won't give you an automatic stamp of approval. God pays no attention to what others say (or what you think) about you. He makes up His own mind."*** This should encourage us all that God is no respecter of persons. Meaning, as God was speaking these things over Joshua, he also has intended these very same promises for **ALL WHO BELIEVE** in Him! I sometimes find it hard to understand why many well-meaning Christians will believe, ***"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*** (*Romans 10:13*), yet as God speaks these things over them, they find it hard to receive for themselves! Here is the very simple equation; you must believe in Him in order to receive from Him. It's a free gift to **ALL** who believe! Have a wonderful day! 😊

## The Holy Bible

By John Dobbins with contributions from Michelle Anderson

The Bible is the best-selling book in history with approximate sales estimates ranging from 2.5 billion to 6 billion. In the U.S. in 2024, there was 14.2 million Bibles sold. This is a 22% increase over 2023; the increase is attributed to factors such as rising anxiety and a search for hope. The English word *Bible* is from the Latin word *biblia*, from the same word in Medieval Latin and Late Latin and ultimately from Greek *ta biblia* "the books", Middle Latin *biblia* is short for *biblia sacra* "holy book". The Greek word for *Bible* had the literal meaning of "paper" or "scroll" and came to be used as the ordinary word for "book". The Greek *ta biblia* "little paper books" was an expression Hellenistic Jews used to describe their sacred books (the Septuagint).

The Bible refers to any one of the collections of the primary religious texts of Judaism and Christianity. The Christian Bible is divided into two parts. "Testament" is a translation of the Greek *diatheke*, also often translated "covenant". Christian Bibles include the books of the Hebrew Bible but arranged in a different order: Jewish Scripture ends with the people of Israel restored to Jerusalem and the temple, whereas the Christian (Old Testament) arrangement ends with the book of the prophet Malachi. During the three centuries following the establishment of Christianity in the 1st century, church fathers compiled Gospel accounts and letters of apostles into a Christian Bible which became known as the New Testament. The Old and New Testaments together are commonly referred to as "The Holy Bible". Christians consider the text of the Bible to be divinely inspired, and cite passages in the Bible itself as support for this belief.

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## From the Inside

### My Understanding to My Blessings as My Thankfulness

By A.S.

Lord, as I sit here in my cell, I thank You for all the blessings You have given me and many still to come my way. You have taken away and given me so much. You have made me understand that we all need You in our lives. I understand that we need You when things get to be hard to understand. When we call upon You, You always give us the understanding we need. Yet, as we get the understanding through God's answer, why do we still seem to pull away? I ask You Lord to keep me on Your road of understanding with Your righteousness and blessings.

There are many times I do not understand nor care to understand the many things and blessings You bring upon me. Your way to show me wrong from right or blessing me is confusing to me. At first, something doesn't seem to be a blessing but is a blessing in the end. I become thankful and am thankful for what I've received and am about to receive, because only You Lord can bring me blessings and have brought me blessings. I ask in Your Son's name to bring me understanding of them.

### Cast Your Burdens on the Lord

By C.S.

I've got to be forthcoming. I am a sex offender, and so far, I have been knocked out and beaten up. I try hard every day not to let my emotions overwhelm me. I realize that God does not prevent you from acting foolishly, but He does allow you to experience the consequences of your foolishness. So, when I got beat up I looked at it as a test to see how I would handle the problem. After all, character is strengthened not through ease but through adversity.

I have some questions ... There are times when I ask myself what was my purpose in life? Surely it wasn't to have done this shameful thing that I have done. I don't understand. I do know that when life has meaning one can bear almost anything, without it nothing is bearable. There are times when I wonder, with all of the changes going on in my life, how can I keep it all together? How can I find contentment, regardless of life's circumstances, in a place like this? What do you do when you are being measured up to others? What do you do when people murmur against you?

People judge, resent and reject me in here **AND** out there. I believe that God has already judged my sin for what it was and that is why I am here. Sin is sin and my actions were wrong no matter what caused them. I know I am never going to find peace within myself until I have taken responsibility for who I am and who I have become.

