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## EDITORIALY

The Editorial Board of Kadosh Marian Voice certainly owes a debt of gratitude to its readers and contributors for their unstinted support consistently being given to us all these years. All we could do is assure them that: We will try our best to keep up the vibrant spirit in our endeavours for evangelisation through our media publications.

A few days back a friend of mine who is a regular reader of the Bible, in an attempt to learn it, called me when he approached a passage at Number 18.19 so as to know the meaning of 'salt' when it has been used in the context of '**covenant of salt**'. I told him it means 'inviolable'. He did not argue with me nor was he convinced about it. On the other hand, he asked me to write something about it in the forthcoming edition. Hence a few words in this regard.

'Salt' is used in diverse context to signify different connotations/imports at the sole discretion of the narrator or the user of the term. We need to discuss this point from a Science Students' perspective, Literary point of view, and of course from the Biblical view point.

Thus same word is used in 3 different context. This anomaly, according to some critics, weakens the power of expression, whereas for others, it is adding the beauty, elegance and wisdom to the expression. Keeping in mind the adage the 'Taste of the pudding is in its eating', the latter view obviously holds water.

### Scientific view

For a Chemistry Scholar 'salt is 'sodium chloride'. In Chemistry it is ionic compound that is formed by a process known as neutralisation reaction of an Acid and Base. The basic components are the Cation (positive) and Anion (negative) and therefore the product is electrically neutral without a net charge (zero charge). The component ions can be organic or inorganic; monoatomic or polyatomic. Properties of salt, in view of, colour, taste, odour, solubility, conductivity and melting point provide salt a very wide scope for research and due to the economy of space I am refraining from further explanation.

### Literary View

Let us view the salt from a literary context. Salt basically means flavour, smack. '**Salt of youth**' meant during the time of Shakespeare 'vigour and strong passion'. In Merry Wives of Windsor he used it as follow "*Though we are justices and doctors and church men, Master page, we have some salt of youth in us*". Shakespeare used the term 'salt' on several occasions in the context to imply strong amorous passion. In Othello also he used it by making Iago say "**Salt as wolves in pride**". In Measure for Measure the Duke Calls Angelo's base passion his "**Salt imagination**".

A Hebrew proverb is "*Meat without salt is fit only for dogs*". But Nathaniel Hawthorne, a famous Writer says "**Salt is white and pure - there is something holy in salt**". A Sanskrit proverb is: "**There are six flavours and of them all, salt is the chief.**" Furthermore "**To salt away**" means to store or to preserve for future use. "**To eat a man's salt**" means to partake in one's hospitality. Among the Arabs, to eat a man's salt, creates a bond between guest and host. No one who has eaten the salt, would speak ill of the other or do any ill turn. "**To sit above the salt**", means to sit in a place of distinction. "**True to his salt**" means be faithful to the employer - Salt meaning '*salary*' here. "*To take it with a pinch or grain of salt*" (Cum gra salis) means to take with great reservation or limitation. "**An old salt**" means a long experienced sailor. "**Attic salt**" means Elegant and delicate wit.

Salt for Latin & Greek was the common name for wit. Cicero's words are worth remembering in this context "SCIPIO OMNES SALE SUPERABAT (SCIPIO SURPASSED ALL IN WIT). The Athenians were noted for their wit, wisdom and elegant turn of thoughts. Thus we can assume that the word 'salt' is used in a variety of context virtually implying diverse meanings.

### Biblical View



At the site of the baptism of Jesus Christ, the Jordan River



Pilgrims floating in salty dead sea

Let us now come to the use of the word in Biblical Context. Salt was used during the scrutinies of catechumens and at the time of baptism of infants. It was also used in the blessing of Holy Water, in the rite of consecration of an Altar or a Church. It is worth remembering that Elisha the prophet scattered salt over the water. Salt is used as "**Seasoned with salt**" (Col. 4.6) to describe wise speech, gracious but not insipid and purity of burned offerings like Jericho's Water (11 Kings 2.20-22). Sodom's salt pit. Eating a man's salt (Ezra 4.14) refers to the preservative effect of friendship. Thus the salt in the meal offering signifies the God's redemptive "Covenant of salt forever" (Lev.2.13).

The River Jordan being of fresh water flows into the Dead Sea, the salt pit. Despite the perennial flow of the fresh water into the sea the concentration of the water virtually still remains same. In my first visit to Holy Land In the year 1994, I had the opportunity go into the Dead Sea to have a bath. I was lying supine and remained floating. No need to swim. No need of your hands and legs for any manuring. It is an amazing experience. After coming out of the water from the Dead Sea our Guide told me to go and have a fresh shower in the area designated for the bath.

Evil speech, like brackish water, cannot co-exist with good (James 3.12) and this is to be viewed and studied in the context of Ezekiel having foreseen an eschatological sweetening of the Dead Sea.

Though the emergence of the Dead Sea is a punitive action, God has His own purpose which is always tenacious. Formation or formulation emanating from God is always for a purpose and no rain will go back to its source or its originator without fulfilling its purpose which is nothing but intended invariably, for the Glory of God and for the welfare of His people.

### Finally

Let us remember the words of Jesus in Mark 9.50 - "**Salt is a good thing. But if salt has become insipid how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another**". It is therefore imperative that we acquire, preserve and manifest the attributes of salt and renounce the primrose path of transient pleasures, self-indulgence and dalliances so as not to inherit the bonfire of eternal hell. I would like to conclude this editorial with a poem of Tagore in Gitanjali. The poet is torn between two loves. He longs for communion with the Devine, yet he is afraid to renounce the voluptuous ease, offered

by this temporal world:

**“Obstinate are the trammels, but my heart aches when I try to break them. Freedom is all I want, but to hope for it I feel ashamed. I am certain that priceless wealth is in thee, and that thou art my best friend, but I have not the heart to sweep away the tinsel that fills my room. The shroud that covers me is a shroud of dust and death; I hate it, yet hug it in love. My debts are large, my failures great, my shame secret and heavy; yet when I come to ask for my good, I quake in fear lest my prayer be granted.”**

We too long to be with the Lord like the poet but pulled back by the mire of concupiscence in ourselves. Let us therefore pray for extra care and protection, seeking the mediation of our blessed Mother.

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## August 27 : Celebrating the Feasts of St. Monica

St. Monica shows us the importance of family and the passing on the Faith. Without St. Monica's fervent prayers for her son, we wouldn't have St. Augustine, a great saint and doctor of the Church. Without St. Augustine's writings, we wouldn't know anything about St. Monica, the mother who he loved much and attributed his conversion to.



St. Monica was born around the year 331 to Christian parents, and she lived in the region of Tagaste in North Africa (in present day Algeria). Married at an early age to a pagan, Patricius, Monica experienced a trying marriage. Until his dying day, Patricius denied God. However, the first example of her faithfulness and patience was on the day before her husband died when he accepted the Faith she clung so close to.

Her marriage union produced three children, the eldest of which Augustine. While the younger two brought their mother no extra worry, St. Augustine (born in 354) in his early life caused his mother no end of anxiety for the state of his soul. He was brilliant and passionate, but lazy and wayward. He kept a mistress, by which he had an illegitimate child, drank over-much and was bawdy and rowdy, and to top it off, embraced the Manichaeism gnostic religion. Monica's strong will was put to the test as she prayed and wept over her son for 17 years

(!), but her prayers held true.

At the Easter Vigil in 387, Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan. Monica experienced a cup that ran over as she witnessed this great event. Augustine left his wayward lifestyle and fully and passionately committed to the Church. In 391 he became a priest, and then 4 years later became the Bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine gave the Church many great writings, including his most famous: Confessions and City of God. (I have read Confessions, but City of God is still on my list).

And here you have a shortened version of the story of a mother who faithfully prayed her son into Christianity, and a son who once he saw Truth, threw his whole life into never-ending service. **A beautiful story of love and persistence, and of a strong will put to fantastic use.**



# LIFE PRECIOUS ?



“My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life” (John-10:10)



## Rt. Rev. Dr. Bishop (Emeritus) Stanley Roman

Born on 4th June 1941, at Punalur, South India. Father commenced philosophy studies at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva. After 2 years, he was chosen to pursue priestly studies at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome, where he received a Master's Degree in Philosophy & Theology. He was ordained priest by Cardinal Agagiani, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome on 16th Dec 1966. He continued his studies and received a Master of Arts in English language and literature from the University of Kerala. He then joined Fatima Mata National College (flagship of Kollam Diocese), Kollam, and later became its principal. After holding various posts in the diocese, he was appointed the first rector of Carmel Giri Major Seminary and was appointed as the 13th Bishop of Kollam on 29th October 2001. He is one of the Patrons of our International organization—Kadosh Marian Ministries.

Last June I had been to an institute which cares for the most unfortunate brothers of our society – people who are challenged in one way or other, differently abled; who are deprived of a life that you and I enjoy. Meeting them in their own life situations I was awfully struck with their innocence of life and happiness in the midst of all sorts of privations (according to me). They sparked a flame of reflections on life and some of them I wish to share with my readers.

