

CHRISTMAS IS SALVATION

by Tony Alamo

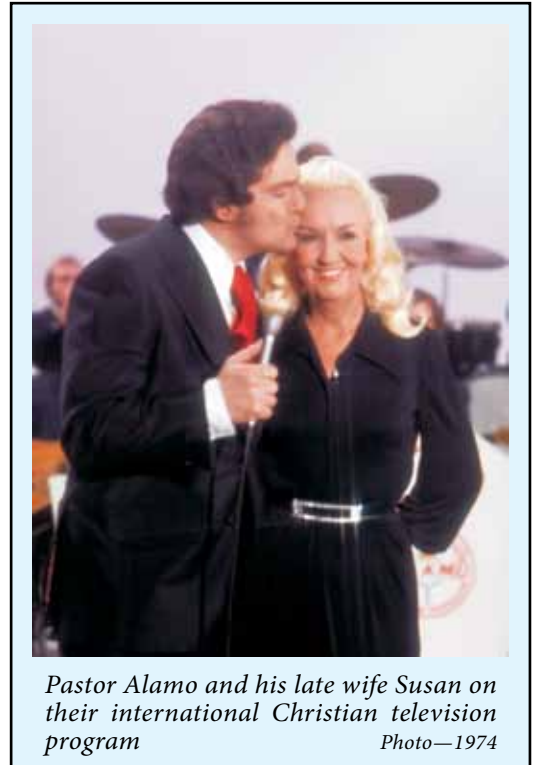
It was nine months before the day of the first Christmas, the birth of CHRIST. GOD was, as usual, sitting on HIS throne in HEAVEN.¹ “And HE [the angel of the LORD] showed me [John, the Apostle] a pure river of water of LIFE, clear as crystal.” Genesis 1:7 states, “And GOD made the firmament [which is the division between the waters of heaven and waters of earth], and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament [these waters above the firmament are the HOLY SPIRIT, the water of LIFE, which GOD sends to every believer in CHRIST²]: and it was [and it still is] so.”

Again, this water is not at all polluted, but is pure and “clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne

of GOD and of the LAMB. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of LIFE, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:1-2).

This river, which begat JESUS in Mary’s womb, is the same river that will eventually beget CHRIST with the FATHER by the SPIRIT into every future believer in CHRIST.³ This same SPIRIT is the river that shall resurrect everyone from the dead on the last day,⁴ some to everlasting LIFE, and some to everlasting shame and damnation (Daniel 12:2, Revelation 20:6).

Revelation 14:10-11 speaks of the ones that shall suffer everlasting damnation: “The same shall drink



Pastor Alamo and his late wife Susan on their international Christian television program
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of the wine of the wrath of GOD, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of HIS indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the LAMB: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast [the beast is the Vatican’s U.N., one-world government, called the New World Order, concocted by Cecil Rhodes] and his image, and whoso-

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1 1 Kings 22:19, Psa. 2:4, 9:4, 11:4, 47:8, 103:19, Isa. 6:1, 66:1, Dan. 7:9-10, Matt. 5:34-35, 23:21-22, Acts 7:48-49, Rev. 4:2-6, 9-10, 5:1, 6-7, 13, 6:16, 7:9-11, 15, 17, 12:5, 16:17, 19:4-5, 20:11, 21:5, 22:1, 3 2 John 3:5-6, 4:7-14, 7:37-39, Eph. 5:25-27, Heb. 10:21-23, 1 John 5:5-8, Rev. 21:6 3 Ezek. 36:27, John 4:13-14, 14:15-26, 15:1-11, 26, 16:7-14, 17:20-23, 26, 1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17, 6:19-20, 2 Cor. 6:16-18, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 2:18-22, Phlp. 2:12-13, Col. 1:27-29, 2 Tim. 1:14, Rev. 21:6, 22:17 4 Job 19:25-27, Psa. 17:15, 49:15, Dan. 12:1-3, Hos. 13:14, Matt. 3:11-12, 8:11-12, 13:24-43, 25:30-46, John 5:21-29, 6:39-54, 11:23-27, Acts 24:14-15, Rom. 8:10-23, 1 Cor. 6:14, 15:35-54, 2 Cor. 4:14, Rev. 20:11-15, 21:8

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ever receiveth the mark of his name.” Anyone engaging himself with this diabolical evil government, which GOD hates, should immediately repent of this sin, then be born again of the SPIRIT, the river of LIFE, and begin working for the LORD.

