

“The Word of Christ Rich in You” Colossians 3:1- 25 5/5/24

Today, we’d like to see the title of “The Word of Christ Rich in You” in Colossians 3:1-25.

To Online Word’s souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (**Maranatha Worship Songs**_____

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Q1. In verse 3, “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ,” what does it mean in the context with other relevant words of God? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, in Colossians 2:23, “These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh,” Paul explained the wrong reasons for self-denial because this glorious freedom that we have in Christ we don’t have to do the outward appearance of wisdom in self-disciplines, the false humility, the neglect of body, or avoidance of all form of indulgence such as asceticism by flesh looks righteous to us, but our fleshly trials to be righteous is like filthy rags, e.g., for severe self-disciplines, he went to a mountain, by abandoning his wife and children/ his life in the world, etc. What a glorious freedom in Christ, doing/not doing decently upon whatever the Spirit leads by truth whenever and wherever *Isaiah 64:6*.

In this chapter 3, Paul reasoned to Colossian Christians for your life on the earth which should be led, directed, or ruled by the Spirit over the flesh in the light of Romans 8:13-14, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.	1. (In water baptism, the water represents the grave. When you merged into the water, your old life or flesh was dead. When you were coming out of the water, you were raised with Christ, from the grave, who sits at the right hand of God. So, you should seek the things in heaven where Christ is or spiritual things over things on the earth or fleshly things.) 2= (Set your mind on things in heaven, not on things on the earth or things in this world. The former things are forever but the latter things are passing away or corruptible <i>1 John 2:15-17</i> !)
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¹ *1 John 2:15-17* Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the

<p>³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.</p> <p>⁴ When Christ <i>who is</i> our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.</p> <p>⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived In them.</p> <p>⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,</p>	<p>3=Q1 (Law makes us know sin. More law is given, more sin is described/known. Whoever believes the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior is saved through the faith by God's grace. So, either more sinner or less sinner is in a position of the faith, positionally saved by the grace. Both sinners have been equally saved by God's grace through each faith. Therefore, more sin abounded, more grace abounded. But you can't continue in sin for more grace because you died in sin but the Spirit of Christ lives in you. The treasure of the Spirit is now in you, no longer you live but Christ lives in you or Christ controls your life and so "your life is hidden with Christ in God," over still left flesh desires in the body in which you live on the earth. You reckon or count yourself or your still left flesh desires to be dead even to sin, i.e., the Spirit in you convicts you of a sin. God the Spirit of Christ sanctifies you more like the image of Jesus. So, watch and pray because the spirit in you is willing but the flesh body in you is weak to flesh desire <i>Rom 5:20-6:2; Eph 2:8; Rom 6:11; Rom 7:18; Mark 14:38²</i>)</p> <p>4=(While Christ lives in us or Christ appears in our life, we shall be glorified in the Father's house, when Jesus appears again, either physical death or rapture. <i>Gal 2:20; John 14:2-3; 1 John 3:2³</i>)</p> <p>5-7= (Therefore, mortify fleshly desires in your members or many parts of physical body – such as fornication, moral uncleanness, strong flesh desire, evil desire, covetousness equal to idolatry – loving something to be coveted more than or equal to God. Those things are subject to the wrath of God or the punishment of evil by God against the disobedient children who were once you before you became Christians.)</p> <p>8-9= (Now, you put off the old man or mortify all these flesh desires such as anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, dirty jokes. Do not lie, neither white lie nor a lie for a business profit, because (1) Christ in you has mortified your old life either talk or deed and (2) Christ in you is impossible to lie <i>Prov 20:14; Heb 6:18⁴</i>)</p>
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Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

² *Rom 5:20-6:2*²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?; *Eph 2:8*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God; *Rom 6:11* Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord; *Rom 7:18* For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find; *Mark 14:38* Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

³ *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me; *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. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also;¹ *John 3:2*Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

⁴ *Prov 20:14* It is good for nothing," cries the buyer; But when he has gone his way, then he boasts; *Heb 6:18* that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

