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Growing in understanding of the Holy Spirit is so important in one's faith because the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. Thanks to God through Christ the Holy Spirit has been given to us for various reasons. This body of work has been written to support this fact. One's faith must continue to grow in order to better serve the Lord in all our endeavors.



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BFC Editorial

Dear Friends!

Welcome to the Fall of 2025. For those that live in the Northern States we are entering into what many describe as the most colorful season of the year: Fall.

You are encouraged to take some time. Even take a trip to the Canadian Providence of Quebec. Go to the Great State of Vermont or the ADK of Northern New York State. A beautiful site to behold. Embrace the color of the foliage and the scent of the autumn leaves. Think of the beauty of what God has done here and what much more, vibrant and spectacular it will be in the hereafter, Heaven.

The Braman Foundation continues to strive to carry out its mission to feed the hungry. Help the poor and love those which cannot love themselves. We have completed several mailings this summer with both the community Programs and our Corrections. Prison Mailings. These went out to 400 churches throughout New York State and NYC. BFC is expanding its footprint.

Regarding mission work: BFC is planning a trip to Pakistan in mid-October. We have added a new mission in Pakistan and feel led to visit there and lead a conference on Discipleship. In addition, we have an Orthodox Church that has sought financial aid and has asked of our help.

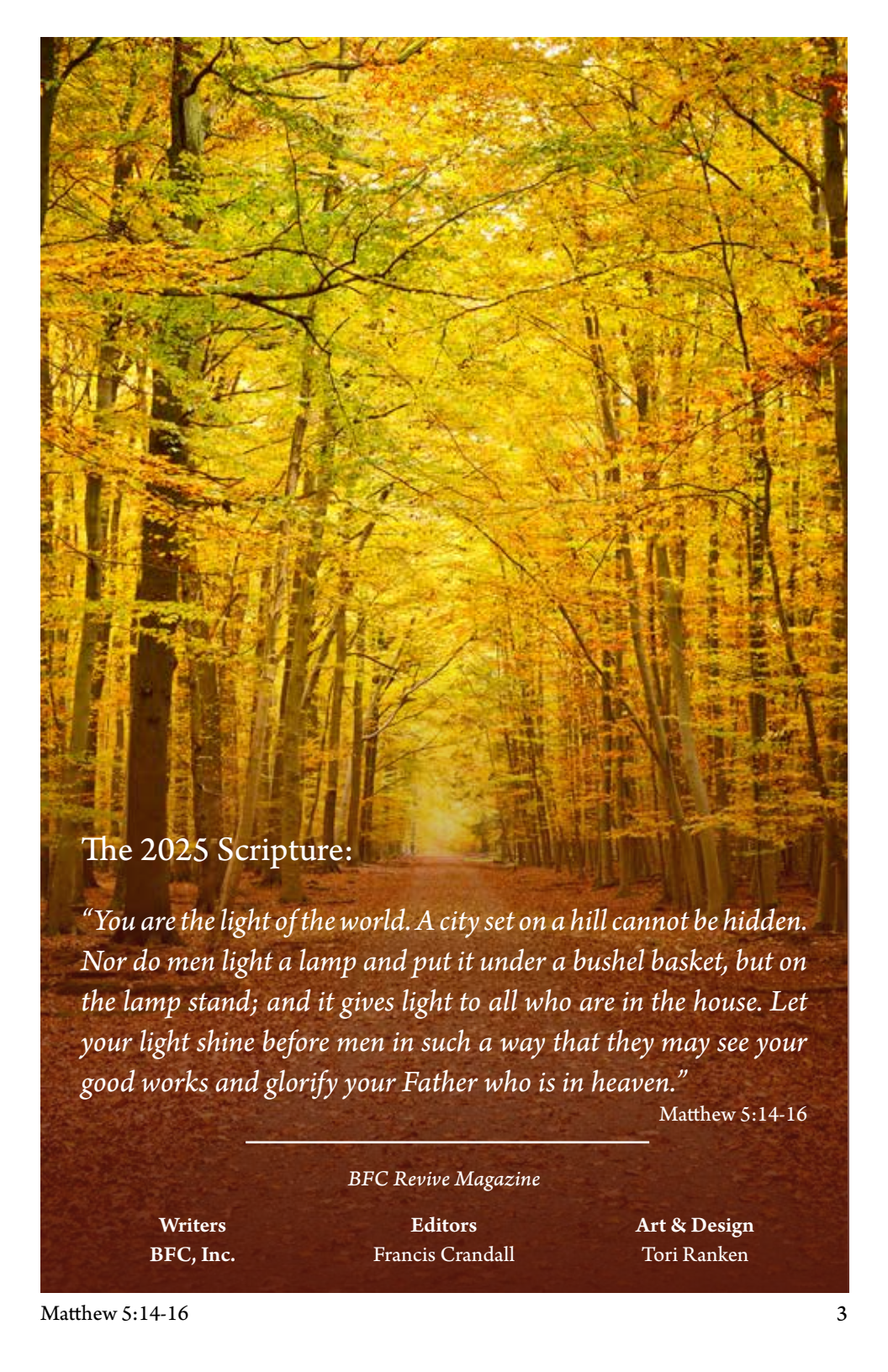
BFC has often hoped to expand its footprint regarding this work while maintaining its current support in Kenya, South Sudan, India and several other related missions. Currently we are working with and supporting nine missions works in Africa, India and Pakistan.

Continued financial aid is needed hence we sought through our first fund-raising campaign earlier this summer to raise funds, and commitments for this growth, we are pleased to announce that we can expand. We thank you dearly for your financial and prayer support.

In this issue, we continue to feature the Sermons of Richard W Braman. Upon this writing Sandra Torrant has compiled digitizing 300 sermons with 78 to go until completion. This will eventually become a hard cover book: The Completed Works of Richard W Braman.

Be blessed and highly favored as you continue to press into your highest calling to serve the Lord. Thank you once again for your support in the BFC Ministry. Enjoy the Fall Season.

Always in Divine Friendship,
BFC



The 2025 Scripture:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

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Missions: India

By God Grace and mercy we are all pulling on well my friend things are not going on well at Asapalli satan is working so powerfully students are so rebellious and disobedience staff are not sincere to the calling for the mission work, Asapalli mission need more God fearing and dedicated staff having the burden for God children and kingdom so many challenges everyday from govt and managing the affairs of the mission most of the time I have sleepless night. Continue to pray for the mission.

The Annual VBS will be held October 21-24.





When Religion Becomes Real

“Thou shall love the Lord by God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all my strength.”

- Mark 12:30

Religion is not real for most people primarily for one reason: it is not considered important. It does not command a place much less the place of vital worth in their lives. Far from being some sweeping experience which constantly affects their total life, often it is only an occasional thought or a superficial emotion.

Too many of us today, the most important thing is for us to earn enough money to support our families and have all the luxuries that are available. We want security-job or what have you. We want to retire at an early age and enjoy life, we want to go places and do the things everyone else is doing. We do not want to make any sacrifices; we just automatically want these things because we feel we deserve them. In many cases God never entered into our plans, except if we get in trouble or if some tragedy happens. Many put God secondary even when they do consider him. (I come first).

When therefore, Jesus insist that we love God with all our mind, strength, will, and heart, he is not merely putting his mental finger upon our spiritual failure; with unmistakable clarity he is indicating the one way religion can become real.

First of all, whatever commands our attention most counts most with us. For example young people going to college, college commands their attention most. A man interested in getting ahead, getting a better job, this commands his attention most. A preacher really preaching the gospel, this commands his attention most.

That is why Saint Paul said that we were to keep before us those things that are lovely, true, and good. They never become real to us until they have right of way at the center of our minds, until we focus our attention on them. Hosts of people today find it impossible to believe in the reality of religion, simply because they will not take Christ seriously. Truth to become meaningful must command our intellectual respect and

evoke our mental esteem and appreciation or it never really challenges us.