Again, GOD was preparing to send HIS only begotten SON from the throne of GOD into Mary’s womb, by the HOLY SPIRIT, the river of LIFE, to become the first GOD-MAN (the last Adam). “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening [LIFE-GIVING] SPIRIT” (1 Corinthians 15:45). This was to give all of humanity a second chance to recover from lives of sin, from the grip of Satan, and from an everlasting eternity in Hell, in the Lake of Fire and brimstone.⁵

CHRIST, who is the WORD of GOD, had to be born in the flesh in a different way than anyone else. HE would be a man, yet HE would be sinless because HE was begotten by the HOLY SPIRIT, the river of LIFE from the throne of the living GOD.⁶ GOD’S MESSIAH had to flow down from Heaven to become the SON of GOD in a young virgin’s womb.⁷ Mary was historically known to be around 9 or 10 years old at the time of the immaculate conception of JESUS in her womb.

There was a pouring out of GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT at that time on the whole world which has lasted until this very day. This pouring out of the HOLY SPIRIT was prophesied of by the prophet Joel in Joel 2:28-

Dear Tony Alamo Ministries,

Praise the Lord. I hope you are fine in Christ. I am very happy to be sharing my experience in God and my Gospel tour. Day by day we are growing in Christ and making people to grow in our God. Recently our Alamo team went on a Gospel tour and successfully spread the Gospel. Some of our programs are obstructed by Satan and he created some financial problems, but we overcame it by prayer. Here so many miracles are done by the Holy Spirit of God. One person in the church in his old life built temples and statues, but now he converted to Jesus. He is coming to church regularly and became prayerful. We are spreading our literature and testimony of our Pastor Tony Alamo to so many people. It is so inspiring for people to know Jesus.

Thank you so much for giving me

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the opportunity to spread the Gospel with you. So many people ask me for more literature with scriptures to spread. I am surprised by God’s miracles.

We are praying for Pastor Alamo’s speedy release. In our daily prayers, we pray that he should be released in the name of the God who knows everything. He never leaves His people. We are here to make His Word known. The only thing we have in this world is God’s Word. It never fails, so we should not lose faith, and should not cross the Word of God.

Please send some scriptures and books. It will encourage our team to do more good things for God. Praise the Lord. Please send more literature and Bibles to encourage my team. Thank you.

Darakonda Sagar
Andhra Pradesh, India

31: “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out MY SPIRIT. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.” Everyone was expecting GOD’S MESSIAH to appear upon the scene at that time.

JESUS was the first human to be born of the river of LIFE (the HOLY SPIRIT). For anyone to stay saved or to continue being saved and of the HOLY SPIRIT, one must drink of the river of LIFE and eat from

the tree of LIFE throughout every day.⁸ You must also eat the leaves of the tree of LIFE every day for the healing of the nations, or you shall surely die.

