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### Dear Tony,

I'm so grateful for your teachings. Your explanations of the scriptures are pure spiritual dynamite to me. Your absolute solid-rock-bottom truths of the scriptures have never been more clear to me. Truly, you are anointed and blessed in your calling. Your explanations of waiting until we get the Baptism in the Holy Spirit before we can do anything profitable in the ministry is just what I wanted and needed to hear. The Holy Spirit testifies to me with great force and life that what you say is God speaking. You are so anointed. Your clarity of your fearless declaration of the truth of the gospel has literally overcome me. You're my pastor and your teachings are my meat. Thank God for your ministry.

I have been on a quest for forty years "to find God." I am now about through. I am now waiting patiently for Christ for the Baptism. I am so grateful that you came into my life six months ago.

Please keep sending me your World Newsletter. I have gotten so much out of them. I accept you as my pastor, Tony, you have it all. You have made Christ and Hell a living reality to me. The testimonies in your newsletter are so plain and convincing and real, I cannot doubt them. My wife is eighty-four, so very sick and weak. She will pass on soon. I would then like to pack up and come back there and live with you all and serve only the Lord the rest of my life. Here in Salt Lake City is the headquarters of the Mormon Church. It is a thirty-five billion dollar empire cult. They preach like crazy, but have rejected both the cross and the Bible. I know the strong spirit of Satan and unbelief is greatly (Continued on page 3)

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you" (John 15:7).

"Pray always" (Luke 21:36).<sup>1</sup> "Pray without ceasing" (I Thes. 5:17). These are com-

mandments from God given to us by way of the Holy Spirit. To not obey these commandments is  $\sin^2$  It is written, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (Jas. 2:10).

The presence of sin in our lives makes the presence of God impossible in our lives.<sup>3</sup> All things are possible in our lives if God is present.<sup>4</sup> Nothing but failure and defeat are in the lives of those who sin because God's presence is not with them.<sup>5</sup> The presence of God in their lives is the supernatural and incredible privilege given to God's

children.<sup>6</sup> God's presence in our lives is our only power against our enemy.<sup>7</sup> Jesus instructs His sinless children, "Ask [in prayer], and it shall be given you; seek [in prayer], and ye shall find; knock [in prayer], and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9). Jesus also promises, "If ye abide in Me [the sinless One], and My words abide in you, ye shall ask [in prayer] what ye will, and it shall be done unto



Pastor Alamo and son Sion they pray for. The Bible tells us that there are conditions for everything God promises.8 First, our Lord states that when we pray we must "ask in faith" (Jas. 1:6). "Without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Heb. 11:6). It is impossible to receive anything from Him without faith.9 "Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord [without faith]" (Jas. 1:7). Another condition is that we must ask in the name of Jesus.<sup>10</sup> Third, we must persevere in prayer.11 If what we're asking for doesn't come to us in a flash of a second, we must

I've heard many people complain that they

pray but never receive the things

have the presence of God's Spirit living and working in us so we can continue in prayer until we prevail, as Jacob did.<sup>12</sup> Fourth, what we are asking for must be in accord with the will of God.<sup>13</sup> We must be as Christ, whose will was to do only "the will of the Father" (John 5:30, 6:38).

The power of God's presence must be present in our lives in order to keep the com-

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# Greetings in Jesus' name from Singapore

#### Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

I came to the US (actually the first time in my life) and heard so much of Hollywood that I visited the place. I was walking down the streets, and one of your brethren in Christ gave me your literature. I am a Christian and as the Spirit of God leads me. I pray and seek God's guidance that I could be an instrument to do mission work for the people of Burma. So I called and met your other brethren at Hollywood Blvd. and Highland Ave., and they took me to the church at Canyon Country, CA, where I met your God's inspired brethren, Dantae and Chris, and shared my heart that I wanted to do something for the fifty million Burmese Buddhists.

### The Sin of Not Praying

(Continued from page 1) mandments.14 This power of God will not be present in us if we sin.<sup>15</sup> Worshipping the Lord in praise and thanksgiving is done in prayer.<sup>16</sup> We receive great joy and strength in praise. "The joy of the Lord is [our] strength" (Neh. 8:10). Why do we receive joy? We feel great joy when there is no sin in our life. When there is no sin in our life, we know that the presence of the Lord is with us,<sup>17</sup> and when the presence of the Lord is with us, we have His joy, which is our strength,<sup>18</sup> His power, and His life living in us, through us, and for us.<sup>19</sup>

