

**IF I SHOULD
LIVE BEFORE
I DIE**

**Oh! What faith in Christ can do!
It's true, it's true, it's true, it's true!!!
Only He can transform you!**

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I wish I could get ahold of every bitter, broken, wounded person and tell them about the love of Christ, whether that would be the homeless, the suicidal, the drunkards and drug addicted, the prisoners, whether in or out of a physical jail. I know the world would be turned upside down if people just realized how much they matter to God, and that God has already extended His love unto man by sending His Son to die on the cross and pay our sin debt, and now the choice is ours, whether to receive that or not, for ourselves.

Jesus offers healing and hope. It's up to us if we'll believe that or not. The moment you receive the gift of eternal life from Christ, the most amazing thing happens, that is if you really mean it... if you really recognize your need for a Savior, knowing you cannot save yourself. For the moment you receive Christ by your own free-will choice of faith, you become a new creation. You become born again. And you enter into the most amazing adventure of discovering God more deeply for your own self, every moment of every day, if you would so choose. Everybody needs the Lord. His love, His guidance, even His discipline, because it's always done out of a perfect love. Have you ever read the Bible for yourself? I invite you to read on as I share, often in poetry, more about this amazing love of God that it took me a very long time in my own life, to really understand. And of course, I am still on my own journey, myself. It is so good to know we have a purpose, and to know that God is with us, that is if we would so choose. The narrow road is never easy, but it leads to life, not death! Eternal life, and life more abundant, every time we dare to trust God!

Broken? Bitter?

Are you broken? Bitter?
With pure hatred in your soul?
Do you like to cause harm,
And can sense that you're not whole?

Full of wounds you can't see,
That hurt so very much...
I'll tell you what did help me,
It was the Master's touch!

For our loving God does know
Exactly what we need,
And if you'll turn to Jesus,
You too, can be freed!

Ever heard from a Christian who was trying to tell you that you need to trust God, while their own life was falling apart? My name is Sue Mueller, and that was me. I got the idea that since I had received Christ and was born again (mainly because I wanted to make sure I wasn't going to hell) and because I knew I'd received His free gift of eternal life, and was secured to go to heaven, that I thought it was only everybody ELSE who needed to learn how to trust the Lord, not me.

It took me a long time that Jesus was not just about getting us to heaven when we died, but also He's the dire help we need in this world, while on our way there. No wonder I spent so many years in severe depression, hypocrisy and being lukewarm. Today, I am absolutely convinced there is no pain too great, that God cannot heal, and no soul so lost that He cannot save. For He'll even help a hypocrite, like me!

The Me Inside

Nobody knows the me inside
How many times that I have cried,
(How many times I have wished I'd died!)

Before creation, God says that He knew
Every thought and each action that I would do-
(Does God really know all my hurt feelings too!?)

So accustomed to that pain I had grown,
For so long, I had felt all alone.
"Can God be good?" my spirit did moan!

But have I 'er taken God at His Word?
Have I truly believed...have I really heard?
The words,"Jesus loves me."... they sound so absurd!!!

"God loves the whole world that He sent His own Son"-
It's easy to know, but for ME? THIS one?!
For this me inside,, I know what I'VE done!!!

"God loves YOU!! God loves YOU!!"
Oh, Preacher... Preacher- please say that's true!!
Is God really willing to forgive ME too??

(...Now,, believing that is up to YOU!)

Come Along With Me

I think you'd be amazed at how caring our God is-
The perfect loving Father who wants you to be His!
I think you'd be amazed at how gentle God can be-
So if you've never felt His touch, come along with me!

Psalms 119:162 tells us, "I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great treasure." For what can be or more value, than are the words of life??

This following poem I wrote about me, after I was saved, but when I lost my first love. It's based on the old children's story, The Emperor's New Clothes and also from the truth revealed in Rev. 3:17, 18, "Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire...and white garments...; and eye salve...so you may see."

Never Looked Fairer

**There once was a man, convinced he was dressed,
as he listened to spinners who said, "You're so blessed!!!"
There once was a man convinced he was clothed,
but he was buck naked from his head to his toes!**

**He'd received Christ, and yes, he was saved,
but in his own battle of faith, was not brave!
The tests given him, he was greatly failing,
No wonder why his own spirit was wailing!**

**All he could see is what OTHERS might need,
Forgetting his own call to trust and believe.
The deception of sin and neglect of his fight
Robbed his first love and distorted his sight.**

**But there once was a man who realized his error,
Trusted God for himself, and never looked fairer!
For when he was humbled, and obeyed what he heard
That's when he was able to share the Lord's Word!**

He Thinks You're Worth It

**'Tis a beautiful thing to be at peace, full knowing you're not perfect,
And that Jesus died for you just because He thinks you're worth it!**

Never be Quite Able

***Once you realize that God loves you exactly where you're at,
You'll never be quite able to get enough of that!***

Treasure

***Do you treasure God's truth that may convict,
To guide you and spare you, and save from the pit?***

*How much do you happen to value your life?
If you are wise, your treasure is Christ!*

Religions teach that we have to do something to do to be good enough for God to accept us, except the Bible. Indeed even our good works to try to become acceptable, not in His way, are offensive unto God. {See Isaiah 64:6}. And Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Jesus loves us as is, no matter how broken and no matter whose fault that it is! He ALONE can save!

HUMPTY DUMPTY

HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL.
HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL.
ALL THE KING'S HORSES, AND ALL THE KING'S MEN
COULDN'T PUT HUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN!

BUT THE PRINCE OF ALL HEALING HEARD HUMPTY'S DEAR CRY
AND THE GOD OF COMPASSION, WITH A TEAR IN HIS EYE
FELT HUMPTY'S PAIN AND IN LOVE DREW NEAR,
SAYING, "NEVER GIVE UP! AND PLEASE DO NOT FEAR!"

FOR IF HUMPTY WOULD TRUST AND JUST LEAN UPON HIM,
HIS ADVENTURE OF HEALING SOON WOULD BEGIN!
AS HUMPTY CONSIDERED HIS ALTERNATIVES,
HE KNEW NOTHING ELSE HAD HELPED HIM TO LIVE.

HE WISELY DECIDED TO TRUST IN THIS GOD,
AND EACH TIME HE DID, HE FELT RATHER ODD
AS ANY SEMBLANCE OF HOPE THAT HAD GONE AWAY-
STARTED TO GROW AND WITH HIM DID STAY!

To Every Man

**To every man there openeth a high way and a low,
To every man the choice is given, which way that man will go.
To ask and seek and knock and find, is an honor due a king,
because that searched out matter will affect his everything.**

**To every man there openeth a high way and a low,
Have you heard what our God says, of how He loves you so?
Come along and hear precious truths that I did find,
that helped my inner man inside, and gave me a right mind.**

**Hell is nothing to joke about, so please know that when you read the following poem.
You may want to see the YouTube by Bill Weise, "23 Minutes in Hell", if you think hell
is a joke. If we could get to heaven without Jesus, I ask you, why did He come?**

Heaven or Bust

It seems on earth there's a lot of confusion
About the term 'Christian' so many are usin'

So if Jesus Christ is not who you trust-
Why claim you're a Christian? It's heaven or bust!

Ever been bamboozled by a lie? That can be so frustrating! But Jesus says, ""If you abide in My word [continually obeying My teachings and living in accordance with them, then] you are truly My disciples. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.", John 8:31,32

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A LIE

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I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

SOMETHING INSIDE HER WAS WRONG, IT WAS CLEAR,
AS THAT LIE DID ITS JOB, IT THEN PRODUCED FEAR!
SHE WRESTLED WITH FEAR WHEN SHE SWALLOWED THE LIE-

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

AFTER THAT HAPPENED SHE WASN'T THE SAME,
FOR THE FEAR THAT SHE HAD, THAT THEN PRODUCED SHAME!
HER SHAME THAT SHE FELT, FROM HER FEAR IT DID COME,
WHICH CAME FROM THE LIE- OH BOY WAS THAT DUMB!

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
PERHAPS SHE'LL DIE!

AND WHEN THE OLD LADY HAD HAD QUITE ENOUGH
TURMOIL AND TRIALS THAT HAD BEEN REALLY TOUGH!
THAT'S WHEN THE OLD LADY LOOKED TO CHRIST AND THEN SAW
THAT BELIEVING A LIE HAD BEEN HER OWN FAULT!

AS SHE TOLD THE LORD JESUS HER SIN AND HER SHAME,
ABOUT HER MISTAKE WHICH HAD CAUSED SO MUCH PAIN,
THAT'S WHEN THE OLD LADY LEARNED ON TRUTH THEN TO FEED,
INSTEAD OF THOSE LIES - THAT'S WHEN SHE WAS FREED!

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE SWALLOWED A LIE,
BUT OH PRAISE THE LORD!- NOW SHE WON'T EVER DIE!

Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

I like how the late Nancy Missler taught that faith is always a choice. Not a feeling. A choice that you are either making , or not making at any given moment. It really helps when you're down, to remember that!! It's

like this life is the ultimate reality video game, where the goal, and the way to victory is to trust and obey, even in the small stuff, no matter just WHAT might be going on, including learning how to get back up, whenever you fall down! For there really are rewards or the lack of, in life!

