

THE COMMUNITY

By Tony Alamo

In teaching His disciples to pray, Jesus taught, "Our Father which art in Heaven [the kingdom of Heaven is within if you are born again of the Spirit, born again or carried along by the Spirit], hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven" (Matt. 6:9-10).

People, when they receive salvation, ask, "What does God want me to do?" It obviously tells us in this prayer that Jesus is teaching us to pray, that He wants us to be about our Father's business establishing the kingdom of Heaven here on earth, and that we are to make it every bit the same here on earth as it is in Heaven. Every person and every angel will be together in Heaven with God, but are the born again of the Spirit of God together here on earth? This is an excellent question and most important, because Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."

Hardly any born of the Spirit Christians are living a Christian kingdom community life on earth where everyone has everything in common, which is the community life we see in the book of Acts or The Acts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:42-



*Pastor Tony Alamo with his late wife Susan
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47, 4:32-35). The entire book shows that the Holy Spirit fills the lives of the apostles with the presence of the Son of God. We start out with the first account Luke wrote in the book of Acts, "all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1), and throughout the book of Acts, all that Jesus continued to do and teach.

The Holy Spirit was sent down from Heaven.¹ Born of the Spirit Christians are the mystical body of Christ. This body is

not one member, but many.² The body of Christ is composed of many people, so the church of the true born-again Christians cannot be divided in doctrine or spirit. We must be together (one body). If not, we will be divided. Jesus said, "If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand" (Mark 3:24).

If we refuse to keep the first commandment, what good would it do if we kept the others? "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). The first and most important is this. When a scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:28-31). These commandments are impossible to keep unless we give up our old life—everything—to give God ALL of ourselves "undivided." This is giving us true illumination. The inspired Word commands "ALL."³ Jesus, who is

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God, commands “ALL” (Matt. 22:37-38). The kingdom of Heaven is at hand when the entire Godhead lives in our hearts and we live the book of Acts life communally, as all Israel did with Moses for 40 years, as Joshua did for 40 years, and the apostles, and as our church has done for over 44 years. In these terrible times we must be as one body. Jesus said so.

When the 120 born-again Christians were together in the upper room, they received the power from on high, “the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.” We need that power in these last days of major tribulation. Jesus said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).⁴ “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4). They were all together, not divided—then God moved for them, giving them ALL POWER.

Today the devil knows how much better it is for Christians to be together and not divided. As you see in the press, he is doing everything in his power to divide the church of the strongest Christians. We were warned of these times. We have been told to prepare our hearts for sorrow⁵ and “Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them” (Joshua 1:6). “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together and had all things common [community living, the

best living in the world, where people help and support one another]; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:42-47).⁶

These scriptures show that when the Godhead is living within, “The kingdom of Heaven is at hand” (Matt. 4:17), and if they are a community, with all things in common, the kingdom of Heaven is established on earth as it is in Heaven (Matt. 6:10). If you’re opposed to this kingdom way of living, you are divided from the brothers and sisters and cannot

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⁶ Acts 4:32-35

Canada

To Alamo Ministries,

I am extremely moved by your ministries, and visit the website often. However, this is just not enough for me. I need to be out of this corrupt world, and inside the safe havens of your church. I have thought several times of just packing up and driving down to Arkansas. I feel as though God is telling me to follow with you, and that, that is where I need to be in the world.

I am twenty-three years old, and I am afraid of drifting away from God at such a young age. There are so many satanic things around me. I am hoping for your blessing in coming to you. God bless you in your righteous ways.

Sincerely,
S.C.

Alberta, Canada

Italy

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

Shalom! Partner, I would like to help you expand your blessed ministry and reach more people for Christ, by giving you the names of my Christian friend ministers, or I would like to receive your gospel literature of the Lord Jesus Christ for them. They will be encouraged as they read the reports of what God is doing through your blessed ministry in the nations of the world, and in Italy stated.

With your help we can more than double our outreach. I recommend sending materials of different kinds to the following address.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

In Christ’s love,
P.O.

Sao Paulo, Italy

Nigeria

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Glory be to the Lord in the highest for using you to preach the gospel to the people of the world.

I was once an idolater, but now I thank the Almighty God that when I read your book entitled, *The Messiah*, my style of living has changed drastically, and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I now realize that what I was doing before was totally wrong in the eyes of God, and I thank God that when I read your book, God revealed Himself to me and brought me into the light.

I am now worshipping with the people of God, but I have no Christian books to read in order to know more about the Word of God. Please, Pastor Alamo, I would like it if you could send me a King James Version Bible and your literature.

Sir, I’m very glad and thankful my request will not fail.
T.O.

Lagos State, Nigeria, Africa

⁴ Luke 24:49 ⁵ Matt. 24:3-8, John 16:20-22, II Cor. 6:4-10

Letters to Pastor Tony Alamo

Arkansas

Dear Pastor,

My salvation was so fantastic, my coming to this ministry so supernatural! Three days after I was saved in Canyon Country, CA, the Lord revealed Himself to me in the prayer room. I had never dreamed God is so real. I was so happy, I cannot describe it!

After that experience, I felt the Spirit of God often. I had heard about faith walks but to me, that was no big deal, because I felt so confident. I knew God was so real that I would blast through any and all trials that could possibly come my way.

