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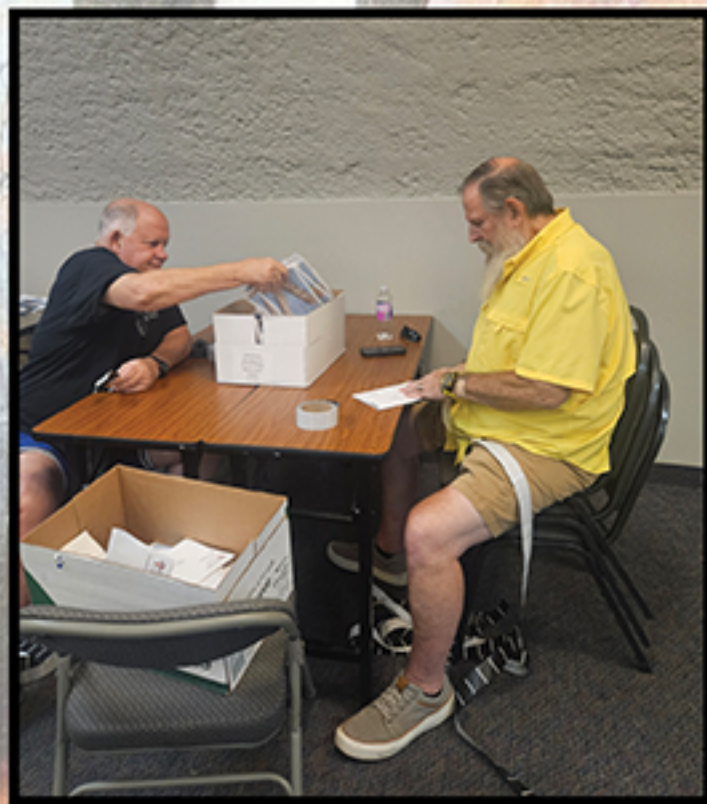
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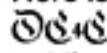
# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ

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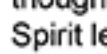
## Is Not My Blood Enough?

By P.G.

Here is a message that was placed on my heart to share with Jesus' bride on this unit, and now with my  family. There is a lot of confusion being promoted on the Pando app and as we both know our Father is not the author of confusion, but of truth. We have to keep our brothers and sisters in prayer along with ourselves, not to get behind just any teaching, as I fear that is what's happening. I see it firsthand on my unit. Let's give thanks to the Spirit of Truth who reveals the truth to us.

Although weariness sets in at times being involved in His ministry on the unit, it has helped me to realize my deeper need to lean on His strength, while I continue to remain and abide daily. Sometimes the doubt creeps in, am I being effective, but then I realize it is not me it is Him in and through me. All that I'm asked to do/be is a willing vessel. I learn from my mistakes and failures. And when I DO fall, I fall forward into His arms. I can just imagine how pastors of churches may feel at times. Here's the message that I was given to share with the body of Christ.

Here's a challenge to all of us, when we want revival in and on our units, it starts with us. Do not take this the wrong way because it will be great to have the brothers and sisters on Pando come to our units, but after they leave then what. It's up to us to start doing out reaches within our communities. We have the same spirit as them, we are vessels for revival and are recovery vessels for our Father, on this particular unit Jesus has an outreach ministry based on **Romans 2:4**, "**do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**" Pray and ask God what He would want to be done on your unit and do it; you will not be disappointed.

I always salute all the soldiers for Jesus behind these walls and fences. Remember this world is just temporary, Heaven is our home, we are just here recruiting. I woke up several weeks ago with this question in my thoughts, "Why would we replace the Blood of Jesus, with anything for the remission of sins?" As the Holy Spirit led me, and upon my completion of this study, I will share with my  family the revelation I received as I studied Blood. Here's the next question that came to me and is now the title of this message, *Is Not My Blood Enough?* The whippings, the crown of thorns forced upon My head, the mocking, the spitting, the nails in My hands, the nails through My feet, and every drop of My Blood that I shed unto death, and that was it not enough?"