We are noted for following leaders who have a good story to tell us, one that we believe in and especially if we think it is to our advantage to follow. Joshua 24:14-17 reads; “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the river, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day, whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me in my house, we will serve the Lord. Then the people answered, Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for it is the Lord, our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.”

These Israelites had engaged on a great adventure: no less than a journey from slavery to freedom. Moses had been their trusted leader, and on the way to their new home which lay through the hardship and dangers of the wilderness, he had given them many rules and directions for their guidance and welfare, which he claimed to have received from his own leader, God. But now he was about to leave them. He was an old man and death claimed him. Before his death, he called the people together and told them that he now said before them a choice between life and good or death and evil. He told them they must make their own choice, but advise them to choose life. Then he passed on.

Now, in order to continue their journey, they required a new leader, so they selected a young man named Joshua. He had been an assistant to Moses and so had experience.

The people knew, and Joshua knew that successful leadership called for skill, strength, courage, bravery, and the determination to choose and live as Moses had commanded them. Joshua also knew that unless the Israelites agreed to this and promised to support him, he would have a little chance of success. So he, in his turn, called the people together and told them the choice lay with them "Choose ye this day whom ye serve." But he warned them that as their leader. They must understand "that as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Jesus wanted to establish the "Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven; so he selected certain men, fisherman, and other workmen, and said, "Follow me, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." He says to you and me, "I would be your leader: Follow me", and if we do so we too become his disciples.

The disciples did not find the way easy or safe or ordinary. Jesus warned them it would not be so; but he knew it was the right way, the best way, and in the end, the happiest, most satisfactory way, if only they would make the venture. It was difficult. They misunderstood, sometimes they failed. But they tried again and again, and from such small beginnings, they achieved great results.

Is your religion real? Shall you take up this adventure? Jesus says, "Follow me". It is worthwhile trying. Let us join his band of disciples.

Our religion really becomes real when we do not take the easy way out, and when we take the way, we know God wants us to take. I believe that he will not give us leaders to bear unless he gives a strength to bear them.

Your religion is good if it is vital and active, if it nourishes in your confidence, hope, love, and a sentiment of the infinite value of existence, if it is allied with what is best in you against what is worst and holds forever before you the necessity of becoming a new man, if it makes you understand that pain is a deliverer, if it increases your respect for the conscience of others, if it renders forgiveness more easy, fortune less arrogant, duty dear, the beyond less visionary. If it does these things, it is good, little matter it's naïve; however, rudimentary it may be when it fills this place, it comes from the true source and binds you to man and God.

Secondly, Jesus insists that we are to love God with all the strength of our will. This is at least part of the cost of understanding what happened on Calvary-and of receiving its benefits. Much of our contemporary Christianity is apparently not relevant to the Cross. It can, therefore, be secured at bargain prices. When Christ offers comfort, but does not challenge, his purpose will hardly be a vital concern to us. If the declaration of Christ, that there is a God who loves humanity is accepted and believed, it is always as the result of our giving our strength and will to this God. Only in this way do spiritual facts and forces gain meaning.

Many of us today take God and Christ for granted. We know that he will be there when we need it, but we do not want him to interfere with our lives and our mode living. We want his help when we get in trouble, or some tragedy hits our lives. We make this religion all one sided, our side, the way we want it. We say we believe; we say we have faith, but we never actually put our faith to the test, and we certainly do not live our lives the way we claim to believe.

The humanist has derived his standards of value from a faith which he has discarded. A fly away coach goes on running after it has become detached from the train, and cut flowers remain beautiful. You can find men who have repudiated Christian belief who are shining examples of Christian conduct. But if we want a continuous supply of flowers, we must look to the garden, and carriages without engineers, don't go far. If the Christian God is denied, Christian moral standards will not long survive. And that's exactly what is happening today, our moral standards are becoming more and more relaxed. People are defying God and the Christian standards which are right and proper and good. We cannot stand, be successful, and happy if we do not go back to God.

The United States Is the richest country in the world materially, but what good is our wealth the way we are headed today.

Thirdly, religion becomes real when it is our sincere devotion, when we love God and our fellows with "all our heart." There is no way to dispense with feeling in religion. Certainly feelings never supplant the intellect when we heed the call of Christ. But neither are they excluded. Devotion of heart makes possible full and complete use of our mind and will

and gives color, meaning, and resilience to the process of the mind and the efforts of the will. With throbbing affection, monotonous daily tasks become significant. The ordinary becomes extraordinary. Devotion that is given with all our heart changes and colors every relationship of life and every daily task.

You can separate the sodium and the chlorine that constitute salt, but when you finish, you no longer have salt. And so, for purposes of discussion, you can talk now about a Christian's thoughts, then about his actions. But if you try to separate faith from behavior in daily life, you no longer have Christianity.

The most powerful transaction in the life of any human being is the one in which they become a child of God.

Think of what that implies. It implies that being God's creatures, which we all are, is not the same as being God's children. We are his creatures, but according to John 1:12 which reads, "As many as received him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God", we become his children.

It implies that the transition or change from being a rebellious creature of God to being a reconciled, forgiven, and reconstructed creature of God is so deep and great that it is like a new birth. Hence the term for the new relationship and the new life is "sons" or "children" of God. Still creatures, but now redeemed, obedient creatures, seeking the Father's will, loving the Father himself, and with him all his other children.

Think of what this indicates. It points to a change so fundamental and so radical that no power of ours can bring it about, but only the power of the Spirit of God.

The words of John 1:13; "...who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" – suggest three possible ways by which we might try to become the son of God, each of which is ruled out as inadequate and ineffectual.

The first is the way of natural ancestry: "not a blood" to be born and well bread is not enough to make us children of God.

The second is the way of personal aspiration; "not of the will of the flesh." In the place of "will" some of the other translations use "impulse".

What is suggested includes all that we may mean by any man, struggling, striving, resolving, and determining within himself that he will be a child of God, an acceptable and useful member of the Father's family. Such exertions and resolutions may enable you to do certain things that are Christian, but they fail, utterly to make you a Christian.

The third is the way of human achievements: "not of the will of man." The expression, "the will of man" says Bishop Ryle, maybe be taken to mean "the acts and deeds of others" to whom you might look to give you this boon of the new birth. Social institutions cannot bestow it: neither home, school, government, lodge, nor service club. Religion institutions cannot impart it: neither church, clergy, nor Sunday school.

Think of what this involves.

Choice is involved. Mark the relationship between verses 11 and 12: "he came onto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them, gave he power to become the Sons of God." Some rejected; some accepted. It was theirs to choose which they would do when he was here in the body of his flesh.

Challenge is involved. Receiving is more than believing at least it may be, though ideally the believing should include the receiving. Receiving is active believing. It is taking. It is this challenge that confronts you.

Change is involved. The believing and receiving are followed by the becoming.

And when we really start becoming, that is when our religion becomes real to us. During this period of Lent let us search our hearts and souls and reevaluate our relationship to Christ. Let us take this opportunity in this period of time to make our religion real. Our lives will be entirely different when we do.

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BFC Thanksgiving Greetings

Thanksgiving
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.



It is 2 Corinthians 8:9 where we think about what our definition of the word rich is. Surely our Lord did not not give His life so we might be rich in material blessings or even rich in safety or security. The Lord our God did not live a rich life of safety and security as He continuously placed Himself in harm's way to do the work of His heavenly Father. Jesus was thankful for the love, knowing that His true riches would be with His Father in heaven.

If you count your riches by what and how many love you it will still fall short of the riches from our heavenly Father. As Jesus traveled and spoke the word of Christ he was hated and feared. Thankful to the Lord for His sacrifice.

Thankful:

Thankful the Lord does not give us what we deserve! He does however give us everything we need. When we live in the knowledge of need we acknowledge all the Lord has given us and we are **Thankful**.

Gratitude:

Gratitude is an act of faith - especially in the midst of life's challenges. Thank the Lord regardless of our circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

God's love is there always even when we cannot feel it and He promises never to leave us. As we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well. Matthew 6:33-34.

Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing

Psalm 92:1
I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, it will spill over into your relationships. When others see you credit God for His love in difficult situations/circumstances, they will begin to wonder why? You need not even speak the words of praise and thanksgiving - you need only to be a living example of kindness, love, and forgiveness as a Christ like life.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.



An Inspirational Quotation

"And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"
Colossians 3:17

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Missions: Uganda

Pentacastal Mityana Ministry is seeking your financial and prayer support to complete its church building and we need your support to continue working with the children here. Please write to us through The Braman Foundation.



Elderly Care Program

Missions: Kenya

The feeding program for the elderly people was started in June 2020 with 4 beneficiaries of the BFC under the leadership of Jomo Otieno being assisted by the wife Lilian Akinyi Jomo as a cook, Nancy Adhiambo as Kitchen assistant, and Amos Nyodero from Tanzania as motorcycle rider. They all work as volunteers. The feeding program has now grow and serves eight elderly people and one orphan. Currently, the BFC feels touched and upgraded the program from a bicycle to a motorcycle for quick delivery.

FIND ELDERLIES BY NAMES (most of them are widows/widower/orphan)

1. Samuel Otieno Nyangoye is 80 years old and has a walking difficulty.
 2. Margret Atieno 75 years old wife to late Simeya Songa Nyambura
 3. Maria Auma Ogunyo 83 years old
 4. Calvince Otieno, 14 years old grand son of Maria Auma Ogunyo
 5. Maria Oketch Arogo 83 years old
 6. Benta Akongo Odhacha 80 years old
 7. Jenifa Achola Were 67 years old
 8. Elizabeth Oketch Okelo 77 years old
 9. Regina Ouma 76 years old. Regina receives the uncooked food due to long distance. She has a walking difficulty
- Generally, the elders are all fine, though they are requesting your visit.

The program also covers elders' health in case they're sick (out patient) and funeral expenses once an elder dies, e.g, Hosp/Mortuary bills. Ambulance and Coffin.



The Gospel of the Cross

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

- Romans 3:23

Evil has such a strong hold on human life, that not one of us can save himself. Only God in Christ can save us. However, God is holy and would not be worthy to be God if he condoned sin. But God will not abandon us, because he loves us. We may put a dilemma this way: God cannot accept man because of man's sin. God will not abandon man, because of God's love. The daring answer the Christian faith gives us is that God himself bears the punishment for our sins. This is the Atonement. Romans 5:8 reads; "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

To understand this doctrine, we must remember that the one dying on Golgotha was both God and man. Only one who was truly man could take our place on the Cross and die for us. Only one who is truly God could make atonement for our sins. Exactly how Christ dying on the Cross saves us from our sins is one of the great problems of theology.

By this reconciling work of the Redeemer, men now can reach up to God and God can reach down to men.

Through the mediatorship of the Master, God has fellowship with men and men are enabled to commune with God.

Thus, Golgotha becomes the test of life; for everyone passes by to boast or to bow. Acceptance or rejection of the Lord is the test each soul faces. The Christ of humility becomes the Christ of blessing. To those who humble themselves under the mighty hand of God comes the blessing of eternal salvation.

The event that happened on the Cross at Calvary was a unique event in history. The Cross has changed the course of history and may change the course of your life today. In every age, the Cross looms up again against the Calvary sky, inevitable, incapable, demanding decision.

Authentic Christianity has always known that the Cross speaks the unique word of Christ, the climax of his teaching. The Cross is inseparable from his life. It is the past to which the whole Bible record leads, and from which the Christian Church starts out.

The Cross depicts the inevitability of God's love. He came to die. Why? First, because there was no other way in which he could reach the depth of the human agony he came to endure, so as to "bear our griefs and carry our sorrows." Secondly, because there was no other way, he could draw upon himself the hopeless weight of our sins and absorb the evil that blocks us from the holiness of God.

Here are some of the picture words the New Testament and the church have used to illustrate what theologians call "theories of the atonement."

One picture comes from the word "ransom." Mark 10:45 reads; "For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins. The figure comes from the old slave market, where a man would buy a slave and then set him free. That is what Christ has done for us. One word, "redemption" means, literally, "to buy back through the payment of a price." To say that Christ is our redeemer is to picture the commercial transaction of buying a slave and setting him free. I Corinthians 6:19-20 read; "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." Christ paid the ransom for us, redeemed us, and set us free from the slavery of sin.

Jesus Christ stands before you pleading for your decision. You and I stand in Pilate's place facing the inevitable Christ, this inevitable alternative, and this inevitable decision. Yet there is one vast difference between our case and that of Pilate. We see Jesus, as Pilate's eyes never beheld him. He saw the simple Jewish enthusiast, the man of strength and bewildering speech, of such elevation of spirit that neither of the soldiers scourging, nor the working of the crown of thorns could rob him of his calm. But we see Christ, who was crucified and rose again from the dead. The alternative before us is clear and easier than it was for Pilate. What will you do with Jesus? One of the two things you are doing. You are giving him either a Cross or a throne.

A second picture comes out of the ancient law court.

Romans 4:25 reads; “Who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

We are guilty before the courts of God, and we deserve the sentence of death, by the law of God. But Christ, though innocent, pays with his death, the price of our sins, so we can go free. So man think of the atonement as a legal transaction, with Christ's life as the price demanded for our sins before the bar of eternal justice.

Heine has described how once he stood before the great statue of the Venus of Milo and gazed on that matchless perfection of grace and dignity and beauty. “But Oh,” he cried, “What was it worth?” For she had no arms, the goddess, no hands to reach out and help poor beaten souls like me!” But God's love in Christ has arms strong enough to lift the universe and hands-pierced hands - gentler than a mother's when she tends her child.

A third picture of the atonement comes out of the ancient temple. The heart of worship was sacrifice. A lamb, pure white and without blemish, was sacrificed for the sins of the people. The worshipers identified themselves with a lamb; it became their substitute. When Jesus appeared by the banks of the Jordan, John the Baptist pointed to him, and cried, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

There are some other verses in the Bible, which describe Jesus Christ as the sacrificial lamb. I Corinthians 5:7 reads; “Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be fresh dough, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.”

I Peter 1: 18-19 reads; “You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Hebrews 9:12 reads; “He entered once for all the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves, but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

Just as in the ancient sacrifice, the lamb was substituted for the worshiper, so Christ took our place. Truly Christ was God's supreme sacrifice for our sakes, one that can never be equaled. Our sacrifice has been made for us whether we know it or not. All we have to do to receive its benefits, is to accept Jesus Christ into our lives as our personal, Lord and Savior and repent of our sins. If we truly do this, our sins will be forgiven, and we can start living a new life from that point on.

Men, pondering the meaning of the atonement, have expressed it in other ways. It is at the Cross that we

understand the magnitude of the love of God. Others emphasize what the Cross does to the hearts of men. There is a power in it, which shame our selfishness, rebuke our false pride, and leads us to humility and devotion.

George Young tells of his Chinese teacher, Mr. Lee, at first disdainful of this strange foreign tale of a peasant born within a stable. His interest quickened at the Master's teaching, but still Confucius was superior. The parable of the prodigal moved him to confess, “I did not know God was like that.” But the story of the passion reduced him to silence, and the language lesson ended with a whispered, “Why did he die like that?” Young's answer in imperfect Chinese: “He died for me, and you.” Wrapping his books in his blue cloth, Mr. Lee went out, deeply troubled. He returned the next day, a different man and said, “Mr. Young, I have become a disciple of your Jesus.”

Truly, we too, anyone of us, will become his disciple once we understand and really, and truly know the whole meaning of God's love for us. When it happens to your life, you two will be forever grateful.

God's truth is greater than any picture that we can paint of it, and there is a sense in which we are not completely satisfied with any human attempt to “explain” the atonement. What does this doctrine of theology mean for our practical daily living? How can we live this doctrine of our faith?

