

ARE YOU BELIEVING THE PROPHETS OF GOD OR THE FALSE PROPHETS?

by Tony Alamo

Ephesians 4:13 states, "Till we all [arrive at the oneness] of the faith, and of the [full] knowledge of the SON of GOD...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST." We are to be filled with CHRIST.¹ We are to be the fullness of GOD, filled with GOD. To arrive at the oneness of the faith is to arrive at the oneness of the full knowledge of the SON of GOD. We are to arrive, and we must arrive! However, Paul first speaks of the knowledge of the SON of GOD, then speaks of the measure of the stature of CHRIST, not of the SON of GOD, though HE is the SON of GOD. What is the difference between the SON of GOD and CHRIST? In terms of HIS person, the LORD JESUS is the SON of GOD; HE is also CHRIST. In terms of HIS work, HE is CHRIST. The ONE we know is the SON of GOD, the LIFE of GOD; we also know HIM as CHRIST, the MESSIAH, the MIGHTY GOD, GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL. In the end, we grow up unto the measure of the stature of CHRIST, if we continue in HIM.²



Tony and Susan Alamo and some of the souls they won to the Lord on their international television program
Picture taken 1973

In us, there is the LIFE of GOD.³ Through us, HE does HIS work, and on us is the yoke, the work of CHRIST in GOD.⁴ The term "SON of GOD" emphasized the fact that GOD'S LIFE, which is CHRIST, has entered into us. Without CHRIST, GOD has no LIFE; and without CHRIST, we have no LIFE, because CHRIST is the LIFE.⁵ JESUS said, "I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE" (John 14:6).

GOD'S work is CHRIST HIMSELF; CHRIST'S work is to work GOD HIMSELF into us. The ONE we know

through CHRIST is GOD, as well as the SON of GOD. Eventually, however, the issue of our growth is GOD in CHRIST.

We need to have the realization through the HOLY SPIRIT that the SON of GOD is always GOD, the LIFE of GOD, and CHRIST always does GOD'S work both in and through us, if we are saved. Since the SON of GOD is the LIFE of GOD, HE has the nature of GOD. Since CHRIST is GOD'S work, HE is GOD'S plan.

In the church, GOD wants the saints to grow into the measure of the stature of CHRIST by knowing CHRIST. This implies that GOD'S LIFE and nature are in the saints. At the same time, GOD'S yoke, HIS work, and HIS plan are also upon the saints. In other words, the saints have GOD'S LIFE and nature within them as a result of the accomplished work, the yoke, of CHRIST which is upon them.

If anyone tells you that you don't need to work, they are not telling you

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¹ Ezek. 36:27, John 14:15-20, 23, 26, 15:3-7, 17:21-23, 26, Rom. 8:10-11, 1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17, 2 Cor. 6:16-18, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 1:15-23, 3:16-21, 4:4-6, 11-13, 5:18, Phlp. 2:13, Col. 1:9-11, 27-29, 2:8-10, 2 Tim. 1:14, 1 John 3:24, 4:4, Rev. 3:19-21 ² Matt. 10:22, John 8:31-32, Rom. 2:6-7, 8:35-39, 1 Cor. 1:4-7, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, 8:7, Eph. 2:18-22, 4:11-16, Phlp. 3:12-14, Col. 1:9-11, 21-23, 2:6-7, 1 Thes. 4:1, Heb. 3:14, 4:1, 9-16, 6:10-15, 9:14, 10:35-39, 12:1-4, 2 Pet. 3:18 ³ John 4:14, 6:53-58, Rom. 6:11, 8:10, 2 Cor. 4:6-12, 5:5, Col. 3:4 ⁴ Matt. 11:28-30, John 14:12-15, 21-24, 15:1-8, 1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17, 15:10, 57-58, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, 6:1, Eph. 2:20-22, Phlp. 2:12-13, Col. 1:27-29 ⁵ Isa. 44:3-6, John 1:1-4, 3:14-21, 36, 6:27, 32-40, 47-58, 7:37-38, 10:7-9, 11:25-27, 12:44-50, 14:6, 17:2-3, 20:31, Rom. 6:23, 8:9-11, Gal. 2:20, Col. 1:12-20, 3:1-4, 2 Tim. 1:1, 8-10, 1 John 1:1-3, 5:11-13, 20