I am aware that the devil wants me to remain broken inside so that I cannot handle the problems in my life. But the Word of God (*Psalm 55:22*) says, "**Cast your burdens on the Lord and He will sustain you.**" I live with this guilt and shame every day and these four walls in my cell remind me why I am here. I need to find self-forgiveness for myself so I can move forward and not let the past control my future. Please pray for my continued spiritual guidance.

### Do Not Judge, or You Too Will Be Judged

By W.N.

Yes, praise Jesus, it was awesome and a real blessing to hear from you. You know, your words were touching and good for my heart and soul. I have always felt a tight bond with you and Michelle. However, I did allow the "evil one" to put a wedge between us. That is what he does when he sees the Lord's people coming together

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as one, as the body of Christ and he works to tear it apart.

The devil is at work in the church, the more of us that come together, the stronger we get, and the stronger we get as a church, the stronger the Lord is, which makes the devil weak. I ain't telling you anything you don't already know. I just write what is in my heart and on my mind. My point is that I will not allow the devil to put that wedge between us again.

Okay, so I got your letter and, in your uplifting, and encouraging words, you asked me to read **Genesis 50:20-21**. It was cool because about an hour before I got your letter I was in **Genesis** reading about Abraham and his bond servant Hagar and their son, Ishmael. I was there studying because I read in some book, many years back that Ishmael became the father of Islam. I now see that Isaac is the father of Jacob, who is the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. My point is, I was already in **Genesis** when your letter asked me to go there. I gained some wisdom and knowledge from what I was reading about Jacob, Esau and what you asked me to read. So, thank you.

I've been finding it hard to forgive the two guys, who called the shot to have my head stomped into a concrete floor, causing the brain hemorrhage that almost killed me. I already forgave the youngsters that did it. I was young in here and did some bad things to people because I used to think I needed to prove myself. But after reading what you asked me to read, I was given some enlightenment. If Joseph could forgive his brothers for selling him into slavery, how could I not forgive these cats? So, tonight before I rest my head, I am going to pray for them and forgive them, and after I do, I'll meditate on it. Not only will it be good for them, but it will bring me some peace.

I am going through some crazy times due to this issue. However, it has been an eye-opening experience (in a good way). So, not only should I forgive, I should thank them. Being in this situation has brought me closer to the Lord, so I am happy and content. I have had a lot of time to think in this isolation cell, and I realize everything I've ever judged people for, and all the bad things I've done to people are happening to me.

I was never a heroin addict. I tried it the first time in 2004, from then until 2008 I had only done it three times, maybe four. It just was not my thing. When I got out in 2010 my best friend's sister-in-law was 17 years old and a full blown heroin addict. Instead of trying to help her, I judged her "nasty lil heroin addict". I was living in a half-way house that the parole office forced me into. I had to do an AA or NA meeting every night. Every Wednesday night they had a meeting for people addicted to heroin. I would go, just to get my meeting paper signed for the half-way house. There was a 20-year-old girl who would come every Wednesday and tell her story, about how at the age of 15 she was hooked on pills and by 17 she was on heroin. By 18 her boyfriend was pimping her out to get high. I would judge her "Dirty t..."

Less than a year later in 2011, I ended up addicted to pills. Then heroin made me feel good, or at peace about my mother's death. I ended up back in prison. The first 9 ½ I did, I wanted to be the prison "king". I ran my mission, even life-flighted a guy out of Buckeye in 2003. In 2015, I got life-flighted out of Buckeye. I was always programmed and taught to hate the guys on the P.C. yards, so I judged them all, now I might end up here too. I am content with whatever, so it is what it is.

I spent my adult life as Asatru, which is the prayer religion of Northern Europe. I was always taught that Christianity was weak. But in 2011, after many months of enlightenment and insight from my girlfriend and **Overcomers for Christ**, I gave my life to Christ. I spent 9 ½ years in here looking down my nose and downing Christians. Yet, I come back to prison in 2012 as a Christian. Wouldn't ya know it, there was a newsletter from **OC4C** and a picture of me sitting on Santa's lap at my girl's house. Santa was Wade, it was taken in December of 2010, right after I got out on bond. I had my shirt off and you could see the Thor's Hammer on my chest, plain as day.

