

# UPON THIS ROCK

**by Tony Alamo**

One sunny day in Israel, JESUS asked HIS disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that THOU art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." JESUS said unto them, "But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, THOU art the CHRIST, the SON of the living GOD" (Matthew 16:13-16).

"And JESUS answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but MY FATHER [It was GOD who is in Heaven, the HOLY SPIRIT—and they that worship HIM must worship HIM in spirit and in truth] (John 4:24).] And upon this ROCK [this fact, that I am the only begotten SON of GOD] I will build MY Church [which is the one and only true Church in the universe]; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:17-18).

JESUS never meant that Peter was the Rock of Ages. GOD said that JESUS is the Rock of Ages, the chief cornerstone of the building of GOD, the Church.<sup>1</sup> The Scriptures identify JESUS as THE ROCK throughout the entire Bible.<sup>2</sup> First Corinthians 10:4 states they all did drink from that spiritual ROCK, and that ROCK was JESUS.

Why are almost all Christian churches—if they are truly the churches of CHRIST—on their way to Hell, if the gates of Hell are not supposed to be able to prevail against them? The simple answer to this is that they are not CHRIST'S

churches; they are not built upon CHRIST, THE ROCK.

Second Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 3 states that CHRIST shall not return to the earth until there comes a falling away first (a falling away of all the churches that used to be CHRIST'S churches). Churches that once were built upon CHRIST, the WORD of GOD, which stop exercising the WORD of GOD, have fallen away. There is no doctrine in the entire Bible of "once saved, always saved."<sup>3</sup> That sort of doctrine is the doctrine of devils (1 John 4:1-3). These churches have already fallen away like swarms of flies being sprayed by very lethal pesticides. They are no longer of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

JESUS commands us to, "Enter ye in at the strait gate [the only right gate]: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13).<sup>4</sup>

The universe is presently being shaken by GOD. Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 25-26 states, "See that ye refuse not HIM that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more

shall not we escape, if we turn away from HIM that speaketh from Heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now HE hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also Heaven."

However, the Church of CHRIST is not shaken by the gates of Hell, nor can it be shaken by the power of GOD, because GOD does not oppose HIMSELF. "And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace [GOD'S life in us], whereby we [CHRIST'S Church] may serve GOD acceptably with reverence and Godly fear: For our GOD is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:27-29).

CHRIST'S Church can never be shaken. In Matthew, chapter 24, verses 13-15, JESUS says, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."<sup>5</sup> And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When

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*Tony and Susan Alamo, orchestra, and choir on their television program which aired in the 1970s and early '80s*

1 Psa. 118:21-23, Isa. 28:16, Matt. 21:42-44, Acts 4:10-12, 1 Pet. 2:6-8 2 Deut. 32:4-18, 30-31, 1 Sam. 2:2, 2 Sam. 22:1-3, 32, 23:3, Psa. 18:2, 31, 46, Isa. 8:14, 17:7-10, 32:2, Rom. 9:33, 1 Cor. 10:4, 1 Pet. 2:8 3 1 Chron. 28:9, Ezek. 33:12-13, Matt. 5:13, 12:43-45, 24:45-51, Luke 9:62, John 15:6, Rom. 11:22, Gal. 2:17-18, Col. 1:21-23, 1 Tim. 1:19, 2 Tim. 2:12, Heb. 3:6-19, 4:1-11, 6:4-8, 10:25-31, 38-39, 1 Pet. 4:17-18, 2 Pet. 2:20-22, 1 John 3:6-10, 2 John 9, Jude 5-6, Rev. 2:4-5, 3:2-3 4 Matt. 22:8-14, Luke 13:23-30 5 Matt. 10:22, Acts 14:22, Rom. 11:22, Col. 1:22-23, 1 Tim. 4:16, 2 Tim. 2:1-3, 3:13-17, 4:5, James 5:10-11, 1 John 2:24-25, Rev. 3:1-5, 11-12, 21

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ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place.” This is when you see the New World Order, the one-world government, the U.N., and the Vatican, working together as the fourth world power, different from all the former three world powers (mentioned by Daniel the prophet), in that it is truly

worldwide.<sup>6</sup> It is anti-GOD, anti-CHRIST, anti-Christian, exceedingly blasphemous, and exceedingly cruel, without regard to GOD or man. It is Satan’s government—today’s government.

