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## Faith alone in Christ alone

Greetings to you from all of us here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We are continually thankful to the Almighty God for His unparalleled provisions of grace. Each day we witness how He provides for Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We can hardly thank Him enough. Indeed, He is worthy of our praise! The grace He has shown to this ministry is immeasurable. We are truly thankful that He chooses to use His children as vessels to pour out His financial blessings to this ministry. He is the One enabling us to serve Him. Just as He is the One who called us into this marvelous work, He is the One who meets our every need. The Psalmist declares, "I lift my eyes to the hills. From whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). It is comforting to know that our help comes from our Father, who loves us perfectly.

The same goes for you. As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you should remind yourself continually that your help comes from God, not from people. People will change and they will fail you, but God cannot and will not change his mind, nor withdraw His promises to you. The Scripture says, "He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23b). It is important to realize that God's faithfulness to you does not depend on your own faithfulness; rather it hinges on His integrity. The Apostle Paul wrote, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself" (II Timothy 2:13). Does that mean that believers are free to do as they please? Of course not! A believer who tests the integrity of God by living a carnal lifestyle will be dealt with by the Supreme Court of Heaven. In His justice, righteousness, marvelous grace, faithfulness and love, God will punish a believer who takes His integrity for granted (Hebrews 12:5-6).

Grace Evangelistic Ministries seeks to bring glory and honor to God. By His matchless grace we have been privileged to bring messages of hope to both unbelievers and believers alike. On the one hand, many unbelievers have been regenerated through the concept of "faith alone in Christ alone," and on the other hand many believers have accepted the challenge to expose themselves consistently to the teaching of the Word of God. As a result, we have been receiving letters of appreciation both from those who have believed in Christ and from those who are growing in grace. As we read these letters, our immediate response is to give all the praise to God. He is the One actually doing the work. We are merely His instruments. To our great God, we stand in salute!

At this juncture, we would be amiss to forget to thank all of our partners in the Lord Jesus Christ who have given us support in the areas of finances and prayer. We specifically want to thank the local churches that are participating in serving our Lord through their support. Therefore, I echo the words of the Apostle Paul: “I thank my God every time I remember you [our partners]. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it unto completion until the day of Christ Jesus. And My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:3-6, 4:19).

As a missionary-oriented organization, we want to continue to assure our supporters that our objectives remain the same. Our goals are to first evangelize the unbelievers with the clear gospel message. Next, we follow-up with those who have responded positively. We then assist these new believers in their spiritual growth by providing them with sound Bible doctrine through literature and audio tapes. Then we identify those to whom the Holy Spirit has given the gift of communication. If these believers are interested in learning sound Bible doctrine, we help them attend seminaries where they will be further equipped to grow in maturity and eventually minister to other believers. This goal is based on the following verse: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (II Timothy 2:15). We know that when people are prepared with sound Bible doctrine, God in His mercy will use them to provide spiritual food for other believers.

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funds. We strongly believe that the choice to financially support this ministry is a matter solely between the individual believer and the Lord. We believe that if this ministry is honoring to God, He will make provisions for it to continue. We covet your prayers as we seek to bring glory and honor to the One who has given us the privilege to serve Him—the great I am!

Forever in His matchless grace,

Moses C. Onwubiko  
President  
Grace Evangelistic Ministries

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**Y**ou shall know the  
truth, and the truth  
shall set you free.  
JOHN 8:32

## Doctrine of Salvation

By Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko  
(Continued from Volume 12)

### Adoption

We have examined conversion, regeneration, justification, and sanctification. The last theological term in the outline is adoption. The correct way to study any topic in the Word of God is to carefully examine one, the historical context, and two, the original languages of Scripture. These two factors, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are essential for accurate interpretation. There is much room for human error when this formula is not followed.

We will be studying the two different phases of spiritual adoption in Scripture. The first can be seen in Paul's words in Galatians 4:5: "...in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons". The second phase of adoption is referred to by Paul in Romans 8:23: "And not only this, but also we ourselves having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body". We will begin by discussing the first phase of adoption as referred to in Galatians 4:5.

