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Issue 1

A NEW LEAF FOR 2009

He came to my desk with a quivering lip, he said, "I'm done dear Teacher, I want a new leaf, I've spoiled the old one." I took the old leaf, stained and blotted and gave him a new one all unspotted. And into his sad eyes, I smiled, "Do better now, my child."

I came to the throne of grace, the year was done and I said, "Dear Father, I want a New Year, I've spoiled the old one." He took the old year, stained and blotted, and gave me a new one all unspotted and into my tired eyes he smile, "Do better now, my child."

THE DOVE

Communion Meditation
John nineteen

The Jews had asked Pilate to break the legs of Jesus, and the two malefactors that were crucified with Him, that their bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath Day. So the soldiers came, and break the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with Him: but when they came to Jesus they saw that He was dead already, and they break not His legs: Howbeit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and straightway there ran out blood and water.

The two streams of blood and water remind us of the two ordinances of the church - baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Lord's ministry began in the water and ended in the blood.

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan; all three members of the Godhead were present at the assembly: Jesus was in the water, the Holy Spirit was in the air in the form of a dove, and the presence of the Father was manifest by

the sound of His voice. As Jesus went up straightway from the water the heavens were opened unto Him, as the voice of the Father declared: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove reminds us of the dove in the Ark at the time of the flood. The waters had covered all the mountains by fifteen cubits, or about twenty-two feet. As the waters abated, Noah sent out a raven, and the raven never returned. Then he sent out a dove and, the dove returned having found no rest for her feet. Noah waited seven more days, and sent out the dove again, and this time, she returned with a fig leaf plucked off in her mouth. Noah waited seven more days and they stepped out on dry land. The dove with the olive leaf in her mouth was an indication that God had made peace with mankind.

So it may appear to us that the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending above Jesus is an indication for us today; that the heavens will be opened for all who obey the Son, and God is ready to make peace with men.

His ministry began in the water, but remember His ministry ended in blood. In Matthew 26:26-28: Jesus took bread and blessed, and brake it; and He gave to the disci-

ples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them saying, "Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins." And then almost two months later, after the resurrection, the heavens were opened again, and the Holy Spirit descended not in the form of a dove, but in the form of tongues parting asunder like as of fire, and sat on the heads of the apostles, and they spake the word of God as the Spirit gave them utterance.

When the multitudes heard the story of the cross, and asked what they must do? They were told; not only to repent, and be baptized for the remission of sins, but that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. There is that dove again. So as you eat of the bread, and drink the cup, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is our assurance that heaven has also been opened unto us.

THE RANSOM

Communion Meditation
Matthew 20:28 and Mark 8:38

Jesus said, "Then came to Him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons worshipping Him and asking a certain thing of Him." And He said unto her, "What wouldest thou?" She saith unto Him, "Command that, these my two sons may sit one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand in Thy kingdom." Jesus answered and said, "Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? And are ye able to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" They say unto Him, "We are able..." Then Jesus said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28.

We hear many times of people who have been shanghaied, and held for ransom. The ransom is the price to buy back the person who was stolen. The price of ransom is usually set at a high price. The human race was shanghaied in the Garden of Eden, and the rest of the story in the Bible is the account of the price that was paid for man's redemption.

Peter gives us the best description for the price that was paid for redemption when he said in 1st Peter 1:18-19, "Knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things with silver and gold, from the vain manner of your lives handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

No one ever suffered as Jesus on the cross; all the pain and suffering of His body was small indeed compared to the agony of His soul. He tasted of death once for every man. Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 5:21, "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus on the cross felt as though He had committed every sin ever committed. Such a catalogue of sins as mentioned in 1st Corinthians 6:9-12 Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abuses of themselves with men, not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor

extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Then Paul tells of the ransom paid for our souls when he told us in Timothy 2:6: "Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all." Our sins can be compared to the flood in the days of Noah. The waters that covered the earth according to Genesis 7:19: "Prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits did the waters prevail; more than twenty feet, and the mountains were covered." In like manner the flood of the blood of Jesus that poured out on the cross can cover all sins, no matter how great of every one who has ever lived. Because of the blood of Christ there will be former murderers, drug pushers, whore mongers, rapists, child abusers, who will walk the golden side walks of heaven.