Did you know?

Did you know the Bible says there is no pain in this life
Worthy to compare with the greatness of our Christ?

Did you know the Bible says God can use all things for good,
For those who cleave to Him and love Him as they should?

Did you know the Bible says that tests will come our way
Each to help us learn just how to live by faith?

Did you know the Bible says we can more than conquerors be,
When we seek to follow Jesus and take Him seriously?

Did you know the Bible says when you trust God like a child,
You can know that you are saved,,, rewards can get stockpiled?

Did you know the Bible says Christ will return with great surprise,
As a last-ditch effort to open people's eyes?

Please know the Bible says God wants all of us to come,
To turn from sin and fears and doubt, for He loves everyone!

But God will never force you to accept Him and get saved,
Although the debt for all our sin, His Son already paid!

Affairs of the Heart

Life is a paradox of assorted affairs, sordid affairs of the heart-
Our soul's passionate tug of real war that threatens to tear us apart!

Our courtiers holdback no measure to have us, both seeking moments to win-
'Tis a great war of both life and love, this battle we find ourselves in!

First, we love one, then choose the other; oh what ought a poor soul to do?
For we cannot continue to live in the middle with our heart so torn right in two!

Though we're unfaithful, they're both willing to have us-
for our courtiers are evil and good!
So come search your heart and choose you this day-

Come choose just which one you would!

There's a War Going On

There's a war going on and we have to act fast!
There's another one down, did you see that blast?!
Call in the sergeants, colonels and troops!
Call the armed forces and all the recruits!

The devil is having too often his way
With all of his lies he tells people today!
There is a famine of truth in the land-
The knowledge needed so that we can stand!

Oh where are those experienced to yield
The sword of the Spirit- our soul's only shield?
Where are those who are given to pray,
Who follow the Lord and trust and obey?

Rise up, O Daniels, Esthers and Ruths!
Rise up O brave ones who speak the truth!
Calling all saints to stand 'gainst the tide
Of a culture so lost and doomed by its pride!

Oh, who will come and help others to know
The source of all hope so that they can grow?
In this old world, that's getting so dark,
Will anymore rise up and leave their life's mark?

There's a war going on, and we have to act fast!
There's another one down, did you see that blast?!
Call in the sergeants, colonels and troops!
Call the armed forces, and all the recruits!

(Oh- just look at the children, there's Sally and Sam...
Will they turn out like Hitler, or the next Billy Graham?)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole

**armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”,
Ephesians 6:10-12**

Did you know the Bible says even if we just stumble or sin once, we're guilty of all? (James 2:10) So no one can be..

Overqualified

You can't be overqualified when it comes to sin and sickness,
You can't be overqualified in your need for God's forgiveness!
So if you need God's medication, it is free for application,
Just take as you're directed and apply where you're affected!

Beware! It brings the dead to life!
Eases pain and calms your strife!
Heals your hurts and sets you free-
Make sure to use it gen'rously!

Each of our results may vary-
We must admit the guilt we carry!
Guaranteed when used by faith,
Thanks to God's amazing grace!

Beware! It brings the dead to life,
Eases pain and calms your strife!
Heals your hurts and sets you free-
Make sure to use it gen'rously!

Free

**It is the very truth of God that sets the captive free.
It is the very truth of God that makes the blind to see.
It is the very truth of God that breathes life unto the dead.
Jesus is that truth of God, Who loved us as He bled!**

**He bled upon that cross of old to heal our lives today,
Though the power of God's Word has seen no such decay
as has man's thoughts and stubborn will, which struggles to survive,
Resisting our God from above, Who came to bring us life!!**

**Ruthless is the foe of God, and evil is his goal,
Tormenting hearts while bodies live to destroy their soul.
God's truth is but so near to you- it is the only key!
Call to Christ by prayer in faith, and He will rescue thee!!**

The instant I received Christ, God gave me a vision of a series of hills and valleys, letting me know life would be easier sometimes than others.. I was SO excited with my new found faith, that I couldn't wait to get into those valleys and prove to God, that I would still believe! I really had no idea how very hard they would be, at that time. I sure wish I would have taken the following verses much, much more seriously!

"Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." Luke 6:47-48

The Big Bad Wolf

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big bad wolf?

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Tra-la-la-la-la

You should be if you build on sand, build on sand, build on sand.

You should be if you build on sand, for your house will fall!!

He'll huff and he'll puff and he'll blow and he'll blow,

He'll huff and he'll puff, it's not fun, I know!

He'll huff and he'll puff, with attempts to destroy!

He'll huff and he'll puff, and he'll serve to annoy!

But all that wind pressure that can grind to the floor

Is the same turbulence that makes eagles to soar!

(How's things with Jesus when with Him you talk?

He says you won't sink- if you build on the Rock!)

Gold and Jewel

The time is quickly dwindling to place your faith in Christ,

And learn to fully follow Him, all the rest of life!

Someday you'll search your whole life- inspecting through and through

For the moments that you trusted God-just like gold and jewel!

The devil's goal it is to kill, steal and destroy, not only eternally, but to ruin our lives here and now. Every one of us sins (breaks the laws of God) but it is those who confess they have sinned, and simply receive Christ who inherit the right to be called the children of God.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.", Romans 6:23.

Let the Gold Rush Start Today

**In which market do you invest?
Eternal proceeds are the best!
For in God's word, we all are told
Faith is more precious than pure gold!**

**The kind of treasure we will seek
When we're at the Judgment seat...
So let the gold rush start today!
God please help me, I do pray!**

"For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation *and* be made safe *and* sound through Him." John 3:16,17

BURIED TREASURE

**BURIED TREASURE, BURIED TREASURE...
WORDS OF COMFORT, WORDS THAT HEAL!
BURIED TREASURE, BEYOND MEASURE-
FOR WHICH YOU MUST DIG AND KNEEL!**

**WORDS OF WARNING TO PROTECT US,
THAT CAN SAVE OUR VERY LIFE!
WORDS OF LOVE AND TRUTH TO BLESS US
THOUGH THEY CAN CUT JUST LIKE A KNIFE!**

**CUTTING CHAINS OF SIN AND BONDAGE,
CUTTING CHORDS OF DISCONTENT,
BRINGING TRUTH SHOULD WE ACCEPT IT-
EACH ONE RICHLY HEAVEN SENT!**

(EVEN THE WARNINGS OF GOD...)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in

them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the thing that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.”, Romans 1:18-20.

PLANS

I KNOW THE PLANS, OH YES, THE PLANS... THE PLANS I HAVE FOR ME-
I KNOW EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM, AND ADORE THEM TO A T!
I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON THEM, AND HOW I WANT MY LIFE TO BE.

OH NO! OH NO! WHAT HAPPENED? GOD DID YOU JUST SAY NO?
I HADN'T PLANNED FOR THAT DEAR LORD, AND I REALLY HATE IT SO!!
I'M CRUSHED AND BRUISED AND BROKEN, MORE THAN YOU CAN KNOW!

I FEEL SO VERY OUT OF SORTS, GOD, AS MY LIFE YOU DIRECT...
HOW IS IT THAT YOU'RE GOOD LORD? THIS I CAN'T DETECT!
SUCH DOUBTS HAVE TAKEN OVER... AND MY HOPE THEY DID INFECT!

SHOULD I REALLY JUST STOP FIGHTING, AND LET YOU HAVE CONTROL?
I'M SURE YOU KNEW MY PLANS, LORD, AND HOW I LOVED THEM SO!
PLEASE HELP ME, LORD, BE WILLING, TO TRUST YOU AND LET GO!

Having been someone who's lost their way and spent way more time than I should have, thinking about suicide, after I was saved, because the battle is not easy, now I have a new perspective on the topic of suicide. If we don't want our lives, both God and the devil do. There is a better way to die... die to your own self and seek what God's will is for you instead, Galatians 2:20 tells us, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith (by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting) in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Suicide

**If you ask for my opinion of what is suicide,
It's refusing your Creator, and clinging to your pride!
Eternal separation from the God who loves you so,
Refusing the forgiveness that He would have you know!**

**Did you know that Jesus died to cleanse you of your sin?
And if you are but willing, you may enter in...
not only to a place of love, when your body dies,**

But to a life of triumph over Satan's lies!

If you have anger issues or even PTSD, you may be very interested in a movie on YouTube, called **Unforgiveable**, starring the late John Ritter. Based on a true story, John played the part of a wife abuser who worked as a car salesman, but Paul Hegstrom, who the movie was based on, was actually a Christian pastor who wanted all of his failures and flaws to be shown, so others would know there's hope for them too. He went on to become a doctor specializing in the studies on the brain, has a lot of helpful material at Life Skills International or free on YouTube, which boasts a 75% long term recovery rate for PTSD victims. I'd like to recommend the YouTubes by Bryce Crawford, who I think could be the next Billy Graham, where you'll see him sharing how he learned relationships are meant to be mutual. That includes our relationship with God. Jamie Carrington has a lot of strong messages too, but the best thing to feed on is the Bible, itself.

Jury of One

For when it's all finished ...

When it's all done ...

