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“I Can Only Imagine”

It is hard to imagine that this ministry has been developing for over four years. New facilities have opened up to us, as well as getting correspondence from many states and foreign countries.

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Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches that individuals might look forward to attending once released.

A list of services, such as housing, employment, and counseling services, as well as some individuals available for friendly fellowship are also much needed items.

God’s Word says if a man stumbles, how can he continue lest there be another to help him up. **Ecc. 4:10** “**For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up.**” **Proverbs 24:17** “**Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth.**” **John 11:10** “**But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.**”

Please help us with input for this newsletter as we strive to serve God. We appreciate any articles or input.

I want to extend special thanks to the following;
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Fellowship

We would like to keep a listing of locations for fellowship that welcomes previous incarcerated individuals. We previously listed churches that are supportive in California, as well as some special articles on churches in other states. We would like follow up on these churches to see if they are supportive, as well as letting us know of others available. **We also cherish letters from inmates or relatives to the churches to let us know how we are doing**

If you would like a church added, or have concern on one that is not supportive, please contact us.

Dreams are real, as long as you have faith in Jesus Christ. “Mermaid”

Am I Really Saved?

Reprinted from Walk in the Word

Pastor James MacDonald

“The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.” Romans 8:16

I’m kind of fired up because without a doubt, I have the most important subject in the universe to talk to you about today. If you have “it,” you have everything that you need. But without it, you don’t have anything—no matter how much you have. Many people think they have this but they don’t, and sadly many people who *do* have it, take it for granted. Recognized in all of its splendor you would die for it, but ironically unless you have it, you will die.

What is it that I’m talking about? It is the story of Scripture. It is the miracle of the age. It is the reason that Jesus came, died, and rose again. Sinners call it *conversion*; theologians call it *justification*. Children call it, *asking Jesus into their hearts*, and Jesus called it, *being born again*. Most frequently the Bible calls it **salvation**.

Rightly understood, salvation is the crown jewel of Christianity and the constant comfort of the Lord’s people. But it can also cause much confusion. In fact, surprisingly even in churches that preach the biblical message of salvation, a lot of people are confused about exactly what salvation is and how it works.

This week on the broadcast, I’ll clear up three crucial issues about salvation:

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1. How is a person saved? How does it happen?
2. How do you know if you’ve been saved?
3. Can you lose your salvation?

Right now, we’ll focus on the second issue, *how can you be absolutely sure that you’ve been saved?*

If you’re saved, you belong to God. God has made a mark on you. He has sealed you. What is that assurance that you belong to Him? Look at Ephesians 1:13: **“Having believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit.”** So here it is—if you’ve been saved, you have the Holy Spirit. If you’re not saved, you don’t have the Holy Spirit. So the question then is, *how do I know if I have the Holy Spirit?*

We’re gonna get this settled right now. Are you saved? **If you’re saved, the Holy Spirit is doing these six things in your life.** There’s many more things we could have included on this list but I chose what I thought were the six main ones.

1. The Holy Spirit is growing you. (Galatians 5:22) If you’re saved, you’re more godly than you used to be. You’re changing. You might have symptoms of your old problems but you don’t give into them like you used to. You’re being set free from addictions. Your character is growing. When you are saved, the Spirit is developing in you “... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, self-control”—fruit of His character.

I’ll use myself as an example here. I’ve got problems; I’m not perfect. But the people

who know me best, my family, my close friends, the people that I work with, all would say in unison, “James is not who he was five years ago. God’s growing and changing him.” Is God growing and changing you? That’s a work of His Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit has gifted you. (1 Corinthians 12) When the Spirit of God comes into your life He gives you the desire and the ability to serve God. If you’re saved, He has gifted you with a specific way you can serve the body of Christ. You are prompted to get beyond selfish consumer Christianity and into the center of what He is doing to build His kingdom.

3. The Holy Spirit convicts you of sin. (John 16:8) You’re like, “It’s the craziest thing, man. Before I knew Christ I could lie, and steal, and be mean to my sister-in-law, but never even felt bad about it. Since I got saved, every time I do anything wrong this siren goes off inside me.” That’s the Spirit at work, convicting you of sin. If you can sin and not be grieved, ask yourself if you’re really saved.