In Daniel’s vision, found in Daniel, chapter 7, verse 7, Daniel speaks of the fourth and last kingdom which GOD calls “the beast,” the Antichrist, the government which is totally Satan, again, today’s government. In his vision, Daniel saw this beast, or last world kingdom in which we currently are living, to be “dreadful and

terrible, and strong exceedingly [as it currently is]; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was different from all the beasts [nations] that were before it [because it is Satan’s one-world nation, and is anti-CHRIST].”

After this last, worldly, satanic kingdom does all the evil it will do, “I [Daniel] beheld till [all] the [worldly] thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days [GOD] did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of HIS head like the

<sup>6</sup> Dan. 2:28-43, 7:1-25, Rev. chaps. 13, 17, 18

## A JEW WHO RECEIVED CHRIST

Over 44 years ago, I met Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior, my Messiah. The journey to find Him took me from being a very happy little boy to a young man in a condition I would not want you to have to be in, so I’m sharing my testimony with you.

I was born into a fairly religious Jewish family. My dad’s dad was an Orthodox rabbi, so my dad wanted my older sister and me to be Orthodox as well. My mom wanted to be in the Jewish denomination called “Reformed” so they compromised and became “Conservative.” We kept many of the Jewish traditions like keeping Kosher at home (we could eat non-Kosher at restaurants) and going to synagogue services on a weekly basis, especially on the special “High Holidays” in the fall. I went to Hebrew school classes twice a week after regular public school, plus Sunday morning classes until age 13 when I had my *Bar Mitzvah*. This event was to be a major milestone in my life where I would stand on the platform in front of the whole congregation and read from the Torah, then have a huge extravaganza of a celebration afterward. It was one of the most miserable days of my life. My mom spent so much money for a caterer, orchestra, photographer, flowers, etc., etc. Hundreds of relatives and friends were invited to see me, and I started wondering what this whole religious stuff was all about. All this fuss over me becoming age 13, entering manhood. I was starting to question what I was being brought up to believe.

During high school in the late sixties, I began seeing the country descend into revolution with rebellion against the Vietnam War, Blacks rising up for equality, and many in my generation questioning the hypocrisy we saw in the older generations.

Among family and friends, it was automatically assumed that college was the

next step after high school. This is where I really went downhill morally and physically.

I really had a desire to do something about the mess the country was in, but had no idea what to do. I had a ravenous appetite to read about politics and history to see where we came from as a country and where we might be heading. I also started checking out the myriad of philosophies and religious ideas that were flooding the world at that time. They all seemed to be lacking something. Each philosophy took me deeper into darkness. Over the next 2 ½ years, I gradually went from being the sober, clean-cut, good, upstanding, religious young man to becoming a long haired, pot-smoking radical, wanting to eliminate the social and moral institutions our country was founded upon, in favor of I did not know what. In all the different groups I checked out, I was able to see faults and failures. Mostly, the leaders were just as hypocritical as the “establishment,” and they were in it for the money or their own ego or both.

In May of 1970, there was a big meeting at the college where I was. It was supposed to be some of the big name leaders of the radical movement discussing ways to radicalize and take over the news media. Some of the people helping organize it had gone to Los Angeles to recruit people to come. When they came back, they were paralyzed with fear. They exclaimed, “The world is coming to an end!” They seemed to have lost all hope. They mentioned something about Jesus Freaks, but I didn’t really pay attention to them, except that I still had a hope in my heart for the truth and answers to life.

About 2 months later, I left home to go to California to start a semester of college off campus in San Francisco. I decided to hitchhike. I got my first ride within minutes of getting on a freeway on-ramp in Philadelphia. They took me to Chicago where I found a place to stay with some hippies. I posted my name and phone number on a bulletin board of people looking for rides out of town. Within a couple of days, I got a call from a guy that was driving to San Francisco, but he was stopping in L.A. Some of my friends told me to stay clear of L.A., but I decided this was my best chance. It turned out that the place we were actually going was Hollywood. The place was a few blocks off the Sunset Strip. When we got there, no one was home, so I decided to check out the infamous Sunset Strip. It was about midnight on a Friday night. The first people I met when I got there were some young men passing out something. One of them offered me a piece of paper and said, “Jesus Christ is coming back to earth; the world is coming to an end!” I did not want to hear anything about Jesus Christ. In all my searching, I did not even consider Christianity to be the truth because whenever I thought about them, my mind would

## Tanzania

PRAISE THE LORD!

