

GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER who sent our LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST into the world that WHOEVER believes in HIM shall NOT perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE (John 3:16). This is one of the GREATEST verses in the BIBLE because: GOD, is the GREATEST person; so LOVED, is the GREATEST devotion; the WORLD, is the GREATEST number; that HE GAVE, is the GREATEST ACT; HIS only begotten SON, is the GREATEST GIFT; that WHOEVER believes in HIM, is the GREATEST condition; shall NOT perish, is the GREATEST mercy; but have ETERNAL LIFE, is the GREATEST result. May the LORD shine on you with HIS GRACE & LOVE this day & every day.

August again was a blessed month of ministry & services were well attended. The HOLY SPIRIT (John 6:44) brought in a harvest of souls of over 200, (that was much less than last month), but even if thereís one or ten Iíll go. Thatís why Iíll go to preach wherever Iím called, ìto open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison & to release from the dungeons those who sit in darknessî (Isa. 42:7). It is ALL about JESUS, who is the ONE who ìsets the captives freeî (Isa. 61:1). Oh, the MAJESTY & POWER of the RISEN ONE, our LORD & SAVIOR. AWESOME things are happening.

I see HIM change hearts & change lives of those totally broken & captive to satan (I Tim. 2:25, 26). While at Chino Womenís Prison on July 28th, as we were all singing praise & worship songs, I thought, ìwhat an honor & privilege to be called by my LORD to this ministry. And HE trusts me to preach HIS WORD.î It was an overwhelming joy. The more I serve & preach, the more I see those who are in prisons, WITHOUT bars. To me, the biggest prison is UNFORGIVENESS. At that Chino service, Long Beach Rescue Mission & L.A. County Jail, the HOLY SPIRIT led me to lead them all in a prayer to ìFORGIVE THEMSELVES, to forbid the devil to keep assulting their minds with guilt , shame & condemnation. Our LORD took these devastating emotional tools of bondage on the CROSS, along with condemnation (Rom. 8:1). It was a tremendous breakthrough, & yes, tears were shed (Ps. 56:8). Someone asked me how I was able to continue to average 21 services a month. Always, IN HIS POWER! (Eph. 6:10, John 15:5). The HOLY SPIRIT teaches me what to say (Luke 12:12), & everything I do is under HIS power & anointing (I John 2:20, 27).

At one of the Long Beach Rescue Mission service, I preached a sermon about learning who we are in CHRIST & about our position as a believer in CHRIST,

especially after they receive JESUS as LORD & SAVIOR. The chapel was packed & the HOLY SPIRIT brought in a huge harvest. There are multitudes who, through JESUS CHRIST, are able to break free from their bondage of drugs & alcohol. When they return to the addiction, scores would say to me, "Mel, is there any hope for my future?" Guilt & shame always fill their hearts & I'm quick to give them I John 1:9 & Rom. 8:1, then pray with them.

Often we forget just how many believers are bound in what seems to be hopeless situations. NOTHING is hopeless when GOD is involved. In HIS eyes, there are NO lost causes, just possibilities. GOD is GREATER than any addictions, trial or adversity we may face. He knows us COMPLETELY & HE is the source of our STRENGTH whenever we face adversities of any kind (Ps. 34:19).

How do we begin, especially when we feel hopelessly bound by physical trials or emotional & mental stresses? First: we must confess our NEED of CHRIST. Our dependence on GOD demonstrates our NEED of HIM. He knows our hearts (Luke 16:15). HE also knows just how much we NEED HIM. Second: we must be honest with the problem we are facing & ask ourselves, "Do we NEED to talk with a pastor or a trusted friend who can offer prayer & support. But most importantly, go to the WORD & spend a great deal of time PRAISING GOD (Ps. 18:3; Ps. 50:23; Ps.34:1; Ps.22:3). Another step toward FREEDOM & HOPE comes when we make the decision to SEEK GOD MORE THAT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD. HE is the one who offers an ETERNAL HOPE to ALL who draw near to HIM. NOBODY is turned away. (2Peter3:9) The greatest reminder we have of this HOPE is the CROSS. IT is where death ENDS & new life BEGINS. FINAL STEP: HE LOVES US (Jer. 31:3). From the CROSS, JESUS said, "IT IS FINISHED." GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE IS COMPLETE!!!

Until next month, LORD BLESS & keep you.

To you who sent a LOVE offering, a 100 fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

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