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IS KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD "LEGALISM" AND IS "LEGALISM" EVIL?

by Tony Alamo

Is keeping the commandments of GOD "legalism," as most preachers say today? The answer is "No!" The LORD said to beware of false prophets in these last days, and TV and the airways are full of them.¹

Actually, I kept the commandments of GOD before I ever became a Christian. At the time I received the commandment from GOD, it seemed to me it would be the hardest thing in the world for me to do. However, if I didn't keep the commandment, GOD would have killed me. The command from GOD came to me in a lawyer's office in Beverly Hills, California. The office was filled with my entourage of seventeen people. My lawyer, his wife, and some motion picture people were there.

The people from the motion picture industry and the lawyer whose office we were in, along with my lawyer and his wife, had all invited me to the office that day. They wanted to invest a large sum of money in a promotion I was doing for a singer, a young man for whom I had done a large campaign in *Billboard* magazine. *Billboard* magazine is considered to be the "Bible" of the recording (music) industry.

I recorded this singer at Decca Records in Hollywood, and released a few of his songs. They all began hitting number one on the charts. The singer was one of the best songwriters I've ever seen. To me, he was easily as good as the Beatles, who, after 50 years, are still considered to be the number one Rock and Roll group. The songs he wrote were so good that, at random, I recorded one myself, under the name of Marcus Abad, and it hit number one on radio station KOIL in Omaha, Nebraska. It sold thousands of records in Omaha. The record stores kept running out, and ordered hundreds every other day. The title of the song was "Little Yankee Girl."

I did a concert with the Beach Boys in Omaha, and hundreds of teenage girls flooded the hotel where I was staying, bringing bouquets of flowers, trolls, and invitations to very prominent people's daughters' birthday parties (one was Mary Elizabeth Storz, whose grandfather owned Storz Brewery in Omaha, Nebraska). Glen Campbell acted as lead singer for the Beach Boys, because Brian Wilson would not fly at that time. I didn't release "Little Yankee Girl" anywhere else, but I'm sure



Pastors Tony and Susan Alamo, orchestra, and choir on their international television program photo taken 1974

it would have hit number one on the national charts if I had. This was in 1964.

Also, I did the promotion for Pete Best, the former drummer of the Beatles. He rewarded me for my promotion of him and his new band with a never-before-released Beatles album, recorded in Hamburg, Germany, in 1961, which his mother had paid for. Altogether, they recorded six albums at that time, and I own one of them. My album is called "The Savage Young Beatles." I also promoted Sonny and Cher, Elvis, and many others. This is only a tiny bit of my resumé.

I changed my name to Tony Alamo when I was 16 years old. I was born Bernie LaZar Hoffman. I changed my name because I became involved with show business.

Throughout my life until I was thirty, I never believed in GOD or JESUS. I never, ever thought of THEM, nor did I ever speak of THEM. I was thirty years old at the time this commandment came to me. I didn't want any investors in the promotion I was doing for this young man. I had a big ego. I wanted everybody

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¹ Matt. 7:15, 24:4-5, 11, 23-27, 2 Pet. 2:1, 1 John 4:1

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to know that the promotion was all me, and the money was all mine. The money came from another promotion that I did on oldie but goodie record albums, LPs. I was the first one to put twenty hits on one album and advertise them on 50,000 watt radio stations. The money I used to promote this young man was from these record album offers. We were traveling around Los Angeles with an escort of six LAPD motorcycle policemen and an entourage of eleven other people, who rode in two Cadillacs and a Lincoln behind our chauffeur-driven stretch limo. A picture of all this was in a four-page spread in *Billboard* magazine. This campaign I did in *Billboard* is why the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Herman and the Hermits, Donovan, and most of the other English groups, such as P.J. Proby, wanted me to manage and promote them.

I went to this attorney's office as a favor to my attorney. He said, "Please, Tony, I owe this guy a favor. You'll really get me off the hook if you'll go there tomorrow." I said, "Okay, but you're really leaning on me, man, because I'm busy and I don't have time to visit some lawyer. We're busy over here, and I don't want or need his money. I'll go as a favor to you. But don't get upset when I don't let him invest in this promo."