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the truth.⁶ What they are doing is telling CHRIST not to work both in and through you, even though CHRIST says, “Come unto ME, all ye that labor [do secular work] and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest [permanent Sabbath]. Take MY yoke [Spiritual labor] upon you, and learn of ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest [permanent Sabbath] unto your souls. For MY yoke [Spiritual work] is easy, and MY burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

JESUS tells us in Revelation 3:21, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with ME in MY throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with MY FATHER in HIS throne.”

Our service in the church should cause the saints to know the SON of GOD, to know the LIFE and nature of GOD in HIS SON, which is to know the LIFE and nature of GOD HIMSELF. A newly saved person may only know that he has peace and joy. He may not realize that the LIFE of GOD is in him. Through our service and fellowship, newly saved individuals should realize they have the LIFE and nature of GOD through CHRIST living in them.

First John 5:12 states that he who has the SON of GOD has the LIFE; the ETERNAL LIFE is in the SON of GOD. When we speak of the SON of GOD and LIFE EVERLASTING, we speak of GOD’S LIFE and GOD’S nature; GOD’S LIFE and nature are in the SON of GOD.

We are an extension of CHRIST in this world. CHRIST spoke to the multitudes, and wherever CHRIST was, the multitudes followed HIM.⁷ This is because they loved what HE was tell-

ing them and doing for them. If you are an extension of CHRIST,

you are doing the same thing. Whether you are in a large city or small town, you are winning souls, praying for people, helping them, and teaching them. If you’re a Christian, GOD is in you, and GOD produces the work of GOD both in and through you.⁸

Matthew 11:1-19 shows us the kind of work we are to do. JESUS tells us in these verses: “And it came to pass, when JESUS had made an end of commanding HIS twelve disciples, HE departed thence TO TEACH AND TO PREACH in their cities [not to just distribute literature]. Now when John had heard in the prison the WORKS of CHRIST, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto HIM, Art THOU HE that should come, or do we look for another? JESUS answered and said unto them, Go and show John AGAIN those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in ME” (Matthew 11:1-6).

But JESUS, are YOU saying we are not to believe someone who tells us YOU’RE born out of wedlock? If people tell us YOU’RE a glutton and a winebibber, are we not to believe them?⁹ What if they tell us YOU’RE also having a sexual relationship with Mary Magdalene? Are we not to believe that? What about that other woman they brought to YOU who was caught in the very act of adultery? YOU never had sex with her? Even the Pharisees said YOU did all these miracles in the name of Beelzebub, the devil,¹⁰ and didn’t YOU say that YOU’RE the SON of GOD?¹¹ Come on, JESUS! Fess up! Are these accusations true? What about all

those accusations against one of YOUR followers, whose name is Tony Alamo? Are we supposed to believe that YOU and he are of GOD? JESUS said, “The disciple is not above his MASTER, nor the servant above his LORD. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his MASTER, and the servant as his LORD. If they have called the MASTER of the house Beelzebub [the devil], how much more shall they call them of his household [call Christians the devil]?” (Matthew 10:24-25).

“JESUS answered them [the Pharisees, the religious people], Verily, verily, I say unto you [Pharisees], Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the SON abideth ever. If the SON therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill ME, because MY WORD hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with MY FATHER: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

“They answered and said unto HIM, Abraham is our father. JESUS saith unto them, If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill ME, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of GOD: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father.”