First of all, we can never look on evil as a matter of little concern. At the Cross, we see how seriously God regards sin. We cannot become complacent. We cannot close our eyes to it and hope it will go away. We have to speak out against evil. We have to do something about it.

Secondly, we can never lose sight of the glory of our new life in Christ. It is the most costly thing ever bought in all the history of the world. The glory of our redemption gives a radiance to life and challenges us to live it at its best every day.

Thirdly, we can never neglect the opportunity to share this incomparable good news with others. If God has done this for us, it is inconceivable that we would not tell others of the transforming power and joy which can be theirs as well. We just have to go out into our community and tell our friends about the wonderful power of God's Holy Spirit and what a difference it can make in your life.

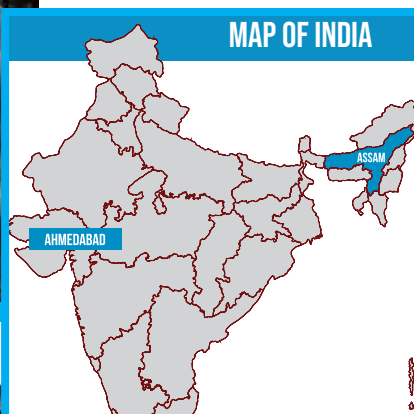
Truly, we cannot save ourselves, only God can save us, and he does this through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Accept Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, and become a disciple of Christ now.

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Autumn Flowers

By Caroline Anne Southey

Those few pale autumn flowers,
How beautiful they are !!!
Then all that went before,
Then all the summer's store,
How Lovier by far!!!
And Why? They are the last---
The last—the last—the last
Oh, by that little word,
How many thoughts are stirred!!!
The whisper of the past!!
Pale Flowers!!!! Pale, perishing flowers!!!
You're types of precious things,
Types of those bitter moments
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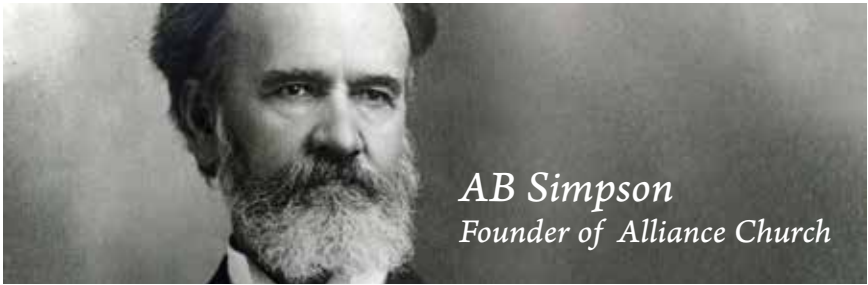
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A Daily Devotional



AB Simpson
Founder of Alliance Church

The Harvest Great

Looking out over a thousand millions without the Gospel, we are overwhelmed with the immensity of the work. Looking over the colossal difficulties of African slavery and savagery, Hindu caste, Chinese prejudice and hate, Mohammedan fanaticism, and Roman Catholic delusion, our Master's words come back to us with awful pathos: "The harvest truly is great."

The Laborers Few

Then when we look out upon the other picture, the worldliness, the selfishness, the self-indulgence and the indifference of the church of Christ, the millions that are wasted in pleasure, and for gain in contrast with the pittance given for the mission field, and the little companies of scattered missionaries stretched in thin and broken lines across the vast areas of heathen darkness, with one missionary to every quarter of a million in the average of the heathen world, and in many a neglected field but one missionary for many millions, our hearts echo back with tears the sorrowful cry: "but the laborers are few." And as we toil on, year after year, endeavoring to arouse the church at home and reach the need abroad, and the colossal mountains of difficulty still rise up, our hearts cry out, Who is sufficient for these things? Lord, we are inadequate, our work seems but trifling, our resources utterly out of proportion to the great undertaking, and the results seem but little more than a few scattered rays like dim candle light in the thick darkness of a mighty midnight." It is then we fall back from our despair to the footstool of prayer, and cry, "Lord, we are insufficient, Thou must undertake." And we hear the Master Himself say, "Pray, pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Thank God it is His harvest and He is its Lord. He is equal to it; but we must claim His working, and pray for His interposing hand.

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Biblical Studies

The Holy Spirit is a Teacher

"But the helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all the things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

John 14:26



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Sister, brother, as you have turned within and have become born again the Holy Spirit will now be your ever present teacher. The Holy Spirit is a person, so to speak, as Christ, and as the Father. So speak to the Holy Spirit for He is always with you. As such, He is your ever present teacher. He is your Helper.

The Holy Spirit will bring back to your mind what the Lord has taught you. Mainly, Christ reminds

you to follow His command. Command to: "Love thy Lord Thy God with all your heart and all our mind with all your soul. And the second is like the first that you shall love your neighbor as yourself and upon these two commands rest all the laws and the prophets." And so upon these commands ask yourself: Do I love the Lord, my God? What is one of the great attributes of love: abiding! How much time am I spending with the Lord? Do I rush through my routine to get at what I believe is my

agenda of the day? “Seek yee first the kingdom and my righteousness and all things be added with you.” So do I love the Lord? Secondly, how is my prayer life concerning others? Am I praying earnestly, for others or does my consciousness become ruled by fear and I find myself seeking help only for myself, my ambition and my will? Say “Lord reveal to me the truth! Lord, how do I love myself? Am I getting the rest, believing you are promoting me, resting in your grace and mercy? Am I consumed by my boring, old self, my life, my ambition, my will! When will I get over me! Lord help me!

Christ goes onto express to the teachers of His day that the Law is the first five books of Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy! These are the book Moses wrote. The rest of the bible was considered the “prophets”: So Christ is saying that upon those commands rest all the law and prophet. So it is love. The greatest attribute of the Holy Spirit. Am I learning the truth behind all the scriptures?

Examine in Paul’s writing Corinthians in the first book, Chapter 13, referred to as the greatest gift. Love is the key in this chapter, “And though I have faith, though I feed the poor, I am like a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal?” Love is God! Love is what is our greatest attribute in how we operate from our teacher; The Holy Spirit.

Christ sends us this Helper, our friend or co-equal to God and to Christ. Yet this helper is omni-present. Each of us can call upon this Holy Spirit to teach us how to serve, in whom to serve and when to serve. Learn to listen to His still small voice that’s ever speaking to you, my friend. Usually, only in the stillness, the quiet of being alone can you truly hear: shut off your tv, put down your mobile phone and power off your laptop. Grow in

learning to listen to this still small voice. For your “helper,” is always trying to “get” your attention. But many refuse to listen and acknowledge Him in all those ways. He is your helper. He is your friend. A friend in which you can always depend on. You are to be taught all things. All the mysteries. However, in order to learn you must first develop this relationship. Grow with your best friend. Believe in Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is the calm before the storm. He is calm in the midst of the storm. He is ever present with you regardless of your troubles.

You will be reminded of how you were when you first believed. Do you recall those days? Now the Lord is with you even though you may be in a “dry” spell. Allow your teacher to reveal to your mind the time of great inner joy, a time of peace, or a era of great tranquility. We all can recall, as the teacher reminds us of such events. Allow your being to be “washed” over from recollection. Know that if you’re in a difficult period of your life, this too shall pass.

Just as there have been greater events previously, therefore this time will too be equal. My friend, take time to praise the Lord in your doom and in your gloom.

For in truth regardless of your events, you are an eternal being. You’re destined to reside with the Lord because you have sought Him, confessed and surrendered to Him. He is now, was and shall always be your alpha, your omega “the beginning and the end.” Be ever blessed in His presence.

This Biblical Studies is an excerpt from
An Understanding of The Holy Spirit





BFC *Featured Corner*

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Luke 10:2

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” means that there are many people who need help, care, or spiritual guidance, but not enough people are willing or available to provide it. The phrase originated in the Bible (Matthew 9:37-38 and Luke 10:2) where Jesus uses it to describe the spiritual needs of the crowds and to call his followers to pray for more people to join the mission of spreading the Gospel.