The six motorcycle policemen and the stretch limo I rented were from Utter-McKinley Funeral Home, located on Hollywood Boulevard. (It was a funeral escort, but no one knew it.) I called them up and told them to come over to my apartment. They lined up in front of my apartment house, along with the three other cars that followed us. The chauffeur and I discussed the route we would take from Hollywood to the Beverly Hills attorney's office. The two lead motorcycle cops would run red lights with sirens on. The other four motorcycle cops and the limo would follow, as well as the three other cars. The motorcycle cops would stop traffic for us.

Finally, all of us were in the lawyer's office. The Jewish attorney said, "I'm so

happy to meet you, Mr. Alamo. I've been in show business for thirty-five years, and I've never seen a promotion as fantastic as the one you just did in *Billboard* magazine." He had my promotion hung up on his walls. He then said, "Hopefully, you could use some money. I'd love to have a piece of your singer-songwriter. I own a piece of the Beatles."

I was just about to answer him, saying something like, "I don't need your blankety-blank money, and I'm not selling a piece of my promotion. I'm only here because I'm doing a favor for my lawyer." But before I could get the words out of my mouth, my ears closed down to where I couldn't hear any of the noise in the office or the traffic on the streets. The windows were open, and it was a very beautiful day. We were only one flight up from the street. I felt what I now know was the breath of GOD sweep over and through me, and HIS voice began saying—not in my ears, but throughout my whole body—"I am the LORD, thy GOD; stand up on your feet and tell the people in this room about the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and that HE'S coming back to earth again, or thou shalt surely die."

I figured, "I'm a genius, and I'm flipping out. It finally has happened." I've heard of geniuses flipping out before. There was Vincent van Gogh, the artist who cut his ear off to send to his girlfriend, but threw it in the trash instead. And a friend of mine, Don Gibson, who wrote many hit songs such as "I Can't Stop Loving You" and "Oh, Lonesome Me," had to go to the insane asylum because he drank too much. Eventually, he got out and continued his career. I figured I'd check myself into a private sanitarium, make a few wallets, string a few beads, do some finger-painting, make a few purses, and come out and be okay again after I stopped hearing the voices.

Then the voice came again to me, saying, "Doubt not! I am the LORD thy GOD. Stand up on your feet and tell the people in this room about the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and that HE'S coming back to

earth again, or thou shalt surely die." This time, my mind easily opened up, and I knew there truly was a Heaven and a Hell. I said to myself, "Man! I'm really ungluing. I've never heard of anything like this before, of anyone going this crazy, hearing this voice that says it's GOD, showing me there's a Heaven and a Hell, shutting my ears off, and talking throughout my whole body, my legs, my feet, my chest, and my arms." I thought in my mind that if there was a GOD, there also must be a devil, and how would I know which one this was? I couldn't say these things in front of all these people. They would call the state insane asylum, put me in a straitjacket, and then put me in a padded cell.

I've always wanted to prove I was the smartest person alive, but if I said what this voice was telling me to say, no one would ever believe that I was smart. They would think I was crazy. I said to myself, "I've got to get out of here." So I pushed myself up, and my breath started going in and out of my body. I said, "GOD, don't kill me! I'll tell them!" I knew it was GOD. Then I said to HIM in my mind, "LORD, don't make me tell them now. I'll call them tomorrow. I'll wire every one of them." Then the breath started going out of my body again, in and out, and my heart was pounding. GOD was showing me that HE had total control over my life and my death, just as HE does over yours. So I told GOD in my mind, "Okay. I'll tell 'em now! I'll tell 'em now!"

So I tried to tell them, in as calm a voice as I could, without any emphasis at all. I said, "You guys know that I've never talked about GOD or JESUS, but right now HE'S telling me to tell you that JESUS CHRIST is coming back to earth again." I thought everybody was going to go crazy when I said those things to them. Instead, they looked at me like they were watching a movie.

