



Grace News Today

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“Faith Alone in Christ Alone”

We send hearty greetings to you, our dearly beloved one! Words are inadequate to express our thankfulness and gratitude to our Great God for you as we make mention of you daily before the throne of His grace. We rejoice that He called you to be an integral part of His work at G.E.M.!

There are two awful eternities known to man: Yesterday and tomorrow. Yesterday with its ups and downs, blessings and trials, disappointments and discouragements is forever gone never to be retrieved. The events of last year are now filed away beyond reach in the archive of eternity past. This is by divine-design!

Tomorrow is yet to be born. Let's face it. It is not the troubles of today that break believers in Christ down. Rather, the remorse and anxieties of the failures of yesterday (eternity past) and fear and trepidation of what tomorrow (eternity future) might bring. The year 2012 has come and gone with its successes and failures. We cannot undo the year gone by. The ultimate question is this: What are we to do about the past? There are five things to do: First, learn from the past mistakes. Second, avoid the repetition of yesterday's mistakes. Third, apply yesterday's lessons to today's work. Fourth, let go of the past, “*Forget those things which are behind*” (Philippians 3:13). Fifth, do today's job as if it were your last with the aim of leaving glorious “footprints on the sands of time.”

Tomorrow will arrive exactly as the Designer-God planned it. What are we to do while we wait? Obey our Master, Jesus Christ: “***Do not worry*** about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself” (Matthew 6:34). That is a promise. God will take care of tomorrow. That is His job. That is His character. “*He is faithful in everything He [says and] does*” (Psalm 33:4).

Today is all that the Lord in His infinite grace has given us. We are to be diligent in “*redeeming the time*” (Ephesians 5:16) realizing that the seed we sow today will be the fruit of tomorrow. So my beloved, take time to re-inventory your life to ensure that you are where He would have you be, doing what He would have you do, for a harvest time is near.

“***Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...***” (Matthew 28:19). This mandate is for all. It is urgent! It should take precedent over everything else in our lives. Evangelism should occupy our minds. We should make Christ's heartbeat of compassion for the lost and destitute our own. “*Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd*” (Matthew 9:36). We should invest our resources of time, money and effort in evangelism! It is our Father's business. We have been commissioned!

Thankfully, God, who is “*not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9) continues to open doors for us. By His grace, between now and June we will take His message of hope to the people of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, U. K. and the Greek Isles. We encourage you to view the rest of our itinerary on the G.E.M. website: www.GEMworldwide.org.

We fervently solicit your prayers, especially since some of the places we will visit are very hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“*Eternal God is our refuge, underneath are the everlasting arms!*”

Moses C. Onwubiko and your G.E.M. Team

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Word of Encouragement

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

(Romans 8:28).

The affirmation is crystal clear: “...we know...” or more emphatically, “we are concretely aware.”

Pause, and chew on these two words: “*We know.*” Those who TRULY understand and believe the principle of Romans 8:28 handle life’s trials with confident expectation of a brighter future. The question is do you only take the passage at its face value, or has its truth sunk deep into your soul? Let me put in another way: anyone who understands Roman 8:28 never faints when the sufferings of this life rock the boat of his being. He never retreats to the shell of the “Why me?” syndrome.

Consider Joseph. He knew that God was championing everything in his life “*to work together for [his] good.*” Joseph knew that God knew what He was doing. This explains Joseph’s calmness and poise under tremendous suffering in Egypt. Read what he told his brothers after his ordeal: “*you meant evil against me [selling me into slavery], but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive*” (Genesis 50:20). See, that’s Joseph’s version of Romans 8:28! Remember: God has the monopoly of extracting blessing from a hopeless situation.

Think of Job. Read his response from the oven of suffering: “*But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold*” (Job 23:10). Mark his words: “*He knows...*” He had confidence even while enduring the furnace of suffering. The list of how the heroes of the past handled pressure can go on and on. Hence the apostle Paul’s assertion: “***And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.***”

God has a plan, way BIGGER than our human minds can fathom, “... I know the plans that I have for you... ‘plans for welfare and **not** for calamity to give you a future and a hope’” (Jeremiah 29:11). Sure you may have read this passage many times, but the question is -- has its truth hit home with you?