It has now been 14 years since I became a Christian, God is good.

Some dude, not meaning any harm, started showing that picture to everyone. You know I got downed for being a weak Christian. I just let it go, cuz I'm still the same warrior I've always been, except now I'm a warrior for Christ. There is so much more, but I'm trying not to be a bore, so I'll keep it short. What keeps popping up in my head as I'm locked in this cell is what Jesus said in **Matthew 7:1-2** says, *"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

Let me tell you brother, that is the pure truth, because everything I've judged people for or any bad I've done to people is coming back on me. And it opened my eyes and my heart. If you see some stuff in here worth printing, some stuff that could help people, feel free to put any of this in your newsletter. I love you guys and God bless you. Your brother in Christ and in life.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Hey family! I'm getting down to eight months until I'm finally home. Tell Michelle and all **OC4C** family they are in my prayers. I'm always one of your prayer warriors. – **B.E.**

As for **OC4C** numbers ... like the tides, everything ebbs and flows. I know that you agree with, 'What's in a number anyhow?' I know that we've both prayed that, "If we could just reach one more ... to bring home to Jesus ... it's all worth it. Just like Jesus said He would leave the 99 to reach that 1, that number was surpassed a long time ago. And neither of us will probably ever know how many lives we may have touched, until we get to heaven. So, the answer is that we keep on keeping on with what's right in front of us until God points us to His next mission for us. I stand in agreement with you that people continue to be touched and brought to Christ  
– **Foot**

I was just sitting here thinking about all of the **OC4C** family, and the Word of our faith, hope, and His light in the darkest of places. I pray believing that all is well with our soul. Your sister in Chains. – **L.R.**

Thank you, my brother in Christ! Well, just a short email to say hello, and to let you know that things here are awesome. Just kidding, things are normal. In this last email, your words made me think and pray! I did what you said, and I asked God to use this past experience for His good! I am learning to lean more on God. This is not easy for me, but with God's patience and your help, I am learning. Since then, things have been getting better for me! It's Saturday morning, and I just finished reading my Bible, where I learned about self-sacrifice, and how our bodies are a temple of God! I keep you all in my prayers. Man has this time ever slowed down! I am so ready to come home! Your friend in Jesus." – **M.G.**

### PRAISE REPORTS

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm sure glad I was able to catch you all before you left from the Glory Meeting on Saturday. I know that you all meet the last Saturday of every month for the family newsletter meetings. Maybe next month I'll call around 9:30 a.m. and catch you all again. With that said, I'd like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to participate with all the brothers and sisters of **Overcomers for Christ** and to lead in closing prayer, even over the phone. I pray from the heart, and I give full authority to the Holy Spirit to lead me in my spoken words. Give God all the praise because without Him in our lives, we are nothing more than dust in the wind, without true meaning and without hope. Let everyone know I send my love and prayers. With brotherly love always, your brother in Christ. – **I.S.**

God Bless my family ... **Overcomers for Christ!** I'm grateful that we, on the inside, are able to add new people to the family newsletter. So, please add this new brother to our monthly mailing list for the newsletter. Thank you in advance. You all know I love you and believe you are all well in the Father's care. Your brother and friend forever. **PRAISE GOD YA'LL, PRAISE GOD!** – **J.S.**



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## Prayer Time with Chaplin Thibodaux

Last night my injured foot was in so much pain. At first, I was angry and kept holding the painful area. Then the Spirit spoke in my heart "Why are you wasting this time, Father is waiting to hear from you." I started to cry and said, "Lord forgive me, and show me why I'm not able to sleep."

As the Father spoke to my heart, I then asked Him this question, "Father how did this happen?" He said "Son you know the true children of God have a master enemy. Many call him the devil, and the enemy has been working hard to neutralize the spiritual life and rid the church of all spiritual power."