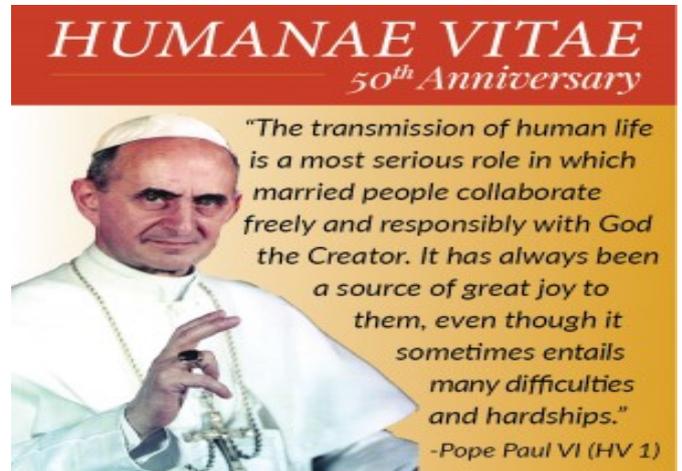
While I started to writing some of my reflections someone who met me and with whom I shared my views, reminded me then of the great encyclical (*Humanae Vitae*) by **Saint Pope Paul VI**, to be precise, 51 years ago, on 25th July, 1968, which re-confirmed the teaching of the Holy Catholic Church on life, on the sacredness and preciousness of human life that is continuously threatened from all quarters today. The Holy Father expounded strongly his teaching based on Natural law as illuminated and enriched by divine revelation. His teaching *ab initio* stands challenged, disputed, criticised, rejected, repudiated and scoffed at. On the golden jubilee of its publication, some would have revisited the document only to add one's agonies and woes when considered against the little esteem shown to human life whether in India or elsewhere. His prophetic words have come true and perhaps beyond a no-going back status. The civilized civil society of the modern world seems

so cruelly torn apart with abortion, sterilization, tubectomy, euthanasia, sexual violence, rape, murder of either partner in life, infidelity in married life, divorces in plenty- unwed-mothers, single parents, orphans and children from broken families .. in one-word in social and sexual chaos. This ugly picture of the society looms large as days pass by. What is marriage, married love, family, children? Does the new man flooded with sophistication seek new definitions and interpretations to the age-old concepts of the above? They seem to be anathema to them.

It is not true to say that the church turned deaf ear to the population explosion and its aftermath but it did not indeed subscribe to the methods propounded and adopted to check it by the civil society. Any artificial method being contrary to the Natural law and the divine the Church strongly opposed them to the extent of inviting all sorts of criticism from the civil society. The Church had foreseen the evils entailed in the artificial methods and advocated different methods in order to protect the sanctity of life and that of the married life.

When perusing through the teaching of the Holy Father, one might shrug one's shoulders and say, *"This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?"* "And the natural outcome is to reject it to follow one's own designs. But before one attempt to do that let him pore through the words of an unforgettable champion and the most illustrious citizen of our country who by example proposed a new theory for family planning in India. It is none other than our Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi whose life and style was once again brought to light by "The Week" with the title "The Unknown Gandhi – A Look at fascinating yet unlit aspects of his life in his 150th year" dated June 30th , 2019. There is an article titled "Celibate Marriage" by Nirmal Jovial. Gandhiji did not subscribe to the contraceptives popularised by the first world but advocated self-restraint or abstinence or self-discipline in deciding the number of children a couple might bring forth according to their health and wealth. The Holy Father expressed his teaching clearly, 'the human procreation involves the whole man and the whole mission to which he is called – married love is total. The spouses give

themselves to each other unconditionally. It is faithful and exclusive and finally their love is fecund, which means order to parenthood. They may welcome or hold off for serious reasons with due respect to moral precepts... 'An act which impairs the capacity to transmit life contradicts the will of the author of life'.



Against this backdrop, we might today promote pro-life movements! What are these newer movements? A sensible person can legitimately question the genuineness of such movements because the treasure lying hidden in 'Humanae Vitae' was ignored, forgotten and side lined all these years to satisfy carnal pleasures tearing apart the fabric of family life, married love and the virtue of chastity, the jewels of human kind.

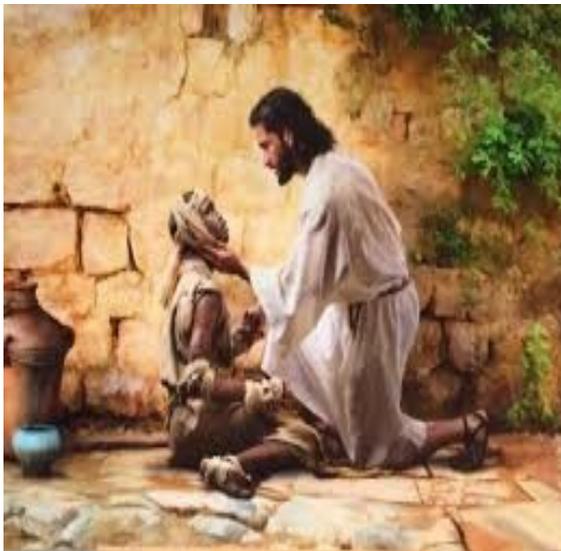
## Beauty of Life

The inmates of the institute where I had spent a few days are not orphans but members from families either rich or poor, which cannot take care of them adequately and so have brought them to the institute where they are well cared. I have spent time off and on there as the superior there was always welcoming me. For me it was a time to reflect or meditate on life. Now that I am a retiree, I look back to my life with an inexpressible joy and with a heart overflowing with gratitude to the Lord for His immense mercy and goodness towards me.

As a boy I remember one of my dearest friends, a classmate and neighbour, who had a paralysed leg due to polio. No medicines were available when my friend was a baby I believe. He lived with that handicap, studied, and got employed in Government ser-

vice. It was my privilege to marry him and I know that he had a peaceful and pleasant married life. He had a wonderful wife. I used to admire his determination to live with this inability without any complaint. Till today I have seen so many who are thus physically challenged and differently abled men and women, who braved their lives irrespective of all their disabilities. I should at each instance of life recall God's infinite mercy and repeat loudly that I have no words to thank the good Lord.

My first pastoral service as a priest was my service to the lepers in a colony. My daily mass was for the sisters



who cared them and on Sundays and First Fridays masses were with the community of these unfortunate brethren. It was scheduled for 6.30 a.m. How those unfortunate brothers and sisters prepared themselves so early with bandages of their hands and feet to attend the mass devoutly! They took great care that their wounds never smelt foul. I have seen a wide variety of men and women suffering from the deadly illness. They were confined to the leprosarium for their rest of life. Recalling my days with them, I do often think why God spared me from that illness. The fervent prayers of the suffering people offered for priests who served them made my eyes water each time they prayed for us.

I have visited palliative care centres and the regional cancer centre. There again I have seen people of all age groups. I have seen

so many of my kith and kin, bishops, priests, religious and others undergoing the painful treatment hoping an extension of life. As I stand before every one of them I cannot but think God's mercy towards me. How the Lord spared so many and why He had left so many others in utter pain and disappointment? No answer. However, I have often recourse to the following words that comfort me, ***"This happened so the power of God could be seen in him"*** ( Jn. 9,3).

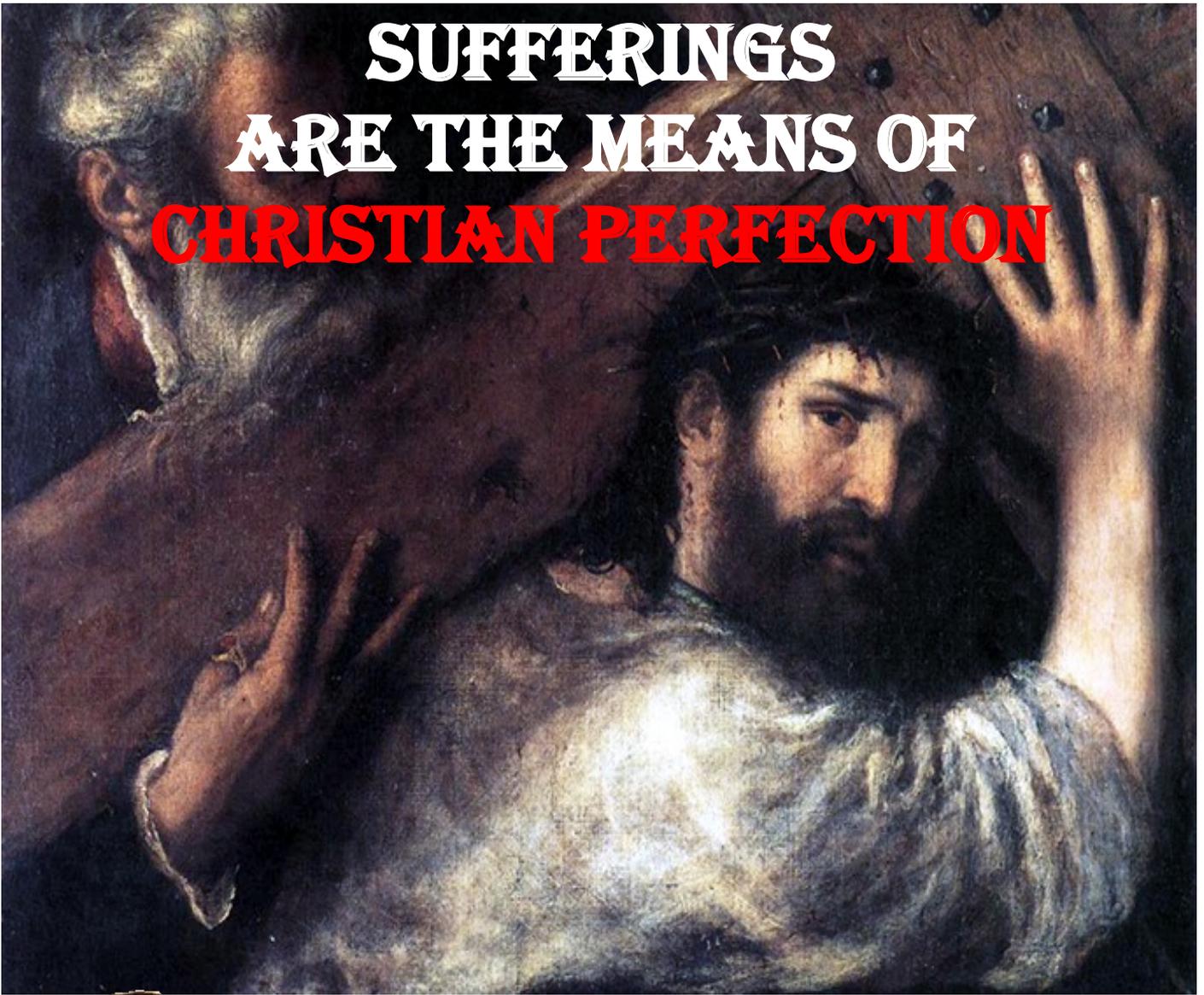


While I rue through this meditation of life, I was surprised by an elderly mother who very calmly revealed to me that she is a cancer patient undergoing treatment and was waiting for another dose of chemotherapy. Her attitude towards her mortal illness really shook me. May be such brave Catholics participate in the terrible passion and suffering of Jesus the Lord. In moments of intolerable migraine, stomach disorders asthmatic attacks, fever and other small illnesses we seem very much disturbed and forget to thank the Lord for the beautiful days of our lives. There are institutes that assist the mentally challenged and differently abled children, preys to autism etc. deaf and dumb. A good number of them. Why are they like that? I have also observed that many of them become successful in life and a blessing to the family. For one reason or other they happen to be born like that. Again, and again I think of the mercy of the Lord.