The tragedy of it all can be read in the words of Jesus in John 5:40: "And ye will not come to Me that ye may have life." He Ransomed Me, is an old gospel song that needs to be used today.

"There's a sweet and blessed story
Of the Christ who came from glory;
Just to rescue me from sin and misery.
He in loving kindness sought me
And from sin, and shame He brought me
Hallelujah Jesus ransomed me."

And now for us today the question can be asked, "Are we able to drink the cup that Jesus was about to drink?" We certainly cannot drink of the cup of the sorrow that Jesus drank, and we cannot be baptized with the baptism of His suffering on the cross.

But as Christians we can drink of the cup that reminds us of the prophecy that He shall be called a man of sorrows. The cup Jesus referred to when He said, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto the remission of sins."

Are you able as an unforgiven sinner to be baptized in the baptism that reproduces in us His death, burial, and resurrection; as Paul said in Romans 6:3-6: "All we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried with Him therefore through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we might also walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." The Master is still asking, "Are you able to be baptized with My baptism, and are you able to drink the cup?"

LETTERS

Our trip at the village was very successful with 15 souls baptized that night. The film show was ok with lot of people watching and listening to the word of God. We were very glad and fortunate for us these new converts would be worship in a nearby town where there's a church. We thank you for your prayers. We are going again today too so pray for us. We shall not show film today but to preach the

Gospel. Lee and I have been invited to talk at some four functions at different times tomorrow and Saturday so we shall force to come back even if the program eats into the late night. Please, pray for us. We are glad to hear that you are both fine. We will keep praying for you.

May God bless you. Ike & Lee Ghana, W. Africa

hello,

I came into contact with a friend who recommended your website (www.gijapa.org) to me.

I will be extremely glad to take up the corresponding Bible course.

Isaac Tuagba, Varpala Savonlinna, Finland. Thank you

Hi Ed Bousman

God bless you and your ministry. I want to join your Bible course from now onwards so please send me the first 5 lessons. As I heard from my brethren that they have got a lot of blessings so I decided to start it. God Bless you.

Sirach Ghebrehiwot Asmara, Eritrea E. Africa

Dear Brother Ed and Sister Naomi,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many people in our community are being helped with Bible materials, clothes and others are receiving glasses, all because of our partners and you and your love for the gospel.

We have received one box of Bibles again. I have requests coming in weekly from religious leaders, Christians and none Christian for Bibles. There is greater need among people in poor countries today than to have access to the written word of God. Many people cannot afford to buy a Bible or any Bible literature that would help them learn how to become Christians or live a better life. Many people still need Bibles and we want to increase our support to reach them too. My prayer is to get the Bibles into the hands of more people for them to read the New Testament Plan of Salvation and the church the body of Christ. It is our hope that, on Judgment Day few people will say that I had no Bible to read (John 3:16). Not only your gifts are helping us to evangelize but even clothing us. Many people and the church still need your help. All glory to God, thanks to all our partners and GIJAPA brothers and sisters.

Your brother in Christ, John Maseka, Evangelist Solwezi Church of Christ, Zambia, Central Africa

Sir, greetings to you in Christ's name.

I will like to request that I be your volunteer here in East Africa which has a wide potential for the hunger in the word of God. It also has the desire for learning so the Bible correspondences program will good over here. Thanks looking forward to hearing from you. My postal address is Njoro Bible College, Kenya, East Africa.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Ezekiel Hwere

Hello Brother Ed,

I am very happy to be blessed by your messages. They have equipped & encourage me to be strong spiritually. I

will to request for materials that will help me to grow stronger spiritually.

From Kenya, Africa

Blessed Family,

Thanks so much for your wonderful assistance to us here. Sometimes, I don't even know how to thank you. How is Sister Naomi? I hope she is very fine in the Lord. My wife Comfort salutes her. I will check at the post and kindly inform you when I receive the items you have sent.

Meanwhile we took delivery of two boxes containing used clothing and shoes from you. We really do appreciate your love for us on this hard soil. God will forever be with you in Jesus' Name, Amen. In fact if you look at the growth of the Church here today and compare with before you began assisting us, there is a great difference, far far difference. People cannot believe how the Church here is growing faster these days. When I started everything here, many discouraged me that it cannot work. They said many missionaries have come with even sums of money but could not stand.