Father then said, "Son, do you remember when the children of God were excited about going to church? They were excited because they expected to see demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's power. Remember when preachers would pray all week over the message, and when they stepped into the pulpit, they knew in their hearts that they had a word from their Heavenly Father. They knew someone's life was going to change. It was the Holy Spirit that whispered to their heart, and they were carrying His word to the Saints."

Father continued and said "Son, the enemy has accomplished what he has been striving for centuries. He allows people to go to what they call church, but many, for most part, don't even believe in the supernatural. Most people who regularly attend 'church' only believe what they are able to explain. They say they believe in Me, but they no longer believe I work supernatural miracles. They no longer believe I'm all powerful, that I have all the power of the universe in My hands."

Then Father said, in a very powerful, but loving way, "Son, don't ever forget that I as your God can make a way out of no way! Son, you may not know how I will do it. You may not know when I will do it. You may not know where I will do it but always remember that Your God can and will make a way when there seems to no way at all. Son, never forget that your God is the Almighty, all-powerful God of the universe. No matter what anyone says or thinks, always remember that I AM the same yesterday, today, and forever."

It was then that I fell into a deep relaxing sleep. Thank you for reading this and God's blessings be upon you all!

**Jeremiah 32:17**

***"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."***

## What Others Are Saying

"I always thank our Father first for the ministry that He has entrusted you all with, for your service work and your faithfulness to the ministry. I am down to under 1 ½ years on this sentence. God willing, I will be able to meet up with you all on the other side of these fences. Your brother in Christ." – P.G.

"Sister Michelle! Your newsletter article concerning the book of Ephesians, well put. The Holy Spirit has been my trusted Teacher, Guide, and gentle Comforter throughout my journey thus far. He continues to be much, much more than a mere "voice of conscience" for sure. The studies He has guided me through during these seasons have become interwoven with each other. Sort of like a luxurious fabric that I cannot resist embracing. Spiritually nourishing studies that frequently lead me back into the book of Ephesians. Again, I just wanted to say, well put, AND hello to my brother and sister! God Bless you and keep you and your ministering spirits in Jesus and His Word. Your brother In Christ Jesus - forever and a day." – J.S.

"I wish I had an appropriate Thanksgiving card to send you, but I guess this will have to do. This will be my 31 consecutive Thanksgiving in prison. Lord willing, I plan on calling you around Thanksgiving so that we can chat for about 15 minutes. I'm doing great and I'm in good health overall. Each month when I'm finished reading your monthly newsletter, I put it on a table in the dayroom so others can read it also." – J.H.

# Foot's Bible Study

## Zephaniah 1:1-3:20

The people of Judah were clearly warned by the highest authority of all – God. They refused to listen, either because they doubted God's prophet and thus did not believe that the message was from God, or because they doubted God Himself and thus did not believe He would do what He said. If we refuse to listen to God's Word, the Bible, we are as shortsighted as the people of Judah, and like them, we will be punished. (1:2)

God will remove the proud people and leave the lowly and humble. God is opposed to the proud and arrogant of every generation. But those who are lowly (meek) and humble both physically and spiritually, will be rewarded because they trust in God. Self-reliance and arrogance have no place among God's people or in His Kingdom. (3:11-12)

## Revelation 10:1-11

The prophet, Ezekiel, had a vision in which he was told to eat a scroll filled with judgements against the nation of Israel. (Ezekiel 3:1) The taste was sweet in his mouth, but the scrolls' contents brought destruction – just like the scroll John was told to eat. God's Word is sweet to us as believers because it brings encouragement, but it sours our stomach because of the coming judgment we must share with unbelievers. (10:9-10)

## Psalms 138:1-8

Every person dreams and makes plans for the future. Then they work hard to see those dreams and plans come true. But to make the most of life, we must include God's plan in our plans. He alone knows what is best for us; He alone can fulfill His purpose for us. As you make plans and dream dreams, talk with God about them. (138:8)