It all boils down to a jury of one!

For when it's all finished ...

When it's all done ...

One thing will matter- your faith in God's Son.

Playing Hard to Get with God

Playing hard to get with God, might not be very wise.
Playing hard to get with God might cost you your life.
God likes it when it is the truth upon which we insist
To hear and see and understand, and know why we exist.

For He's the lover of our soul, we bear His own image
His heart's purest deep desire is that we each are His!
It is up to you each of us to choose what we'll believe,
If our God is bad or good... if Jesus we'll receive.

I know my main motive to seek the Lord in the first place was because I'd heard about hell where people burn forever in their afterlife, and I wanted to do everything I could to make sure I wouldn't go there, if indeed it was true. I wanted to find God for myself because I figured if He made me, He could show me,,, or just bag religion and live however I wanted (which meant to indulge in sin). When I started searching (very skeptically, I might add) in the Bible, I began to realize it was true that I was a sinner, which I knew was wrong, but I also came to realize that's exactly why Jesus died on the cross, not to just pay for the sins of mankind in some kind of generic way, but that He also did it for me, and it was up to me whether to accept that gift, or pay for my own sins, myself. The very moment I asked the Lord to forgive me, I was instantly filled with the Spirit, and knew something big had changed. I was overwhelmed with the love of God and wanted to get to know Him and read the Bible like never before.

Are you ready to admit that you need Jesus? Are you willing to admit you have sinned and need His forgiveness? Or maybe you already have, but got distracted or proud or neglectful of your first love, like I did, and you need to once again draw near, and re-surrender your life unto God? I invite you to go make things right with Him, now. There are no magic words. God will know if you are being sincere or not, and if you're really sorry for your sins. If you just invited Jesus to be your personal Savior and Lord, WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!! You're going to want to read the Bible, and find good fellowship (if you can! Churches that actually teach the truth are getting really hard to find!) If you need more time to think about it, thanks for being honest but given the day and age in which we live, please hurry. At the end of this paper, I share information of how we are nearing the end of the world as we know it, and about the rapture. I'll also list a few online teachers I recommend.

It's That Simple

*It's that Simple, it really is,
Either you trust God or you don't.
It's that simple, it really is,
Either you admit your need or you won't!*

The Bible says that once we receive Christ, we get instantly delivered from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, meaning our eternal address just changed, and we can count on that. We actually become a new creation. We have just passed from death to life. And NOW how we live for God's kingdom offers opportunities to both win and lose rewards both in this life and the next.

The Changes God's Made

*When you allow God to transform your mind,
Changing your thoughts, one thought at a time...
When you die to yourself and instead live for Him,
That's when true changes will really begin!*

*As you overcome obstacles, once a blockade
That now serve to prove the changes God's made-
You'll long for more chances to become fully His
As you learn to experience what faith truly is!*

"For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [specifically] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things], so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts]; [we pray that you may be] strengthened *and* invigorated with all power, according to His glorious might, to attain every kind of endurance and patience with joy." Colossians 1:9-11

BLESSED IS THE MAN

BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM GOD DOES NOT IMPART
ANY OF THE SIN WHICH HAS ABIDED IN HIS HEART!

BLESSED IS THE MAN ON EARTH WHO DOES FULLY KNOW
HIS CREATOR AS HIS GOD, WHO DEARLY LOVE HIM SO!!

There's a line in the song, "Like a River Glorious" that I really like: 'Those who wholly trust
God, find Him wholly true. The old hymns or so rich with deep meaning!!

That's Why It's So Important

Each day seems but a testing ground to test what I believe
Though all my circumstances can seem tailored to deceive!
My enemy- I know he wants to trip me up inside-
That's why it's so important to discern both truth and lies!

God's Treasure Chest

If God had a treasure chest, what would it hold?
Would it be full of silver and gold?
What are the things that bring joy to His heart??
It's His children who walk by faith like pure art!

People whose trials and temptations don't sway
Them into placing their faith other ways!
Since God searches for hearts who are fully His,
His favorite treasure must simply be this!

It's Only Been an Hour

**I just invited Jesus in, to the deepest pain I've known,
It's only been an hour but I sense that I have grown-
...at least in my interior, that hidden place in me
Where truly only Jesus can come to set us free!**

**Another day has past now since to Christ I prayed
Makes me sore amazed, this new living by faith!
Like the man Jesus healed, who'd been paralyzed since birth-
I think I know just how he felt- Oh WOW what faith is worth!!**

There's a Time

There's a time for loss, a time for change.
Sometimes it seems that God's to blame!

In winter when you're hardest hit
God's Word... seems hard to trust in it!

But if you endure, you will know
The new life in you God will sow...

For faith untested cannot be
The kind that makes your eyes to see!

The Christian life is the more difficult path, but remember, it's the one that leads to life and not death.

We now have a purpose and we now have a helper. Each of us will have to give an account for our life unto God, and there will be some with rewards, some more and some less. But others will make it though as by fire, or we might say, by the skin of their teeth.

One thing that helped me develop a vision about what I was supposed to be doing, and how we can win or lose as believers is on YouTube, "The Judgement Seat of Christ (Bema Judgement). God knows the battle gets hard, and has many ways to remind us we can't do it without Him. I praise God for His patience and I praise Him for His love!

Lost the Battle

**When you've lost the battle and you feel so low,
The road feels weary and there's far to go,
Just remember, Jesus loves you so!**

**He'll pick you up and hold you tight,
Just walk by faith and not by sight!
Let His Word be your guiding light!**

**You lost your battle but there's still a war,
That's what we have weapons for!
Sometimes you win and your spirit soars!**

**But when you lose, your faith doth show,
Is it strong or weak, do you even know?
To God's Word is where to go!**

**The Author of Faith is whom to ask,
If you find that faith is what you lack,
And as a better soldier, you'll be back!**

He Helps you Win

There's nothing like the fear of God to transform you each step you trod!
So look for the chances you can win to overcome each doubt and sin!
When you meet Jesus- you'll be glad for every victory you've had-
Each inspired by God's grace in whom you've dared put your faith!

Seeing Through Believing

**If by my suffering I am refined,
May I stay faithful, lest I go blind**

**To the fact, there's purpose in this-
Help me dear Lord, this goal not to miss!**

The Straight and Narrow

**Let me run this race with endurance,
Let me run this race as to win!
Let me run this race for Christ Jesus,
and overcome all of my sin!**

**Let me know when You, I'm not pleasing,
Help me unload each burden and weight
That You don't want me to carry,
Until I enter Your gate!**

Tested Positive

When I went into the doctor, I was frightened when he said,
My child I must tell you, you've tested positive!
When to your heart I listened, that was when that I could tell
The symptoms of your unbelief, is why you don't feel well!

All those fears and doubts that are deep inside in there
Are really very serious, and difficult to bear!
So if you will allow me to tell you what to do,
Take 2 verses on the hour, for the whole day through!

I think that you'll feel better, and yes, so very soon -
If you let them do their work, even then by noon!
If you stay up with it, and this habit do not stop,
Then you'll soon be viewing this world from right on top!

Again and Again

If you'll allow me, here is an insight
That makes you think- if that is alright...
Why do the most unrepentant of men
Swear who God is, again and again?

**We lose something when we can't read Greek or Hebrew, but websites like [Blue Letter Bible.Org](http://BlueLetterBible.org) are
very helpful. For example, here is [Matthew 7:1](#) in 2 different versions.**

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be
measured to you again."

"Do not judge *and* criticize *and* condemn [others unfairly with an attitude of self-righteous superiority as
though assuming the office of a judge], so that you will not be judged [unfairly]. For just as

you [hypocritically] judge others [when you are sinful and unrepentant], so will you be judged; and in accordance with your standard of measure [used to pass out judgment], judgment will be measured to you." (And this is why I like the Amplified.)

Judge Not

Judge not, judge not, close your eyes!
Let Satan tell you all his lies-
If you take God's word out of context
Then you won't obey the rest!

If you're sure you disagree,
and this sounds like heresy,
Here are things for which you need
To keep your judgment up to speed!

How can you not cast pearls to swine
If a pig, you can't define?
Or choose a wise, not foolish friend,
Build your house on rock, not sand?

Avoid the wolves disguised as sheep,
Earn rewards that you can keep?
Discern a mate of equal yoke-
Or just hang out with the right folk?

Can you hate sin and love the one
For whom God did send His Son
If you are afraid to hate
All of sin, both small and great?

(But the sins with which you start
Must be those you find in YOUR heart!

Chuck Missler's study on the book of Hebrews is a good one to explain what God wants for us and from us... that saved Christians are to continue to follow Jesus, after we have received Him. Also, Nancy Missler's study (also now free on YouTube) called Be Ye Transformed, is very healing as well.

Oh What Faith in Christ can do!

**Oh what faith in Christ can do!
It's true, it's true, it's true, it's true!
Only He can transform you!**

Roam Around your Mind

Do you allow those thoughts of doubt to roam around your mind?

If you take them captive, I think that you will find
Something strange will happen, that's almost magical-
For while you place your hope in Christ, He will make you whole!
Total Relinquishment

Total relinquishment, total surrender...
Not holding back, not one little ember!
Humble and broken while all needless burns,
Producing a heart that for God, alone yearns!