Here's a breakdown of the meaning:

The “harvest”

This refers to the multitude of people who are ready and in need of spiritual understanding, salvation, or care.

The “workers”

These are the people who are willing to do the work of caring for others, spreading the message of the Gospel, and serving.

The core message:

There's a great need in the world for people to act, but not enough people are stepping up to meet that need.

In essence, it's a call to action:

Prayer: It is a call to pray to God to send out more people to serve in the mission.

Engagement: It encourages believers to become actively involved in helping others and fulfilling the mission.

A sense of urgency: Just like a real harvest, the spiritual opportunity can be time-sensitive and might be lost if action is delayed.

South Sudan

Missions: Africa

Rev, Yagub Akoch Kuek

Dear Brother Peter Braman,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry in Juba. I am glad to share with you a report on what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing among us here, so you will know how to pray for us more effectively.

****Travel Challenges & Support Request****

Firstly, I want to inform you that I am still in Juba. This is due to the church administration's failure to provide the tickets they had promised from Juba to Malawi. At the scheduled travel time, they told me they were unable to pay for our tickets. There are three of us with scholarships for the American program.

I have now decided to try to raise the funds myself and travel by bus from Juba to Rwanda, then to Tanzania, and finally to Malawi. The journey will cost approximately \$800 USD. I have already spoken with the Deputy Governor of Upper Nile State, Melut County community chairperson Stephen Dhieu Dau (the former Ministry of Petroleum), and they have agreed to support part of my journey. Brother Peter, I kindly ask if you can join them in helping me with financial support for this trip.

****Church Challenges****

Regarding the church here in Juba, we are experiencing major challenges due to the heavy rains this season. Our small church building has been severely impacted and is at risk of collapse. In addition, South Sudan is in a serious economic crisis. Most families are unable to pay school fees, and many children are being rejected from schools this year.

****School Project Proposal****

In response to the needs of the children, we have been developing a small project to start a school for early childhood ages. The estimated total cost for the project is \$70,000 USD for two years, covering all food, teacher salaries, and legal requirements.

My original plan was to register the school as "Evangelical Early Childhood Education." However, if you are willing, we would be honored to name it "Braman Foundation Early Childhood Education" in recognition of your support and partnership.

Thank you so much for your prayers and consideration. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him.

In Christ,

Rev, Yagub Akoch Kuek

South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church Lologo 2 next freedom bridge



Jesus Christ Church & Ministries

Missions: Pakistan

In the Sunday service, worship was offered and the Word of God was shared. Many people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. After the service, food was distributed, and the people greatly enjoyed and experienced spiritual refreshment.



The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America

Missions: Pakistan

Mission Director Pakistan

Servant of God Nadeem Samuel

To the Braman Foundation,

With the blessings of His Eminence, The Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Bondi, Archbishop of New York, The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America.

Greetings in the peace of Christ.

I write to Mr. Peter to share the humble yet vital work of our ministry in Pakistan, under the banner of The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America. Rooted in prayer and sacrament, our mission extends beyond the altar—into the homes, hearts, and lives of the poor whom Christ calls us to serve.

Each month, by God's grace and the generosity of few friends, we provide essential food items to families in need. These are not mere provisions—they are signs of hope, dignity, and love. In a country where poverty often silences the voice of faith, we strive to ensure that no one is forgotten.

Our Sunday School program nurtures the spiritual growth of children, many of whom are first-generation Christians. Through Scripture, liturgy, and song, we help them discover their identity in Christ and their place in the Church. It is a small seed, but one we believe will bear lasting fruit.

We also offer basic medical support to those who cannot afford treatment—especially the elderly, widows, and children. Simple medicines, first aid, and compassionate care become instruments of healing and witness.

This ministry is not large in scale, but it is deep in purpose. We believe that every act of mercy is a liturgy in itself—a reflection of the Eucharist lived out in daily life.

We are grateful for the work of the Braman Foundation, and we humbly ask for your prayers, partnership, and support. Together, we can continue to feed the hungry, teach the young, and heal the broken—bearing witness to the Gospel in a land that longs for light.



C&MA

Missions: India

Currently we are praying for Pakistan as there is much rain and flooding. Due to the rainy season it has been very difficult for us in the State Gujarati and the city of Ahmedabad. We have completed our Annual General Meeting. I the Rev. Yakub Christian have been placed as President of the Gujarati Synod. Right now we are out in the field working our Mission work and I must cut this report short. Please pray for us as the new leadership begins. There are many Christians under sever persecution here in this region of India. Please pray as we move forward in the Lord's Work. The C & MA Ministry here in India has been here since the late 1800's as the C & MA Mission workers established many churches here. Today our churches compromise 3 Synods and I the Rev. Yakub Christian will serve the Lord and His people as best I can do.



The Necessity of the Cross

“Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief.”

- Isaiah 53:10

Would it surprise you to learn that the Bible says that the Cross was God's work? When Abraham was in the act of plunging a knife into his son's heart, God provided another sacrifice, but God did not stop the sacrifice of his own son. Isaiah 53:4 reads; “Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God.” God wounded Christ for our transgressions; he bruised Christ for our iniquities.

In Charles Raun Kennedy's drama, “The Terrible Meek”, Mary asked the Centurion, “What makes them do it?” To which the Centurion replies, “They want money: they want power. They want kingdom. They want to possess the earth” Mary says, “and they have won. They have it.” “Have they?” Asked the Centurion, adding, “not while your Son hangs there.” Truly God has won the victory as a result of Christ's death. We have gained forgiveness of our sins as a result of Christ's death.

The cross of Christ must be either the darkest spot of all the mystery of existence, or a searchlight by the aid of which we may penetrate the surrounding gloom.

Why did the Cross have to be?

First of all, because God permitted it. Surely if God did not want the Cross to happen, he would've stopped it. Got allowed it because he knew it was necessary for Christ to die on the Cross. Out of the defeat on the Cross, he brought victory; out of death came life; out of despair came hope. God defeated Satan by permitting Satan to defeat Christ. If Jesus had died a normal, natural death, there would have been no salvation.

Had Satan written the inscription (on the Cross), it would have read, “Jesus of Nazareth; whom I have overcome.” But if God had written the inscription, it would have read, “Here lies the sinful human race.”

Secondly, the Cross had to be, because God promised it. The Cross was foretold by the prophets. The Cross was no accident; it was not solely the work of evil men; it was God's plan from the foundation of the world. This was the way Jesus explained his death as we read from Luke 22:37; “I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me and be resolved with transgressions; for what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

God told his people through leaders and prophets said he would come someday and save them from

suffering in death. Gradually the people learned that this deliverance would be made possible through a God-sent Messiah. This promise was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.

This was the world which executed the Life, subsequent generation until this hour reveres the best earth has seen. And plainly it is the world in which we still live. All those forces are present and active in our society: religious tolerance, commercial privilege, political expediency, pleasure-loving irresponsibility, unfaithfulness, the mad mind, militarism, public apathy.

We too, probably would kill the Christ today. In fact, we kill Jesus every time we are indifferent to the Christian faith, every time we commit a sin, every time we are relaxed about our church attendance, every time we do not want to take an active part in our church, every time our giving takes a backseat in our life. The attitude of the world isn't much different than it was in Jesus's day. We want all kinds of power, material power, not spiritual.

Since God fulfilled this most important promise, we can be certain that he will fulfill promises made to us first concerning our suffering, second our pardon, and third our eternal life.

Thirdly, the Cross had to be because God predestined it. It was a divine necessity. This was learned by Jesus in Gethsemane, “Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” This was the same as saying; “Father, I do not want to die. I want to avoid suffering. Is it really your will that I die this way?” The answer from God came clear and certain. It was God's will for Jesus to go to Calvary. Then Jesus said, “Not as I will, but as thou wilt.” Jesus accepted his fate with courage and good cheer. When arrested, he offered information about himself. He surrendered without resistance. Pilate was amazed that he did not try to justify himself.