4. Hunger for truth. (John 16:13) Was there a time when you couldn’t have cared less about the Bible? If somebody said to you, ‘Are you reading the Bible?’ you would have been, ‘No, I’m reading Louie L’Amour right now.’ But when you got saved, your desire to learn this book exploded in your heart. If that’s going on in your life, that’s a very good sign.

5. The Holy Spirit leads you. (Romans 8:14) What does *that* mean? God’s Spirit prompts you to make things

right with others, to respond to the message that you hear at church, to want to do the thing that honors Him. When you’re being led by the Spirit, you know there’s something going on in your heart. **“As many as are led by the Spirit of God these are the children of God.”**

6. The Holy Spirit comforts you. (John 14:16) Has there ever been a time in your life when you struggled with just about everything? But since you came to know Christ, things don’t bother you as much. The Spirit supplies strength that you didn’t have before and you’re now able to get through things that you couldn’t before. God Himself bears you along and helps you get through the tough stuff. That’s one of the things the Spirit of God does—He comforts us.

God wants you to know that you’re His child, and if you’re wondering about it, read Romans 8:16, **“the Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”** If you’re wondering, *“God, am I your child?”* do this: get alone, read the Scriptures that I’ve mentioned above and pray, “God, do I really know you?” The Spirit Himself will either bear witness, “Yes” or “No.” You don’t have to wonder anymore.

Get this settled right now. If you have more questions, listen to this complete message online. No one should be confused about this issue. *Know* that you *know* that you *know*. It’s that important.

Tools of Ministry

Many of us ask ourselves, “What can I do in Ministry?” I don’t have the training or the tools of ministry.

The training is something that helps in some situations. But, there are lay ministers that lead souls to Christ just as effective as the pastor with a doctorate degree in theology. As we look at the disciples of Christ, we realize the training they had was that of fishing. But Christ stated to them that “I will make you fishers of men.” The disciples jumped in and started doing what needed to be done, instead of having some training program finished.

So what about the “tools of the trade?” Are they such items as the Bible, a concordance, a Bible dictionary, a pulpit, a baptismal? Let me explain some of the tools of the trade I have seen used or personally used.



Python Boots

Walking into a facility, my boots were noticed immediately by an inmate across the block. He called for me to come to his cell. When I got to his door, he said “Nice boots.” I said “Thank you. I am here to share the Word as a volunteer chaplain.” He again said, “Nice boots.” I said, “Thanks, you said that.” He then said, “You’re lucky

I’m not out on program.” I said, “You’d take my boots?” It was a nice time of talking and over the next 4 weeks of visiting sessions, we were able to talk and have a good time.



Car – Fierro 600

This car has a license plate saying “**NO LIE**” and that alone starts a conversation. The fact that it is the only one like it in the world gives the opportunity to witness to each individual, because everyone is in reality a “one of a kind.” The car was recently shown at the Association of Handcrafted Automobiles (AHA) car show at Knott’s Berry Farm in California. During the show many were attracted to the vehicle. My wife would tell the individuals that her husband used the car in his chaplain ministry. This allowed her to make “cold contacts” with strangers and start to witness to them. She even passed out a Bible to one family. Many individuals stated that they were regenerated with the desire to get back involved in church and their relationship with God.

How many other “tools” really are usable for ministry that God has entrusted us with? We will try to follow up with other examples in future newsletters.

Tools of Ministry (Con't) (Reprint From Vol. 5 – Sept. 2004)

So, what about other “tools of ministry?” We already decided that they are more than the items such as the Bible, a concordance, a Bible dictionary, a pulpit, and a baptismal. Let’s continue with some more tools of ministry I have seen used or personally used.