“Then said they to HIM, We be not born of fornication; we have one FATHER, even GOD. JESUS said unto them, If GOD were your FATHER, ye would love ME [keep MY commandments¹²]: for I proceeded forth and came from GOD; neither came I of MYSELF, but HE sent ME. Why do ye not understand MY speech? even because ye cannot hear MY WORD. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the

¹² John 14:15, 21-24, 15:10, 1 John 5:2-3, 2 John 6

⁶ Prov. 24:11-12, Ezek. 3:17-21, 16:49, 33:1-9, 34:7-10, Matt. 3:10, 12:30, chap. 25, Mark 8:34-38, John 6:27, 12:23-26, 15:1-19, 1 Cor. 1:21, 3:8-9, 9:16, 15:58, 2 Cor. 5:9-11, 1 Tim. 5:17, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:15-17, 4:5-8, Titus 2:11-15, Heb. 4:10-11, James 2:11-26, 1 Pet. 1:17, Rev. 20:12-13 ⁷ Matt. 4:25, 8:1, 9:35-36, 12:15, 13:2, 15:30, 19:1-2, 21:8-9, Luke 8:43-45 ⁸ Matt. 5:13-16, 10:1, 5-8, 38-39, 20:26-28, 25: 31-40, Mark 6:12-13, 16:15-18, Luke 10:1, 17, John 14:12, 15, 21-24, 15:1-8, 14-16, Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 3:9, 16, 15:10, 57-58, 2 Cor. 5:18-20, 6:1, Gal. 6:4-10, Phlp. 2:12-13, 4:13, Col. 1:27-29, Heb. 13:5-6, James 2:17, 26, 1 Pet. 1:15-16 ⁹ Matt. 11:16-19 ¹⁰ Matt. 10:24-25, 12:22-32 ¹¹ Luke 22:66-71, John 9:35-38, 10:30-38, 19:6-7



truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a LIAR, and the father of it" (John 8:34-44).

"Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his LORD. If they have persecuted ME, they will also persecute you; if they have kept MY saying, they will keep yours also" (John 15:20).

Our service in this present world is to lead the brothers and sisters, along with those in the world who will come, to acquire GOD'S LIFE and nature, thereby allowing GOD'S plan to work in them. The result of the work of GOD'S plan in us is the increase of CHRIST, the church.¹³ When CHRIST increases in us, the stature of CHRIST is increasing in us. For example, if a newly saved person lives in the LIFE of the SON of GOD, GOD'S plan will work inwardly and cause the element of CHRIST to increase in him. The measure of the stature of CHRIST will also increase. To walk in the SPIRIT is the goal we must both focus on and arrive at while we are carrying out the work of ministering the WORD (CHRIST) to the saints and to the world.¹⁴

Our service in the church is to lead the brothers and sisters to know the SON of GOD with the view that CHRIST will increase in them so that eventually they will arrive at the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST. In order to arrive at such a goal, we need to constantly pay attention to the building blocks we use. The building blocks that

we use in order to bring people to know the SON of GOD and have the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST are a very important matter. For example, when we manufacture anything, we must pay attention to the material that we use in addition to all the other details of the product. In Christianity, the material we use must be CHRIST.¹⁵ We can bring the saints to know the SON of GOD only by using the SON of GOD as the material we build with. We can cause the increase of CHRIST in the saints by using only CHRIST as the material. Our preaching alone will not necessarily help the saints or the world to know the SON of GOD. In order for the saints to know the SON of GOD, we must use the SON of GOD as the building blocks; in order for the saints to have the increase of CHRIST in them, we must use CHRIST as the building blocks.

If we preach the Bible with the teachings of Buddha, the pope, or anyone else, will we cause people to know the SON of GOD, or have the increase of CHRIST? The answer is, "No! Not at all!" We can bring people to know the SON of GOD only when our preaching, our utterance, and our eloquence are the SON of GOD, when CHRIST HIMSELF is speaking through us. We cannot be loose in this matter; rather, we must grasp it firmly.

People have told me several times that I should speak about husbands loving their wives and wives submitting to their husbands because it would be difficult for them to attend church without

such messages. Frankly speaking, if I give messages on honoring parents, submitting to husbands, and loving wives, I could move many people to tears. However, I have not been sent by GOD to give this kind of message, or to reform people's ethics. Such messages do not cause people to have more of CHRIST. I am not a servant of ethics; I am a servant or slave of CHRIST.