Finding the purpose that God has for you,
Abiding in Jesus and learning He's true!
Being renewed and transformed in your mind,
Tis the richest of treasures we humans can find!

Total relinquishment, total surrender...
Not holding back, not one little ember.
What is it today that would block you from Him?
Beware, my dear friend, of the cost of your sin!

A message I believe many Christians need to hear today is by Paul Washer. It's a dire warning called, "Examine Yourself" on YouTube. Mat. 7:21 states, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven." And Proverbs 14:12 tells us, "There is a way which seems right to a man *and* appears straight before him, But its end is the way of death."

IF

IF YOU REFUSE TO OBEY AND YOU JUSTIFY SIN,
HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU REALLY LOVE HIM?
DECEIVE YOURSELF IF THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOOSE,
BUT BE SURE THAT'S A GAME THAT YOU WILL LOSE!

Thanks for the Reminder, God

Thanks for the reminder, God- from Your Word that's always true-
I should not avoid my cross but carry it like You!

Not Even You

**It depends on who you listen to,
If you will hear just what is true,
And 'cuz we know what sinners do,
Trust God alone- not even you!**

The Choice

Jesus tells us clearly that we must be born again,
And that true salvation is by no efforts of us men!
For He alone came down to Earth to pay the highest price
The only pure, acceptable and holy sacrifice!

All our works and efforts are really thus in vain
if our motivation is God's love to attain!
He already proved He loves us, and now the choice is yours
So decide if you'll receive Him before He closes doors!

The Tears We'll Cry

I wonder if the tears we will cry...
(those tears in heaven God says that He'll dry)
will be for the times that we just then discover
the chances we missed to love one another!

Opportunities passed, that we had when we lived
to humble ourselves, extend grace, and forgive.
So, if you are able to still make amends,
Redeem your time well- and prepare for the end!

The Bible

The Bible's like a garden full of truths, both bright and fair-
And anyone who seeks can find all they need in there!

God's promises are priceless, abundant life to give-
And every time we trust Him more, we then learn how to live!

Dr Jeckle or Mr. Hyde

According to how you feel inside,
Are you Dr. Jeckle or Mr. Hyde?
There's just one cure known to man-
Nothing helps like Jesus can!

I Was Not Loving

I was not loving, yesterday, toward my enemy-
And for this, I ask You to please forgive me!
For one thing I'm sure of, as Your word from above

Makes it clear that everyone needs Your kind of love!

Like a self-paced class, there is a series of short videos, titled Spiritual CPR on YouTube, in which I share one short challenge after the other of the sorts of things the Lord used to help me when I was really down. For example, one may suggest to go listen to the Imperials sing "Praise the Lord", or a testimony that really spoke to me, or the challenge to find 4 verses yourself. To have an intimate relationship with God, we need to be intentional, especially after the honeymoon period wears off.

When's the Last Time

When's the last time you've stopped and you've stayed
In the Lord's Presence where this world seems to fade?

When's the last time you've been filled to the brim
With the peace and the joy that alone come from Him?

It rekindles your passion, gives hope a new birth,
For time spent with Jesus is heaven on Earth!!!

Only God

Only God could transform somebody like that,
In all these ways that I have been freed!
Only God could transform somebody like that,
And change the least likely soul to succeed!

Only God could transform somebody like that,
By being so loving, so patient and kind-
Only God could transform somebody like that,
Renewing their soul and their mind!

No Way to Get Bored

There's always some way to grow in
When you walk with the Lord.
For if you're living for Jesus,
There's no way that you can get bored!

Next Step

**Where is God leading your next step of faith?
To obey what you already know, or to rest and wait?
To trust Him through trials, that all works for good?
To stay your heart and mind on Him as you know you should?**

**To seek Him each morning, and all through your day,
To obey and believe, in your will and your way?
Oh- where is God leading your next step of faith?
When you trust where He leads, you just cannot wait!!!**

Growing in the Lord is full of adventure. The allegory Pilgrim's Progress, in many a book and movie form is a great way to be reminded of that. When you start winning some victories over sin, you can even get to the point where you look forward to the trials and tests of your faith, because you're discovering the joy of victory and how very much better, the ways of God are!

My God, My God

My God, My God – what do I need to pass this test of faith, indeed?
I'm asking for Your help today, for without You, there is no way!

Please invade my thoughts, my mind and bring down strongholds You may find...
Please help me, Lord, to overcome for that is how these wars are won!

Whatever's Needed

**I want to run this race in life so that it's You I please-
So do whatever's needed Lord, to keep me on my knees!**

Ever Want to Wonder?

Do you ever want to wonder what God would have done
Had you trusted and heeded the voice of His Son?
The past is behind but today is still here
So walk wisely my friend if it's God that you fear!

Give me my Goliaths

Oh give me my Goliaths, for You have strengthened me!
Thank You Lord! O thank You, for the victory!!!
The victory in You Christ, over doubt and sin...
For this emboldened courage I find myself within!

I want to prove my faith to You, that I will believe!
I want my life on Earth to count, before this world I leave!
Thank You so, my Savior- for Your sacrifice for me,
For leading me to death to self, wherein You set me free!!

The Stronger the Struggle

**The stronger the struggle, the greater the blessing
When you endure and succeed through this testing!**

The stronger the struggle the deeper you'll know

The miraculous ways the Lord helps you grow!

God tells us who have Jesus, not to grieve as those who have no hope. For there is no hope without Him! But 'we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!', Philippians 4:13.

Mourning with Hope

Mourning with hope, Lord, show me how,

As unto Your Lordship, broken I bow.

Mourning with hope, teach me I pray-

To surrender this loss and trust you today!

Is This a Day?

Is this a day where the only way
that you will make it is to seek the Lord's face?

Is this a day where the only way
that you'll survive it is to rest in God's grace?

...Forcing yourself to go through the motion
of trusting the Lord, though void of emotion?

Finding a verse upon which to hold tight-
and clinging to it with all of your might?

Oh THESE are the VERY MOST PRECIOUS of days
To come to know Christ in the deepest of ways!
For if you hold fast, stand firm and believe,
Despite all the darkness, then you shall see
God's faithful healing, just as the sun
Break forth in the morning when darkness is done!

There have been several people set out to disprove Christianity, only to become it's greatest advocates. One was a man who took his anger out on God because he's been molested. See his movie on YouTube, *Undaunted: The Early Life of Josh McDowell*. Lee Strobel had another motive but has a movie also, *The Case for Christ* starring Mike Vogel, or a fact filled teaching by the same name, plus many more like *A Case for Fatih*.

How many sermons about sex have you heard? Bow Down Foo is a YouTubers who was a Marine and he carries the same boldness in his teachings, as he describes what a war we are in as far as how to handle it right, which all of us fail in to some degree because Jesus said to even lust is a sin, just as hating one another is murder. See Pt.1 The Sex Test, Pt. 2 Anatomies,

Pt. 3 Soul, Pt. 4 Spirit, Pt. 5 Restoration and What's Permissible. By the grace of God, and because Jesus is still alive and well, victory and even renewal are still possible...

There Still are Those

*There still are those, their burdens still are carrying,
There still are those, who as virgins still are marrying!
There still are those, so patiently are tarrying!
Ready to meet the Lord!*

*There still are those who faithfully are praying,
There still are those who in the Word are staying,
There still are those who are humbly obeying,
Ready to meet the Lord!*

*There still are those who repent, no judgement dreading,
There still are those who glory-bound are heading,
There still are those, prepared as a bride for wedding!
Ready to meet the Lord!*

You probably have heard of solitary confinement, but have you ever heard of voluntary confinement? Jesus tells about a man in Mt. 18, who was forgiven very, very much, but then refused to forgive his debtor who owed him very little. So the man refusing to forgive, was sent to the torturers until he was willing to pay his fine. To me, it's like those of us who have received the Lord and been forgiven all sins ever committed, then refusing to forgive another person. And Jesus says if we refuse to forgive one another, we won't be forgiven ourselves.

Voluntary Confinement

**Voluntary confinement, I don't recommend it
Voluntary confinement, it's rather quite dull!
Voluntary confinement, I've spent too much time there,
Bound up in prisons that tortured my soul!**

**But when I forgave, that's when I find freedom,
But when I forgave, my spirit did soar!
But when I forgave, the doors flew right open –
That is the freedom my Jesus came for!**

Golden Globe

**I think I'd win a Golden Globe for faking I was kind
When I was truly hiding the unkindness in my mind!**

**I think I'd win a Golden Globe for such hypocrisy,
I want to be authentic, Lord! Please come set me free!**

Do you have anyone you need to forgive? Why not just do that right now???

I'll always remember the moment in Sunday school, where the teacher was sharing about the Hebrews running into a problem in the desert, that of only finding bitter water. Their mistake was to complain. That's easy from our perspective to discern what THEY did wrong. But then the teacher turned the tables on us when he asked what WE do when WE run into bitter water in our own lives. I sat there absolutely stunned, and found myself thinking, "What else are we supposed to do, other than complain?!" Well, there is another choice. Just as God wanted the Hebrews to learn... at least try to remember what God has already brought you through, and try to respond with at least the slightest amount of honest trust!