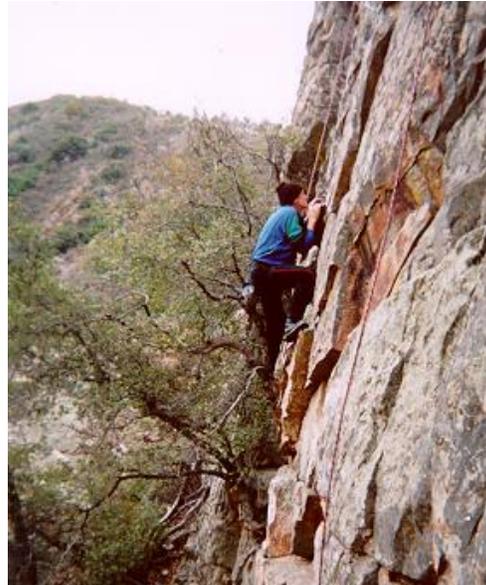


Skydiving Parachute

Many people ask, “Why would you want to jump out of perfectly good airplanes.” Well, there are no perfectly good airplanes, just as there is no perfectly good world.

You might ask what does skydiving have to do with ministry. First there is the necessity to learn what you are doing if you want to survive. There is also the “**fear of stepping out,**” though a little different than stepping out in ministry. There is often more fear in stepping out in ministry than there is fear of stepping out of the airplane.

There is also the **faith** (or trust as it is sometimes called) in the person that packed the chute. There is **faith** that the equipment will function proper. There is **faith** in knowing what to do. And there is **faith** in just trusting God is in control.



Rock Climb

We have heard it said that a person climbs a mountain “because it is there.” Most things that individuals get involved in are because of their love of it. However, this love for something is usually developed over time and becoming better at it. Think of how many testimonies we hear of a person that did not want to commit something to God, only to find them involved in it with an ever-growing passion. This individual is one who had said “NO” to jail ministry. He really missed out on a lot of blessings before. How many other “tools” really are useable for ministry that God has entrusted us with? We will try to follow up with other examples in future newsletters.

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual's testimony;

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus
2. How I realized I needed Jesus
3. How I committed my life to Jesus
4. The difference Jesus has made in my life.

But in reality, those who believe in Jesus have the testimony of God in them; Each of us needs to periodically share our testimony with others. The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony;
2. Your life lessons
3. Your godly passions
4. the Good News

**"For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ."
Hebrews 3:14**

7 to Completion

by Chaplain Bob
28 November 2007

In the beginning
God created night and day.
He did it all
Just by His say.

He separated the water,
From the dry place.
This was all done

In the second day space.

And then He created
The grass, herbs and trees.
And it was the 3rd day
And God was pleased.

Now He added
The stars, moon and sun.
This was the 4th day,
For the start of real fun.

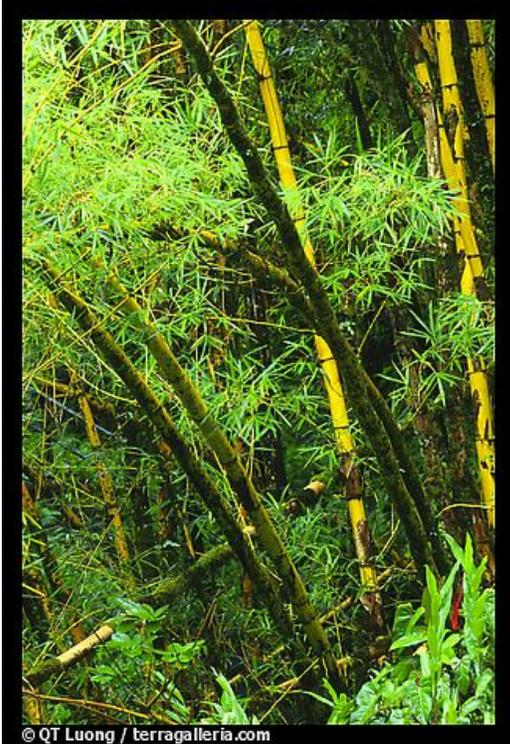
Now the 5th day
God populated the sea.
He created fish and whales,
And put birds to fly free.

He created the beast,
And cattle of the land.
God did it all on the 5th day,
By His perfect plan.

God came to the 6th day
What else could he do?
He created man, and later woman,
For there needed to be two.

On the 7th day,
God came to rest.
Observing His creation,
It was the best.