Looking into life of so many around us how many are deprived of the minimum facilities of life – families spent entire life inside the huge water pipes stored on the roadside, uninhabitable huts, slums there is no difference between them and me but good God spared me from these. That is all. Can I blame them for their poverty of life? When we have plenty and live in extravaganza let us think of those deprived of the minimum. Let us not be satisfied with their poverty but extend a helping hand in their needs. Never forget the beauty of life and its **GIVER.**



# SUFFERINGS ARE THE MEANS OF CHRISTIAN PERFECTION



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**N**o one can attain salvation without suffering. No crown without a cross. No one is crowned unless he has undergone sufferings (“2 Tim.2/5”). The sufferings of a man can be understood in three ways--that is the sufferings of the body called **physical sufferings** and that of the mind called **mental sufferings** and the third is the sufferings of the soul called **spiritual sufferings**. Sometimes a person can suffer all these three levels of sufferings together. For example:- Apostles, Act 5/41, Martyrs and Prophets. And the best example is Job in the Old Testament. Even Jesus Christ had to enter in to his Glory through sufferings (“Lk. 24/26”).

All the suffering come from God and is a sign of His love and favour. Sufferings seem to be the reward of good works performed. They are precious gifts, which will avail us to all eternity. To suffer something for God is in itself a great privilege and honour. The greater Saint, the greater were, in most cases, his sufferings. Our Lady is the queen of martyrs. The apostles had to suffer much especially St. Paul and, St. Peter; and all other apostles of Christ had to face more or less the same fate. St. Augustine says “*there is no greater misfortune than the good fortune of sinners*”. He who does not suffer now will have to suffer hereafter. Yet God never sends us any suffering that is beyond our powers and endurance. St. Paul’s

says “**God is faithful, who will not permit you to suffer above that which you are able**” (1 Cor. 10/13).



God sends the sufferings to the sinner to bring him back into right way and to save him from eternal death. How many have been converted by means of sufferings, for example:- Manassas in the prison of Babylon, Jona, the prodigal son, even the wicked Achab (3 kings 21/27). God is like a surgeon who cuts away the diseased flesh that it may not caused death. Sufferings destroy our dependence on earthly things, and take away the desire for the enjoyments and pleasures of this valley of tears, and turn our thoughts to heaven. It impresses upon us our own helplessness, compel us to have recourse to God in prayer. **Sufferings teaches a knowledge of ourselves and our own sinfulness.** Sufferings though very hard to bear are the surest way to God. God frequently sends bodily sickness, worries of mind and lack of interest in spiritual matters to the sinner to lead him to the Heavenly Glory.

God sends the sufferings to the just man to try him whether he loves Him most or creatures: Job-a man who had always lived a God-fearing life, lost all his property, his children, his health and was criticized by his wife and friends. Tobias had buried the dead at the peril of his life and given most liberal Alms. God took away his sight and left him poor and unable to earn anything for himself. Thus God tests His friends. God often takes away from us what we love best, and that which is injurious and dangerous, just as a father takes away from his little child a sharp knife. By sufferings, the punishment due for sin is cancelled. Sufferings also purify the soul from its imperfections. Gold is tested in the fire: so is the soul purged by sufferings. As soap cleanses the body, like wise sufferings cleanses the soul. Sufferings also increases our strength, just as blows of the hammer make the iron stronger and harder. As St. Augustine prayed “**in this life, O Lord, burn, scorch and**

**wound me, only spare me in the life to come**”. Toil strengthens the body, sufferings strengthens the soul. Sufferings also adds to our love of God.

Sufferings are not really evil, but are benefits from the hand of God. They are means of bringing us both temporal and eternal happiness. What we count as an evil in the bitterness of medicine that is necessary for the health of our soul. There is no evil in the world except sin. Sufferings can never really make us unhappy: man can be happy in spite of all kinds of sufferings. We see so many examples like Job, Tobias, Apostles etc. the Holy Bible. St. Paul says “**I am filled with comfort I exceedingly abound the joy in all our tribulations**” (2 Cor.7/4). For this reason we should be patient under sufferings, and should resign ourselves to the will of God. Rejoice and thank God for it. We should say with job “as it has pleased the Lord so it is done, blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1/21) or with our Lord in the garden of olives, “Note my will, but thine be done”. In Acts 5/41 we read how the Apostles rejoice in their sufferings.

Naturally, men too often grumble and grow impatient under their sufferings. If a man asks the return of the something he has lent, we give it back with thanks, but if God does so, we grumble and feel discontented. The lack of patience too increases our sufferings, apart from offending God.



**By patience under sufferings we quickly attain high degree of perfection.** Our willingness to suffer can be a yard stick as to ascertain how far we have advanced in perfection. We have to bear in mind that the courage, perseverance, sufferings and endurance of a soldier are vindicated, not in peace, but in war... we are warriors in this temporal world, fighting against the forces of darkness and thus we need to undergo sufferings to receive our crown of glory, our last reward, reserved for us as denizens of heavenly abode when we cross the frontiers. Amen





## MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP



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He was ordained in the Catholic Church 6 years ago, after a period of ministry in the Church of England. As a former Anglican clergyman he was granted permission by the Holy See to be ordained as a married man. He is also the director for Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese, and teaches on the Marriage and Family MA course at the Maryvale Institute.

**A**fter Eastertide concludes with the solemnity of Pentecost we move back into Ordinary Time, though with Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christ and other feasts that may fall on a Sunday in may be a few weeks before the first 'green' Sunday. In ordinary time we ponder the mystery of Christ in its fullness, rather than any one specific aspect. The mystery of Christ is hardly something ordinary, but we are invited to reconsider what is indeed 'ordinary' or 'normal' for us. Our redemption in Christ is truly extraordinary, and yet Christ longs for our relationship with him to be a

central and constant feature of our ordinary, everyday lives. The gospel for the first 'green' Sunday, in the UK at least (the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time) was the sending out of the 72 missionaries. This gospel is a powerful reminder that the mission of evangelisation is an ordinary part of Christian life. ***Jesus tells us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his harvest.*** When we pray in this way, we are not saying 'Lord, send someone else' but rather 'Lord, kindle in my heart a fire of love, and give me the gifts for

the mission you have already sent me on!

### **What is it that we are called and sent to do?**

Sometimes we think of evangelisation as selling a product (I had a brief and unsuccessful job selling windows door to door in the summer after I finished school!) and this can lead us to feel awkward about it as we don't want to irritate or alienate people. But Christ has not formed a church of sales people!

When Jesus sends out the 72 he tells them their first words should be a **declaration of peace**. This isn't a false message, buttering up before the hard sell. The **message of peace** is what they are being sent out to proclaim. True peace, the peace that Christ speaks of time and time again in the gospels is the peace that comes from a life centred on God and a will that is aligned with his. This peace goes hand in hand with the kingdom of God. That realm



where all things accord with God's perfect will, which allows all things to flourish and fulfil their intended purpose in God's harmonious design.

If we pay attention to the gospels it is clear that **'the kingdom of God'** is the heart of Jesus' message. It is closely linked to the call to **repentance**, for the only way to become part of the kingdom is to renounce our self-will and our self-reliance and place our trust in God.

The kingdom is established wherever Jesus is pre-

sent. The many miracles he performs are not merely demonstrations of divine power; they are a sign of his kingdom being established, through the healing of sickness, the stilling of storms, the feeding of the hungry, and even conquering the power of death.

Unlike kingdoms of this world, which are established by force, Jesus instead proposes a new life, in which our true happiness is to be found, if only we can let go of the old and draw close to him in faith. Jesus has no desire to trample over our free will; he stands at the door knocking, but we have to open it to him.

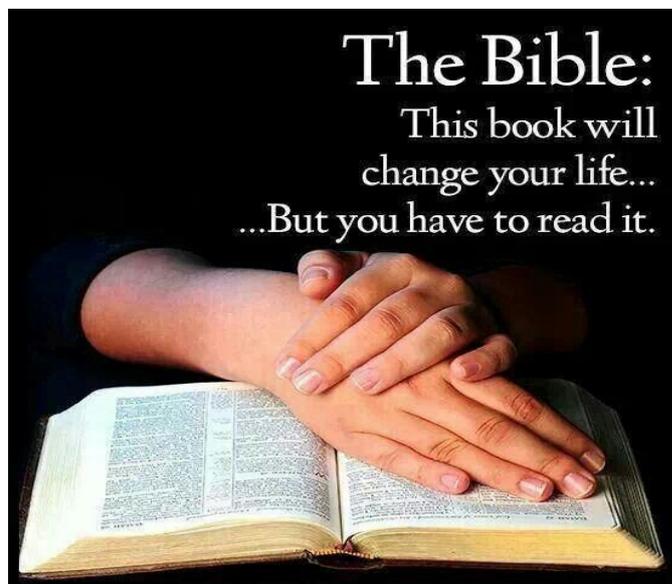
Christ comes to us, on our level, to make this appeal to us, and he continues to do this through his body, the church. As St Teresa of Avila prayed, **Christ has no feet but ours, no hands but ours**. It is not that Christ couldn't do this all by himself, but rather he chooses to work through us. His mission of establishing the Kingdom of God was from the beginning shared with those close to him. It's significant that he sends out a much larger group than the 12 apostles. Tempting though it is to think otherwise, the mission of evangelisation – of establishing God's kingdom of peace - is not given just to a small core group of professional Christians but to the whole body of believers. Indeed, if its not about selling something, but bearing Christ's peace into the world, then it makes sense that we are all called to do this everywhere we go. In fact it's those who lives their lives in the world, in places of work, in family homes, that have been given the task of bearing the gospel of Jesus Christ to those places.