<p>10 and have put on the new <i>man</i> who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,</p> <p>11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave <i>nor</i> free, but Christ <i>is</i> all and in all.</p> <p>12 Therefore, as <i>the</i> elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also <i>must do</i>. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.</p> <p>16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.</p>	<p>10=(Put on the new man or conform you in the knowledge of God, the words of God, after the image of Jesus the creator by the Spirit of the Lord, i.e., the spirit led life for the new man rather than the flesh led life for the old man. Word ministers owe the Lord the duty to edify His sheep to the body of Christ. Also let you who suffer after God's will commit or fully entrust your soul to the Lord who strengthens you to do good as to the Lord the faithful creator, not to men 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:19⁵)</p> <p>11= (God has no partiality or favoritism in verse 25 in terms of the outward appearance, such as race, physical appearance, fluent speech, nationality, or social status; There is not classification, segregation, or the middle wall of separation because those things are flesh matter but the substance is Christ who is all in all. E.g. racial segregation in some local churches 2 Cor 10:7; Eph 2:14-15⁶)</p> <p>12-14= (You are chosen by God. You are set apart from the world and are beloved by God. All the characters are the attributes of Agape love the fruit of the spirit – soft mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, mutual patience, mutual forgiving if mutual quarrel is, because realizing God's forgiveness can help you forgive others. But all the characters should be bound together by Agape love the fruit of the Spirit, not the works of the flesh Gal 5:22-23; 1 Cor 13:3⁷)</p> <p>15= (God's peace is an attribute of Agape love the fruit of the Spirit, that when the Spirit rules you or your heart. God's peace controls you despite your suffering to God's will or calamity circumstances, So, to let your heart be ruled by the Spirit is to let your heart be ruled by the peace of God. And above all, be thankful because God has called us to be parts of the body of Christ, His kingdom. Phil 4:9⁸)</p> <p>16=Q2 (Let God's words live in you abundantly into all understood words which are applicable to your situations. In singing psalms, hymns, spiritual songs with grace in our hearts to the Lord, songs can express our love, our thanksgiving, the greatness of God, and the wonders of God. And so singing is a beautiful way to pray to God with melody and to learn the Scripture and to exhort one another. And in singing songs with melody, their words of God unconsciously will begin to come into your mind and it's a great way to worship the Lord, that our daily lives can manifest the worship such as always thanks for all things to God, holy fear of God, mutual joyful services, etc. Eph 5:19-21⁹)</p>
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⁵ 2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord; Eph 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 1 Peter 4:19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

⁶ 2 Cor 10:7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's; Eph 2:14-15 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

⁷ Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ; 1 Cor 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁸ Phil 4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

⁹ Eph 5:19-21 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus

<p>17 And whatever you do in word or deed, <i>do</i> all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.</p> <p>18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.</p> <p>19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.</p> <p>20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.</p> <p>21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.</p> <p>22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.</p>	<p>17= (Whatever you talk, write, or conduct, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, i.e., do it for God without murmuring. Also, give thanks to God always for everything and in everything.)</p> <p>18-25 = (Paul taught what Christians are at home and at working place. It's similar teaching to Ephesians 5:22-6:9)</p> <p>18= (It's fit, suitable, or necessary in the Lord the creator for wives to submit to your husbands just as the church is subject to Christ. In a married couple, a wife owns her husband while the husband owns his wife. Both are mutual servants, not mutual masters. This teaching is not based upon gender discrimination but God's initial intent of creation because Eve the woman came from Adam the man in the creation but every man is born by his mother the woman <i>1 Cor 7:4; Eph 5:22-24; 1 Cor 11:8, 12¹⁰</i>)</p> <p>19= (Husbands, love your wives as Jesus gave His life for the church, against bitterness, bitter remarks, or bitter retorts. <i>Eph 5:25-33¹¹</i>)</p> <p>20= (Children, obey parents in all things in the Lord, for this is right because the Lord is well pleased. If so, you may be well and may live long on the earth because no parents train their children either poor or for short life unless the parents are against nature. <i>Eph 6:1-3¹²</i>)</p> <p>21= (Fathers, do not provoke your children, not discourage them, but train and exhort them in the Lord. Don't make unreasonable demand on them, who would be frustrated, provoked, or angered. <i>Eph 6:4¹³</i>)</p> <p>22= (slave-master relationship was in the old time, e.g., Onesimus the slave and Philemon the master, but today employee-employer relationship is at working place. Employee should work sincerely before God, without pretending, according to the flesh or the employment contract in the world <i>Eph 6:5-6¹⁴</i>)</p>
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Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

¹⁰ *1 Cor 7:4* The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*; *Eph 5:22-24* Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything; *1 Cor 11:8, 12⁸* For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ¹² For as woman *came* from man, even so man also *comes* through woman; but all things are from God.

¹¹ *Eph 5:25-33* Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 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. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.