God is at work. He has the prerogative of using every tool good or bad in manufacturing “*a future and a hope*” for us. He could have said to Job, “*for this*

thing [the loss of your wealth, family, friends, health] has come from Me [I permitted it]” so that I can “*increase all that [you have] twofold*” (Job 42:10). In the same way, He could have said to Joseph, “*for this thing [your slavery episode] has come from Me*” as a means of setting you “*over all the land of Egypt [as a prime minister]*” (Genesis 41:41). These are just two of many examples.

In light of this when a predicament occurs in your life, hear God say to you, “*for this thing [your dilemma] has come from Me*” (1 Kings 12:24) so “*that you may be perfect [acquire capacity] and [be] complete, lacking nothing*” (James 1:4). God wants His very best for you. The good news: He has what it takes to bring His best to you. Don’t buy Satan’s lie that your future is a bleak one. “*...He...does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies*” (John 8:44).

On the Contrary, God “***causes all things to work together for good to those who love God...***” God cannot go back on His Word. “*He causes all things...*”; “all things” means “all things” includes everything. Have you lost what you value most? Stop and honestly ask yourself, do I truly love God? Am I obedient to His Word? Am I spiritually on course? Now, let us again read James’ exhortation,

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (James 1:2-4).

*“... I know the plans that I have for you... ‘plans for welfare and **not** for calamity to give you a future and a hope’”* (Jeremiah 29:11).

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (Genesis 28:15).

God will not let go of you until His plan for your life carries a stamp “**MY PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE IS FULFILLED IN FULL!**” Until then, keep on recalling His Word: “*His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning*” (Psalm 30:5).

Doctrine of Grace

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The Rise, Fall & Restoration of King David:

A Panoramic View of the Immensity of God's Grace
(Lesson 1)

INTRODUCTION

We are poised for an extraordinary journey that will take us to several stop signs along the highway of God's immense grace. We will stop to examine David's rise to the throne, his fall, his restoration and many more. The endeavor is a thought-provoking exercise designed to challenge the believer to reexamine his understanding of the simple, but all powerful, words of Scripture, "God is faithful." When we say that He is a faithful God what are we really saying? Does its truth register well in our soul? When we say that God was faithful to David, the question is to what extent? These questions and others will be answered in our study.

Human nature has a drive-through mentality. We want to zoom in and out. We faint when God's promises tarry. On the other hand, the waiting is tailored to help one appreciate, that in the fulfillment of God's promises, time is inconsequential, "a thousand years in [His] sight are like a day that has just gone by" (Psalm 90:4 NIV). God promised a Savior (Genesis 3:15), it took thousands of years for it to be fulfilled. He promised Abraham a son; it took 25 years for it to be fulfilled. Similarly, God's promise to promote David took a long time to come to pass.

God's promises may linger; they will never ever go unfulfilled (Isaiah 55:11). "He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23). His faithfulness does not depend on man's faithfulness (2 Timothy 2:13). God was faithful to David. He promised him a prominent place in Israel's palace when he was but a young boy. That's not all; God vowed to set a son on David's throne forever. God fulfilled His promise. He set David over Israel which fulfilled the first promise. Then, David failed. Did David's failure cancel God's second promise? NO! Here is God's faithfulness in focus.

*"For this is what the LORD says: 'David **will never fail** to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel... 'If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no*

longer come at their appointed time, then my covenant with David my servant... [hypothetically] can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne" (Jeremiah 33:17-22).

Simplified, what God said to Jeremiah was this: My promise cannot be broken, "heaven and earth will pass away, but My word will not" (Mark 13:31). "David **will never fail** to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel." In other words, "David's failure will not be a match to My faithfulness." Realizing this truth David later sang, "When [a believer] falls, he will not be hurled headlong [utterly destroyed], Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand" (Psalm 37:24). What comfort that every believer is in the grip of God's grace.

David waited and waited for God. His experience calls to mind the words of Habakkuk, "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; **it...will not prove false**. Though it linger, wait for it; **it will certainly come [to pass]**" (Habakkuk 2:3). Assuredly "no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" [and]... "Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20). They will come to pass no matter what. Read the lyrics of David's song: "I waited patiently for the LORD" (Psalm 40:1). He admonishes us: "Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret" (37:7); "Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD" (27:14).