In Genesis 2:17, GOD said that the day that you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (the world), “thou shalt surely die.” When you’re not eating from the tree of LIFE and drinking from the river of LIFE throughout every day, you are certainly eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which means you shall surely die. This is from GOD, and GOD cannot lie.⁹ Hebrews 6:18 confirms this fact, stating “That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for GOD to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.” These two im-

⁵ Luke 24:46-47, John 12:23-24, Acts 26:15-18, Rom. 5:6-21, 8:32-34, 1 Cor. 15:45-57, Gal 4:4-5, Eph. chap. 2, Col. 1:12-14, 1 Thes. 1:9-10, Heb. 9:13-15, 1 Pet. 1:3-5, Rev. 1:18
⁶ Isa. 7:14-15, Rom. 8:3, Philp. 2:6-8, Heb. 2:16-18, 4:14-15, 5:8-9, 7:26-28, 9:14, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 2:22, 1 John 3:5-6, Rev. 5:1-10 ⁷ Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-37 ⁸ Deut. 8:3, Josh. 1:8, Isa. 55:1-3, Matt. 4:4, 5:6, 26:26-28, John 4:10, 14, 6:31-35, 48-58, 63, 7:37-39, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, Rev. 21:6, 22:1-2, 17 ⁹ Num. 23:19, Deut. 7:9-10, 32:4, Josh. 23:14-16, 1 Sam. 15:29, Psa. 36:5, 89:34, 100:5, 105:7-10, John 17:17, Rom. 3:4, 1 Thes. 5:24, 2 Tim. 2:13, Titus 1:1-2, Heb. 6:10-19



Pastor Karumanchi Prakasarao and his team distributing Pastor Alamo's Gospel literature in the area of Ramanakkapeta, Andhra Pradesh, South India

mutable things are that we must eat from the tree of LIFE throughout every day and drink from the river of LIFE, which is the HOLY SPIRIT, throughout every day.

Isaiah 7:14 states, "Therefore the LORD HIMSELF shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a SON, and shall call HIS name IMMANUEL." And again, Isaiah 9:6 states, "For unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given: and the government shall be upon HIS shoulder: and HIS name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from GOD unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused [engaged] to [an older, mature man named] Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou

among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with GOD. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a SON, and shalt call HIS name JESUS. HE shall be great, and shall be called the SON of the HIGHEST: and the LORD GOD shall give unto HIM the throne of HIS father David: And HE shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of HIS kingdom there shall be no end.

"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The HOLY SPIRIT shall come upon thee, and the power of the HIGHEST shall overshadow thee: therefore also that HOLY THING which shall be born of thee shall be called the SON of GOD" (Luke 1:26-35).

There were another 333 prophecies regarding the first coming

of CHRIST that were fulfilled on Christmas day and throughout HIS LIFE.¹⁰ Many of the people of the world were aware of a few of these prophecies. Even the wicked King Herod became aware of some of them, such as CHRIST being born in Bethlehem of Judea. When wicked King Herod "had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where CHRIST should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule MY people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the YOUNG CHILD; and when ye have found HIM, bring me word again, that I may come and worship

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HIM also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the YOUNG CHILD was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the YOUNG CHILD with Mary HIS mother, and fell down, and worshipped HIM: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto HIM gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

“And being warned of GOD in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the LORD appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the YOUNG CHILD and HIS mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the YOUNG CHILD to destroy HIM. When he arose, he took the YOUNG CHILD and HIS mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called MY SON.

“Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet,

saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not” (Matthew 2:4-18).

Many people don't receive CHRIST nor continue in HIM for fear of persecution and tribulation.¹¹ Matthew 13:20-21 states, “But he that received the SEED into stony places [a stony heart], the same is he that heareth the WORD, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the WORD, by and by he is offended”—and I might add, frightened. People may say, “Oh! Oh! I didn't want this! I wanted to have the benefits and glory and rewards of salvation, but not this (persecution and tribulation).” So they fall away from the LORD, then spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, which is far worse than a little tribulation and persecution. We should all thank GOD that JESUS, Mary and Joseph never fell away from their persecution and tribulation.

On Christmas day, the SAVIOR was born. Even more than the SAVIOR, the CREATOR of Heaven and earth was born in the flesh.¹² HE also created the sun, the moon, all of the galaxies, planets, and stars, oxygen, gravity, every atom, and every molecule. John 1:3-5 states, “All things were made by HIM; and without HIM was not anything made that was made. In HIM was LIFE, and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men. And the LIGHT shineth in darkness [this dark world]; and the darkness comprehended it not [the darkened, carnal people of this world cannot understand things of the spiritual realm].”