Don't Give Up



We are often tempted to give up before we see the results we desire in our lives. The bamboo farmers of Malaysia could teach us a lesson. It takes great wisdom and patience to cultivate a particular strain of a very valuable bamboo. How do they do it? In the first year, they plant the seed, water, and fertilize it. Nothing visible happens.

In the second year, they continue to water and fertilize. Nothing visible happens in the second year either. In the third year, water and fertilizer are even more necessary, yet nothing happens. There is absolutely no visible growth. In the fourth year, they do it all again. And again, nothing happens. Then, in the fifth year, they diligently water and fertilize, and the bamboo grows 90 feet in 30 days - not 9 inches, but 90 feet. This plant grows from nothing to the height of a nine-story building. The lesson for us: Don't grow weary in well doing, for in the end, there will be a harvest. In the end, it will come to pass.

Lighter but Serious Side

Rasins Don't Have Legs

If you yourself have never served a period of incarceration then you could never fully understand just what an inmate goes through each and every day while he or she are incarcerated.

Life behind bars is NOTHING like life on the outside, it's a whole other world where NOTHING is the same from the county jails right up to the federal institutions

From the moment an inmate enters in they are leaving everything they know as normal life out side, and are entering into a life style only someone who has actually been there could fully understand.

Breakfast in most institutions is served between 5& 6 am, lunch can be as early as 10am, and dinner some where around 4pm.

But if they are in a county jail and going back and forth to court their day may start as early as 3am. They will get up that early so they can shower and have breakfast before spending hours in what is called a "BULL PEN" waiting for the transport van known as the Ice Cream Truck, to come and take them to court.

The bull pen is a holding cell where there can be as many as 50 to 60 inmates crammed into a space designed for maybe 10. The Ice Cream Truck is the transport van. Inside the inmate sits on a stainless steel bench facing a wall that divides the van in two sections. They are chained to the inmate next to them all the way down the line. Some

times 15 inmates on one chain. This is done to prevent an escape.

Once they get to court they are placed in another "BULL PEN". If at any time they need to use a toilet they are forced to do so in plain site of everyone else who is in that bull pen with them, and in plain site of the corrections officers who are often both male and female.

They live in constant fear for their lives and never fall sound to sleep because they never know if they will find themselves on the wrong end of a shank.

A "SHANK" is any object that can be formed or sharpened into a weapon. It could be a plastic knife or fork from the chow hall, or the end of a tooth brush.

In one facility I know of in the state of Connecticut inmates had to shower in a group of 50 at a time. The shower was in a large room with several rows of pipes on the ceiling. Every few inches there was a sprinkler head that sprayed water straight down. It looked very much like the inside of a car wash, and was named " THE CAR WASH" by the inmates at this facility . (Cheshire Correctional). While in the shower inmates were to have no physical contact with anyone else, but if an inmate wanted to do harm to another it often took place in the shower. There were NO correction officers in the shower with the inmates, they stood outside in the changing area and watched from there. By the time they noticed that

something was going on, it was too late to do anything to prevent it.

Now we come to the subject of food. In most correctional institutions the inmate food is prepared by the inmates for the inmates. They are watched over by corrections officers, while working in the kitchen, but still have managed to place objects into the food that were not fit for humans to eat.

Inmates have been served things they can not identify, so they have basic rules when it comes to the food.

RULE # 1 RAISINS DON'T HAVE LEGS

RULE # 2 If you can't identify it, DON'T EAT IT!

Some institutions pride themselves on how clean their kitchens are, others leave a lot to be desired. Some such institutions have things crawling around that may look like a raisin if it got into the food, but if it's walking away on it's own, IT'S NOT A RAISIN. because Raisins don't have legs

Some institutions have very large rats that have come right up to the inmates in the chow halls and begged for food like trained dogs.

While incarcerated inmates will never see a steak a lobster or baby back ribs, what they will see is plain white rice with some unknown red stuff on the side they are told goes over the rice to form their meal.

They will see dry white toast with no butter, chicken hot dogs (never 100% beef), a chicken leg so small you need a magnifying glass to find it, and if they are lucky on Thanksgiving as a special treat they may get a slice of pumpkin pie so thin you can see through it. So if you are eating any of these things tonight, count your blessings.