In the Old Testament the blood was used for protecting (**Exodus 12:13**), atoning (**Exodus 30:10**) and freeing prisoners through the blood of animals (**Zechariah 9:9-11**). So, everything in the Old Testament was a foreshadow of what was to come in the New Testament: from Abrahams belief in God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness (**Romans 4:3**), to Noah's ark which saved eight people through the flood waters (**Genesis 6-9**), as well as the blood that makes atonement for one's life (**Leviticus 17:11**). Abraham was saved by faith (**Genesis 15:6**), an indicator of what was to come to all who would come to faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. The Ark was an indicator of the world being saved through coming to faith in Jesus, the name by which all must be saved. In the Old Covenant, it was the shedding of animal's blood that brought atonement for a year, but this 'act' never removed the sin, and therefore had to be done each and every year. All of this was simply a foreshadow, painting the picture of Jesus shedding His Blood for the remission of sins forever to all who would come to faith in the finished work of Jesus on that Cross. *Is Not My Blood Enough?*

In **Leviticus 17:11**, we see, "**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.**" But, back in **Leviticus Chapter 4** God institutes an offering called a sin offering, saying, "**for the wages of sin is death.**" This is where God told the Israelites, through Moses: "**If anyone sins against any of the Lord's commands, a young bull without defect must be sacrificed as a sin offering. And performing the offering will make atonement for the sin or sins and they will be forgiven.**" It was not the animal, but it was the blood used the way God told them to use in order to atone for the sin.

Atonement means to cover over, atone, propitiate, pacify (make peace). Atone means to reconcile, to make amends for an offense. The reconciliation of God and mankind: cleansing. Propitiate to appease (satisfy) or conciliate (to win over, make friendly), (Vines Complete Expository Dictionary). The word propitiation in the Old

Testament is used as a covering and is connected with the burnt offering, the gift offering, the sin offering, the meal offering, and the peace offerings found in Leviticus. All of these have a common factor, they all require a sacrifice. Because of the fall in the Garden, man has forfeited our lives on account of sin, But God provided a way to atone for sin then and now, and it required the shedding of blood then and now. One is for a year, and one is for forever. God has made a way, the One and only way whereby eternal life can be given. The former sacrifices were an indicator of what was to come, the shedding of the Blood of Jesus. *Is Not My Blood Enough?*

Look here at *Romans 3:21-26*, "***But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.***"

The phrase by His Blood is connected with propitiation. Christ, through His expiatory death (to appease) is the personal means by were God shows mercy of His justifying grace to the sinner who believes (Vines Dictionary). Because Adams sin brought death upon all men (*Romans 5:12*) a sacrifice was necessary. *Romans 5:8-11*, reads, "***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.***" Thank God for His mercy, love and patience, for I was His enemy for 32 years.

Let's read *Matthew 26:26-28*, "***And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke 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***

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## From the Duck Blind

Hello **Overcomers for Christ** family! Praise Jesus! Yes, literally and out loud! We often have many of you, what I consider 'guest speakers' writing messages for the newsletter, while I continue with the things God has placed in front of me. I thank you all for your obedience as you respond with such great Spirit filled messages. Many times, as I'm doing morning studies, I'm led to post them either on the **Overcomers for Christ** page, but generally, to the world, on my personal Facebook page. As I was posting something the other morning, I felt Holy Spirit say to me, "I want you to put together your posts and run them in the newsletter as devotions." At first, I just shucked it off with little consideration. Then, the next day I felt it again. I do believe Holy Spirit put this 'devotional' direction on my heart because God was about to open **WIDE** some new doors for me.

Brothers and sisters, James tells us, **"Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways."** (**James 3:1**) Likewise, we **ALL** are held accountable for not only what we say or do, but equally as much for what we did not say or do. Meaning, I'm held accountable for what I put in these newsletters **AND** just as accountable for what I fail to communicate to all of you, if I've been led by God to do so. We're calling this little 'devotional' space, *From the Duck Blind*.

### Unqualified, and Unashamed

**"You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's sheer genius, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who He is; then Jesus and what He did—Jesus crucified. I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it—and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else."** (**1 Corinthians 2:1-5** Message)

I can totally relate to Paul, on many levels and many areas of my life both, before Christ and since Christ.