The mission given to the 72 is given to all of us. But as Christ warns the 72, we will not always be well received, even as those who bear Christ's peace. This is because Christ's peace requires a change of heart, and people are resistant to that. There is a certain vulnerability required – we are

followers of Christ, who took on our frail humanity in order to redeem us from the inside out. We are sent out, not as wolves in sheep's clothing - hiding our true intent in order to ambush people - but rather as lambs among wolves, whose pattern and example is the Lamb of God.

So how do we actually go about this? Remember, we are not trying to 'clinch a deal' but rather we are, in the words St Augustine, beggars telling other beggars where we have found some bread. We shouldn't underestimate the value of a simple conversation, even if it doesn't seem to go anywhere at the time; evangelising is all about **sowing seeds**. It has been shown that if someone has had a positive experience of a spiritual conversation, they are more likely to be open to another one; and the more such positive experiences the increasingly open someone will be. It may take many conversations before someone is even willing to consider questions of faith on a more serious level, but it has to start somewhere. And what is a positive conversation? Not one where we jump in with all the answers, but one where a person feels heard, not judged, and is given the space to form their own conclusions. Sharing our faith doesn't mean going up to people out of the blue and asking if they have found Jesus. **It may be that when someone asks what you did at the weekend instead of telling them about your social life or your TV watching you say, 'actually I went to Mass'. Even if nothing more is said at that moment, perhaps you will be the person they come up to six months later to ask, "can you say a prayer for my sick mother, as I know you go to church?"**

We can all be reluctant missionaries at times. There are lots of things that hold us back. Fear of rejection, fear of ridicule, lack of confidence, a feeling of inadequacy, either that we don't know enough about our faith, or that we feel that our lives don't come up to scratch and that we will be



seen as hypocrites. Maybe part of us is ashamed, not of Christ, but of his church and all the negative things that many people, with some justification, associate with it.

Some of those we can address – if you feel your knowledge of the faith is inadequate, then read the catechism, read the bible, join study groups, or find good and enriching podcasts or youtube videos.

If you think you are not good enough – none of us is! We are all on a journey of discipleship, that requires humility, grace, and constant conversion. The Holy Spirit does convict us of our sins, but he also leads us to new life. And if people too readily associate Catholicism with the wickedness of a small minority of its members or a defensive attitude, let us show them what authentic Christian love and service looks like.

To finish where I started, let us not forget prayer, which is an essential part of everything we do as followers of Christ. We pray so that we may become more like Christ, love him and all those he loves more completely. For evangelising is above all an act of love: its goal is very simply the good of each person we encounter - there is no greater good than coming to know the love of God in this life and living in peace with him for eternity. **Amen**



# A DIFFERENT GOD



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**N**o one has seen God. Jesus says, God revealed his face through Jesus Christ. (John 14:19). The love, God, the Father has for us was personified in an by Jesus (John 3:16). Our call in this world to live that life of love and the warmth of Jesus Christ's love should not be lost even amidst in-depth thinking and debate on theology and philosophy. The question of Asians' is not to prove the question: 'does God exist' but to answer how does to explain the existence of God. The attempt is not to answer to 'what' of God but to answer 'how' of God. Therefore, we attempt to demonstrate from the Bible about the 'how' of God through which common man can understand, Gods' love and translate the same into his life.

## **God: The Answer for all Pain**

*God Loves man amongst all creations.* God en-

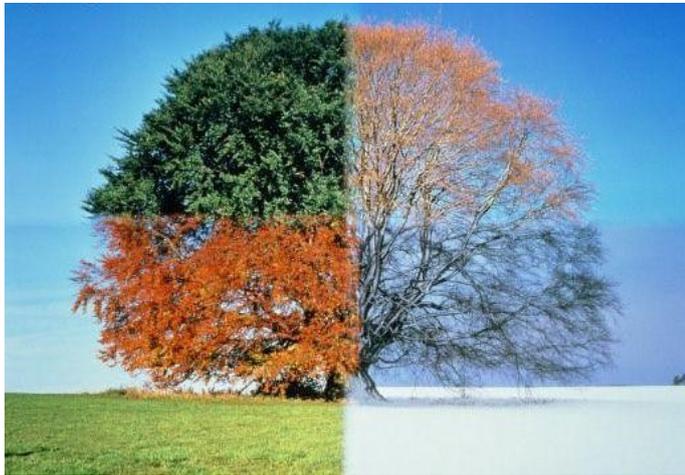
trusted to men to lead and control the universe (Gen.1:28). God sent Man to earth rule it and enjoy its fruits. But man turned against God. Yet God cares for men. Earth should not be owned by anyone, but by God. (Ex. 19:5). Those who live in this world are not the owners of the land but the keepers of the land. They have to live in this land like tenants (Lev. 25:23).

This beautiful world created by God received cracks and scratches. In this broken world, the heartbroken people groaned in their slavery and cried out (Ex. 2:23). God heard their cry. **God has a sixth sense, a sense that hears the cry of the oppressed and to touch them.** He heard them and came to the history, to make the history of the oppressed people with them and for them.

God hears the cry of orphans, refugees, and wid-

ows. (Ex. 22: 21-23). He hears the blind man who cried "Son of God, have mercy on me" (Mk. 10: 47-52). God recognises the touch by a woman suffering from bleeding (Lk: 8:46). **This God is different. God, who has a special care for refugees, talks to the world even today.** This God speaks through Pope Francis who accommodated refugees in Vatican, through the good activities of missionaries.

The God of exodus is the God of abandoned and marginalized. He is suffering with the suffering people because his name is Yahweh, that is, the one who liberates. In the New Testament his name is Immanuel, God with us (Mt.1:23) who pitches his tent with the humans (Rev.21:3). The very essence of God is reflected in His name. That is to say, that God has no existence apart from the humans (this should be understood in the above spirit, and not theologically or philosophically). **God is**



**intrinsically and inseparably united with the humans.** For God has communicated his life, love and knowledge with men (Gen 1:25-26). This existential relationship is like the relationship of a mother to the child in the womb. The humans are in the womb of God, so whatever pain undergoes by the mother will be affected to the child. Like this, the God will be affected, distracted, pained by men's suffering, struggles and vice versa. Therefore it is fitting to God to be with the suffering people and suffer for their sake to make their history with them and for them. The active involvement of God in the suffering of the downtrodden explains God's involvement and commitment to His people. so the essence of God is his involvement with the people in their suffering. This pain could be alleviated by the very presence of God in the suffering people. Here not only man is suffering but God is also suffering with men. Sometimes men suffer less whereas God suffers much. When men realise this, he experiences the real presence of God in his

suffering and struggling life situations.

### **God: Heaven is Open for Those in Despair**

When the river Jordan filled with the tears and sweat of orphans, widows and refugees, Jesus Christ took, who had in the river, dip with them became one among them. By acknowledging the decision of Jesus, doors of heaven were opened and the gates of heaven were opened to the cries of humanity. God said: listen to Jesus. Jesus said: **Fill it up till the brim** (John 2:7).

The life of disciples must be filled with Compassion, Trust, Justice (Mt. 23:23). **When they surrender completely to the will of God, the gates of heaven will open before them and they will be able to see their creator.** Through constant endurance one can achieve the Godly stature. This is the will of Jesus and sanctified by God the creator.

### **God: Greatness in Endurance**

Spent your life for others that is how we become humans (Dietrich Bonhoeffer). Those who don't live a life of arrogance, those who live with the Values of Jesus is a true Christian. And His life is connected to the lives of all the human race. The basic needs of humans like food and clothing need to be shared. Just like the wife of Caesar, one's public life must be free from corruption and doubts. They should realise that Truth is Strength and Strength is not Truth. Do not indulge in tarnishing someone's personality. A thrown stone, spoken words, sent arrow can never be retrieved. Keep the sanctity in a relationship. Lead a simple life based on your salary. Don't earn money through corrupt means. (Lk. 3: 11-14).

**God never asks you do great things but doing small things with precision and trust is what God wants from each of us** (Lk. 16:10). God belongs to the meek and small things. Small is Beautiful (Chesterton).



### **God: The Math behind Maths**

God's calculations are different. He only keeps the account of those who got lost. He is concerned

more about that one lost lamb caught in between thorns rather than the 99 others who are in safe pastures. **The heart of God beats for those who struggle** in the filth of the pig farm. He will carry them in His arms. His calculations are unique and rules of mathematics are different for him. He knows the Math of Maths.

### God: Through Food

In prosperity who bothers about minute things? The one who could transform stones into bread, the one who fed 10000 men with just 5 loaves of bread had only one command: Collect what is remaining (Mt. 14: 13-21).

Jesus is indifferent to those who indulge in excessive celebration, pomp and show and extravagant lifestyle. He gets disappointed with those who waste their food because **the food is God and those who throw away their food is throwing God away.**

### God: Tears, Blood and Sweat

Giving alms to the poor is not what God wants as the poor don't deserve the leftover of a wealthy man (Lk. 16: 19-31). Instead, God wishes that the poor be provided with a livelihood (Lk. 21: 1-4).

