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Faith alone in Christ alone

Greetings to you from all of us here at Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We continue to thank God for His indelible work through this ministry. We have realized that there is absolutely no way we can ever thank Him enough. He is awesome. We are truly thankful to Him for using His children to meet our financial needs. Obviously without His grace provisions, this ministry would have been long gone and be forgotten. But we are still here today not because of who and what we are, but because of who and what God is, a loving Father full of grace and mercy.

We continue to receive numerous letters of appreciation both from within the country and overseas. As these letters continue to pour in, we do not hesitate to channel the praises to the One who is actually doing the work through Grace Evangelistic Ministries. It is thrilling for us to see the ministry have an impact on the lives of many people. On one hand, unbelievers are turning to Christ by "faith alone in Christ alone" and on the other hand believers are being challenged to grow in grace by means of Bible doctrine. Indeed, we stand in salute to our God, the One who is worthy!

As long as God continues to provide, Grace Evangelistic Ministries will continue to do the very work for which He has seen fit to keep us here on earth. Undoubtedly, we live and serve Him in the enemy's territory. Satan "...prowls [roam about in a quiet, secret way] like a lion, seeking someone [a careless believer] to devour" (I Peter 5:8b). However, we are resting on the solid promise of our Lord Jesus Christ: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). We know that the battle is the Lord's (I Samuel 17:47). Therefore, as "...we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh [human view point], for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh [human power], but divinely powerful [Bible doctrine + the filling of the Holy Spirit] for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing [heresies] raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..." (II Corinthians 10:3-5). We have realized that for us to serve God well, we must possess and use the tools that He has made available. A reservoir

of Bible doctrine circulating in the believer's soul and the filling of the Holy Spirit are the weapons designed by God to wage war against Satan.

In light of all these things, we continue to encourage you as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ to detach yourself from this world and pursue sound Bible doctrine, which is able to keep you afloat in the devil's world. Make every effort to expose yourself to the sound teaching of the Word of God. For in it, there is victorious Christian living and life in abundance.

As a missionary-oriented organization, we want to assure those who are channeling their resources and are serving our Lord Jesus Christ through this ministry, that our objectives remain the same: We seek to evangelize the unbelievers with the simple gospel message. Secondly we follow-up with those who responded positively. We assist the new believers in their spiritual growth by providing them with sound Bible teaching on tape or in literature at no cost on their part. This is a part of our grace policy. And thirdly, we find those who have the gift of communication of the Word of God and are willing to learn sound Bible doctrine and we send them to seminaries that will further equip them with the tools necessary for them to feed the flock of God.

Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We believe that one's financial support of this ministry is solely a matter between the individual and the Lord. However, we request that believers in the Lord Jesus Christ do remember us in their prayers as we seek to glorify God to the maximum.

Forever in the hollow of His hand,
Moses C. Onwubiko
President & Founder
Grace Evangelistic Ministries

You 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 8](#))

HOW TO OBTAIN SALVATION

This topic is divided into two categories: Category #1: False appropriation of salvation as Satan intends it. Category #2: True appropriation of salvation as God intends it.

"The god of this age [Satan] has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (II Corinthians 4:4).

This verse should alert every human being that seeks to have a relationship with God, that Satan does not sleep, nor does he take a break. He works around the clock to keep unbelievers away from the truth. He knows that the truth of the simple gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ, is "faith alone in Christ alone. He works hard to make sure that the truth presented to the unbelievers is distorted. He uses ministers who are ignorant of the Word of God to carry out his plan. What is alarming is that many of these individuals who claim to be God's ministers are still unbelievers themselves. Why? The answer is

very simple: No one can give what he does not have. Those who preach a false gospel message in essence are saying that they do not yet know how to be saved. Therefore one can conclude that these people are not yet saved themselves.

False appropriation of salvation continues:

SALVATION BY KEEPING THE LAW: FALSEHOOD #3

"Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16). The apostle Paul further declared: "because by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified in His sight..." (Romans 3:20a). These two verses clearly demonstrate that no human being will ever go to Heaven by means of the Law. The sad thing is that many who claim to be serving God are still preaching this false gospel. These false teachers should study these two verses very closely. This is a matter of eternal destination to the Lake of Fire or to God's Kingdom.