When I first came to truly live for Christ, in 2007, I had very little Scripture reference except for a few things I was taught as a youth (10-14) in Wednesday night 'young people's meetings.' In that, there was quite a bit of religion mixed with 'some' grace, as I remember feeling an overwhelming sense of condemnation. I am in no way saying that what I was being taught didn't still give me some foundation to start 'from'.

Then, at the 'young' age of 51 Jesus came into my life so powerfully that everything I read in the Bible seemed to now be covered in His blood and filled with grace. That's when the hunger and the thirst to 'know' Him drove me to want more, every day. Like I just said, I had no former Bible training, but God did direct me to a great church where 'The Bible' was the only thing being taught. And like the spiritual infant that I was, they **ALL** spoon fed me and disciplined me.

Taking Scripture literally, I reminded God daily of His promise, in **Matthew 7:7-8**, **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened"** and invited Holy Spirit to be my teacher. I believed **EVERYTHING** I read in God's Word as truth. As His Spirit gave revelation to me, I began to give it away to others through these **Overcomers for Christ** newsletters and personal letters that I was writing.

Like Paul said, I didn't do any of it with eloquent speech and big lofty words. I could/can only relay Christ to others from where I came from and the new understanding that I was gaining. The best way for me to share Jesus was with simple 'picture stories'. Remember, God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the ones He calls. I will honestly confess, the more I read the more I felt like the 'poster child' and way unqualified for this position. But I knew I was desperately 'sick' and in need of a 'Doctor'. So, I surrendered, submitted and began to serve my King, Jesus!

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# Overcomers for Christ

## From the Inside

### Running this Race

By M.D.

Now, in running this race, I believe we must never forget an important principle: Because of the unique place God has given to faith, His grace flows along the channels of His promises - NOT His commands. Of course, His commands show His Holy character and reveal our sinfulness, but that's it! There is no ability in themselves to empower us to obey - so there's the dilemma. **"I have to desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out."** (Romans 7:18) Our problem is the spiritual strength to obey, and God's commands cannot impart that. It is the ministry of His gracious promises that do that!

Look at **Romans 8:1-3**, **"Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are IN CHRIST Jesus, BECAUSE through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God DID by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering."** First John 1:9 tells us, **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from us from all unrighteousness."** Romans 4:5 clarifies, **"But people are declared righteous because of their faith, NOT because of their work."** So, **"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."** (Hebrews 10:22) And I'll close with this, from 1 John 5:4, **"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - OUR FAITH."**

### God is with Me in All Circumstances

By C.P.

I got your lovely card and also the monthly newsletter from D&E, it made my day, I'm thankful to have such wonderful people like you all at D&E in my life. I look forward to getting to know God and you all during my walk in this journey as a Christian. It's unfortunate that it had to take the situation I was in, to come to realize how powerful God is. My release date is July 17, 2038. I got 25 years, flat time. I took the fall for the others. I learn to forgive and not to have revenge/hate in my heart. God showed me that there is hope in my life. Therefore, I want to live God's purpose that He has for me, whether it being inside these walls or on the outside. God answers my prayers to show me He's there in my life. He may not answer all my prayers at once, but I stand firm in His faith and wait patiently upon the Lord. I wear God's armor (**Ephesians 6**) while I'm in prison.

**Ephesians 6:10-20** – **"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should."**

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## From the Inside

So, God is with me at all times, helping me block these fiery darts from satan. I am thankful for God in my life. I can't wait to learn and grow as a Christian. I'm not going to allow my charges to define me as a bad person. I repented of my sins and gave it all up to the Lord and moved on with myself. I am thankful to be alive today; God has given me a chance to spread His love around to others.

### **The Builder**

**Contributed by S.F.**

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer/contractor, of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said, "Yes," but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house. My gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all differently. Now he had to live in the house he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up with less than the best effort. Then, with a shock, we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house that we have built. If we realized, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as a carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. build wisely. It is the only life you will have ever built. Even if you live it up for one more day, the day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is a result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitude and the choices you make today.

### **Prison ... "Boot Camp" Bible College**

**By R.D.**

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for the card, love, comfort and prayers. I'm encouraged by the work you consistently do for the Glorious Kingdom of Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and make you whole.