What matters is not how much you gave but with how much love and sacrifice you gave. Your life-blood should be present in what you give. It should have saltiness of your tears and smell of your sweat. It is in them, that the God will rejoice. When you give in this manner, the Lord will fill you with abundance (Lk. 6:38). **Whatever you donate to God's work is precious in the eyes of God.**

### God: Resides in Heavenly Hut of the Poor



Heaven is the seat of God (Mt. 5:35). After seeing the Light, Isaiah says, "Woe to me!" I cried, "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). When Peter Saw the God in Jesus he said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" (Lk. 5:8).

Pope Francis also had said I am a big sinner waiting to receive the compassion of Lord. It is only in divine presence one can recognise his weakness and sins.

Who is wishing to sit with the Divine? Only those who reside in Lord's home gets this opportunity. His house is filled with the blind, dumb a deaf, disabled, people with leprosy, the dead and the poor (Mt. 11: 5-6).

Those who are ready to mingle, serve and love all these people are the only divine souls who are qualified to be with God (Mt. 25: 35-36). The poor people in the world reside in the abode of Jesus. They are filled with human values. They are non-corrupt and have a clean and gentle heart and the ones who never lies (Ps. 24:4). They follow truth and speak the truth. They don't indulge in rumours or gossips, neither spent their time defaming their neighbours. They never accept any bribe (Ps. 15). God resides only with such people (Rev. 21:3, John 1:14). God resides with the poor and creates heaven.

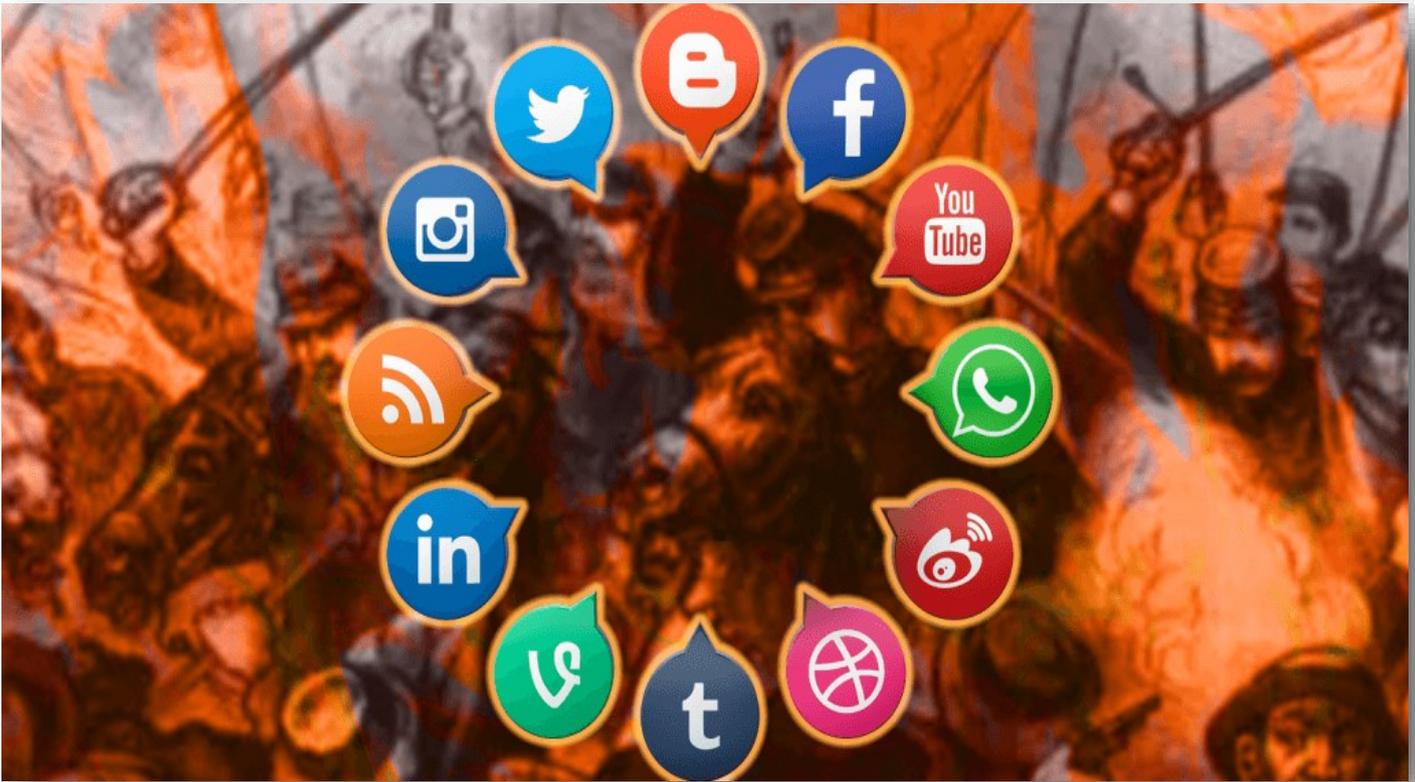
Jesus says those who build heaven on earth are eligible to gain heaven when they leave earth (Lk. 17:21). This is the reason God said the Kingdom of heaven is amongst you. Those who work for the welfare of the down trodden are blessed and are indeed serving Jesus himself. Such people will be provided with the heaven made before the formation of the earth. **Those who own a sacred mind shall receive the blessings of heaven.**

### Conclusion

We have been trying to describe the essence of God in the context of the struggling people. God comes to us in our sorrows and joys. Hence God is not away from us but he is very near and dear to us like a true friend. **So we have to recognise the presence of God in the midst our daily struggles.** God is coming to us through rice, bread, etc (Samuel Rayan). The 'how' of God is to be lived and experienced and that is the challenge of the present: both in the East and the West.



# COMBAT HATRED WITH LOVE ON THE NETWORK PLATFORMS



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On Friday, March 15, 2019, the world received the shocking news of the mass shooting of 50 innocent people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. The self-proclaimed supremacist young man who gunned down the innocent people including a 3-year old child had an agenda—to propagate hatred and get fame. This is evident from his planning and execution of this heinous incident. Prior to the firing, he posted a 74-page manifesto of hatred and violence on Twitter. Then, he called the attention of the world to him by opening fire at the innocent people. He live-streamed the bloodshed on Facebook. The live streaming on Facebook was not a spontaneous decision. It was well planned. He went prepared. He wanted to spread his story of hatred to the

whole world. His weapon was not only the semi-automated gun he used. He used a more powerful tool of social media—live streaming on Facebook. “I chose firearms for the effect it would have on social discourse, the extra media coverage they would provide and the effect it could have on the politics of the United States and thereby the political situation of the world,” he said in his manifesto. He knew that the carnage would go viral. The clip would be shared by millions of people and would travel on multiple platforms and devices. In fact, he wanted to use both the networked platforms and us (the users) to share his story of hatred.

The New Zealand government was quick to recognize the intention of the perpetrator and acted

## Responding to Christchurch Tackling Online Hate and Extremism

swiftly. The government ordered YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and other social media companies to remove the video from their platforms and to contain the clip from going viral. The New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacintha Ardern denied him the fame he wanted when she said, “you will never hear me mention his name.” She added, “he is a terrorist; he is a criminal; he is an extremist. But he will, when I speak, be nameless.” Ms Ardern gave the whole world a powerful message when she chose to combat hatred with love. She transformed the narrative of hatred and violence to compassion, kindness, grief, support and resolve.



Ms Arden said, “We represent diversity, kindness, compassion...” People resonated with her spirit and stood by her. She showed the world how to contain the malicious propaganda planned by the terrorist and turn them into love and kindness. Now, I take you to another incident which took place more than 2000 years ago. A time prior to social media, television and even printing press. The setting was a private function in an upper room—a meal organised for a guru and his 12 disciples. The guru wanted to manifest a lesson of love, service and equality. He didn’t have with him any written manifesto. He neither had a chance to live-stream his story. Yet, he got up from his table, took water and a towel and stooped down before his disciples and washed their feet. He washed the

feet of Judas, knowing that soon he would betray him. He washed the feet of Peter, knowing that soon he would deny him. He washed the feet of every one of them, knowing they would all desert him. That story of love which took place in a private gathering spread across the whole world. Even after 2000 years, the story is remembered and re-enacted across the world. Love Spreads. Because there is power in love. Jesus never spread hatred but love.

The risen Lord invites us to spread love. In today’s networked era, it is a hard task to refrain from spreading the so called “fake news”—disinformation, misinformation and propaganda. The social media platforms are designed to make us share and engage with the content. Responsible use of these platforms entails verifying the sources before sharing, liking and commenting. Those who create and post (fake) stories—images, videos, podcasts, and blogs—have an agenda. The challenge is to think before clicking on the share, to think before making a comment... It needs conviction, courage and mindfulness to combat ha-



tred with love. Above all we need the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel and fortitude—to discern what is false and to spread what is True.



# Why “The Bible” ?



In 2017, Church of England commissioned **ComRes** (market research consultancy headquarters in London) to survey churchgoing and religious practice. ComRes interviewed 8,150 people aged 18+ online between 17th and 31st March 2017, of which 51% are identified as Christians; among the shocking statistics, the survey shows us that:

- **60% of them have never read the Bible in their life**
- **36% say they never attend church**
- **One in three said they never pray.**

Among the Christians, just six per cent of those polled read the Bible, prayed and attended Church at least once a week, and among these regular churchgoers only a very small percentage read the Bible daily, and the biggest common barriers or reasons for not reading the Bible are:

- **not having enough time**
- **lacking motivation and discipline**
- **feeling intimidated**
- **struggling to apply the Bible to everyday life.**

Now, let us take a step back and think Why the Bible? Here we have a six-step argument on why we should look so closely at this book—**THE HOLY BIBLE.**

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### 1) We must glorify God

God’s call on every human being is that we glorify Him [Isaiah 43:6-7]

- by **knowing** Him accurately in our thoughts [Romans 1:21,25,28]
- by **enjoying** Him intensely in our emotions [Psalms 149:5]
- by **reflecting** Him consistently in our actions [1 Corinthians 10:31]

In other words, God is calling each one of us to show His supreme greatness by using our mind to grasp His truth, by using our heart to feel His beauty, and by using our body to put that truth and beauty on display in our lives. Scriptures explained on this are:

**Isaiah 43:6-7** *“Bring my sons from afar and daughters from the end of the earth, everyone*

who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory”.

