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# TWO COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

PORTRAIT OF SALVATION

The PORTRAIT OF SALVATION is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. When Jesus died; He died on the cross. In like manner we also must die on the cross. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." And then again in Romans 6:6: "Our old man was crucified with Him." Also in Galatians 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof."

Jesus died on the cross and we must be crucified on the cross. The portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. But notice further when Jesus died it was necessary that He be buried. It is also necessary that we be buried. Earth is earth, and water is water. When a person is buried in physical death a hole is dug, and he is buried and covered up.

When we die on our cross we must be buried and covered up. Paul tells us about that burial in Romans 6:4 when he says, "We were buried with Him in baptism." We were lowered into the water, and buried out of sight. Jesus was buried after He was crucified, and we must be buried after we are crucified. The portrait of the burial of Christ in the tomb is reproduced in the burial in baptism of the redeemed.

There is a third element in the portrait of the death of our Lord. After the Lord's dead body was buried, He was raised up on the third day. The angel at the tomb said, "He is not here, for He is risen even as He said." We must also be raised up from our watery grave. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12 "Buried with Him in baptism wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Again in Romans 6:4 "As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life."

Jesus was raised from the dead and we having died to sin

need to be raised up also. The portrait of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

Now let us look at the whole portrait of salvation. Jesus the Redeemer died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead, and the redeemed in like manner duplicate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. And that completes the PORTRAIT OF THE REDEEMER'S SALVATION AS REPRODUCED IN THE LIFE OF THE REDEEMED.

#### HE LIFTED ME

In the early days of the ministry of Jesus, He said to Nicodemus, "And, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so, must the Son of man be lifted up." Then at the end of His ministry He said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me." Jesus was lifted when He was crucified. They nailed Him to the cross and lifted it up, and dropped it into a hole that shook the foundations of hell. But He was not only lifted up on the cross, He was also lifted up from the grave on the third day when He was raised up from the dead. Lifted up on the cross, lifted up from the grave and then He was lifted up again at the time of His ascension; lifted up all the way to heaven.

Think of it. He was lifted up in prophecy as the serpent on the pole, lifted up on the cross, lifted up in the resurrection, and lifted up in the ascension. When He returns, He will lift us up from the earth to meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. As we are lifted up to meet Him in the air we could say in the words of the gospel song.

"With tender hand He lifted me, From sinking sand He lifted me, From shades of night to realms of light, O praise His name He lifted me."

But that is not all. When we have lived for several million years in heaven, without question, our favorite gospel hymn might very well be,

"Love lifted me, love lifted me, when nothing else could help love lifted me."

But for the present, as we eat the loaf and drink the cup in memory of the One who was lifted up on the cross, lifted up from the grave, and lifted up into heaven, what better thought for us than this,

"I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within sinking to rise no more, But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me now safe am I."

### **LETTERS**

Dear Ed,

I often tune into your Sunday morning broadcast here in North Wales. Mostly the reception is good so long as one positions the tuner exactly on 6.0 MHz on the 41 meter short wave band. I enjoy the limited Christian broadcasts from the USA which mostly are received here from 7:30-8:30 GMT. Your speech style is good to listen to as it sounds quite authorative. Basically following your offer of a book of free gospel Bible lessons and the offer of your free Bible study course please would you send me these? God bless America and your teaching ministry on the radio short wave. Can your programme be received on satellite or via the web? (www.gijapa.org).

Yours sincerely Vincent P. from UK

Pan American Broadcasting writes: We have enclosed copies of reception reports from Bible Voice Russia and Bible Voice Europe listeners in Australia and Germany. Robert Padula from Victoria, Australia heard the Bible Voice Russia broadcast and requested information. Jurgen Waga from Berlin, Germany heard the Bible Voice Europe broadcast and requested information. Please remember that radio stations estimate that for every listener letter or reception report you receive there are at least 1,000 additional individuals listening to your broadcast.

PRISON MINISTRY: At the present time, we have over 1,000 prisoners (men and women) that we've sent Giant Print Bibles to, along with Bible Studies that are actively returning their lessons for grading. Many listen to the broadcast also. This has become one of the most successful segments of GIJAPA's Radio Ministry.

#### Dear Elder Ed Bousman,

Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition, please allow me to say, I've been enjoying the awesome teaching that God is doing through you. I tune you in on Sunday nights at 9:30 on 1090 KAAY Little Rock, AR. I should of done wrote but a few different times I tried to get the address and wasn't able to hear it plain, because the station goes in and out I'm about 300 miles from Little Rock in a little town called Colfax, LA. I'm an inmate in the Grant Parish Prison. I thought I would do this card to say that I thank God for you and the wisdom He poured into you. You also was given a very special gift in how you bring forth the word always on the same voice level, never up and down but smooth and sure. I pray God allows you many more years of doing what you do and He keeps being your Jehovah Jireh for the air time, your health and the blessings you receive for being faithful in Jesus Name.

Bro. Richard C.