Then the LORD started pulling the breath in and out of me again. HIS pow-



er was on me so strongly that I knew HE could hear what I was thinking, so I said to HIM in my mind, "What's the matter, GOD? I told them what YOU told me to say." Then, in the SPIRIT, HE put three crystal blocks in front of me, showing me how enthusiastic I was about secular promotions I had done in the past. One was for the American Health Studios and Silhouette Figure Form, Intl., showing the promotions we did in *Life* magazine and on television. We sponsored the "You Asked For it" program. Our slogan was, "Add more years to your life, and more life to your years. Take three inches off your waist in sixty days, and men, add three inches to your biceps and six inches to your chest. Join American Health Studios today. We have a special charter membership." We were making more than two million dollars a month in the 1950s. In today's economy, that would be multiplied to many more millions.

Another promotion I did in the 1960s was several oldie but goodie album offers. My ad was done by Earl McDaniel, the number one disc jockey on the number one station in Los Angeles, KFWB. The ad went like this: "Hi there!

In this world of pure insanity,
In this world of awful hate,
There is a people deep in the Gospel,
There are a people full of faith.

Though there is a great prophet in bondage,
And though he may be in chains,
He keeps on protecting the Gospel,
To the whole world he preaches faith.

Though lies are spread upon him and them
That believe the teachings of Christ,
The persecution may seem intolerable,
In the Lord Jesus they will continue to fight.

They will march through the tribulations,
They will run with zeal and faith,
Their pastor the prophet shall be delivered,
A new heaven and earth our God will create.

There will be no more insanity,
There will be no more lies and hate,
They went through the trials victoriously,
Forever with Christ they shall reign.

By Rose Pochatko

This is Earl McDaniel with the most fantastic record offer of all time! Twenty smash hits on one big album for only (under five dollars)."

The current promotion I was doing was with a young singer whose name I will not mention. My ads read, "The world's next phenomenon (and then the young man's name)."

Then GOD said to me in the SPIRIT, "Now that you know that I'm here, aren't you going to put as much emphasis on ME as you did these three worldly, nothing things that you promoted?" I said, "Oh, GOD! I'm so sorry." HE said, "Convince them!"

I remembered a movie called "Elmer Gantry" I had seen a few years before. I walked out on it because it was religious, like a religious scam, but I remembered a few words from the movie, which were, "Repent of your sins! Repent or perish!" I didn't know what else to say because I had never read the Bible, but I began saying that anyway, and even though I hadn't been saved and didn't know the Bible at all, I began doing the very thing GOD tells every saved person to do, even though most of them don't do it. I began trying to convert all the people in that room. I certainly wasn't a preacher, and if I was, I certainly wouldn't be the kind of preacher that flatters anybody with, "GOD loves ya, Brother," or "GOD loves ya, Sister." GOD shocked me out of my wits, and HE wanted me to shock them out of their wits.

My hearing started coming back in my ears, and I could hear the little Jewish attorney saying, "Get him out of here! He's *meshugganah* (crazy)." I thought to myself, "You're calling me *meshugganah*, and you're the one that asked me to come in here? If I'm crazy, I sure got you hyped out of your mind!" But at that time GOD told me by the SPIRIT, "That's enough." I was very relieved that this ordeal was over. I started walking down the one flight of stairs, and the entourage of seventeen people followed me. They were all laughing and saying, "Man, Tony! You really

put that dude on a trip." They also said, "He'll have to go to a mental institution for several years before he recuperates." I said, "I wasn't kidding. I wasn't putting the guy on a trip. GOD really was talking to me." They said, "Why would GOD talk to you? You're worse than all of us." By this time, we were downstairs. I told them to get back on their bikes and in their vehicles and go on back to Hollywood, and I would walk. I wanted to be alone with GOD. After threatening them, they got on their bikes and in their cars, and they left.

The whole world looked different to me at that point. It was wonderful to know that there was this GOD in Heaven that talks to people and gives them commandments, things to do. It was also good to know that there was someone smarter and more powerful than me. I said to HIM, "FATHER, GOD! I know that YOU'RE there now. Tell me what to do. Show me where to go, to a place that will teach me YOUR ways and what YOU want from me." I got no answers. I figured the big Catholic Church on Sunset Boulevard must know the most, because they were the biggest. This was about 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. I went to the back door of this big monastery and rang the doorbell. A nun came to the door and said, "What do you want?" I said, "I want to talk to the priest, the head of this monastery." She said, "You can't see him. It's too early in the morning." I told her, "Get him, Sister! This is important!" So she got him.