¹² *Eph 6:1-3* Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

¹³ *Eph 6:4* And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

¹⁴ *Eph 6:5-6* Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart

<p>23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,</p> <p>24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.</p> <p>25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.</p>	<p>23= (Whatever you do, do it heartily, without complaining or murmuring, as to the Lord, not to men. It can be applied not only to employees but to employers because the Lord Jesus Christ also is the Lord of the employers <i>Eph 6:7¹⁵</i>)</p> <p>24=Q3 (because you will receive the reward to your heartily doing in verse 23 from the Lord Christ at the kingdom of heaven. It can be applied to the master or employer, "whether he is a slave or free." <i>Eph 6:8¹⁶</i>)</p> <p>25=(Since the master of masters/employers too is Jesus Christ, masters/ employers should do heartily as to the Lord, not to men in verse 23. So, be impartial, equal, fair, or just to slaves/ employees. Don't threaten them or wrong to them. If so, you will be punished from their master Jesus Christ in heaven. When we stand before God, we all, either employer or employee, stand on the same level.. <i>Eph 6:9¹⁷</i>)</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Truth matters, regardless of online, offline, indoor, outdoor, at sea, or in sky services.



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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

¹⁵ *Eph 6:7* with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men

¹⁶ *Eph 6:8* knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he* is a slave or free.

¹⁷ *Eph 6:9* And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

European Union Mission

The conviction was handed down on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

all Scripture

"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet McTaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

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North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all Scripture

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.

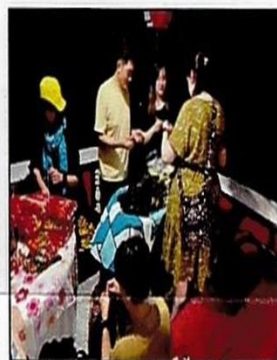
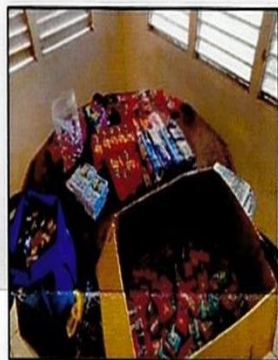
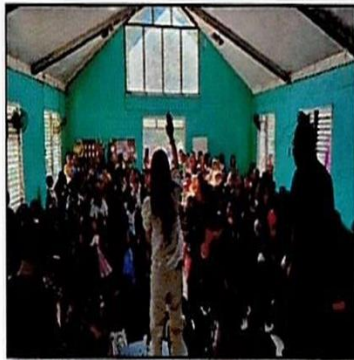
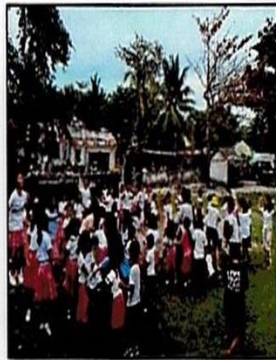


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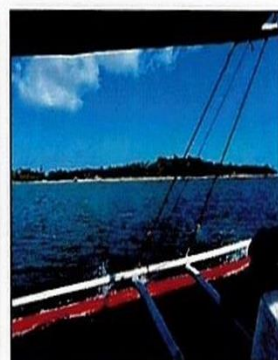
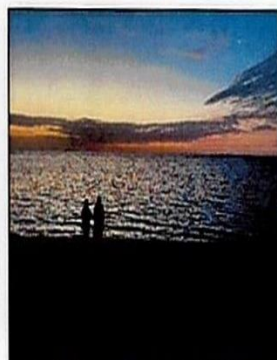
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)

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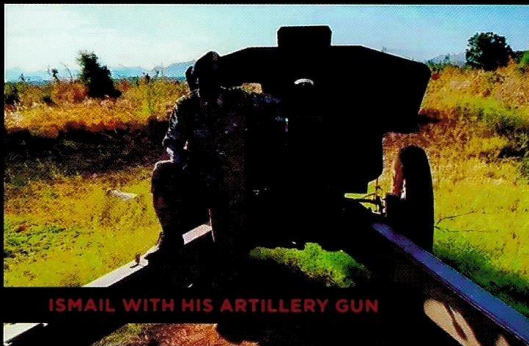
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Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

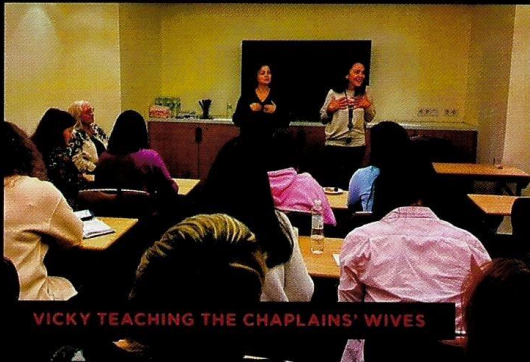
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

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Far Reaching Ministries

Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and His glory.



WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

**THEY DID NOT CHOOSE
THIS WAR; IT WAS
FORCED UPON THEM**

Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Every Christian is exhorted to go to church at any convenient place unless she is against "the principles of doctrine of Christ" (Heb 6:1) because of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" (Eph 1:22-23). Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26). When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

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