When people visualize CHRIST sitting on HIS throne in Heaven (and we must visualize, otherwise we perish¹³), we see this river of the water of LIFE “proceeding out of the throne of GOD and of the LAMB [HIS throne]. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of LIFE [which is also symbolic of JESUS, the WORD of GOD], which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:1-2).

The human mind cannot at all comprehend all of the things that the almighty power of GOD is doing, especially all that HE is doing all at the same time. I will begin first at HIS dealing with the trials and tribulations of every human, their sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities, their happinesses and sorrows, their births and their deaths, their healings, their prayers, their ministering and receiving of HIS WORD, their wars and their rumors of wars. Then there are HIS dealings with people who are contemplating murder, abortion, suicide, and all other sins, such as homosexuality, adultery, fornication, lesbianism, and bestiality. GOD is very much aware of every blade of grass, as well as the digestive organism of every bird, every fish, every animal, and every human. HE'S very much aware of every human's emotions and every person's desires. HE knows when anyone sets HIM aside as being nothing.¹⁴

There's a parable regarding this

14 1 Sam. 16:7, 1 Kings 8:39, 2 Kings 19:27, 1 Chron. 28:9, Job 31:4, 34:21-22, 25, Psa. 44:21, Psa. 50:21-22, 139:1-6, 12-16, Prov. 1:25-33, 15:3, 11, Isa. 42:9, Jer. 16:17, Ezek. 11:5, Matt. 6:8, Luke 16:15, Acts 15:18



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11 Matt. 7:13-14, 10:16-22, 34-39, 13:3-9, 18-23, 24:8-13, Mark 4:14-19, Luke 9:23-26, 62, Heb. 10:32-39, 12:1-4, Rev. 21:7-8 **12** Isa. 9:6-7, Luke 1:31-35, Phlp. 2:5-11, Col. 1:12-20 **13** Prov. 29:18, Matt. 13:10-16, Acts 28:27, Rom. 8:24-25, 2 Cor. 9:24-25, Phlp. 3:13-15

Missouri

Dear Pastor Alamo,

May the grace and the anointing of God that surpasses all understanding and knowledge through His Son Jesus Christ rest on you and your ministry. I made a call in November to the witnessing line for prayer for my wife; she has cancer. I have dealt with a lot of heart problems. Your prayers are very helpful to me and my family. I pray every day and night for my loved ones and Pastor Alamo. You have been very helpful in allowing me to reach a higher level of spiritual awareness. I know that my soul has been converted to the Lord by this material that you sent to me. I have told many brothers about you. Thanks so much for your help. I pray that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will release me from this prison. I have a parole date coming in February. I also pray that you will be released very soon as well.

Robert Green

Farmington, MO

in the Bible. It is the parable of the mustard seed, which JESUS put forth before the people, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven [the WORD of GOD] is like to a grain of mustard seed [the people of this world consider the WORD of GOD, the Kingdom of Heaven, to be nothing, the smallest of all things, the smallest of all seeds (WORDS)], which a man took, and sowed in his field [his heart]: Which indeed [the mustard seed] is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof” (Matthew 13:31-32).

When the WORD of GOD by faith takes hold in a person’s heart, it becomes a huge tree, because a person who has faith begins to proclaim the WORD of GOD far and wide, and a church eventuates from him. However, when a church eventuates, it becomes inhabited with many people. Some demon-possessed people infiltrate into the church, attempting to destroy it by their sowing of false doctrine and making false accusations of the elders in their submission to Satan.¹⁵

