

**Dear Friends of Jesus,** We greet you in His precious name! Donna and I are in Honolulu and I will be preaching Sunday (tomorrow) at the Full Gospel Church, 2464 North School Street. We first met Dr. Liberato and his wife when we attended a meeting here with 120 spiritual leaders organized by my good friend Quentin Edwards of Winterhaven Fla. (who

The Liberatos immediately asked us to come to their Church, and a Revival broke loose and we saw many more over the years. Dr. Mitchell and Rebecca Kanakoa returned from their missionary work in the Philippines later, to pastor the Church when the Liberatos retired. Sadly, Rebecca went to be with the Lord last year. We will miss her marvellous talent on the Organ.

Dr Mitchell and I conducted crusades and spoke at conventions in the Philippines in 2008 with great success. In 1992 Donna and I spoke at the resettlement area near Mount Pinotuba after the great Mount Pinituba Volcanic Eruption that closed down the US BASE and filled the river basin near the mountain with 1/2 mile deep ash. I spoke at a small stadium in the north. It rained everyday but we still had a successful meeting. On the last evening, a woman who had a large cancerous growth from her right jaw to her chest received a miracle. The growth burst open and fluid was running down her chest as she came running The next evening as the men were gathering up their equipment, she to the altar. She received Christ as her Saviour and began testifying came to the meeting not knowing we had concluded the crusade the that she had been diagnosed with terminal cases and now was going

"Is there such a church here?" The Pastor answered, "Yes, you are invited to our Church. It is nearby." Three months later, she spoke to the pastor, asking. "I want to give a gift to the CHURCH. I have been a Roman Catholic all my life. I was dying of cancer and now I am so well since JESUS has healed me." The Pastor, "Yes, you do so." The next service she brought the gift of \$US 30,000. It paid for a new church. Glory to God!

The reason Donna and I went to the Philippines at that time (1992) was to preach at a large Crusade in the Cathedral of Praise in Manila with Pastor Dr. David Sumrall. It was an amazing week-end with many marvellous miracles and about 500 who accepted our Saviour. David is a powerful man of God and I believe there are about 35,000 now. To God be the glory!

Bethel Temple) for 26 days as well as at Plaza Miranda for a week. Eleven hundred souls joined the church at that time. We baptized many souls. It was there that God did such a staggering miracle upon Police.

In 1966 Tommy Tutyko and I ministered in that Church (then called

As I sit here pounding out the keys of my old Laptop, I can scarce contain myself and unable to hold back the tears, that our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ has allowed me to experience these great wonders for His glory alone! Your servants for Christ sake, Pastor Max & Donna Solbrekken 2 Cor. 4: 5 / Heb. 13:8

P.S. I am attaching the second Part

of 'Lest any Man Should Boast'



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HIS LIFE FOR MINE:
MY LIFE FOR HIM
By Pastor Max Solbrekken, D.D.

# - Lest Any Man should Boast -BY GOD'S GRACE ALONE

By Pastor Max Solbrekken, D.D.

The Bible says: "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:" (Galatians 1:4)

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift ever given. It is the amazing story of God's great love for mankind. His astounding mercy and compassion was exhibited for all to see as Jesus hung naked on the cursed tree, paying the ransom price for our sins!

Christ's vicarious death for all humanity was the expression of God's everlasting goodness and the perfect plan to redeem our fallen race!

"For Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit." (1 Peter 3:18)

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." (Galatians 3:13)

### **BUT WHY DID HE DO IT?**

There is no rational explanation why anyone would sacrifice his life for the salvation of sinning humanity. To do so for a relative or a near friend, one might possibly do, but Christ died for the entire human race!

For thousands of years the Jewish Rabbi would make the 'Cry of the Synagogue'. He cried out: "Let one innocent come and make atonement for the guilty!" No one answered the call, because no one was qualified. The entire race was contaminated by sin!