### Romans 1:21,25,28

“They did not glorify Him as God...but exchanged the truth about God for a lie...And since they did not approve to have God in their knowledge, God gave them a debased mind”.

### Psalms 149:5

“Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches”.

### 1 Corinthians 10:31

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”.

## 2) To glorify God, we need to see His glory

Jesus said, “Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor they do not understand” (Mathew 13:13)

Seeing God’s glory is essential for knowing, enjoying and glorifying God. We can only see God’s glory if our inner eye is open upon true faith. Unbelievers and sinners will only try to see it with their eyes.

Paul prayed that the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know...are the riches the glory of his inheritance in the saints.” (Ephesians 1:18)



The sinful forces will surely try to blind our inner eyes, and so we need to pray with full strength to God to keep our inner eyes always open to see God’s glory. “The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

## 3) The first key is to set God’s glory is Internal : The new birth

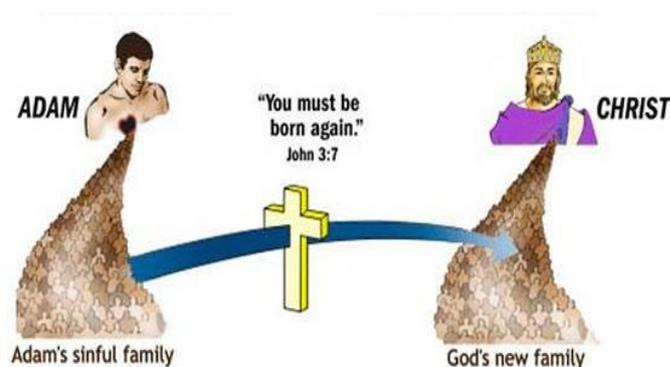
God, who said, “Let light shine out darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6)

“In his great mercy God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you ...” (1 Peter 1:3-4, NIV)

Jesus said, “Unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God... That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit” (John 3:3,6,7)

God gives us this new birth, through Jesus Christ, that’s what is so exciting about Christianity. Have you ever thought about how blessed we are to be



born as Christians? It is like starting a long journey, but half of the distance is already covered without any efforts or time spent.

We are spiritually dead if not part of second creation. Our spiritual capacity to discern glory in the gospel has more compelling than anything else after our new birth in Jesus Christ.

## 4) The second key is external : The Word of God

“You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding **WORD OF GOD**” (1 Peter 1:23)

New Birth does not happen, abstracted from, or disconnected from the Word of God. The Holy Spirit does not move around the world where the Gospel is not preached, and so he won’t call people to be born again without the Word of God. And there is a reason why he does not do it, it's because, the new birth is an ability to see Christ through the Gospel. That's the point of the new birth, to see Christ and glorify God. Holy Spirit was sent to earth to glorify the Son of God (John 16:14).

*“I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God” (Acts 26:17-18)*

God’s supernatural regenerating work is always done through human agency. You have to hear or read in a human production the Word of God in order to be born of God. God won’t open the eyes of the blind to see nothing, he opens their eyes to see Christ. And so, if we want to glorify God, then look at the Book—The Holy Bible.

### 5) Use the two keys to meet “God”

There is nothing more than anything in this world to see our God, to feel Him, deal with Him, experience the love and power of God, to be near with Him now and forever.

*“The LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the Word of the LORD” (1 Samuel 3:21)*

When we are internally awake to the glory of God and externally focused on the word of God, we meet God and see him in his glory. And the above scripture says if you want to meet God, then the Word of God will help you.



You will meet God more often while speaking the Word of God than reading the Word of God. God reveals Himself in His Word, the Bible.

### 6) Taught by the spokesmen -Holy Spirit

*“We have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.” (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)*

*“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ” (Ephesians 3:4)*

To assure verbal precision God, in communicating his revelation, must be verbally precise, and inspiration must extend to the very words. This does not mean that God dictated every word. Rather his Spirit so pervaded the mind of the human writer that he chose out of his own vocabu-



lary and experience precisely those words, thoughts and expressions that conveyed God’s message with precision. In this sense the words of the human authors of Scripture can be viewed as the word of God.

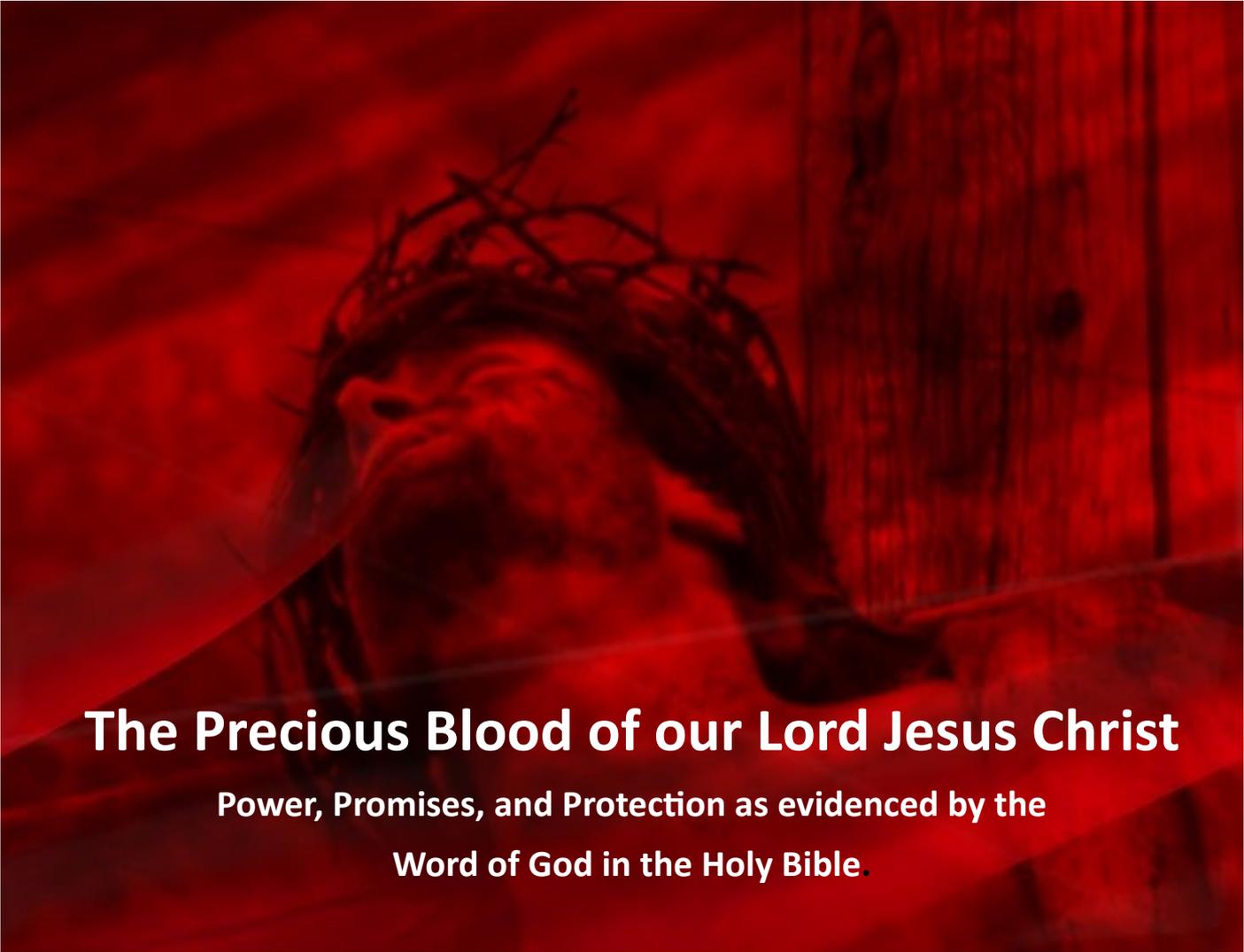
*“Think over what I say, for the Lord give you understanding in everything.” (2 Timothy 2:7)*

In summary, we are created by God to glorify Him by knowing, enjoying and reflecting Him. To glorify His name, we need to see His glory. To see His glory and to experience Him we need to use two keys - Jesus Christ and the Word of God and ultimately to understand the scriptures we need the help of the author of the book, Holy Spirit.

*Therefore, it is true (Psalm 119:142) and altogether reliable (Hebrews 6:18). It is powerful, working its purpose in our hearts (1 Thessalonians 2:13) and not returning empty to the One who sent it (Isaiah 55:10–11). It is pure, like silver refined in a furnace seven times (Psalm 12:6). It is sanctifying (John 17:17). It gives life (Psalm 119:37, 50, 93, 107; John 6:63; Matthew 4:4). It makes wise (Psalm 19:7; 119:99–100). It gives joy (Psalm 19:8; 119:16, 92, 111, 143, 174) and promises great reward (Psalm 19:11). It gives strength to the weak (Psalm 119:28) and comfort to the distraught (Psalm 119:76) and guidance to the perplexed (Psalm 119:105) and salvation to the lost (Psalm 119:155; 2 Timothy 3:15). The wisdom of God in Scripture is inexhaustible. Amen.*

Then, let’s start reading before it gets too late.