At different times, people have told me to preach regarding Heaven and Hell. Actually, it is much easier to preach regarding Heaven and Hell than it is to preach regarding CHRIST and the cross. I could preach about Hell and Heaven forever. I could incite tremendous fear in people when preaching about Hell, and I could stir up a strong yearning in people when preaching about Heaven. However, I have not been sent to preach regarding Heaven or Hell; rather, I have seen the LORD of glory, and I have been sent by HIM. I am filled with HIM, and all my inward life, mingled with HIS LIFE, is toward HIM.

All messages are different, and not every message can cause the element of CHRIST to increase in people. Only CHRIST HIMSELF can cause people to know CHRIST and have CHRIST increase in them. If we speak to people about loving their wives, submitting to their husbands, honoring their parents, and nurturing their children, we must speak CHRIST into them as their love, submission, honoring, and nurturing. By loving CHRIST, being filled with CHRIST, fellowshiping with CHRIST, and allowing CHRIST to live both inside and outside them, people will experience the reality of submission to CHRIST. This also applies to husbands. The love with which they love their wives must come from the dispensing of CHRIST into them (Ephesians 5:25-32). Those who fellowship with CHRIST and allow CHRIST to live in them surely will respect, love, and be considerate of their wives. The care of parents for their children should be so spiritual

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¹³ Matt. 13:23, Mark 16:14-16, Luke 10:1-9, John 4:34-38, 15:5-8, Rom. 7:4, 12:1, 5-8, 1 Cor. 3:6-11, 2 Cor. 9:8-13, Eph. 2:10-22, 4:11-16, 5:22-32, Col. 1:3-6, Heb. 2:9-11, James 5:7 ¹⁴ Isa. 30:21, John 3:5, 16:13-14, Acts 1:8, Rom. 6:13, 8:1-16, 2 Cor. 1:21-22, 5:17-21, 6:16, Gal. 5:16-25, 6:8, Eph. 6:10, Philp. 1:6, 9-11, Col. 1:10-11, 29, Heb. 13:20-21, 1 John 2:20, 27, 3:24 ¹⁵ Matt. 7:24-27, 16:13-19, Luke 6:47-49, 1 Cor. 3:4-17, 10:1-4, Eph. 1:18-23, 2:19-22, Col. 1:9-23, 1 Pet. 2:4-10

From Our Twenty-four Hour Prayer and Information Line

These two brothers, Joel Padilla and Isaac Flores from El Salvador, are very much on fire for God and they thank us for the Bibles, literature, and *Messiah* books. They said that many souls are being saved through the literature!

Since many more Gospel materials are needed to win souls and do a work for the Lord, they requested a variety of literature and as many Bibles and *Messiah* books as possible. They said also that they are praying for Pastor Tony so he can get out of prison.

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that it is evident their care is CHRIST working through them. Hence, the love with which husbands love their wives is CHRIST; a parent's love, teaching, and care for their children should also be CHRIST. All of these virtues must come out of CHRIST. If we are filled with CHRIST inwardly, how can we not take care of our children? How could we not honor and be considerate of our parents? This care, honoring, and considerateness are CHRIST HIMSELF.

Our church life must be so strong that a husband's love for his wife should enable others to see CHRIST.¹⁶ A wife's submission should enable others to see CHRIST,¹⁷ and a child's considerateness and honor toward his parents should enable others to see CHRIST.¹⁸ If everything is filled with CHRIST, then whether we are speaking about filial piety, love, or submission, others can gain CHRIST through witnessing these actions.

Many false prophets, such as Joyce Meyer, preach that it's wrong to keep rules and regulations. This is very wrong. JESUS said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the LAW, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17-18). JESUS, in Revelation 3:16 and 19, stated we must even be zealous in keeping the law, or HE will spit us out of HIS mouth.

The Apostle Paul states in 1 Corinthians 11:2, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and KEEP THE ORDINANCES, as I delivered them to you." The word "ordinances" means statutes or regulations of GOD. A "statute" means an established

rule of GOD, and a "regulation" means a rule or law regulating conduct given by GOD. A "precept" is a rule of moral conduct; a maxim. (All these meanings are found in *Webster's Dictionary*.) These show us we are commanded to follow all of GOD'S rules, regulations, and laws. Romans 8:2 states we are to walk in the "LAW of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS." How is it that so many people believe the false teachers, preachers, and prophets, who say the WORD of GOD is false and they (the false prophets, teachers, and preachers, such as Joyce Meyer and Joel Osteen) are true?