The first phase of spiritual adoption is defined as the process by which God has purchased those who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ from the "slave market of sin" and placed them as sons in His family. As discussed earlier, it is vitally important to take into account the context in which Scripture was written. In the times of the Roman Empire, during which the Apostle Paul wrote his epistles, the process of adoption was concretely defined and it was an irrevocable process. The following are the specific set of rules for the process of Roman adoption:

1. Adoption is based solely on the merit or work of the adopting party. The adopted person is helpless to provide for himself let alone provide any sort of payment for his adoption. The adopted person depends entirely on the adopting party.
2. The following statements are irreversible once the adoption process is finalized:
  - a. The adopted person becomes a possession of the adopting party.
  - b. The adopted person is considered a son in the new family and has equal rights with the other children of the adopting party.
  - c. Under no circumstances can the adopted person inherit the estate of his former father, even if the father dies and has no other family member to inherit his property.
  - d. The adopted person is considered to be permanently separated from his former family.
  - e. The adopted person cannot be held accountable for the debt of his former parents.

Now consider how the context in which adoption was described relates to the spiritual adoption referred to in Galatians 4:5:

1. The adoption of believers is based solely on the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. There is nothing a person can do to deserve or earn the gift of salvation. It is a matter of grace. The adopted believer has not done anything to deserve the benefits he receives as a member of God's family.
2. The following statements are irrevocable once spiritual adoption has taken place:
  - a. The believer, as one who has been adopted into God's family, becomes God's possession. Considering this phenomenal transition, the Apostle Paul declared, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).
  - b. The believer is considered as a son born into God's family. Paul wrote, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," (Ephesians 2:19). He also wrote, "For you are all sons [belonging to] God" (Galatians 3:26a).
  - c. God has permanently removed the believer from the domain of Satan. "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us [permanently] to the Kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13).
  - d. The believer is considered to be permanently separated from his former life in the "slave market of sin". "...That our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" (Romans 6:6).
  - e. The believer is no longer liable for the eternal consequences of his sin. His debt to God was cancelled when by faith he believed that Jesus Christ paid for them on the cross. The apostle Peter wrote, "And He Himself bore our sins [past, present and future] in His body on the cross" (I Peter 2:24a).

Therefore, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you can substitute your name as follows:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ has become God's possession.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ is now considered as a son born into the family of God.
- c. God has permanently removed \_\_\_\_\_ from the domain of Satan.

- d. \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer in the “slave market of sin”.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer liable for the eternal consequences of sin.

It is important to note that the spiritual adoption of believers cannot be properly explained by today’s standards of adoption. There are many cases today where biological parents have successfully reclaimed their adopted children even many years after the adoption. That is contrary to Roman law. In Roman law adoption was irrevocable! Taking into account the context in which the concept of spiritual adoption was defined, we can say that the adoption of the believer is IRREVOCABLE. Therefore, by definition, the doctrine of adoption underscores the doctrine of eternal security. Once a believer is placed as a son in God’s family, no judicial system in heaven or on earth can revoke it.

Now we will discuss the second and final phase of spiritual adoption. This phase is defined as the process by which the believer is freed from the earthly struggles of sin and death. It is referred to in Romans 8:23: “And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.” The author was referring to an event that the believers were waiting for – an event that had not yet taken place. “For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Corinthians 15:53-57).

In order to further understand and differentiate these two phases of spiritual adoption, it is necessary, as discussed earlier, to study the original languages of the verses. First of all, the Greek word for “adoption”, *huiothesia*, is used in both Galatians 4:5 and Romans 8:23. However, it is the Greek translation of the word “redeem” or “redemption” in these two verses that determines the phase of spiritual adoption to which the author is referring to. In Galatians 4:5, the word “redeem” is represented by the Greek word, *exagorazo*, and it means “to buy up”. In Romans 8:23, the word “redemption” is translated in the Greek language as *apolutrosis* and it is translated to mean, “to ransom in full”. The definition of the second phase of spiritual adoption is the final liberation of the believer from the bondage of sin and death. Having said this, we will now describe the two phases of spiritual adoption in detail:

Phase #1: The person who receives salvation by “faith in Christ and Christ alone” is placed in the family of God in his sinful nature: The Apostle Paul writes, “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem [purchase out of the “slave market of sin”] those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5). The Greek word *exagorazo* in verse 5 can be broken down into two parts: “ex” means, “out” or “from” and *agorazo* means “to buy” or “redeem from,”; therefore *exagorazo* means “to buy from.” The Apostle Paul used it in the sense that every believer has been permanently purchased out of the “slave market of sin”. The believer is purchased by the efficacious work of Christ Jesus on the cross (I Peter 1:18-19). Here is the scenario:

1. Every human being born of a man and woman is placed in the “slave market of sin”, which is controlled by Satan: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The Apostle Paul said, “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death [spiritual death] through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12). It is humanly impossible to escape from this domain of sin and death.
2. God the Father drafted a gracious plan that would make it possible for people to be saved from this “slave market of sin”. This plan called exclusively for the spiritual death of God the Son on the cross.
3. At the proper time Jesus Christ went to the cross and fulfilled God’s plan in its entirety. The author of Hebrews declared, “But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:12).
4. God the Holy Spirit reveals this plan to unbelievers.
5. The unbeliever hears the gospel, understands it with the help of God the Holy Spirit and chooses to accept or reject the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. If the unbeliever believes in Christ, then God forgives him of his sins, imputes His righteousness to him, and pulls him out of the “slave market of sin”.
7. God then gives him a mark of ownership and he becomes a member of God’s family. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Who [God] also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge” (II Corinthians 1:22).
8. This new believer remains on earth for as long as God allows. Though he has been purchased from the “slave market of sin”, his sin nature is not eradicated. While on earth, he continues in the second phase of sanctification (see Volume 12). Briefly this is the process by which the believer continuously renews his mind through Bible doctrine and maintains the filling of the Holy Spirit through I John 1:9. It is not until the final phase of adoption, however, that he is free from the struggles of sin. This brings us to our discussion of phase two.

Phase #2: The second and final phase of spiritual adoption of the believer is defined as the process by which the believer is freed from the earthly struggles of sin and death. Phase two takes place either at the believer’s death or the rapture of the church, which ever comes first. This future liberation is what the Apostle had in mind when he wrote, “We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for [final] adoption as sons, the redemption [*apolutrosis*] of our body” (Romans 8:23). Let us review the original Greek language of the verse. The word *apolutrosis*, is translated as “redemption” and it means “to ransom in full”. To better explain this process, consider again the concept of human adoption. A family has chosen to adopt a child and all the necessary paperwork has been filed and approved. Legally, the child is a member of the new family. However, due to circumstances, the child has to remain in the former family for a certain amount of time. When the child is finally taken home to be with his new family, that is the moment of victory and celebration. The child no longer has to live with his former family and can enjoy his new life. This applies to spiritual adoption as well. The believer is actually a member of God’s family while he is in phase one of adoption. However, only in phase two does he experience his new life to its fullness: “He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away” (Revelations 21:4). Paul wrote, “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly await for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory by the exertion of the power that He has, even to subject all things to Himself” (Philippians 3:20-21). With this glorious expectation in mind, every believer ought to live his life in a manner worthy of His high calling.

With this in mind, let us discuss the provisions of grace that God extends to every believer in phase one of spiritual adoption:

1. God loves the believer with the same personal love that He has toward His Son, Jesus Christ. “I in them, and Thou [You] in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me” (John 17:23). It is because of our relationship with Jesus Christ that God loves us immeasurably. The French people have a saying: “*Les amis de mes amis sont mes amis*”, which means, “the friends of my friends are all my friends”.
2. The believer bears Christ’s image: “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His son” (Romans 8:29a).
3. The believer receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit: “...In order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts (Galatians 4:5-6a).
4. The believer bears His name: “See how great [how immeasurable, how marvelous, how unfathomable] a love the father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God” (I John 3:1).
5. The believer receives divine punishment from the Supreme Court of Heaven when he fails: “...My son do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord...For those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines” (Hebrews 12: 5b-6a). With the exception of intervention by the judicial system where law and order are observed, no father has the right to punish a child who is not his own. Similarly, when the Lord punishes believers when they fail, it confirms that they are His children: “But if you are without discipline...then you are illegitimate children and not sons” (Hebrews 12:8).

6. An adopted son in the family of God shares in the privileges of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ...” (Romans 8:16-17a). Believers share in the wealth that belongs to Christ.

7. Believers are ambassadors of Christ: “Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are AMBASSADORS for Christ...” (II Corinthians 5:18-20a). In the human realm, one cannot represent one country in another country unless he is a citizen of the first country. In light of this principle, God, in His matchless grace, has sworn in all believers as citizens of Heaven: “For our citizenship is in heaven...” (Philippians 3:20a). As an ambassador for Christ, the believer has the privilege and responsibility of representing the Kingdom of heaven here on earth. The believer has the duty of witnessing for Christ and living in a manner that is worthy of his citizenship.