I'm getting out in 27 months. I've been down for 93 months. Time is going by crazy fast for me in here. Soon my body will be free of this present state of confinement. I'm a little fearful/anxious of the day and time of my release. I came here and got radically saved, so the only saved life I know is prison. I have become very comfortable with the simplicity of prison life. I like being told what to do and when to do it. I like the freedom of free meals, free clothes, free rent and the nice little controlled environment of my cubicle. All I do day in, and day out is pray, listen to my bible CD, write sermons and letters, listen to Christian music, work, work out and minister one on one in Alcoholics Anonymous and the Word of God to those who want to know the Lord.

I do want out of here but prison has not been a waste of my time nor my life. I've used this time as an investment into knowing Jesus Christ. I know that I'll never have the great opportunity again. This has been my "Boot Camp" Bible College, I've been through the whole Bible well over 120 times in the last 8 years (7 years and 9

months). I've spent thousands of hours doing word studies and written thousands of pages of sermons, letters, etc. Oh, I've earned a bachelor's degree in divinity from an accredited Theological Seminary. All that the Lord has caused me to accomplish by His Grace and Truth in this place is beyond anything I ever could have done out there in the real world.

For a career criminal, drug addict and hell bound sinner like me, prison has been such a real blessing and I do appreciate what the Lord is doing in my life because of prison, being that I am "institutionalized" I need to make a sound transition to reality, so I am considering Church on the Street. I believe if I go to their 6 months of boot camp and do there what I'm doing here I'll be able to comfortably transition to the real world. When I think of being on my own and having to buy food, clothes, pay rent, find a job etc. I feel as if I'm going to choke for crying out loud. I had a business, what is wrong with me? Why do I feel this way, Lord? My life prior to prison was a life run by self-will, pride and ego. Now I'm Christ's servant, now I depend on Him. So, the Phoenix Dream Center is probably my best and wisest destination. Six months is nothing, and it's just another space of time, half of a calendar to invest into the Kingdom, Amen? Also, I have about twelve contacts in Phoenix, including D&E, I know you and all the rest of my family in Jesus Christ will support me spiritually and emotionally.

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For many years I'd attempted to pull out of the crazy life and style I was trapped in, to no avail. But then, when I finally asked Jesus to be Lord of my life, God stepped in has done for me what I could **NOT** do for myself. He did it for me and **HE WILL** do it for you. So, stand up, suit up and begin to follow Jesus and I promise you it will be the ride of your life! And as my brother, Evangelist Jackflash says, "You'll experience the best life possible!" Have a wonderful day! 😊

## What Others Are Saying

"I'm well and striving to be the best man and servant for my Lord Jesus Christ. I do have a release date, next year. God willing I make it. I just wanted to say thank you and D&E ministry family for all y'all do for us inside. I love u brother duck. God bless you all and your families." - B.E.

"I just got the card you mailed me from over yonder, thank you so much for that. It sounds so cool what you guys do with the grandkids, very interesting and educational also. I bet they enjoy that as well as y'all. I love to travel. I'm happy that y'all are safe and having a good time out there sharing your testimony and the love of Christ! I'm just here doing yoga every day now for a month, I feel good! I'm also in my second semester of college working on my bachelor's degree. I've been corresponding with New Freedom on the outs here in Phoenix and I've got a mentor; this place sounds good! It's a fresh start, you know, and I can see that they have a lot to offer. I think to myself, 'What do I have to lose, I'm already walking hand in hand with Jesus! He's going to take care of me. I still have till 2032, and I'm going to need to hold His hand ever so tightly. Things are going to be so different by then, and I will to ... older, wiser, you know!! All in all, their communication is steady and uplifting." - L.R.

"Overcomers for Christ, family! God bless all of you! I just want to thank you all and encourage you for the wonderful and awesome work you're doing for the Lord. I can picture Him smiling down upon all of you there. **Romans 8:16** tells us, "**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.**" I too am baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues! He's amazing! I'm new to the Overcomers for Christ family, but I would love to be a part of this ministry!" - S.M.

"Brother Duck, I got the latest newsletter last night and it was awesome. Thank you very much for all that you do for all of us." - B.E.