A believer may ask, "How did the Old Testament believers receive salvation?" In an attempt to answer any question especially in the Word of God, one should always start with the known facts. What do we know so far? We know that "...BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH [HUMAN BEING WILL EVER] BE JUSTIFIED IN HIS SIGHT" (Galatians 2:16). This means that since the creation of mankind in the Garden of Eden, the Law has never played any role in justifying or acquitting man of the penalties of his sin. Salvation has always been obtained through faith in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The salvation of Abraham is a perfect example. It is written: "Then he [Abram] believed in the Lord; and He [God] reckoned [credited] it to him as righteousness" (Genesis 15:6). One possible question is "How can the Bible say that Abraham believed in the Lord Jesus Christ who was not even born yet?" We know from the biblical account that Abraham was born before the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the Bible answer this question: "I tell you the truth, Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am! [I existed!]' " (John 8:58).

The truth of the matter is that Jesus Christ has always existed. There has never been a time when He did not exist. "In the beginning [eternity past] was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh [the humanity of Christ] and made His dwelling among us..." (John 1:1,14a). In history, Jesus Christ manifested Himself in different ways to people of all ages and yet remained the same Person. He has NEVER changed from being the second member of the Trinity. Therefore what Scripture says remains emphatic: "Salvation is found in no one else [except in the Lord Jesus Christ], for there is no other name [or any means] under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The people of the past looked forward to the cross and believed in the One who would be judged for their sins; whereas every person who was born or will ever be born after the event of the cross looks back to the finished work of Christ on the cross. In reality the only thing that all believers have in common is what Christ did on the cross - His efficacious sacrifice. Therefore, on the basis of the Word of God, it can be concluded that no person has ever been or ever will be saved by observing the Law.

LORDSHIP SALVATION: FALSEHOOD #4

It is arrogance for man to try to add to the gospel. It is arrogance in the sense that man thinks he can play a part in his own salvation. He is in effect saying that he is not helpless. There is something he can and must do to be saved. This is what the false teachers of the "Lordship Salvation" doctrine are preaching. Their version of the gospel is as follows: In order to be saved, one must first believe in Christ and secondly agree to submit to His lordship in their life. To better understand the foolishness of this teaching, consider the following analogy: Does a father-to-be tell his unborn child that he cannot be born until he first promises to obey his parents? Of course not. The child cannot even comprehend the prerequisite. He just wants to be born. As he grows up he will learn the meaning of obedience and will then make his choices.

It can be concluded that the doctrine of "Lordship Salvation" is not an accurate representation of the gospel. The willingness to submit to Christ is not a requirement by God for spiritual birth. However, it is a requirement for spiritual reward in both time, and in eternity (I Corinthians 3:11-15). Therefore, one's submission to the authority or the lordship of Christ is a result of his spiritual birth and growth and not a prerequisite for it.

INVITATION OF CHRIST INTO ONE'S LIFE: FALSEHOOD #5

Failure to carefully listen to God's precise instruction and respond to it **PRECISELY** will cost many people dearly - separation from God for all eternity. On one hand, it hurts me to say that thousands of the Jewish people will not go to Heaven simply because they are following tradition. If this sounds extreme, listen to the Apostle Paul's words: "What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is **BY FAITH**; but Israel, who pursued a Law of righteousness, has not attained it [i.e., salvation]. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works..." (Romans 9:30-32a). The point I want to make is this: If God rejected many Jews, who are His "own people" as Scripture calls them, simply because they followed tradition instead of obeying Scripture, there is no doubt that He will reject any Gentile who does the same. The traditional gospel is not a substitute for the true gospel message.