He invited me in and offered me a cigarette. He said, "What's the problem?" I told him what happened in the lawyer's office. He asked me if I was Jewish. I said, "Why are you asking me that?" He said, "Because you're one of GOD'S chosen people, and GOD is doing a work among the Jews these days."

I said, "Well, what am I supposed to do?" He answered, "Just have it in your heart to be baptized." I said, "Why don't you just baptize me instead of just telling me to have it in my heart to be baptized? I don't know how to be baptized in my heart. Look! You're the head of this big monastery. How is it you don't know

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what to tell me to do? You're supposed to be a man of GOD. Tell me what to do!" He then, in a very fearful voice, said, "Just have it in your heart to be baptized."

"Man! You don't know GOD as well as I do, and I just learned about HIM today. What a waste to have you in charge of this big monastery."

After that morning, I spent a lot of time going from one church to another—the Mormons, the Catholics, the Baptists, the Greek Orthodox, the Pentecostals, the Methodists, the Presbyterians—I went to them all, and they were all preaching the opposite of what GOD told me. They were all preaching that you don't have to keep the law. They called the law "legalism." They said that keeping the commandments of GOD was "legalism," and that GOD doesn't require us to keep the law anymore.² But I had to keep the command of GOD that day in the office, or I would be dead.

I wondered what law they were talking about. There are several laws in the Bible. There's the law, the moral law. Then there is the Levirate law, which says if your brother dies, and if he had no male child, the wife must go to the brother until he raises up seed, a son, to carry his name (Deuteronomy 25:5-6). Then there's the law of burnt sacrifices,³ which was done away with after the true sacrifice, JESUS, came into the world and died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. These burnt animal sacrifices were done away with because they were only symbolic of the coming of CHRIST.⁴ Then there is the law of sin and death, and if a man follows this law, he will spend eternity in Hell, then the Lake of Fire.⁵

Then there is the law of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS, which enters us at salvation (Romans 8:2). This is when the SPIRIT, or the BREATH of GOD (the

² Matt. 5:17-18, 22:36-40, Luke 10:25-28, 16:16-17, Rom. 3:28-31, 6:11-23, 7:4-25, 8:1-4, 1 Cor. 9:19-21, James 2:8-12
³ Ex. 29:1-25, Lev. chaps. 4, 7 ⁴ Matt. 26:28, John 6:51, Rom. 5:6-11, 2 Cor. 5:18-19, Gal. 4:4-5, Eph. 2:13-18, 5:2, Col. 1:14, 19-22, Heb. 1:3, 9:12-15, 25-26, 10:1-20, 12:24, 1 Pet. 1:18-20, 2:24, 3:18, 1 John 2:2 ⁵ Ezek. 18:4, 20, 24, Rom. 5:12, 6:16, 23, 8:2, 1 Cor. 15:56, James 1:13-15, Rev. 20:15, 21:8

COMFORTER, JESUS), which is GOD'S very LIFE, enters into us at the time of salvation, at the time we are saved. This is the same BREATH of GOD that hovered over the waters, the deep, mentioned in Genesis 1:2: "And the SPIRIT [the BREATH] of GOD moved upon the face of the waters," giving LIFE to the waters at the beginning of time, at the beginning of creation. GOD'S SPIRIT, GOD'S BREATH or LIFE, gave LIFE unto the waters so that all the things in the waters would be able to sustain their lives: all fish, all creatures of the sea, and all plant life in the sea. The SPIRIT gave LIFE to the waters, and to everything that was in the waters, the rivers, and the streams, so they could sustain life, because all life in the waters naturally does everything that GOD wants them to do. When the SPIRIT of GOD enters into a human at the time they are saved, they will naturally keep the moral law, because it is the law of LIFE. They will no longer contin-

⁶ John 17:1-4, 19:23-30, Heb. 7:11-28, 9:11-28, 10:1-22

ue sacrificing burnt offerings, animals, which were only symbolic of CHRIST, because CHRIST has already come and done HIS work.⁶ They will no longer keep the Levirate law. You don't have to marry your brother's wife if he never had a son. And we no longer have to keep the law of sin and death because "The soul that sins, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20), and "He that committeth sin is of the devil" (1 John 3:8). The entire Bible says the same thing.