James 1:2-4 "Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

It is SO NOT natural to praise God while being tested and facing a storm! I share a wonderful testimony called "The Power of Praise, Amen!" on YouTube, that really spoke to my heart.

PUT ON YOUR WINGS

HOW DO YOU CARRY YOUR WEAKNESS, YOUR WOUNDS?
WITH A SONG OF SORROW, SELF-PITY?
HOW DO YOU CARRY YOUR WEAKNESS, YOUR WOUNDS?
THEIR WEIGHT SEEMS TO LIFT WITH REJOICING TUNES!

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT ON THE LORD,
AND WAIT....
AND WAIT....
AND WAIT.

EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT ON THE LORD,
AND WAIT....
AND WAIT....
AND WAIT.

GOD'S WORD CALLS YOU TO TRUST MORE IN HIM
THAN THE LIES OF THE CAPTOR WHO'D LEAD YOU TO SIN.
GOD'S WORD WOULD CALL YOU TO PRAISE THROUGH ALL THINGS..
HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO PUT ON YOUR WINGS?

How fast

How fast are you to choose to praise,
When doubts and fears within you raise?
If you'll trust the Lord and chose His ways,
You'll have more peace throughout your days!

Help Me be Honest

I wonder how many prayers that God hears,
that I've really said out of doubt, out of fears!

Please help me be honest and admit when it's so
And when my faith's small, please help me grow

And you think training for the Olympics is hard? If you really want to find your joy in the Lord, consider that He's looking at every thought and motive in your mind and heart! The Holy Spirit is our teacher, but again, I say...

Only God

Only God could transform somebody like that,
In all these ways that I have been freed!
Only God could transform somebody like that,
And change the least likely soul to succeed!

Only God could transform somebody like that,
By being so loving, so patient and kind-
Only God could transform somebody like that,
Renewing their soul and their mind!

Nancy Missler taught how there are more than 10 different root words in the original languages that are all translated as the word, mind, in English. One of them is like a picture of a horse who has to be broken to be useful and is guided by 2 reigns. Only think of it as a picture of us needing the guidance of the reigns, which are the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. How sensitive and obedient (and thus possibly useful) are we? Although one thing I believe is that if we're not being useful for good, we can be a bad example!

My All

Dear Lord, of all that I say and of all that I do,
May even my thoughts be pleasing to You!

There is No Moment

**There is no moment we can't be trying to please,
No moment that we can't obey.
Striving to do all as unto the Lord,
Surrendering unto His ways!**

**There is no moment we can't be striving to trust,
Even though trials just don't make sense-
There is no moment we can't indulge**

In God's Word that is pure heaven sent!

Have you ever thought of faith as like an electrical current, as in you are either "plugged into" Jesus, or you're not. One's actions tend to reveal this, as well as attitude.

Only While I Do

When I place my hope in God, that's when I find the power
To accept His will for me each moment and each hour!
When I place my hope in God, but only WHILE I do-
Seems that I have just locked on to find my all in You!

Matthew 13:3-8, "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, & choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

HOW DEEP ARE YOUR ROOTS?

**WHEN THE SUN'S TOO HOT, WHAT DO YOU DO?
DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS, GROW A NEW SHOOT?
OR DO YOU GET DRY ROT, AND WONDER WHY
WHEN YOU DON'T CHOOSE FAITH YOU START TO DIE?**

**BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GROW,
FEED ON HIS WORD AND YOUR ROOTS WILL GO
DEEPER WHEN THE SUN COMES OUT,
IF YOU FEED ON FAITH INSTEAD OF DOUBT!**

The Fields

The fields are white for harvest, though the laborers are few.
In which category, is God now finding you?
The fields are white for harvest, each soul so full of need
to know the Lord's compassion so each one can be freed!

Life's Grand Discovery

Are You able? Am I willing?
The questions posed to me,
That each day I get to answer -
That's life's grand discovery!

Are You able? Am I willing?
To bear this cross for Thee,
Help me answer yes, dear Lord
And give me victory!

The Bible says when Jesus returns, He will be looking for a church without spots, wrinkles or blemishes. If you really want to make sure you're living right for God on all levels, including your motives, there's an awesome teaching I recommend by Mark Biltz on YouTube with that very name, Spots, Wrinkles and Blemishes, and his Full Armor of God, as well.

What God's Seeking

I asked God what He's seeking
In His lovely, lovely bride...
He said- Willingness to trust Me,
How'er she feels, inside.

Lips that do yet praise Me
When she does not understand
And a willingness to follow
Where'er I lead her hand.

A woman who has fallen,
But received My help to rise,
And shares my deep compassion –
Oh, she's precious in My eyes!

Find Him Wonderful

God's still working on my 'willing'-
Oh- He's working on me so!
For I'm not always willing-
Thank God He loves me so!

God's still working on my 'willing'-
Oh He's working on my so!
For in the times I finally am,
I find Him wonderful!!

1403

Wonder why you weren't born in 1403?
- Or even in thirty seven hundred BC?
The answer lies in Acts 17
(And I'm not doing this just to be mean..)

But if you want to know then you'll have to look
Because it's a good thing to be in The Book!

HUGE Success

**Each time you overcome your flesh,
Your spirit wins a HUGE success!
You've avoided yet another trap!
Nothing makes God proud, like that!!!**

THE BIBLE'S FULL

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED ENCOURAGEMENT,
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TRUST EACH WORD IS HEAVEN SENT!

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED A GOOD REBUKE,
AND NEED TO DO SOME PONDERING ABOUT THE PATH YOU TOOK!

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED TO LEARN A LESSON,
AND BE FREED OF BURDENS WHEN YOU'VE SINS THAT NEED CONFESSIN'.

THE BIBLE'S FULL OF HEALING WHEN YOU NEED HELP TO FACE TOMORROW,
WITH A NEW SENSE OF OBEDIENCE THAT PREVENTS A LOT OF SORROW!

Looking for Someone?

Looking for someone to be with? Someone who's faithful and true?
Looking for someone to be with? Someone who really loves you?
Looking for someone to be with? Someone who understands what you do?
Looking for someone to be with- Why not Christ who's faithful and true?!

Reap in Season

If you work to please mere men, you've had your reward- don't expect it again!
But if you work for rewards that last, you'll reap in season if you stay steadfast!

Faith is the Gift

Faith is the gift from God that truly keeps on giving,
Influencing your choices, enhancing how you're living!
Faith is the gift from God that helps to make it through
Any snare, deceit or lie the devil throws at you!

Scripture says everything written was written for our learning, and there are a lot of good lessons shown to us about when Hebrew people were set free from slavery in Egypt, as God slowly transformed them from slaves unto warriors, just like He wants to do with each of us. Chuck Missler's teaching on the book of Exodus, or even the book of Hebrews is an excellent resource about this.

From Slave to Warrior

The change from slave to warrior doesn't happen overnight.
But this escape to freedom can prove to you God's might
As you begin to trust and learn by faith to fight
You'll get to know that our God is always true and right!

The change from slave to warrior just might take some time
It requires courage and you'll often change your mind
For the most important lesson that I think man can find
Is that we're going to fail and need reminded He is kind!

Promised Land

When you walk with Christ, you get somewhere,
The promised land of peace is there!
If you're in the desert of unbelief-
Keep Pressing on... you'll find relief!!

Before Your Promised Land

**You must go through the desert before your promised land
God promises to lead you so be sure to take His hand!
You must get through this desert, through each trial and each test
Before we're allowed to enter that holy place of rest!**

Oh Lord, It's Hard to Stay Humble

Oh Lord, it's hard to stay humble
When I think I know more they do...
Oh Lord, it's hard to stay humble
When I feel like I've grown, O it's true!

But I need Your help dear Jesus,
In this charade that I play!
For how can I feel so empty
When I know every word that You say?

What's that You say, dear Jesus...
About those verses on pride!?
Thanks for revealing my problem-
For why I'm not right deep inside!

I've had two pieces of advice that changed my life. The first was when a friend happened to notice the kind of music I listened to ... just secular rock and roll on the radio. I'll never forget what happened as I followed her advice to take 3 weeks and only listen to Christian music and then see what happened in my walk with the Lord. I had no idea the profound difference it made and would gladly pass that challenge on to you.

The second time was a simple reminder about the verse saying we have not because we ask not, and so why not ask the Lord to help you grow in your zeal for Him, since this really isn't something we can't just make up on our own or fake. The only thing I wished the speaker had said was a warning to buckle my seatbelt! For I had imagined I'd just start FEELING more zealous for God, but in fact it almost was quite opposite as He put me in situations where in essence it felt like He was asking me, if I really wanted that in my life. If I was really willing to trust Him, when things were hard and the rubber hit the road. I'll always be thankful for the results of what happened when that is the direction I chose.

Prepare to Grow Fast

Is it more love for God you want?
(That's the greatest commandment that we have got!)
Sometimes we have not, because we don't ask
But if you do, be prepared to grow fast!