The closer we are drawn to God's holy presence, the more we will recognize how vile, destructive, and deadly sin is.<sup>20</sup> This recognition is not learned in theological seminaries. It is not found in books or in strong outward demonstrations of self-reproach or penitence. Many times an outward demonstration of holiness such as walking for miles on your knees in gravel with a child in your hand, weeping, crying, contorting of the face, stamping the feet, fasting, or whipping one's self, etc. are nothing more than an outward show of what ignorant people feel to be holiness. Some feel such deeds are pleasing to God. Actually, they infuriate God because the initial step of forgiveness cannot be earned by any such deeds or any works of man.<sup>21</sup>

Forgiveness of sins and salvation are the conditional, not unconditional, gifts of God, gifts which no man can buy or earn by his own feeble works.<sup>22</sup> Deeds such as these or other deeds considered to be good are nothing more than filthy rags unto the Lord.23 Nothing is acceptable to God other than our faith in the blood of Jesus and His Word, demonstrated by our repenting, our forsaking sin, and our continuing to serve Him without sin.24 Only faith in the blood of Jesus can take away our sins,<sup>25</sup> and only the Spirit of God living in us daily can keep us from sinning again.<sup>26</sup>

Outward shows of penitence only show a harboring of sin, a lack of faith in receiving true deliverance from sin, and the existence of a powerless life without Christ. This is many times no more than a pretence of repentance. Some Christians will believe that such a person is a Christian rather than a pretender who does this so they can continue assimilating or mingling themselves among the church for some selfish advantage or benefit.

Jesus is the Savior from sin, not the Savior

of those who desire a life of sin cloaked with an outward show of holiness such as the Pharisees had.<sup>27</sup> Jesus stated the Pharisees were "of [their] father the devil" (John 8:44). Again, Jesus is the Savior from sin. But how can we be delivered from sin if we haven't learned what it is? We learn what sin is from God's Word.28 Only those who are thoroughly cleansed from sin will be honored by God, and only with God's presence can we abstain from sin and self-will. We need to realize that with God's presence, we have His power to keep every commandment, including the commandment to "pray always."<sup>29</sup> Because sin is the transgression of God's commandments, we must fully realize that not to pray is sin, and again, sin separates us from God's presence, His power, His deliverance, and all of His blessings.<sup>30</sup>

In the book of Revelation, Christ is talking to the churches and reproving or rebuking every one of them, telling them to repent, and get back to their first love, which is seeking God for His continuing presence, power, and life.<sup>31</sup> He tells them not to be lukewarm. They are to be red hot with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, with their very lives, or He will spue them out of His mouth, out of His body, and far away from eternal life.<sup>32</sup> So you see Christianity is not unconditionally ours. It is ours only upon the principles of God, His conditions. Smooth words from false teachers, if believed, will send our souls to Hell.<sup>33</sup>

We must be permanently delivered from the sin of not praying if we are to have the presence of God in our lives. God does not tolerate sin and will not allow it to live with Him and His sinless Son, Christ Jesus in Heaven.34

Sin is hateful and the proof of a person's hatred of sin can be seen in a person's zeal to deliver themselves from it. We must deliver ourselves from sinning with His power.<sup>35</sup> He delivered us from the penalty of the law by cleansing us.<sup>36</sup> In order to stop the sin of not praying once and for all, we must know that to not pray is sin. If you don't believe it's sin, you will continue to not pray. We must learn how to put this sin away. We must be aware of it, confess it, cast it off, and let God cleanse it.<sup>37</sup> I hear people praying after they have been cleansed from their old former sins, "Oh God, cast my sins from me." Christ washed our former sins away, but it's up to us to cast sinning away from ourselves. We are to sin no more and to flee from the very appearance of evil or sin. We must hate the very topic of sin, eschew evil, and eschew sin by giving ourselves wholly to God so that He will never withdraw His presence from us.38

God cleanses the soul where sin once was but no longer is because we who have God's presence with power have cast off every thought of sin by living in God's Spirit.<sup>39</sup> Jesus tells us to "go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). It's up to us to cast sin far away from us. Jesus is not going to cast it away for us. His job was to cleanse us from former sin.<sup>40</sup> Our job is to withdraw from sin, to cast it away.<sup>41</sup> We are the ones that must cast sins away from us.42 It is written, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phlp. 4:13).

The gift of eternal life is free, but God expects us to protect and defend this great gift by the power of God with us, to shun and cast away sin from ourselves.43 This involves God's Spirit being with us always.<sup>44</sup> We are commanded to "Put on the whole armour of God" so we can cast sin away from ourselves (Eph. 6:11).45 This means God's presence must be with us at all times. We praise and thank God because through constant communion in prayer to the Lord, we know that the unspeakably valuable gift of eternal life and the presence of God that is with us, along with the power to defend the gift of eternal life, is ours. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

Moses knew the value of God's presence being with him.<sup>46</sup> It is written, "The Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" (Ex. 33:11). God promised Moses, "I will bring you in unto the land" (Ex. 6:8). But God became very angry at Israel because they sinned by building and worshipping a golden calf.47 After this, God threatened to withdraw His presence from the children of Israel. God told Moses, "I will send an angel before thee [rather than Himself. The angel, instead of God, was to lead them to the promised land]." God stated, "I will not go up in the midst of thee [I will not bring My presence among you]; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee [destroy you] in the way" (Ex. 33:2-3). Then Moses built a tabernacle outside the camp. The children of Israel mourned God's decision to not be present with them.