The greatest modern printing of our Lord's crucifixion Is Salvador Dali's “Christ of St. John of the Cross.” It represents the crucifix suspended against a dense black sky above a blue Italian lake and tilted forward so that you look upon the Savior from above. Our Lord's head is bowed, his face being hidden, and his body strains forward and downward from the great timbers of the Cross. A postcard reproduction evoked from two teenagers, one outstanding impression-the

massive shoulders and muscled arms of the Carpenter of Nazareth. Once noted, they seem to hold the center of the painting. Is this Dali's meaning, that the whole weight of sin and sorrow of the race meets on those mighty shoulders and bows that noble head-that Jesus died, bearing the burdens of the world?

John 13: 32 reads, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

The Cross is a condemnation. It is a way of salvation and deliverance, but first of all it is a condemnation. Why did Christ die? Not for his own sins, but for the sin of man, in the place of man, as a substitute for man. If that is so, then that death of Christ on the Cross represents the penalty upon sin and shows what is the mind of God towards sin.

The Cross is a reconciliation. The judge who on the Cross condemns us becomes the Savior whose arms are stretched out to save us. The sentence of death is changed into the promise of eternal life. If it is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, it is also a faithful saying that he saves them by reconciling them to God on the Cross.

Why was the Cross God's will?

First of all, only in and through the Cross could God reveal himself as pure love, agape love. It was a kind of love that led to suffering and sacrifice. Jesus died in love but also in sorrow, for the tragedy of the Cross is that his love was not returned. His own received him not. He was despised and rejected of men. Jesus died with a broken heart.

And if Christ was to do the same thing today, he would also die with a broken heart for indeed, we are still rejecting him. We do not want him to interfere in our lives. We do not want to make many sacrifices. We want our lives to be the very way we want them.

Second, God willed the Cross that he might redeem mankind. "There was none other good enough to pay the price of sin." Man could be saved only by suffering and sacrifice. Hebrews 9: 22 reads; "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." God took upon himself all of the sins, the hatred, the cruelty, and the meanness of men. When Christ died, all of these things went down to death with him. As a result we should have a sense of having been died for. Take a long look at the Cross and know that God loved you that much. This truly is the marvel of the Cross.

I Corinthians 1: 23 says, "But we preach Christ crucified." Why preach Christ crucified?

First of all because we need to be reminded that small sins grow into large ones and that the way of the true Christian is not easy or smooth.

Second, because we need to be warned constantly of what can happen to honest, just, prophetic men and women in a militaristic state such as Palestine was under Rome.

Third, because we need to be reminded of what can

happen in a nation which permits church and state to use each other for narrow, selfish and cruel ends.

Fourth, because any fair minded observer knows that periodically we need the damning indictment of human wickedness.

Fifth, because the Cross can help us face the whole truth about humankind.

Sixth, because that alone is an adequate testament of God's faith in us after such a story of human cruelty as our 20th century has written.

There is something glorious and unselfish about a brook. Unlike a lake, which gathers to itself and for itself streams and runoff waters from adjacent hills, a brook lives to serve, not to be served, to give, not to receive. It gathers groundwater and springs to itself but not for itself, only to suffer them again to the larger streams and the lakes and the seas. Wherever it goes, among the joyfully uplifted hills or the sad and somber swamps, the brook exists to open itself and to be spent, giving its water freely, asking nothing in return. The brook is going somewhere. It is water on a mission. About to present itself to other waters at its destination, it never neglects little wayside opportunities. On its way to make its final offering, it daily gives itself all along the way. Deer drink of its refreshing coolness with a deep content. Boys of seven years and of 70seventy probe its pools and eddies with their lures and return home at the day's end with the brook's gift of speckled trout. Fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and water insects are given a home in its swirling currents and tranquil pools. Flora, from its birth with bubbling springs to its arrival at its final goal; the brook is selfless and a happy appearing thing.

John 15: 11 reads; "These things have I spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." Service and happiness belong together. We feel lowest when we are most self-centered, when we are most self-pitying. We are happiest when we are so busy doing for others that we forget ourselves. A person's circumstances may be ever so favorable, but he will be unhappy if he is self-centered. He has troubles may be many, but he may still achieve happiness if he lives by the service motive. In the shadow of the Cross, on the eve of his crucifixion, the Master said to his disciples, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." His joy? What reason did he have to be joyful with suffering confronting him on the morrow? Christ joyousness came from giving himself for others.

Like the brook, we are here not to get, but to give. Christ gave. He gave his life for our sakes. The least we can do is become his disciple, become a true Christian. Truly the Cross was God's work. He had Christ suffer and die so our sins could be forgiven. It was the only way. That is what the Cross is all about.

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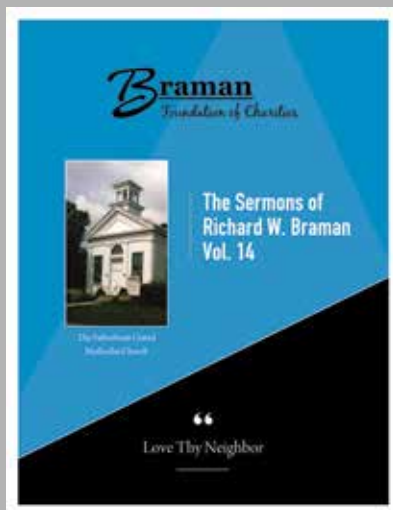
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Missions: India

Words From Umakanta Guru

Respected Brother,

Warm greetings to you and your co-workers in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your mail and remembering us and the ministry in your prayer. We are also remembering you all and your work for the Lord in our prayer.

By the grace of God and through your continuous prayer, we are reaching people individually and as a group with the gospel. We are working in the rural area mostly interior places where there is no proper road and communication facilities, we have to go through the jungles to reach the villages and its people to share the love of God. Among the people whom we are working mostly they are from non-Christian families, when they respond to the gospel and start believing in the Lord, often they go through lot of pain and opposition from their own people, even we have testimonies in our genuine contacts after their coming to the Lord, few sisters who are forsaken by their husbands because of their faith. Please remember those sisters and the people who are facing such situation. We need your prayer and encouragement for the ministry, so that the Lord may help us to reach more people in this region with the gospel to save the precious lives for the glory of God.

Please pray for India, nothing is going on well specially with the Christians, today a peaceful Sunday services in India turning into a nightmare almost every part of the country, the Hindu nationalist mob violently disrupting the worship, breaking down doors and assaulting church members. Despite the chaos, police sided with the attackers, arresting the pastors and coercing the congregation. Please pray for the protection of His people in India.

With regards

Yours Sincerely

Umakanta Guru

Odisha State, India



St. George Foundation

Missions: Sierra Leone

JUNE REPORT FOR REUNIFICATION OF CHILDREN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN COMMUNITIES. Date: 14th July, 2025.



Under this reporting period St George Foundation working with partners (The Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Gender and the Family Support Units of the Sierra Leone Police) coordinating services for the protection of vulnerable children on the Street. This June report is to give an overview of the referral and reunification process at the St George Foundation Sierra Leone.

In our intervention approach, St George Foundation has provided a safe shelter for every vulnerable child in Sierra Leone. In this report St George Foundation with support from its partners was able to carry out family tracing, assessment, mediation for two children all girls found on the street of Freetown on high risk of vulnerabilities (No food, sick need urgent services). SGF staff provided emergency medical treatment and other immediate services to better care for the children.

The families of these two girls were traced in the far-reaching Western Area Rural District and the community people and family members were so pleased to connect back with their lovely daughters who has got missing from months. The children them selves we so much happy to see their family members through the support of SGF partners for making the Reunification happen in a colourful manner.

See photos of Reunification of children and families



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

INTRODUCTION

St George Foundation believes in strong collaboration and partnership with other organizations and is fundamental to the development of marginalized population in communities, we strived to make sustainable impact in the lives of Street Children and other vulnerable people in need of services.