Joyce Meyer teaches that a true Christian always smiles and laughs, and that we're always to enjoy life as she does, shopping for expensive clothing and dining out.¹⁹ I don't see any of this in the testimony of JESUS or any of HIS disciples, and I don't see this in any true Christian's suffering, being maligned or being persecuted in any way, which is happening today in this present world.²⁰

The Apostle Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, "Are they ministers of CHRIST? (I speak as a fool [facetiously]) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths, often. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren [such as Joel Osteen, Joyce Meyer, and thousands of today's other false prophets]; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Can you

picture the Apostle Paul enjoying this as everyday life? Do you think he was smiling and laughing through all these tribulations? Satan is not angry at the false prophets because they are on his team. They don't do anything to anger Satan; they make him happy. However, Christians do anger Satan. And this is why Satan, his army of false prophets, and other evildoers persecute us.

As I said at the beginning of this literature, "Till we all [arrive at the oneness] of the faith, and of the [full] knowledge of the SON of GOD...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST." How could any person come to the fullness of the stature of CHRIST by listening to these false prophets with their false doctrines? The Apostle Paul states in Galatians 1:8-9, "Though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man [or woman] preach any other Gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

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Missouri

Dear Pastor Tony and friends,

Hello, Brother Alamo, my name is Christopher. I am writing this letter to tell you all how much the newsletters have helped me in my time of incarceration. Just reading the stories of how other people around the world are touched, not just by God, but also by the love they get from you all as well. It has truly helped me to be able to read about how you, Brother Alamo, and others continue to wake up every day and fight the fights that we go through while being incarcerated and away from our families.

Christopher Farmington, MO

¹⁶ Eph. 5:23-33, Col. 3:19, 1 Pet. 3:7 ¹⁷ Eph. 5:22-24 1 Cor. 14:34-35, Col. 3:18, 1 Tim 2:11-15, Titus 2:5, 1 Pet. 3:1-6 ¹⁸ Eph. 6:1-3, Col. 3:20, 1 Tim. 5:4 ¹⁹ Psa. 51:17, Eccl. 2:1-2, 7:2-4, Amos 6:1, Matt. 6:24-33, Luke 8:14 ²⁰ Matt. 10:16-39, 24:8-22, Mark 8:35, 13:9-13, Luke 6:22-23, John 15:18-19, 16:1-2, 17:14, Acts 5:40-42, Rom. 8:35-37, 1 Cor. 4:9-13, 2 Cor. 4:8-12, 6:4-10, Gal. 4:29, Phlp. 1:28-29, 2 Thes. 1:4, 2 Tim. 1:8, 3:12, Heb. 10:32-34, 11:36-38, James 5:10, 1 Pet. 3:14-17, 4:12-14, 16, 1 John 3:13, Rev. 2:10, 6:9-11, 7:13-17, 12:11, 17:6, 20:4

Testimony of Avery Fairfax

Hi, my name is Avery Fairfax. I'm excited to tell you that I'm a current member of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries. I first started coming to this ministry as a visiting guest in the early part of 2012. I visited the church for about 8 months before I joined. I've been an active member now for about 7 months. I have to testify to the truth regarding how exciting, educational, and spiritually profound my experiences have been as an active member of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries.

In such a short period of time, I've learned so much from the countless CDs, books, tapes and Gospel literature produced by our world Pastor Tony Alamo. He has taught me so much about the true personality of God and who Jesus Christ really is. Pastor Tony has revealed to me via the Bible that a true Christian through Christ has the power to live a life free of sin and to keep the commandments of the living God.