You may have observed the frequent use of the word, "tradition". What is tradition? The Webster New World Dictionary defines it this way: "The handing down of customs, beliefs, stories, etc from generation to generation by word of mouth rather than in written records". This is exactly what is happening in today's Christendom. People are handing down what I call the "traditional gospel". Have you heard the old adage that says, "old habits die hard?" This is true with tradition and likewise the "traditional gospel". One phrase used with the "traditional gospel" is "to invite Christ into one's life". Though it seems harmless enough, it infers that man must "do" something to be saved. As discussed earlier, this is not consistent with Scripture. Nowhere in Scripture is one commanded to invite Christ into his life in order to be saved. Why? The answer is simple: God is not a God of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33a). When the Bible asked the question: "...what must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30), it alone gave the sufficient answer: "...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31). All other instructions given throughout Scripture on how to be saved **MUST** coincide with Acts 16:31. The key word in Acts 16:31 is "BELIEVE". This means that salvation is by "faith in Christ and Christ alone. This excludes any other means.

HOW TO OBTAIN SALVATION AS GOD INTENDS IT:

"For by grace you have been saved [Greek: saved in the past and remain saved now and forever] through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

There are two key words that we need to examine in these verses: "grace" and "faith". Grace is the only pipeline that links a Holy God and sinful man. And God intends that salvation will always come to the human race through this pipeline. This means that when a person says that he has been saved, his salvation must be traced back to this grace pipeline. If it cannot be traced back to grace, then the individual's salvation is doubtful. What is grace? Grace is a very broad subject. It cannot be defined in one sentence. Many Bible scholars and theologians have attempted to define grace. Some of these definitions have shed light on the knowledge of the grace of God and some have created confusion. Simply, grace is everything that God does for all His creatures - in eternity past, the present, and the eternity to come.

The word *charis* is the Greek word for grace. According to the Lexical aides (Dictionary) to the New Testament it means, "A favor done **WITHOUT** expectation of return; **ABSOLUTE FREENESS** of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and freeheartedness of the Giver;

unearned and unmerited favor". In light of this definition, it can be concluded that the grace of God cannot and will not depend on the following: o Who and what man is. o What man does - good or bad. o Man's willingness to serve or worship God.

This definition is sufficient to shed some light on the unfathomable, immeasurable, matchless and unparalleled grace of God the Father in providing salvation to TOTALLY undeserving man.

In the previous studies (volume 1-5), we have demonstrated that every member of the Trinity plays a vital role in making salvation available for the human race. God the Father is the sole Master planner. God the Son became the One who carried out this plan on the cross. And God the Holy Spirit is the One who continues to reveal this great plan to mankind. In this triangular operation of the Trinity, one can see that man is completely and totally left out. Sinful, helpless mankind did not contribute to the work then, and cannot contribute now. This is something every person needs to understand. When an individual understands this concept, he will never try to impress God with his works. And ministers who have a grip on this doctrine will restrain themselves from trying to help God in any way.

Consider the following illustration of the concept of grace: An architect decides to build a home for orphans. First he draws up the necessary blueprints for a suitable home. He then goes to many stores to buy suitable materials and tools. He then begins the process of slowly building the home and finally after one year, it is ready. When he shows the orphans the completed home, they are overwhelmed by this gift. All they are required to do is move into the house and live and grow. What part did they play in the preparation? They did not do anything. That is exactly how God designed salvation. There is nothing man can do to help God in salvation. Therefore, there is no one who can honestly say that he has earned salvation from God.

FAITH:

Faith and grace work together in regards to salvation. If there is no grace, then one's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is meaningless. This is because God's acceptance of a person's faith in Christ is based on His grace. What is faith? The Bible has the answer: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). For the believer, it is holding on tenaciously to the fact that regardless of what happens, his faith in Christ Jesus will result in salvation. Every human being has a measure of faith within him. The ability to rely on or accept something to be true is a gift of grace. God gives that gift to every person. The will to use that faith is also a gift of grace to all people. God does not manipulate man's will so that he will apply that faith to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. If He did, then free will would not exist. If that were the case then all of mankind would believe in Christ, but not by their choice. The reality is that there will always be both believers and unbelievers. This is because of the free will God has given to mankind. It is not because God has manipulated one person's faith to believe in Christ but has failed to do the same for another. That would be tantamount to partiality or injustice. But the Bible declares God to be just: "...the Lord will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality..." (II Chronicles 19:7). Therefore, to have faith in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is a matter of individual's choice. There are passages in Scripture that demonstrate how the Lord Jesus offers salvation to everyone and that there will be those who chose to put their faith in Christ and those who will chose not to. For example: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOEVER believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Another example is recorded by Matthew: "Come to me ALL who are weary..." (Matthew 11:28a). Who among the members of the human race is not weary (i.e., a sinner)? The call to come is made to all. Whether everyone will answer the call is yet to be determined. The prophet Isaiah also demonstrated this concept: "Ho! EVERY ONE who thirsts [every unbeliever], come to the waters..." (Isaiah 55:1a).