Moses, Joshua, and all Israel began praying to God, worshipping Him, and consecrating their vow to God. Because of this the Lord spoke to Moses in these words: "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Ex. 33:14).

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hindering my walk with the Lord, but I must stay here and cannot move until my wife passes, as I must take care of her until that time. But I need and cannot get the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is my next and final step. I must get it. I pray for it day and night. Would you please have your church pray for me so that I can get this Baptism, and my wife also? You have made Hell real to me, and I know the Baptism is my only and final and greatest step. My total thanks for your ministry, your newsletters, and the good you are doing. Sincerely,

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This is because Moses stood on the promise of God when he said, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth [what will distinguish the children of the Lord from sinners]?" (Ex. 33:15-16, Orig. Gk.). If God is not present with His children, how can there be miracles similar to the ones in Egypt and at the Red Sea?<sup>48</sup> Without God's presence in the midst of Israel, how could Israel defeat its enemies who greatly outnumbered them, who were mightier than them, more skilled in fighting, and who were armored and thoroughly furnished with every implement of war?49 Because of the prevailing prayer of Moses,<sup>50</sup> God spoke to Moses saying, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you [God was pleased because Moses knew the necessity, privilege, and blessing of God being present with him] and I know you by name" (Ex. 33:17, Orig. Gk.).

Moses would not accept an angel, an army, or anyone less than God to bring him into the promised land or be with him. If God was not present, Moses knew there would be no divine power of God with them and no victory. Moses stated to God, "Wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? Is it not in that Thou goest with us? [that God's presence would be with them to tell them what to do, to defend them, and to tell them when and where to go so they would not fail or be defeated]" (Ex.33:16).

The knowledge that God's presence would be with them gave Israel, Joshua, and Caleb the confidence to cross the river Jordan on dry ground and the confidence to go to Jericho.51 God's presence with Israel gave Israel the vic--(Continued on page 7)

#### Dear Pastor,

## Arkansas

I had a very wonderful experience with the Lord tonight. It happened during my evening prayer hour at the church. I began my prayers in song and hymn to the Lord, as you have before instructed us to do, which always seems to bring a calm and peace from God. Then I began praying for the Lord to forgive my sins and all of my faults and shortcomings. I praised the Lord for His precious blood, for His cleansing blood, His holy blood, His righteous blood and everything I could associate with His blood. Just then I felt this warmth wash over my head. This happened three times. I could feel the Lord's presence in the room, and I knew He was right there with me and hearing every word of my prayer. Then the Lord spoke to me, He said, "Miriam, I want you to listen to Me." I said, "Lord, let Thy Word be a lamp unto my soul." I raised my hands to Heaven, and I began speaking with other tongues. It just seemed to grow stronger and more fervent. I really don't know what was being related between me and the Lord, but I could actually feel the Lord pulling things out of my heart. It felt wonderful and exciting at the same time. I didn't want it to stop.

Finally, when there was a calm again in the room, the Lord spoke to me. He said, "I want you to be consecrated to Me." I said, "Lord, what is being consecrated?" He replied to me, "Read Tony's tract!" That was it. The Lord had a plan for me this night. He was preparing me to receive something wonderful. So I did just as He said and, with zeal, I read the message, More Spiritual Depth, which is in the Alamo Christian Ministries World Newsletter. It was so beautiful to my soul, and I just couldn't describe it any other way!

Thank you, Pastor Tony, because the Lord uses you to perfect His saints. M.K. Fort Smith. Arkansas

# Virginia

I found your newsletter on my windshield. I don't usually read stuff I find on my car windshield, but I was led to read this. When I started, I could not put it down, I was so touched. I am a born-again Christian living in Virginia. I would love to receive your newsletter and more information about your church.

Arlington, Virginia

## Peru

### Beloved in Jesus Christ,

E.O.

L.F.