A GOOD TEMPTATION

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD TEMPTATION
TO REVEAL OUR DEGRADATION,
TO TEST OUR FAITH SO WE CAN SEE
IF ON THE LORD WE WILL BELIEVE!

REPENT! REPENT!

REPENT! REPENT! FOR THE KINGDOM'S AT HAND!
REPENT, REPENT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
THE VERY MEANING OF THAT DEAR WORD,
IS THE PATH TO FREEDOM, HAVE THIS YE HEARD?

IT'S REGRETTING AND TURNING FROM SINS IN YOUR PAST,
AND TURNING TO GOD, TO HIS WAYS HOLDING FAST!
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, WHETHER YOU'D BE SET FREE
AS REPENTANCE THROUGH JESUS IS THE ONLY KEY!

Jesus says if we deny Him, He will deny us. Sometimes I wonder if it's easier to stay faithful if you are facing some hairy dude telling you to turn on the Lord or he'll off with your head, than it is to deal with all the fears and doubts the devil whispers to us, and continue full throttle living for Jesus.

Denying Christ

Would you ever deny your Christ?
You say, "Oh NO, not ME!
I would not deny my Christ!"-
But do you passively??

I would not say that He's not there,
That He's not good and kind...
But do I seek Him and obey-
And trust Him in my mind?

With each of my major bouts of severe depression, the only thing I found that helped was to press deeper into the Lord, whether that was in the arena of knowledge, or obedience. Someone loaned me a teaching by Chuck Missler and I was too busy feeling sorry for myself to listen to it, but when I did, I can not describe the wonders it did. Dr. Missler has a way of making the Scripture alive, interesting and applicable (even the book of Leviticus!!!) assuring us sojourners that we truly are on the right path and all the sacrifice is worth it. But at the time the materials weren't free. I had a surprise inheritance come my way, and I remembered that verse assuring us that God rewards those who seek Him, so more as an act of faith (because I really didn't FEEL like it), I decided to go ahead and order his commentary on every book of the Bible. I cannot describe the depths of bondage from which I was set free! That was one of the best investments I ever made! Now, it's free on YouTube and all it costs is time!

Well Done or Medium Rare?

For what do you seek from the Lord, a "Well done!"?
Or are you living "Medium rare" for the Son?
God said He'd rather we be cold or hot-
So choose you this day to obey Him or not!

Den of Thieves

For if You are not my first love, God... then I know who is.
I hope I am grief stricken if I'm guilty and am His!
For I know that You tell us what is wholly true,
We cannot have 2 masters- O HELP ME TO SERVE YOU!

Lord, bring us a revival soon and please help heal our land,
Starting with Your children God, guilty though we stand!
We ask You come and cleanse Your house of the thieves again
Prepare your bride and wake her up- Amen! Amen! Amen!

Fall Away

On whom does your faith depend?
A spouse, your pastor or best friend?
If they were to all fall away,
Would it be with God that you'd stay?

Good Things

God things come to those who wait,
Take their time, and hesitate-
But good things just might come more speedy
To those who pray to Christ when needy!

Might Be Fun

My wanters keeps on wanting, Lord- So please reset my dial!
For the things You'd have me want... O Does this take a while?
Am I asking You for too much, Lord? Can this change be done?
SINCE miracles still happen, Lord... this just might be fun!!

Sometimes when I'm discouraged, I turn to the next set of verses. Have you ever had a personal trainer at the gym? Think of your trials as God knowing exactly where you are weak, and just where you need to be strengthened. Praise God that when we are weak, He is strong! And one thing I don't think a lot of Christians understand is heaven is a gift, but our rewards, or lack of them (that we can only begin to earn after we become spiritually alive) depends on how we live now. English is part of the problem. Nancy Missler teaches this well in her study, *The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory: The Overcomer's Handbook*. The salvation that gets us to heaven is called justification (in the Hebrew), totally paid for by Jesus. The salvation we need while on the way there, to guide us through our problems in such a way that we actually can grow more in obedience and faith, is called sanctification, which is where rewards come in. And the future salvation so we'll have glorified bodies, is called glorification. For we can be either good examples or bad, and it does matter to God. And It can get confusing because it's not related to our physical age. You can be born again as a teen or when you're one hundred and three!! Only then the race to maturity starts! But back to the thought of a personal trainer.

2 Peter 1:4-6, "For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature. For this very reason, applying your diligence in [exercising] your faith to, develop moral excellence, and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding), and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, steadfastness, and in *your* steadfastness, godliness, and in *your* godliness, brotherly affection, and in *your* brotherly affection, love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit].

Oh for the Chances

**Oh for the chances to win by my faith-
Oh for the chances to trust God the more!
Oh for the chances to give Him my life,
Oh that is what the whole future is for!**

**With poverty of spirit, blessed,
Oh my soul- in Christ take rest!
A sinner saved, through grace forgiven
Redeemed from death, and given heaven!**

Sad but True

Given all that Christ has done for you-
(Paid your sin debt, so you wouldn't have to..)
Rejection's an option. It's sad but it's true!

Job Had No Clue

**Satan's challenge to God about Job, we did hear
But Job had no clue why such pain was so near.
Is YOUR life as well, full of such strife?
Could you as well, be tested in life?**

**Could it be that the old devil has said
He'd make YOU curse God and wish YOU were dead?
Take courage my friend and know this is true-
Satan has limits on what he can do!**

Expected a Cross?

*Have you ever expected a cross?
Or been blindsided when it comes to loss?
When you get through this, what a gift you'll be
To others struggling, just as thee!*

*That's if you endure to the other side,
Count on your God, in Him abide!
Though it can hurt more than you knew,
God's richest blessings He'd give you.*

*For the tougher the trial, the more you'll know
The grace of God, if it's His way you go.
And once you know this, there's no trial you'll face
That faith, hope or love,,, any pain can erase!*

Dr. Paul Hegstrom has some fascinating information about how our brains are actually hard wired for the Word of God on YouTube. When we make intentional choices by faith, our frontal lobe is used. If we make our choices by feelings, it's a different place. And the more you live by faith choices and not feelings, that neural pathway grows.

Delivered

Delivered from such evil,
Delivered from such pride,
Delivered from such darkness,
Delivered from the lie!

Delivered from such evil,
Delivered from such hurt,
Delivered from such doubting,
Oh how precious is God's Word!

Kill You if You Let it

That bitterness, that hatred-
It will kill you if you let it.
And if you've ever noticed,
It's hard to just forget it.

That bitterness, that hatred-
It can drive the sane man mad.
For injustice is not right,
And all sin is truly bad!

The more you know it's pain,
The more you'll be impressed
That God sent Christ to die for us
So in Him we'd find rest!

For it was on Jesus,
the weight of sin was laid,
And by the shedding of His blood,
All man's sins were paid.

And when you are forgiven,
That's when you start to live-
And all the more abundantly
When it's forgiveness that you give!

Dare you to Invest

With your stock load full of options, I dare you to invest
Everything you have in God, and trust His ways are best!
With your every choice you're given, I hope that you will go
Complete full in for Jesus! He's the Lover of your soul!

THE THING THAT I MUST DO

**WHEN I WAS CONVICTED LORD, I KNEW THAT IT WAS TRUE
ALL THE WRONG THAT I HAD DONE WOULD KEEP ME, LORD, FROM YOU!
OH, WHAT A HOPELESS TRAP THAT I FOUND MYSELF WITHIN,
UNABLE TO CORRECT THE WRONG, CREATED BY MY SIN!**

**BUT BECAUSE YOU, GOD ARE FAITHFUL AND FULL OF MERCY TOO,
YOU SHOWED THIS SEEKER IN YOUR WORD, THE THING THAT I MUST DO.
T'WAS NOT TO BE RELIGIOUS, AND TRY TO EARN MY WAY-
T'WAS NOT TO THINK MY RANSOM WAS A PRICE THAT I COULD PAY!**

**BUT SIMPLY TO CONFESS TO YOU THE WRONG THAT I HAD DONE,
AND THUS RECEIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE, PAID FOR BY GOD'S SON!**

Mark 2:17 says, "When Jesus heard this, He said to them, 'Those who are healthy have no need of a physician, but only those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners (who recognize their sin and humbly seek forgiveness.)."

The Devil Has

The devil has 2 weapons,
They are both lies and fear-
God says you can defeat him
When you keep His Word so near.

The Devil has 3 goals-
To kiil, to steal, destroy-
But you need not fear one evil
When God's weapons, you deploy.

The devil has one future,
To suffer through and through-
But because our God is gracious,
We have a choice of two!

Two eternal destinations
Of either heaven or hell-
And if we'll choose to live by faith
While on our way, as well.

Pride

A bit of pride can puff you up. Ask me how I know...
A little bit is quite enough, just like yeast in dough!
A little pride can blind me to every sin I have-
Though obvious to others... and that sure makes me mad!
I guess I need Your help, Lord- to show me my inside
Though parts of me would rather think I'm dignified!

Your Ways

**Thank You God each time You helped me- in You Lord to trust
For NOW I see temptations truly were a must
Each time that I obeyed You helped me more to know
How much better are Your ways and that You love me so!**

The Church and the World

Originally written in the 1800's, by anonymous author, with variations that I made.