# The Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

Power, Promises, and Protection as evidenced by the  
Word of God in the Holy Bible.

**W**hat does the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ offer us?

The priceless precious **blood of our Lord Jesus Christ** offers infinite blessings, power, and protection to mankind. In the entire scripture, in all the books of bible from Genesis to Revelation, the sacrificial lamb and the **blood of the lamb** are evidenced throughout as this is the subject of salvation of humanity. All the blessings, promises, and protections are given to us freely as God loves us unconditionally. We only have to believe in Jesus Christ as our personal saviour and trust in the saving power of His precious **blood** which was shed for the salvation of each one of us in Calvary.

‘God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him (Jesus), and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his **blood**, shed on the cross’ Colossians 1:19-20.

‘My **blood** of the covenant,. is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins**’ Matthew 26:28.

‘In him we have redemption through **his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace’ Ephesians 1:7.

‘Therefore, since we have now been justified by **His blood**, we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him’ Romans 5:9.

A list of some of the promises and protections of the **precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ** set out in the Holy Bible is provided in this article. However, this is not a comprehensive list as this is a vast endless topic in its own right.



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**Promises and Protection of the blood of the sacrificial lamb according to the Word of God in the Old Testament.****Blood for life, cleansing, and for the atonement of sins**

Leviticus 17:11 and Genesis 9:4 declares that the life of every living thing is in the **blood**. That is why the Lord has commanded, according to the Old Testament, that **blood** is to be poured out on the altar as penance to take away people's sins.

The sacrificial animal's blood saved them from death penalty resulted from their sins according to the Torah Law of Moses. 'When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the **blood** of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the **blood** both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with **blood**, and without the shedding of **blood** there is no forgiveness Hebrews 9:19-22.

**Blood of sacrificial lamb** is poured out in atonement or compensation for the sins of the people. A spotless lamb was killed so that the transgressor did not bear the sins of which would legally result death according to the Mosaic Law in Old Testament time. Because the life of the flesh is in the **blood** itself, atonement is made for souls by shedding the **blood** of the sacrificial lamb. Since the **blood** itself makes atonement through the life that is in it, the **blood** of the lamb saved them from death penalty. 'Lamb without any blemish for the wiping away of their sins' Exodus 12:15.

Without the shedding of the lamb's **blood** there was no forgiveness of the transgression of the people. **Blood**, which is life, takes away sins to provide eternal life to people. 'For the life of a creature is in the **blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the **blood** that makes atonement for one's life' Leviticus 17:11. Without **blood** there is no life and taking away life is committing murder according to the Word of God. 'But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it' Genesis 9:4.

**Power, Promises, and Protection according to the New Testament.****The precious blood of Jesus Christ redeems and gives deliverance and salvation**

In Jesus Christ we have redemption and conversion through His precious **blood** which paid the penalty for our sins and resulted in the forgiveness of all of our sins. 'In Him we have redemption through **His blood**, the forgiveness and complete pardon of our sins, in accordance with the riches of His grace' Ephesians 1:7. The promise according to this Word of God is that through the precious **blood of Jesus** we have deliverance and salvation, according to the riches of His grace. 'Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.' Titus 2:14.

**The priceless precious blood of Jesus paid the price as ransom for us**

'God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. But He paid for you with the precious life-**blood of Christ**, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God' 1 Peter 1:18-19. We were not redeemed from our useless spiritually unproductive way of life inherited by tradition from our forefathers with perishable things like silver and gold. However we have been ransomed from the worthless way of life and we were actually purchased with the priceless precious **blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**, unlike with that of a sacrificial lamb in Torah times.

**The blood purchased people for God from every tribe, language, and nation**

Jesus was sacrificed and with the sacrificial **blood**, He had purchased people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation. It brings those who were far away from God near to Him. 'Then they sang a new song, "You deserve to take the scroll and open the seals on it, because You were slaughtered. You bought people with your **blood** to be God's own. They are from every tribe, language, people, and nation"' Revelation 5:9. The promise is that all who used to be far away have been brought near by the **Blood of Christ**.

**His Blood remits our sins for our freedom by granting us forgiveness**

Precious **blood of our Lord Jesus Christ** remits our sins. In Jesus we have redemption through **His blood**, even the

forgiveness of our sins and the glorious redemption in union with God as promised in the following Word of God:

‘For this is **my blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins**’ Matthew 26:28

‘His Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven’ Colossians 1:14

‘From Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by **his blood**’ Revelation 1:5.

### **In atonement and reconciliation of the sins of the whole world from the very beginning**



The word of God says that the life of Jesus is sacrificed in atonement of the sins for the remission of sins of the whole world from the very beginning. ‘For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we

have now received reconciliation’ Romans 5:10-12.

‘Whom God offered as a place where atonement by the **Messiah’s blood** would occur through faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because He had waited patiently to deal with sins committed in the past’ Romans 3:25.

It is the means by which Jesus becomes our atonement through faith whom God displayed publicly before the eyes of the world as a life-giving sacrifice of compensation and resolution i.e. propitiation, by **His blood** to be received through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness which demands punishment for sin, because in His forbearance, He passed over the sins previously committed before Jesus’ crucifixion.

‘He did not enter by means of the **blood** of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by **his own blood**, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The **blood** of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the **blood** of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!’ Hebrews 9:12-15.

‘In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without **blood**’ Hebrews 9:16-18.

‘And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all’ Hebrews 10:10.

‘For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through **his blood**, shed on the cross’ Colossians 1:19-20.

### **Brings peace and reconciliation to God**

God made peace through His Son's **Blood** on the cross and so brought back to Himself all things, both on earth and in heaven according to the Word of God in Colossians 1:20. God was also pleased to bring everything on earth and in heaven back to himself through Christ. He did this by making peace through Christ sacrificed on the cross in Golgotha. Through the **blood of Jesus Christ**, a sinner will be reconciled and made peace with God as the promise given in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. ‘All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as

though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God' 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.

### Precious blood is the means by which Jesus washes us

'Then He told me, "These are the people who are coming out of the terrible suffering. They have washed their robes and made them white in the **blood** of the lamb'" Revelation 7:14.

### Blood is the means by which we overcome the accuser of the brethren

'Our brothers conquered him by the **blood** of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to their lives even in the face of death' Revelation 7:11.

### Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins and gives us fellowship with Him

Jesus cleans, sanctifies and purifies us all from all of the sins, past, present, and future sins, with His own precious **blood** as promised. 'But if we keep living in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood** of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin' 1 John 1:7.

### Blood of Jesus has obtained eternal redemption for us and give us power



Redeem means purchase back. It is not with the **blood** of animals, but with His own priceless precious **blood** He went into the most holy place once for all and secured our eternal redemption and paid the price for all the sins of the world. 'Christ did not take the **blood** of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, He took His own **blood** and obtained eternal salvation for us' Hebrews 9:12.

The power of the **blood** is for the redeemed. To redeem us all and to purify us by the **blood** of Jesus God gave his only son to us. We have redemption through the power of the precious **blood of Jesus Christ** according to the

Word of God:

'In him we have redemption through his **blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace' Ephesians 1:7

'You were slain, and with your **blood** you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth'" Revelation 5:9-10

'For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious **blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect' 1 Peter 1:18-19.

### Blood of Jesus purifies our conscience from dead works to serve the living God

The blood of the Messiah who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead actions so that we may serve the living God. 'Since this is true, how much more is accomplished by the **blood of Christ**! Through the eternal spirit he offered has a perfect sacrifice to God. **His blood** will purify our consciences from useless rituals, so that we may serve the living God' Hebrews 9:14.

### The precious blood of Jesus Christ justifies us and saves us from God's wrath

It is certain that we will be declared free of the guilt of sin by the precious **blood of our Lord** according to the promise of this Word of God. There is justification that the precious **blood** will save us from wrath. 'Therefore, since we have now been justified by **His blood**, we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him' Romans 5:9. Through **his blood** we are made righteous.

### His blood sanctifies us

Jesus sanctifies us from all of the sins, past, present, and future sins, with his own precious **blood** as promised in by the Word of God. 'That is why Jesus, in order to sanctify the people by **His own blood**, also suffered outside the city gate' Hebrews 13:12. 'But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus**, his Son, purifies us from all sin' 1 John 1:7.

### The blood of Jesus speaks a better word than the blood of Abel

Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant, and His sprinkled **blood** speaks a better message of forgiveness and redemption than that of Abel's which is crying out to God for revenge. 'You have come to Jesus, who arranged the new covenant, and to the sprinkled **blood** that promises much better things than does the **blood** of Abel' Hebrews 12:24.

### Blood of Jesus is the means by which we enter the most holy place with boldness



'My brothers, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the **blood** of Jesus, the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain' Hebrews 10:19-20. This is granted through the sacrifice of His precious **blood** and flesh.

### Access to God through the blood of Jesus

The only way to God is through the **blood of Jesus Christ**. 'Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the **blood of Jesus**, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and

since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience..' Hebrew 10:19-22.

'Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the **blood of Christ**' Ephesians 2:13.

'who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with **his blood**: Grace and peace be yours in abundance' 1 Peter 1:2.

### Gives life to those who consume the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

'Jesus said to them, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink **His blood**, you do not have life in yourselves"' John 6:53. It causes us to dwell in Jesus Christ and Christ in us. Unless we eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink **His blood**, we have no life in us. When we eat His flesh and drinks **His blood**, we remain in Him, and He in us. His promise is that when we believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as saviour, He will dwell and remain within us.

### It is the means by which Jesus purchased the church

He had purchased the church with **His own blood** and asked us to take care, be on our guard and for the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has appointed us as overseers. 'Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds (tend, feed, and guide) of the church of God, which he bought with **his own blood**' Acts 20:28.