All were guilty, because all had sinned. There was no freedom from sin, shame and guilt: "... that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become Guilty before God." (Romans 3:19); "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Then, Jesus of Nazareth appeared on the scene. The Innocent ONE had come!

Concerning Jesus Christ, St. Paul declared: "For such an high priest became us, Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Hebrews 7: 26)

The Bible says: "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the Heaven opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a Voice came from Haven, which said, *Thou art My Beloved Son: in* 

# am well pleased." (Luke 3: 21,22)

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, *Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world*." (John 1: 29).

#### THE INNOCENT ONE HAD COME!

The Bible says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16)

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because He hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3: 17,18)

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3: 36);

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23); "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the *propitiation* (satisfaction, mercy seat) for our sins." (1 John 3: 16; 4: 10).

We call this great act of God the *prevenient* grace of God! He loved us before we loved Him. He sought us while we were still contaminated by sin. That is not human love, but Heaven's Love!

"But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more than, being justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." (Romans 5: 8-10)

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My Father's house of light,
My glory-circled throne
I left for earthly night,
For wand'rings sad and lone;
I left, I left it all for thee,
Hast thou left aught for Me?
I left, I left it all for thee,
Hast thou left aught for Me?

I suffered much for thee, More than thy tongue can tell, Of bitt'rest agony, To rescue thee from hell; I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, What hast thou borne for Me? I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, What hast thou borne for Me? And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above, Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love; I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, What hast thou brought to Me? I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, What hast thou brought to Me?

### A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH!

Jesus said: "...Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

"For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8: 34-38)

In His High Priestly prayer to His Heavenly Father, our Saviour confirms that He wants us to

KNOW who we really are in Him: "That they all may be one; as Thou Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

"And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." (John 17: 21-23)

The sad news is that most Christians are living far below what has been provided for us and what Jesus died to provide for us. The TRUTH is that we are children of the Living God, purchased through His shed blood and chosen, predestinated, adopted into His Kingdom!

St. Paul stated: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! *For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things:* to Whom be glory for ever. Amen." (Romans 11: 33, 36)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places with Christ. According as He hath CHOSEN us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him love:

### THE MYSTERY OF GOD!

"Having **predestinated** us unto the **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace wherein He hath made us **accepted** in the Beloved.

"In whom we have **Redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the *MYSTERY* of His will, according to the good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself." (Ephesians 1: 3-9)

Almighty God had a secret which He did not reveal to any of the old Testament prophets. It is called *Mystery of God* which He revealed to St. Paul: "Whereof I am a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God:

"Even the mystery which had been from ages and dispensations, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of Glory." (Colossians 1:25-27)

The Mystery of God is the great truth that through the vicarious death and resurrection of His incarnated Son Jesus Christ, sinners both Jews and Gentiles, could be born again and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. And that God would dwell within and work through His children!

It is all so magnanimous that it is literally unspeakable, beyond our intellectual capacity and 'past finding out.' It is: In Christ, by Christ, through Christ and for Christ.

By His grace we pray for faith unchained, love unfettered, imagination expanded, mercy unending, anchored in truth and peace unsurpassed! Amen.

#### WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? PART 2

John Newton wrote this marvelous poem:

What think of Christ? is the test

To try both your state and your scheme;

You cannot be right in the rest

Unless you think rightly of Him;

As Jesus appears in your view,

And He is beloved or not,

So God is disposed to you –

And mercy or wrath is your lot.

Some take Him a creature to be –

A man or an angel at most,

But they have not feelings like, me

Nor know themselves wretched, and lost;

So guilty, so helpless am I,

I durst not confide in His blood,

Nor on His protection rely –

Unless I were sure He is God.

St. John is called 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. (John 13:23). He probably had a greater love and knowledge of our Saviour than the other disciples. The depth to which he understood the deity and Godhood of Jesus Christ is truly mind boggling.