**The Church and the World walked far apart,
On the changing shores of time;
The World was singing a giddy song,
But the Church, a hymn sublime.**

**"Come, give me your hand," cried the merry World,
"And walk with me this way."
But the good Church hid her snowy white hand,
And solemnly answered, "Nay."**

**"I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you;
Your way is the path to death,
And your words are all untrue."**

**"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World with a kindly air,
The road that I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there!"**

**Her straight and narrow path was quite hard,
The church knew this to be true.
So, she decided she needed to take a break-
But just for a spell or two.**

**She didn't think that just a small step
Of such willing compromise
Would render her so unable
To decipher the truth from his lies!**

**And it didn't take much time at all,
With them walking both hand and heart,
For even the Master who knows everything
To be unable to tell them apart!**

From the Lost to the Found

If we do the confessing and God does the cleaning-
Vacuuming, dusting and all the deep steaming!
If we do the confessing and would turn around,
He will redeem us from the lost to the found!

Better Than James Bond (Written with some help from Scott Carothers)

Need a real life hero, who is better than James Bond?
Who you can call for rescue when the devil's had you conned?
One in whom you can entrust with all your confidence,
No matter if at times, his ways just don't make sense...?

Need a real life hero, who is better than James Bond?
Who you can call for rescue when the devil's had you conned?
Christ's weapons are amazing and His salvation, real-
His words are full of power that can change the way you feel!

God's timing's always perfect, and on Him you can rely,
Tho' the enemy is crafty, and his schemes are truly sly!
So next time that you need someone to help to rescue you,
Remember Jesus is the best, and that is what He'll do!

Do You Think It's Fatal, Doc?

**Do you think it's fatal, doc- this lack of faith in me?
For I can feel that sting of death, of my unbelief!
I'm thirsting God for something, but for what I do not know
I've heard that it is Jesus if by faith in Him I'd go
Onward unto glory unto places where I'm free,
If I'd trust my Maker has that kind of love for me!**

**So do you think it's fatal, doc? This lack of faith I've got?
The just shall live by faith, You say, so I sure need a lot!!**

My Will, Not Thine

My will, not Thine Oh Lord- Oh God, can't You see
How important are these plans that I have for me?
My will, not Thine Oh Lord, please set this blind man free,
From my selfish nature that comes so naturally!

Like Moses Before Pharoah

**Like Moses before Pharoah, or Joseph in the hole-
Like Esther coming to the king- risking her own soul-
Like Daniel with the lions hanging out all night-
When you face your trial, don't be filled with fright!**

Every Placement and Assignment

**Every placement and assignment were never a mistake,
All things too hard to handle can be overcome by faith.
Every placement and assignment were never a mistake,
God made you for this hour, live now for Jesus' sake!**

EMERGENCY!

**EMERGENCY! She's broken! And she's mixed up and she's sad!
God won't send His angels, but Himself when it's that bad!**

**EMERGENCY! He's torn up, for his world just broke in two!
God makes sure He's present, for that's what good dads do!**

**Bringing words of comfort, bringing words of life-
CPR to all who'd let Him, when in their deepest strife!**

Exceeded Rate

Lots of things I want to do, I'm willing but I can't!
I guess I will just be faithful in the small things where I'm at!
For if I want to grow in Christ at an exceeded rate
If I'm faithful in the small, I'll be in the great!

Pandemics

We've already had pandemics all throughout the Earth-
Adam and Eve disobedience was the very first...
But God sent Christ to save us! Take that for what it's worth!
Like when Eve disobeyed and to sin gave birth

Good Rebuke

If a good rebuke is what you need,
Why not ask God, and for this do plead?
Change your path from the wide to straight,
Hurry! Hurry! Before it's too late!

Remember Where to Go

Anytime you find that your faith in God is low,
And you need a huge refill, remember where to go!

Lord, I Always Need You

Lord, I always need You to tell me what to do,
Cuz Your word says that I'm a sheep, and I know that's true!

I need Your help to guide me each step along the way,
Without You I'll mess things up each and every day!

Lord, I always need You to guide, protect and teach-
Until some day that pearly gate of Yours I reach!

Pure Adventure

**But when I've the faith and courage to trust Jesus as my Guide,
Allowing Him to teach me, and change me deep inside-
Life is pure adventure when I'm not living by my pride!**

Search and Rescue

Christ is on a Search and Rescue for the souls of men
to all who'd call upon Him, though guilty we have been!

Christ is on a search and rescue, so if that is you today
Know that He will answer if you call in truth and pray!

Christ is on a search and rescue, His desire is for all
So none would ever perish, if they would on Him call!

Sinned Most

There are some who hope to be saved by their good works that they boast,
But who appreciates forgiveness more than those who've sinned the most?

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be ^[e]vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.", 1 Peter 1:6-8

Used to Be Able

I used to be able to worry with the best of them!
I used to be able to keep right up! That's how I have been!
Losing sleep and biting my nails are old habits of mine...
But as I've grown in Christ Jesus, I'm losing that race, I do find!

Come Adopt a Worry

**Come adopt a worry, get 'em while they're hot!
Come adopt a worry, by the case or by the lot!
Fiery darts from Satan that will get inside your head,
Distracting you from other things that you could do instead!**

**Come adopt a worry, they're all on sale today!
We're sure that you will like them. (at least that's what we say!)
Free to every buyer! You can give them a new name!
Don't they look so lovely? And there's none the same!**

**Come adopt a a worry, get 'em while they last!
Whether 'bout your future, or about your past!
If you really get a lot, others you'll impress
With how much Zantac that you need, or does Pepcid work the best?**

**Come adopt a worry, they'll take up all your time!
If you're really good at it, one lasts as long as nine!
But the all sales are final, no exchanges or refunds,
Tis only through the blood of Christ, that victory o'er them comes!**

**If you have one you don't want, just find the Bible verse
Telling you to capture it, before you get much worse!
Recognize each lie you've bought and cast it upon Christ,
For when you trust God cares for you, that's when you'll see the light!**

I Want a Reimbursement

I want a reimbursement, a thorough and detailed list
So I will get a credit! Be sure not one to miss!
I want a reimbursement, I've counted every cost-
For every good deed I have done! Let none of them be lost!

Some say that I am selfish, but I've worked so hard and sweat
In all the ways that I have tried to pay my own sin debt!
Oh I want a reimbursement! WHAT God? My wages will be sin?
I wouldn't have had to work?! But could just have trusted Him?

"Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me *and* require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.", Jeremiah 29:13.

Just a Preview

The joy of the Lord is just a preview
Of what is in store for those He makes new!
The joy of the Lord is not hard to find,
When you seek out God with heart, soul and mind.

I Wonder

**I wonder how the world would change
If God was on the throne
Of every single heart, in every single home!**

**I wonder how the world would change
If God was on the throne
And everyone obeyed the Lord, (and obeyed the Lord alone!)**

The Road to Righteousness

Oh, on the road to righteousness are you living in the fast lane
Or trapped in all the lures of sin?
Oh, on the road to righteousness are you living in the fast lane
by keeping your sight on only Him?

Are you meditating on God's Word
Until you know you've really heard
Everything He has to say
To seek His plan for you today?

If not, take heart and bend thy knee
Unto His will and you will see
Exactly what you need to do
To pick up speed until you're through!

You Alone

**You came to earth and left your throne,
And took my sins as though Your own-
I'll worship You, and You alone!**

"For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." 2 Corinthians 10: 4-6.

Which Thoughts to Take Captive

Which thoughts to take captive, it's like swatting at flies!
Which ones are true? Which ones are the lies?

Which thoughts to take captive, which ones to keep?
Which should I toss out, which should I believe!

Are there any in me that say God is not good?
That He is not willing to do what He should?

Which thoughts to take captive, oh what should I do?
Please help me God to know which thoughts are true!

The Order of Creation

The order of creation's not just an accident...
No, the order in creation is to give us all a hint
That there are unseen powers, from which we get to choose,
Exactly what we will believe, be it win or lose.

Ask, Seek and Knock

*I know I am not perfect, God... Oh no, I am not!
Satan reminds me of that a whole lot!
But each time I ask and seek and knock,
I am on Christ- our solid Rock!*

Ultimate Make Over

For when we're at our lowest, that's the time indeed
For an ultimate make over, for God knows what we need!
When God is tearing walls down, don't fear but trust in Him
For He's the best one that there is, to build us up again!

Keep in Shape

**If you want to keep in shape and if you want to grow.
focus where it matters most. your mind and heart and soul!**

To be Right in my MInd

Where does it come from, where can I find
The help I need to be right in my mind?
Oh, dear Lord, what's that I just heard?
The help that I need is found in Your Word?

Next Best Thing

To share God's love with others is the next best thing that there is
To finding Jesus for yourself and knowing you are His!

No Problem

No problem on earth is ever as bad as not knowing that God' is both good and true.
No problem on earth is ever as bad as not knowing your own Creator loves you!

The Spiritual Dance

The hip bone's connected to the thigh bone,
But my heart is connected to my mind's throne!
The one who I worship sets my life's tone,
And that is the spiritual dance!

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.", John 16:33.