I Anthony W. was very thankful to receive your Holy Bible with the large print King James Bible. I also told a friend about it in hopes he could get one. We're both old men that can't see good, even with reading glasses. But most of all I want to thank you so much. May God bless you.

Anthony from Plainfield Correctional Facility in Plainfield, IN

Mr. Bousman,

How are you doing? Good I hope? I am done with the first Bible study lessons. Sorry it took me kind of a long time to get them done. I kind of was backsliding I guess. I had quit reading my Bible and quit doing my Bible Studies. But I repent and ask God to help me which He did. So now I back to reading my Bible and doing my studies. I really enjoy doing those Bible Studies. I learned a lot from doing them and also grown more in Christ. Send more lessons.

Sincerely James W. from Greene Correctional Institution; Maury, NC

Dear Brother Bousman,

Thank you so very much and God bless you and the wonderful works of God your doing. Thank you for the Bible and the studies in the Bible. I've got about a little over four years to do here at the FMC in Lexington and I'm treating it like Bible College. No matter your situation be content and with Jesus. I finished five lessons in two days that you sent and I'm ready for more. You do so much for others for our Lord. Your ministry will be in my prayers and thank you.

God bless you, Brother Donnie from Prison Medical Facility in Lexington, KY

Dear Sir,

I'd like to thank you so much. I received my Bible today in the mail. It means so much to me I've been reading other people's Bible it feels really good to have my own I've never had a Bible as nice as this one I received from you. I will be doing the Bible studies now. The Lord is so good to me. I turned my life over to him May 2009 and things have been going really well, all but having my baby girl's life taken away. She was twelve years old and killed in an automobile accident. I will be sending my studies to you soon.

Sincerely Ernie from Indiana Dept of Corrections in Plainfield, IN

Dear Brother Ed.

I received the 4 boxes comprising of Bibles and kid's shoes you recently posted to me. Next week I will share them to 2 of our churches outside Monrovia. It will be a great help to the recipients of these congregations. Thank you for your support.

In Christ. Mike Foday, Liberia, W. Africa

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Let me thank you for the Bible that u have sent me last year. Sorry that I couldn't thank u in time because I was away from home where no internet connection is available due to forced military training by the government of Eritrea. But now thanks GOD I come home safely. Brother Ed, I am a new born Christian follower and try to help my old father and my family by repairing some TV sets if I found. So what I want to ask you is that if you can send me a book which is very helpful in my TV repairing ability. The book's title is "TROUBLESHOOTING & REPAIRING COLOR TELEVISION SYSTEMS". I am asking u for this book because I couldn't find it in my country Etitrea. Please Ed doesn't forget to pray for us and our country of Eritrea. May God be with you along with His mercy.

Filmon from Asmra, Eritrea, E. Africa

#### Dear Sister Naomi,

Thanks be to God very much, the work is going on well here unto His Glory. Presently we have baptized several people and if the Lord is willing, we would like to plant another congregation here next year. I definitely need your prayers. Concerning the Pentecostal Church I told you about, it is a patience job. I am correcting them doctrine by doctrine and that will take me up to December of which I hope to finish. It is my hope that the whole church becomes the Church of Christ to the glory of God. Please pray for me on this hard soil. In Ghana, it took me some time to turn a whole Pentecostal Church into the Church of Christ. God is indeed great. I am training more brethren to do the work for there is much work to be done. Several of the brethren are refugees and students. The work is very much heavy on me and life can be very difficult for me here but I love to spread the gospel truth. I met only one congregation here but to the glory of God we now have four, apart from one that meets only in the evenings. Forinstance, my wife, I brought from Ghana helping me to do the job, died here painfully when I failed to raise expenses on her hospital bills. She left behind our three children on me. Please always remember me and these children in your prayers to God. Presently, if I can get some old or new mobile phones to do the job I will be glad for communications to prospects and new converts. Thanks to you and all the workers we have today taken delivery of two boxes of Bibles and tracts. We do thank you so much for the clothes, shoes and Bibles you send for the work here. We do hope you are all well in health, especially we want to know that of our beloved brother Bousman. We keep praying for him here. To God alone be the glory through Christ, Amen.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God; London Corner Church of Christ; The Gambia, W. Africa

#### Hello Madame Naomi!

I did not check my email account for about 2 weeks now, & today I just came home from a Bible study at Tubao. This appointment was an overflow of my schedule yesterday wherein I would have to be in a hurry for the services of our local churches as it is the day of the Lord. We have met a family of three. Their house is just situated some 100 meters before our place of gathering at Lloren Village. They themselves contacted us, & this was one of the positive results of distributing tracts "WHAT SAVES A MAN" you have sent to us via GIJAPA. They are showing great interest to learn more on Christ & we have set anoth-