8. The believer is a priest. So that the believer would be able to communicate with God, He made him to be a priest. “But you are a chosen race, a royal PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9). As priests, believers have the privilege of unlimited access to the throne of grace. Therefore, as a priest, the believer is to pray for the following:

a. Those in authority: “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (I Timothy 2:1-2). Therefore, it is the will of God that believers pray for their countries and those in leadership.

b. The unbelievers – that they would have the opportunity to hear an accurate presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. “This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:3-4).

c. Other believers – that they would be motivated to learn Bible doctrine and thus grow in grace (I Timothy 2:4b)

d. The ministers: “Pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador...” (Ephesians 6:19-20a).

In conclusion, think about what it would be like to live during the times of Roman law and to understand the definition of human adoption. Then think about what it would be like to read or hear the words of Paul when he described believers as the adopted sons of God! One can see how important the context and the original languages are in accurately interpreting, understanding and applying Scripture to our lives.

As you meditate over this doctrine, I say to you who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ: “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and make you stand [He is the One who will make you stand] in His presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen” (Jude 1:24 -25).

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## OUR TRIP TO AFRICA

### NIGERIA

Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko’s report on the evangelistic ministries in Owerri, the State Capital of Imo State, and in Jos, the Capital of Plateau State, shows that his trip was successful. However, he indicates that there is an enormous amount of work to be done in Nigeria. Salvation by works is the message that many are teaching. Emotionalism has hit an all-time high in the Christian church. Millions of people are still unsaved because no one has presented the gospel message as, “Faith alone in Christ alone”. On the

one hand many unprepared pastors have gone into the ministry with one purpose in mind—to make a living. On the other hand, the few pastors that are willing to teach the Truth lack the necessary resources. When one pauses to ponder the spiritual poverty Nigeria, it is cause for great sadness. It is no wonder that those who come in contact with Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko can never seem to get enough Bible doctrine. Reverend Onwubiko realizes that the battle is the Lord's. In the midst of this heart-breaking situation, he rejoices because he sees that God in His matchless grace is meeting the spiritual needs of the people who are positive. Undoubtedly God is opening the spiritual eyes of many believers through the endeavors of Grace Evangelistic Ministries and people are beginning to turn from falsehood.

## **OWERRI & JOS: REPORT FROM PASTOR TONY SANI**

“The program of Grace Evangelistic Ministries was held in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria. The teaching was on salvation. It took place at the Alvan Ikoku College auditorium. The theme was: ‘You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free’. In preparation for the seminar, publicity was made through the Imo Broadcasting Corporation (IBC).

During the program, there were two sessions, namely morning and evening. People who are hungry for the truth, including pastors and evangelists attended. The number in attendance increased gradually as the seminar progressed.

The man of God, Reverend Onwubiko, in his teaching, maintained that salvation of the believers is purely by grace and not by works. He said that salvation, once received, [can] never be lost. However, it is the eternal reward of the believers that is at stake. [He declared] that those [believers] who failed to learn and apply sound Bible teaching to their lives [would] suffer loss of reward. He also covered in detail the doctrine of conversion, regeneration, justification, sanctification, adoption, salvation by grace versus salvation by works and the assurance of the salvation of the believers in the Lord. Rev.

Onwubiko backed his teaching by referring to both the New and the Old Testaments.

Many people were filled with joy as the truth of God's Word was being taught effectively. Without any doubt, the attendees got a clear and good understanding [of] the doctrine of salvation. The sighs of relief expressed by the participants testified that burdens were lifted and hope restored. The people were not willing that the program should end.

At the end of the teaching, the people were set free from long-standing bondage [to] wrong doctrine, especially salvation. They clearly understood that salvation is totally a grace issue. As Rev. Onwubiko put it, ‘You have done nothing to be saved and you shall do nothing to lose it’.

The participants made requests regarding obtaining the teaching outline and the recorded messages. Darlington E. Elekwa, the chapter president, promised to make them available to those who made the request[s]. The people truly desired and wished that Rev. Onwubiko should come back next year for another conference.

Many books from R.B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries and Grace Evangelistic Ministries were made available free of charge to all the participants.