We are sending our fraternal greetings, and our desire is that God will richly bless you. I have received your literature. Please send the booklet, Messiah, by Tony Alamo. Also, please send us a certain amount of Bibles. Thank you very much. Waiting for your literature and communication with me, especially literature that exposes the apostate Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally yours,

Ayacucho, Peru



# Maryland

#### **Dear Pastor Alamo,**

Myself and Senator J. Robert Hooper truly respect your ministry. There are all too few men like you willing to heed the call of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

Senator J. Robert Hooper and Margaret Jones Fallston, Maryland

## Singapore

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I am a Chinese Singaporean based in Burma as a travel agent. After visiting your church as mentioned above, I know for sure that you, and all your other fellow co-workers in Christ in your Alamo Ministries are mightily used by God, and I can put my faith in God. and in His Son Jesus with the illumination of the Holy Spirit. I now want to join your ministries to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and make an impact in the Kingdom of God. I will be contacting Chris and Dantae to work out how best to serve the Lord in reaching out to the Burmese for the glory of God. Once again, praise the Lord that you are mightily used to magnify the name of Jesus and to preach the gospel of Jesus unto all nations. F.L.

Singapore

**<sup>48</sup>** Ex. 7:14-25, 8:1-20, 9:1, 18-34, 10:1-23, 11:4-7, 14:21-31 **49** Ex. 15:3-10, 17:8-13, Deut. 2:24-25, 30-37, 4:34-39, 11:2-7, I Chron. 16:15-22 50 Ex. 32:30-33, Deut. 9:13-29 51 Num. 13:30, 14:6-9, 24, 30, 36-38, 27:18-19, 32:11-12, Deut. 1:35-36, 31:7-8, 34:9

### Today's Great World Reformation



Street evangelism with Alamo Christian Ministries, Associate Pastor J.R. and co-pastors - Pedapudi, India

#### Dear Tony Alamo,

### Narsapur

Warm greetings to you and your dedicated family in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your good literature and your newsletter. We are praising God that God has given a man of God (Tony Alamo) as my brother and my friend. I have been praying for your great ministry since two months. Your literature strengthens me so much. Your Way, and the Messiah book are very useful to our heathen people. So many idol worshipers will come to know Jesus Christ through your literature. So if you give your permission to translate into Telugu language, I will translate and reprint in our language. Through your literature, so many souls will be saved. We will distribute in towns and villages. Please send another package of literature and

cassettes also.

Dear brother, we have one school. In this we are taking poor children and giving education and also the gospel. This is Christ-centered. Our school's name is "Praise English Medium School." Monthly building rent and salaries of two hundred dollars we are paying. This is a heavy burden to us. We are going to collect money from some people to pay this money. This is very difficult for us. Please think about it and pray. If God inspires you to give your financial support, we will change this name and give

your name to this school. Please pray for this and give your generous reply. If you give your reply, I will send the children's photographs. I and my wife are praying for three years for



Pastor N.R.'s Sunday schoool - Amalapuram, India



River baptism, Pastor J.R. - Malikiuram, India

this school. I would like to work with you. Please accept me as one of you. Please send your newsletter. Thanking you. Yours in Christ,

J.G.

Narsapur, India

## **Germany**

#### **Dear Pastor**,

May the peace and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Your literature, The Spiri*tual Footwash* really touched my life. I realized that God is the Creator of this world, and no one can be compared to Him. It will be a pleasure for me if you can send to me more literatures and a Bible for reading the verses. I pray God's richest blessings will be with you and would appreciate it if you would pray for me that God's blessing would rest upon me.

In Christ,

B.Y. Simmerath, Germany

#### Dear Mr. Alamo,

It is my pleasure to contact you in regards to your ministry. I have seen a pamphlet illustrating the wonderful things yourself and the church are doing for the children and people who have a pure and true desire to follow our Lord's steps in helping to make our world a better place to live. I was touched by the testimonies of people who had children with different behavior difficulties, and how they have adjusted and changed their lives with your programs.

Therefore, I am interested in obtaining more information and perhaps being in contact with you so I could potentially move to the U.S.A. and would truly be of assistance to your organization.

I would like to tell you more about myself. I'm a Canadian citizen come from Latin America. I have worked with chil-

# CANADA Ontario

dren with disabilities and the elderly. Presently, I work for the Provincial Government of Ontario, a position that I enjoy. Moreover, I have always thought and believe to serve God in a much more effective capacity, and your organization seems to offer that and much more. I have asked God to provide me with the contacts of people who are at His service, and that I would like to join them in lieu of His Kingdom. I have a clear and sincere disposition of contributing to enhance the quality of life of children and to define my mission in this earth. Please contact me as soon as you find feasible. I would like to thank you in advance for your prompt response to this matter. May God our Lord be the liaison among the people at His service. Yours truly, R.H.

London, Ontario

### AFRICA

#### **Dear Pastor Tony,**

May God widen your tentacles so as to reach every country, city, town and village throughout the whole world. I think we need a teacher of your caliber in this end time. This is why I am writing this letter the very day I came across your magazine, volume 02800. What caught my attention to read it was the title, Jesus Never Said, "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me." I am a pastor for the past eight years, but this exposition has eluded me, and I believe millions of pastors are also in the dark about this text or subject.