He repeatedly emphasized the relationship of Jesus with the Father. *His great truths destroy the lying teachings of false cults like Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and Muslims!* He makes it clear that if one denies the Father and the Son and their unity in the Godhead, they cannot be saved!

Only those that believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, who was born of the Virgin Mary and died on the cross for their sins and was raised from the dead are born again. *Those who reject Christ will be eternally lost!* 

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through *the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant*, make you perfect in every good work to do His will..." (Heb. 13:20). St. John repeatedly espoused these great truths:

# 1. If you KNOW Christ, you KNOW the Father also:

"And we know that we are of God, and that whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is true God and Eternal Life." (1 John 5:19, 20)

# 2. If you BELIEVE on Christ, you BELIEVE in the One Who sent Him:

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me. And He that seeth Me seeth Him that sent Me." (John 12: 44)

# 3. If you CONFESS the Son, you have the Father also:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." (1 John 2: 20-23)

### 4. If you do not HONOUR the Son, you do not honour the Father:

"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father who sent Him." (John 5: 23)

### 5. If you HATE the Son you have not the Father who sent Him:

"He that hateth Me, hateth My Father also." (John 15:23).

# 6. If you do not believe that I AM He, ye shall die in your sins:

"And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from Above; ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall DIE in your SINS: for if ye believe not that I AM He, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8: 23,24)

# 7. If ye CONTINUE in My Word, ye shall be My disciples:

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that

Me, I speak these things. And He that hath sent Me is with Me; the Father hath not left Me alone, for I do always those things that please Him.

"As He spoke these words, many believed on Him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye Continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed. And ye shall Know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you Free." (John 8:28-32)

# 8. He that believes that God SENT Jesus hath Everlasting Life:

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father hath sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father send unto Me, so I speak." (John 12: 44,49, 50)

# 9. If ye shall ASK ANYTHING in My Name:

"Believest thou not that I am in My Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

"Believe Me that I am in My Father, and My Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works sake. Verily, verily, I say into you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works shall he do; because I go unto My Father.

"And whatsoever ye shall ASK in My Name, that WILL I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ASK anything in My Name, I will do it."

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples." (John 15: 7-9)

### 10. If ye LOVE Me, the HOLY SPIRIT will Come to you:

Charles Wesley wrote the following poem:

"If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you: I will come to you." (John 14: 15-18)

#### THE MYSTERY OF THE GODHEAD

Who is Jesus Christ? Why is He so important? From where did He come? What was the purpose of His coming to earth? What did He accomplish here? Where is Jesus Christ now? When will He return? What will happen when He does come? How will believers be affected? What will happen to the unbelievers?

Here is a little theological background of the Mystery of the Godhead: "In the beginning God *(Elohim)* created the heaven and the earth..." (Genesis 1:1). Elohim is a pluralized form of God

which, nevertheless, retains a mysteriously singular meaning.

"In the beginning God *created* the heaven and the earth. And God *said*, Let *us* make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea ... upon the earth." (Genesis 1: 1,26).

Here we have the verbs *created* and *said* in the singular, the name of God in its plural form *(Elohim)* and the plural pronoun *us.* In the Hebrew language the *noun*, its *verb* and *adjective* MUST all agree in number and gender. But in the Genesis record God announces Himself as *Elohim*, totally pulverizing these grammatical rules.

WHY IS THIS? No human language can adequately contain or express God! God's announcement of His person shows the uniqueness of the Divine Unity of the Eternal God!

Note: God said to Abraham, "Take now thy son, thine only son". (Gen 22:2). He used the word (yahid). When Adam and Eve became one flesh, the word (ehad) is used to denote a compound unity.

"In Deuteronomy 6:4, the Word of God states: "Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is One Lord (compound unity, ehad). Hebrew scholars have recently translated the shema of Deuteronomy 6:4 thus, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord alone" instead of, "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord our God, the Lord our God, the Lord is one."