## Proverbs 30:11-14

**"They are proud beyond description and disdainful"**, this phrase refers to prideful and haughty people who look down on others. **Verses 11-14** contain a fourfold description of arrogance ... **"Some people curse their father and do not thank their mother. They are pure in their own eyes, but they are filthy and unwashed. They look proudly around, casting disdainful glances. They have teeth like swords and fangs like knives. They devour the poor from the earth and the needy from among humanity."** (30:13)



## "Foot" Notes

Hey ya'll, well it's that time of year where we all want to load up on turkey and pumpkin pie then loosen the belt and be miserable for our behavior. That being said, I thought I'd offer ya'll a small glimpse at the words ... thank, thankful, etc. My first glimpse is in **Psalm 7:17**, **"I will thank the Lord because He is just."** You all know life in the world can be really unfair on many different levels. Yet all we have to do is reach out to God and He will always treat us fair and just, which gives us reason to "thank" Him for His presence in our lives.

Another glimpse is **Psalm 95:2**, **"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving."** It makes you wonder how we could ever think of going before our Lord without a thankful heart. For He does so much for us, more than we could ever realize, I'm sure. So, this Thanksgiving I do believe I'll be thanking God for caring about all of us Overcomers who stick to our faith through sometimes monumental trials.

Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya on Dios ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly.

# WORD OF THE MONTH

## Ululate

Pronunciation – ul·u·late əl-yə-lāt

Verb – to utter a loud, usually protracted, high-pitched, rhythmical sound especially as an expression of sorrow, joy, celebration, or reverence; howl

*"Social media crackled with ecstatic posts: memes of women praising the crown prince and **ululating** in celebration."* – Ben Hubbard and Vivian Yee, The New York Times, August 2, 2019

*Did You Know ...* When other birds are still, the screech owls take up the strain, like mourning women their ancient *u-lu-lu*. When Henry David Thoreau used "*u-lu-lu*" to imitate the cry of screech owls and mourning women in that particular passage from *Walden*, he was re-enacting the etymology of **ululate** (a word he likely knew). **Ululate** descends from the Latin verb *utulare*. That Latin root carries the same meaning as the modern English's word, and it likely originated in the echoes of the rhythmic wailing sound associated with it. Even today, **ululate** often refers to ritualistic or expressive wailing performed at times of mourning or celebration or used to show approval.

## Quote Worthy

*"We are all broken and wounded in this world. Some choose to grow strong at the broken places."*

- Harold J. Duarte-Bernhardt - Pastor at Life Center Church and a life coach

## Did You Know?

Do you ever wonder if penguins have knees?

Penguins have knees

## Christian Comedy

What five-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?

SWIMS

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## When the Torch Goes Out By Chaplin Thibodaux

When the torch goes out in the prime of a life, when laughter is silenced and the shadows rise,  
We gaze at the empty flame and wonder why; the fire was snatched from under the sky.

Yet the embers of faithful life still glow in all the hearts that he stirred to know,  
That the truth is worth speaking, and love is worth living, and every spark of mercy is always worth giving.

In every speech, in each debate, he spoke with kindness, gentle and great.

Always approachable, steady, and true, even opponents found respect grew.

He carried the torch of Gospel light, not for applause, but for those lost in the night.

He spoke of God's Word with boldness and care and lifted the weak with a fervent prayer.

Now the field is silent, the crowd holds its breath, but his words ring on – louder than death.

For death cannot silence a life lived well, nor hold captive the soul of one who knew how to tell,

Of the love of the Father, the blood of the Lamb, and the joy of the One who rose up again.

To his wife, his children, and to all who grieve, may you feel the comfort that only God can give.

The night may be long, the tears may fall, but God's light still shines, above it all.

And to every heart that wonders if the fight was in vain, **KNOW** this: Christ wins every time, love remains.

The torch may flicker, but the fire still burns, for Charlie's life points us to where each soul must turn.

In every word spoken, in kindness he gave, he lifted the truth, he lived to be brave.

The Gospel he cherished, the Savior he knew, still shines in the lives forever made knew.

In honor of Charlie Kirk – a man who carried the torch of truth with kindness, dignity, and faith. May these words bring comfort to grieving hearts and point us to the hope he cherished in Christ.

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