Many forget that it is only God who gives victory and that He has time for everything.

Nice family, God is indeed good. We now have four big congregations. The Church has come to stay here forever in Jesus' Name, Amen. We don't have any power but the Lord.

There is a friend of yours who sent some cassettes to me on radio preaching. Please beloved brother Bousman, I am pleading for more Bibles. We are short of Bibles and this is a very serious burden upon me here. Many are being converted each week and in fact they need Bibles. Please, I beg. That is very important for us here. To get a Bible to buy is not easy here, and if even you happen to see some in a shop you cannot afford to buy. The price is very expensive. I am pleading Sir. I salute Sister Naomi in the Lord. I greet the entire family.

Ofori Alexander, London Corner Church of Christ, Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Father Ed,

Please send me books, magazine, Bible and correspondence Bible Studies as you advertise at the end of your Sri Lanka (India) radio broadcast -God Is Just A Prayer Away" every Sunday morning.

Angel S. F. from Karnataka, India

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ!

I am getting your newsletter regularly from that time I have received the Bible and I am your student-studying the first 5 lessons of Studies in the Bible and I will mail them. I hope you know something about Eritrea. It is a country where Christians are under severe persecution. The government in Eritrea is communist and all churches are legally abandoned and most all pastors are in prison and many have died for their faith and others treated cruelly. The young generation is leading the people of God. I have been victim of jail when I was just 17 because I was accused of gathering and teaching people the word of God. I am one searched by the government but God hold me away from

their eyes. I am proud to serve the Lord in a such harsh condition. We need your help, Bible dictionary and some clothes and shoes which are extremely helpful to our people. My shoes and clothes are severely old and even the color of clothes are run away because of repeatedly washed. My shoe size is 42. Thanks so much of your wonderful assistance. God bless you for all you do.

Nguse from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Sir,

Greetings to you in the name of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Just a few lines to let you know that your program which I listen to on Radio Africa called "God Is Just A Prayer Away" has changed my life for good for I have giving my life to Christ. Please send a copy of the complete Bible to me along with your correspondence lessons that you talked about at the end of your program.

Yours in Christ Olayeoni from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Ed,

I just received the November flyer (GIJAPA newsletter) and I wanted to say thank you for the Bible you've sent along with the correspondence Bible Study lessons. I'm an inmate at the Ouachita River Unit here in Malvern, Arkansas. I'm new at this also but I just take it day by day with God's help. So I would like to say to every other inmate that writes in, including Joanna & Kim along with the women at McPherson Unit here in Arkansas, nothing is too big for God to handle. Always look forward and never backwards at past mistakes. We are all going through the same things behind these walls. Keep your heads up and your spirits high. My prayers go out to everyone. HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Sincerely Roger

Dear Ed & Naomi Bousman,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus. I am Dender T. your brother and student in Christ. I am glad to write a letter to you because by God's grace you are given

to us a supporters and helpers in all dimensions. Dear brothers and sisters because the persecution of born again Christians in Eritrea. I interpreted the communication with you, they searched and came in my home village two times to put me in jail, but my good shepherd Jesus saves my life and hide me from my accusers but I am obliged to leave my home village and live in another place, please pray for us hardly that God may give us grace, boldness, solutions and to release to all these who are prison and in trouble. Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bousman I would like to say thank you for that you send me a diploma but I never received my sermon books. As I read your letters I know you help needy So please help me as I told you before I am university graduated in management but though I'm graduated till now I am in national service with monthly income by government that controls everything. Please use the PO Box below because my friend was in prison again and my key is with him. please help us.

Your brother from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear Fellow Christians,

Christian greetings come to you today in the blessed name of our Saviour and mediator Jesus Christ the son of the Almighty God. We give praises to God almighty for converted each one of us to His vineyard. We know you through our pastor who comes to our village to preach the words of God. We were touched by his wonderful message of our Lord Jesus Christ. His message live done great things in our lives by saving our soul We were formally Muslims but we are now Christian by the grace of God and we attend Church of Christ regularly and we received enough study from our pastor but our major problems is that we have no Bibles, and we can't afford to buy. May God bless you and your work always.

Yours because of Calvary, Bro. Jamiu from Nigeria, W. Africa



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