

With great enthusiasm this New Year, I greet you in the **MIGHTY** name of our blessed **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. I pray that **HE** shines on you with **LOVE & GRACE** & that “it is **WELL** with your **SOUL**.” In 2011, we must spend more time in **PRAYER & PRAISE**, pressing on for **HIS GLORY**, staying in the **WORD** of **GOD** consistently. That way we can resist the wicked current & godless tides of our day. **JESUS** must be the **ANCHOR** for any storms of life.

Speaking of storms, December had record rainstorms in “Sunny California.” My heart went out to the multitude of homeless people on Skid Row. In 2011, call forth the blessings of the “Latter Day Rain” in Zac. 10:1, 2. We all need blessings in this New Year. I looked forward with a sense of **URGENCY** this year to win souls while preaching **CHRIST CRUCIFIED**. Last year was a year of heartaches & heartbreak for those who returned to prison, drugs & alcohol, or gang banging. Some died from drug overdose, a dozen murders, & several hung themselves in prison. Others were hit with AIDS, cancer, hepatitis and T.B. **PRAISE GOD** there were over 4700 that **HE** drew into the kingdom (John 6:44).

January brought in over 550 souls in 21 services. What a blessing it was to start the year with this huge harvest. **GOD IS GOOD!** The services at the Skid Row Missions were full, especially the Fred Jordan Mission & Union Rescue Mission (men and women’s services). The harvests were fruitful. My home Bible Studies twice a month have also been fruitful and well attended.

The twice a month prison services at the **MERIT** Program (Wayside), where 175 attend each service, always brings in a mighty harvest. They are hungry for the **WORD**. **GOD** gives me favor there. LA County Jail, the “war zone,” had at one service that had 120. Normally, they only allow 40 to 50 because of racial tension. I always go early and spend an hour or more at the high-profile locked down area. They are now doing Bible Studies and I’ve led most of them on the top tier and bottom tier to Jesus. Amazing changes that the Lord has brought forth.

The Chino Women’s & Lynwood Women’s Prison services were such a blessing. The harvests were more than I hoped for & scores are memorizing the Arsenal Prayer. There are Bible Studies that the inmates do in their modules. Hope for the Homeless Youths service at the Dream Center has many that the **LORD** is changing. As the New Year begins, I encouraged them to start charting goals & commitments, to re-evaluate their lives (Ps. 32:8). Old habits **MUST** be put to rest. There are those who look at the years that have passed, with

overwhelming thoughts of loss & regret. I’ve given Isa. 43:18, 19 a thousand times or more. Please read it!

We cannot change the past. I hear, “if only I had done things differently.” These all need the encouragement of **HOPE** (Rom. 15:13.). **HOPE** is the ability to see the unseen, a snapshot of the future. I understand when one has life w.o. parole or 25 to life that it is difficult. But whenever changes are made in lives that lead them to the personal, intimate relationship with **JESUS CHRIST** (II Cor. 5:17), the peace, joy and hope that come with the promise of **ETERNAL LIFE** is the direction **GOD** wants. **CHOICES!** (Rom. 10:9, 10; Joel 2:32; Jn. 3:16) **NOBODY** is turned away (II Peter 3:9; I Tim 2:4). Acts 4:12 tells us that there is **NO** other name that we can be saved by except **JESUS CHRIST**.

Our dear **MESSIAH, JESUS** says, “the **SPIRIT** of the **LORD GOD** is upon **ME**, to heal broken hearted — to comfort all who mourn — to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of **JOY** for mourning, the garment of **PRAISE** for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness — the planting of the **LORD** that **HE** may be **GLORIFIED**” (Isa. 61:1-3) **GOD** not only heals hurts, wounds & brokenness from pain, he brings fruitfulness in it **ALL!**

God created us to have a relationship with **HIM** where **HE** can express **HIS LOVE, GOODNESS, MERCY & KINDNESS** toward us. **BUT**; until you **TRUST** the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** as your personal **SAVIOR** or rededicate your life to **HIM**, you will **NOT** experience that blessing. **JESUS** gives you a **NEW** beginning! Write your vision & **SEEK** your purpose in life. (Matt 20:28; Mark 10:45).

In Job 42, **GOD** restored & doubled what was lost & his latter years were better than the former years. Also look at Zech. 9:12 & Joel 2:25. When people lose hope, they quit. The **LORD** is going to set people that have been oppressed **FREE** this year. Look at Psalm 9:9, 10. At some point, every believer must decide that this new beginning isn’t just for a day, a week, or month. It is for a **LIFETIME**. After your initial commitment to follow **CHRIST**, you must decide to **OBEY HIM DAILY**. In response to your **OBEDIENCE**, (I Sam. 15:22) **HE** will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over (Luke 6:38).

This decision is **TODAY** (II Cor. 6:2) as tomorrow is **NOT** promised (Prov. 27:1). **PRAY** to be the person **GOD** wants you to be. There is **VICTORY** in **JESUS**.

Until next month, may God bless you & to you who sent love offerings, a 100 fold return.

In **HIS** Majesty’s Service,