Brother Avery witnessing and distributing Pastor Alamo's soul-winning literature in downtown Los Angeles

I used to be homeless before becoming a member of this ministry. This ministry took me in, gave me a place to live and gave me the responsibility of contributing to the function of the ministry by helping feed the poor and hungry, bringing them to church services, and distributing Gospel literature all over L.A. County. If it was not for this ministry, I would be on the streets, still addicted to drugs, without a place of my own to live. This ministry has changed the quality of my life and has given my life meaning and purpose. This ministry does

more for people than any other ministry I know. I've personally witnessed daily, since January 2012 to date, many homeless get picked up off of the street and brought to our church and fed spiritual food for their souls and physical food for their bodies. I've watched this happen seven days a week, and twice on Sunday.

I grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and I'm the youngest of three siblings. My mother and father worked all the time and left my older sister, brother, and an older cousin to raise me. When I was very young, my mother used to take my brother, my older sister, and me to a Baptist church every Sunday. Many Sundays she would drop us off at the church to be attended to by the elders of the church. Looking back on that early childhood experience, what stands out to me the most, and what's etched in my memory today, is the hypocrisy of the members of that church. Most of them were hypocrites who would sin all week, party hard on the weekends, and act holy on Sunday.

I remember one night seeing my father down on his knees praying as I had seen several times before. How-

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India

Praise the Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are all happy with your prayers and the grace of the Lord. We are very thankful to you to spend your valuable time for us, and also the literature which was sent by you. Here in India the people who were walking in the dark, they were worshipping idols, they are very interested to know about how they can reach the eternal life. When we were distributing the literature, they were amazed and started asking questions about Jesus' life history. We preached about Jesus Christ and His crucifixion for our sins, and how we can be delivered from the bondage of Satan. So many people are asking for your literature.

It is very beautiful and marvelous to preach about Jesus Christ. When we go to hospitals, the diseased people ask us to give them literature; it will make them healed. They also recognize Jesus Christ is the only God to heal them, and He delivered them all.

I am Jaya, unable to speak and hear, but am happy to distribute the literature. I have no house to stay. I have no place to keep my material. I have no employment, but the merciful Lord provides me all my needs in His glory. Pray for our ministry. We are continuously praying for you and your ministry. We work together to extend God's kingdom to the end of the earth.

Vengala Jaya Raju

A.P., India

Kenya

Praise God, Pastor,

Blessed be the name of the Lord who has used you to write the *Messiah* book. This is like Bible college to us. I'm using it to teach three groups in unreached areas. Pray for this region in Kenya. Also, Bible college students are studying the literature. In August, we've four days seminar to teach the book. Lastly, most of our people are not educated. We are translating the book in Swahili. Pray for us to get printing finances. Also, they need Swahili Bibles.

Patrick Nyongesa

Kitale, Kenya

Testimony of Avery Fairfax

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ever, this time I asked him why he was down on his knees. He responded by saying, "Son, I'm on my knees tonight praying to God so I can stand on my feet in the face of the enemy in the morning." Then I asked him why he never went to church with us. He said very firmly and clearly, "Because I do not fellowship with hypocrites."

The people at that Baptist church my mother took me, my brother, and sister to all believed in the lie that once you are saved, you are always saved, and you could not lose your salvation. They all, by word and deed, introduced me to the lie that it is OK to sin and you will still make it into Heaven. Needless to say, I went through my entire life believing that lie! Believing that lie made it OK for me to justify all of my sins and get deeper and deeper into sin as I got older.

I grew up in an extended family of artists, musicians, singers, etc. By the time I was 9 years old, I was singing around the house and playing musical instruments. My mother and father always got us guitars, keyboards, drums, etc. for our birthdays and Christmases. By the time I was thirteen, we formed a band of which my older sister was the lead singer. Being in the music industry, playing pop and R&B music in the '70s and '80s caused me to be exposed to all kinds of drugs and other things that went with the night-life environment. I moved to Los Angeles in 1979. My drug use became really progressive in the '80s. While living in Los Angeles, I began to speedball heroin and cocaine, and take all kinds of acid, PCP, and pills. Actually, my drug use became so addictive and abusive that I almost died several times from overdoses.