From today, I have decided to swallow my pride and be a student of yours. Please lead me to "pools of fresh water" to drink. Lead me to greener pastures. Please let me know how I can be a regular recipient of some materials like books, Sunday school materials, audio cassettes, etc. Can you help me with a dictionary in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic with English meanings? In my circles I am noted for a powerful gift of teaching, but there is more to add or know from you. Please, I need an immediate response.

I am the founder and general overseer of the above churches. I started the past three years and have opened seven branches. I ministered somewhere for five years before starting this work. Would you like to adopt my church? I am not saying this for any financial gain, but in terms of doctrine, etc. I





Brother A.G. -Ashanti, Ghana

#### Brother E.S. -Akroso, Ghana



Pastor S.M (seated at right) and his choir, ministering to the church - Kampala, Uganda

## Ghana

have fallen in love with you and your ministry. God bless you for your wonderful world reformation. I will inform my members just this evening to join hands in praying with you to reach every thirsty soul out there. Good-bye. Yours very warmly in the Lord, Pastor E.G. Accra, Ghana

#### Dear Sir.

I was very excited when I received your letter containing the gospel literature on the date of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2000. The literature you brought to me, I supplied them to my family, and in fact, most of them have totally repented. I gave them the literature on the same day I received your letter, and the following day they confessed to me that they have received Christ as their personal Savior. Please, I hope you will bring me more of the gospel literatures so that I will supply them to my schoolmates and the



Alamo Christian Ministries Associate Pastor A.K. with associate ministers, and newly baptized congregation members - Volta Region, Ghana

people in my village, including my church members. Please, you wrote to me that I should let you know the number of copies I will need for my area. I would be happy when I get about two hundred and fifty copies so that it will enable me to win more souls for God. Please, I know the Lord, of course, will bless your ministry for your concern for others. I hope you will send them as early as possible. Thanking you in anticipation. Yours in Christ Jesus.

Akropong, Ghana

# Kenya

G.N.

#### **Dear Tony World Pastor,**

Receive many greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, I have received your e-mail dated 10/13/2000 and am so glad and blessed this time for the move of God through your ministry for its power of Almighty Father working in you. Praise God!

I thank God for His presence through my missions preaching the gospel and distributing the literature. I had planned to go back to Thomson Falls (Nyahururu) and Nakuru in Rift Valley for the missions, but Kajiado and Athi-River people contacted and requested me to visit again for they were much blessed at the first time. Brother J. K. invited me in their church as Alamo Minister and I introduced more about you, how you got saved in a Beverly Hills office, and also how you started Alamo Ministries together with your late dear wife (my Mum) Susan Alamo. I came to understand they were touched in their hearts, for the words of a man of God do not change by any circumstance to be in jail, hospital or either death or life. One truth I know is that the owner is life even before He created anything.

Pastor, it's a blessing seeing that people are responding to what you are introducing with a lot of interest, for the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword. It has the power to convince, to change and also to save.

You asked about the video tapes and photos showing the gospel of the Lord being spread through the areas I have traveled. It's good and speaks more. I have already sent the photos that we took in the other missions but on video tapes, I have not managed to organize because here in Kenya video shooting is very expensive, but I am believing God will bless us with a good video camera for the ministry's use. That's a prayer I sent you, tell God to meet with that petition.

Brother K. will send the photos that they took in their church during the second mission. Please, Pastor Alamo, continue praying for the Alamo ministry in Kenya for its missions and also the distribution of literature and for the favor of God to be upon us. God bless you. Yours in Christ's vineyard, A.G.

Nyeri, Kenya

## Texas

#### Beloved brother Tony Alamo.

My most cordial salutations to you and the whole Body of Christ. I want to thank the Lord for using you to help families, men, women and children in many places. Thank you for the literature I receive from your

ministry. This literature has been a blessing to myself and to those I share it with. I am a member of an evangelization prison group of a Christian church. I have been in the ways of God for three years, and I have learned a lot during this time.

I lost a lot of things due to my old way of life, which brought me here (jail). Now I realize that giving my life to God and being a part of the situation that brought me here has been the most wonderful experience in my life. Through all of my trials, God has not abandoned me, and it taught me a lot for when I get released, and I can witness to other people about what God can do with a lost soul. It is wonderful to see what God can do with man when he desires to study the Word of God, and for this I would like to know if you could supply me with a Greek/ Hebrew Bible dictionary or with a pocket Bible to utilize for evangelistic work wherever I go. I have a big study Bible and a New Testament from Gideon that I use to evangelize. I will be praying that God will give you the means to make this possible. Beaumont. Texas L.A.