Our drive through mentality wants to zoom in and zoom out.

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Why must we wait? Simple: Timing is everything. God knows what He is doing; we don't. He pre-anointed David as king over Israel when Saul was still on the throne. God could have removed Saul and installed David right away. He did not. Rather, He waited for Saul to run his course of spiritual chaos. It gave David ample time to cultivate a relationship with God, unlike any other, and time to develop spiritual capacity for leadership and military prowess. God uses prepared vessels. The apostle Paul agrees, "*if anyone cleanses [prepares] himself... he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work*" (2 Timothy 2:21).

Saul exhausted his period of grace; he drifted and wrecked his life. He "*took his own sword and fell on it*" (1 Samuel 31:4). He committed suicide. What a horrible way to go home. Just the day before, Samuel had assured him, "*...tomorrow you and your sons will be with me [in paradise where Samuel was]*" (1 Samuel 28:19 emphasis added). Samuel's assurance to Saul was similar to our Lord's assurance to the dying criminal on the cross, "*Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise*" (Luke 23:43). The difference between the two was evident: Saul was a believer, dying in prolonged carnality, and the criminal was an unsaved sinner who trusted in Christ.

Someone may ask, "How can a believer like Saul who failed miserably go to Paradise?" Ah, they miss the right question. They should ask themselves, "How can I, despite my colossal failures, be allowed through the gates of heaven?" The answer is grace. Consider Scripture: "*If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*" (Psalm 130:3). Asked in another way, "If God should keep a log of our failures, who among us can be eternally saved?" No one! Let us not be quick to rob others of God's grace, while desperately clinging to it for ourselves.

The death of Saul brought David, a prepared servant of God, to the scene. He was the man for the hour, having earned a degree in the college of the wilderness. There, he learned unforgettable lessons about God's providential care, love, grace and immense faithfulness. The outpouring of God's grace upon David's life overflowed to others, "*to whom much was given, of him much will be required*" (Luke 12:48). David was given much more; he never lost sight of that.

Stop for a moment and compare Saul's and David's action toward one another: Saul hunted David like a deer, from one wilderness to another and desperately

sought to end his life. Twice Saul narrowly missed pinning him to the wall with his spear. David later composed this song in memory of these events, "***Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death***" (Psalm 68:20). By contrast, the day Saul died David mourned and wept bitterly for the one who tried to kill him. Meditate on this. We have not even begun to wipe the dust off the words engraved on David's tombstone: "*a man after [God's own] heart*" (1 Samuel 13:14).

It did not end with mourning. Once David was crowned king he was eager to express grace to the household of the one who sought his own life. Read carefully: "***Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness***" (2 Samuel 9:1 emphasis added). David never felt threatened. One would think that his priority would have been to go after Saul's royal lineage and eliminate them in order to secure his rulership. He did the opposite. We are far from David in our thinking.

In response, the people brought Mephibosheth, a man who was "*crippled in his feet*" (2 Samuel 9:3). David could have said, "A crippled man, what can I do with such a one in my royal palace?" He refrained from making such unkind remarks. Instead he said something

to the young lad that should grab our attention: "*you shall eat at my table always...Do not fear for I will show you kindness*" (vv. 3, 7 RSV emphasis added). David's character spoke volumes.

Then, the spiritual giant surprised everyone including himself. He failed his God and those around him. He committed atrocious sins; he raped Bathsheba and plotted for the murder of her husband. He "*struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife*" (2 Samuel 12:9). Question: Was David a believer when he committed these horrific sins? Yes. He was a man after God's own heart. Did his failure cancel his so great salvation? No. It was after his failure that he wrote the famous Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd I cannot want..." It was after his failure that he pleaded with God, "*Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me*" (Psalm 51:11). We will expound on his plea as our work progresses.