As I began not being able to function due to my addiction to drugs, I began to lose my ability to keep a job in the industry. I eventually converted to a life of crime to feed my addiction. This life of crime caused me to be in-

involved with the wrong type of people. Later in life I was eventually set up, lied on, and accused of crimes I did not commit. I was brought up on false charges that lead to a thirteen-year experience of prison time in the Ohio Penitentiary! I had to learn the legal system and eventually sue my way out of the Ohio Penitentiary. I was released from prison on December 16, 2003.

I started searching for a church that was really about love, truth, and the Word of God. All I found were buildings full of religious people with different denominational titles. I eventually settled into an Apostolic church in Columbus, Ohio, where I met a woman, got married, and had a son. The marriage only lasted for two years due to stress, strain, misunderstanding, and my choice to begin using drugs again.

I eventually decided that I would travel the country to visit my daughters and grandchildren. After visiting several states, I settled in Orlando, Florida, and enrolled in Bible college for online classes. I knew I needed to learn about God and really get right with God. However, in my carnal mind and carnal thinking, I decided what better place to learn about God than a Bible college. I enrolled in the largest Christian University in the world to learn about God online. My father had just recently died and left me some money that I used to start an entertainment and production company.

My business partner and I decided the ideal place for me to kick-start our

new entertainment company would be in Los Angeles, CA, so I booked a flight to Los Angeles from Orlando and flew to L.A. to network in the music industry. The problem was that my drinking and drug use had progressed and I was in denial. I was set up to fail perfectly.

When I first arrived in L.A., I moved in with my cousin. I eventually met a girl who lived in the West Valley area in Canoga Park. She and I hit it off really well immediately, and I moved in with her in her apartment. The problem with that set-up was that she was drinking and doing drugs just as I was. This situation was a disaster waiting to happen.

One night while doing meth and smoking crack together, she and I got into a heated argument about money, bills, etc. The result was that she decided she didn't want me living there anymore and threw all my clothes and belongings into the street. I became homeless that night and began crashing at different friends' and associates' houses. Many nights I stayed on the streets and was up all night. I always had a little bit of hustle about myself, so I hustled up some money and invested in incense and oils and began getting accounts with liquor stores, smoke shops, head shops, and mom and pop stores with my product on consignment. I was up to 13 accounts and was selling incense in night clubs and on the streets of L.A. I was doing studio work on the side, but still didn't have a place of my own to live.

Death Row

Tony Alamo Christian Ministries sends literature to U.S. inmates on death row as their execution dates draw near. We recently sent literature to the two following people in prison.

The first was Kimberly McCarthy. Her last words before being executed were, "This is not a loss. This is a win. You know where I'm going? I'm going

home to be with Jesus. Keep the faith! I love you all." After being injected and while she was barely breathing she said, "GOD IS GREAT!"

The other was Brian Davis. His final words were, "I shall not die but live. HIS word is will, and let HIS will be done. I give GOD the last word." He was injected and looked up and closed his eyes and died.

One day while in transit from one crash spot to the next, I ran into an old bass player friend of mine in Hollywood. He began telling me about the Tony Alamo Christian Ministry. He told me about the fellowship, worship, music ministry, and food that they served 7 days a week. He invited me to go with him to the church that day, but I didn't go that day, so he kept inviting me to go.

One day I was physically hungry and decided to go with him for the free food he promoted so well that the church offered. When I arrived at the church, I saw all these Gospel pamphlets on the tables. Two in particular got my attention right away. One was titled "The Pope's Secrets," and the other one was "Fugitive Pope!" I took those two and several other Gospel tracts back to Hollywood that night. After reading those tracts I knew that I had to continue visiting the church. I had knowledge of the secret societies such as Skull and Bones, Bilderbergs, Illuminati, Freemasons, etc. I knew

about the New World Order and the fact that the world governments and the UN were all evil entities. However, I had no idea that the Vatican was the corporate office and the pope was the CEO of these evil entities who takes his orders from the devil.

I had no idea that the Roman Catholic Church is the great whore that is mentioned in the book of Revelation. I had no idea that mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth is the Catholic Church headed by the pope who gets his orders from Satan. I had no idea that the beast is the satanic one-world government and its mouthpiece, the world media, and is all controlled by the Vatican and headed by the pope.