The demons in this parable are symbolized as the fowls of the air that come and lodge in the branches thereof. They are in every true church. Satan’s work is to hinder the work of GOD in every way he knows, and he knows a lot of different ways.¹⁶ He’s had 7,000 years of experience. This is why we must put on the mind of CHRIST (1 Corinthians 2:16) and the full armor of GOD (Ephesians 6:11) so we can stand against the wiles of the devil.¹⁷ 1 Peter 5:8 states, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seek-

ing whom he may devour.” Therefore, “Submit yourselves therefore to GOD. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

It seems to be a chore for the people in the world to keep themselves from the distractions of this present world. They find it hard to keep their minds stayed upon the throne of GOD, CHRIST with HIS FATHER that sits upon it, and the seven SPIRITS of GOD, which are the eyes of GOD mentioned in the book of Zechariah, chapter 4, verse 10: “Those seven [SPIRITS of GOD]; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.” Also, Isaiah 11:2 tells the names of the seven SPIRITS of GOD, which are 1) the SPIRIT of GOD, 2) the SPIRIT of wisdom, 3) the SPIRIT of understanding, 4) the SPIRIT of counsel, 5) the SPIRIT of might, 6) the SPIRIT of knowledge, and 7) the SPIRIT of the fear of the LORD.

Revelation 1:4 states, “John to the seven churches which are in Asia [Turkey]: Grace be unto you, and peace, from HIM which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven SPIRITS which

are before HIS throne.” And Revelation 3:1 states, “These things saith HE [JESUS] that hath the seven SPIRITS of GOD, and the seven stars.”

With all the world’s distractions, you may not be conscious of the fact that GOD knows everything that’s going on in the entire universe, or that HIS SPIRIT knows exactly what you are thinking and where you are. HE knows everything about you.¹⁸ The problem is that you don’t know that GOD is pouring out HIS river of LIFE, HIS SPIRIT of LIFE, down upon you to receive as your eternal LIFE. You have temporal life, which will end soon, maybe sooner than you think. However, GOD wants you to receive HIS eternal LIFE into your eternal human spirit so that you can spend eternity with HIM in Heaven.

You have a body, a soul, and a spirit. The Bible says that the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63), and the sinful soul is to be shunned, but your spirit—if you want eternal LIFE—must receive the eternal LIFE SPIRIT of CHRIST into it. The river of eternal LIFE is waiting for you to re-

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15 Dan. 11:30-32, Matt. 7:13-23, 10:16-18, 21-28, 13:24-31, 36-43, 47-50, 24:9-12, Acts 20:28-31, Gal. 2:3-5, 2 Pet. chap. 2, 1 John 2:18-19, 4:1-6, 2 John 7-11, Jude 3-19 **16** Isa. 14:4-20, Matt. 24:24, John 8:44, 10:10, 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 11:13-15, 2 Thes. 2:3-12, 1 Pet. 5:8, 1 John 4:1, Rev. 2:9, 12:9, 13:1-8, 11-14, 16:13-14, 20:8-15 **17** 1 Cor. 2:11-16, 15:57-58, 16:13, 2 Cor. 6:1, 4-7, 10:3-6, Eph. 4:27, 6:10-18, Php 2:5, 1 Thes. 5:3-9, 21, 1 Tim. 6:12, 2 Tim. 2:3-4, Heb. 4:12, 12:1-4, Jas. 4:7, 1 Pet. 5:8-10, 1 John 5:4 **18** Deut. 31:21, 1 Sam. 16:7, 2 Kings 19:27, 2 Chron. 16:9, Psa. 7:9, 66:7, 139:1-6, 12-16, Isa. 29:15-16, 46:9-10, 48:5, Jer. 1:5, Amos 9:1-4, Luke 12:2-7, Rom. 8:27-29, 1 John 3:20

TERRI WHITE'S TESTIMONY

The Miracle of Deliverance

I didn't come from a broken home surrounded by chaos, confusion, alcohol, or drugs, but I was brought up by loving, supportive parents who gave their lives to provide for my brother and me. We experienced that of a happy childhood, fishing, horseback riding, camping and water skiing on the weekends.