"Give my regards to everyone who take the time to put together the monthly newsletters which always enlightens my month and gives me more insight into the fact that not all humans are up to no good but to help those who are of the same flock. May God bless you all and keep you all strong in the Faith." - I.S.

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**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!!

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## Foot's Bible Study

### **Habbakuk 1:1-3:19**

*When circumstances around us become almost unbearable, we wonder if God has forgotten us. But remember, He is in control; God has a plan and will judge evildoers in His time. If we are truly humble, we will be willing to accept God's answers and await His timing. (1:5)*

Habbakuk had asked God why evil people prosper while the righteous suffer. God's answers ... They don't in the long run. Habbakuk saw his own limitations in contrast to God's unlimited power and control of the world and its events. We cannot see all that God is doing, and we cannot see all that God will do. But we can be assured that He is God and will do what is right. Knowing this can give us confidence and hope in a confusing world. (3:19)

### **Revelation 9:1-21**

The word 'angels' here means fallen angels or demons. These four unidentified demons will be exceedingly evil and destructive. But note that they do not have the power to release themselves and do their evil work on earth. Instead, they are held back by God and will be released at a separate time, doing only what He allows them to do. (9:14)

### **Psalms 137:1-9**

God destroyed Babylon and its offspring for their proud assault against God and His Kingdom. The Medes and Persians destroyed Babylon in 539 B.C. Many of those who were oppressed lived to see the victory. The phrase about the infants is harsh because the psalmist is crying out for judgment, "Treat the Babylonians the way they treated us." (137:8-9)

### **Proverbs 30:10**

Don't deliberately make somebody look bad or slander them in front of their boss. This will make that person hate you, and in the end, you will pay for it. (30:10)

## “Foot” Notes

Hey Y'all. I don't know how it happens but I think we all go through it one time or another where we get twisted into believing that our faith needs to be some huge, bigger than life deal, or God won't either hear our pleas or do anything to guide us. Well, these are the times we need to remember what the Word tells us and to trust in the Word. Let's look at **Luke 17:6**, *"Even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed the Lord said, 'you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."* So we can see from this that the amount of faith isn't as important as the right kind of faith ... faith in our all powerful God. Love to y'all short and tall. Vaya con Dios. Don't ride faster than your angels can fly.

# WORD OF THE MONTH

## Expatriate

Pronunciation – ex-pa-ti-ate ek-spā-shē-āt

Verb – 1: to move about freely or at will: wander; 2: to speak or write at length or in detail

*"Humboldt ... expatriated on meteorology, geology, plant geography, and ocean currents, as well as on fossils."*  
– Elizabeth Kolbert, The New Yorker, October 19, 2015

*Did You Know ...* The Latin antecedent of **expatriate** is *exspatari*, which combines the prefix *ex-* ("out of") with *spatari* ("to take a walk"), itself from *spatium* ("space" or "course"). *Exspatari* means "to wander from a course" and, in a figurative sense, "to digress". But when English speakers began using **expatriate** in the mid-16th century, they took *wander* to mean simply "to move about freely". In a similar digression from the original Latin, English speakers began using **expatriate** in a figurative sense of "to speak at length". That's the sense of the word most often used these days, usually in combination with *on* or *upon*.

## Quote Worthy

*"Accepting the reality of our broken, flawed lives is the beginning of spirituality not because the spiritual life will remove our flaws but because we let go of seeking perfection and, instead, seek God, the one who is present in the tangledness of our lives."*

- Michael Yaconelli (1942 – 2003) - a writer, theologian, church leader and satirist. Co-Founder of Youth Specialties, a training organization for Christian youth leaders, and The Wittenburg Door (sometimes just The Door), a satirical magazine. Yaconelli was also the pastor of a small church in Yreka, California - "the slowest growing church in America" as he called it.

## Did You Know?

Dead bodies do exhibit goosebumps, but the biological process that triggers them is different in the deceased than in the living. After death, the muscles stiffen due to rigor mortis, including the arrector pili muscles responsible for goosebumps.

## Christian Comedy

Why did the mummy go to school in October? To improve his wrap sheet!