How can a believer, like David, fail miserably and commit such heinous acts? We will answer this and many more questions in due time. Suffice it to say, God the Holy Spirit allowed David's failure to be recorded, not so we can chastise him with our whip of self-righteousness, but rather it was done for at least three

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reasons. First, to give us an insight into man's imperfection and fallibility. Second, to demonstrate that God's grace is greater than man's failure. Third, to show us that failure, no matter how atrocious, is not the end of God's program for the believer. There is hope after failure!

You see, David exemplified the biblical truth that hope abounds for every category of failure in the spiritual race. His colossal sin did not end God's program for his life. His restoration aligns with Scripture, "*the righteous fall seven times, they rise again*" (Proverbs 24:16). Standing, "*the Lord [will]... make him stand*" (Romans 14:4). Jude's prayer goes one step further giving us assurance, "*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the 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).

Let us bury God's Word in our minds: "*David **will never fail** to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel.*" God always has the last word. God's Word does not revolve around David's faithfulness. In spite of man's failure or success, God will accomplish His will. Armed with the truth, we must cultivate our ears to listen and decipher what God says, rather than what man says. We must not rely on our feelings or emotions, as many do, in the interpretation of God's Word.

No doubt, this study will deepen our understanding of God's grace. With this brief introduction, we are ready to begin our journey and exploration of David's rise to the throne, his fall and restoration. The first stop before we celebrate his ascension to the throne is David's lamentation of Saul's death. Now we will pause and through the microscope of Scripture peer into the thinking of David in order to gain an insight into his mental attitude regarding Saul's Death.

DAVID'S LAMENTATION OVER SAUL'S DEATH

There is something about David's spiritual life that is hard to wrap our minds around. Look. Here is David, whom Saul devoted his last months on earth plotting tirelessly to annihilate. We said in the introduction that Saul pursued David from one wilderness to another, one cave to the other and to one country after another, desperately seeking his life. On one occasion David bluntly asked him, "*what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand*" (1 Samuel 26:18). In another he asked, "*Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, a single flea?*" (1 Samuel 24:14). You have "*come out to search for a*

single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains" (26:20). Were those not heart wrenching questions from a man who had spent sleepless nights in caves? Of course they were. Reflect for a moment.

Intriguing! David, despite his unprecedented military record regarded himself as "*a dead dog, a single flea.*" See the epitome of humility, the spiritual maturity. David soul was full of truth. He was humble, and gracious and had no animosity, no bitterness, no hatred and no high-powered anger toward Saul or anyone else. He was spiritually balanced. Think about this for a moment. Not once, but twice he refrained from taking advantage of opportunities to end Saul's life. His response was identical in every instance: "*Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed...*" (24:6); "*The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed*" (1 Samuel 26:11).

Ironically, there are three ways believers respond to vengeance. First, they get even with their opponents, a violation of Scripture: "*Never take*

your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19). Second, they do not take vengeance, **but** rejoice when their adversary suffers loss, which equally is disobedient to God's Word: "***Do not rejoice when your enemy falls. And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see it and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him***" (Proverbs 24:17-18 emphasis added). Third, they neither get even nor rejoice when misfortune befall the one who wronged them. These traits exemplified the life of Christ, who "*while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously*" (1 Peter 2:23).

David was a perfect example of what God expects of His children. He knew Scripture, "*Touch not My anointed*" (1 Chronicles 16:22, and applied it when opportunities arose. He refused to take Saul's life, God's anointed. Moreover, he felt like he had been punched in the stomach when he was told "*Saul and Jonathan his son are dead*" (2 Samuel 1:4). In disbelief he asked the messenger, "*How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?*" (v. 5). It was like saying, "Tell me it's not true."

The messenger knew that Saul had relentlessly sought David's life and thought that the news would make David happy and even prompt him to reward him

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for what he thought was good news. So he went a step further and lied about how Saul died:

“By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold the chariots and the horsemen pursued him closely. When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, ‘Here I am. He said to me, ‘Who are you?’ And I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’ Then he said to me, ‘Please stand beside me and kill me, for agony has seized me because my life still lingers in me.’ So I stood beside him and killed him, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown which was on his head and the bracelet which was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord” (2 Samuel 1:6-10).