HOW TO BE SAVED (see "Riding the Death Train" By Moses C. Onwubiko):

The question of how to be saved is the simplest concept to be explained in the Bible. It is as simple as a

man drinking a glass of cold water to quench his thirst. First a person hears the gospel message. Then with the illumination of the Holy Spirit, he begins to understand Christ's death on the cross and how his personal faith in Christ Jesus is alone sufficient for his eternal salvation. At the very moment which this helpless and sinful man believes this, God gives him His righteousness: "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" (Romans 3:22a). With this gift of God's righteousness comes regeneration, justification, sanctification and adoption. (These biblical terms will be discussed in the future.)

As you meditate on this doctrine, I say to you who have personally believed in Christ: "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only wise 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).

(To be continued in the next issue - [volume 10](#))

CRIME OF THE CENTURY

By Fred Jarvis

This is a blunt article. If you are thin skinned, don't read it; for it will hurt. But if you are willing to let God speak to your heart - and do what He tells you to do - we believe this message from the burning heart of a missionary can bring you one of the greatest blessings you have ever experienced.

It's the crime of the century. Plainly spoken, it is the murder by neglect of the world's millions; but it is not the murder of lives—much worse—it's the murder of men's souls.

As foreign correspondent for CHRISTIAN LIFE MAGAZINE, I have written articles from the mission field from the point of reader-interest. In this article I write not as a correspondent to inform your mind, but as a missionary to challenge your heart. I write not in terms of facts, but force.

We missionaries find it hard to understand how people at home can sit like Jonahs in their little booths, carefree, contented and comfortable while millions of earth's modern Ninevehs without Christ sink into an endless, hopeless, Christless eternity. They are sinking into a lost eternity, not because they couldn't be saved, wouldn't be saved, or shouldn't be saved, but because we don't care—or if we do care, we don't care much.

How often we missionaries out on the battle lines of the world, giving sweat and tears, ... sacrificing, praying, weep over the callous indifference of unmoved, unstirred, unsundered, unconcerned, unresponsive souls in soft, stable America.

It's the crime of the century, and it's caused by your guilt, your neglect and your failure.

In the past year, according to official denominational reports, the average American church member gave \$41 to his own church but less than \$1.50 to foreign missions.

The church today, whether we realize it or not, is guilty. We dare not excuse our abominations any longer. It is wickedness that we refuse to warn the wicked. We have been unfaithful doing many good, but secondary things that God never told us to do, specializing in the trivial, majoring in minors, feeding the fat, promoting our puny homeside programs while the perishing world has rushed toward hell.

Far too much effort has been spent edifying the saints instead of evangelizing the sinners. World-evangelization and not self-edification is what God wants of us. We are debtors to the least, the last and

the lost.

Jesus depended upon men to do His work—it was to them that He gave His great commission. Yet today it is women and not men who are largely responsible for the evangelization of the world. Do you still wonder why I am protesting? God is still seeking for men. Is it only the women that are to deny themselves?

We men pride ourselves on being the "stronger sex". Yes, we're strong in turning out by the hundreds to fill well-paying pastorates in a good climate. We're strong in defending the faith and deploring modernism; but when God calls for a man for the mission field and finds none, what else can He do but send our sisters? We stress sacrifice abroad, but at home we stress security. If more of us were filled with the Holy Spirit, more of us would be filled with the holy "go". If more of us were abiding in Christ, fewer of us would be abiding in America.