It wasn't until my eighth Christmas that I received my first Bible from my grandmother. Knowing this was a special book, I secluded myself away and read with great interest. This was not some storybook about Jesus. The impact Jesus had on the condition of the hurting humanity, the miracles, hope, and peace He left with people then, made me think, "Oh, if I could have lived then, I would have followed Jesus." Then I sank in deep disappointment because this Jesus of the Bible was not evident in this world I lived in.

My father experienced very damaging dealings with the local so-called religious clergy, and would never again go into a church, until after my salvation many years later when he came to the Tony and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation. Consequently, my brother and I were taken to Sunday school and dropped off. My small experience with the Baptist church was that we must be saved, I assumed, from Hell. The bad people like robbers, murderers, abusers, etc., would be going there, not people like us. I busied myself with horseback riding and showing my prize palomino in

show parades. He was sure to bring blue ribbons; he stole the show! One day on the way to a big parade, we were in an accident and my horse, Amigo, was killed. I was shattered; my dreams were gone. It would be quite some time in the future before I involved myself with horses again.

My friends at school persuaded me from every side to indulge in the fast-rising realm of drugs and hallucinogenics. After my high school graduation, my parents moved us to a better environment. We relocated in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado right next to the Little Cimarron River. We were surrounded by lakes, rivers, mountains, and mesas on each side of us. The neighboring hunting lodge was across the lake, and it was renowned for hunting and fishing. I was hired on at the lodge as the trail ride guide. I spent hours taking care of the lodge's horses which were used for hunting trips. One particular day as I was riding alone, I reached the highest part of the West Mesa. As I was surveying the majestic view, I was overwhelmed by the golden-leaved aspen trees, the crisp, deep smell of the pines, the orange scrub brush, and the rushing rivers, so clean you could smell it. These questions haunted me: All this exquisite beauty God created, but why didn't I have this beauty inside of me? Why were my thoughts and desires evil, selfish, and vain? Why did it seem as though I had this wild animal inside of me? I was left frustrated with only more questions.



Sister Terri White

Without any control or thought, I walked all over the people who loved me. I left and didn't look back. The next year I fell so deeply out of touch with the crumbling world around me. I saw nothing to give my life to or build on. I drifted from town to town, state to state, from one drug party to another. I consumed enough alcohol and pills and pot to kill any normal person. But the real wake-up call came after a series of events that jolted me out of my hazy stupor. Somehow I survived a drug overdose, a fire explosion, a boat accident, and being kidnapped when hitchhiking. I also survived an incident where I pulled a gun on the person that beat up my brother. This last event was the dawning of the day that made me know that I was so out of control. God surely was so angry with me that I knew I was headed straight for Hell. How could I possibly undo what I had done to myself and the other lives I destroyed?

I came to Hollywood, CA, for one purpose which was to make money

and then head to the mountains to try to hide from the harsh realities around me. I hated the city and especially Hollywood. I knew as soon as I got there that I had blown it. The money I made was stolen, and I was too proud to call my parents for help. I was too afraid to hitchhike; I was trapped like a rat. Then the next week on Sunset Strip, I encountered groups of young people who looked like everyone else, but their purpose was worlds apart from the others. The street people used to mock them calling them the "God Squad." When these same people spoke to me, they spoke with authority and genuine concern. I couldn't escape the urgency of their message. "Jesus Christ is coming back to earth. Repent or Perish. Make peace with God while there is time. Jesus is coming back to earth with a rod of vengeance against all those that don't know Him. Hell is forever. We are living in the last days. Get right with God before it is too late. Come to the church services we have every night and find out more."