## Oklahoma

**Dear Pastor Alamo,** 

Thank you for the letter I received today from you. I tell you, Brother Alamo, it encouraged me so much just to hear a true man of God talk to me. I am behind your church, the church of Christ Jesus our Lord, with my heart, money and time. Since I have started tithing to your church, the Lord has blessed my wife and I over and above. It is true, you cannot out-give God. It is a blessing to be able to give to a work of God. I say this in truth, to you, Sir. My prayers go before God through the power of the Blood of Jesus, for you and the Church. The gospel literature you sent me is being passed out in this area, and everywhere the Lord, by His grace, lets me go. Please send me any new ones. I also read and study them every day. I really feel the literature you sent me gave me the spiritual food from the Lord I needed so badly! My heart and soul rejoiced. May the Lord put a wall of fire around you and bless you and the Alamo Church.

Your brother sincerely in Christ, F.S.

Noble, Oklahoma



Pastor E.G. (left) baptizing in the Philippines

## **New Mexico**

Beloved brothers in Jesus Christ of the Holy Alamo Christian Church,

Blessings be upon you and your church, especially brother Tony Alamo. Thank you for sending me your literature to date. They moved me from California to Texas, and they've been sending me your literature from the other prison. This is my new address so they can keep sending me more.

It's seven years when I was in Florence, Colorado. I was down and out when I came to know Brother Tony through an interpreter. He told me of his visions. My life started changing little by little, and thanks be to God and to the brother, I am still in God's way. Thanks for the support and help that you have offered my family and friends and brothers and myself, as well. God bless you now and forever.

Pray for me so that I will be strong these last years I have in prison. I have to complete nine years. S.V.

Mississippi

Anthony, New Mexico

### **Dear Pastor Alamo,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. Greetings in the name of the Lord Most High. Today I received the new Bible you sent me, thank you so much. I am very grateful. I assure you it will be used every day. As you know, I am a prison inmate, and I feel blessed to have found someone on the outside who cares for the salvation of others. I will pray for you and your ministry every day. I would also like to help share the Word of God with people who are here with me. To do so, please send me a copy of each of the following: Wait, Troubles, Biting the Bullet, Steamed Abominations, and Baptism. I have never won anyone to Christ because I don't know how to go about doing it. Could you also send me something that tells me how to share my faith with others? I will be waiting eagerly for your reply. May God bless you, your family, and your ministry. W.G. Yazoo City, Mississippi



Congregation members constructing a new pastoral - Philippines



Pastor F.M. praying over the sick -**Philippines** 

## Wisconsin

#### Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

How are you doing? Blessed, I hope! I came across two copies of your newsletter today, one at the Grand Avenue Club, and one on the street. I was attracted to them for some reason. One had an article about the exorcism. The copy that I picked up off the street was anointed! I could not put it down. Keep up the good work! Would you send me a subscription to your newsletter? Thanks.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

# California

#### Mr. Tony Alamo,

C.T.

I recently read one of your newsletters, and was pleased to see it filled with beautifully rich. spiritual nourishment, backed in the doctrine of scripture. I am currently incarcerated in a California prison, and I would be blessed all the more if your ministry should provide me a subscription and all other material you would be willing to send to me and the Christian brothers of whom I shall share with.

Thank you. Y.B.

Delano, California

## The Sin of Not Praying

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tory over Pharaoh's army,<sup>52</sup> over Jericho,<sup>53</sup> over five kings,<sup>54</sup> and in every other battle where Israel was sinless.<sup>55</sup> Victory is seen everywhere in the Bible that the presence of God was with His sinless people. Victory will be seen today because of the presence of God in His children. This is the main promise of God to His children. If we sin not, He tells us, "I [My presence, will be] with you" (Matt. 28:20).56 If we remain sinless, He promises, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). God shows the difference between believers and doubters by His presence with the believers because they sin not and have total victory. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37-39).

The prayerless, undeveloped, worldly Christian is separated from those who pray always without ceasing.<sup>57</sup> God's children, who sin not by praying, are the ones hidden in the secret of God's presence.<sup>58</sup>

Defeat and failure are always caused by God not being present.<sup>59</sup> It is because of the sin of not praying. Sin was the cause of defeat and failure at Ai.<sup>60</sup> Defeat and failure came because the Lord was not present. It was God who revealed the hidden sin of Achan to Joshua.<sup>61</sup> Without God's aid, Joshua could only guess at what the sin was in the camp of Israel. Only God can reveal hidden sins and their true, deep, dark meaning.<sup>62</sup>

When the Lord spoke to Joshua before revealing the sin of Achan, He told Joshua, "They have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them" (Josh. 7:11). The Lord's command was that all the spoils of Jericho, which included the gold and the silver, was to be consecrated unto the Lord's treasury.<sup>63</sup> Israel had broken this vow of consecration. In other words, Israel had robbed God.<sup>64</sup>