Resist the charge if you will. Get mad if you must. It is better to have some emotion than none. You will be conscience-stricken in Heaven, if you aren't soul-stricken now. While the world is growing more heathen at the rate of millions annually, while more are being born each day than reborn, while at least half of the world's population remains unreached, while God's Book remains undelivered, while the Gospel remains bottle-necked in America, we must tremble at the terrible truth that we are hardly attempting the task.

While we know all this in theory, we delay in actuality. We beg for time. God grant us action and unction before our delay dooms the unreached.

We have cash, but not for Christ's cause. When it comes to missions, men of means have good intentions and motives, but little money, They aren't against missions in theory, but in practice they are like the fat man who believes in doing everything he can to lose weight except cut down on the caloric intake of his diet; or like the sinner who wants to do everything to get saved but believe in Christ. The love of money is still the root of all evil. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt" (Eccl 5:13).

When we face the humiliating fact that there are 30 times more heathen babies born each year than people joining the Christian churches, do you wonder why we protest against this crime of the century?

When our missionaries are sent out to heathen lands and are not even provided with gospel tracts to give to readers who almost fight for them, do you wonder why we beg?

When the city of Hiroshima, which was made an atomic desert, had to wait five years to have its first evangelistic campaign, do you wonder at our concern?

When war-weary Korea, oppressed and denied literature in their own language for years by Japanese domination, and then by the ravages of war, now begs and pleads for books and tracts for the use of its growing church, but must be content with few tracts and few books, do you wonder why we care?

When some missions consistently get many times more women than men applicants for the mission field, do you wonder why we became alarmed?

When America, which has one minister for every 514 people and churches with billions of dollars already invested in brick and mortar, plush pews, expensive organs, lavish stained glass windows, still is foolish enough to spend more than a million dollars a day to construct still more and fancier churches, do you wonder why we think it is not fair?

When you can turn on your radio on Sunday and find nine or ten religious programs all competing with

one another, and yet realize that the unlimited opportunities on the mission field go unexploited, and that some of the programs that already exist are forced to retrench for want of funds, do you wonder why we boil?

The logic is inexorable. The guilt is clear and is piling up indictments against us. This selfish withholding of Christ from the nations is nothing less than the grossest form of cruelty and wrong. You still have time to join us in reading and weeping, praying and repenting if you want to—but to ask for revival and blessing without repenting of this monstrous sin is an insult. There is a time when the Bible says that even our prayers are an abomination.

God give us men—brave men, heroic men, self-sacrificing men with a new sense of their solemn and neglected task, who will shove everything aside and run to the rescue.

If we can't go in person, we can prevail in prayer or provide financial support. Let us mass millions for the millions who are without Christ by turning our dimes, dollars and diamonds to working capital for the Kingdom of God. Let us lay down our treasures on earth that we may lay up treasures in Heaven. Don't ask, "What can I do?". Rather, determine, "This will I do!". Then do it now!

Forgive me if I protest in the name of dying. Forgive me if I protest this crime of the century. —Fred Jarvis

Testimonies & Gratitude to Our God

We thank God immensely for what He is doing for and through Grace Evangelistic Ministries. We also thank Him for using His children as vessels through which He continues to bless this ministry financially.

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?

Gratitude for Answered Prayers

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert [paying attention] in it with an attitude of thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2).

We truly thank God for answering the prayers of the saints offered on our behalf. Our financial needs for the months of January and February 1999 were met. We thank God for using one of His children to pay for the entire publication of the pamphlet "God's Plan After Salvation" which is now available. We thank Him also for the many other answered prayer requests.

Special Prayer Request

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is in the process of establishing a doctrinal Church here in Nashville. We would like to solicit your prayer to that effect. Please pray with us:

- That God would use us to establish a doctrinal church here in Nashville.
 - That God would bring positive believers into the church.
 - That God would provide the church with a pastor whose life and work is based on sound Bible doctrine.
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Our Ministry Work Within the United States and Overseas

The citywide crusade planning kicked off the last week of September 1998 with a group of several pastors. Most of those who attended were in our audio tape group and were in attendance at Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko's series of Bible teachings here in Jos, Nigeria. This planning committee began to assemble for prayer in September. We met every fourth night until the middle of October when the central organizing committee was formally inaugurated. There were about 53 pastors and evangelists who took part. Many members of the pastors' churches also took part in the crusade.