The word "Hell" hit me so hard because I knew it was true. It registered loud and clear. Immediately something inside me said, "You always said you are a seeker of the truth. *Go find out about this.*" About a week later I found my own ride and came to a church service on Crescent Heights Blvd. in Hollywood. It was on November 9, 1970. It was called the Tony and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation. I couldn't deny the strong, compelling Spirit drawing me, despite the doubt and skepticism shrouding my mind and heart. These were a natural reaction against the scams, lies, and abuse of humanity by which I had been wounded. Helplessly robbed of my

youth, it seemed I was the subject of a tragic story. I only blamed myself for the bad decisions I chose to make.

As I entered the large, two-story building filled with people who looked like hippies, there was a feeling of happiness and sincere enthusiasm which was apparent to me. Pastor Tony Alamo looked so out of place among the hippies, as he was dressed in a business suit. I purposed to scrutinize him and everything he had to say. I did not meet his wife Susan that night. The service started with lively singing of old time gospel songs. A man played "What Child Is This" on a flute, and it seemed this angelic melody was coming from Heaven. No big accompanying orchestra was there, but something was overpowering the protective defenses I had built around my heart. The tears were flowing down my face, and I was experiencing the first Holy Spirit-filled service of my entire life. I was a lost sinner about to be found. The newly saved converts gave short, but descriptive testimonials. There must have been over 100 testimonies that night. There were representatives from France, England, Canada, Australia, Mexico, South America, nearly all over the world. There were also middle-aged adults who had left their cold, dead churches to join this specialized move of God. Every one of their testimonies was so important to establish the hope and faith in me, and to peel away the layer after layer of doubt and oppression around my heart and soul. I heard about major drug addicts and pushers being delivered instantaneously by God's saving power, and about alcoholics coming clean with no delirium tremens. One man was

on his way to rob a bank when he was stopped and brought to church where he became born again, and was made a new creature after accepting Jesus as his Lord.

Pastor Alamo brought the message regarding the end-time prophecies and read from chapter 24 of Matthew. It was the simplicity of the gospel, the common-sense gospel, preached in the power of the Holy Spirit of God. How could I resist the invitation to kneel at the altar and ask Jesus into my heart? Pastor Tony also knelt down as well and led me through the sinner's prayer according to the KJV Bible. After repenting and asking Jesus to wash away my sins with His precious blood, and inviting Him into my heart, He did forgive me! I was new! The presence of the innocence of childlike faith filled my heart. Joy, peace, and hope filled me to overflowing, passing my greatest expectation. I was made a new creature. I understood and tasted the saving power, the miraculous deliverance that only Jesus Christ can give. This miracle Man of my first Bible as a child is alive and working, talking and walking with all those who open the door of their heart.

It has been over 42 years in which I have witnessed and experienced the healing, resurrecting, and saving power. I've seen too many miracles to put into this account. This is a result of Pastor Tony and his late wife Susan Alamo's profound self-sacrificing of their own lives to win souls, and to root and ground them in God's Holy Word. They taught us the pitfalls of Satan's hierarchy and exposed the Antichrist at large. I am forever grateful. To God be the glory, and the credit to our beloved Pastor Tony Alamo.

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ceive LIFE, which is CHRIST JESUS your LORD. So say this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹⁹ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.²⁰ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.²¹ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,²² and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.²³ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.²⁴ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.²⁵ 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.²⁶ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that

includes me.²⁷ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.²⁸ 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.²⁹

After salvation, Jesus said to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.³⁰ Diligently study the King James Version Bible, and do what it says.³¹

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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 'tith' 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 herewith, 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 delightful-land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

God commands us to correct and discipline our children.³² Marriage is allowed by God at puberty when children become men and women. Forbidding this is the doctrine of devils (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Pastor Alamo is in prison for preaching and doing what the Bible says.

19 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 **20** Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 **21** Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 **22** 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, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 **23** Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 **24** 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 **25** Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 **26** Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 **27** Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 **28** Heb. 11:6 **29** John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 **30** Matt. 28:19-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 **31** Josh. 1:8, Psa. 1:1-2, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 **32** Prov. 13:24, 19:18, 22:6, 15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 17, Heb. 12:5-11, Rev. 3:19

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