The seventh chapter of the book of Romans is concluded when the Apostle Paul says in verse 24, "Who is able to deliver me from this wretched war that dwells in my flesh between my flesh and the HOLY SPIRIT that dwells in my body, lives in my body?" The solution is written in verse 25, which states, "I thank GOD through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of GOD; but with the flesh the law of sin." Therefore, if we are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we will not be able to walk in the flesh. We must walk in the "law of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS."

Democratic Republic of the Congo

(Translated from French)

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo and Members of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries,

May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be multiplied to you. Pastor, I present my warmest thanks for all that you are doing and have done by shipping the literature which presents a new method of captivating the nations for the glory and the mission of our Lord and Almighty God, Jesus Christ.

I do not want my bag or my pockets to be out of your newsletters, because everywhere I go the non-believers claim to have received publications from your ministry from my hands. Pastor, as Paul was, so I am. I have been called for the heathen and the non-believers, such as I also was. I am zealous to go everywhere to distribute your publications so that on the day of judgment no one will be able to say that they have not received the Good News.

I realize that evangelizing just with words does not have an impact on the memory of man like the work that you are doing by publishing World Newsletters which pierce the human will to know who to choose for his salvation. With your Newsletters I have the opportunity to reach the Muslims to distribute the *The Messiah* book so that the Gospel will be preached to every man, for the end is coming soon. With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you will receive some special testimonies from those to whom I have given your literature.

Pastor, please send us quantities of everything the ministry produces so that the Gospel will abound everywhere.

May the grace of our God be with you,
David Bigbawa

Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

We see this in the first verse of chapter eight of Romans, which plainly says so. Chapter eight, verse one says, “There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to them which are in CHRIST JESUS, who walk not after the flesh, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.” This is not “legalism;” this is GOD’S commandment.⁷ This is a MUST! Verse two tells of the law that we must walk in: “FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS HATH MADE ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.”

Don’t you want to be free from the law of sin and death? If you walk in that law, you will spend eternity in Hell and the Lake of Fire (after death and Hell have been thrown into the Lake of Fire) (Revelation 20:11-15). Is keeping the commandments of GOD, which is the same as walking after the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS, “legalism?” Of course it is not, but

⁷ Ezek. 36:26-28, Matt. 19:16-21, 22:36-40, Rom. 8:2-14, Gal. 5:16-18, 25

whether it is or not, it is most necessary.

All preachers will do well to use this message to preach from, rather than to keep using the message they’re currently using. We must, in order to not walk in the flesh, walk after the law of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS. And those that call it “legalism” or not—don’t ever, with a scowl on your face, call that law evil, because I’d like to see your soul in Heaven with the rest of us.

First John 2:4 says, “He that saith, I know HIM [JESUS], and keepeth not HIS

commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” JESUS said, “If ye love ME, keep MY commandments. And I will pray the FATHER, and HE shall give you another COMFORTER [which is the Baptism of the HOLY SPIRIT, CHRIST living in you by the SPIRIT], that HE may abide with you for ever” (John 14:15-16).

Now, when GOD gave me a commandment before I was saved, I did what HE said. What about you? JESUS said you must be born again of the

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Cuba

(Translated from Spanish)

My dear Brethren from the Tony Alamo Christian Ministry,

Our God is truly worthy of all glory, and we are thankful that you have supported the work in Cuba. We are distributors of Tony Alamo’s literature, and we are benefited by the doors that this literature opens to us to proclaim the Gospel. It is amazing how your literature which lashes at the errors of Rome opens the door to evangelize to the Roman Catholics. We continue praying for our brother, Tony, and for the unjust trials you face. We are very concerned for the properties and for the people who are facing this harassment by the government. We especially pray with a burden for your children.

We just received three packages of the invaluable literature, some Bibles, and *The Messiah* book, as well as sweatshirts and T-shirts.