Some institutions do the laundry for the inmate once a week. In these institutions the inmate will place their laundry in mesh bags with tiny wholes in them. The laundry is washed IN THE BAG, so it never gets all that clean. On top of that, very often when the laundry is returned to the inmate they receive the wrong bag.

NOW WHAT? All their underwear is in that bag and now they have SOME ONE ELSE'S Bag. What do they do, wear someone else's underwear,

I don't think so. They are forced now to buy new underwear, and if they have no money in their inmate account they will have to wash by hand the only one pair of underwear they have (the one that didn't go to the laundry because they have it on) and hang it up to dry on the end of their bed over night .

The reason I am writing this to you is to give you a small insight to the life of an inmate, and by doing so MAYBE soften your heart enough to want to ADOPT AN INMATE to correspond with.

There are many men & women inmates waiting to be matched with a nice Christian Pen-Pal, and if you would like to write to one of them I ask that you contact my dear friend Elizabeth Michale at

CCPNEWS@HOTMAIL.COM

She and her husband have a Christian Pen-Pal Ministry and are looking for people who would be willing to write to an inmate.

A simple card or a letter would surely make an inmates' day just a little brighter, and may very well be the tool that leads them to Christ. Your card or letter may open a door for them to ask about Jesus and to accept Him as Lord of their lives.

Raisins Don't Have Legs

The Next Chapter

Yesterday I wrote and told you all of some of the things an inmate will face while incarcerated. Today I would like to continue with the next chapter.

Because there is a high risk of inmates who will at times do harm to the corrections officers or other inmates, inspections are done without warning. Corrections officers will come and inspect everything an inmate owns. This includes the inmates themselves. Inmates are told to remove everything they have on, and they are inspected head to toe. Their cell or cube depending on the type of institution will be gone over with a fine tooth comb. K9 dogs are brought in to sniff for drugs and other items that are not allowed.

Picture this if you can. The inmate just got his or her sheets back from the laundry and has made their bed. The sheets are so tight you can bounce a quarter six inches off of them because this is how corrections says your bed should look. Nice clean white sheets, not for long. The dogs are allowed to climb up on their bed and very often leave nice muddy paw prints behind.

Everything you own is dumped up side down on the floor, even their Bible.

After the inspection they have to pick up the mess and hope all their property is still there and an other inmate has not beaten them to it.

In the state of Connecticut, as well as many other states, inmates can not bring anything to or take anything out of the chow hall.

In Connecticut corrections officers line the halls leading to the

chow hall at Cheshire Correctional with K9 dogs. Inmates pass by, and if that dog begins to bark, the inmate is taken aside and searched. If he is found to have any item from the chow hall on him, then he will go to the segregation unit and loose all privileges including visits for what ever period of time he is in segregation.

There have been jokes that incarceration is a free room with out a view where you get 3 meals a day and free medical treatment. Let me tell you, there is nothing funny about incarceration. YES, inmates do get 3 meals a day, but in most cases that is 2 hot and 1 cold meal. The two hot can be anything from a single hard boiled egg to a complete meal with a dessert. The medical isn't free. Inmates in Connecticut are charged 3 dollars from their inmate accounts to go to the medical unit.

Inmates have the chance to work while incarcerated, but most jobs pay only about 5 dollars per week. Inmates have to buy their own soap, shampoo ,tooth paste, and even toilet paper. In Connecticut inmates can get 1 roll of toilet paper from corrections, but must buy any extra.

Inmates with no money can get "State soap". A bar of white soap that very often will dry the inmates skin. This is not " IVORY" by any means.

Inmates with money buy " OODLE NOODLE SOUPS" because they are about 10 cents each (a facility Chaplain Bob covers in California charges 71 cents a package). Inmates in Connecticut and many other prison systems are allowed 1 case of 24 soups per week. If they are lucky they are allowed to mix and match the case.

Because the food isn't always like mom use to make, many inmates live on these soups. They also use them like cash. An inmate will trade soups for other items. If an inmate maybe needs an envelope to write his girl a letter and he doesn't have one, he will trade soups for it.