When Pastor Tony introduced me to these truths, I knew right away that God sent me to this church to position me to begin living the life of a true Christian. I understand from experience how wicked, corrupt, unjust, and satanic our judicial system

(branch of government) is. I know that the CIA, FBI, government agents set Pastor Tony up for exposing them and their boss the Vatican, pope, and their father the devil. When I learned the truth about the Vatican and their canon law, of which my Bible college built their curriculum and the foundation of their theological studies on, I had to quit that satanic college. I am excited to testify today that I'm glad to have shut down my businesses, left the music industry, and quit my satanic Bible college to join the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries.

I am truly excited about serving and growing in the Lord here at the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries. I've found a true church and a pastor who preaches and teaches the truth about God and the devil. I have fellowship with a body of true believers who not only believe the Word of God, but live by the Word of God daily.

I cannot thank God enough for speaking to my soul and making it very clear to me by His Spirit that if I continued acting the way I was acting, living the life I was living, and doing the sinful things I was doing, He would have allowed the devil to kill me with sin on my soul. God made it plain to me that I would spend all eternity in a burning Hell with perfect torments if I did not say the sinner's prayer with a sincere heart, repent, and give my life over to the service and will of God. He made me to know with absolute certainty that He is the one to be feared, respected, worshiped, and praised. He revealed to my spirit that He is the one and only true God who possesses all power! God delivered me by His power and I'm reporting and testifying that I'm no longer drinking, using drugs, or living in sin. The Lord has blessed me with His divine Spirit, power, and love through Jesus Christ, and has given me the hunger and desire to serve Him and please Him. I can truly say today I'm saved and Heaven is my destiny and promise.

Praise the Lord,
Avery Fairfax

Nigeria

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

Loving and wonderful greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The happiness of my family members and me has no limits after receiving your wonderful and devotional literature. I would like to give you my heartfelt thanks for your literature and the *Messiah* books. God has blessed us in many ways to do His service. I appreciate your spiritual knowledge, and when I am reading the literature, I feel so surprised that God has blessed you with this much spiritual knowledge! I am feeling so happy that your literature and knowledge is winning so many souls in the world. I appreciate your wonderful "Dry Bones" message also. By it, my family members and I got so much comfort. Also, some Muslim people's lives have been saved from their sins.

Brother, we are busy distributing and explaining your literature among the Muslims near the bus stations. In

Luke 19:10 Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." I am doing evangelism among unbelievers of Christ, and I would like some *Messiah* books to distribute to them, also your "Difficult Mountain" and "Dry Bones" literature; our spirits are becoming more and more strengthened.

Our family members are thanking you and appreciating you, and are also conveying regards to you and your family.

Please send all your assorted literature, both new and old, to share them with our people. Some have written you directly, and some said they will write you. So please, we need all materials necessary to prove to our people that we are one of your distributors. My two wives and eight children are in need of these materials. May God bless you and your work.

Yours in Christ,

Akim Fatimo Ondo State, Nigeria

ARE YOU BELIEVING THE PROPHETS OF GOD OR THE FALSE PROPHETS?

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You will either be filled with the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST, and because of it, spend eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven, or you will believe the false prophets with their false doctrines and spend eternity in Hell and the Lake of Fire.²¹ If your desire is to spend eternity in Heaven with CHRIST and all the saints, then for your own good, begin walking in the Law of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS by saying this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.²² I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.²³ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.²⁴ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,²⁵ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.²⁶ I open up the door of my heart, and I

invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.²⁷

Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.²⁸ 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.²⁹ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.³⁰ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.³¹ 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.³²

Then be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.³³ Diligently study the King James Version Bible, and do what it says.³⁴

Then, as JESUS commands, be a soul-winner. You can do this by becoming a distributor of Pastor Alamo's literature. We print Pastor Alamo's literature in many languages, and we

ship them all over the world. We spend millions of dollars on paper and shipping, so we need your prayers and financial help.

If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will you rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now here-with, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

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