Pop Quiz Time

It's pop quiz time - this is a test,
so don't get shook and don't you fret!
For God knows where and when is best
He works in ways we don't expect!
But all God does, is done in love,
with perfect purpose, from above!

Are You Ready?

Are you ready for Jesus?
Have you thought about
The moment you'll have to
Give your account?

For each of us has
And unavoidable date
And it's our own choice
If we'll do poor or great!

Our choice about Jesus,
And just who He is,
And if we are willing
To become whole and His.

Rewards

I like rewards, I like rewards,
What kind of rewards would that be?
What kind of rewards does God promise to those
Who seek Him diligently?

Oh, if you've never sought God,
Now I know you'll be glad if you do..
For God has much more than just Heaven
that He wants to give you!

Do you Know Anyone?

**Do you know anyone who's sold out for Jesus?
Do you know anyone who does bear His fruit?
Think hard and think fast – do you know anyone
Send me their number! They sound like fun!**

Run this Race

Let me run this race with endurance,
Let me run this race to win!
Let me run this race with Jesus,
And overcome my sin!

Let me run this race with endurance,
Let me run this race to win!
And if I should ever fall down,
Help me get up again!!

Zeal and Haste

*In your own life's journey, are you gaining some headway?
Have you grown in Jesus, by the year or by the day?*

*Have you let the Lord of Lord's above, have control of you?
Influencing your heart and mind and all the things you do?*

*If in your walk with Jesus, you ever find you're getting bored,
I would dare say that it may be you're not walking with the Lord!*

*Are you taking your thoughts captive, are you seeking righteousness?
Are you treating others in the ways that they will then be blessed?*

*Are you overcoming evil and repenting when you're wrong?
Humbly walking with Him right now, as well as all day long?*

*If you walk away from sermons or time spend in God's Word
Without being challenged, then I pray you will have heard*

*What this silly poem is saying for there's no more time to waste,
For Jesus is returning, O prepare with zeal and haste!*

Brand New You

Can you say you're thankful for every little test,
And even for the big ones as you realize God knows best?

Can you say you're thankful God can use bad for good,
Even in hard times, when you never understood?

For God is like a potter, when He gets done mixing clay,
The outcome is most beautiful if in His will we stay!

So if God is still refining you, and submit until He's through,
You'll be amazed with what He'll do, and really like the brand new you!

Just Instruments

When righteousness is your goal, you'll not care what path God chooses,
For it's obedience that determines just who wins- who loses-
(And the tests of faith that come your way are just instruments God uses!)

Hypocrisy, Hypocrisy!

Hypocrisy, Hypocrisy – God doesn't like it ether!
Do you know someone who is flawless? Who never sins? Me neither!

But I do know lots of folks who are humble and obey,
Although they are not perfect- which they are quick to say.

And when they fall for sin, they confess and get back up
And pursue the road to righteousness, not often getting stuck!

Hypocrisy, Hypocrisy – There only is one cure
To develop a relationship with Christ alone, who's pure!

Matthew 10:38 says, "And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me (cleave steadfastly to Me, conforming wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also) is not worthy of Me."

It's Going to Cost

If you're going to follow Jesus, please know it's going to cost,
For indulging in one's sinful flesh is a habit of the lost.

War Alone?

**If you went to war alone, how often would you win?
We face a spiritual enemy who'd trip us up with sin!**

**There's no mercy in his methods- He's full of tricks and schemes,
And he never takes a day off, though that is how it seems.**

**But in our off-guard moments, when he does bring his attack,
(whether to destroy, discourage or simply to distract...)
You'd better have some brethren who will surely have your back!**

**For iron sharpens iron, and without that we get dull-
But when you let it do its work, it makes you beautiful!**

The Waitress

Is it the waitress at the restaurant,
Or the attendant pumping gas...?
You never know exactly where God has His servants at!

The devil has his too, you know-
So please stay wise- on guard...
For when you find them in the church, that's when it can get hard!

God's Still Intervening

Whether the woman at the well or Moses at the bush...
Or Peter after fishing, or anywhere you look-
God's still intervening in the lives of men,
Just because He loves us as well as that He can!
So if it's been a while since you heeded a conviction,
Why not ask the Lord, and find out what you're missin'!

Are you?

**Are you dwelling in the shelter, of the Lord God, the most high?
Are you finding what you need for your own soul?
Are you dwelling in the shelter of the Lord God, the most high?
If you're not, oh please get started! That's the goal**

The Most Beautiful Place

**The most beautiful place on Earth to be
Is when you trust God willingly,
When everything within your flesh
Is not convinced that God knows best-
But with joy you're overwhelmed
With the key to joy you've found,
As you obey and dare and trust
The Lord is good, and true and just!
And you become a sacrifice,
Laying down for God, your life.
(But there's one thing true you need to know,
Trials are the things that help us grow!)**

**No, There's no place on Earth as great
As to WHOLLY trust God with your fate!**

Set Your Face

**When you set your face to seek the Lord,
expect the enemy
To strive to try and block you
from your becoming free!**

**When you set your face to seek the Lord,
expect that you will see
Blessings flow down from above,
At least, eventually!
(When you are doing it, pure authentically!)**

No greater a Reward

**Ever notice how God always knows exactly when
To allow a test or trial to wake you up again?
Cuz there's something 'bout our hard times that gets our full attention
-And I know I've needed more of them than I would like to mention!
But in those painful moments, we're more prone to seek the Lord,
And when that is what we're doing, there's no greater a reward!**

Under God's Construction

**When under God's construction,
Take heed to each instruction-
The more willing your surrender,
The quicker tests will end – OR
You'll be so busy changing
And finding God amazing
That you'll be left with just one care...
That's if you'll trust Him ANYWHERE!**

Scripture tells us to seek the Lord while He may be found, for our God is patient and has given us a lot of time to repent but if you miss that chance, and the rapture occurs, **PEOPLE JUST VANISHED** is a thorough teaching by Bible prophecy experts, Peter and Paul LaLonde and others, made for people who find themselves in this especially turbulent tribulation time period. Made in the 90's, the Scriptures they teach are as true, and it has no copyright as they used to have it on YouTube. Now it's at For The Day of Trouble.Org, along with this document. It's called the rapture based on the Latin word, 'Rapturos' for the term, 'the catching away'. Most believe it includes children being taken who are under the age of accountability. (Maybe just the very youngest will stay...see note below.) And it may be that non obedient Christians won't go. (See Wayne Fowler at We Are The Overcomers on YouTube for more about that.) It will be a time of great confusion that few will survive. Salvation will still be possible, at least for those who haven't already rejected salvation (for they've had their chance), but it will most likely cost people their lives to follow Jesus then... and that by beheading. A very charismatic but dangerous one world ruler will arise... a false messiah figure, who will be able to do miracles, but eventually turn on the Jews. There is so much more about this dangerous time. Read about it in Revelation, Matthew 24, and Mark 13. The setting up for the war described in Ezekiel 38 is happening now so it could be very soon. The main purpose of this time, the Tribulation, is to help get Israel to finally recognize Jesus as their true Messiah. Jesus, who came the first time as a suffering servant, will return, as the King of all Kings, and rule for the next one thousand years. During the tribulation, God will raise up 144,000 Jewish men, (12,000 from each tribe) and 2 unharmable witnesses to teach the truth, at least until God allows it, and they lie dead in the street for 3.5 days. Bibles will be very helpful if they can be found as they'll most likely become as illegal here as they have been in many countries.

If you're looking for good teachers, it's getting REALLY, REALLY hard to find a good church that teaches the Bible without compromise, anymore. There are lots of teachings online left by Billy Graham. You usually can't go wrong with a Calvary Chapel church, like Pastor Jack Hibbs in California, or Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries, or Charlie Kirk, a good debater, or again, Chuck Missler on YouTube. His teaching on Genesis knocks evolution out of the water or even Healing Testimonies from the 700 Club. Dr. William Schnobellen of With One Accord used to be into Satanism and now runs a very powerful Ministry. Hopefully these materials will be available yet. Oh, according to Ken Peters, who had a 7 hour long dream about the tribulation before he knew the Lord, said all communications may go down for about 2 weeks once the event occurs. See Ken Peter's Dream on YT. In his vision, he saw little ones about 18 months or less, being left here. God alone knows if that is true, but the comfort of the children and others who do go is that they are in heaven.

I'd like to mention some movies with which to feed your faith, that I have liked on YouTube. Sheffey is a true story about a circuit riding preacher in the 1800's, on fire for the Lord. Stephen's Test of Faith and Flame in the Wind are about facing persecution, and the latter is about the corrupt teachings of the Catholic church. Second Glance is my utmost favorite, about how much better it is to live for Christ than anything else. Time Changer starring David Morrin is about realizing how our culture has fallen, and The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry (about how one person's life can impact so many) are also very encouraging. Others include The Forge, The Power of the Air, The War Room, Courageous and Brave The Dark which are excellent as well. Dorreen Virtue has a YT called '7 Biblical Reasons to Avoid the Chosen.' Karl Lawley, of Porches and Prophecy on YT, posts a lot of information which may help those left behind. I'll post some YouTubes too.

Believe and Live, Sue Mueller

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