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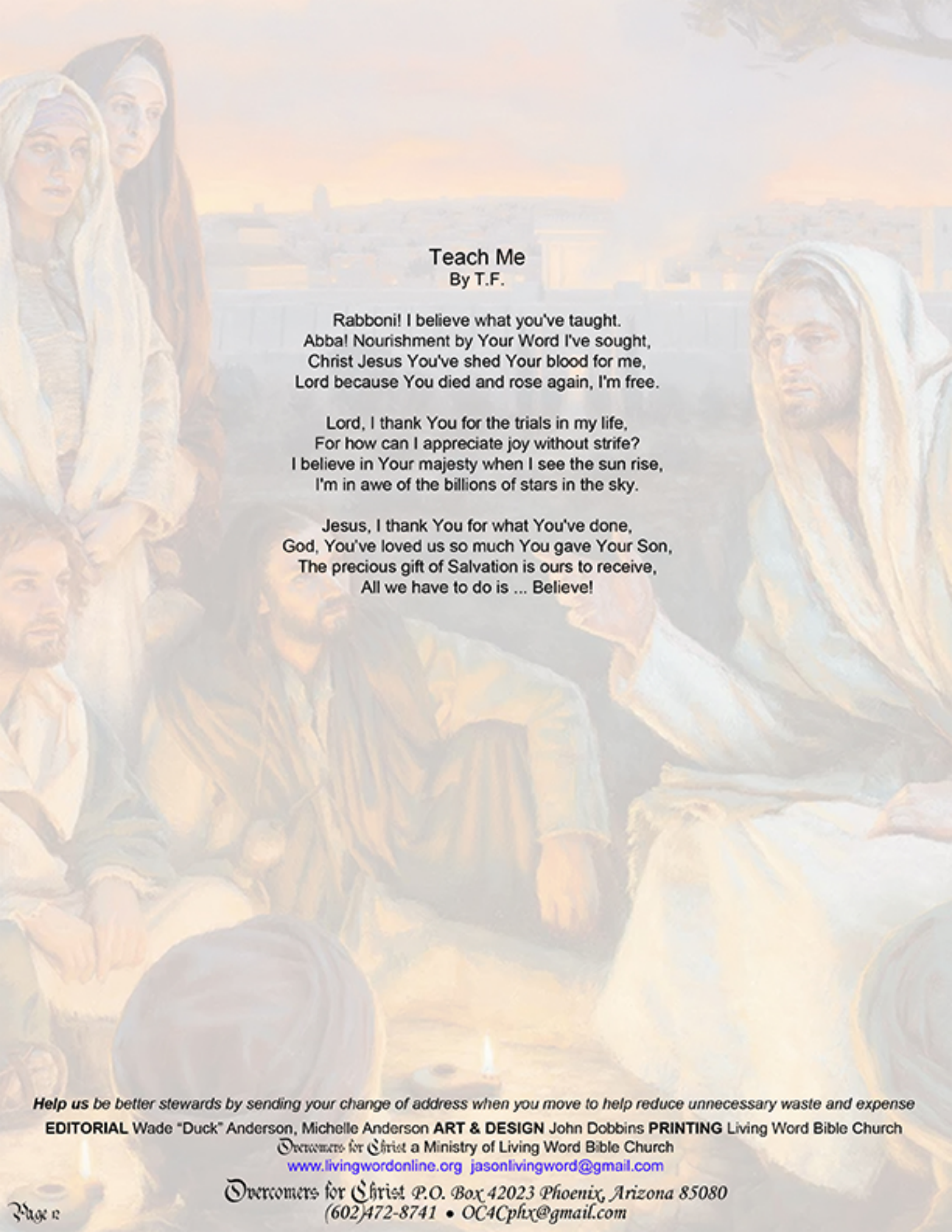
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## Teach Me

By T.F.

Rabboni! I believe what you've taught.  
Abba! Nourishment by Your Word I've sought,  
Christ Jesus You've shed Your blood for me,  
Lord because You died and rose again, I'm free.

Lord, I thank You for the trials in my life,  
For how can I appreciate joy without strife?  
I believe in Your majesty when I see the sun rise,  
I'm in awe of the billions of stars in the sky.

Jesus, I thank You for what You've done,  
God, You've loved us so much You gave Your Son,  
The precious gift of Salvation is ours to receive,  
All we have to do is ... Believe!

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