David’s reaction was unexpected. He *“took hold of his clothes and tore them... mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan... because they had fallen by the sword”* (vv. 11-12). When he heard the man who wanted him dead had died, he refused food. He wept and mourned bitterly. That is the mental attitude of a man after God’s own heart vividly portrayed for us to behold.

The man who brought the news expected to receive praise, but David surprised him saying, *“How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD’S anointed?”* And David called one of the young men and said, *‘Go, cut him down.’ So he struck him and he died. David said to him, ‘Your blood is on your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the LORD’S anointed’”* (vv. 14-16).

Having destroyed the man who falsely alleged to have killed Saul, David took his musical instrument and by the Spirit composed and played a song from the heart. He poured out his heart for Saul and his son, David’s friend, Jonathan. We will end this portion with the lyrics of his famous song written to commemorate Saul’s death:

“Tell it not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, Or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, The daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. “O mountains of Gilboa, Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings; For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did not return empty.

“Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life, And in their death they were not parted; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions. “O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places. “I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was more wonderful Than the love of women. How have the mighty fallen, And the weapons of war perished!” (2 Samuel 1:20-27).

What an exemplary child of God David was! It is my heartfelt prayer that this brief study will impact your life for the praise of His glory. To be continued in the next issue, God willing. Until then, may God richly bless you my beloved one.

“[Now] to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen” (Jude 1:24-25)



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Letters to G.E.M.

Hi, Im from Zimbabwe.

I read the books by Moses Onwubiko, which you sent to me. It is like a veil has been lifted from my face. I could feel that I am finally free.

God bless you so much. Please continue the good work.

Via Facebook

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries:

Six or seven years ago I received my first calendar from G.E.M.. Some days I focused so deeply on the beautiful scenes I seem to have walked right into them and could even smell the smells.

For years it has been about the comfort and contentment the colorful scenes deliver to my mind. Then, I wondered: "Why do Christian people take the expense of sending gifts to people like me that don't know or care if God really exists."

This led me to investigate the cause of the unworldly, illogical niceness for fellow prisoners. I started attending church where I observed smiles, hugs, and handshakes. I attended Bible studies and read Christian literature - exposing myself to try and figure out the dogma and the strange acting people...I was just killing time.

Then, I discovered faith does come by hearing the Word of God. It is as contagious as sin, but not as loud. Hallelujah, thank the Lord for the exposure to niceness, born from His Word. I'm now born again!

Texas, Prison

Hello

One of the members of our neighborhood Bible study ordered the book "*Focus on Christian Marriage*" and introduced us to it. As we talk with friends and pray for marriages, we have found it tremendously helpful and a blessing to all who have read it.

I have also been blessed by the books "*Eternal Security of the Believer*" and "*Riding the Death Train*." I am on the leadership team for witnessing and evangelism at my church. Those books have been a wonderful supplement in strengthening me in the work the Lord has for me to do.

And the clarity with which they are written has helped us in explaining some of the more complex aspects of Bible doctrine to those who are not yet students, but are seeking to understand and grow.

USA

Dear G.E.M.,

This letter is to thank you for the books by Moses Onwubiko that you sent to me. They have helped my life and my student pastors. We send our sincere appreciation that we in Uganda have been blessed by the books, especially "*The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*."

Please, kindly I am requesting you to help us to translate this book into Runyankore/Rukiga - the language of my students, and other pastors from deep villages - so that we can stand on the foundation of "*The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation*."

Thank you very much for the work you are doing in the Lord. May God Almighty continue to bless you in Jesus name.

Uganda

Missionary Reports

AFRICA _____

November, 2012: Aba, Nigeria

The five day Pastors' Conference held Monday - Friday, November 19 - 23, 2012 in Aba, Nigeria, was the most impactful to date. Nigeria is a country of many pastors, but little truth and continues to grow more dangerous and distressed by the day.

Against this backdrop Moses taught "What is Wrong with My Country" - with a subtopic of - "How is My Spiritual Life?" The teaching included:

- The relationship between righteousness and a nation.
- The Word of God is to transform believer's lives.
- True blessings comes from God based on the believers having capacity to enjoy it.

This grabbed everyone's attention. They all recognized this was a message from God. The news spread around town and more pastors attended daily. By the last day the hall was packed full. The pastors departed greatly burdened, expecting a return to God, and believing that God will heal their land.