The Ugaritic Tablets unearthed by archaeologists in the ancient Masoretic Text changes the meaning of this text from God's Oneness (a theological point) to God's exclusivity, at a time when Israel was surrounded by pagan neighbours which worshipped many gods or deities.

#### **DEVASTING POWER OF CHRIST'S BLOOD!**

You may ask, "Why is the blood of Jesus Christ so important? For what purpose was it shed? Is His blood still alive and how is that possible? What will the blood of Jesus Christ do for me? Does His blood cleanse us from all sin? Is there healing virtue in His blood? Has His blood destroyed Satan's power over the Church? Does the Devil fear the preaching of the Cross and the blood of Jesus Christ? What is Satan's end? Will he be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity? Why did Jesus Christ have to die on the cross? What is the Mormon doctrine on the blood of Jesus? Why false cults hate the doctrine of Jesus' shed blood? Why does the Bible teach: 'Without the shedding of the blood there is no remission for sin? and, 'It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul?'

### **PURCHASED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? *For ye are bought with a price*: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6: 19, 20)

"To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us acceptable in the Beloved, in whom we have Redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:6,7);

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath *purchased with His own blood*." (Acts 20: 28)

### REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not *redeemed* with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conservation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter 1: 18,19);

"Christ hath *redeemed us* from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on the tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Galatians 3:13, 14)

#### PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:

"And having made *peace through the blood of His cross*, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him I say, whether they be things in earth, or in Heaven." (Colossians 1: 20);

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: For

when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly

"For scarcely for a righteous man one will die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:1,6-8)

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes was far off are made nigh by the blood of the Christ. *For He is our Peace*, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; and having abolished in His death the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make Himself of twain one new man, so making Peace." (Ephesians 2:13-17)

#### **JUSTIFIED THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"Much more then, *being now justified by His blood*, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall we be saved by His life." (Romans 5: 9,10)

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Being *justified* freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Whom God hath set forth to be a *propitiation through faith in His blood*, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. (Romans 3: 23-25)

The word propitiation means expiation, mercy seat, satisfaction. It means that God was

satisfied with the death of His only begotten Son Jesus, to cover, remove and cleanse us from our sins. Our sins were laid upon Jesus Christ as suffered on that Cross and Hs shed blood appeased the wrath of against us. His vicarious death on Golgotha fulfilled the righteous demands of Divine Justice in the Court of Heaven, and we are justified by His resurrection from the dead!

#### **FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; without shedding of blood, is no remission." (Hebrews 9: 22); "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John :8): "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son. In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 3: 13)

#### **ACCESS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the Blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His Flesh." (Hebrews 10:19)

#### **CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin**." (1 John 1: 7)

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white

robes? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 7: 14)

### **PURGED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:**

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of bulls and goats, but **by His Blood** He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

"For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: *How much more shall the Blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God?* (Hebrews 9:11-14)

#### VICTORY THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:

"And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them day and night.

"And they overcame him by *the Blood of the Lamb*, and by word of their testimony; and they love not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12: 10, 11)

### "DELIVERANCE THROUGH CHRIST!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to *preach* the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to *Heal* the brokenhearted, to preach *Deliverance* to the Captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at *Liberty* them that are bruised, to preach the *Acceptable year of the Lord.*" (Luke 4: 18,19)

In the Nazareth Synagogue, Jesus laid out in detail the Ministry His Father had sent Him to fulfill by the power of the Holy Spirit. He declared Himself the Jewish Messiah when He sat down saying; "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4: 21)

Jesus was ushering in the **Year of Jubilee**, in which the poor would hear the gospel, the brokenhearted, bruised, sick and suffering would be healed by Him and by His Church, until He returned to bring the Millennial Rule! In every Jewish synagogue there was one chair which was reserved for the Messiah. When Jesus sat down in that chair, He declared Himself the Messiah!

The YEAR OF JUBILEE which Jesus started will end at the Rapture of the Church, and before the Millennial Rule of Christ!

---To be continued