When we sin by not praying, we are also breaking the vow of consecration, which gives God all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and life.<sup>65</sup> Christians must begin realizing that sinning the sin of not praying, and making excuses for it is an even greater sin than they have ever known. The sin is that we literally have no appetite or desire for fellowship with God. It also means we have more faith in our own abilities and efforts than we do in the power and ability of God. It shows we have no realization of how incredible and magnificent the promises are of God towards His heavenly blessing God desires to constantly pour out to us.<sup>66</sup> This sin also shows that we are not at all ready to sacrifice the temporal, deceptive pleasures of sin and our flesh for the confidence that God will preserve us, or have the patience to wait on God for His deliverance. It tells us that the spirituality of our lives and our abiding in Christ is so weak that we can't even make ourselves prevail in prayer so that we might have victory rather than constant defeat and failure.

children, or of the

God informed Joshua, "Neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you" (Josh. 7:12). Again, God withdrew His presence and His defense from Israel because of their sin. Christians must learn that defeat and failure in their lives and in the church are primarily caused through their loss of God's presence.

In the same way that pain in the human body is a sign of something wrong in the body's mechanism, defeat and failure are messages from God telling us that we are sinning, doing something wrong, or planning to do something wrong. These are messages of love from God, warning us not to sin or to even think of sinning because "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20).

When I was in Israel, the people in the seaport town of Haifa kept asking me with smiles on their faces if I had visited the ancient city of Ai, which is not far from Haifa. I hadn't, so I went with a friend of mine. Ai is like a ghost town. There are hundreds of abandoned, primitive, make-shift stone houses with one or two rooms. They have no roofs. There are a few old buildings. There is only one store, run by a middle-aged Arab couple. Their little children were running around outside and inside the building. Some were wearing just diapers. Others no shirts on, just shorts.

There is an incredibly large fortress of stones, which looks to be at least one city block long. In some spots the stones were twenty feet high and they are maybe twenty or more feet wide in some spots, narrowing down to maybe ten feet wide and ten feet high. All the stones are white, and they are fairly large stones. Achan, the man who troubled Israel, was stoned to death there along with his family and his flocks for troubling Israel. They are to this day buried under that huge heap of stones.<sup>67</sup> It is a solemn memorial to the day God demonstrated His hatred of sin, showing us it must be removed so His presence could be restored to the children of Israel. The entire body of Israel suffered because of the sin of one person. Today, God simply has us remove sinners such as this from our presence by making them leave the church so the presence

of the Lord can be restored there. He commands us to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11).<sup>68</sup> He tells those who refuse to accept the Word of God, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 9-11).

Each member of the true corporate Body of Christ realizes their position in the corporate Body of Christ is conditional upon our obeying God. It is for this reason that we must not sin. To not pray is sin. Those who tell you that God loves you unconditionally are not telling you the truth.<sup>69</sup> That heap of stones in the ancient city of Ai which can easily be seen to this very day is an awesome message from God, a testimony to all those who think they can sin and not be punished for it. "The law [of God condemns]...the lawless" (I Tim. 1:9). The law of man condemns the righteous, but God is the final judge.<sup>70</sup>

To stay in the presence of God requires prayer.<sup>71</sup> That's why it is such a sin to not pray. It is written that God's house is "the house of prayer" (Mark 11:17). If we are of the Lord Jesus Christ, if we are of the Father, if we are a temple, a tabernacle, a mansion, a house of God, we must be praying always.<sup>72</sup> "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

#### WE ARE FIGHTERS, WRESTLERS

All of our fighting must be done for us by God. Therefore, in order to bring God's power for us into the battlefield, we must contact Him by prayer, asking Him to bring His power and presence in our midst and to be with us so that we may have victory over our enemy. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). We need God to fight this wickedness for us because fighting it is far beyond the capability of frail humanity.

Ezekiel 22:30 talks about godly men and women standing in the gap in prayer to ask God for victory. All failure and defeat occurs because God has not been called into the war.<sup>73</sup> The Lord tells us to redeem the time, for "the time is short" (I Cor. 7:29).