Summary

by Darlington Elekwa

Director for the African Headquarters of Grace Evangelistic Ministries

By the end of January, there was a rise in volunteer workers. Many pastors and other believers are becoming involved in helping to fill requests for Christian literature and audiotapes.

In a recent international ministers' conference, discussions were held with ministers who attended the meeting from Owerri (the Eastern part of Nigeria). We discussed the upcoming program by Grace Evangelistic Ministries in Owerri, Abia State, Nigeria. Tracts and doctrinal books (one box full) were sent to the brethren in Owerri through Reverend Dike who promised to use the materials to effectively mobilize the people of Owerri.

The schedules for the August 1999 conference (guest speaker Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko) are as follows: August 2-9: Camp meeting at Federal Government College, Jos. Topic: The Person and function of God the Holy Spirit. Morning session: 10am-12noon Evening session: 4pm-6pm

August 12-25, 1999: Bible teaching at Owerri, Imo State capital. Topic: Salvation.

November/December 1999: Citywide crusade also at Owerri. Evangelist: Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko Venue: Dan Anyiam City Stadium.

Special Missionary Report from Africa

PART TWO

by Darlington Elekwa

This is the second part of the report on the citywide crusade held by Grace Evangelistic Ministries in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, in December, 1998.

A good number of people defied the biting cold weather in the city of Jos during the Christmastime to attend the widely publicized crusade. It was a great landmark for the entire Plateau State. The program paved the way for other such outdoor Christian activities in Jos as a city. Since 1994, when a very popular preacher nearly ruined the hope and expectation of everyone in Jos through fraud during his crusade, no other crusade has ever succeeded [in Jos] until the one staged by Grace Evangelistic Ministries.

It must be pointed out that throughout the period of Grace Evangelistic Ministries' program in Jos, there was no mention of offering or fund raising. Secondly, the fact that pastors in Jos could come together to plan and execute such an activity as a city wide-crusade, setting aside their denominations, appears to have restored hope for a better tomorrow in Christian activities in Jos. Outdoor Christian programs are now lined up since we conducted the 1998 crusade. Young preachers in this city no longer see each other as predators ready to prey on their limited number of church members. Instead, the long-existing wall of religion and denomination is fast crumbling. [Instead] confidence and integrity are being restored in the Christian life and walk. A few letters and reactions from our audience are hereby enclosed. These letters speak for themselves. We owe everything to the Almighty God for the work that He has appointed his servant, Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko, to accomplish here in Africa, beginning in Nigeria. It is rather thrilling to be a witness as many unbelievers respond to the simple gospel message of Jesus Christ. Others who were in doubt as to whether or not they were actually saved, got reassurance and confidence that they are really children of God after understanding that NOTHING apart from FAITH in Christ and in Christ alone is required for one to receive the gift of salvation. They have understood that one does not need to work [for] one's salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

There is also a clearer understanding that the Father-son relationship existing between every believer and God is eternal even though fellowship [with Him] is temporary and is dependent on the filling of the Holy Spirit. When this truth dawned on Reverend Onwubiko's interpreter (who interpreted from English to Hausa, which is the vernacular for the Moslem tribe), he ran back to our office in Jos and collected doctrinal materials for his people. After the message on the third night, despite the very low temperature, the audience was not in a hurry to leave the stadium, the venue of the Crusade. Instead they wanted a hand shake with the Guest Speaker, Reverend Onwubiko.

There was a question-and-answer session which culminated in a firm promise to hold a week-long teaching on the person and function of the Holy Spirit come July/August, 1999. The meeting is expected to attract many people especially pastors and other ministers of God in and around Jos. A total of

twenty-four hours shall be spent on the subject.

Letters to Grace Evangelistic Ministries

We would like to share with you some of the letters that have been sent to us. As you read these letters, please join us in giving thanks to our gracious God. Our purpose in sharing these letters with you is to show you that your partnership in this ministry is indeed yielding fruit to the glory of our merciful Father.