St George Foundation started its operations since 2004 primarily to address concerns for the welfare and protection of children who were separated or accompanied from their parents in communities due to the eleven years' civil war in Sierra Leone. The organization initially started as a drop-in Centre at the East End (Kissy) of Freetown, Sierra Leone (2004), and then moved to Grafton ScoutCamp in the Western Area Rural District in 2004, where it has been in operation till date.

We have been working in the Western area rural and urban District for the past 21 years. Within this period, we have

supported over 6,000 street children through our shelter programs and have reunified them with their families in all sixteen (16) districts in Sierra Leone with 21 years of existence.

Our programming addresses the barriers of unequal power relation which are the root causes to vulnerability faced by children and other young people in the country. We strived to improve integrated child protection and education for all categories of children we come in contact with. We provide enrolment of 300 children annually into formal and informal education and help to strengthened family financial safety net scheme through the VSLA programs scheme.

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION PLAYING-GROUND INITIATIVE SCHEME:

St George Foundation seeking partnership and collaboration to established a first-class recreational playing centre (Playing ground) facility at Grafton scout camp for vulnerable children who have faced discrimination and abuses in the hands of their primary caregivers. The Foundation has a property of 2-acre 8 town lots of land which has been survey and vetted by the Ministry of Lands and Country Planning for the construction of the playing ground facility for children to have access of playing different games and swings, over time we have observed that when children have access to playing facility it will help address stress control, it will help reduced the missing of children all the time, it will help build them mentally, physically and it will help stimulate their social connection and allow them to learn different skills as they group up in a protective environment. The construction of the playing grounds will have a football field with artificial turf well protected for the safety of children, the installation of swings, merry go round, sea saw, children's house, etc.

St George Foundation believes the construction of the playing facility for children will help vulnerable children realized their dreams and aspirations and this can only be achieved through the support of fundraising programs to support this initiative by providing any form of support (Material and non-material support). This information can be shared among charitable organization, schools, churches, private orphanages or foundations, Universities, Business enterprises and other well-meaning individuals to support this incredible initiative.

SOME FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/STRATEGY.

FUND RAISING DINNER AND DANCE: This social event can be used to raise fund by selling tickets to targeted people. The gate taking is one way to get money and during the event you can ask guests to make pledges and sell souvenir items like key holders, pens, car stickers, caps, T-shirts, mugs etc. Your targeted guests can be church members, members of social clubs, colleagues at work place, your neighbours etc. Also, during the dinner and dance event, we can solicit items from families or groups which we can use to do raffle draws.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CHURCH OFFERINGS: We can request for time during church service and use that time to explain to the congregation the situation of vulnerability in Sierra Leone and your intention to support orphans and street children by getting them off the slums and street and how their contribution will support such venture.

SHARE CONCEPT NOTE: you can develop concept note on your drive and the strategy you intend to use the funds you are raising. You map out the potential donors and establish relationship with them. You can share this concept note with these potential donors who includes people, corporations, organizations and any institution you can.

Share Case Stories of Vulnerable/ Reunified Children: we can share stories of children in need of support, and also share stories of children who have been transform and are now reunified with their parents. This success stories with photos and short videos will attract potential donors to support. You can use social media for such drive.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS: organize sponsored walk, car wash, marathon, football, Comic shows, concert, musical events to raise funds. This fun filled events will attract young and old folks.

SETUP SPONSORED GROUPS AND SUPPORT FROM INSTITUTIONS: we can setup groups that will help to raise funds in the neighborhood and church. Also, we can contact schools, colleges, scouts and many more for support.

STUDENTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: This is a program that will target students or retired people who wants to do volunteer programs overseas and are willing to offer some funds to charitable work. **NOTE, we can hire the service of expert fundraiser for efficiency and better outcome.**

To order, email info@bramanfoundation.com or call 845-471-2286

CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY

If your church or organization is interested in learning how to approach prison or local correctional facilities, please call the Braman Foundation.

Let BFC help in training, organizing, and implementing.



Behind the Walls

Includes Training and Life Line Literature

Learn a devotional program that you can bring into your local correction facility to help inmates come to Christ and strengthen their walk in Christ. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that unfortunately comes out of some families.



Lifeline

Includes Matchcard for 15 Inmates and Personal Training

This program, when instituted, will enable any individual being released from a facility the opportunity to be united with a home church and a contact person in their home area. In addition, we will offer a mentoring program. Learn how to bridge inmates from the facility to your church.

CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY NEWS

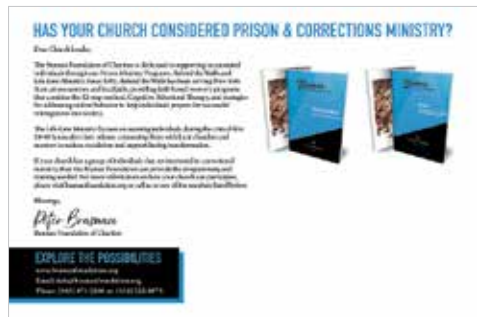
The Braman Foundation continues to serve the Lord through its effort to mail out 400 mailers, shown below. These mailers are currently being mailed out to begin work with churches in the greater NYC Region. We will train and work with any organization that feels they are being led to Corrections or Prison Ministry.

As you may recall the BFC Behind the Walls Program was used in several NYS Correctional Facilities from 1985 – 2011. In addition, BFC has developed the Life line Program. This is a program to help bridge the inmate back into his or her communities.

BFC has worked with both male and female inmates and has helped coordinate past programs with local churches.

In Matthew 25 Christ speaks of Prison Work: Matthew 25:39, "When I was in prison and you visited me."

If feel led to Prison work please call BFC and we will be glad to help you.



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Ethiopian Ministry

Missions: Africa

We met Missionary Francis Losuswi in 2018 while conducting a conference in Mityana, Uganda. Since that time, we have kept in contact periodically. The BFC is going to support his mission work in Northern Kenya and Ethiopia. He recently traveled to Ethiopia to visit one of his new churches. In the photos below, you can see the church members gathered under the tree to pray for well wishes and assistance in the construction of a new building.

Words From Missionary Francis Losuswi

Greetings to you brother Peter in Jesus name. I am fine in the Lord. I am back from Ethiopia yesterday we held a wonderful conference with pastors and missionaries from Ethiopia from 21/24/08/25 over two hundreds people give their lives to Jesus it was wonderful conference about 1500 people attended the conference. We are doing evangelism. Church planting. Discipleship to this community of daasanach. We have many challenges in this area people are totally unreached and the pastor's and missionaries are lacking support completely the place is needy. No constructed churches. No public address system. No hospitals. People are poor and etc. Another danger the Muslim are coming in full force bringing humanitarian AIDS building mosques in every town. We need to this situation quickly and assist missionaries and who are working there. So we need prayers and support from you people
This are some pictures in the conference.



SPURGEON'S CORNER

Before we go, we will sing that very solemn hymn in Mr. Sankey's book, "What Shall the Harvest Be?" It will help to impress the subject upon our memories and hearts—



"Sowing the seed by the dawn-light fair,
Sowing the seed by the noon-day glare.
Sowing the seed by the fading light,
Sowing the seed in the solemn night—
Oh, what shall the harvest be?
Sowing the seed with an aching heart,
Sowing the seed while the teardrops start,
Sowing in hope till the reapers come,
Gladly to gather the harvest home—
Oh, what shall the harvest be?
Sown in the darkness, or sown in the light,
Sown in our weakness, or sown in our might,
Gathered in time, or eternity,
Sure, ah, sure, will the harvest be!"

Community Meetings



BFC continues to work with local churches with its Community Programs. Over 400 churches have received mailings as BFC begins this project.

The BFC Community Programs help those believers grow in Discipleship and their personal relationship with the Lord.

Also BFC Community programs help through its Recovery Program. Its fifth program gives an understanding of modern materialism and its dire effects on one's spiritual walk with the Lord. Pray as BFC continues this work.