If an inmate borrows anything from an other inmate they must pay it back 2 for 1. If they borrowed lets say 1 soup they would have to pay that person 2 back.

Life on the inside is nothing like life on the outside. Inmates don't have an iron, so if they want to look nice for their visits they will take their pants and make them just a little damp then place the pants between two sheets of news paper and place that under their mattress overnight. In the morning the pants would have a nice crease in them.

They do not have tape, so in order to hang pictures of their kids or wife or girl friend they will take close up tooth paste and use that like glue to hang their picture.

Like yesterday (Part One), the reason I am writing this is to give you insight as to the life of an inmate. It is my prayer that by doing so, your heart will be softened enough to want to correspond with an inmate.

To be matched with an inmate to correspond with, write to

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Thank-You!

Bishop David J. Dostiglio

The Father, son and a friend

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest minister who was in the service that evening. In the introduction, the pastor told the congregation that the guest minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak. "a father, his son, and a friend of his son, were sailing off the pacific coast." he began. "when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized." the old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story, "grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy would he throw the other end of the lifeline. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, 'i love you, son!' he threw out the life line to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black of night.

His body was never recovered. By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old minister's mouth. "the father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to save the son's friend.

How great is the love of god that he should do the same for us. Our heavenly father sacrificed his only begotten son that we could be saved. I urge you to accept his offer to rescue you and take a hold of the lifeline he is throwing out to you in this service." with that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. Within minutes after the service ended, the two teenagers were at the old man's side. "that was a nice story," politely stated one of them, "but i don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian." "well, you've got a point there," the old man replied glancing down at his worn bible. A big smile broadened his narrow face. He once again looked up at the boys and said, "it sure isn't very realistic, is it? But i'm standing here today to tell you that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for god to give up his son for me. You see...i was that father and your pastor is my son's friend."



*Concentrate on the 4 dots in the middle
of the picture for about 30 secs.*

*Then, take a look at the wall and
start blinking your eye.
You will see a circle of light....
continue looking at that circle.....*

what do you see?

DEEDU

We have had many requests for the above drawing. Follow the instructions and see what you see.

The above drawing was something I ran across on an internet site and was amazed with the results. I have told many individuals that now they can have a picture (artist's rendering) of Christ with them in just the blink of an eye. The "blink of an eye" reminds me of the fact that Christ will return for His followers, in the "twinkling of an eye" **I Corinthians 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



Artwork by Johnny Tristan

To My Dream Seeker (Part ?)



We are called to be servants, so only in fulfilling the calling bestowed on us, as a command. Jesus tells us to love one another (John 15:10-12) This is our true calling (John 15:17). For all things are done in His name (John 10:30). We begin to walk in love, not letting the world upset us. The more we mature, and bear the fruit of love as Jesus did, then we become His friend, as Moses, Abraham, Peter, etc. (John 15:15). When we are friends of Christ, we use the gifts He gave us (John 14:11-18). This is only fulfilling the mission He gave us. When He answers our prayers, we gain faith and ask for greater things (healings, turning of hearts). He is a God of increase as we use these gifts with unselfish motives, which is love. "Love is our greatest commission, as we are created in His image, and God is love." (John 4:8)

Love, The Servant

The following article is another article of "Message in a Bottle" from **The Servant**. Those of you that have followed articles on "My Dream Seeker," (starting with **volume 17, July/Aug. 2006**), **The Fisherman**, and **Shyla** know of the love and expression displayed by the writers, and felt by the readers of the articles. Now we present another article as written in a prison cell by **The Servant**.

I was the one
Who mocked the cross
Didn't care if I was
destined to be lost
Never occurred to me
That Jesus was God's son
I heard the stories
About how sin was overcome.
Thought it was an old
Wise tale from long ago;
But I've come to know
Jesus saves souls.
Yes, He saves souls,
The only one who could pay the cost
Yes, Jesus saves souls
So no one should be lost.
Known to all whom
Should answer the call
Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
Yes, now I know
Only Jesus Christ can save souls.