er meeting this Wednesday. We have to commute on public transportation three times to reach the place. Please pray for the success of this work for them to be saved & be followers of Christ. I have studied with five (5) individuals today in two separate sessions. I have great faith that they would soon come in repentance & be immersed in the name of Christ. We are setting again our studies by this Friday & I ask that you would help me in prayers to bring them to the Lord. Thank you so much for all the blessings & help for our ministry. I just have today the latest three (3) boxes of used clothing, Bibles, & literatures from the mail. I will also inform you when I have got the four latest packages that you have shipped us. We appreciate so much these back up to our work. We really have to sound out the battle for wayward souls until the Lord call us home in heaven. I am looking for a greater challenge this month of October as our weather seems favorable. Things did not work positively with my health last month. Besides my urinary tract problems, I even suffered infection of pimple in my nose plus an infection of both on the linings of my ears. They occurred simultaneously that turned me into a flu. They were treated thru antibiotic, pain reliever, & postoticear drop. Thanks too for all your prayers that offered in my behalf. I am doing OK now & I am ready again to take the challenges. Pray that our ED BOUSMAN & REG RICE are both doing well with their health & work. Regards & GOD bless you all at GIJAPA. Take a bunch of care Madame for our evangelistic missions. Thanks a lot to our partners & supporters in Christ. May the Lord continue to bless AMERICA as no nation on earth that is so supportive on HIS REDEMPTIVE CAUSE than yours!

Ed Domingo of the Sunset Beach Church of Christ in the Philippines

#### Dear Sister Naomi,

Greetings again in the name of Jesus Christ. We have received two boxes of clothes, one for women and children clothes. We always thank you for standing together for God. Also we always thank God, who placed you in this ministry for a reason. Many church leaders, neighbors, and friends are saying that, you care for us. This is the way to show Christian love and religion. One neighbor we assisted with a pair of shoes has promised to come to church on Sunday to worship with us. Thank you very much. You are doing what Jesus taught and did when He was on this planet. We have sent letters to all the churches we give materials that we receive from GIJAPA to continue praying for our father, Brother Ed Bousman, you my sister Naomi, your family, GIJAPA team and all those who support GIJAPA. We greatly appreciate the support from GIJAPA. Stay well. God bless.

John Maseka, Evangelist of Messenger Church of Christ; Zambia, Central Africa

Though in sick bed, he was winning souls while Lee and the brethren where on the field in the villages because they couldn't dishonor the appointments they had with some people prior to Ike's accident. Ike answers difficult questions on phone whilst Lee's phone is on loud speaker so that those recipients of the message can hear Ike answers to their questions. Through this Lee and her team by the grace of God won 2 souls a Catholic and a Presbyterian after been convinced on Ike's answers to their questions on infant baptism, baptism by sprinkling and baptism by immersion. Like the apostle Paul, Ike did not shut up his mouth even when he was in pain and on admission to the hospital and worse of all when he desperately looking for money for a surgery but there seems to be no help from no where, he preached Christ and through this two colleague patients who were also on admission were won over to Christ but because they were also in pain and have had surgeries, they couldn't baptized immediately but were itching to immediately they are fit again to do so. These souls are now good friends of Ike and Lee and they constantly talk on phone and will one day be baptized. A ward church with a sick-preacher was the term people created for Ike when Ike set the place ablaze with songs, sermons and prayers. Information reaching us is that all the 5 churches recently planted by THE TRUTH are doing very well. Though there have been some deaths in some of the churches, everything is alright. Please, we need more Bibles. We did not get any clothes in month of September so please, remember us with some more, as Lee said some brethren and children and teens needs clothing badly. "Only death will separate me from the love of God." Fit or paralyzed, I will still win souls. I won't let anything make me stop preaching Christ. After all this is what I and Lee have been doing since 1979. We would like to thank all for your prayers for me. By the grace of God, I am dong fine!" Thank you and God bless you all but don't forget to pray for the Lord's work to go on and you will be blessed!

Ike and Lee

Happy Thanksgiving!



## GIJAPA Begins 49 Years

I was getting a hair cut when he died on November 22, 1963. I didn't vote for him but I hated he had to die like that. One year earlier President John F. Kennedy was eye ball to eye ball with Premier Nikita Khrushchev for fourteen days to end the Cuban Missile Crisis. The closest the world has come to nuclear war was the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. The Soviets had installed nuclear missiles in Cuba, just 90 miles off the coast of the United States. U.S. armed forces were at their highest state of readiness. Soviet field commanders in Cuba were authorized to use tactical nuclear weapons if invaded by the U.S. The fate of millions literally hinged upon the ability of these two men to come to an agreement. All of this was being broadcast over WCKY in Cincinnati, OH. I had a contract with the station that as soon as the Cuban Missile Crisis was over I could begin my first broadcast. The Cuban Missile Crisis ended November 20, 1962 and I began my first GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY broadcast on Sunday night November 23, 1962. I've been broadcasting from the time of President John F. Kennedy to President Barack Obama - covering a span of ten presi-

As we begin our 49th year and look back over the changes in America that each of the ten presidents brought; one thing never changed and that is the message of GIJAPA. Broadcasting every week all over the world as well as the world wide web - www.gijapa.org; GIJAPA is as solid as the Rock of Ages. We thank each and every one of you individuals as well as Churches who have stood with us and supported us through the past 48 years, we can't do it without you! Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition! We look forward to celebrating our 50th.



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