I especially would like to thank you on behalf of my brethren. For in the economic situation in which my country lives, the T-shirts are not only an identification of the ministry which we support, but also necessary clothing and much appreciated. Thank you for the shipments and I beseech you, if possible, always send what you can because in addition to joining us to the ministry, it helps the missionary brethren.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a new year full of good news for Tony and the ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Vladimir Mayo

Villa Clara, Cuba



David Palmisano (right) witnessing and distributing Pastor Alamo’s Holy Spirit-filled literature on Hollywood Boulevard

Testimony of David Palmisano

My name is David Palmisano, and I praise and thank the Lord for my salvation. Three years ago, I believed the earth was billions of years old, that the theory of evolution was as sure as gravity, and death was the same as before I was born into the world: no consciousness before entering, so logically, no consciousness through the exit.

My favorite comedians were Bill Hicks, Bill Maher, and George Carlin, who have routinely blasphemed God.

The Bible to me was nothing more than a compilation of Jewish fairy tales, and the people who believe it I regarded as adult kindergarteners. The notion that God wrote the Bible was as absurd to me as the pope riding around in the popemobile. Therefore, when people would use the Bible to prove the Bible, it was absurdity upon absurdity. I couldn’t believe it if I tried.

Shortly after learning how the United States Nazi government perpetrated

the controlled demolition of the World Trade Center, I became a participant of the “Zeitgeist Movement” and aligned myself with internet documentaries such as “Kymatica,” and listened to speakers such as Michael Tsarion, David Wolfe, and other New Age gurus. I was also into the “Commercial Redemption” movement and was a participant of such groups as “Creditors in Commerce” and “New Trust Technology.” I thirsted and

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hungered after hidden knowledge and truth. I was searching for an answer to the question, "How do I get out of the Matrix?"

I had previously regarded Jesus Christ as another figurine knickknack like Santa Claus. However, one night after watching a video series entitled "The Labyrinth of Truth" on YouTube, something told me that Jesus Christ was a threat to this overwhelming New World Order. I asked myself, "If Jesus Christ is some made-up superstition like Santa Claus, then why all the flack from believers and non-believers?" I was an atheist, but even I couldn't reason why Jesus Christ was given all this attention if He never even existed. They don't make signs about Santa Claus about whether or not he exists. If Jesus is the equivalent to Santa Claus, then why all the flack? There's really not much flack in believing in Buddhism or Paganism or even Satanism. I realized, "Wow, Jesus is more offensive to the world than Satan!" I really enjoyed this notion of Jesus Christ being more offensive than Satan, and began professing Jesus Christ on Facebook, and one by one, I was de-friended by a multitude.

A couple weeks later after some debaucheries and escapades and my internet being cut off, I felt as if I had swam too far from the shore of basic morality. I had the Bible sitting in front of me, and I was reminded of that "Labyrinth of Truth" video that really made me interested enough to read the Bible. Once I began reading it, I remember it felt like a shelter and hiding place. I didn't want to stop reading it.

A couple weeks later, I was being faced with an abrupt eviction by my grandmother, whom I was living with at the time, and my uncle. They made flagrant accusations and wanted me out immediately even though I was paying rent and was helping around the house. Something told me to say "Jesus" to them. I asked them, "Do you believe in Jesus Christ?" Their whole body language changed, like they were hear-

ing the screeching of nails on a chalkboard. And I thought, "Wow, this really works!" My uncle called the cops and they came over and had no idea why they were called out there. The hostile situation was squashed as if it never even happened, and I realized, "Wow, Jesus just delivered me from this situation!"

That night I decided to say a form of the sinner's prayer that I found on the internet. I said to myself, "OK, I'm saved. Now what do I do?" The first thing that I noticed was that I became very aware of my cussing and using curse words. In about three weeks, I had completely stopped cursing. But I wasn't satisfied with just being saved and that's it. I wanted more; because I knew I was still sinning in every other area of my life.