I really thank God for using His servant Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko to open the eyes of many Nigerians and [the eyes of] Africa as a whole to the Truth of the Word of God. I pray that God will continue to sustain Grace Evangelistic Ministries as they spread the Truth of the Word of God around the world.”

## **CAMEROON:**

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mueller went ahead of Reverend Onwubiko on December 7, 1999 to make preparations for his visit. Rev. Onwubiko arrived on December 28. Reports showed that they had a successful ministry there. Some individuals have formed audiotape groups on their own. They listen to messages taught by Col. R. B. Thieme, Jr., and Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko. Mr. Mueller and Rev.

Onwubiko went to elementary schools and churches and presented the gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is sad to report that many of the churches in Africa have not heard a clear gospel message. This is because there are very few grace-oriented evangelists (those who preach salvation by grace and not by works) and doctrinal pastors in Africa. Many of these men did not even finish high school.

For example, a local church invited Mr. Mueller and Reverend Onwubiko to speak in their church. When they arrived, the pastor and his members were starting their Sunday school class. The pastor got up and read Luke 1:1-80. When he finished reading the passage, he did not explain any of the verses but asked the congregation if anyone had any questions. It was at this juncture that Mr. Mueller used the opportunity to teach them about the essence of God. When the time came for the sermon, Reverend Onwubiko gave a presentation of a clear gospel message. At the end of the service, the pastor and his members were overwhelmed with joy at hearing the Truth. A few doctrinal books and tapes were made available to those who were positive (we did not have enough doctrinal materials to meet the needs). At the end, the pastor asked if they would visit them again.

### **A BRIEF REPORT FROM CAMEROON**

Prepared and forwarded by Pastor Nkem Ikemba

“Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko arrived in Duala, the International Airport for Cameroon, on December 28, 1999 after his evangelistic meetings in Nigeria. After spending the night in Duala, Mr. George H. Mueller and Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko drove roughly 8 1/2 hours to Belo, [the] northwest province that is 45 minutes west of Bamenda.

On December 30, 1999, many people, young and old, [who] are hungry for the truth, gathered in the Old Market Library Hall to hear the man of God—Reverend Onwubiko. He held Bible class daily at this location for a period of 26 days.

He taught the Word of God in such a way that one of the people who came described it as “wonderful”. The person said that he has never heard such wonderful doctrine since he was born. One old man, a retired pastor who attended the teaching, said, “We would like Reverend Moses and his wife to come and live with us. I have never been exposed to this wonderful doctrine since I was born. I wish he [could] continue”. Many of the people had similar expression[s].

In addition to this daily Bible class, Reverend Onwubiko also spoke to children in two elementary schools. He was invited to speak two times by the Baptist Youth camp. He was also invited to speak in six local churches where the pastors and the deacons wanted him to come back. The principals also wanted him to visit again.

On January 25, 2000 Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko left Belo with a promise to return in December 2000 if God permits.

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## **REV. MOSES C. ONWUBIKO'S Evangelistic Meeting Schedule**

January 27 – March 15, 2000: US

March 16 – April 24, 2000: Nigeria (Owerri and Olu, Imo State. Bukuru and Jos in Plateau State)

April 25 – July 27: US

July 28 – August 25: (With Mr. George H. Mueller: Ghana, Lithuania or Germany)

August 26 – November 30: US

December 1 – December 28: Nigeria

December 29 – January 18 2001: Cameroon

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## **SPECIAL NEEDS:**

We have elected to list the following needs. Please join us in prayer as we bring these needs to the throne of grace:

1. Provision of 50 Hebrew Key Study Bibles (NAS) to 50 pastors in Africa	\$2,500.00
2. Tuition to pay for 2 pastors at a seminary (recommended by GEM) at \$650.00 per year for 3 years	\$3,900.00
3. A used car to help Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko move around while in Africa	\$5,000.00
4. An office computer	\$1,000.00

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## Gratitude for Answered Prayers

Please join us in thanking God for the following answered prayers:

1. Providing enough funds for our trip to Africa (November 1999 – January 2000) and to meet our budget (November - December 1999).
  2. Granting Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mueller and Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko success in their recent trip to Africa.
  3. Providing a centralized office for Grace Evangelistic Ministries in Jos, Nigeria.
  4. Successful completion of the 1999 Annual Bible Conference in Jos, during which there was a rekindled interest in Bible study by positive pastors and believers.
  5. Granting Grace Evangelistic Ministries open doors to local radio stations as well as to the Nigeria Television Authority in Jos. The NTA is a gateway to about nine other states in Northern Nigeria.
  6. Providing a doctrinally prepared pastor for the group in Cameroon.
  7. Meeting the needs of our co-laborers in this ministry.
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## God Will Provide