Pastors compared the teaching with what they saw around them. One reported a pastor who would not come to preach unless he was paid 5,000,000 naira (\$32,000). Often the people pay, for they desperately seek the blessing promised to solve their problems. The unscrupulous take advantage of the poor in the name of religion. The people do not know the truth and therefore are held in bondage by these false promises. But the truth has been declared!

Moses had many other opportunities to share the Word. Dinners turned into Q & A sessions, and there were church visits, and visits to Moses and Gloria's village where their mothers and family members still live.

A dozen G.E.M. associates pleaded for more teaching. A morning session was added to address areas of misconception. One new member had over 1,000 written questions prepared!

We are grateful for all who prayed and continue to pray! God indeed answers your faithful prayers. We know that He alone is doing all these things and we are just grateful to be of service!

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! (Romans 10:15)

Testimonies - Aba, Nigeria Conference

*“Rev. Moses definitely x-rayed us from God’s Word but he did not stop at throwing us as sinners and faltering saints into the Hands of an angry God.
No!! He proffered solutions and offered restorative prayers”*

“The weight of the message of this conference is still heavy on us as it’s taking it effects already. Many pastors are calling for solemn gatherings, a call for genuine repentance in their churches, a return to God indeed Ezra 7:6, 9 - 10.”

“God has started a new revival in Nigeria, with Rev. Moses. We believe that God will accomplish the same with time. If it is possible, please may we have this kind of programme once every two years.”

“Please, continue to intercede and advocate for us, because your labour of love is bearing much fruit and the effort of you all over there will never be in vain.”

“We were dazed with the reality of the truth that the problem with our country, Nigeria, is the conglomerate failure of all Christians in Nigeria contributing to the mess and frustration. Therefore we should take that responsibility and turn to be doers of the Word and stop passing on blame and worsening the already ugly trend of corruption.”

UNITED STATES _____

December, 2012: Houston, Texas

Moses and the team made a quick year end visit to Houston. Moses spoke at Charis Chapel and Pine Valley Bible Church. Moses was able to connect with many pastors and ministry friends in the area.

The audio message “The Believer and Missions” that Moses gave on December 30, 2012 is posted on G.E.M.’s YouTube page (linked to our webpage).

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:16)

Mission Trips and Outreach 2013

January:	Kuwait United Arab Emirates
March:	Sri Lanka Bangladesh
April:	Panama
June:	U.K., Greek Isles G.E.M. Marriage Conference, USA
August:	Brazil
October:	U.K.
November:	Thailand Vietnam

G.E.M. Overview Summary

(Entire Overview is available at www.GEMworldwide.org)

Grace Evangelistic Ministries is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit organization. We are a Christian, nondenominational, missionary oriented ministry, dedicated to evangelism and sound Bible teaching. Our main focus is evangelism; all other activities support our main goal. Our mission, in obedience to the command of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”* (Matt. 28:19).

We embrace the following objectives:

No. 1 – Evangelism

Evangelize unbelievers, adults and children, with the simple, grace Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

No. 2 – New Convert Follow-up

Follow-up with those who choose to believe in Christ.

No. 3 – Preparation of Indigenous Pastors

Because those who have responded to the Gospel will become unfruitful if they are not exposed to sound Bible teaching, we will:

- a. Hold pastors’ conferences in conjunction with every crusade.
- b. Introduce pastors and prospective pastors to doctrinally sound resources.
- c. Provide opportunities for churches to send missionaries.

No. 4 – Satellite Centers

We will establish foreign satellite centers for duplication of recorded Bible lessons and reproduction and distribution of doctrinal literature as funds become available.

No. 5 – Publications

Prepare periodic newsletters, which include Bible exposition, and missionary reports.

- a. Convert the missionary teachings of Rev. Moses Onwubiko into books.
- b. Reprint overseas when possible to save costs.

No. 6 – Assist the Needy

Caring for the needy or the poor is a timeless, Biblical principle and it is incorporated directly or indirectly in God’s mandates. In light of this, our mission will embrace providing spiritual food for all and sustenance for the needy as the Lord provides and directs.