With great thanks, I and my kids that are in my ministry want to send our thanks to you for the support you have started on our side. You gave us hope to go ahead in spreading the Good News. Pray for me because challenges are there, but we still have to go ahead. May the good Lord bless you, Pastor Alamo, and the whole church.

Kiyira Frank

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



pure wool: HIS throne was like the fiery flame, and HIS wheels [UFOs<sup>7</sup>] as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before HIM [GOD]: thousand thousands ministered unto HIM [GOD], and ten thousand times ten thousand [this is 100 million] stood before HIM: the judgment was set, and the books were opened” (Daniel 7:9-10).

This victorious assembly is CHRIST’S Church, built on CHRIST, the solid Rock

of Ages.<sup>8</sup> These are the saints that have overcome sin, Satan, the flesh, and the world.<sup>9</sup> All those who have been pretending to be Christians, or those who have fallen away from CHRIST, will not be in this assembly.<sup>10</sup> They will be screaming their heads off in the Lake of Fire throughout eternity, which never ends.<sup>11</sup>

Grace is CHRIST with the FATHER by the SPIRIT living in us, who is the Rock which CHRIST’S Church is built on.<sup>12</sup>

This is the church that the gates of Hell cannot prevail against (Matthew 16:18). We gain the victory by the blood of the LAMB, which keeps us sinless, and the word of our testimony, which is CHRIST, the Living WORD (Revelation 12:11).

In Second Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 5-9, CHRIST told the Apostle Paul how he could conquer the thorn in his flesh mentioned in Second Corinthians 12:7.

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7 Psa. 68:17, Ezek. 1:15-21, 10:9-19 8 Rom. 12:4-5, 1 Cor. 10:17, chap. 12, Eph. 2:13-22, 4:11-13, 5:22-32, Rev. 19:6-9, 21:2-3, 9-11 9 Acts 1:8, Rom. 7:4-6, 8:14-17, 2 Cor. 12:9-10, Gal. 2:20, 5:16-17, 24, Philp. 4:13, 1 Pet. 4:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, 4:4, 5:18-20 10 Isa. 24:17-23, Matt. 7:13-14, 22:1-14, 24:37-51, chap. 25, Luke 13:23-30, 2 Thes. 2:7-12, Heb. 6:4-8, 10:26-29, Rev. 21:24-27, 22:11-15 11 Matt. 8:11-12, 13:24-30, 36-42, 49-50, Mark 9:42-49, Luke 3:15-17, Jude 5-7, Rev. 14:9-11, 20:10-15, 21:8 12 Ezek. 36:27, John 14:15-20, 23, 26, 15:3-7, 17:21-23, 26, Rom. 8:9-17, 1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, 6:16-18, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 3:16-21, Philp. 2:13, Col. 1:27-29, 2 Tim. 1:14, 1 John 3:24, 4:4, Rev. 3:20

equate them with hypocrites. All the people I had come in contact with professing Christianity were just as sinful or more than I.

So I told the young man that offered me the tract, “I know,” and tried to get away from him. I had a hatred and revulsion for the very name Jesus. It was an offence to me. He tried to keep the conversation going, telling me about the end time prophecies and his pastor, Tony Alamo, a Jew who had turned his back on a very successful career in the entertainment business after God spoke to him in an office in Beverly Hills. Hearing about another Jew that had forsaken riches to serve God actually made me listen. We were out there almost 2 hours. I became so convicted that I wanted to get saved right then and there. Because of the time and place, he encouraged me to come to the services the next night, very close by. The Lord really had me in such fear and conviction, that I did not want to wait until the next night, but they kept encouraging me to just come to church the next night at 8 p.m. They gave me a few pieces of Gospel literature to read.