### Genesis 22.8

"God will provide" is the attitude of Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We do not beg for money. We believe that if this ministry is honoring to God, He will provide EVERYTHING necessary for its continuation. "God will provide" was Abraham's reassurance to his confused son, Isaac ([Genesis 22:8](#)). When God gives an assignment to us as His servants, He is under obligation to provide for the job. When God does not provide, it could mean one of three things. One, God may not want the job accomplished at that particular time. Two, it could mean that those who are to carry out the mission are not prepared to do so yet. Lastly, it could be a sign that God does not want to have any part of the ministry. Therefore, it is absolutely foolish and arrogant for us as believers to try to devise a way to accomplish a task in the name of God when He has already rejected it. For example, when we use gimmicks to manipulate people to contribute money, we are not glorifying God. It is blasphemy on our part to think that God does not know how to provide for the work which He has assigned. Take a moment and think about the following question: When we work to accomplish a job which God has rejected, who will be glorified in the end? God? Or me?

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## Letters to Grace Evangelistic Ministries

These are some letters that have been sent to us. As you read, please join us in giving thanks to the Almighty God who is drawing all men to Himself. Our purpose in sharing these letters with you is to demonstrate that your partnership in this ministry is indeed yielding fruit to the glory of God.

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

First of all we thank the almighty God for His daily blessings. Secondly we thank you for your newsletters that you send to us on a regular basis. We also would like to inform you that we have received the books that [you] sent to us. Indeed, we cannot thank Grace Evangelistic Ministries enough for its work here in Cameroon. Although we have nothing to give to you in support of this ministry; we believe that God will meet your needs. Our Father in heaven is truly a loving Father; and He knows all the needs of His children.

Our audiotape group here is progressing too. We would like to request more books. Your books have been very helpful.

We thank you for sending Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko to us here in Cameroon. We are crying because he is leaving us after his visit. However, we do understand that he is leaving in order to visit other places. We know that you will not fail to send him back to us again.

Once again, we would like to thank (Bobe) George Mueller, his wife and Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko for the great work they have done here in Cameroon.

Yours faithfully,  
Belo, Cameroon

Dear Sir,  
Greetings to you in the Holy Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope that you are doing well by His grace. Thank you for your sound Bible doctrinal books that you sent to me recently. The books are, "Comfort in Suffering", "God's Plan After Salvation", "Riding the Death Train" and the "Eternal Security of The Believer". God bless you Reverend Onwubiko.

I would like to forward my application to you. I was touched, thrilled and excited after reading your sound Bible doctrinal books so much that my wife and I have decided to form a Grace Evangelistic Ministries Audio tape group, that will lead us to open up a local church. After some period of time, we would like to invite you and your missionary team to come and hold a Crusade here in Zimbabwe.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor, South Province, Zimbabwe

Dear Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko,

You are a blessing to me sent by God. With much joy and gratitude I want to thank you for bringing this ministry of hope to Jos, Plateau State.

I received your books and newsletters from Darlington E. Elekwa. I have gone through them, and they have really opened my eyes to the truth of the Word of God. I [understand] the reason why Jesus Christ died for me on the cross. I have also come to understand more about the grace of God. Thank God for Grace Evangelistic Ministries.

My eyes are also opened to know about the misleading pastors who have made for themselves their own doctrines. They use gimmicks such as: "Come and you will be led to financial rest", or "Come and have power over sin and death", "Come and experience holiness and righteousness" and "Give to God and

God will give to you”. They refer to giving as: “Kingdom demand offering”, “Seed faith offering” and so many other gimmicks. Thank God I have come to understand that God’s blessings depend on who and what He is.

May God continue to provide and to sustain you so that you can reach out to the whole world.

In His grace,  
Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria

Dear Sir,

I have read your books: “Comfort in Suffering” and “God’s Plan after Salvation”. I found them very spiritual, knowledgeable and inspirational.

I would like to share these books and others with my friends. If you can send me 5 or more copies of each book, I truly would appreciate it. My prayer is that God would richly bless you.