Some person on the internet told me, in a matter of words, that having faith in Jesus meant to just sit back and continue in my self-centered life and let Jesus clean me up. Another person told me that all my works were dirty rags so I am not supposed to do any work and said that doing work is denying the faith. Something told me there's more to Christianity than just being saved and sitting on the couch and loafing my way to Heaven, so I kept reading the Bible to find the truth, because these people weren't making sense to me. I read in Matthew 5:44, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Something told me to do this. So, I prayed for my uncle who made a false police report on me. About two or three weeks after I prayed for him, he came over and took me out and bought me lunch at the Golden Corral and was polite to me for the first time in my life. This definite answer to prayer really stirred me to pray much, much more. The Bible was now interactive to me, not just a bunch of stories. I began talking to God like my friend and bringing the Bible with me everywhere I went.

One night, I decided to read the Bible to my grandma who had lung cancer. I read her the Gospel of Matthew. After we went to sleep, I heard her scream-

ing: "AHHH, I'M BEING PULLED DOWN THROUGH THE BED! DON'T LET HIM TAKE ME! A MAN WITH A MASK IS TRYING TO PULL ME DOWN INTO THE EARTH!" I didn't know what to say other than "ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST! ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST!" I stayed with her until she calmed down and went back to sleep. But I realized that I had hit a nerve with the invisible spiritual world. This was for real.

I prayed, "Lord, where do I go from here? My grandma is going to die, and I'm not going to have a place here anymore. Where do I go?" I thought to myself, "Oh well, I'll probably move up north into northern Michigan to live alone and to be away from society when it collapses."

A couple of weeks later, a friend from Facebook and Skype called me a night before my grandmother died and invited me to his house in Oregon to help him with his eviction and to "fight the powers that be," because I knew something about the law. I prayed, "Lord, You've answered my prayers so far, I believe this is You answering me again, so I will go." So the day after my grandma died, my uncle told me to get out of the house as I expected he would, and I was ready to make my departure from Port Huron, Michigan, to Central Point, Oregon, a 2,400 mile trip in a 21-year-old Toyota Corolla station wagon, equipped with totally shot wheel bearings, oil leaks, an overheating engine, rotted tires, one broken head lamp, no heat, no a/c, a broken passenger-side mirror, inaccurate speedometer, fake insurance, and furnished with 8 five-gallon plastic gas containers of gasoline in the back, which I had stored up in a garage in the event of economic collapse.

After about 3 days on the road, something told me to stop and check my oil. I checked it and there was no oil reading on the dipstick! My GPS said the next gas station was at least 50 miles away so I prayed, "Lord, give me a place to get some oil!" In as little as 5 minutes later, this saloon appeared in the Nevada desert. I stopped and walked in

and asked a bunch of cowboys sitting at a table, "Can anyone give me some oil?" They were very friendly and got the owner to bring me an entire case of motor oil! I was back on the road, and the next day I finally made it to my friend's house in Central Point, Oregon, with not a single scratch on me, without blowing up, without being pulled over, without an accident or incident.

I was presented with an impossible situation with very little time to prepare. His house had been foreclosed for 2 years, and now the Federal Government through their agency Fannie Mae was about to give him the house out the door in 2 weeks. Again, I went to God, "Lord, I don't know what to do here. Give me something to win this thing." Through a person on the internet, I got the answer from God: "Put in a motion for discovery for the original promissory note, the wet ink signature." It worked. The judge ruled that Fannie Mae needed the original promissory note to be considered the real party in interest, therefore my friend was awarded his duplex house with clear title and all court costs included. A house in which he owed nearly \$150,000 was now his free and clear.

Meanwhile, something told me that my life had a much higher purpose than just helping this guy. I was still sinning, and I knew I had to stop, and I couldn't. And suddenly all these questions came like a flood: "Was I really born again? Did I actually experience salvation or was I just putting on some outward show? How can I be saved if I don't feel saved? Do I have the capacity to even be saved? Is there something wrong with me? What's wrong with me? Can I really be this callous? Do I shudder at all or feel the slightest bit sorry for my sins? How could I be so callous and nonchalant and say I love Jesus?" Each question had the common denominator: I, I, I, and ME, ME, ME. The flood of hopelessness and despair overwhelmed me. I was desperate to do anything to be saved. I asked my friend (a professing Christian) to baptize me in his hot tub. He agreed, I got baptized in his hot tub,

and continued in my sin approximately 30 minutes later. The despair flooded me with the thought that it was impossible for me to be saved. No matter how hard I tried to not sin or be a good person or to love God with all my heart, soul and strength, I failed. Everything I did was sin. Every breath was sin.