God granted Abraham's prayer for Lot's life in Genesis 18:23-32. Abraham asked if God (Continued on page 8)

68 I Cor. 5:1, 5, 11-13, Rev. 11:1-2 69 Deut. 7:9-10, 12-13, ch. 28, Luke 9:62, John 15:6, Heb. 6:4-8, 10:26-29 70 Psa. 7:11, 50:4-6, Dan. 7:9-10, Mal. 3:5, 18, Acts 17:31 71 Matt. 21:13, 26:41, Mark 13:33, Eph. 6:13, 18, Phlp. 4:6-7, Col. 4:2, I Tim. 2:1-2, 8, I Pet. 4:7, Jude 20-21, Rev. 5:8 72 Luke 18:1, 21:36, Eph. 6:18, I Thes. 5:17 73 Josh. 7:12, II Chron. 24:20, Isa. 59:2, 64:7

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52 Ex. chs. 14, 15, Ps. 136:13-15 53 Josh. ch. 6 54 Num. 31:7-8, Josh. 10:5-43 55 Num. 21:1-3, Deut. 3:1-3, Josh. 10:1-14, ch. 11, Judg, 7:7-25, I Sam. 7:3-13 56 Jer. 42:11, Hag. 1:13 57 Matt. 7:15-27, 21:21-22, Luke 21:34-36, Jas. 5:16, Jude 18-21 58 Ps. 27:5-6, 31:19-24, 17:4-8, 57:1-3, 61:3, Prov. 18:10, Isa. 59:2 59 Josh. 7:12, I Chron. 28:9, Ezra 8:22 60 Josh. 7:1-13 61 Josh. 7:4-13 62 Job 12:22, Dan. 2:22, 28-29, 47, I Cor. 4:5 63 Josh. 6:16-19 64 Mal. 3:8-9 65 Matt. 13:44-46, Mark 12:29-30, Rom. 6:13, 12:1-2 66 I Chron. 15:2, Prov. 10:6, 28:20, John 14:2-3, Heb. 11:16, II Pet. 1:4 67 Josh. 7:24-26

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would spare the city if there were fifty righteous men, or forty, or thirty, or twenty, or even ten. Our prayers allow God to work. Our prayers will move God to do work that is far beyond ourselves.<sup>74</sup> We receive eternal life by praying in faith to God for it.<sup>75</sup> There is no gift so precious as the gift of God's presence, because in His presence we find eternal life and victory.<sup>76</sup>

If we were given the gift of the Hope Diamond, the gift would be free. However, preserving it would be our job. The gift of eternal life is preserved by our continuing in the presence of God, by our fellowshipping, by our communicating, and by our being near to God, as well as Christ with His Father in us.77 It is written, "Be sober, be vigilant [in not sinning by God's power and presence in you to retain the gift of eternal life. You must defend yourself from that wicked one, the devil]; because [our] adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8). It is impossible for him to devour any of us when God is present with us. Therefore, we must stay in prayer, because "though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down [by prayer to God] of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience [in ourselves], when your obedience is fulfilled" (II Cor. 10:3-6). This can only be accomplished by God's

**74** Matt. 7:7-8, 21:21-22, Mark 11:24, John 14:13-14, Jas. 5:16 **75** Rom. 10:9-10, 13, Eph. 2:8, Jas. 5:15 **76** John 14:15-21, Rom. 8:31, Eph. 2:12-22, I John 4:4 **77** Ps. 145:18, Isa. 55:6, Eph. 6:10-13, 18, Heb. 4:16, Jude 20-21

Our church receives much mail with thousands of requests for Bibles and literature. Much of our literature is printed in Hebrew, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Albanian, Serbian, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, and Nepali. Distributors for Alamo literature are on the increase every day throughout the world. presence with us.

The gift of eternal life and the privilege of God's presence with us is worth far more than the world and all of its riches.<sup>78</sup> Having the Lord's life and power present within our mortal bodies is also worth far more than the entire universe and all the galaxies together. Having God's presence with us gives us great boldness, confidence, and joy with the ability to do whatsoever He requires of us.<sup>79</sup> God is our defender.<sup>80</sup> If you will receive the gift of eternal life now by surrendering your life unto Him, He will not refuse you, and if you continue in His presence by prayer and obedience to His Word, you will not only be able to keep every commandment, you'll be able to retain to the end that most precious gift of eternal life, as well as God's presence with you to the end.<sup>81</sup> Begin having the gift of eternal life and God's presence with you now by saying this prayer:

78 Prov. 10:2, 22, Matt. 13:44-46, 19:29 79 Rom. 8:31, I John 4:4 80 Deut. 23:14, 33:12, 27, I Sam. 2:9, II Thes. 3:3, II Pet. 2:9, Rev. 3:10 81 Matt. 10:22, John 16:33, Rom. 8:37, I John 4:4

### Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>1</sup> I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.<sup>2</sup> I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.<sup>3</sup> I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit<sup>4</sup> and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>5</sup> I open up the door of my heart and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>7</sup> You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus, You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.<sup>8</sup> Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>10</sup> And I thank you, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.<sup>11</sup>

Psa. 51:5, Rom, 3:10-12, 23
Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4
Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9
Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-6
Lke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13
G. Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20
Eph. 7:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14
Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14
Rom. 10:13, Jas. 4:2-3
Heb. 11:6
John 8:11, I Cor. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of authority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the Church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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