Prayer & Meditation

Every Sunday, 7pm



Bible Study

Every Thursday, 7pm

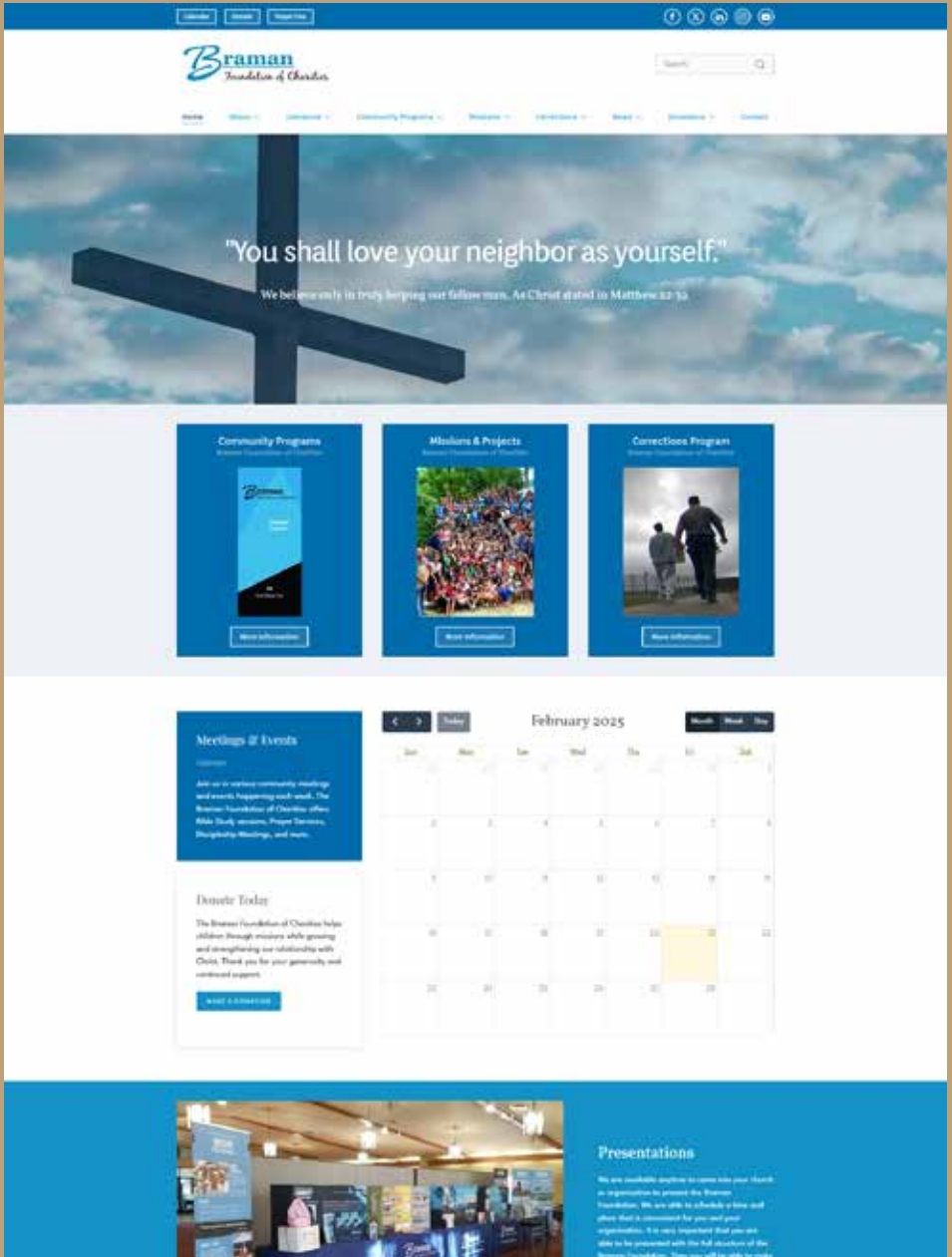


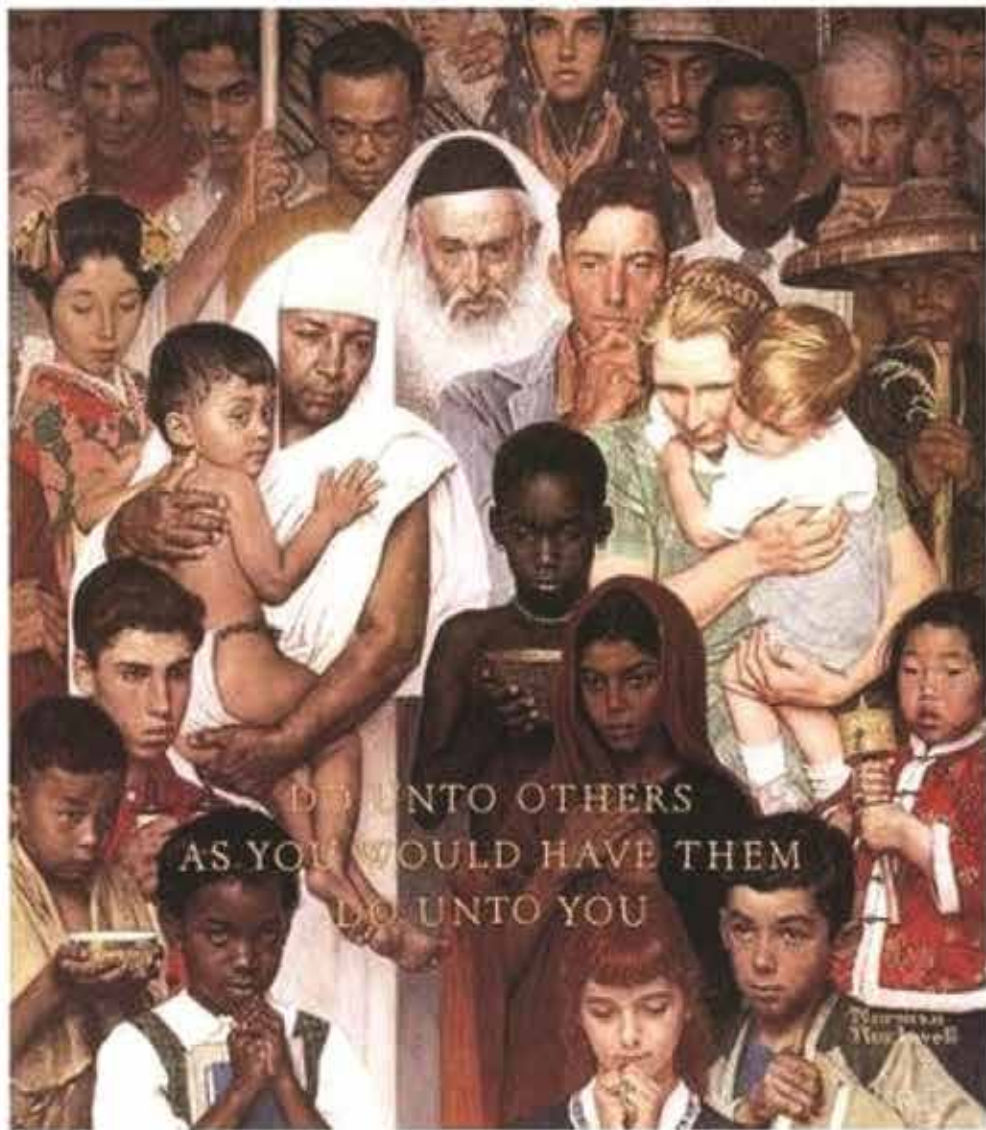
Locally here in Poughkeepsie, NY BFC will begin a Bible Study rooted in Orthodoxy.

This study begins Thursday the 19th at 7 PM at the Holy Comforter Rectory located at 18 Davies Place.

This will be a continuing study every Thursday night. All are welcome.

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visit bramanfoundation.org to see our updated look





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