No. 7 – Establish a Theological Seminar Abroad

Plan to establish a doctrinal theological seminary abroad as the Lord guides and provides.

Join us in Prayer

Thanksgiving:

- For many open doors around the world.
- For protection and acceptance for the team as they travel.
- For desire for truth in Europe, Asia, Africa.
- For the knowledge that Jesus Christ controls history.
- For the hunger for *Riding The Death Train* in Asia.

Petitions to Our Father:

G.E.M.

- Open doors and travel logistics for 2013.
- Protection of staff and International Representatives.
- Divine provision and support for missionaries desiring full time work in the field.
- Additional qualified laborers for the mission field and mission work.
- Energy, wisdom, and discernment for G.E.M.'s God assembled team.
- Office staff, volunteers, supporters and their families.
- G.E.M. publications: writing, editing, publishing, distribution.
- G.E.M. website: development and content.
- Partners and supporters:
 - For the sick or terminally ill and their care givers.
 - Comfort for those who have lost loved ones.
 - Protection and growth for their businesses.
 - That God would continue to sustain and bless them.
- Land in Abuja, Nigeria, for G.E.M. Africa Headquarters.

United States

- President Obama for wisdom and guidance.
- For Godly men and women to be elected and appointed.
- Protection of U.S. military.
- The U.S.A. for a great revival, peace and freedom from terrorism.
- Bible teaching pastors and their ministries.
- Awakening of churches and their return to the Bible.
- Prison and youth ministries: for open doors and changed hearts.

World

- World leaders (Daniel 2:21, 1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Protection of Israel, God's chosen people and peace in Jerusalem (Genesis 12:3).
- Peace in D.R. Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Zimbabwe & the Middle East.
- Indigenous pastors: that God will equip them in every way.
- Salvation of unbelievers.
- The spiritual growth of new believers.
- Protection for Christians persecuted for their faith.
- International translations of GEM publications: accuracy and supply.
- Provision for thousands of *Riding The Death Train* tracts to fill requests in Asia and Africa.



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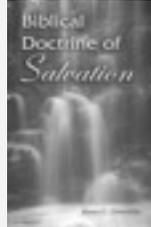
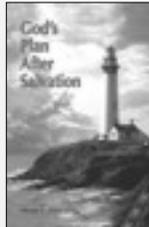
Grace Evangelistic Ministries does not solicit funding. We operate solely on voluntary contributions believing that God in His grace will continue to meet our financial needs as they arise.

There is no price list for any of our materials. No money is requested. When gratitude for the Word of God and the understanding of the need to reach 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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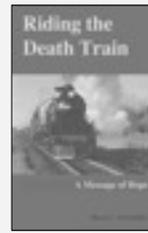
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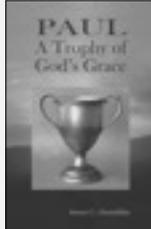


Forgiveness, by Confession Alone provides a comprehensive overview of God's Grace & Mercy. **God's Plan After Salvation** offers instructions for maturing in the faith. **Biblical Doctrine of Salvation** is an in depth theological study.

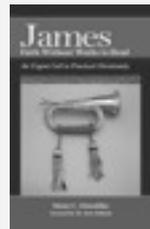
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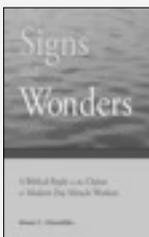
Riding the Death Train is a clear presentation of the gospel. *(English & Spanish)* **Showers of Christian Love** should identify the Christian to the world. **Eternal Security of the Believer** is a concise study of this important topic. *(English & Spanish).*



God's grace is often talked about but seldom understood. Our series on Grace begins with **Overview of God's Grace** and continues with **Joseph, A Pillar of Grace**, and **Paul, A Trophy of God's Grace**.



Comfort in Suffering and **Focus on Christian Marriage** give biblical viewpoint and divine solutions for common problems. **James, Faith Without Works is Dead** is an in depth guide for practical Christianity.



Signs and Wonders and **The Spiritual Gift of Tongues** provide a biblical reply to modern day miracle workers and tongues.

Disaster: God's Warning Bell examines world events from a Biblical point of view.

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