Self-pity saturated me. I had read of the born-again experience where people were changed. But as for me, I had so nonchalantly accepted the Lord as if I were ordering through a McDonald's drive thru. I was profane from the very outset of this pilgrimage. I sought help on the internet through Facebook from people calling themselves Christians who couldn't help me even if they wanted to. It was the blind seeking the help of the blind, limp, deaf, paralyzed, plastic, professing followers of another Christ. I prayed, "Help!"

I eventually joined a group on Facebook which exposed the Vatican. I met a lady who told me her supernatural testimony about how she got saved. I had never heard anything like that before, but I believed her and could tell she wasn't making it up. She sent me a newsletter from the Tony Alamo Ministries entitled "Be Ye Transformed." I read it and knew this is what I was looking for: To be changed. The invitation was in the message to join the ministry and become something entirely different, a new creature in Christ, more than just a man or human being, but a Son of God.

I researched the ministry and found that it was under intense persecution from the mainstream media, portraying Tony Alamo as some kind of crazy nut job. I knew everything they were saying about Tony was all lies, because Tony was exposing 9-11 and going against the Vatican. But I still prayed, "Lord, give me a sign or something to make me know I'm supposed to go here." And there appeared to me a line of crosses which stood out to me on the road. I took that as my cue. I straightway left Oregon for Los Angeles on September 1, 2011.

When I arrived here at the Los Angeles Tony Alamo Church, I was delivered from the bondage of sin that I was in,

and I knew I was in the House of God, and I was out of the prison cell of sin. The Lord gave me the revelation that the only way to be a Christian is to continually fall backwards onto Him, and it is totally safe to fall backwards on Him who suffered so much for me. Therefore I love Him, because He loved me beyond the beyond, despite myself, despite everything about me. He allowed Himself to be mutilated and humiliated for me and plunged into Hell for me. And to prove He has the power over my flesh, He rose from the dead. The Lord is literally MORE FAITHFUL THAN GRAVITY!

Through the messages that the Lord has given Tony, I learned that the liberty in Christ is only available through the cross, looking unto Jesus on the cross for me, and by continually gazing upon that, I know that I am safe enough to fall backwards into His loving hands to do everything that He commands. The Son has set me free and I am free indeed in serving Him and Him alone. I experience the blessed riddance from self that no "ism" can achieve—not Buddhism, not Luciferianism, certainly not Catholicism, not atheism, not agnosticism, not paganism, and not Christian Fundamentalism. It's only through and by and for and with the person Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, that Heaven can be experienced here and now.

In my previous life, the internet was my life, but now prayer is my internet. I am thankful for the Lord's mercy He has had on me and planting my feet here at THE Ministry—not a Ministry—and giving me THE World Pastor Tony Alamo who is way more than just "hot" for the Lord, but went NUCLEAR over 40 years ago for the Lord and continues to plow through all persecution, totally undaunted, because of Christ. I am happy and thankful that the Lord has delivered me from the bondage of confusion of my own feelings and set me on the straight and narrow way to pledge my head to Heaven.

Praise Jesus,
David Palmisano

IS KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD "LEGALISM" AND IS "LEGALISM" EVIL?

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SPIRIT (John 3:3-7). GOD told Moses that no one would serve HIM unless they feared HIM.⁸ "And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for GOD is come to prove you, and that HIS fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not" (Exodus 20:20). "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).

So if you wish to live after the law of the SPIRIT of LIFE in CHRIST JESUS, you will be considered by GOD to be most wise. You may do so now by simply saying this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.⁹ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.¹⁰ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.¹¹ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,¹² and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.¹³ I open

up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.¹⁴ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.¹⁵ 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.¹⁶ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.¹⁷ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹

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.²⁰ Diligently study the KJV Bible, and do what it says.²¹

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If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man 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 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).

8 Ex. 20:20, Deut. 5:29, Prov. 16:6, Jer. 32:39-40 9 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 10 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 11 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 12 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 13 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 14 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 15 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 16 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 17 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 18 Heb. 11:6 19 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 20 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 21 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18

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