## India

Dear Brother in Christ,

We have distributed the literature out in the area of Chipurapalli Village, and through the materials, many were converted and came to the Lord. In that area we hope to start another Christian worship center. Muslims also received the Lord. Last night we conducted open air Gospel meetings.

We continually pray for your wonderful work. Pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,  
Solman Raju Kola  
Andhra Pradesh, India

That night I felt a war going on in my mind. All those years of seeing phony Christians and mocking Jesus and taking His name in vain had made me not want anything to do with Christianity. But the Word of God that was planted in my heart was more powerful. The Lord used my own words to challenge me. He spoke to my heart and said, “If you really want to find out the truth, and if you say you hate hypocrisy, you must go to that church or you are a hypocrite!” Then He showed me later on that if I did not accept Jesus, I would first lose my mind and then burn in Hell forever.

Thank God, He gave me the victory! I went to services the next night. As soon as I walked into the doors of the church we had in Hollywood on Crescent Heights Blvd., I knew I was in the House of God! I felt so full of sin that I didn’t feel worthy enough to sing the old-fashioned Gospel songs with everyone. All I could do was hang my head in shame. Susan Alamo gave the message that night. It was out of the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, “... And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” I still remember the last words of her message, “Today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may never come.” I was a procrastinator, but this was one thing I knew I had to take care of immediately. I went down to the altar as soon as she invited people to come and pray.

After saying the old-fashioned sinner’s prayer, I knew I had a new life. Some of the brothers from the church that had been saved for a while were right there praying with me. When I got up they instructed me how to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We went into the basement prayer room. The place was packed with young people really seeking and crying out to God. We found a little corner and started praying. The power of God came down on me so powerfully, I

received the Baptism in what seemed like a few seconds. While I was praying, the Lord gave me a sign that He really was my Messiah. I felt as though I was at the foot of the cross, responsible for Him dying and shedding His blood for me. I started crying uncontrollably, but then I felt His forgiveness and was filled with holy laughter and joy. Some time later, I read in Zechariah 12:10, “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of power and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.” This is exactly how I felt.

When we came up from the prayer room, the brother explained about serving God. I was saved, but now I must serve Him. I must get rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Before services, I figured I would go to church, get saved and then continue being a Christian at the college I was going to up in San Francisco. Afterwards I realized I needed to be schooled in the ways of God. I was invited to move right in. The church would provide everything I needed when I became a part of the ministry. It seemed like the most logical and sensible thing to do. What a wonderful God, to raise up a ministry like this!

I have been with the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries since that day in July, 1970. We have been through some extraordinary trials, tribulations and persecutions. The Lord told us we would. He went through worse—He was innocent and was murdered on a pack of lies. We are no better than He. But He has given us the power to overcome whatever the devil throws at us. He told us, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Shimon Levine

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Paul stated he will glory in his infirmities: "For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool [‘The fool has said in his heart, There is no GOD’ (Psalm 14:1).]; for I will say the truth: but I now forebear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. [It would be a sin to worship the Apostle Paul.] And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh [this obviously was poor eyesight], the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the LORD thrice [in prayer], that it might depart from me. And HE said unto me, MY grace is sufficient for thee." In other words, JESUS is telling Paul that HE, JESUS, living with the FATHER by the SPIRIT in him, is sufficient. There is power in HIM, in CHRIST—actually more than enough power—to prevail against the very gates of Hell, as JESUS told HIS disciples.<sup>13</sup> HIS grace is also sufficient for you, in these troublesome last days of time, to help you endure all hardness and stand as a good soldier of JESUS CHRIST (2 Timothy 2:3). For only those who shall endure to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13).

Begin your salvation now by saying this prayer:

**My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>14</sup> I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.<sup>15</sup> I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.<sup>16</sup> I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,<sup>17</sup> and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>18</sup> I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.<sup>19</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>20</sup> YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD, the Bible, says so.<sup>21</sup> YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>23</sup> And I thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.<sup>24</sup>**

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.<sup>25</sup> Diligently

study the King James Version Bible, and do what it says until the day you die.<sup>26</sup>

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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 'tithes' 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 delightsome land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

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