### It bears witness in the earth along with the Spirit and the water

'For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the **blood**; and these three agree as one' 1 John 5:7-8. The Holy Spirit, the water, and the **blood**, all three give the same testimony.

### Gives us Victory

'And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death' Revelation 12:11. Only thing to do is to believe in Jesus and His protective **blood**

## New Covenant-Communion

'In the same way, He gave them the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my **blood**, which is poured out for you' Luke 22:20. 'Jesus told them, "I can guarantee this truth: If you don't eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink **His blood**, you don't have the source of life in you. Those whoever eats His flesh and drinks His **blood** have eternal life, and I will bring them back to life on the last day. My flesh is true food, and **my blood** is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink **my blood** live in me, and I live in them' John 6:53-56. Jesus stated repeatedly that whoever eat His flesh and drink **His blood** would have eternal life. 'God has raised from death our Lord Jesus, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep as the result of **His blood**, by which the eternal covenant is sealed' Hebrew 13:20.

## Faith in the blood

'All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of **his blood** – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the 'law' that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.' Romans 3:24-28. 'Since we have now been justified by **his blood**, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!' Romans 5:9. God's grace is upon us by faith in believing and trusting in the **blood of Jesus**.



## It makes us complete for every good work

'Now may the God of peace, who by the **blood** of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, equips you with everything good to do His will, accomplishing in us what pleases Him through Jesus, the Messiah. To him be glory forever and ever! Amen' Hebrews 20-21. God has raised from death our Lord Jesus, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep as the result of **his blood**, by which the eternal covenant is sealed. May the God of peace provide us with every good thing we need in order to do His will, and may He, through Jesus Christ, do in us what pleases Him.

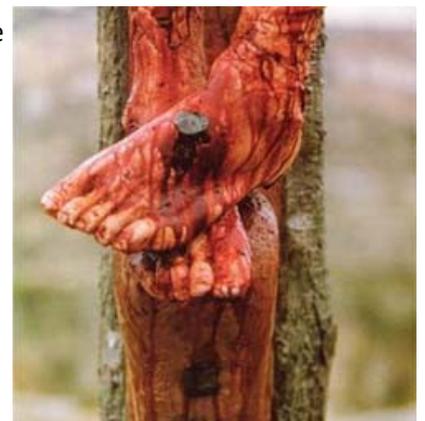
## A word of warning about receiving the precious body and precious blood.

'Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks from the Lord's cup in an improper way will be held responsible for the Lord's body and **blood**. With this in mind, individuals must determine whether what they are doing is proper when they eat the bread and drink from the cup. Anyone who eats and drinks is eating and drinking a judgment against himself when he doesn't recognize the Lord's body' 1 Corinthians 11: 27-29. It is my obligation in this context to reinstate St Paul's warning about receiving one or both species of precious body and **blood** improperly. One should not receive Holy Eucharist in a state of mortal sin or if one deny that the Eucharist is truly the Body and **Blood of Jesus Christ** or believing that it to be just symbolic gesture. In such situations, one is placing oneself in danger of judgement.

## Application of the promises and protection of the priceless precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Abba Father, kindly purify us, bless us and grant us to have a permanent bloodline of protection from the Precious Blood of Jesus, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit.

**Thank God for the precious blood of Christ.**  
**Thank God for the sprinkled blood of Christ.**  
**Thank God for the blood of the new covenant.**  
**Thank God for the blood of the eternal covenant.**  
**Thank You precious Jesus; I belong to Jesus Christ.**  
**Thank You priceless precious Blood of Jesus.**  
**Amen!!! Alleluia!!! For the glory of God...**





## Confession of the Gift of Faith and Christian belief



**Anand Joseph**  
**Bahrain**

**P**raise the lord! Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is a grace for all of us and our families what the lord in the name of Jesus Christ has showered on us and our family's blessings and confessing this faith and our belief as a Christian to others is the biggest gift the lord is giving each one of us. If we do not profess our faith and belief to others it is equivalent to denying god and his ways. Mark 8:38 *Those who are ashamed of me and of my words[a] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

Let me share with you all the glory and grace the lord has showered in my life. On the first of October 2016 on a very sunny morning was the time when I experienced the most unforgettable moment in my life. When I had fallen 12 meters high and was battling for life and encountered death face to face is where I realized lying on that stretcher in the emergency ICU that whatever position I had, whatever designation I was carrying and whatever bank balance was available could not be enough for me to be alive. For some it could be surprising and others could be pastime gossip but for me it was a reality. I was only thankful to the lord Jesus Christ that I was still breathing. When my treatment was going on and the doctors were busy conducting my surgery to sustain my life was the time when I realized what real love was which I had failed to understand which my lord had saved me in his hands, he took me in his palms so that I could live as a testimony for the glory of god.. This voice went echoing over and over again in my ears. As soon as I was out of danger and was lying on that hospital bed I had all that sinful life I was leading so far and was completely living the worldly life. Being very curious I asked the doc when I will be able to start walking and was shattered when he replied that it would take 10 months.it was my enriched spirituality and closeness with the lord from that day the lords miracle came upon me and I walked in five months' time on that day of Easter to church accompanying my son. Praise and glory to the lord. Life is short. How short? No one knows. You are given no guarantees of next year, next month or even tomorrow. Jesus has the power to give and the glory is in these miracles he manifests so that other believers and the nonbelievers see the glory through me.

John 6:40 This is indeed the will of my Father that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.” We are all encouraged to share the little miracles and the great and big miracles the lord has provided in our life with family, strangers and even our enemies which I am continuing as I want to glorify the name above all names of my lord Jesus Christ.my second life and my second chance even not worthy or a lay man like me I know just one thing that lord loves unconditionally without considering the sinful state I am in. he has chosen me to stand and proclaim that gift of my faith and belief in lord Jesus Christ

**Amen. Praise Praise Praise Praise the lord!!! Hallelujah...**



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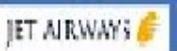
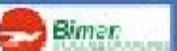
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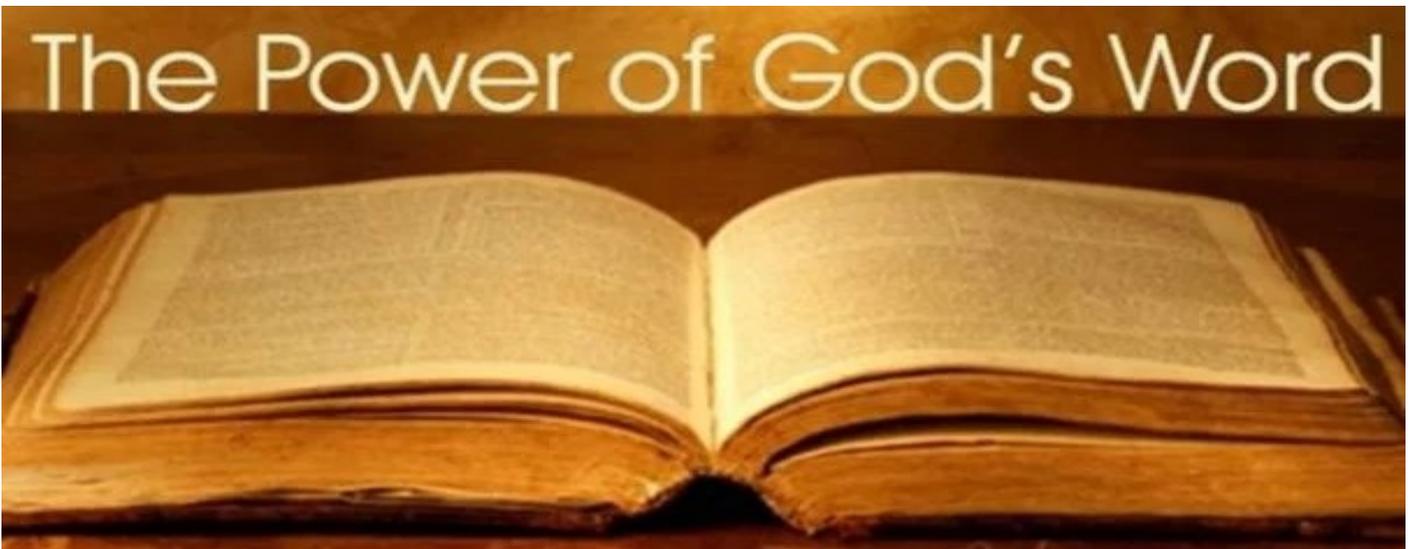
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God wants us to let go of fear and to live life to the fullest! (**John 10:10**) When you are overcome by worry, use these 10 prayers from Bible for protection to remember who God is and the protection he has promised you.

**1) Luke 24:49**

Loving Heavenly Father, cloth me with the Holy Spirit, the power from heaven

**2) Galatians 3:27**

Father blanket me with Jesus Christ, my Lord.

**3) 1 Peter 1:2**

Lord Jesus, cover me with Your Holy Blood from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet.

**4) Zechariah 2:5**

Lord, Jesus, kindly send the fire of the Holy Spirit to be a wall around me and my family, to be protected from all schemes and weapons of satan .

**5) Ephesians 6:13-17**

Lord Jesus, kindly put on me the full armour of God.

**6) Hebrews 1:14**

Loving Father, give me your divine protection according to Psalm 91 and kindly release your angelic ministry in my favour.

**7) 2 Thessalonians 2:13**

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your Wisdom and dwell in me that I may walk in Your Holiness and create thirst in me for the Word of God.

**8) Mathew 6:10-13**

Loving Father, keep me free today from temptation, sin, evil, fear, sickness, disease, doubt, anger, all accidents, calamities, satan's attacks and from all that are not of your kingdom and will.

**9) Proverb 18:10**

Lord keep me safe under Your Name.

**10) Revelation 8:3-4**

Heavenly Father, I pray for the powerful intercession of the Blessed Mary and all the saints through the Blood and name of our Lord Jesus!

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