Within a very short time I was in the clutches of a faith walk that blew my mind. I never dreamed God would require of me anything like that. To me at that time, it was so severe. That was the darkest hour I have ever lived. It seemed so impossible. It lasted a short time. To me, it was never-ending. I lost hope. I was just hanging on. I was a visiting Christian. I was all alone. But I refused to go back into a life of sin. Yes, the devil was accusing me relentlessly.

During my darkest hour, after another sleepless, hopeless night, as the sun began to rise at the break of day I felt the Spirit of God. At first I wondered what it could mean. It seemed so long since I had felt the Spirit.

Then I began to hear music in the Spirit. I did not hear this music with my carnal ear. It was Heavenly music. It was loud and powerful. It filled the room I was in. It was the King of kings.

Then, the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, came into the room. I did not see Him. I felt His presence. I knew exactly where He was in the room. Then the Lord spoke to me in the Spirit. I did not hear a voice.

The Lord spoke three sentences to me. He said, "I was right there all the time!"



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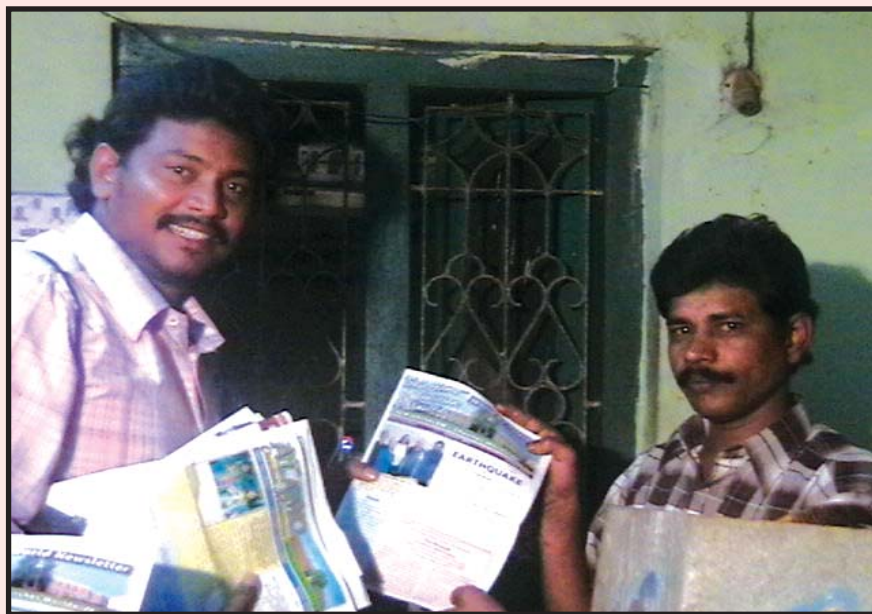
Where was your faith? You have to believe!"

When He said the word BELIEVE, my understanding opened to that word. Believe; when you don't feel the Spirit, when you don't see God moving, when you don't understand; continue on. Just believe. Sometimes it's just blind faith. But know God is there. Thus, I was reproved, yet so totally encouraged. I was so happy once again.

My situation hadn't changed one bit, but my outlook was totally changed. I was instantly healed of the trial I had been through. It was as though it had never happened. I thought, how could I have been so weak? How could I have doubted? I can't wait till my next trial. I'll show the Lord I'll never doubt again! This happened to me in March, 1977.

G.S.

Texarkana, AR



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Chile

(Translated from Spanish)

Respected Gentlemen,

We would be very grateful from our hearts if you would continue sending us your materials which have been a very big blessing to many people, who give good witness of the external and internal transformation which has occurred in them. We believe that God is achieving great transformations in the hearts of man through His Word. It is for this reason that we solicit you, in the love of Christ, that you continue sending us these wonderful blessings which change many lives in our country.

May God keep and bless you, and may He prosper you in your work and your health. Many blessings from your Latin American brothers. Christ unites us all in one Spirit.

R.F.

Concepcion, Chile

Beloved Pastor and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus' name. The purpose for my letter is to request Bibles once again, and sweatshirts and T-shirts. Here in my city, we are evangelizing through the support of materials from you. A lot of souls have given themselves over to God in the different cities we have visited, but we are in need of more Bibles. I also need more T-shirts and sweatshirts. Thank you for your help.

We're praying and fasting that God will bless you abundantly and prosper you. Good-bye for now, and may God bless you more each day.

J.S.

Talcahuano, Chile

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enter Heaven. Heaven must be first entered here on earth.

People living in the kingdom of Heaven community here on earth have all things provided for them, so that they need “take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles [the unsaved and those without knowledge] seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and His righteousness [God’s commandments]; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (Matt. 6:31-34).

Remember, if you don’t follow these rules (the kingdom of God life here on earth), you separate yourself out of the heavenly life too.

Start out now by accepting the kingdom of Heaven in your heart. When the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom

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of God should come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ...for, behold, [in other words look, you can see it in op-

eration like you see it in Me in operation] the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:20-21). Get the kingdom of God now. Say this prayer:

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.² I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.³ I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit,⁴ and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁵ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.⁶ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.⁷ 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.⁸ Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁹ Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁰ 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.¹¹

1 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-7 5 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6 I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 10 Heb. 11:6 11 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 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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