Yours in His care,  
Alabama, USA

Dear Family in Christ,

I sought a quick and simple way to contribute once or on occasion on your web site but found no way to do so and thus no way to use my Visa check card or Visa charge card. I might suggest you add something simple for an occasional giver to your home page and not cause a reader to have to search for it. Also if we had an email address for your team it would enable more efficient communication.

The enclosed contribution is not a great amount of dollars, but is an expression of some response to wanting to give because we appreciate your organization’s noble conduct above and beyond your peers. Our local church already supports your team on a regular basis, but sometimes something extra in the way of giving is called for.

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity and privilege to give when we are thus motivated and enabled simply because at times we become overwhelmed in appreciating the privileges, opportunities, and assets given us freely simply because we choose to live inside the will of God in Christ Jesus. At those times it’s hard not to want to give. We trust you to be a worthy, honorable, grace-oriented team, and interested in the temporal and ultimate glorification of Christ our Lord. The happiness and joy we receive when we read your newsletter demands our response in prayers to His majesty our Father through Christ our Royal Family head. Under great appreciation for your communicating truth we are frustrated in wanting to give. Thank you for being capable of receiving in Christ Himself.

Thank you for who you have become.  
Fellow members in Christ,  
Indiana, USA

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## Financial Policy

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We believe that God in His grace will continue to meet our financial needs as they arise.

We do not charge for books or audio tapes. No money is requested. Anyone desiring to receive our books, tapes or other spiritual materials can receive them at absolutely no cost.

When gratitude for the Word of God and understanding of the need to reach the unsaved souls with the

simple grace gospel and sound Bible teaching motivate you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

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## Bible Doctrine for Thought

“Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for EVERYTHING in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. WEALTH and HONOR come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generous as this? EVERYTHING comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. We are aliens and strangers in Your sight...O Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided...comes from Your hand, and all of it belongs to You. All this have I given WILLINGLY and with honest intent” (I Chronicles 29:10b-12, 14-17).

What a profound expression of grace! King David, like the apostle Paul (I Corinthians 15:10), understood that whatever he amounted to in his life was a result of the unfathomable and immeasurable grace of God. He recognized that true greatness, wealth and honor are God’s monopoly. He knew that what he gave for the construction of God’s temple was only a portion of God’s generous blessings to him.

As a believer, King David, a man “after God’s own heart”, only had part of the Word of God and yet he understood the unparalleled grace of God. Believers today not only have the indwelling of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, but for the first time in history, the completed Word of God. Right now, as a believer, you have more than King David had. Do you realize that all you are and all you have is from the gracious hand of God? You may wish to meditate.

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## Here is the Truth

Will there be a last chance for salvation for the unbeliever after death? Let us go to the Bible for the answer. First of all, we know that no one will ever be saved apart from a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And second, no one can believe in Christ unless they hear the gospel message: “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). Consider the verse, “Do you [God] show your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise you? [No they don’t] Is your love declared in the grave? [Of course not]” (Psalm 88:10,11). Therefore, since the gospel will not be declared in the grave, it follows dogmatically that a person who has died without Christ has no second chance of believing. God has solemnly warned, “Behold, now [that you are still breathing] is ‘the day of salvation’” (II Corinthians 6:2c). Therefore one can doctrinally conclude that there is no last chance for salvation after death.

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## The Good News

When our Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross, He had you on His mind. There was never a sin committed that was not poured out on Jesus Christ on the cross ([I Peter 2:24](#)). He endured all afflictions so that He might pave a way for you to have life more abundantly through Him. Regardless of how sinful you have been in the past or are now, you can be forgiven and your slate wiped clean by God.

How? By telling God right now that you are believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. The moment you put your entire trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will automatically become a regenerate person before God forever. The Bible says, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Will you believe in Him today? Or will you reject Him? The decision is totally up to you.

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## Would You Join Us in Prayer?

“As we pray”

- That God would provide enough funds for the March/April 2000 evangelistic meeting in Nigeria.
  - That God would provide the financial support to meet our budget.
  - That God would grant Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko and Debby A. Hager success on their next trip to Africa.
  - That God would continue to provide spiritual nourishment for the audio tape groups, both here and abroad.
  - That God would continue to meet the needs of our supporters as they arise.
  - That God would continue to open doors for our ministry.
  - That believers in this country would have a desire for sound Bible doctrine.
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