Sir,

Calvary greetings to you in Jesus' precious Name,

I really must thank you for making yourself available for God. He has really used you to bless me. I have been really blessed by the doctrinal tapes that I have received from your center in Jos. My boss also was really blessed from the doctrinal messages on the tapes. Certain doctrinal issues were made clear for both of us.

I [would] like to collect a set of literature exactly as you gave me to give someone. Everyone is demanding those books.

May God bless you.

Jos, Nigeria.

Dear Rev. Onwubiko,

According to the information you gave us that you would spend approximately one month in Cameroon, I assume by now that you must be back to the United States. How was the Crusade?

The "Riding the Death Train" you gave me is changing people's lives. There has been a greater need for you to visit us here at Aba, Abia State, Nigeria.

Because the rate people are demanding, "Riding the Death Train" and "Comfort In Suffering", I hereby place an order for 2,000 copies of "Riding the Death Train" and 100 copies of "Comfort In Suffering."

In His grace,

Aba, Abia State, Nigeria.

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries,

Words cannot express my gratitude to God for your faithful stand concerning the grace of God. May God bless this ministry abundantly that blind eyes caused by false teachings may be opened to the truth.

Could you please pray and kindly make out time for a crusade in Aba, Abia State, Nigeria? We are really interested in your ministry. Your books, "Riding the Death Train" and "Comfort In Suffering" are really gaining ground in Aba. My husband, Pastor J. introduced me and a host of other people to your ministry. It is very thrilling indeed.

Yours in Christ,

Aba, Abia State, Nigeria

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your prompt response to my request of your printed materials. I enjoyed reading your newsletters and eagerly await the opportunity to read your materials.

Please send me a copy of "Comfort In Suffering" and "Riding the Death Train". I do my best to support organizations that are correctly presenting the word of Truth.

Thanks once again and continue to teach others the importance of growing in grace.

In Christ,

U.S.A.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are thrilled to find a missionary endeavor with your doctrinal standards. It certainly is a rare thing in this unstable world.

Our prayers and support are with you. Please send us any literature you have and put us on your mailing list for your newsletter.

Laborers together in Christ

U.S.A.

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Bible Doctrine for Thought

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God's purpose for leaving you here on earth after salvation is that you may learn His Word (I Peter 2:2) and grow in grace (II Peter 3:18), and thereby glorify Him in this world. Therefore, if your ultimate goal in life as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is not learning and applying Bible doctrine on a consistent basis, your life on earth is worthless. -Moses C. Onwubiko

Every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is unique. No two believers are alike. Every person has a unique way of doing things. Far more importantly, God knows the very reason he made you the way you are. He wants to use you just as you are. It always leads to spiritual chaos when you want to be somebody other than who God made you to be. Therefore, when a believer imitates someone else other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the believer starts to lose his true identity. Are you trying to copy others rather than imitating the perfect Lamb of God? You may pause and meditate on this question.

Here is the Truth

When a believer dies, where does his soul go? Let us turn to the Bible for the answer: "We are of good courage, I say, and prefer to be absent from the body [i.e., physical death] and to be at home with the Lord" (II Corinthians 5:8). Where is the Lord now? "...Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1b). Where then, is God? "Pray then, in this way: Our Father who art in Heaven..." (Matthew 6:9a). Jesus Christ is currently with His Father in Heaven. Therefore when a believers dies, he joins his new family in Heaven where, "...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" (Revelation 21:4).

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.

Would You Join Us in Prayer?

As we pray...

1. That the upcoming camp meeting in Jos and the Bible conference in Owerri, Nigeria might be fruitful.
 2. That God would meet the financial needs for these conferences.
 3. That God would continue to provide encouragement and spiritual nourishment for the groups in Africa.
 4. That God would continue to meet the needs of the supporters of the ministry.
 5. That God would continue to give Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko the physical strength that he needs to carry out his tasks.
 6. That God would continue to lead Darlington E. Elekwa, Director of Grace Evangelistic Ministries in Africa, in the right direction.
 7. That God would continue to open doors for the ministry.
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